

Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Another Peddler Gyp

One day the past week a tall, middle-aged man with a moustache called on places of business and private residences selling what was described as a new kind of muclage in stick form. As the demonstration seemed convincing, a good many people bought and paid a dime for the patented sticker, but after the stranger had gone his way and trials were made of the glue it was found to be useless. As a matter of fact the supposed solidified muclage appeared to be nothing but a resinous mixture with no adhesive qualities at all. The patented sticker was wrapped in a small label, bearing the supposed address of the manufacturers in Toronto.—St. Mary's Journal-Argus.

New Highs

During the month of October just closed, a total volume of 293,515 tons of traffic passed inward and outward at this port. This is a new record for Halifax Harbor, and the figures exceed the previous record established in August of this year when a total of 177,000 tons was handled. These traffic increases are not spasmodic, but are being sustained week by week and month by month, and he would be a sorry pessimist indeed who would fail to find in figures of this kind reason for great encouragement and satisfaction.—Halifax Herald.

Birth of Telephone

The people of the United States claim that that country is where the idea of the telephone was conceived, and the claim is still maintained, notwithstanding that Dr. Alexander Bell stated publicly at Brantford, and later at Boston, that "the conception of the telephone took place during the summer visit to his father's residence in Brantford in 1874, and the apparatus was just as it was subsequently made a one-membrane telephone on either end. The experiment of August 10, 1876, made from Brantford to Paris, was the first transmission, the first clear and intelligible transmission of speech over the real line that has ever been made."—Milverton Sun.

Plan Not Understood

Latest estimates place the population of the United States at 130,000,000, and the New Yorker, observes that by a remarkable coincidence this is exactly the number of people who do not understand Roosevelt's gold-purchase plan.—Hamilton Spectator.

Unwise

The St. Mary's Journal-Argus voices a protest against the custom of removing hats during funeral services—a custom which has resulted in many deaths. It should be possible to conduct a funeral service without causing more funerals, and to pay respect to the dead without injury to the living. The uncovering of heads in inclement weather is unnecessary and unwise.—Toronto Star Weekly.

Buy Made-in-Canada

A useful campaign, which has been in force for some years, is now being pursued all over Canada—the campaign to buy Canadian goods. It is not necessary to push chauvinism to the point of boycotting all merchandise of foreign origin; this is neither possible nor practical. Nevertheless, it is reasonable, each time we get the opportunity, to show our preference for what is manufactured in our own country by our own fellow citizens.—La Tribune, Sherbrooke.

The Instinct of the Land

Everyone engaged in an urban pursuit has a vital interest in seeing that industry prospers. What is so astounding is that this manifest truth does not appear to be recognized—in such a way, that is, as to provoke any action—except by a very few people; that so many people seem not to know what is going on in the country, that, in short, the agricultural interests find so few people to interpret them in urban centres. This singular phenomenon, a particularly strange one in a country where the urban population is still, from its origins, so close to the soil is perhaps due to the fact that a very small number of citizens have retained their country connections. In France and in Britain many people who occupy eminent positions in the liberal professions or in business possess lands which they themselves work or get others to work for them. Thus they know the daily lives of farmers and the repercussion of high and low prices. With us this is far too rare an occurrence.—Le Devoir, Montreal.

Canadian Fox Best

Recently the Saint John Telegraph-Journal published the statement that the quality of the furs from the foxes reared in Germany were not as good as those from Canada. On making enquiries in London from the most authoritative sources, it appears that this statement is corroborated. Silver fox pelts received from Germany and sold in the London market are reported to be "not of more than average quality." The superiority claimed for Canadian fox pelts is indisputable, at any rate, so far as pelts of German or Scandinavian origin are concerned. It is held by many experts that even the best British-bred foxes are not quite

the equal of the best that comes from Canada, and for breeding purposes it will be found advisable for British fox farms to improve the breed by the occasional importation of the best stock from Canadian ranches.—Canada (London).

Disadvantages and Advantages

It is indeed gratifying to learn that the Trans-Canada highway between Pembroke and North Bay is practically finished and that by December 15th it is expected that all the work will be done, and the men sent to other points. This will assure us of far greater tourist traffic, and it will be interesting to watch its development. In due time the highway through the Algonquin Park will have been finished as well and with its terminus at this point we should then know what the tourist traffic actually means to Ontario. While no doubt this Pembroke-North Bay highway could have been constructed at a much less cost had the work been done by contract labor, yet the fact remains that had it not been for this depression, and relief employment given to the thousands of men, this work would not have been completed for the next twenty years.—Pembroke Standard.

THE EMPIRE

Australia's North

The presence in Adelaide of the manager of Victoria Downs station in the Ord River country has drawn attention to the vast estate Australia has in the north. The area of the Eoyril Australian Estates, an English Company, is 11,000 square miles, half as big again as Wales. At present it carries 130,000 head of cattle which are driven 300 miles into Wyndham to the meat works. The white population of the vast tract is below 50.—Empire Press Union's Australian News Letter.

Hail, Dauntless Derreen!

Hats off to Dauntless Derreen, M. H. Rutledge's White Leghorn hen which at Agassiz laid its 36th egg and tied the world's championship egg-laying record of No. Drone 5-H of Port Kells, also of British Columbia! During the last week or more Dauntless Derreen was an international figure. She chased Cadborosaurus off the headlines of the continental press; she became a topic of conversation on the elevated and in the subways of New York. Bets were offered on her prospects of eclipsing the championship, and then, when she missed a day because she over-worked herself on a particularly large egg, on her prospects of equaling the record. It had only put a little less into that big egg and left enough for a smaller one she would have over-matched No. Drone.—Victoria Times.

One Editor to Another

From the columns of the St. Catharines Standard we lifted this: "The whistles blew in Stratford yesterday morning and it is a real pleasure to report that the editor of the Stratford Beacon-Herald is awake once again.

All of which is quite correct, and as soon as we can truthfully do so we shall be pleased to publish a similar report about the editor of the Standard.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Values-Herself Highly

The girl at Lynn, Mass., who announces that she will marry any man who will support her parents and her ten brothers and sisters must be sort of mixed up. What she wants to marry is the Rockefeller Foundation.—Macon Telegraph.

Motorists and Insurance

While everyone discusses what steps should be taken to lessen the appalling loss of life on the roads, it is worth while also to consider whether the compulsory insurance provisions in the Road Traffic Act have proved as satisfactory as we had hoped, in guaranteeing compensation to road accident victims or their dependents. Recent cases in the courts have shown that the underwriters are not legally liable to pay compensation in cases where a condition laid down in the policy has not been fulfilled by the owner of the car. If, for instance, at the time of the accident, the car is insured for private purposes, the fact that the motorist carries an insurance certificate does not help the victim.—New Statesman and Nation.

THE UNITED STATES

Toll Insects Take

The annual loss caused in the United States by insects is estimated by the Department of Agriculture to reach a total of \$2,000,000,000. Without insecticides, according to Dr. Henry G. Knight, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, it would be impossible to feed the world as society is organized to-day. Only by concerted war on predatory insects which dispossess of the earth with man can society be protected against famine and pestilence. The damage to growing plants caused by insects every year in this country is estimated to average 10 per cent. of their value. Dr. Knight places the loss to forest trees alone at \$100,000,000 annually.—Washington Post

A Winner



Mrs. F. M. Whan, 216 Garden Ave., Toronto, with her red tabby, "Skippy," first prize winner of its class at the Royal Winter Fair. "Skippy" gained seven points on his championship.

Baseball Bats Tariff Changed

Canada Lowers Rate on Hickory from Spain

Ottawa, Dec. 3.—Three changes in the tariff, all reductions of rates, were announced here to-day by orders-in-Council. Two were designed to promote trade with the United States, the other with Spain.

Because suitable hickory for baseball bats could not be obtained in Canada, a rate of 10 per cent. was listed for intermediate and general tariffs, the British preference remaining free. Rates of 10 per cent. in the intermediate and general classifications for discs, used in the manufacture of automobile wheels, were established, the British preference remaining free.

The intermediate rate on Seville oranges, used in the manufacture of marmalade, was made free, the same as the British preference. The general rate remained at 35 cents a cubic foot, based on the size and weight of the container. Bitter oranges are available only in Spain.

Two Gunmen Hold Up Kitchener Street Car

Kitchener.—Police are searching for the two masked gunmen who held up Garwood Daynard, operator of the Bridgeport car of the Kitchener Street Railway and escaped, with between \$20 and \$30 on Sunday night. Daynard stopped to take on what he believed were two passengers at a crossing near the outskirts of the city late. Upon boarding the car, the men brandished weapons, rifled the operator's pockets, removed the fare box and escaped in an automobile.

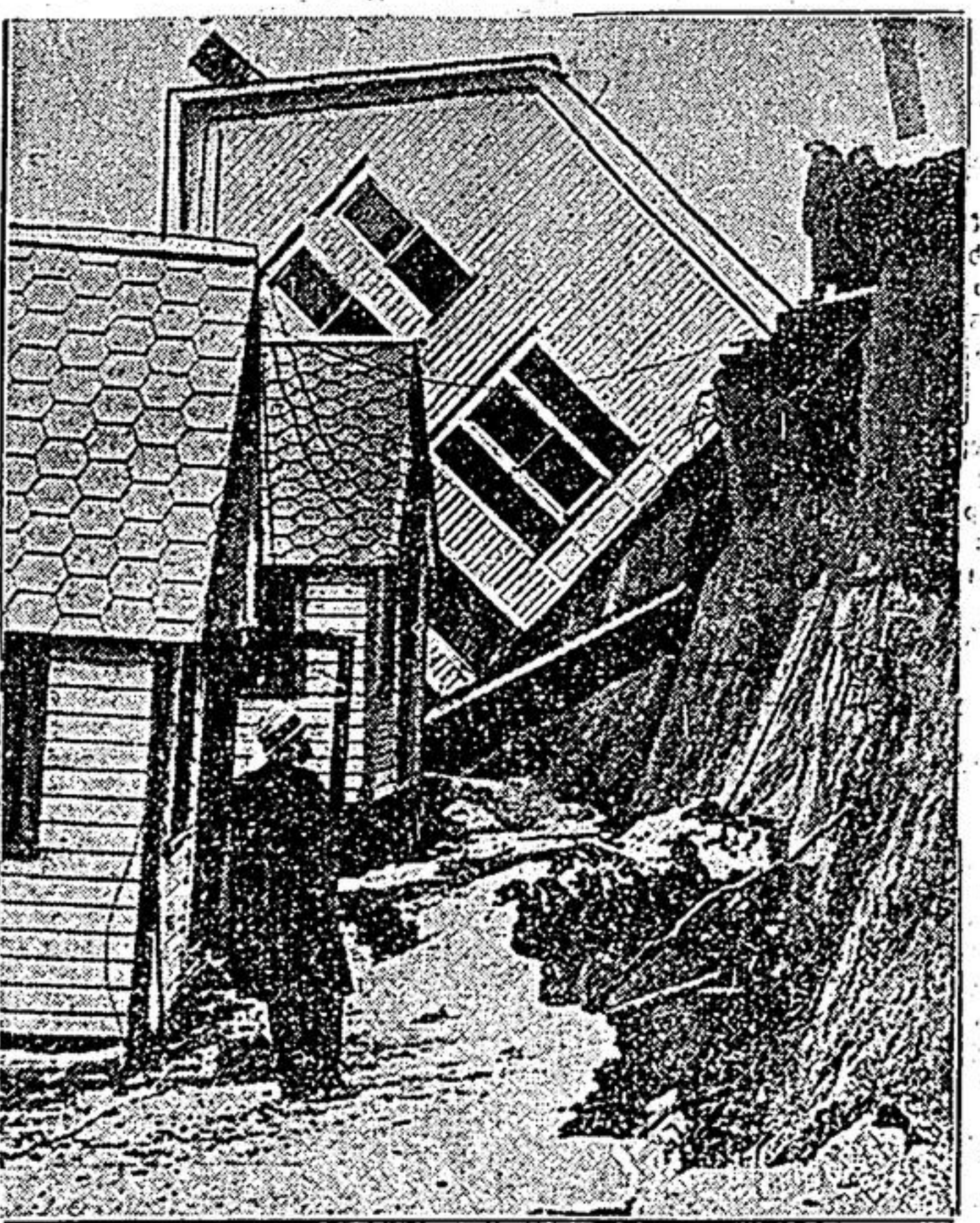
Relief in Saskatchewan

Regina.—Immediate introduction of a policy of medical and hospital relief for the 1933 drought area in Saskatchewan has been announced by C. B. Daniel, general manager of the Saskatchewan Relief Commission. Plans provide for increased grants for hospitalization of indigent patients.

Bride Shot Dead

Worcester, Mass.—Mrs. Viola Cole, 17, a bride of less than five weeks, died from bullet wounds, which, according to the police, were inflicted on her by her husband, Edward A. Cole, 20, who has been arrested.

No Fatalities



The citizens of Crookston, Minn., woke up one morning to find five houses and a hatchery something like this. Just a landslide. Nobody hurt.

Noted Varsity Football Star Victim of Gunman's Bullet

Athlete Sees Bridge Party Porch-climber Through Window, Goes Outside and Challenges Him to Come Down—Man Leaps to Ground; Pulls Gun, Fires into Copp's Abdomen and Flees

Johnny Copp, 22-year-old inter-collegiate championship football team, was shot and fatally wounded by a burglar whom he tackled in the backyard of his father's home at 96 Wellesley Street.

While the fourth-year medical student and orchestra leader was lying with only a "fighting chance" for life in Wellesley Hospital, police were engaged in one of the most intense man-hunts they have ever staged.

Try to Stop Hemorrhages

Shortly before one o'clock Saturday morning, Copp was taken from the operating room where for three hours Drs. John McDonald, George Gillan and J. W. Rush, aided by the young man's father, Dr. Charles J. Copp, prominent surgeon, had sought to stop the terrific hemorrhages which had ensued from the wound. In five places the young athlete's intestines had been perforated by the bullet.

Two blood transfusions, the donors both members of the Varsity football team, had been administered during the night to combat the weakness from loss of blood. Every member of the first and second Blue and White teams had appeared at the hospital to volunteer assistance and had received tests. Three of them were retained as donors.

Police Concentrated

In a wide semi-circle around the district of Wellesley and Church Streets, every police cruiser, dozens of motorcycles and scores of plainclothes and uniformed men were scattered, in an intensive hunt for a "bridge party" burglar who had climbed to a second-storey window of the house in which Mrs. Copp was entertaining several friends at bridge.

Copp saw the burglar through a window in his father's second-floor bedroom and went outside, challenging him to come down from the ledge on

which the thief stood. The man leaped to the ground and they engaged in a scuffle for a minute or two. The man pulled a gun, fired a shot into Copp's abdomen and fled over a back fence into a lane. Copp staggered into the kitchen of his home, coolly stretched out on the floor and asked that a doctor be called.

Police were notified and, while an ambulance was coming, the young man gave them a complete account of his encounter. He was then removed to Wellesley Hospital, accompanied by his mother and sister. His father, returning home an hour later, was notified by newspapermen and Inspector Douglas Marshall of the shooting, and went to the hospital where he assisted the surgeons who were seeking to save his son's life.

Johnny Copp died Sunday morning. Death ended the courageous fight of the young athlete at 2:40 o'clock, despite every effort of surgeons to prolong his life. Loss of blood had weakened his splendid physical condition, rendering it unable to withstand the shock of the operations which sought to save him.

And Sunday Toronto paid tribute to the young man. Church pulpits made reference to his death; thousands of persons telephoned newspaper offices, his home and Wellesley Hospital. A public funeral, for which all lectures were suspended at the University of Toronto during the afternoon, was held in Convocation Hall, at 3 p.m., Tuesday. It was attended by the Mayor and City Council in a body.

Transfusions in Vain

Seven fellow students, members of the Varsity football team and of the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity to which Johnny belonged, aided medical science in its fight against death. Transfusions of three quarts of blood were made by the surgeons in an effort to replace the blood lost by the young athlete.

Refute "Widow" in Bridge Game

Ely Culbertson's Suggestion Not Taken Seriously by Others

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 3.—The suggestion of Ely Culbertson that a "widow" be introduced into contract bridge was tossed out of the window today by experts assembling for the National Championships of the American Bridge League.

To add a zest of uncertainty to the game and promote more skillful play by the declarer, Culbertson last week suggested that each player should be dealt 12 cards and the "widow" should contain four cards, the winner of the auction selecting one card from the widow and giving one to each of the other players.

"Most absurd" was the comment of P. Hal Sims, originator of the system used by a majority of the national champions.

Bottle Foils Hamilton Bandit

Grocer Jumps Counter and Swings at Gunman

Hamilton, Dec. 3.—Reaching for a pop bottle instead of the cash, Dan Cook, owner of a grocery store at 642 John Street north, defied an armed bandit Saturday night and frustrated a robbery.

"Stick 'em up and make it fast," commanded the thin-faced thug of about 21 years of age.

"I'll think it over," Cook calmly remarked. Grabbing a bottle he jumped over the counter and swung at the would-be robber. The bandit ran from the door, pushed his automatic back in his coat pocket and escaped in a car. The license plate was dirty and the number was not obtained but Cook said that an old model machine with a worn-out motor had been used.

Baden-Powell To Visit Canada Next Autumn

Ottawa.—Announcement of a visit to Canada in September and October, 1934, by Lord Baden-Powell, world head of the Boy Scout Movement, was made by His Excellency the Earl of Bessborough, Chief Scout for Canada, at the semi-annual meeting of the executive committee of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts Association. The Governor-General presided. Lord Baden-Powell will be accompanied by Lady Baden-Powell, World Chief Guide. The two leaders will meet scouts and guides, and review Boy Scouts and Girl Guides at various points across the Dominion. At the conclusion of the tour they will sail from Vancouver for Australia.

Autos of 1934 To Have "Knees"

Maker Explains Means Easier Riding—Will Cost More

New York.—Striking changes will be made in the front wheel assembly of the automobiles manufactured by General Motors next year, it has been announced by Mrs. Alfred P. Sloan Jr., president of the corporation. These changes will make for a new type of front axles and springs, designed to afford easier riding and greater safety.

Mr. Sloan said the 1934 models would be built so that each wheel would absorb the road shock without transmitting it to other parts of the frame.

"Engineers call it 'independent front wheel suspension,'" Mr. Sloan continued, "but the simplest way to explain it is to say that we have put knees on our automobiles. The front wheels correspond to the legs and feet of a man. They are the parts that get over the ground.

"In the past, all automobiles have been stiff-jointed. The front wheel, joined by a heavy I-beam axle and stiff front springs, have communicated every jar and jolt to each other, and to the chassis. When you hit a bump it caused the front of the car to tilt, the rear to pitch and the passengers to be jounced.

"Now General Motors has pioneered an entirely new front wheel assembly, perfected by more than two years of engineering work in our laboratories and on our General Motors' proving ground. The old type front axle and the stiff front spring are gone.

"Each front wheel will be attached individually to the chassis by its own soft-spring. When it encounters a bump or a hole, it will rise or fall independently, as your leg is lifted or straightened by its knee without affecting your other leg or the equilibrium of your body. The result will be that the wheel, not the passenger, will get the jar."

Mr. Sloan added that the 1934 models would be roomier than those of this year without much change of wheel base. Also the price arrangement will be upward from \$50 or automobiles in the \$500 class. This advance in price, Mr. Sloan said, will be made necessary by the change in the front axle and wheel assembly and by the rising cost of production under the National Recovery Administration code.

Russian Women Go From Business to Opera or Theatre

New York.—The same dress the Russian woman wears to work by day goes to the opera or theatre by night, says Tatiana Alexeevna Kuriz Secretary of the Board of the Com-misariat for Education at Moscow. She is here with her husband, Wilhelm A. Kuriz, president of Intourist the Soviet state travel bureau.

"Yes," said the young Mrs. Kuriz whose fair cheeks glowed with ruddiness, "the women over there all work so they pay little attention to what you call fashion.

They pick out a style that suits their position. Jersey, silk and wool are worn most, though. Russia has many silk factories.

"Our women often go directly to the theatre or opera from work and wear the same clothes.

"The stage and opera are very popular there. Moscow has three opera houses. There isn't a great deal of night life though."

Doctors Prefer Women To Men Patients

Toronto.—Women die harder than men, despite the fact they are called the weaker sex. For this reason doctors prefer women patients to men. This assurance was given the annual meeting of the Ontario Women's Institutes by Hon. Dr. James Robb, Ontario Minister of Health.

Dr. Robb spoke of child mortality, and pleaded with the women to take a greater interest in its causes. Out of every 100 children who died before they reached the age of five, he said, 57 were boys and 43 girls.

"Women and girls have more virility than men and boys," said the minister. "Every medical man will tell you he prefers to doctor a woman to a man."

Scottish Girls Sing at Foot of Lighthouse

In connection with the celebration of the centenary of Giralenes Lighthouse, Aberdeen (Scotland), 18 her girls sang mariners' hymns at the foot of the lighthouse.

The lighthouse, which stands on a rocky promontory of the Kiercaldine shire coast adjoining the entrance to Aberdeen harbor, was first lit on Oct. 15, 1833, and with the exception of the dark days of war has continued ever since flashing across the North Sea.

The service of commemoration was held in a marquee erected near the lighthouse, and with the aid of loudspeakers a great gathering outside was able to follow the proceedings.

From the surly-beaten rocks came a muffled roar of waves landing with the young voices of the 18-year girls as they sang "Beacon Light, Strong to Save," and Star of Peace to Wanderers Weary."

Rivers Drying Up

South Africa's long drought is causing many rivers to dry up, and cattle are wandering over the Limpopo, which forms part of the Bechuanaland border.