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Training In Taste

rooms in the rural schools of this dis- | Mail.

I trict. In spite of that fact we imagine that many of the pupils still continue to tune in Cab Calloway.-Peterborough Examiner.

Those Markers!

Science has now changed its mind about the atom. Is it, in these circumstances, too much to hope that the Ontario Government can change its collective mind about the 1938 auto-Music is being taught in 128 class- | mobile markers?-Toronto Globe and

Four Eclipses

Canadians Will See Three Partial Shadowings of Sun In Year

to venture into remote are. of the period of greatest totality is at 3 a.m. world to study phenomena attendant | The other lunar eclipse takes place upon a total eclipse of the sun. Last year investigators journeyed to Peru- the brightness of the sun may hide it. vian mountain tops and mid-Pacific islets to gaze on the only total solar of Canada privileged to witness the

owing occurs May 29, and will be vis- America will be able to view the specible only in the extreme southern por- tacle.

tion of the Atlantic Ocean. This is one of four eclipses during the year. Come In 1938 Two total lunar eclipses are visible ing one is a partial shadowing of the sun on November 21.

Must Get Up Early

Canadians can witness the last three, but they will have to rise early Again in 1938 scientists will have to see the May 14 lunar show. Its at five o'clock in the alternoon, when British Columbia is the only part

partial eclipse of the sun, November In 1938 the sun's lone total shad- 21. Most of the west coast of North

Royal Bank of Canada Reports Good Year

Total Assets \$869,538,000 up \$14,000,000 - Deposits Increased \$10,000,000 - Liquid Assets 65.53% of Liabilities to the Public-Increased Profits Shown

The Royal Bank of Canada made minion and Provincial Government public shows a moderate growth in securities. Public securities other deposits and total assets and a than Canadian amounting to \$25,strong liquid position. Total de- 927,482 show an increase of \$13,posits amount to \$756,089,696 and 937,353. This increase is underare higher than at any period in stood to be represented in United the bank's history, with the single States and British Government se-

exception of 1929. Commercial Loans Increase ing loans to Municipalities and a new high record in the history of Provincial Governments, amount to the bank. Total liquid assets are \$200,563,727, an increase of approxi- 65.53% of liabilities to the public, mately \$12,765,000 as compared which of course, is a reflection of with the previous year. Current present conditions rather than of Loans outside of Canada amounting deliberate policy. No doubt the to \$101,147,198 are approximately bank would have been glad to have \$4,000,000 lower than last year. replaced a considerable proportion Coming as it does after a steady de- of its investments by commercial cline in current loans over a period loans. of seven years, the reversal in the trend of commercial loans is encouraging. As might be expected at \$3,711,389 and compared with in view of the present stock mar- 1936 indicate an improvement of ket situation, Call Loans both in \$207,138. Dividends paid absorbed Canada and abroad have been sub- \$2,800,000. The usual appropriation stantially reduced. Call Loans in of \$200,000 was made for Bank Pre-Canada amount to \$19,392,906, a re- mises but the contribution to the

Call Loans abroad amount to \$10,- ed to \$300,000 as compared with the 070,583, a reduction of \$4,500,000. former appropriation of \$200,000. The liquid position is strong, to- carried forward totals \$2,325,176, an tal readily realizable assets being increase of \$411,360.

The Annual Balance Sheet of | \$245,606,374 is represented by Docurities. Total investments amount to \$316,568,917, an increase of \$23,-Current Loans in Canada, includ- 398,096 from the previous year and

Profits Higher Net profits for the year are shown duction of approximately \$6,700,000. Pension Fund Society was increas-Balance of Profit and Loss Account

\$514,671,335. Of this amount \$168,639,538 is represented by cash on hand or on deposit with the Bank Head Office of the bank at 11 a,m. on January 13, 1938.

Murder, Not War Mysterious Fish War, says Vittorio Mussolini-"war Suicides Solved is the quintessence of beauty." What that young megalo-maniac doesn't

-Halifax Herald.

mer's Advocate.

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that of the replies already received to

this alluring advertisement nearly all

came from politicians and bookmakers

seeking surcease from turmoil. They

came from ordinary simple folk who

are tired of this civilization, and who

cannot stand the noise of the trams in

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know about war would fill the archives Scientists Say Polar Schools Were in Rome. To ride safely thousands of Forced Into Warm feet in the air and rain bombs on helpless natives is not war; at most -Waters and at best-it is cold-blooded murder.

Mass suicides of fish, a mystery that has been baffling maritime leaders and scientists of South Africa for Parents should take enough interest years, have been explained. Hot and in the public school to at least attend cold ocean currents are held to b the annual meeting and vote for the responsible.

Tens of millions of dead fish floating on the surface of the South At lantic recently have forced many steamers to change their courses.

The research ship Discovery has just issued a statement, made public in Johannesburg, that the "fish suicides" have also been seen along South America and that they were caused by the finny swimmers, accustomed to cold water, being forced by shifting South Pole currents to deathdealing warm water along the coasts

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Commentary on the Highlights of the Week's News

by Peter Randal

FAST PACE - In the old days, so they tell us, history moved more slowly, at such a leisurely rate, in fact, that people could sit back and speculate a while about each event after it happened. In these times we are allowed no such privilege. Terrifying things occur in a great many parts of the world simultaneously, nation-wide movements surge up and threaten to engulf us whenever we pause to take thought. Dr. Alexis Carrel, world-famed medical scientist, says the reason for this state of affairs is that man's control over matter and over his own mind has not kept pace with the mechanization of the age. Machines have gone ahead. Man has stayed behind until now things are happening too swiftly for him.

Where does it all end? If we wish to turn aside the sure and fearful fate awaiting our present-day civilization. we shall have to become once more, masters of our own destinies.

REST IS BEST - The best way to fight a cold, either bad or indifferent, is to stay at home and go to bed, says the Toronto M. O. H., Dr. Gordon P. Jackson. Rest is the most important thing, if you want to stop short of influenza or pneumonia. Incidentally, your staying home will help your fellow-workers to avoid infection.

A NEW SPIRIT - There's something going on in Canada which belies the separatist attitude shown by the Premiers of Ontario and Quebec, and that is, according to John W. Dafoe, editor of the Winnipeg Free Press, "a national integration, the extent and strength of which is not yet known." Following this strengthening of the popular will, he continued, it will be found that the

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country called Canada is a real coun-

try, and that the name 'Canadian' borne by its people is not a term merely of convenience. Haven't you noticed it, too, this new spirit which has just begun to be fel within the past year or so, the last couple of months? A great many factors are contributing to its growth, not the least of which is the deplorable state of affairs in many foreign countries. By contrast we feel our-

selves extremely lucky, draw closer to

nadians." Editor Dafoe expresses the hope that our whole Canadian system may be strengthened and vitalized by the new spirit instead of torn asunder by sectionalist agitation in this and that part of the country.

There are three times as many parts in a piano as in an automobile.

Women are being taught to run farm tractors in Soviet Uzbekistan,

Every Friday Night on a National Coast-To-Coast Network

Russia Planning Air Expedition To Antarctica

Trip to South Pole Is In the Offing for Next Autumn - Eight Men to Investigate There For Three Years

Mikhail Vodopyanoff, who piloted the first plane of the Soviet expedition to the North Pole last May, last week at Moscow proposed a similar expedition to the South Pole.

The flier, who gave the first inti mation of the North Pole venture in a similar war, wrote in Pravda, the Communist Party organ, of an Antarctic expedition as "a dream" but concluded: "In our country no dream is

realizable." to one another within our own bord-Gromoff Also Suggests It ers, are prouder to call ourselves "Ca

Mikhail Gromoff, leader of the second Russian flight to North America across the North Pole last July, writing in the newspaper "Machine Building," also mentioned the possibility of a Russian flight over the South Pole Gromoff and his companions set a distance record of 6.262 miles when they landed at San Jacinto, Calif., July

Vodopyanoff described his "dream" expedition as leaving Leningrad in the

. 70 Experimental Flights directions from the Pole during a month's stay, four of the planes would depart, leaving eight men and one plane for three years of investigation of resources of the Antarctic continent, weather and other scientific questions.

Yodopyanoff said Rear - Admiral Richard E. Byrd and other Antarctic explorers spent only a few minutes or hours at the South Pole and had not had sufficient time to explore the polar regions properly.

A Controlled Press Like Black Plague

Dictatorial Mcchods Put A Strain on National Mind Says Professor of Journalism

NEW YORK .- Dean Carl W. Ackerman of the Columbia University School of Journalism this week denounced dictatorial control of the press as a 'black plague" threatening world peace.

Dean Ackerman, reporting to Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of the university, on his world study of the growth of censorship and suppression, declared:

"It is significant, I think, that no nation where the press is free from governmental control is today directly involved in the war in Spain or China.

Must Have Freedom of Expression "Where there is freedom of thought and expression," he added, "as in the British Commonwealth, Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Argentina and the United States, the national state of mind toward international relationships is as different from the present situation in Brazil. Russia, Italy, Germany and Japan as day from night."

Dean Ackerman said peace between nations could not exist 'unless people are educated day by day to become familiar with international relations and to understand their impact and influence upon domestic life and conditions.

A Profound Influence "This cannot be accomplished except through the freedom of agencies of communication."

He said the character of news from the United States had led to doubts in dictator-ruled countries of the ability of democratic countries to face the dangers of internal disorder and war.

"News of the industrial warfare in the United States this year has had a profound influence wherever printed," he said.

Utters First Word Since Great War

Officer Has Recovered the Voice He Lost In Battle

Lieut.-Col. Charles Pierson of Port Austin, Mich., spoke in whispers last week after a silence of 20 years.

The officer, who joined the army in 1902 and spent three years at West Point, led one of the first divisions to depart for France in the World War. He was gassed and wounded in 27 places while leading his men in a charge against a machine gun nest. He became speechless and his injuries necessitated the insertion of a steel plate in his chest and the connection of his windpipe by a steel

While suffering from a cold Pierson coughed violently, spitting up a clot of blood. Later he discovered that for the first time in 20 years he was able to talk in a whisper. Physicians believe that his voice will become stronger as time passes.

and Mattress Co., Ltd., 41 Spruce autumn in the new Soviet icebreaker. Joseph Stalin, for establishment of a camp at the South Pole for a three-FILMS AND PRINTS year stay. His North Pole expedition left four scientists on an icefloe near the Pole for a year's scientific study. He said five bimotored planes would be used to fly provisions from Prince Regent Liutpold land in the Weddell Sea 800 miles to the Pole in three trips. After 70 flights in different

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