railroads. The Putnam Lumber Co.

had leased the prisoners convicted

in Leon County, and in the case of

Tabert the willingness of his family

to pay the fine assessed against him

for "stealing a ride" on a freight

train did not suffice to release him.

prison camp and, according to the

testimony of his associates, among

them John T. Gardner, now a soldier in the regular army, he was beaten to death by Walter Higginbotham,

Gardner himself was a runaway

boy who was captured and sent to

the peonage camp. He saw Tabert

lying face down in the mud being

whipped by the guard until the skin was literally flayed from his back.

The mere recital of the circumstan-

ces in this case-Taber was the son

of well-to-do parents and his crime

of attempting to ride on a freight

train without authorization is not

considered a serious mortal offence

in this country-pictures a situa-

tion which for sheer brutality has

seldom been surpassed in this coun-

try or elsewhere. In Russia the Bol-

shevist fanatics have been led by

bigotry to kill their opponents, but

in the Florida lumber camp the un-

restrained fury of a guard seems to

have been licensed to commit mur-

But the conscience of Florida

could not endure the condition once

it became known. The accused

guard must defend himself against

the charge of murder, and the insti-

tution of peonage will undoubtedly

be abolished. It cannot survive public scrutiny. Florida, however,

is not the only sinner. The lumber

companies in neighboring sections

also profit by involuntary labor.

Other southern states which have

hitherto condoned peonage ought to

arouse themselves and wipe out the

infamous system before they, too,

THE HOMING PIGEON

hear that what is known as the Car-

rier Pigeon has the homing instinct

very little developed. The real mes-

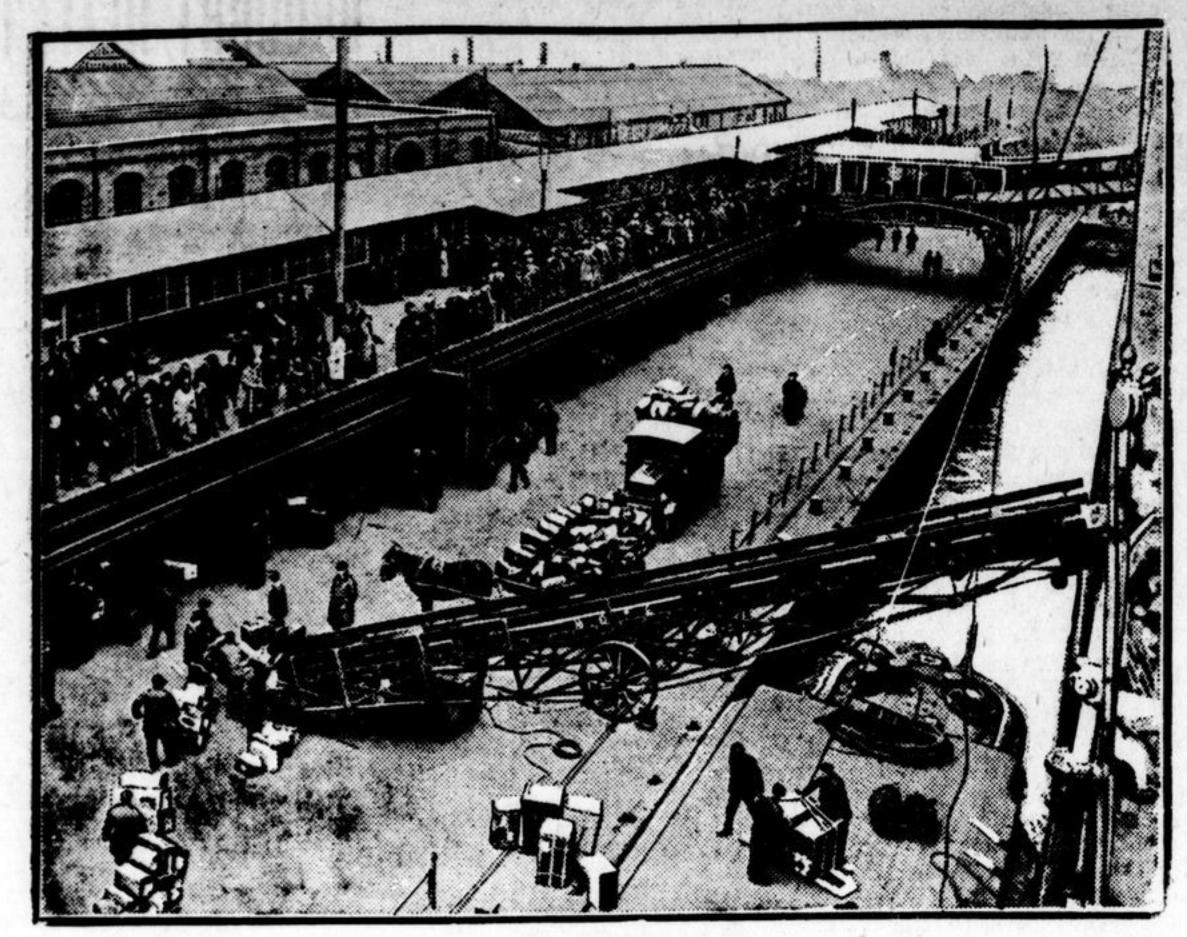
senger is the Flying Homer, which

It will be news to many people to

Instead, he was confined to

the guard.

# New Canadians Start For Canada



A Busy Scene at the Liverpool Dock

at the Canadian Pacific dock at Liverpool, England, baggage is carefully loaded and distributed almost as are as perfect and speedy as any in the world. As will be quickly as the passengers are received. It is usually seen from the picture above of future Canadian citizens planned to have all the passengers aboard at least half boarding the "Montcalm", the travellers pass from the an hour before sailing time, and the gangway is down street and railway station levels to waiting rooms on the dock side, and crossing the bridged wharf, board the ship by the saloon deck where they are received and assigned to quarters. Their baggage is handled from below and with despatch. A travelling belt carrier operated by an electric dynamo eliminates the necessity of coal into her side bunkers, and at the same time she of many noisy and slow moving winch hoists which, was unloading 1,700 tons of freight, this being discharge when used and not too carefully operated, are the cause by 7.15 the same evening.

THE facilities for handling outward bound passengers of many trunks and boxes being damaged, so that the unless special trains are scheduled to arrive earlier.

As for other dock-side facilities, the Montcalm commenced to take on coal and discharge cargoe, mostly package freight, at six o'clock of the morning of a recent arrival. By 2.45 in the afternoon she had taken 1,000 tons

#### FACT AND COMMENT

One of the troublesome small matters in Germany is to get the people to pay their taxes when they are due. Influential people get a postponement on one pretext or another and, since the mark continues to fall. they finally pay only a small part of what they would have had to pay when the tax became due.

A gas company in California that | has lost by theft a good many of the that the United Mine Workers made lanterns that it places near excava- about the price of coal, a periodical tions to warn traffic has solved the issued by the New York Trust Comproblem in an amusing way. Round pany asserts that the cost of producthe base of each lantern it cast a ing a ton of anthracite is \$5.74. cement block ten inches square and which \$4.11 goes to labor. It adds four inches thick. The extra bulk that the average price of hard coal

believes that it can raise on its those conflicting and confusing stawaste land a large part of the timber | tistics the public stands perplexed state nurseries are preparing to faces. All the public is sure of raise more than twice that number that coal costs a great deal more future.

that finds many uses. In mining it there is any good reason why it overcomes two great difficulties: should not reach the bin by a less the influx of water in porous formations and the heat of deep shafts. By freezing the surrounding earth. miners can carry their shafts that the disease known as infective great depths.

front and you sitting there stiff and both in France and in England. alone. It's kind of pathetic."

For more than a hundred years the Chinese people have drunk no which is the medium through which death of this boy suggests the crude milk because a Chinese empress who the allied powers exercise such con- barbarity of a semi-civilized society. was tender-hearted and thought it a trol as they still have over affairs in According to statements, made by mean trick to deprive calves of their | the small states of Eastern Europe | witnesses, it appears that labor was nourishment issued an edict against that were born in the dissolution of recruited for the lumber company drinking milk. The Chinese have the Austrian and Russian empires, through the arrest of men who were now begun to use it again, but it will has finally decided to award the be a long time before there are cows city of Vilna and the surrounding enough in China to supply milk for region to Poland. There has never all the people.

teaux, France, has attracted atten- keep Vilna, and neither Lithuania tion by building ten five-storey a- nor the allied powers were in a popartment houses to be occupied only sition to use the force that would by families in which there are child- have been necessary to drive the ren. The apartments are unusually Poles out; and partly because France attractive, and the rents are less which, it must be remembered, is than a thousand francs a year, which at present predominant in European is cheap. Now that the way has been politics, is interested in strengthenpointed out, other French cities are ing Poland to serve as a buffer state planning to follow the example of between Russia and Germany, and Puteaux.

held a contest in essay writing that thuanian, but its population is mixbrought out three interesting prize ed, and its religious and intellectual winers. The first prize, a \$750 schol- culture is on the whole Polish. arship, went to Ah Sing Ching, a Lithuania will protest, of course, and thirteen-year-old pupil in the school so will Soviet Russia, which takes

at Ewa, Oahu, Territory of Hawaii; [precisely the opposite view from are brought to shame. the second prize, a \$500 scholarship, France with regard to the two to Pauline Chastain, aged seventeen, countries which have been disputof Indianapolis, Indiana; the third ing over Vilna. But the decision is prize, a \$250 scholarship, to Joseph not to be overturned by protests, Giandonato, of Bridgeport, Connecti- since it is in effect merely the forcut. Though the winners are racial- mal recognition of what Poland has ly and geographically so widely sep- accomplished by the strong hand. arated, the spirit of their Americanism as it appears in their essays is singularly uniform.

Speaking of the recent statemen and weight discouraged the thieves. at the mines is \$6.28 a ton, which makes the mine owners' profit 54 meetings is without authority. The Massachusetts, though compara- cents a ton instead of \$1.60 a ton, as tively small and densely populated, the mine owners assert. Between that it needs. Various agencies in There are so many ways of keeping the state, are together planting two books that the same facts can be million trees this spring and the made to bear strangely different of young trees every year in the than it used to. It lives in hope that the United States Coal Commission now sitting will be able to find out Refrigeration is a modern science why it costs so much, and whether expensive route.

It has recently been discovered through water-bearing strata, and or hemorrhagic jaundice is caused North Dakota farmer lad, in a lumby supplying themselves with cool by a germ—the so-called leptospira ber camp, seems to have been suffiair they can penetrate the earth to \_that can be transported and com- cient to arouse public opinion' in municated to human beings by Florida to put an end to peonage. rats. The germ is peculiar in its This variety of slavery has not yet A Detroit multimillionaire who power to penetrate the skin and en- been officially destroyed, but the owns two large automobiles and em- ter the blood stream; most germs legislature has appointed a commitploys a chauffeur thinks he has an can enter only through an orifice in tee to investigate it. Governor Harexcuse for not using them. "I like the body or break in the skin. For- dee has come out vigorously against to ride back and forth in a street- tunately the disease, though serious, the system, and the camp guard accar," he says. "It is friendly, and is not common. There was a nota- cused of having beaten Tabert so you get into pleasant talks with ble epidemic of it in the trenches severely that he died of the whippeople. It is no fun riding in a round Ypres during the war, and pings inflicted has been indicted for limousine with a chauffeur out in cases are occasionally reported now first degree murder.

The Council of Ambassadors, ture asked for an inquiry into the been much doubt that that would be the outcome of the matter; partly The little industrial city of Pu- because Poland was determined to has no particular interest in Lith-The American Legion recently uania. Vilna is geographically Li-

The grand jury at Bastrop, Louisiana, declined to bring any indictments in connection with the murders in Morehouse parish—the Mer Rouge murders, so-called. It is reported that the witnesses on whom the state depended to establish its case did not give the evidence that the prosecuting officials expected them to give; but the deliberations of the grand jury are secret, and any account of what went on in their refusal to indict may merely mean insufficient evidence, or it may mean that public opinion is so strongly behind the men who presumably put Richards and Daniel out of the way that no jury could have been induced to push the case against them. Apparently the community of Morehouse parish does not take the view the attorney-general take; but only those who are on the spot can understand all the circumstances that go to produce that conflict of opinion.

#### FLORIDA'S CONSCIENCE

HAS BEEN AWAKENED (St. Thomas Times-Journal.)

The death of Martin Tabert, the

The condition of affairs brought out when the North Dakota Legisla-

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