

# Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

## CANADA

**"One Good Turn..."**  
A friendly motorist speeding toward Kingston, picked up a pedestrian. He commenced again to speed up around the officer, his name was taken and he was told to appear in court at Kingston on such a day. When he let down his pedestrian in the Limestone City, the latter turned to him and said: "I appreciate your kindness. I am on parole and have to report at Portsmouth, and just to show you my appreciation for the ride, here is the book of the motorcycle cop with your entry in it."—St. Catharines Standard

**Good Times Will Return**  
There isn't much money in stock raising, but this doesn't prevent farmers from attending various conventions for the purpose of improving their knowledge of the business. The farmer knows that prosperous days will return and he is preparing to make the most of them when they arrive. A lot of people should learn optimism from the agriculturist.—Chatham News.

**Cotton Like Silk**  
The latest achievement of Lancashire textile research is the discovery of a cotton cloth almost indistinguishable from silk. It is expected to revive Lancashire's trade in fine cloth. This discovery will establish cotton goods as a rival both to rayon and real silk.—Halifax Herald.

**Britain Recovering**  
Those who, not so long ago, were predicting, with a flavor of malicious satisfaction, the final and complete eclipse of Great Britain as a dominant influence in world industry, commerce and finance, have observed within the last year evidences of national resiliency of a capacity for recovery which has necessitated a revision of their judgment and of the somewhat hasty predictions founded thereon.—Montreal Gazette.

**Can't Hold 'Em Back**  
The oldest woman yet to be called to the bar in London, England, is Mrs. Florence Coxon, who becomes a barrister at the age of 79. Young or old there is no holding back the feminine tribe these days.—Brantford Examiner.

**Test For Spellers**  
The following short sentences are made up of English words in common use, but I doubt if one in five readers would get full marks if they were given a dictation exercise:  
"A harassed pedlar met an embarrassed saddler near a cemetery to gauge the symmetry of a lady's ankle. The manoeuvre they performed with unparalleled ecstasy."—London Spectator.

**Canadian Discovery**  
The news may not be welcomed by children but their elders—particularly if they happen to be interested in commercial fishery matters—will be keenly interested to learn that a brand new oil now stands to the credit of Canadian science. To be precise, by blending pichard oil with oil from the liver of the grayfish, scientists working under the Biological Board of Canada, have perfected a medicinal oil reported to be equal in vitamin potency to standard liver oils. And this new product is to-day being used under medical supervision in certain institutions on the Pacific Coast.—Quebec Chronicle—Telegraph.

**Forest Conservation**  
Many thousands of Canadians earn their living from lumber and the industries which are derived from it. For this reason it is of the first importance, if we want to assure the well-being of a large part of our population, to prevent forest fires. Railways and companies interested in the exploitation of forests do all that they can do to safeguard them, but the immense sums which they spend annually for this purpose cannot preserve our woods from destruction if the general public does not realize the seriousness of these losses, and does not do its part in aiding and abating in these measures of conservation.—La Tribune, Sherbrooke.

**A Sad Case**  
One writer says the saddest case he heard of was where the family had to go without pie because mother was doing a jig-saw puzzle on the baking board.—Stratford Beacon Herald.

**Abandon Daylight Saving**  
Next summer will see only one city in town in the whole of Southwestern Ontario on daylight saving time, it is stated. Numerous centres which had formerly operated under fast time defeated the by-law at municipal elections this year, and the only place to retain it was the City of Guelph, with a majority of less than 200. The fact that nearly every municipality in 14 counties in Ontario will this year operate on standard time will practically put an end to the controversy which has centred around lack of uniformity in this question.—Forest Standard.

**Nelson's Spy Glass**  
An auction sale was held in the west end of London recently and a spy

glass was put up for sale. It brought the equivalent of \$7,700 par value. It was not nearly as good as any modern spy glass costing a few dollars would be, nor was it encrusted with diamonds. But it is probably the most famous of its kind in the world. It was the glass that Nelson held up to his blind eye and said, quite truthfully, that he did not see an overwhelming armada bearing down upon his fleet at Trafalgar. At the same time \$800 was paid for the silver watch presented to Midshipman Pollard, who killed the sharpshooter who mortally wounded the British Admiral.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## THE EMPIRE

**Australians and American Films**  
Some Australian picture-film exhibitors have been fighting the American distributors' insistence upon the "block-booking"; and such as have done so deserve the practical encouragement of the public. Indeed, it is a moot question whether an Australian picture show proprietor who is prepared to exhibit whatever is sent him by foreign distributors is a fit subject to hold a picture house license. It is good to see that there are some showmen in Australia with enough regard for their patrons and their country to insist upon having a say in what is exhibited; and they will be wise Australians who will separate the sheep from the goats.—Sydney Bulletin.

**Urbanization in New Zealand**  
It seems that the Dominion, in its multiplying of towns, has shot dangerously ahead of its natural and proper development. For this to happen in a country so sparsely settled is calamitous. New Zealand, judged by all the practical tests that are applicable, should still be rurally minded, in the main; yet, influenced by the general current of the times, it has turned toward like the rest of the world, and its young folk, imbibing the prevalent spirit, shrink the adventure that wide spaces proffer. It will be well if, at the spur of necessity, this terribly inappropriate and hurtful antipathy to a farming life be broken in years of adversity. Good will be born of evil thus, and the prosperity of the Dominion be placed upon a less precarious footing. Hard times may accomplish in this readjustment what land policies and agricultural education have been inadequately able to do.—Auckland Weekly News.

**Better Times in South Africa**  
Our favourable balance for the calendar year 1932 will certainly not be less than £16,000,000. This is easily a record; and now that the Union is off gold and the exchange is virtually at parity with sterling, the time has arrived for the industrial and commercial community to begin to make good use of this surplus of £16,000,000 by bringing it into South Africa, either in the form of goods or money. At the same time there must be no hasty plunging or foolish extravagance. A false boom would be disastrous. Its inevitable collapse would leave the country worse off than before. Trade will not revive without confidence; and confidence will not be restored until the existing political tension has been relieved. When that happens, and "Wise Spending" is our motto, South Africa may look forward to a gradual but sure return of prosperity.—Johannesburg Sunday Times.

**Japanese Dumping in Ceylon**  
There is no reciprocity of trade between Japan and Ceylon, as Japan merely uses Ceylon as a dumping-ground for cheap manufactures and she takes practically nothing in return in the way of Ceylon produce. Japan is now waging an economic war in order to capture foreign markets, and the depreciation of the yen is part and parcel of the Japanese Government's policy to make the country's manufactures available at unassailable prices. With the elimination of competitors Japan will at once swing the price pendulum in her own favour and the importing countries will not benefit, but will, in the long run, have to pay dearly for the present cheap supplies.—Colombo Times of Ceylon.

**Indian Improvement**  
The better spirit that is abroad in India springs directly from the confident belief that among the saner elements of Indian nationalism that the Government are striving with absolute sincerity to advance constitutional reforms as rapidly as possible, and to secure a new and firm administration in which Indians would be given more control. All things considered, the prospects of a settlement of India's problems satisfactory to all parties are brighter than they have ever been within living memory.—Truth (London).

**UNITED STATES**  
**The Declining Birth Rate**  
In 1931 the birth rate declined to 17.8 per thousand of population. A birth rate of 16.7 is necessary to maintain a stationary population with the present life expectation of about 60 years. If the present downward trend continues, therefore, it is only a matter of a few years until the number of daughters born will be only sufficient to replace the mothers of the present

## Japanese Children Feasting in War



Child members of the Dai Nippon Gokoku Dan, one of many patriotic associations now flourishing in Japan as a result of war fever, load trucks with donations for soldiers fighting in Jehol.

day when they reach middle age.—Washington Post.

**Not Free To Kill**  
When a man of Mr. Roosevelt's kindly nature, a man so appealing in manner and so personally likeable, can become the target of an evil creature it is time to look about us and act. Not only must those raised to the presidency be protected better than they have been, but we must see to it that freedom of the anarchist, the Communist or the madman to strike as he wishes.—New York Sun.

## United States Buys 149 War Airplanes

London.—The United States War Department within the last two weeks has placed orders for 38 bombing planes worth \$2,000,000 and 111 pursuit planes valued at \$1,700,000, it was learned.  
The bombers were ordered from the Glenn Martin Aircraft Co. and the pursuit planes from the Boeing Aircraft Co.  
Washington.—Reports from London of a large purchase of airplanes by the United States War Department from American firms were confirmed here.

## Reduced Fares Make Rome Messa for Honeyymooners

Rome.—Honeymooners have been streaming into Rome at the rate of 2,000 couples a month since Mussolini granted them reduced railway rates. The order cutting 70 per cent. off the newlyweds' fares from anywhere in Italy has been in force seven months. In that time 14,000 couples have visited the capital.

## King George Has Cold; Able to Attend Chapel

London.—The King was suffering from a slight cold on Sunday; and the Queen was forced to go alone to the art gallery in the Royal Academy.  
The King attended services at the chapel in the palace.

To educate the intelligence is to enlarge the horizon of its desires and wants.—Lowell.



## Article No. 3

By Gordon Lindsay Smith

Do not be fooled by the tales you hear about all seed coming from the same source. There is a wide variation in this, prices running from a few cents an ounce for some to several dollars, and all of the same name. Then, too, while certain varieties may give wonderful results in England or the Southern States they may be a failure here. Reputable Canadian seed houses select their seed from those sources which turn out stock specially recommended to Canadian growers. Naturally, if they didn't, they would not remain reputable very long. You may have perfect soil and take all your exercise with a hoe and rake, but without good seed you haven't a chance. Remember, too, that good seed is grown by experts who specialize on one or two lines and have space sufficient to prevent bees and other insects mixing pollen and, therefore, strains and varieties indiscriminately.

**An Early Start**  
When spring really arrives Canada enjoys the finest climate in the world for most vegetables and flowers. To get the most out of this period we really should start some of our vegetables and flowers from seed indoors, and by this method add to the season of purchasing started plants. A sense of purchasing started plants, a hot bed is the best thing, though good results are obtained by using flat boxes in a sunny window. Hot beds are made in early March. Get a supply of fresh horse manure which has been turned frequently to prevent burning. Dig a hole as big as the window sash you are to use, or build above the ground by a wooden frame and boards. From twelve to eighteen inches of manure well pressed down is needed, and on top of this put two inches of fine garden soil. Cover with glass, the same to slope to the south

to catch the sun and allow the rain to run off, and it should be about a foot above the earth. The sides, of course, are boarded up to keep out the cold air. When the bed to heat up for a week and when it cools down to about 80 degrees, sow seed in rows about an inch apart, watering carefully through a coarse piece of sacking spread over the soil to prevent the seed washing out.  
If you are using a sunny window, follow the same procedure, only no heating manure is needed, simply a box three inches deep with two inches of soil. Thin out when plants start to develop their second set of leaves, and when still bigger, transplant to a cold frame, the same as a hot bed only without the manure or another box, and harden by removing protection gradually until the plants have practically outdoor conditions. Among the flowers, anything that will transplant, like Zinnias, Asters, Petunias, Cosmos, Marigolds, and others so specified in the seed catalogue or on the seed packet may be handled in this way and the blooming period hurried several weeks, while there is a long list of vegetables like cauliflower, pepper, celery, egg plant, cabbage, tomato and head lettuce. Some very early things like lettuce and radish can be grown entirely in the hot bed and will be ready for the table months before the stuff grown outside.  
**Sweet Peas**  
An early start is essential. Usually there comes a time in March or April when we can work a bit of our soil for a few days and it is then that we should plant the sweet pea, which must get its growth while the weather is cool. Dig a trench a foot deep and in the bottom put a few inches of well-rotted manure or leaves, or any other decaying vegetable matter. Press this down well and add three inches of the best garden soil. Plant seed two inches apart and the same deep as and as the plants develop, gradually fill in the trench level. This treatment encourages deep rooting in cool earth. Provide from three to five feet of climbing support in the form of brush, an old tennis net, strings or wire. A little commercial fertilizer dissolved in water and carefully applied so that it will not actually touch the plants is also advised. Cultivate thoroughly, soak with water in dry weather, and you will have abundance of bloom from July until frost. Never allow the flowers to go to seed or bloom will cease.

**War Boom in Japan's Aviation Industry**  
Tokyo.—Japan's aviation industry is booming because of increased demand for military and civil airplanes in Manchuria, according to the Asahi. The newspaper found the Ishikawajima Company—largest airplane-making concern in the Empire—working night and day shifts with employees drawing wages "reminiscent of the World War boom days."  
"The outlook for the future of airplane manufacturing concerns is regarded as extremely bright because of the fact that aerial defence measures proposed by the military are considered almost certain to materialize during the coming year," the newspaper asserts, adding that "the development of commercial airways both in Japan proper and connecting with Korea, Manchuria, China and Formosa is increasing the demand for commercial airplanes."

## An England and U. S. Wedding



Charles Sweeney, United States golfer, is shown leaving the Aratoy at Brompton, England, after his marriage to Margaret, daughter of George Hay Whigham of Ascot. She was previously engaged to the Earl of Warwick.

## Fire Brigade Assists Doctor

### S.O.S. for Harrow Firefighters Brings Prompt and Helpful Attention

Harrow, England, has the most gallant of fire brigades. An old woman, ill with pneumonia, was dying for want of oxygen. The doctor could do nothing. Oxygen could not be obtained. So the doctor rang up the fire brigade.  
That was at 1 o'clock in the morning. In the early hours of the dawn the exhausted but proud captain of the fire brigade arrived at the bedside—with the oxygen. The woman's life was saved.  
The captain, W. C. Igrove, had been half over London in his motor car searching for oxygen.  
He found only caretakers in charge of the likely premises.  
Then he found a man in Balham who gave him a note to a Westminster Bridge Road firm. There he procured his oxygen.  
All this was done out of sheer kindness.

The Harrow fire brigade, in the intervals between fires, has a passion for being helpful. Nothing is too much for it to do.  
A baby was recently born in Harrow World in the early hours of the morning.  
The spark of life in it was so feeble that the doctor knew there was no hope of the child living unless it could have artificial respiration. He rang up the fire brigade.  
In ten minutes Mr. Igrove was at the house with a life restoring apparatus.  
The baby breathed, and although it died 25 hours later, it had kept alive long enough for its mother to see it.  
"Helping people is just a pleasure to us," Mr. Igrove said.  
"There aren't fires all the time, and we enjoy making ourselves useful to the people of Harrow."  
The brigade is voluntary.

## Prince of Wales' Air Fleet Has Notable Addition

The Prince of Wales expects to receive this month his new twin-engine Vickers "Vista" monoplane. The Royal air fleet will then consist of four airplanes, and the Prince will possess among them one of the fastest and most luxurious privately-owned touring planes in the world.  
The new "Vista" is a considerably modified form of the standard air liners bearing the same name which have operated with great success the Australian air mail and passenger service between Perth and Adelaide. It is constructed entirely of metal, even to the covering of wings and tail unit, and in the standard form is one of the fastest large aircraft in the world. As modified for the Prince of Wales' use and with the new "Pegasus" motors, a maximum speed of no less than 160 miles an hour at a height of 5,000 feet above sea level.

## Paris Frocks To Be Barred

The taste of Chinese women in Shanghai for imported clothing is to be curbed by a "luxury tax" to be imposed upon all imported women's wear, according to the Chinese press. For several years Chinese women in this Oriental fashion center have become more interested in foreign-made goods. The Shanghai belle, like her western sister, has coveted a gown from Paris or New York. Even Hollywood has contributed ideas in semi-foreign, semi-Chinese gowns. But officials at Nanking declare that Chinese women should not spend much money upon clothing at a time of national crisis, and should therefore buy only clothing which can be manufactured in China.

## New Tube Grows Cancer as in the Living Body

Baltimore, Md.—A new cancer-growing tube of glass was announced last week by Johns Hopkins University and the Carnegie Institution of Washington in the American Journal of Cancer.  
The tube works like a revolving concrete mixer.  
Malignant cells, obtained from real cancers, adhere to the inside surface of the tube. As it revolves slowly at the rate of about one turn an hour, nourishing liquids within the tube feed the living cells. Thus the scientists are able to simulate in plain view many of the conditions which keep cancers alive in normal bodies.

## Snow in Bucharest Keeps 'Em Shovelin'

Bucharest.—If you don't clean the snow off your sidewalks in Bucharest in 24 hours the Mayor cuts off your water and electric light.  
Once your home is left dark and dry, you won't get your electricity back until you have paid a fine. But if it snows for three or four successive days, the 24-hour period starts after the last flake has fallen.

## British Road Gives Big Order For Cars

London.—The Great Western Railway has placed an order for 4,000 freight cars, costing approximately £1,000,000.

## Shanghai Notes

American and British business men who intend to make a career in China must learn to read and write the Chinese language, declare Chamber of Commerce officials for these two countries. The British Chamber of Commerce has enlarged its Chinese Language School, to which are admitted "all who are able to learn the Chinese language through the medium of the English language." The British Chamber of Commerce Government no longer supplies translations of official communications. Chinese translators, of course, can be employed, but the foreign business man can be sure of his position only by knowledge of the written and spoken language. The school recently adopted new textbooks, which include numerous new terms introduced into the Chinese language and point out that "the salient Chinese of the old days has given way, particularly in newspapers, to language much simpler." The school does not teach the Shanghai dialect, but the more universal Peiping dialect, which is useful in any part of the country. The written language, of course, is the same everywhere.

## Honor Paid Madam Wang

Chinese leaders of Shanghai gathered recently to honor Madam Wang, K. Wang, the mother of three brilliant sons. Madam Wang is the mother of Dr. C. T. Wang, twice Chinese Foreign Minister, C. E. Wang, director of the former Manchurian Mining Administration, and C. H. Wang, a leading Shanghai banker. All are active in the councils of the present Government. Madam Wang was the daughter of a wealthy family in Shaohing, and married an eminent Chinese scholar who was later converted to Christianity and became a clergyman. The sons have been raised in the Christian faith. The Wang and Soong families are regarded as the two foremost Christian families in China.

## Editors Wn Censor Issue

Chinese newspaper editors finally have won a battle lasting for several years to obtain definite nationwide regulations for press censorship. The Kuomintang Central Executive Committee has adopted regulations to provide for five censorship bureaus in the five leading cities under control of the Central Government (not including Canton), which shall have the final decision concerning what shall or shall not be printed. No military or civilian official, as in the past, shall suppress newspapers at will, if these regulations are imposed. The editors are particularly pleased with the fact that the press is represented in every censorship bureau, and an opportunity is offered to present the newspaper viewpoint in any disputed case to the boards. The regulations bind officials not to take any action contrary to the press laws. Arbitrary individual action has been the chief obstacle to newspaper progress in China, according to Chinese editors, and they hope the new regulations will prevent such action in future. At present, there is no censorship for foreign correspondents at Shanghai due to the influence of T. V. Soong, Minister of Finance.

## Shanghai Data Assembled

The University of Shanghai is assembling a research library on Shanghai, to serve as a depository and clearing house of information about this city which has grown in less than a century into one of the world's leading ports. The University maintains a School of Commerce in downtown Shanghai, and here all commercial and industrial information will be assembled and made available to the general public. Historical, artistic and other works will be collected in a special section of the University library in the suburbs. Foreign and Chinese Sinologists and merchants have offered to assist in assembling the library.

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## Soviet Films For Chinese

The cosmopolitan population of Shanghai provides a public for motion pictures of every country, and a greater variety of pictures probably is shown here than in any other large city. Now for the first time, since relations have been resumed between China and Soviet Russia, Shanghai is to have the opportunity to see Soviet-made films. A Chinese company has been organized to distribute pictures produced by the Soviet film trust.—The Christian Science Monitor.

## Books

Books can never teach the use of books. The student must learn by commerce with mankind to reduce his speculations to practice, and accommodate his knowledge to the purpose of life.—Bacon.

## ...SMILE



Here is a grocery boy set to work. A notice of his relationship among the boys was to deliver to him and he noticed that toasters would receive load of eggs, and a load of eggs from customer that each succeeding be for a smaller one course, no eggs were eggs taking none with him. The pro eggs did he start to

Our lives are what? That's what the Hence the man with Is the man who's

A well-known dentist age some weeks ago necktie. Next day read in part: "We neckties we sent you will find our bill for The dentist read from his work bench plates and mailed with a letter: "I he you or some of you read. "Enclosed you for \$50. I shall re cheque for \$45 by

Teacher—"You had for two guinea pounds and a pair of five shillings. No suit!"  
Willie—"A row

He—"I'm afraid with some money. She (candidly) her with anything

A bird in the poor table manners?  
A recent law set pod in to see his and during the visit litiously inquired was coming along the young man, "I practically no one afternoon, the rust ably."

Norah—"Maym for her belief."  
Muriel—"Good her belief!"  
"That she can be on a number seven

"Now, Willie, I'll chance. Whose er "The plumber's."

Few of us pay the ly as we want him call him.

When Elsie Brute recently in Brute she had opened a b Hoban painted one saying that he had Emporium General the arrival of Top well as Moppey, Andy Wilks, the be outside, put the Brushville be now prepared to Slope at popul

Banker—"What's Borrower—"Is I'm a bill collector.  
"What you doing you!" goes an old you believe that these halitosis adv  
Trying and cry smooth-running te  
Here is a prob What do you do clothes that is too and too shabby to  
The man had w side the telephone. Stee as he watche with a small child the leaves of the te  
He (finally)—"N you find your numb She (recedly)—" number. I'm just name for my baby  
He (on the teleph ing, would like to me to-night!"  
"I'd love to, dea "Well, tell your at seven o'clock."

Soviets Burn Petrified lava use capital of Armenia, thousand years filled in building house.