

# Firebug Continues to Menace Farmers of Ontario Countryside

**Week-End Fires**  
**West Bothwell, Kent County**—Schoolhouse destroyed; loss \$5,000; incendiary suspected.

**Dereham Township, Oxford County**—Barn destroyed, with live stock, crops, implements; loss, \$3,000; incendiary suspected.

**Peel Township, Wellington County**—Barn destroyed, with live stock, crops, implements; loss, \$7,000; incendiary suspected.

**Ridgeville, Welland County**—Barn destroyed; loss, \$2,000; origin unknown.

**Puce, Essex County**—Barn destroyed, with crops; village threatened; loss, \$1,000; origin unknown.

**Verner, Nipissing District**—Mill destroyed, with stable, lumber and wheat; village threatened; loss, \$3,000; thought to have originated in boiler-room.

**Beverly Township, Wentworth County**—House and barn destroyed; loss, \$2,000; origin unknown, but spontaneous combustion suspected.

**Hamilton**—The eighteenth mysterious farm blaze within two months occurred in Wentworth County Saturday afternoon when the home of Arthur Whitehead, on the seventh concession of Beverly was destroyed.

Alarm once again has gripped the farmers of the county, as fears that a pyromaniac is at large are intensified, lull in the series of suspicious blazes in the county restored confidence and security several weeks ago, but once again flames are almost nightly reddening the skies over a sleepless and worried countryside.

A few articles of furniture were saved from the lower floor. The loss was estimated at \$2,000 and insurance of \$1,500 is held.

The fire started in a small shed, used as a stable for two horses, at the rear of the house. There were no animals in the place at the time and the owners are puzzled to know the cause of the blaze. Mrs. Whitehead was alone in the home and discovered the fire.

The nearest farm home is a considerable distance away and by the time she gave the alarm the house was ablaze. Neighbors carried household effects from the burning structure but heat prevented them from reaching the rooms on the second story.

Two years ago the farm was the scene of a barn blaze.

Another in Peel

**Elora**—Fire of an unknown origin Sunday night destroyed the barn of George A. Hall, Peel Township.

The fire is believed to be the work of some unknown person, and connected with recent barn fires throughout the county.

It was first noticed by a neighbor at about 9 o'clock. Mr. Hall, who had been in Alma all evening, estimated

# Septic Sore Throat Grips Children

Four Dead, Many Ill of Septic Sore Throat at St. Thomas

St. Thomas.—An emergency meeting of the local Board of Health and the Board of Education was called Saturday, to consider what course would be taken to check the outbreak of septic sore throat which has already claimed four young lives in the city and several in the surrounding country.

As a result of the meeting, eight rooms in two of the city's public schools have been closed for fumigation. In addition, strict quarantine of all homes where sore throat has occurred has been ordered.

The latest victim of the dread streptococcus is Patricia Ann (Patsy) Carter, nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Carter, and granddaughter of Dr. F. E. Bennett, St. Thomas, well-known emissary of flowers. Little Patsy died Saturday morning, making the second death in this family in the week. A younger brother died of the same trouble on Monday night. A third member of the family is still seriously ill. The death of 7-year-old Margaret Thorpe occurred 12 hours previous.

General alarm has spread throughout the city. Dr. D. A. McKillop, the medical officer of health, and three public health nurses are working without cessation, visiting absentees from schools, checking up on all sickness that they can trace, through the homes and schools, placarding, fumigating, advising, inoculating—all with a view towards preventing the spread of the dread disease.

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# Enjoys Playmate and Dolls For First Time



Allegedly imprisoned for four years in a clothes closet by her father and stepmother, little Edith Riley is seen here in a hospital in Washington, where she has found toys, a playmate and flowers.

# Winter Storms Hit Rockies

**Wire Service to Coast Interrupted by Snow, Frost, Wind.**

Calgary.—High winds and heavy snowfalls continued Saturday to interrupt telegraph service in mountainous regions west of Revelstoke, B.C., and Jasper, Alberta, near the British Columbia-Alberta boundary. Gangs of repair men were strung out in the storm area, attempting to effect repairs.

Canadian Pacific telegraph lines were broken in the vicinity of Taft, B.C., 10 miles west of Revelstoke. Canadian National lines were damaged at Red Junction Pass, B.C., about 21 miles west of Jasper. Service over Canadian National lines was resumed, but repair crews around Taft were still busy.

# Cost of Living Still Decreases

Retail Values Have Not Retained Yet to Upward Wholesale Trend

Ottawa.—Several favorable business factors are shown in Canadian Government statistics issued last week, the Department of Trade and Commerce notes in a statistical review issued on Saturday.

Steadily decreasing cost of living, increased tobacco production, increased storage of butter, increased production of leather footwear, improved prices on the Canadian stock exchanges and firmness in the value of mining stocks are among the favorite factors, says the review. It adds:

"Retail values in Canada have not yet reacted to the upward trend in wholesale values shown in October for the first time in two years. This indicates that the cost of living is still benefiting the purchaser even while the producer is profiting by higher wholesale prices."

# Hit and Run Autoist Injures Three Youths

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.—A hit-and-run driver, speeding into the Sault Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, came close to killing or seriously maiming three inmates of the children's shelter, Handy Garlow, 21, an employee of the shelter, was knocked down and sustained a scalp wound that required many stitches to close. Robert Cartmill had his shoulder badly injured when he was knocked down, and Geo. Curtis was slightly bruised about the leg. The car veered towards them, the young men believed, deliberately, to frighten them. Before they could get out of the way, the car struck them and hurled them into the ditch. The car continued on its way without stopping.

# Belgians Plan Campaign To Protect Animals

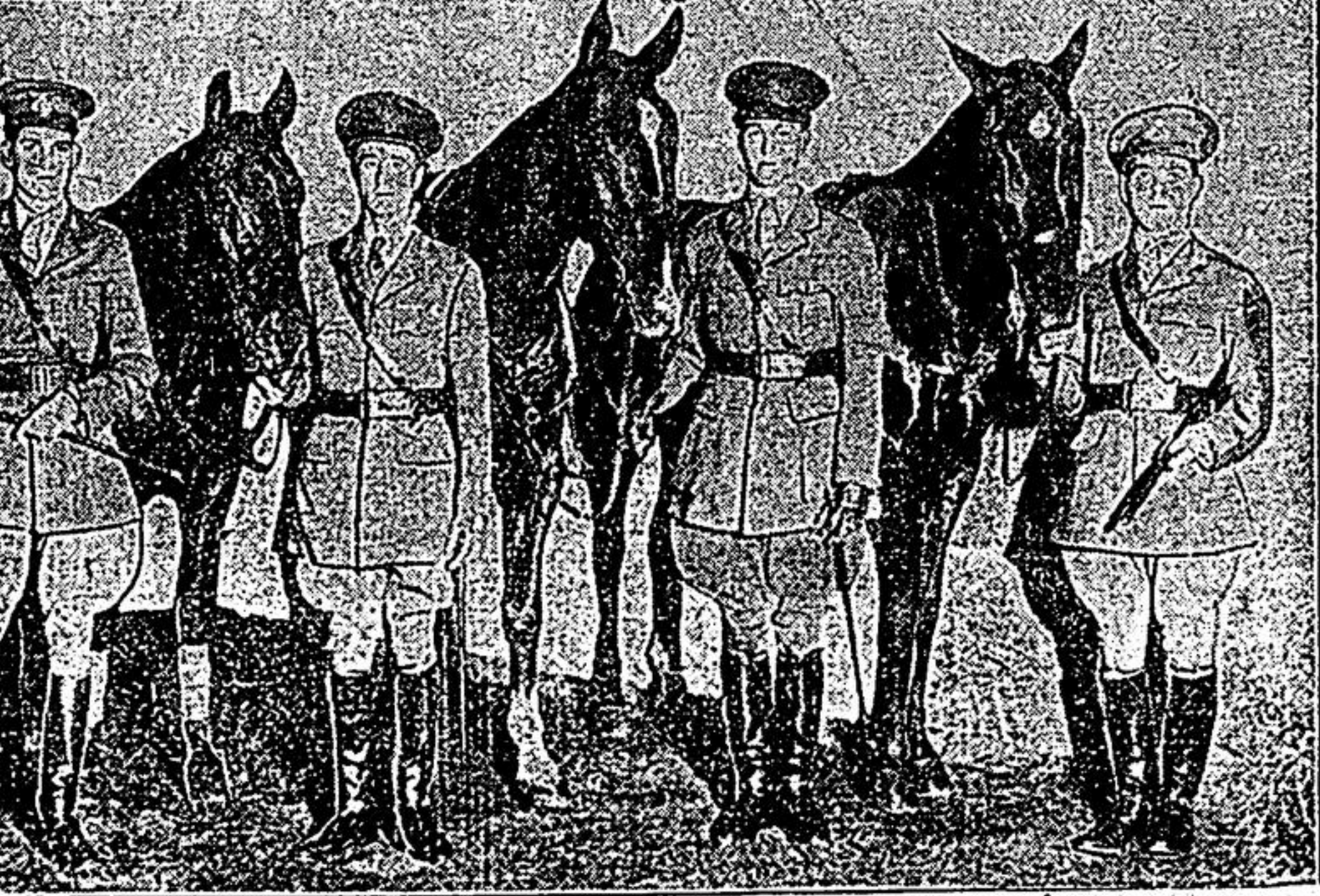
Brussels.—All Belgian societies for the protection of animals have united for the purpose of launching a campaign to place in Parliament a group of deputies and senators sympathetic with their aims.

A "National Juridical Council" has been organized. It has been decided to undertake a film and radio publicity campaign for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

# Canadian Legion Head Guest of Governor-General

Ottawa.—Major John S. Roper, M.C., of Halifax, Dominion president of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League, was the guest of their excellencies the Governor-General and the Countess of Beesborough at luncheon at Government House Sunday.

# Canadian Team Wins Five Ribbons



Five ribbons were won by Canadian exhibitors at third day of horse show at Madison Square Garden, New York, and riding of Lieut. Donald Hunter, member of Canadian team, kept Rajah, his mount, in running for a time for famous Brooks-Bright Foundation Challenge Cup. Here's the Canadian team. Lieut. Hunter, Col. R. S. Timmis, Lieut. C. C. Mann and Lieut. Cleland.

# Press Items Show Brighter Outlook

Winnipeg.—Grain movement over C.P.R. lines during October showed a substantial increase over the corresponding period last year, according to a statement just issued. Cars of grain loaded in the three prairie provinces last month totalled 17,921, which, compared with 13,373 cars in the corresponding month last year, is an increase of 4,548 cars. A substantial increase was noted in the amount of grain received at country elevators. Grain in store at country points totalled 38,990,000 bushels, compared with 32,073,000 bushels in October last year.

Montreal.—That Canada is undoubtedly returning to more prosperous times was declared by Beaudry LeMan, retiring president of the Canadian Bankers' Association, in an address at its annual meeting here.

"Governments, in many of the wealthiest countries of the world, have been hard pressed to maintain their credit structure," he declared, and yet, throughout this financial and economic upheaval, young Canada has not suffered a single bank failure.

"Nothing much can be wrong with a system that produces such results, and some merit must attach to the organizations which have conserved intact the savings of the people and kept them available to insure the return of prosperous times in Canada, of which unmistakable signs are becoming apparent."

New York.—That the world as a whole is feeling the quickening movement of business was shown last week when entry of teams from Sweden, Finland and Spain in the Olympic games to be held at Lake Placid and Los Angeles next year. A few months ago these countries decided that financial conditions would prevent their taking part in the 1932 Olympics.

Vancouver.—Brokers here who had been idle for some weeks and indulging their spare time on the golf course, were reported working overtime last week. Orders were rushed out for former employees when sales began and the force was kept on the job far into the night.

# Scotland Yard's New Head Earned Nickname

London—London has a new chief of police. He is Lord Trenchard, fifty-eight years old and known as the man who made the Royal Air Force. He is a disciplinarian, looks the part, and his deep voice carried him the nickname of "Boom."

Lord Trenchard follows in the steps of Lord Byng of Vimy as head of Scotland Yard. Lord Byng, also a warrior, made a record for drastic dealing with London's tough spots which Lord Trenchard is expected to equal.

The new commissioner was born in 1873 and entered the army twenty years later. By 1916 he was a major general and in 1919 became an air marshal. In 1927 he was commissioned marshal of the entire air force.

# Dominion War Memorial Ready Next Summer

Ottawa.—Canada's national war memorial is expected to be completed early next summer.

Rapid progress is being made on the impressive memorial, it is stated, in reports from England, where the sculptors, the March brothers and sisters, are working on it.

Ninety feet high, showing a colossal group of figures in bronze, exemplifying the heroism and self sacrifice of the Canadian people, the memorial will stand in Confederation Park. Its erection will involve the removal of the city post office, the construction of a new railway terminal and a new arrangement of uptown vehicular traffic.

I beseech you to treasure up in your hearts these, my parting words; be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity.—Horace Mann.

# Cuban Farmers Seek to Enlarge Markets

Havana.—The National Federation of Vegetable Growers and Exporters has been organized to obtain better transportation facilities for vegetables; to develop home and foreign markets; seek favorable tariff agreements with countries consuming Cuban products; work in co-operation with the Department of Agriculture; give members the benefit of latest crop growing methods and in general to increase the vegetable production of Cuba.

The federation was formed under supervision of General Eugenio Molinet, Secretary of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, and will receive the hearty support of the administration.

Cuba's vegetable production has increased steadily during the past few years and more farmers are devoting their efforts in this direction due to the low price of cane.

# Outlook Is Good For Wheat Market

Winnipeg.—Signs of better times are apparent in Europe and the outlook for sale of Canadian wheat is improved, in the opinion of A. L. Seafie, president of the Seafie Grain Company, one of the largest grain elevator concerns in western Canada.

Back from an extensive trip through Great Britain, Germany and France, Mr. Seafie said in an interview he was convinced the new British National Government would introduce some form of tariff, though he thought any preference for Canadian wheat would be conditional on a preference for British goods coming to Canada.

France, crops depleted by unfavorable weather, will require between 40,000,000 and 60,000,000 bushels of wheat from outside the country this season, he believed. Likelihood of milling restrictions being slackened early in the new year indicated a larger French market for Canadian wheat within a few months.

A much brisker demand for Canada's wheat would obtain in England if Russian shippers are unable to fill their contracts, he commented. There is some uncertainty in Britain about the Soviet's ability to deliver, he said.

He is happiest, he who king or peasant, who finds peace in his home.

# The Markets

**PRODUCE QUOTATIONS**  
 Toronto dealers are buying produce at the following prices:

Eggs—Ungraded, cases returned, fresh extras, 45 to 47¢; fresh flats, 40 to 42¢; seconds, 20 to 23¢; pullet extras, 29¢.

Butter—No. 1 Ontario creamery solids, 20 1/2¢; No. 2, 19 1/2¢.

Churning cream—Special, 19 to 22¢; No. 1, 18 to 21¢; No. 2, 15 to 18¢.

Cheese—No. 1 large, colored, paraffined and government graded, 1 1/2 to 1 3/4¢.

Quotations to poultry shippers are as follows:

Poultry, "A" grade, select, alive—Spring chickens, over 6 lbs., 17¢; over 5 to 6 lbs., 15¢; over 4 1/2 to 5 lbs., 13¢; under 4 1/2 lbs., 12¢; over 2 1/2 to 4 lbs., 12¢; milk-fed, 2¢ above select. Broilers, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 lbs., 14¢; over 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 lbs., 12¢. Fatted hens, over 5 lbs., 15¢; over 4 to 5 lbs., 13¢; over 3 1/2 to 4 lbs., 12¢. Ducks, 1 1/2 to 2 lbs., 11¢; over 1 1/2 to 2 lbs., 9¢; do, colored, 2¢ less. Old roosters, over 5 lbs., 11¢. Turkeys, geese—market price. Guinea fowl, over 2 lbs., 15¢.

Poultry, "A" grade, select, dressed—Spring chickens, over 6 lbs., 25¢; over 5 to 6 lbs., 21¢; over 4 1/2 to 5 lbs., 18¢; under 4 1/2 lbs., 17¢; over 2 1/2 to 4 lbs., 17¢. Milk-fed 2¢ above select. Broilers, 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 lbs., 20¢; over 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 lbs., 18¢. Fatted hens, over 5 lbs., 19¢; over 4 to 5 lbs., 16¢; over 3 1/2 to 4 lbs., 14¢; over 3 to 3 1/2 lbs., 12¢. Ducklings, white, over 5 lbs., 18¢; do, 4 to 5 lbs., 16¢. Old roosters, over 5 lbs., 15¢.

**GRAIN QUOTATIONS**  
 Grain dealers on the Toronto Board of Trade are making the following quotations for car lots:

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 hard, 92 1/2¢; No. 1 Northern, 71¢; No. 2, do, 65¢; No. 3, do, 64 1/2¢; No. 4, do, 59 1/2¢ (c.i.f. bay ports).

Man. oats—No. 1 feed, 37 1/2¢; No. 2 do, 36 1/2¢.

Man. barley—No. 2 C.W., 47 1/2¢.

Argentine corn, 51¢, plus duty; U.S. corn, No. 2 yellow, 53¢, U.S. funds; South African corn, 50¢, plus U.S. funds (c.i.f. bay ports).

Milled wheat—Montreal freights, bags included: Bran, per ton, \$20.25; shorts, per ton, \$21.25; middlings, per ton, \$22.25.

Ontario grain—Wheat, 60¢; barley, 40¢; oats, 25 to 28¢; rye, 48¢; buckwheat, 45 to 48¢.

**HAY AND STRAW PRICES**  
 Toronto dealers are buying for hay and straw, baled carlots, delivered, per ton:

No. 2 timothy, \$12.50; No. 3 timothy, \$10.50 to \$11.50; wheat straw, \$6; oat straw, \$6.

**LIVE STOCK QUOTATIONS**  
 Heavy beef steers, \$4.75 to \$6; butcher steers, choice, \$5.75 to \$6; do, fair to good, \$5 to \$5.50; do, comm., \$3.25 to \$4.50; heifers, choice, \$5.50 to \$6; do, fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5.25; do, comm., \$3.25 to \$4.50; butcher cows, good, \$3 to \$3.75; do, med., \$2.50 to \$3.25; canners and cutters, \$1.25 to \$1.75; baby beef, \$5.50 to \$8.50; bullocks, good, \$3 to \$3.50; do, holognae, \$2.25 to \$2.50; feeders, good, \$4.25 to \$4.75; steers, \$3 to \$4; springers, \$30 to \$70; calves, good and choice, \$7 to \$9; do, med., \$4.50 to \$6.50; do, grassers, \$2.50 to \$3.25; sheep, \$1 to \$3.25; lambs, choice, \$6.50; do, culls, \$4.50 to \$5; do, bucks, \$4.50; hogs, bacon, f. o. b., \$4.75 to \$5; do, off cars, \$5.35 to \$5.60; do, selects, \$1 per hog premium; do, butchers, \$1 per hog discount.

# Chinese Students Leaving Tokyo

Tokyo.—The Sino-Japanese clash in Manchuria has cost Tokyo its standing as one of the greatest Chinese educational centers in the world, writes a correspondent in the Christian Science Monitor. More than 1000 Chinese students have left the Japanese capital since the Manchurian trouble started, and it is unlikely that many of them will return. The result may be a gain for American universities next year, since many of the students, who had started their university careers in Japan, may transfer to the United States.

Tokyo's colleges and universities have catered specially to Chinese students. Tokyo is near China and living for students is cheap. A share of the Chinese Boxer indemnity was remitted to cover education of Chinese students and other inducements were offered. Japanese saw in the students a very real opportunity to build up friendship between the two countries.

The Manchurian clash, however, bids fair to upset the educational work of nearly a generation. Chinese students in Tokyo were among the first to protest at what they termed "Japanese militaristic aggression," and most of them stopped attending classes the day first news of the Manchurian clashes was published.

As the scope of the trouble extended students who had funds immediately booked passage for home.

# Voice Is Scrambled In Trans-Atlantic Calls

How speech is "scrambled" as it crosses the Atlantic by the radio waves of the intercontinental telephone, so that no one can understand the words except the two persons concerned in the conversation, was one of several new scientific accomplishments of the Bell Telephone laboratories of New York City described by Sergius P. Grace, assistant vice-president of the laboratories. The trick is done, Mr. Grace explained, by a device which automatically changes the high tones of the voice to low tones and the low tones to high ones. Devised some time ago as a scientific demonstration of the nature of the sounds in speech, this apparatus now is applied in London to speech sounds intended for New York and vice versa. On arriving at the opposite side of the Atlantic, the scrambled sounds then are unscrambled, automatically, so that the proper listener hears the speech as it ought to be. By means of a special device for scrambling or unscrambling the sounds at will, Mr. Grace talked from the lecture platform to an office in London and allowed the audience first to hear the entirely unintelligible sounds actually sent across the ocean and then to hear these same sounds after they had been translated back into the original speech.

# Air Mail Pick-Up Proves Successful

Dayton, Ohio.—Successful tests have been conducted by air corps engineers at Wright Field here of an air mail pouch pick-up device for planes, designed by Mr. Geoffrey L. Cabot, Washington, D.C., formerly president of the National Aeronautic Association, it was announced here.

The device is marked by a catapult arrangement, operating with shock absorber, rope and winch, which shoots the mail bag forward at a speed of 70 miles an hour, when the hook from the airplane first strikes a release; cord, before picking up the bag. This catapult arrangement minimizes the shock to the plane in the pick-up.

# Wobblemeter to Test Nerveless Condition of Fliers

New York.—As the latest gadget for use by fliers, along comes the wobblemeter. It will show a pilot, if he steps on it for a minute before taking off, whether or not he is in fit condition, nervously, to fly an airplane. Its reading is more than 50 per cent. above normal, he had better stay on the ground. A flat, square apparatus, rather resembling a weighing machine, the wobblemeter registers a person's nervous condition and state of fatigue. The better the subject balances himself on the platform, the lower the reading. And theoretically at least, the more nervous he is, the poorer his balance will be.

# Unusual Weather Prevails in Arctic

Calgary, Alta.—Reports from the north country tell of weather conditions heretofore unknown in the bleak, cold territory around Aklavik on the Mackenzie River.

According to information here, ice is melting on the Mackenzie River as mild weather continues on the Arctic Ocean. Warm breezes are sweeping the entire Mackenzie, breaking up the ice and preventing planes from landing either with pontoons or skis. Fliers state that for hundreds of miles north of Fort McMurray the ice is not strong enough to bear a ski-fitted plane and will damage machines equipped with floats.

The warm weather threatens to force postponement of the Arctic aerial service, which is scheduled to

# A WORD TO THE WISE

"If you listen to the novados, 'tis never done."—David Lloyd George.