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THE WORLD AT LARGE

Canada

"No News" To Be Feared

Anything in the nature of a major or a prolonged war affects deeply every part of civilization and the eagerness with which news is sought is largely actuated by fear. It is the fear that at some point, point quite unpredictable, there will leap into being some circumstance of the war, however bizarre or unthinkable, that will affect or even destroy something in which the reader is deeply concerned, something that will affect his own life, his own family, his own country. This becomes evident when we consider the effect upon humanity of "no news". The literature of the Napoleonic period abounds in evidence of this fear being carried to the point of frenzy. Thus we may see that war news, so far from inflaming primordial ferocities among people not involved must have a reassuring value.—Victoria Times.

The Only Cure

There is considerable criticism of the slow automobile driver, but there is this to be said for him, he never kills anybody. It wasn't slow driving that caused the tragedy that snuffed out the life of a Detroit nurse near Taborville on Saturday. It was outrageously fast driving, the only adequate punishment for which is a jail term and lifetime withdrawal of license to drive.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Press Is Not Bought

Once every so often, maybe a couple of times a year, somebody wants to get a police court item left out of the paper and offers payment for the accommodation. The city editor gets red in the face, takes a grip on himself and as civilly as possible informs the visitor that sort of thing isn't done; the news columns are not for sale. Perhaps he tells it later to the staff, as a sort of embarrassing joke that people should imagine a newspaper could be muzzled for a dollar or two.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

When Prices Soar

When prices soar too high consumer resistance begins to assert itself, and the increase is brought to an end by what might be called natural means. Cattle sold as high as \$17.50 per cwt. in Chicago, and that makes beefsteak available only to millionaires and those who never pay their bills.—Farmer's Advocate.

An Eye to Future

An English journalist predicts that Toronto will be the future capital of the British Empire. Torontonians with an eye to the future will begin now to make the most of every little fog that comes their way.—Windsor Star.

Raps Beauty Contests

It is to be hoped that before long public opinion will have so definitely expressed itself that these imbecile exhibitions (beauty contests) will be as extinct as the dodo. They are a menace to morals and a disgrace to the community in which they are held.—Kitchener Record.

The Mayor Cuts Down

A recent mayor of Philadelphia found that during his first two years of office he attended an average of 619 dinners and banquets a year, not including less formal luncheons. No busy man could stand that strain indefinitely. In self-defence the mayor of Philadelphia adopted the practice of refusing to eat at banquets. He merely attended for sufficient time to extend the official glad hand and do the usual honors expected of him. In cases where his official presence might fairly be expected, this would seem to have been a reasonable compromise.—Windsor Tribune.

National Transport Control

So long as nine provinces make the regulations that govern motor vehicles in the public transport business we cannot hope for much progress towards uniformity—and the provinces show little inclination towards any surrender of their rights in this connection. It is apparent, we think, that the national interest would best be served if road transport as well as rail were in the hands of the Dominion Railway Board, but that condition seems far from attainment.—Ottawa Journal.

THE EMPIRE

New Chapters In Human Achievement

It is a far cry indeed from those days, so near and yet so remote, when the Pole was the objective of infinitely laborious and painful exertions, when many months had to be spent in transporting men and material by ship and sledge across lonely inhospitable wastes, and when the expedi-

tion once launched might become lost for years, if not for ever, to human ken. Those were days which called forth the highest qualities of heroism and endurance and devotion, for which those who displayed them—the Franklins and the Scotts and the Shackletons—will be remembered as long as the tale of human achievement is told. It is of the same stuff that these Russian airmen are made, but thanks to the machine, they are enabled with incomparably less privations to attain incomparably greater results. Applied science is at their disposal to a degree undreamed of by their predecessors. They inherit the cumulative results of the collaboration of innumerable minds, and their achievement is an epitome rather of co-operative than of individual endeavour. Yet they, too, are pioneers within the conditions of initiative which their age permits, and it is feats such as theirs which serve to keep alive our faculty of wonder.—London Morning Post.

Japan Have Weak Spots

As Imperialists the Japanese lack two qualities—imagination, and the capacity to make those whom they conquer trust them; this deficiency represents perhaps their greatest difficulty on the Asiatic mainland. Already Peking is being administered by Chinese puppets with Japanese advisers, and things may go smoothly for a while. But it is not so long since the Japanese supposed General Sun Chieh-Yuan to be their compliant tool; nor is it without significance that the massacre of Japanese and Koreans at Tungechow was carried out by troops who formed part of the bogus East Hoped regime and were almost certainly in Japanese pay. Japan's real difficulties in North China will begin when the "Cease Fire" is sounded.—London Times.

England Can Pacify World

Sir Samuel Joseph Visiting Here Says Britain Ready To Fight

Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's government can pacify the world, but in the event of war Great Britain is ready to fight, Sir Samuel Joseph, director of a large English construction firm, assured American newspapermen this week. "The public is solidly behind our huge rearmament program," said Sir Samuel. "With the proper armaments there is a feeling of security, every Englishman thinks. As a nation we are opposed to fighting for fighting's sake, but if the fighting is pushed on to us we will fight."

Sir Samuel served during the war with the Royal Irish Regiment and is a past president of the British Legion. At present, he sits as an alderman for the city of London and eventually will move up to the Lord Mayor's chair. The "magnificence" of Detroit amazed Sir Samuel who said that he expected only to find industries on a large scale. But he had one complaint. "Such activity, such speed, but such noisy trams," complained the city's guest. "Your motor cars are so quiet and smooth that it seems funny to hear the noise of the trams downtown."

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Brazilian Family Life Is Simple

Members Exhibit Sense of Responsibility

NEW YORK—A curious blending of the simple and the formal characterizes the life of Brazil in general, and that of Rio de Janeiro in particular. In their homes the residents of Rio are a charming people because they believe in simplicity. They like visitors in the home, and pay them the honor of being natural and unpretentious. Hosts are likely as not to ask one to take potluck, and many Brazilians keep practically open house.

Girls in Rio enjoy a great deal of freedom, and in this Latin country one will see them on the fine beaches each morning, quite as anxious for a swim and exercise as American girls are. In many ways, however, family life varies much from that of the United States. For one thing, the family is a much closer unit. Family get-togethers are the usual thing and are even carried so far that there are often set days in each month for them. Members of Brazilian families also feel a great personal responsibility for one another. When someone is in trouble the head of the family comes to his aid at once, for not to do so would be disgraceful.

News In Brief

Textile Probe Begins

TORONTO.—The Ontario Labor and Industry Board this week opened at Queen's Park an inquiry into the wages and working conditions in the textile industry. Both employers and employees were represented by counsel.

Hot Tea Fatal

DUNGANNON.—Funeral services have been held here for 18-month-old Cora Neil Anderson, of Detroit, who died as a result of drinking hot tea. The tot, daughter of Lindfield Anderson, a native of Dungannon, and Mrs. Anderson, reached over and took the teapot while her mother was absent from the room. Death resulted when the hot liquid entered her lungs.

Jap Air Raids

TOKIO.—Japanese aeroplanes carried their message of death to several Chinese fronts, while artillery and infantry units clashed with Chinese forces around Shanghai. Japanese bombed and destroyed a military arsenal at Hangchow southwest of Shanghai, an airfield at Kashiung and a Chinese military barracks at Kwangteh. Over 500 Chinese were killed and 400 wounded this week when the Japanese aeroplanes bombed a crowded refugee train as it was entering the Sungkiang station, 30 miles from Shanghai.

To Foil Aberhart

OTTAWA.—Dr. J. F. Kenney, Acting Dominion Archivist, will send to London, England, for a certified manuscript copy of Canada's Constitution, the British North America Act. His action is in reply to Premier Aberhart's statement that "nowhere can there be found the original copy of the British North America Act OA of the British North America Act."

Russian Army Ready

MOSCOW.—Izvestia, the Soviet Government's official mouthpiece, has warned that war threatens Europe, but that Russia will be able to "defend herself against the Italian pirates and aggressors." The warlike announcement was backed up by a statement from the Red Army—1,300,000 men forming the largest standing army in the world—

No 'Phone No School No Water

People of English Village Have Also to Travel on Foot

MANCHESTER.—Straggling in a rural valley within ten miles of Manchester lies one of the most unsophisticated villages in England. It is called Hattersley and has a population of little more than 200. Hattersley has no water, gas or electricity. It is also without such institutions as schools, churches, or telephones. If the villagers of Hattersley want to travel they must first walk three miles to a bus route or hire a car. Anyway they are used to walking. After they reach the age of four, Hattersley children walk three miles to school every morning and three miles back again at night.

Mr. Robert Poulton, a Scot and a newcomer to Hattersley, is now agitating for better conditions in the village. Already he has protested to the Ministry of Health. "This village is still in the dark ages," he said to me. "On every side of us there is light and water in abundance. All that the council do for the rates we pay is to empty the ash-bins."

Sporting Comment

By KEN EDWARDS

Sir Malcolm Campbell seems determined to be "tops" in the speed world on water as well as on land. In the speedboat, "Bluebird," which he is now trying out on Lago Maggiore in the Alps to break Gar Wood's world record of 124.91 miles an hour. Life is like that isn't it? Bill Terry of the New York Giants is also determined to be "tops" in the boxing world again in his bout with Joe Louis, has had a row with his manager, Ted Broadbent, and refuses to fight under him in the future. A new one-mile Canadian swim record has just been set by Ralph Flanagan of Florida. He was clocked at 21.34. The former record was 21.57.

that it was ready "to meet with a decisive, merciless blow any attempt to hinder our peaceful pursuits."

Will Fight Extortionists

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—Wallace Beery, film actor, has obtained a special Deputy Sheriff's commission and a pistol-carrying permit, so he will be prepared, he said, to deal with extortionists. Beery and his 8-year-old adopted daughter, Carol Ann Beery, appeared at the Sheriff's office and were fingerprinted. The actor received a letter two weeks ago, threatening death for Carol Ann unless \$10,000 was paid.

2000 Undergo Treatment

GUELPH.—All pupils of Victory School are under strict quarantine and the school itself has been closed for ten days. A six-year-old boy attending the school contracted infantile paralysis. Guelph's first case, and authorities immediately instituted sweeping measures to prevent its spread. All wards of the Children's Shelter attend the school and are being kept under close observation. The entire student body was marched to the city hall to receive nasal spray. Clinics were opened to give the having now undergone treatment.

Alice Marble Defeated

FOREST HILLS, L.L.—While the gallery sat in awed silence, Miss Alice Marble, blonde queen of lawn tennis, was driven out of her own championship by a dramatic quarter-final round match by Dorothy May Bundy, herself the daughter of tennis royalty.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE NEWS

A Commentary By ELIZABETH EEDY

On Outstanding Events of the Week

Central Bureau of Education

Suggested at the opening meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at Vancouver was the establishment of a central bureau of educational research for Canada. The speaker, Hon. R. C. Matthews, advocated following the example of Australia and South Africa in setting up a Chamber of Education, whose duties would be to gather information about education in every province, conduct educational surveys, hold yearly conferences on general problems. He recommended that "each individual member of this Chamber should make it his concern, so far as his sphere of influence extends, to study how far school and college today are giving the future citizen of Canada the elementary intellectual and moral equipment which he must have if he is to act justly and intelligently on all the manifold issues which will be presented for his decision at the polls."

Canada's Arms Contracts

The Minister of Defence, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, has announced that over \$9,000,000 worth of national defense contracts have been placed in Canada, with construction now in progress. Ninety per cent of the program will be taken care of inside the country. Over 100 airplanes are included and four mine-sweepers. The militia is being reorganized and it is expected that the entire program will be completed within a year.

Japan Finds Credit

American and British banks are extending credit to help finance Japan's undeclared war on China, even as the American and British Governments are bending every effort to halt or minimize the conflict, a reliably informed source disclosed this week.

Search Continues

Sir Hubert Wilkins' party which set off by plane in search of the six Soviet Polar fliers have as yet found no trace of the men, missing on their flight from Moscow to Fairbanks, Alaska, August 13. The search over the Arctic ice fields will continue until the freeze-up. The rescue party are located on Pelee Island in the Mackenzie River Delta.

Seaway Negotiations

Prime Minister Mackenzie King has announced that unless the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec give their approval, the Federal Government will not go ahead with negotiations for the construction of the St. Lawrence seaway. The power development scheme embraced in the waterway plan would cost Ontario more than \$100,000,000. There have been no recent developments in the waterways discussion, the Prime Minister assures. In any case, the treaty has yet to be ratified by the United States Senate which has several times rejected it.

Canadians Lose Jobs

WINDSOR.—Almost 20 Canadians have lost their jobs and 20 more face unemployment because a law passed by United States Congress, requiring 75 per cent of U. S. boat crews must be American citizens, has been applied to ferries plying the Detroit River.

Flying Boat Damaged

TORONTO.—The flying boat Cambria and her crew will be guests of Toronto for a few more days, as parts necessary to repair the big transatlantic ship will have to be sent from England. The machine was damaged while landing off the Exhibition waterfront.

Death Drivers Snore in Peace

ALZM Raised as Passing Motorist Takes a Look at Their Cars

LEAMINGTON.—"There's been an accident on No. 3 highway, about three miles west of town. Two cars are badly damaged and two men are lying in a field. They look as if they're either hurt or dead," a motorist reported to Provincial Traffic Officer J. D. Bennett here. Investigation revealed that the badly damaged cars belonged to a trio of barnstorming "hell drivers." The two men in the field were just catching up on some sleep. A woman was doing likewise in the front seat of one of the ill-treated cars. The troupe, known as Capt. F. F. Franks' "Death Fighters," were on their way through to Buffalo, where they are scheduled to stage a display of roller-coaster tactics with their cars. They were too sleepy to even get a kick out of the excitement they had caused.

Shark Drowns Three Person

LEAF FROM WATER UPSETS SMALL SALIBOY; TWO ARE RESCUED

KINTYRE, Argyshire.—Three men drowned and two persons were rescued this week when a banking shark leaped from waters of Carradale Bay and upset their small saliboy. Captain Angus Brown, his brother, Robert, and his son, Neil, lost their lives. Captain Brown's 12-year-old daughter, Jessie, clinging to the side of the boat, holding her father's body, until rescuers reached her and the fifth member of the party, Donald McDonald.

Basking barks, so called from their habit of lying in surface waters, are common to the Firth of Clyde. Generally considered harmless, they are rarely known to attack humans.

Improvement In Employment Here

Records Revealed by Dominion Bureau of Statistics List General Gain

Moderate improvement in employment throughout Canada was recorded by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics during the month of July. This was a continuation of a forward movement which has prevailed generally since the first of the year. Payrolls of 10,320 reporting firms showed 1,433,109 persons employed on August 1, against 1,134,006 on July 1.

The bureau's index number on the year 1926 at 100 rose from 110.1 in July to 120.0 at the beginning of August. It was then more than 14 points above the same date in 1926. The beginning of August is usually a time of increased employment and this year's advance was approximately the normal one. The index number, adjusted for seasonal fluctuations, showed no change from July and stood at 114.9, a higher level than at any date since the beginning of 1930.

Gain of 15.6 Percent

Reviewing the year to the bureau notes a general employment gain of 15.6 per cent from January 1 to August 1, an average of 10.4 per cent in the years 1921 to 1926 between the same dates. Only in 1922, 1925, 1928 and 1929 was the percentage from New Year's to midsummer greater than this year.

The improvement during 1937 has been widely distributed, both geographically and industrially. Heightened activity was noted at the date under review in metallic mining, communications, building and highway construction, hotels and restaurants and wholesale trade. On the other hand, retail trade, railway construction and maintenance, steam railway operation, coal-mining and manufacturing were slacker.

No Increase in Ontario

Activity increased in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta; there were reductions in personnel in Nova Scotia and Manitoba, while the situation in Ontario and British Columbia showed no general change from July 1. Employment in each of the economic areas was in greater volume than at the same date in any of the last five years.

In Ontario, 4,559 co-operating firms had 475,754 employees, or 52 more than at July 1. There were advances in mining, communications, services, and building and highway construction. On the other hand, manufacturing as a whole, logging, retail trade and railway construction were slacker.

Employment increased in Quebec City, Hamilton, and Vancouver, while in Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Windsor and Winnipeg, curtailment was indicated. The situation in each of these centres was more favorable than at August 1 in any of the last five years.

Baby Specialists To Study Quints

200 Experts to Meet in Toronto in Two Months Time

CALLANDER.—More than 200 experts in child psychology and behavior from the United States and Canada will gather in Toronto two months from now to discuss and observe the world's most famous "laboratory specimens"—the Dionne quintuplets. Under the auspices of St. George's School for Child Study, the specialists will study the growth and development of the quintuplets from the day of their birth, May 28, 1934, as disclosed in six highly technical papers prepared by Dr. Allan Roy Dufoe, their personal physician, and others. After hearing the papers read, the scientists will come here for a first-hand examination of the youngsters. They will, however, be forced to "keep their distance," a rule Dr. Dufoe never has relaxed in the years during which more than 1,000,000 persons have watched the five girls at play in their nursery. "Special showing" will be from the same galleries to which the public is admitted twice daily.

Unpublished information from the papers, prepared from charts and reports which Dr. Dufoe has not publicly kept ever since his daughter, tended the quintuplets' arrival in the world, contain unpublished information concerning the babies.

This information deals with their biological, mental, social, emotional, physical and linguistic development. The October 29 meeting will not be open to the public. That evening, however, Dr. Dufoe will deliver a lecture, in layman's language, to the public. He will illustrate it with a motion picture record of the babies' development.

Plans for the meeting were first laid a year and a half ago when a group of scientists gathered at St. George's School. Since then Dr. W. E. Blatz, director of the school, who has been assisting with the education of the children for the past two and a half years, and Dr. William Dufoe, of Toronto, brother of the family physician, have been adding in the assembly of scientific data into reports.



Delirious with war fever, bombing planes unleashed cargo of death and destruction in form of aerial bombs while flying over Shanghai, rain-delivered death on non-combatants in streets below, in first Sino-Jap war outrage to shock entire world. Here's wreckage outside Cathay Hotel.