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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Shin Guards

Those shin guards that the baseball catcher wears at the ball park certainly should come handy at home if he plays bridge with his wife.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Pulpwood Redivius

There is a moving of pulpwood, and though the prices may be considered low the present demand will enable hundreds of pulpwood owners to realize and obtain some money to meet pressing obligations. Thomas Conway of Barrys Bay was in Eganville for a few days during the past week and assisted F. Houlihan in shipping cars of wood from Caldwell station. Mr. Conway informed The Leader he had new contracts for 20,000 cords of pulpwood —12,000 of poplar and 8,000 of spruce. —Eganville Leader.

Rubbing Hub Caps

A wise driver gives the car he meets as much room as he reasonably can. He does not rub hub-caps with people whose driving experience he knows nothing about. The authorities governing the highways might profitably gather information about so-called head-on collisions and ascertain how many of them were side-swiped or mere miscalculations of a few inches on the part of one car or the other. And the length of experience of the different drivers could be recorded. The object would not be to put the blame on green drivers, but, perhaps, to build up a body of statistics which might teach experienced drivers the danger of assuming that when they are hitting 60 miles an hour every car they meet is able to share the road with them to a margin of a few inches. Just a little panic in the other car may cause a sudden in-swerve of a few inches — another head-on collision makes news on the front pages.—Toronto Star.

Kidnap Insurance

Victims of kidnappers should suffer less mental strain in future if they are "A1 at Lloyds." The rapid growth of the racket in the United States, it is said has developed a large secret business for Lloyds of London, famous insurance firm. Chicago is reputed to be the chief centre for this new business and prominent millionaires arrange for insurance against kidnapping. The name of the insured is cabled to London and not even members of Lloyd's staff are allowed to know the identity of the customers. The maximum policy for an adult is £20,000 and half that amount for a child. Straight kidnapping policies are written at the rate of three-quarters of one per cent. and policies for children cost one and a half per cent. There is also a rate of one per cent. for injuries suffered while the victim is in the kidnappers' hands.—Halifax Chronicle.

Vancouver in First Place

Official figures just issued show that Vancouver during the crop year ended July 31, 1933, was the leading grain exporting port in Canada. Total shipments amounted to 97,502,207 bushels, of which wheat accounted for 91,712,728 bushels and coarse grains 5,789,479 bushels.

The 1932-33 clearances of grain for export were the highest on record for Vancouver, being nearly 2,000,000 bushels in excess of the previous record year, 1928-29, though in that year the wheat shipments reached 94,636,023 bushels, the peak recorded, but the shipment of coarse grains totalled only 536,000 bushels. In the last crop year the aggregate clearances from Vancouver were about 20,000,000 bushels more than were shipped from Montreal.—London Free Press.

Way to Wealth

An Englishwoman has just been fined £20—her eighteenth conviction, by the way—for driving a motor car "without reasonable consideration for other persons." If that was an offence under the Ontario traffic laws, the provincial treasury would never need to be short of funds.—Brockville Record.

For the Inventor

A California man has invented a traffic post that can be lowered when not in use. How about lowering the pedestrian to allow a car to pass over him unharmed?—St. Thomas Times Journal.

Another Pest

If statesmen of the world would pass up grasshoppers and the cornborer for a brief period to organize a gigantic conference fo the eradication of another pest, the reader who persists in defacing public library books, they would undoubtedy earn the gratitude of their respective followers.—Smiths Falls Record-News.

Occasion Propitious

A Calgary young couple report seeing a rainbow caused by the moon. It is astonishing what glowing and colorful visions the lunar body can inspire on propitious occasions. — Brantford Expositor.

Babe Ruth

Babe Ruth says he'll not be able to play baseball next year—his legs aren't as young as they used to be. But surely he is entitled to a few farewell tours.—Calgary Herald.

The Improvement in Agriculture

Farmers in Quebec seem to be a little more optimistic this year. Confidence and satisfaction have taken the place of gloomy discouragement and apathy, now that things are looking better. The promise of improvement in agricultural and other industries is certainly good news. If construction picks up, of a man can get a living on the land once again, if a market is found for wheat, unemployment will very soon fall a victim to the economic recovery.—Le Progres de Hull.

THE EMPIRE

World Conference and the Empire

Britain has already set an example of initiative and energy; there are great possibilities, in the Empire as a whole, of economic recovery and development. To go ahead with a practical program is imperative; it would have been a duty, whatever the success of the Conference; it is a duty, whatever may or may not be done early or late, to give effect to that hope that called the conference. As things are, with no certainty of expectation that anything worth while will result from it, the call is all the more clear for realizing the possibilities within the Empire, perhaps with the co-operation of some other countries. —Auckland Weekly News.

Edward VII's Chivalry

It was at the close of the Gladstone obsequies in the Abbey, and Mrs. Gladstone was sitting in lonely grief at the head of the nave—a figure of utter desolation. King Edward walked up to her, and taking her hand, kissed it with consummate grace and thoughtfulness. She raised it in blessing as she bowed her head, and those of us who saw the episode can never forget it as typical of the innate courtliness and kindliness of a truly great man.—J. P. Collins, in G. K.'s Weekly, London.

The Yellow Peril

The Japanese have still one great lesson to learn—the lesson that in the long run quality always tells; and failure to appreciate this point may yet prove their undoing. Their goods, though cheap, are almost invariably "nasty." Not only are they inferior in quality to similar goods of Western manufacture, but they are often turned out on a plan that must be described as one of deliberate sharp practice. Instances of this—especially in regard to misleading trade-marks—have been freely quoted in the daily Press during the past week; and South Africa will not easily forget the flood of "dummy" lead pencils (containing half an inch of lead at each end) dumped into this country from Japan soon after the war. Many similar instances could be mentioned, and the Sunday Times was not exaggerating a fortnight ago when it referred to "heelless socks, crutchless pyjamas, backboneless ties, furless hats, leatherless shoes, and silkless silk goods"—all from Japan—Johannesburg Sunday Times.

The Changing World

The world changes; and the minorities of yesterday are the majorities of to-day. A few years ago the Eastbourne woman who called a beach-pyjama-clad girl a "brazen huzzy" would have been applauded as the upholder of the decencies and the conventions. Now she is fined ten shillings for "disorderly conduct." Beach pyjamas are the convention of to-day, and their deriders are the eccentrics.—London Evening News.

Quality and Price

The craze for cheaper and still cheaper goods is being carried to excessive lengths, and threatens to displace goods of sound merit, which ought not to be displaced and would not be displaced if consumers had more sense and a better grip of real values.—Cape Argus.

Britain's Recovery

At a time of unparalleled difficulty Great Britain has recovered first place among the exporting nations of the world. Unemployment is decreasing and though conditions are still very far from normal they are probably better than in an other highly industrialized country. Britain's manufacturers during the difficult post-war period have individually or in association thoroughly overhauled their production and modernized their selling methods. —British Guiana Commercial Review.

THE UNITED STATES

Life Is Queer

One of life's most ironic tragedies the other night in New York received but scant news attention. A man, worn out with the struggle against poverty, spent his last nickle in the Automat restaurant for a roll. He sprinkled a deadly poison on the roll, ate part of it, then staggered to the washroom and dropped dead. A miserly woman at the same table seized the portion of the roll the suicide left and ate it. She too collapsed and died on the way to the hospital. An investigation showed she was comparatively rich with nearly $60,000 in various banks. The man died in a battle against poverty, the woman in a greedy effort to save a nickle to add to her store.—Boston Post.

An Interesting Wedding

Mr. John Harold Malcolm whose recent wedding was an interesting event in Brockville, Ontario. The bride was Caroline Elizabeth Graham of Toronto, Ontario, granddaughter of Rt. Hon. George P. Graham and Mrs. Graham of Brockville, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas Malcolm of St. George, Ontario.

Pour Mash Into Creek Animals Get Drunk

A barnyard spree took place recently on the farm of Herbert Hewer, Aberfoyle, Ont., when four large vats of seized mash were dumped into a nearby creek. Pigs staggered, cows cavorted and ducks squawked hilariously. The animals had lived a respectable rural existence prior to the arrival of Sergeant Frank Samson, R.C.M.P., and Constables Barr, Bailey and Warner. The mounties later emerged from the barn carrying several cans of pure overproof alcohol. A still capable of producing 100 gallons a day was found in a secret compartment under the hay mow. Part of the cow barn had also been partitioned off as a vast underground mash manufacturing plant. Four vats were bubbling over with sugar mash when the mounties arrived. The mounties had no thought of consequences when they allowed the spoils to flow into the creek. The answer came when a herd of cows wallowed in for a drink. Then one cow threw back her head and bellowed hilariously. A second jumped a fence. Then the pigs staggered away from the bank and flopped into mud. The officers also watched sparkling ducks attempt to walk.

St. John Lenient With Traffic Offenders

A high percentage of unintentional traffic law violations are penalized inevitably under the present system. Police in St. John, N.B., however, seem to have evolved an excellent plan of separating the sheep from the goats.

For strangers and others who violate minor traffic laws the first time, a courtesy windshield sticker has been issued, signed by the police constableis a printed slip reading something like this: "You have unintentionally violated the traffic laws of this city by parking longer than allowed by law. We know this will not occur again. Thank you."

British Farmers Favor Dairy Pool

Poll of Dealers Show 96.42 Per Cent Endorse National Scheme

London.—British farmers have voted overwhelmingly in favor of a National Dairy Pool. The result of the pool of registered dealers taken recently has been announced and showed 96.42 per cent. in favor of the scheme and 3.58 per cent. opposed. A two-third majority was necessary for the adoption of the plan.

With its national and regional pools the scheme will be one of the biggest undertakings in the United Kingdom. Farmers will sell their milk through the pools which will divide profits among participants according to the amount of milk that each delivers.

The National Board, which will be in charge, will not only be responsible for marketing and supply contracts, but have the task of utilizisg surplus milk for cheese-making and the manufacture of dry milk on a large scale. The board assumes control October 1, for a trial period until the New Year, when the scheme itself becomes operative.

When registration opened at the end of August the farmers were so apathetic that fears of failure were entertained. Personal canvassing and urgent appeals by Major Walter Elliott, Minister of Agriculture, finally resulted in a last minute rush of producers to register.

The scheme applies to England and Wales.

War Debt Discussions Begin October 5th

London.—Anglo-American debt conversations are expected in London official quarters to begin in Washington Oct. 5, it has been learned.

The first interviews will be between Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, of the British Treasury, and representatives of the United States Treasury.

Deserted Plane Crashes into Three Homes

The rear ends of three bungalows were clipped by a crashing army aeroplane at Long Beach, Long Island, the other day, when the aeroplane was forced to land, being short of fuel. There was a heavy fog so the pilot bailed out in a parachute.

Manufacturing Operations Continue to Expand

The expansion in manufacturing operations throughout Canada is continuing, many additional branches of industry showing improvement. The heavy industries, which are usually among the last to share in a general upturn, have become more active. The Dominion Steel Corporation has sufficient orders for steel rails on hand now to keep the plants busy for the remainder of the year. The number employed has already been doubled. Textile plants continue to operate at or near capacity with orders that will keep the mills busy for some time. Leather manufacturers and boot and shoe factories likewise are well employed. Newsprint production in June showed a considerable increase over the same month a year ago. Miscellaneous plants report more varied conditions but most of the country's manufacturing industries are operating on a better basis than for many months.

Schoolgirl of Fifteen Is Swimming Champion

There is a schoolgirl in Blackpool, Eng., who likes to get a thrill out of life by winning swimming trophies.

She is Peggy Smith, aged 15, and she won her first race in 1930. Now she holds 11 silver trophies, nine gold medals, nine silver medals, and one bronze medal.

Having won her school trophy for all-round swimming and a cup for diving, a Girl Guide championship cup, and several junior trophies, she competed in senior events, just to see what happened.

Os a result she added the Fenton Perpetual Trophy (Sea Swimming Ladies' Championship) and the South Shore Swimming Club Ladies' Challenge Trophy—two silver cups—to her collection.

All this summer she has spent her time between school and swimming.

2 U.S. Airline Patrons Killed in 1st Half of '33

Washington.—Only two passenger fatalities occurred during the first half of 1933 on American-operated air passenger lines, according to an announcement by Ewing Y. Mitchell, assistant secretary of commerce for aviation.

There were forty-eight accidents, five of which resulted in fatalities, but only one involved the death of passengers. Fifteen other persons, most of whom were connected with operation of the planes, met death through crack-ups.

Mitchell's report said that weather was the largest single cause for accidents being responsible for twenty-seven per cent. of the total mishaps. Power plant failures, personnel errors, airplane failures, and airports and terrain were other major causes.

Former King Alfonso Re-United With Son

Paris.—Estrangement of the deposed King of Spain and his son, Prince Alfonso de Bourbon, over the latter's love match is said to have ended. They met secretly in a Paris hotel and both appeared deeply moved upon leaving, although they maintained the strictest reserve as to what occurred during the interview.

Apples From N.B. Going to Egypt

Saint John, N.B. — Export of New Brunswick apples to Alexandria, Egypt, and the east coast of Africa will shortly be made for the first time on record, when the New Brunswick Government will sponsor shipment of 100 boxes on a ship leaving Saint John, it has been announced.

Mauretania Starts Training for Record

Ocean Greyhound Makes 32 Knots in Cruising Test—Attempt to Regain Supremacy

London, Eng.—The Mauretania, Britain's grand old lady of the seas, which held the Atlantic record for nearly a quarter of a century, is being "trained" in secret to win it back.

The Mauretania's record was four days, 21 hours, 44 minutes.

The newly built German liner Bremen took it from her with four days, 15 hours, 50 minutes.

Then a few weeks ago, the Italian Rex did the crossing in four days, 13 hours, 58 minutes, an average of 29.92 knots.

The Mauretania, however, on July 19, attained an average speed of 32 knots, or two knots faster than that of the Rex. Moreover, she had in hand a considerable reserve of speed.

Thorough Testing.

Her best speed, made in the Mediterranean during the war, was 33½ knots.

The Mauretania's "training" is taking place during her American cruising season.

She is travelling between New York, Havana, aand the West Indies, and is making speeds that are unheard of for a cruising liner. She is amazing America.

They are being persisted in so that the Cunard directors may be certain that the Mauretania can still compete on level terms with the Atlantic greyhounds.

She will be thoroughly tested for another speed attempt when she returns from New York to Southampton at the end of her cruising season on September 27.

If her performance then comes up to expectation she will be at once commissioned for the Atlantic service. Normally she would be drydocked for her winter overhaul.

Her 3,000,000 Miles.

The Mauretania is 26 years old, and has travelled more than three million miles. She was constructed on the Tyne.

No other liner has held the Atlantic record for so long. She is still Britain's fastest Atlantic liner.

And every British seaman is proud of her. The glamor surrounding her achievements brings her admirers wherever she goes.

Harry Acton, famous shipping reporter of the New York American, knows all the great liners of the Atlantic.

Recently he was asked, "which is the greatest of them all for speed, performance, appearance, luxury and atmosphere?"

He replied, "The Mauretania, all by her grand and stately self!"

Wife Business Head Of Average Family

Chicago.—Financial adversity, Mrs. Mary Berkley Finke of New York declares, has made woman the business head of the average family.

Mrs. Finke, manager of the woman's department of the Morris Plan Bank in New York, was here as a delegate to the 11th annual convention of the Association of Bank Women.

"It can be said that the depression has made the woman financial head of the house, especially in the small home-owning family and in the small and even medium sized salary groups," she said.

"Financial matters—such as mortgages and taxes on the family home —that we have been accustomed to believe were handled by men alone, are being lookd after in increasing numbers by women."

Hence, she said, the modern woman to make a success of her newly acquired home duties, should take up the study of money matters.

Windsor Policeman Gets His Pole Cat

Windsor.—Four revolver shots, resounding through downtown Windsor recently, brought police to the spot from all directions. "Did you get them?" queried patrol officers, as a fellow constable emerged from an alley, sheathing a revolver. "Sure I got him. Can't you tell by the smell?" was the laconic reply. Yes, it was a pole cat.

Wife Passes for Child

Monticello, Wis. — Mrs. H. E. Theiler is 25, and has been married five years, but on a dare she donned a child's dress and went to the World's Fair in Chicago. She got in on a five-cent ticket for "children under 12," and visited concessions at children's rates. Not a question was asked.

On the Increase

There were 2,784 factories in operation in Canada in 1932, comprising 1,219 creameries, 1,171 cheese factories, 317 combined butter and cheese factories, and 26 concentrated milk plants. The total number shows an increase of 32 compared with 1931.

Ladies' Big Figures

The annual beauty bill in United States is $750,000,000, so it looks as though the ladies, whether they desire it or not, are running into big figures. —Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Ocean Liner Has Permanent Boarder

She Has Heard the Siren Call of the Sea — and is Enchanted By It

New York.—Mme. Vischer d'Assonleville, a middle-aged widow from Paris, who sailed recently on the French liner Ile de France, has felt the call of the sea. She has felt it so strongly she disclosed before her departure that she is making arrangements to become a permanent resident on some big trans-Atantic liner.

Mme. d'Assonleville never had been to sea until last July, when she made a Viking cruise on the French liner Degrasse. When the ship returned to Havre at the end of the cruise stewards were shocked at Madame's apparent slowness when several hours after the ship docked they found her sitting quietly in her stateroom without a thing packed. She informed them that she liked ocean life and intended to stay aboard no matter where the ship went.

She bought a ticket and sailed on the Degrasse. When informed that the next French line ship would not sail for ten days she came ashore and took a trip to Niagara Falls. It was said that having heard that prices were high in America she drew $2,500 from her account so as to be sure and have enough to last the ten days.

Before sailing on the Ile de France she instructed Henry Villars, purser on the liner, to find out if it would be possible to keep right on travelling on the ships. She felt that it would be as reasonable as maintaining a home and servants on land and certainly much nicer. The purser promised to make the arrangements and indications were that Mme. d'Assonleville would become the ocean's first permanent boarder.

Women Best Pupils In Pistol Shooting

New York.—Captain Walter C. Mayer, once a marine corps officer, teaches pistol shooting to men and women, but he says his feminine pupils are the best.

"I would rather teach a woman than a man any day in the week," said Captain Mayer.

"If a man is having trouble with a lesson he won't tell you. He doesn't ask questions, just keeps on making mistakes. Now with a woman, while she'll ask you enough questions to drive you crazy, it is possible to learn where she's missing out and give her some help."

Although bankers are most numerous in the pistol practice at Mayer's range, society women meet once a week for lessons."

Birmingham Jobless Admitted Free to Pools

Birmingham, Eng.—Following a decision of the Baths Committee of Birmingham City Council to admit unemployed men and women who are members of the occupation centres to the open-air swimming baths, free of charge, during the present summer, swimming clubs have been formed in connection with several of the city's 21 centres. A number of them also have cricket teams to which free use of pitches has been granted.

Several Birmingham centres are planning comprehensive schemes of educational work for next winter. They include physical training for the younger men and women, radio discussion circles, dramatic circles, and classes in rench, German and English.

In some of the centres unemployed tailors have undertaken to repair and renovate the clothing of their fellow-members, and in others free hair-cuts are being given by unemployed hairdressers.

Pioneer Car Frightened Early Calgary Citizens

The claim has been made that the first automobile to enter Canada was operated by Sam Cochrane, who some time between 1895 and 1898 "introduced it to interested onlookers on Stephen Avenue (now Eighth) in Calgary, Alberta, steering the cumbersome and noisy vehicle among frightened horses and dodging citizens until something went wrong and he labored for hours to get it started again." The account goes on to say that many of the older citizens refused to believe their eyes and their ears and ran away in fright, which, if you remember the 1895 models, seems probable. Another early Calgary horseless carriage, date and model not mentioned, was owned and driven by a rising young lawyer named R. B. Bennett. The Cochrane car still runs, is owned by Charles Jackson, and regularly takes part in the Calgary stampede parade.

Unregulated Traffic

Comments the Brockville Recorder: "Beyond the actual business district of the community, traffic in this town is almost wholly without regulation. Drivers ignore the stop signs, ignore the speed restrictions, do very much as they please and get away with it. Some of these days sections of the town which are out of all patience with this daily performance, so prejudicial to public safety, will rise on their hind legs and demand that those who are supposed to administer the civic code relating to traffic shall do something to justify their existence."

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