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## CANADA

### Three M.P.'s Delegates World Youth Congress

A committee of the League of Nations Society of Canada has selected three members of Parliament to complete Canada's delegation to the World Youth Congress opening August 31 at Geneva. It is announced. They are T. C. Douglas, Weyburn, Sask.; Paul Martin, Essex East, Ont., and Denton Massey, of Toronto.

The other two delegates are Rene McNicol Ottawa, and Kenneth Woods, Toronto, who were nominated by the Canadian Youth Congress which met here last month.

The World Youth Congress will continue until September 7 with four commissions or committees sharing its work.

### When Times Disagree

The annual summer time mix-up reaches the ridiculous with Kitchener adopting daylight saving and Waterloo, its next-door neighbor, clinging to standard time and refusing to depart from it.

—Brockville Recorder and Times.

### Negligence Is Not Recklessness

In Alberta, as in Ontario, there is a law which exempts motor drivers from payment of damages when gratuitous passengers are injured. Despite this law, a woman has been awarded damages against her brother by the Alberta courts. It seems, however, that the Alberta statute specifies injuries sustained by negligent operation, and the courts held that "negligence" did not, under the statute, cover recklessness. In Ontario, on the other hand, the Act says that the owner or driver shall not be liable, and makes no reference to either negligence or recklessness.

—From the Daily Star.

### Marked Increase in Employment

Employment in Canada, as indicated by Bureau of Statistics returns from 9,690 firms, showed a gain of 23,295 persons on June 1 as compared with May 1, the Bureau reports. In comparison with June, 1935, an increase of 47,721 was shown in the number employed.

This advance while larger than the gain recorded during the month of May last year was smaller than the average seasonal gain in the period from 1929 to the present.

The report showed 963,512 on the payrolls of the co-operating firms, compared with 940,218 at the beginning of May, and 915,792 on June 1, 1935. The index of employment on June 1 stood at 102 compared with 99.5 in the preceding month and 97.6 on June 1, 1935. The index is based on the year 1926 as 100 and at 102 stood at the highest figures for June 1, since 1931.

Correction does much, but encouragement does more. Encouragement after failure is as the sun after a shower.—Goethe.

### Jeers Greet Plea



Accompanied by small retinue, Emperor Haile Selassie is shown arriving at Geneva to plead cause before League. Italian journalists hooted and jeered as he pleaded for Ethiopia.

### New Washer for Small Apartment

A baby electric washing machine, weighing only twenty-eight pounds, has been specially designed for the small kitchen or flat. It has a steam-tight lid, which prevents steam from escaping, and it is claimed that it can be safely used in the drawing room. It is twenty-eight inches high. It is extremely economical, and will run seven hours on one unit of electricity. A week's heavy wash can be run off in an hour.

### Sister Dominion Worried About Defence

General Jan Smuts warns his Boer supporters on Afrikaander day that South Africa constitutes "an attractive bait for avaricious nations." Doubtless he had in mind that the Rand is by far the richest gold mining area in the world. He added: "We do not possess a single ship to ward off anti-aircraft carriers, which could land enough planes on our shores to wipe out our large cities within a few hours."

As regular as clock work aeroplanes carrying passengers and mail almost daily fly between Europe and Johannesburg, the big city in Rand. "All we can do is to strengthen our defences," counsels Smuts, a tried leader in war and peace.

Australia is anxious also about the aggressive tendencies of Japan in the Pacific, is spending large sums on defence.

Canada's geographical position alongside the United States frees her from anxieties that are worrying the sister Dominions, but it ill becomes us to brag that Canada is a "leader in promoting world peace." In a similar situation Canadians would be as concerned as the South Africans and the Australians about being "an attractive bait for avaricious nations" and more inclined to look to their defences.

—Ottawa Farm Journal.

## THE EMPIRE

### Climbs Volcano at 95

For sixteen successive years Mr. Alder Fisher, now aged 95, of the Auckland Blind Institute, has made an annual ascent of Rangitoto, the extinct island-volcano in the Waitemata Harbor. Rangitoto is 960 feet high. Mr. Fisher, accompanied by a friend, took a little over an hour on the present occasion to make the ascent, and hopes to climb the mountain in his century year.

### Butterfly Pictures New Fad

London's society's latest fad is pictures made almost entirely from butterfly wings. "Spaj," the artist has been buying old collections of these wings. He has completed a portrait of Queen Mary in the new medium. The dress consists of 600 butterflies' wings, all taken from collections dated as far back as 1865. A striking portrait of Princess Elizabeth, entirely from butterflies caught in the nineteenth century has been bought by the Duchess of York. Subjects that lend themselves particularly to this type of art are ships, angel fish, period costumes and coats of arms. Some of the costumes require 1,000 wings.

—Family Herald and Weekly Star

## Will Produce Films In Rome

Walter Wanger Says Mussolini "Real Movie Fan"

NEW YORK—Announcing plans to produce motion pictures in Rome, Walter Wanger said as he returned from Europe, that Premier Mussolini is a "real movie fan" and has given hearty support to a movement to make Rome a "Continental Hollywood."

The film producer said he conferred with the premier about his plans to produce pictures in English, perhaps in color, in Rome.

"I want to get away from Hollywood to some extent and find a new background," Wanger said.

The two best projection halls in Rome, he said, are in Mussolini's palace and the Vatican.

At Mussolini's suggestion, he said, Carlo Roncoroni, an Italian financier is building a model cinema city in Rome which "will be the best on the continent."

### Wild Dogs Slay Farm Livestock

FORT QU'APPELLE, Sask.—Killers dogs have taken a toll of livestock in this central Saskatchewan community. Farmers have reported finding carcasses of young colts and calves partly eaten, they believe by homeless dogs gone native.

Leaders of the pack once belonged to a farmer who left the district some time ago. They are heard at night, barking in the fields and are relieved to have picked up two or three other dogs who prey on young livestock for food.

## Briton Plans Luxury Cellar

To Dodge Bombs—To Spend \$150,000 on Big Underground Home

LONDON, Eng.—Plans for Britain's first bomb-proof and gas-proof underground home, where the owner can sleep without fear of air raids have been announced by a firm of British architects.

It is to be built for an English millionaire at an estimated cost of \$150,000, under a lonely meadow in Hertfordshire. Identity of the owner is a secret.

It will be a luxury mansion, with more than 20 rooms, all air-conditioned. A turn of a switch will flood the rooms with artificial sunlight. Numerous such homes are visualized for the future by Alan Daly, architect.

"The home now being designed is on luxury lines, but it anticipates the time when the menace of air raids in Europe may impel many home owners to build underground," he said. No effort is to be spared, it is explained, to make the Hertfordshire home both comfortable and safe. The framework will be of steel with reinforced concrete. Excavations will be to a depth of 12 feet over an area of 200 by 100 feet, Daly states.

The roof camouflaged as a tennis court and garden, will be of heavy concrete, capable of resisting both bombs and shells. Entrance will be through a tunnel. Walls of the bedrooms and four living rooms are to be of glass, through which will stream artificial sunlight. Miniature landscapes will surround the rooms, giving the impression of being above, rather than under ground.

Above the home a periscope, disguised through a fountain will permit occupants to survey the countryside at will.

"To live in such a home," said Daly "will be as healthy as living above ground, perhaps more so. The air will be clean and precautions will be taken against dampness, while the artificial sunlight will be health giving."

"To cope with the peril of air bombing there are two obvious solutions in building; namely, blocks of flats at widely-spaced intervals, or the underground home. With proper mass production methods there is no reason why the latter should not become popular."

### In the Paris Office

Paris was thrown into a pretty violent state of alarm a week or so ago, when all the wires connecting Paris with New York went dead. The W.U. officials suspected all kinds of sabotage, and some of them were inclined to link it up with the European crisis.

It wasn't war, though, as things turned out. It was simply that Sam's Restaurant, a little way down the Rue des Italiens, was changing hands and the junkman had been sent in to see what he could salvage. He was still salvaging the nice, thick copper cables that ran through the cellar when they found him.

## Honored by France



General John J. Pershing, initiated as a member of the famed "Institut de France," the first American to be so honored by this exclusive band of savants and eminent personalities, pictured (right) as he made a short speech accepting the signal honor conferred.

## Fast Driving

New York Times, June 21—"Accident Facts," 1936 edition, published by the National Safety Council, confirms last year's high record of 37,000 motor vehicle fatalities.

The council does not agree with those automobile manufacturers who argue that highway defects are a prime cause of motor accidents; it places them among the "less important" causes. Defective brakes, glaring headlights and similar deficiencies in the car itself may be a factor in, say, 15 percent of all accidents. Pedestrians are to blame for many of them, especially in the city. But the council places the chief blame where it belongs, even though most of us are reluctant to admit it—namely, on the ordinary run-of-the-road drivers, who are neither physically defective nor ignorant of the traffic rules.

"They don't really want to have an accident, but neither do they sufficiently want not to have one. They take chances by going too fast; they pass other cars on hills and curves; they cross railroad tracks without looking; they do not slow down at intersections; they expect other drivers and pedestrians to get out of their way regardless of traffic conditions."

While accurate figures regarding speeds at which accidents occur are difficult to obtain, the council concludes from the information available in detailed reports of accidents resulting in injuries that at speeds under 20 miles an hour only one such accident in 61 is fatal. In the next higher speed bracket, 20 to 29 miles an hour, one in every 42 is fatal, at 30 to 39, one in 35; at 40 to 49 one in 11.

The influence of speed per se is indirectly confirmed in another quarter. Since 1927, while automobile horsepower has steadily expanded, pedestrian fatalities have increased only 29 per cent; it is easy enough to kill a pedestrian at any speed. During the same interval, however, marked everywhere by higher speeds, deaths resulting from collisions between two cars increased 142 per cent.

These figures should dispose once for all of the argument that it is "old fashioned" to emphasize speed as the most important factor in the alarming rise in the automobile death rate.

## Thunder Storms Frighten Many

Are you scared of lightning? Do these summer thunderstorms make you hide in the cellar or take refuge in bed?

Thunderstorms are unnerving. And they can be dangerous. But actually the risk is very much smaller than most of us think. It is said that in Great Britain fewer people are killed by lightning in twelve months than are killed by cars in a single day. Actually in recent years, the average annual number of deaths from lightning in England and Wales has been ten.

That means that the risk is roughly one in 4,000,000. Put it another way, and you might say that thunderstorms are almost as safe as railway trains.

Still, in spite of these reassuring facts, people will go on being frightened when lightning flashes across the sky. And as the risk, however small, is yet real, and thunderstorms are more frequent in summer, some "safety first" hints may not come amiss.

In the first place, the safest place during a thunderstorm seems to be indoors. Of the annual average of people killed, nine are men and only one a woman, and Dr. G. C. Simpson, the Director of the Meteorological

## Keep Away From Fences

But if you're out of doors during a thunderstorm, as may happen to any of us at holiday-time, what should you do?

Recently oaks have been struck by lightning more frequently than any other kind of tree, thus justifying the old country rhyme: "Beware of an oak, it draws the stroke."

Elms come next on the danger list, and then pines and firs are bracketed together. But some years ago, poplars figured on the list immediately after oaks, and the ash also has a bad reputation among country folk.

The safest rule is to avoid all isolated trees. Where remaining out of doors is unavoidable, however, the American Code recommends taking shelter in dense woods or in a grove of trees, cave or depression in the ground is also a good refuge, and the foot of a steep or overhanging cliff should be reasonably safe. Some authorities believe that there is little danger of a man being struck by lightning while moving over open ground.

Others, however, say that just as a tree standing alone will attract the flash, so a man, if he's the tallest object in an expanse of country, may do so. The American experts bracket hilltops and wide open spaces as to be avoided. It is certainly safer to lie down if you are caught in a thunderstorm on an open common or golf course. And if you are carrying golf clubs, don't keep them beside you. Lie down some distance away from them. Experience suggests that you are safe in a car, if you keep moving slowly. But don't go quickly, even if by doing so you may hope to get somewhere safer. The current of air which is set up by a fast-moving car has been known to act as a conductor for lightning.

There is another warning in the American code that is worth bearing in mind. It is against taking refuge in a small shed or shelter in an exposed situation. This may be dangerous.

South Africans would probably echo that advice. There was a case in Cape Colony a few months ago in which sixty natives, who had crowded together into a hut, were killed by a single lightning flash.

But the most dangerous place of all in a thunderstorm — one which must be avoided at all costs — is near a metal fence, especially a wire fence. If a wire is struck by lightning at any point it becomes dangerous throughout the whole of its length, so that a man touching a wire fence might be killed by a flash a mile away. There have been cases where a number of cattle, huddled against a fence of this kind, have all been destroyed by the one lightning discharge.

On the other hand, it is a curious fact that slate seems to have the effect of repelling electrical storms. It was noticed that during one very bad storm recently the Festingio slate area, in Wales, was absolutely untouched, although a good deal of damage was done in place all round it. And people who live in or near slate districts say that this is not in any way unusual, but that the slate seems to give a real protection.

It may pay to investigate this a little more closely. If lightning passes over a slate district, may it not pass over your house with slate roofs in the same way? It would be interesting if there were records to show what is the proportion of houses struck by lightning which have had slate roofs, and which have had roofs of

## Where Was the Comb?

The flash had apparently struck the outer breast pocket, which contained a safety razor and a celluloid comb. The comb was destroyed so completely that no trace of it was left. But was untouched, and the man himself was unharmed, though the shock rendered him speechless for a time.

One reason given for this seemingly miraculous escape was the fact that the man's underclothing was dry, had been in the rain long enough to be soaked through, the result might have been tragic.

Another man who was passing ran to his assistance, and the burning jacket was removed before any real damage was done.

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## Can Do It Any Time

There is a practical as well as a sentimental value in the blue ribbon of the Atlantic, so long held by the Mauretania, and to most Englishmen it seems almost contrary to nature that it should not belong to a British ship.

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## The Beauty of England

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Each is perfect in its way, yet holds no monopoly of its beauty. . . . But the beauty that is England's is alone—it has no duplicate, it is made up of very simple details—just grass and trees, and shrubs, and roads, and hedges, and gardens, and houses and vines, and churches, and castles, and here and there a ruin—and over it all a mellow dream-haze of history.

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## Please Leave Us Alone

Writes the Peterboro Examiner—Somehow we feared this would happen. Hollywood is planning a screen affair which will be called the "Baby Derby," the story being based on the will of the late Charles Vance Millar, Toronto lawyer who died in 1926, leaving \$500,000 to the Toronto mother who had the most children in the 10 years following his death. That period—thank goodness—ends in October of this year.

Possibly there is nothing this province can do to stop the picture. The nastiness of the situation can be far spread, and the idea of the human race being brought to the level of livestock breeding can be exploited for the purpose of gain.

The man who has the final word at Hollywood should be told that Ontario would prefer to be left alone in the baby race picture business.

## Unique Alibi For Automobile Accident

Brightness, England—High-heeled shoes were blamed for an accident in which a car carrying Mrs. Olive Lumley Cannon, her husband and two children crashed into an electric feeder pillar, resulting in the car engine catching fire. The woman was fined \$15 and \$5 costs for driving without care.

It was stated Mrs. Cannon drove her car diagonally across the street with the engine racing. It struck a bicycle, then had gone along the pavement and struck the electric feeder pillar.

Mrs. Cannon said her foot was jammed on the accelerator. "I think my foot jammed because I had rather high-heeled shoes," she said.

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