

# Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

## CANADA Editor Describes Horrors of a Motor Accident

Newspapers announced briefly that a motor car had run into a truck near Sarnia and that some of the occupants had been injured. Mr. A. R. Kennedy, editor of the Stratford Beacon-Herald, was in the immediate vicinity when the accident took place and helped to rescue the victims from the ruined car. They were a father, mother and young son. All three were badly hurt and are now in the hospital. The Stratford editor feels that not enough is said about such accidents, and that it were well if more were said about them there would be less reckless driving on the public highways.

So he proceeded to write an editorial, a column and a half long and a column and a half wide, on the ghastly details of the affair—how it was pitched dark on a stormy night when the crash occurred; how the bleeding victims were taken from the motor; how they were carried to a neighboring farm; how difficult it was to reach a doctor; how the injured were finally carried to the Wyoming hospital, and how the farmer's wife fainted after they had been removed. The picture drawn by Mr. Kennedy is a tragic one. He speaks of gaping wounds and blood-soaked garments; of the moaning victims and of the pitifulness of the whole scene. He thinks that if the press would handle all motor accidents in the same way drivers would realize what it means to be in such accidents and that there would be an increase in careful driving and a consequent decrease in motor casualties.—Toronto Mail and Empire.

## Charity

Governments cannot do everything in a crisis like this. The individual is bound to practice charity and the spirit of sacrifice much more than he does ordinarily. Those who are not unemployed, and who have not been cruelly damaged by the crisis, and who still receive their salaries from week to week or from month to month should give proof of their generosity, even if this generosity can only be made at the cost of sacrifices.—Le Progress de l'Est.

## Prosperity or Depression

It would be a mistake to conclude that our normal state is one of prosperity. Dr. Thorp, of the National Bureau of Economic Research at Washington, prepared a table showing the condition of business since the year 1868. Between years of prosperity and depression and those which have seen both these elements, it works out this way: Depression, 20; prosperity, 24; divided, 20. Good years, lean years and those which lie in between seem to be rather evenly mixed. There is nothing in that table to act as a guarantee that good times will last or to indicate that periods of depression will not pass.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

## Becomes a Trail Blazer

Hats off to the much-denounced cigarette. It has taken the leadership in a movement away from high taxation that may earn a niche in the hall of fame. In a Canada weary of tax burdens the handy little smoke is the first to come forward with relief. Who knows but that the popularity of the excise tax reduction of two dollars per thousand will make converts all along the line of commodities until taxes and excises will be but an unpleasant memory in a happy land.—Toronto Telegram.

## Canada Industrialized

Our manufacturing enterprises have developed with giant strides to the point when, to-day, this young country of ours despite its small population, is one of the most intensely industrialized countries in the whole world. The future of our industries is intimately related to the question of a market for our products. Whether we shall find the latter in the creation of a more extended domestic market or by way of agreements within the Empire, the great preoccupation of our Canadian manufacturers will always be to find a market for their articles.—La Presse, Montreal.

## Supply and Demand

If Canada does not meet the demand for the goods on which she is offered preference, if she does not keep up a continuous supply of these goods and see that what she ships is of satisfactory quality, the market will not remain with her, preference or no preference.—Vancouver Province.

## Killed By Mistake

Has any man any right to fire a shot without knowing what he is firing at? The tragedy which has haunted the woods this fall is almost unbelievable in its magnitude and its carelessness. A man is shot, the shooter taking him for a partridge. A man is shot, the hunter mistaking him for a bear. A woman is shot, the sportsman thinking he was firing at a moose. An ox is shot in mistake for something else. A man was shot as he went into the woods to drive his cattle home. A man mows the bushes and a shot brings him to the ground the shooter thinking at the moment in hope of bring-

ing down a moose. And so the tragic story unrolls itself, day after day, the wires bringing in their tale of dead and wounded.—Halifax Chronicle.

## Use For Old Tires

Of the many varieties of scrap and waste materials for which there is a steady demand in Hong Kong and South China, one of the most important is worn-out automobile tires. Ingenious and thrifty Chinese have observed that a sandal, just as comfortable as the locally made grass or straw sandal worn by the majority of natives, and with superior wearing and lasting qualities, can be cut out of used automobile tires, and a regular trade has developed in this commodity. Moreover, the excellent wearing quality of this material has resulted in its adoption as soles for the conventional slipper worn by Chinese who can afford this type of footwear.—London Daily Express.

## THE EMPIRE

Sound Money

The pound is all right. It is the soundest unit of currency in the world to-day. Behind it are the character and resources of the British people. Nothing can destroy its value. But the foolish sayings of our public men and the irresponsible actions of isolated mobs can temporarily depress it.—London Daily Express.

## Spending Wisely

Economy can never be a fault, but it must be sound economy, and most people are well aware—in their own conscience—of the distinction and where to draw the line. To cut off ordinary and normal expenditure on which the welfare of others depends, without necessity, in times like these, after the requirements of prudence have been reasonably met, is to do the State not service but disservice. The vast and still growing deposits at the banks are a sign that the Chancellor's exhortation to spend wisely is well-timed.—London Daily Telegraph.

## The Farmers' Plight

Agriculture employs directly or indirectly 1,100,000 persons, so that it is the most important trade in the country. Its output of food is between £200,000,000 and £300,000,000 in value in an average year. The Government might well give the banks such guarantees as would enable them to grant immediate credit to the farmer. There need be no fear of subventioning inefficient. These have been weeded out long since. Only the best and shrewdest men remain after the years of depression through which agriculture has passed. But whatever is done must be done quickly if the tragedy of a million agricultural workers looking in vain for work in the coming winter is to be averted.—London Daily Mail.

## The Empire's Sun-porch

The rate of exchange and the increased emphasis on Empire travel is bound to stimulate Empire resorts. And it must be remembered that these West Indies are the only Riviera that the Empire possesses. We are the natural Riviera for Canada and Great Britain. And we extend hearty welcomes to visitors from wherever they come.—Trinidad Guardian.

## AMERICAN

Krueger's \$250,000 Penthouse

We jumped at the chance, the other day, to see the much-talked-of penthouse of the late Ivar Krueger, at 791 Park Avenue. We had a fine time and wished you were there, because it's a hard thing to describe. It's a nine-room affair, not counting the servants' quarters. All the walls were painted by artists, not just workmen with brushes; they are something. The lighting is indirect, complicated, and appalling. Bulbs hidden under the edges of the ceiling are controlled by a fantastic system of switches; rheostats concealed in the closet, regulate the intensity. Any room can be bathed in white, red, blue, or amber light, or any blending of these. The match king was a great one for twiddling with lights. He could get daylight with white and amber, moonlight with white and blue; he could produce the tranquil light of stars and, by pulling enough switches, an effect something like the burning of Rome. Glass areas in the centres of the ceilings could also be made to glow like pools of fire or pools of blood. He liked red. At the head of his bed was a switch which he turned when he wanted to sleep; all the other lights went off and four soft red ones came on, one in each corner of the ceiling. Then the master slept, in the midst of his thousands of switches. Outside, in his remarkable hothouse garden, the breeze stirred in his peach tree, his pear tree, his cherry tree, and his two tall weeping willows.—New Yorker.

## King George Cables Hope for Recovery of Ford

Detroit, Mich.—King George cabled from London Sunday night to Henry Ford, expressing his hopes that the 69-year-old motor magnate might enjoy a speedy recovery from the emergency operation he underwent Saturday for hernia.

## London Remembers



King George is seen here placing his wreath on the cenotaph during the impressive Remembrance Day ceremonies at Whitehall.

## G. B. Shaw Will Start on Extensive World Tour

London.—Hon. Bernard Shaw, the playwright, said last week that he would start on a world tour the middle of December. Shaw, who will be accompanied by Mrs. Shaw, said he would spend Christmas in the Holy Land, if his plans went well.

"What I want to do," he said, "is to get into a ship and get down to some hard work. There is nothing like getting aboard ship if one wants to combine rest with hard work."

The Sunday Times said Shaw would sail on the Empress of Britain for Egypt, India, Ceylon, Singapore and China, and that he might make his first visit to the United States at San Francisco. The playwright often has been importuned to visit America but he always refused.

There were reports here that Shaw was going to fly over the great wall in China, but he denied this. He added, however, "if any airman offers me a lift I might fly over."

## Average Value of Pound Sterling Set at \$3.79

Ottawa.—The average value of the pound sterling, for special duty purposes, has been fixed between the period from Dec. 1 and Dec. 15 (both dates inclusive) at \$3.79, according to a bulletin issued Saturday by the Minister of National Revenue.

The special duty or "currency dump" consists of the difference between \$3.79 and \$4.40, which was the value at which Canada "pegged" the pound sterling last year.

## Premier Plans Trip to England

Will Sail at End of Week for Month's Holiday

Ottawa.—Premier R. B. Bennett plans to sail for England about the end of this week and will be away three or four weeks. This will be the first real holiday for the Prime Minister in over a year. Following the previous session of Parliament he remained in Ottawa throughout the summer because of the Imperial Economic Conference and then plunged into the preparation for the opening of the present session, which adjourned Friday night.

Although much of his holiday will be spent in Britain and on the sea, he will probably visit France before his return. One of his ministers is already in Europe. Hon. C. H. Cahoon is heading the Canadian delegation to the League of Nations and is also negotiating with the French Government for a new trade treaty with Canada.

Hon. H. H. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, will leave for Vancouver on Wednesday. Mr. Stevens has been almost continuously in Ottawa since before the Imperial Economic Conference opened, in which he took so important a part.

Be noble and the nobleness that lies in other men, sleeping, but never dead, will rise in majesty to meet thine own.—James Russell Lowell.

## Russia's Leader At Parade



Stalin on way to Red Square for Moscow's fifteenth anniversary of the founding of the Soviet regime on November 7. Stalin (recently became a widower) watched a million soldiers, sailors, workers and peasants march past.

## Two Are Killed—Three Hurt When Train Smashes Car

Toronto Librarian and University Student Die at Crossing—Third Critically Injured—Car Carried 200 Yards

Toronto.—Two young women were almost instantly killed, a third was critically injured and two others less seriously hurt early Sunday when their London-bound motor car was struck by a freight train at the Bloor Street, Islington, level crossing of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

With tragic, sickening swiftness the week-end party of happy university graduates and students was shattered when the car was hit broadside and carried about 200 yards along the right-of-way.

## Killed

Marion Black, B.A., 26 years of age, 1378A Yonge Street, librarian, Deer Park branch, Toronto.

Janet Wilkinson, 20, student of Victoria College, resident of Annesley Hall, daughter of J. E. B. Wilkinson, Tillsonburg.

## Injured

Janet Murray, M.A., 26, of Guysboro, N.S., residing at 394 Avenue Road, Toronto; librarian, at Runnymede branch, critically injured.

Constance Cottee, 23, of 15 Light Street, Woodstock, nurse, residing with Miss Black in Toronto.

Marion Clark 20, daughter of J. G. Clark, London Road, Sarnia, student at Augusta Fleming School of Decorating, Toronto, living at 5 Wilcocks St., Toronto.

The accident occurred at 9:40 in the morning, as the motor car, owned and driven by Miss Cottee, was proceeding along Bloor Street towards the junction of Bloor and Dundas Streets. The five girls had met early in the morning to fulfil their plans, arranged the previous day, to visit relatives in Ingersoll and London.

## Unable to Explain

Late Sunday night the minds of Miss Cottee and Miss Clark, the two girls who were able to be questioned, were still blank as to how the accident had occurred. A clear view of the western section of the track was obtainable

from the direction in which they came; the wig-wag system at the crossing was operating according to the train crew—the only known eyewitnesses—and visibility was clear in the morning sunshine.

Dr. George Wilson, surgeon of St. Michael's Hospital, performed an operation upon Miss Murray, following a blood transfusion. At midnight she was reported to be showing considerable improvement from the critical head injuries which she had suffered when the car was crushed upon her.

Miss Cottee's condition had become more serious as a result of worry about the condition of her companions. Miss Clark had improved following an operation upon her chest, which had been crushed. All three young women were in Western Hospital, where they were rushed in police and private ambulances following the accident.

Police experienced exceptional difficulty in establishing the identity of the young women other than that of Miss Cottee, whose ownership of the car was readily ascertained. Because, however, the other young women did not reside with relatives and because they had not left any information as to their destinations and companions on the trip, police were baffled for hours. None of them bore anything which seemed to aid in the task of solving their identities.

"I am going to defer selecting a date for the inquest, in the hope that eye-witnesses may be located in the meantime," stated Coroner Dr. Emerson Bull Sunday night. "We have found no one who saw the crash beyond the train crew. It is possible that other motorists were on the highway and saw the crash, ran to assist and then departed without disclosing their identity. In such a case, we hope they will notify us and aid considerably in clearing up the mystery which shrouds the fact that the girls drove upon the crossing with the train approaching."

## Officer and Quarry Shot After Robbery

Police Overtake Fugitive on Railway Line in Dark

North Bay, Nov. 27.—Brought to bay at the end of ten hours of persistent trailing, Samuel Ayoub, 26-year-old Kirkland Lake dry-goods merchant, battled it out in a gunfight with North Bay police on the C.P.R. tracks 16 miles east of here Sunday night, and was brought to town this morning, not as the cool, collected bandit who allegedly had walked out of the Bank of Montreal at noon with \$5,000 in cash, but bleeding, with three bullet wounds about his body.

Ayoub's capture was effected only after he had closed with Police Constable Joseph Belanger on the frosty track ties, had shot him through the left arm and hip, and had rolled with him in a bear-like embrace, 25 feet to the bottom of the railway embankment, where, as they broke loose from each other, Ayoub came under the fire of Constable John Pilgrim's revolver from above, and dropped like a pole-axed steer.

A search of the alleged bandit's garments, after he had been thoroughly manacled by P.C. Pilgrim, revealed two other guns in addition to that with which he shot P.C. Belanger, and the approximate \$5,000 with which he made his alleged getaway from the bank.

Rushed to North Bay in the car of Constable Campeau of the Provincial Police, who had been co-operating in the all-day search, Ayoub and Belanger were given medical attention and then removed to hospital. At first no hopes for the former's recovery were entertained. Latter advice, however, are that he is "markedly improved."

P.C. Belanger's injuries are slight, and he was out today, smiling over the affair.

Ayoub has been charged with robbery with violence, but a further charge of attempted murder may be laid; the police intimate, before his court appearance. Heavily armed guards watch over his cot in the Civic General Hospital.

As well as being a three-gun man, the police say, he uses three aliases—Samard, Essa and Fraser. Prior to his brief fling at the Kirkland Lake dry-goods trade, he was in Sudbury for a couple of years, in the hosiery business.

His alleged holdup of the Bank of Montreal branch at noon, Saturday, constituted the first actually successful bank robbery in the history of the city, although, in 1927, an attempted holdup was nipped in the bud before it ever got started.

Yesterday's robbery occurred shortly after the bank had closed at noon. The bandit, the police say, using one of his aliases, Fraser, had been in earlier in the morning and told the ledger-keeper, Claire McGowan, that he wished to transfer his account from an out-of-town bank. Saying that he would go to get his passbook, he left.

When he returned, the bank had been closed only about ten minutes.

## Hard Red Wheat Prizes to Canada

Herman Trelle Leads Drive at Chicago—80 of 85 Awards Taken

Chicago.—Led by Herman Trelle, Canada made a clean sweep of all but five places in the hard red Spring wheat awards in the International Hay and Grain Show here, capturing 80 of the 85 awards and taking the first 65 places before a state exhibit scored.

Seven Alberta exhibitors were in the first 10 of which Trelle, whose home is at Wenlock, Alta., was first, and Frelan Wilford of Stavelly, Alta., second.

While the judging in fat and breed cattle rested over Sunday the Canadian entrants in the agricultural show made their usual blue-ribbon mop-up, though their average of firsts was not as high as in last year's show to date.

Joseph H. B. Smith, of Wolf Creek, Alberta, was forced to take fifth place in the two-rowed barley classes.

In the intercollegiate live stock judging contest the Ontario Agricultural College took fourth place, the University of Illinois beating them out of third award by 19 points. The Ontarians had a point total of 4,533. They took second in two of the four events, however, scoring 1,156 points in the rank of teams—horses, and another in the ranks of teams—sheep, with 1,165 points. They were placed eighth in cattle with 1,067 points, and the same award in hogs with a point total of 1,146. The University of Ohio took first with 4,598, and Kansas second with 4,580.

Increased Advertising  
New York.—A general forward trade and market movement by early December is predicted by Samuel P. Weston, expert on newspaper operations, based on a percentage increase of classified advertising lineage used in 52 major cities last month.

He said the increase of October lineage over September of this year virtually doubled the lineage increase of the corresponding period of 1928.

## Travels Light



A minimum of baggage is carried by Amy Johnson, famous British woman flier. She is shown here after her record-breaking flight from London to Cape Town.

## Decrease in Births, Marriages and Deaths

According to a bulletin issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, births registered in October in 54 cities of Canada numbered 6,706, deaths 3,541 and marriages 2,736, compared with 7,054 births, 3,632 deaths and 2,859 marriages in October of last year, showing a decrease of 3 per cent. in births, 4 per cent. in deaths and 4 per cent. in marriages.

Births registered in the same cities during the ten months January-October of this year totalled 67,941, deaths 37,781, and marriages 23,547, as against 72,477 births, 37,995 deaths and 25,459 marriages during the corresponding period last year. This comparison shows a decrease of 6 1/2 per cent. in births, 1/2 per cent. in deaths and 7 1/2 per cent. in marriages.

## Boy is Poisoned By Jimson Seeds

Danville, Va.—One of the most unusual cases of poisoning which occurred in this section took place when a 4-year-old Bernard Adkins died from eating seeds of the jimson weed. Half a dozen doctors sought desperately to save the child's life, but he sank into a stupor and all forms of treatment were unsuccessful. The little boy apparently ate the seeds of about six pods of the weed while gathering walnuts with his 6-year-old sister.

## 250,000 Visit House

London.—It was officially announced last week that 25,061 has been raised by the exhibition of Princess Elizabeth's miniature house in London, Cardiff, Bristol, and Swansea, and that the whole of this amount, with the exception of £525 which was given to Bristol charities, has been distributed among Welsh hospitals.

The house was visited by 250,000 persons. It now has a permanent site in the rose garden of the Royal Lodge at Windsor Great Park.

## Sound Device to Lure Mosquitoes to Death

Washington.—F. L. Knowles, assistant physicist of the Public Health Service, has devised a new sound machine which he hopes will lure mosquitoes to their death in swarms. By setting the device to reproduce exactly the sounds made by mosquitoes, Knowles believes it may be possible to attract the insects in closely packed groups which can easily be destroyed.

## A Novel in 101 Postcards

Paris.—A French novelist, Jean Jacques Chretiennot, has just published a complete novel composed of 101 postcards.

The collection purports to be the correspondence of two lovers who are separated, and tells a complete love story in communications some of which are not more than a line or two. The object of the author has been to concentrate into the briefest number of words a complicated story full of subtleties, and some of the brief missives require considerable study and comparison with the previous postcards before the full meaning becomes apparent.

The book is entitled, "A Novel in 101 Postcards."