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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

MUSSOLINI'S JOBS

One of the latest photographs of Mussolini shows him pushing a wheelbarrow load of sand at the start of work on an orphan asylum. We have lost count of the number of jobs he does.—Kingston Whig-Standard

THE SUPERIOR SEX

Women students have defeated men students in a debate at the University of Western Ontario, but women usually get the better of an argument with the other sex.—London Free Press

STUDENTS AND WAR

A questionnaire was recently distributed to students of Toronto University asking them such questions as: "Would you support war under any circumstances?" "When is war justified?" "Would you support the League of Nations?"

A stand of absolute pacifism was taken by 99 of the 200 students who responded to the questionnaire sent out by Varsity, the undergraduate newspaper, in collaboration with the International Students' Service at Geneva. There were 13 militant undergraduates who declared they would go to any war that the Government declared. Seven of these were in the faculty of applied science.

There were 88 supporters of a majority defined the latter as one in which Canada was invaded. As a means to avert war the students supported the League of Nations and the World Court of Justice.

Of course the number who responded to the questionnaire is only a very small percentage of the total students registered at Toronto University.—Brantford Expositor

LONDON'S TRAFFIC

At present the number of motor vehicles in the greater city reaches nearly 1,000,000 cars, vans and lorries, more than 5,000 buses and 10,000 taxicabs. Besides there are 250 miles of street car lines to complicate surface traffic problems. The motorization of the metropolis and its environs is now progressing at such a pace that not many years will elapse before the total number of motor vehicles is expected to exceed 2,500,000.—Editorial Canner

STREAMLINED LOCOMOTIVES

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Therefore they have about ready for service the first streamlined high-powered steam locomotive which with its head resistance reduced 35 to 36 percent, as compared with the present steam locomotive, will more nearly meet modern requirements.

St. Thomas Times-Journal

ANCIENT FEUD
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AN IMPROVEMENT

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A FATHER'S PROBLEM

A St. Paul youth, aged 18, went out on holdup one night recently, got involved in a fight with police, and shot and killed a patrolman. He got away and dragged himself home, seriously wounded. When he got home, his father quickly learned what had happened.

What should a father do in such a case—nurse his son back to health, keep his mouth shut, and pray that the whole affair could be hushed up or step forward with Spartan courage and let the law take its course?

This St. Paul father took the latter alternative. He called a doctor, then he called the parish priest—and then he called the police, and saw his son taken away to jail to be indicted for second degree murder.

This man had about as hard a decision to make as any father could

face. He met it with considerable fortitude.—Victoria Times

AND NOW OCTUPLES

Mr. Art Weber, the popular auctioneer of Stephen Tp., has a goose that evidently believes we are on Thursday of last week brought out eight little goslings. The goose had stolen away and made her nest in a strawstack and last week proudly brought forth with a brand new family prepared to take their chance with the elements. Seven of the brood are lively little chaps and now it will be up to Art as the family physician to this latest addition to his farm to see that they get the proper care and attention to make the necessary daily gains in weight at this off season of the year.—Exeter Times-Advocate

THE EMPIRE

MECHANICAL PLANTER

Here's good news for tired gardeners with aching backs. A mechanical planter which sets and waters plants at the rate of 12,000 an hour, is being used as Sprowston, near Norwich, for planting cabbages, celery and strawberries. In the fens it has planted celery at the rate of seven plants a second (25,000 an hour). An experienced hand planter could set no more than 700 plants an hour.—London Sunday Graphic.

WOMEN SHOULD ORGANIZE
Women must learn to organize. Their influence on public opinion should be greater than it is. Their hearts will always be in their homes and with their children, but they must accept the broader citizenship that comes with emancipation. The "Sunday Referee" believes not only that women have it in their power to end the strife of nations but that they should begin now to organize towards that purpose.—London Sunday Referee.

THE ROYAL VISIT

The Duke of Gloucester desires to see as much as he can of Australia and of Australian conditions, and he should be given every opportunity to gratify that wish; for in the role of Imperial ambassador, which is implicit in his mission as the King's envoy, it is important that the Duke of Gloucester should gain first-hand knowledge of problems peculiar to Australia. The King's sons all have shown a marked capacity for important overseas missions—a capacity which increases in proportion as their knowledge of the problems of the different parts of the Empire increases. And because or the new relationship between the Throne and the Dominions it is highly important that the King's sons should gain first-hand knowledge of affairs in even the most remote corners of the British Empire. In these matters and in his wish to avoid unnecessary strain the Duke of Gloucester may expect the cordial co-operation of his official hosts and of the public.—The Australian

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IN TRINIDAD LIKEWISE

An argument often used in past years was that motor vehicles had provided the problem of the roads, and that the solution lay with them



A gracious young hostess, little Helga Goebbels welcomes Chancellor Adolf Hitler on his visit to the home of her father, Propaganda Minister, who is holding her in his arms.

Welcome, Fuhrer

Germany Loses Famous Der Tag

Prewar Neutral Forum Joins Long List of Extinct Free Journals

BERLIN—Der Tag is now added to the list of German newspapers which have disappeared since National Socialism came to power less than two years ago. Der Tag was formerly the organ of the German Nationalist People's Party. It has now been incorporated in the Berliner Lokalausgabe, another newspaper of the same company, the Scherl Verlag.

Der Tag occupied a place of its own in German journalism. Before the World War, it was looked upon as a more or less neutral forum, in which current questions could be discussed, particularly by its readers.

Today, it cannot perform this function, since few Germans now venture to express their opinions on some of the most outstanding questions in their own press.

The Deutsche Zeitung, formerly the organ of the Pan-American movement and since Jan. 30, 1933, the journal of the Reich Food Department, also announces that it will discontinue its afternoon edition.

In addition to the scores of Socialist, Communist and other "liberal" newspapers and periodicals which have ceased, or been compelled to cease publication in the last 22 months, there have also disappeared such once-prominent Berlin dailies as the Vossische Zeitung, Berliner Borsen-Courier, Tagliche Rundschau and Deutsche Tageszeitung.

From the view point of the German public, it shows increasing apathy toward newspaper reading (since these losses are not made up in more subscribers to the National Socialist papers). The German journalistic profession, finds it to mean greater hardship and unemployment.

"He is a blackguard is an expression to denote a fellow who does mean things and is no good in general.

Blackguard is a word from England and from the good old days.

When travelling was not an easy matter a family going on a long trip had to be ready to camp out at almost any time.

Horses would run away, wheels would drop off and lots of things might happen.

Natural Rubber Held Still More Profitable Than Synthetic Type

London.—Hundreds of articles illustrating the utilization of rubber are on display at the rubber exhibition which was recently opened at the Science Museum in South Kensington by Sir Philip Cuniff-Littler, the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The exhibition is devoted almost entirely to natural rubber and its uses. Synthetic rubber, while developed to an important stage, is regarded as being too costly for production with rubber at its present comparatively low price.

Despite the addition of 1,000 spring fawns to the original herd, Bahr expected to deliver only 2,300 head. Their arrival however will inaugurate an Arctic new deal with a full dinner pail and eventually two reindeer in every Eskimo garage. Bahr and his assistants will remain with the herd long enough to instruct the natives in the fundamentals of reindeer breeding.

Despite the long struggle, Bahr believes the real battle is now just beginning. The establishing of the herd will give the Eskimos something approaching their primitive foods. But the animals must be protected from the ravages of extermination by the wolves until the herd is built up.

The hand-picked cavalcade left Elkhorn Point, Alaska, in late December 1929. In preparation for the long march, Bahr secured 53 specially-made sleds drawn by trained teams of domesticated reindeer to transport equipment and supplies. The great herd was able to move only in the winter months. This allowed for the fawning season and eliminated the dangers of Arctic travel in the summer months.

The route lay through the Noatak river valley in a north-easterly direction to the Arctic watershed, and thence across the Continental Divide through the little used pass to the head of Colville Basin, southeast of Point Barrow. Here the herd rested in the Spring of 1930.

300 ADDED TO HERD

With 300 fawns added to the herd Bahr pushed on with freeze-up in the Fall and reached a point southeast of Point Barrow the following Spring.

After a summer's rest the expedition arrived at Flaxman Island southeast of Harrison Bay on the Arctic coastline. Blue River 300 miles east of Flaxman was the next stopping point.

The original schedule called for the crossing of the Mackenzie river basin in the Spring of 1931-32 but timber wolves, lean and hungry from long years of privation swooped down on the strange procession and took their toll. Bahr and his men escaped death by keen vigilance and sharp aim with the rifle but their antlered charges were less fortunate.

Commenting upon his orders later, the commissioner said:

"It is about time that our men receive some assurance that they will be supported. The sooner we are rid of the thug, the racketeer and the killer the better."

"We want to be careful however, not to harm innocent people, and we don't want to use police brutality on anyone because of different political faiths, but on thugs and gorillas and assassins the sky is the limit—and I wanted the men to know where I stand."

"I want you to understand you're supported no matter what you do, provided you are justified. Make it so disagreeable for men like this that they'll leave the city because they fear arrest. Don't treat them lightly."

"I don't want these men coming in here looking as if they had just left a barber chair," the Commissioner declared.

His remarks were prompted by the appearance in the lineup of a man arrested on a charge of murder. The suspect was neatly groomed.

The Commissioner pointed to the man and indicated what changes should have been made.

"The district attorneys will protect you," he advised the detective. "Bring these known criminals in, you not, Miss Pickford?"

"A large order I am a student."

She likes being an author. She dictates her stuff and writes in long-hand and is not quite sure whether she would like to use a typewriter.

She doesn't think people possess their possessions. She thinks the possessions possess them, "just as I have been possessed by my career."

"But what would you like to do now?"

Mrs. Pickford's main idea is that everyone should find himself. Then she thinks one can get a perspective. "If you can't see it mentally it doesn't exist," she says, and sits very firmly and charming on a collapsible chair.

"How about bright and snappy line for a conclusion?"

"Anything that helps us to find ourselves is bright and snappy, isn't it? Of us are really nice people—away down deep—so few of us have ever seen that fellow."

"Decent hard-working people should be protected. We don't want to use police brutality, but that's the only way to stop these criminals. It is about time that we took action to protect the people we are paid to protect."

Volcanoes spout and throw out hot stones and dust and give us an idea that the inside of the earth must be a very hot place.

The old volcano of Stromboli stands out in the Mediterranean Sea just above Sicily and throws out a flame which lights the sea for hundreds of miles.

Vesuvius and Etna do the same thing, but not so frequently as the Stromboli does.

This would indicate that the flame comes from the earth and that the earth must be a huge ball of fire with a thin, cool crust.

New Notes

Bank of Canada Bills To Be Printed This Month

Ottawa.—Bills of the Bank of Canada in the various denominations will be printed this month in readiness for circulation when the bank begins to function probably in February. The engraving has been completed by the two bank note companies in Ottawa.

The notes are to be bilingual—in English and French. It will be recalled that the language question was discussed with some vigor in the last session. Finally, the Government inserted in the bill a provision that the notes may be issued in either language which enables them to be bilingual, or separate. The bilingual notes are more especially designed for Quebec circulation, but, of course, currency, once in circulation, is not limited to any particular bound.

R. T. Porsild, Dominion Government reindeer expert and his brother 11

Do You Know?

Hanging was too good for swallows during the Middle Ages.

True, they hanged the offender, but as soon as they were sure he was dead they always cut off his tongue.

The last time this happened was in the year 1748 at Orleans, France.

In most New England States laws still stand providing a punishment of five years' imprisonment for a man caught cursing.

If that law were put into actual force the jails would be all overcrowded in twenty-four hours.

That quarrels are plentiful now but they are nothing to the quarrels of the fifteenth century.

Every soldier carried a number of quarrels around with him because a quarrel is an arrow, and they used arrows to shoot each other.

Those old archers could shoot very well,