

The Papers Say

EDITORIAL COMMENT FROM
HERE, THERE AND
EVERYWHERE.

CANADA

A Woman of Eighty

She is a woman of eighty. In her younger days she played the piano well enough to give lessons to others. Today she is still giving lessons, not because she is required to by need of money to sustain her; far from it, for the reason is she is helping others who have not the means to pay for tuition. Two little girls, daughters of a neighbor, were eager to know how to play the piano, but the depression had left their parents with little better than sufficient to pay for the necessities of life, and piano lessons were out of range. So the neighbor of eighty years comes into the picture. She brings the little girls to her home and gives them lessons regularly, with the result that the gift to play the piano is not to be lost to these children of the depression years.—Lethbridge Herald.

Still To Come

There is food for thought in the perfectly accurate contention of a writer in the Philadelphia Messenger that the world has yet to see either a Christian country or a Christian city. A Christian city, he says, would be a city without slums, without jails, without poverty, without unemployment, without injustice, without drunkenness, without vice, without jealousy, without hatred, without bitterness. A Christian country, the same writer holds, would be a country without guns, without luxury for the few and hunger for the many, without bribery, without graft, without oppression.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

Sign It Clearly

Next to an anonymous letter in our morning mail, we are most annoyed by communications bearing signatures which no one could read. It is customary for the average stenographer in a business office to type the name of the Big Boss below his scrawl, which is very helpful to the puzzled reader. Sometimes one may guess at the name by checking over the officers designated on the letterhead. Too often the reader is left wholly in the dark. It is certainly a breach of courtesy on the part of any letter writer to so scrawl his own name that it is illegible to the recipient of the communication. If those who write letters are incapable of writing their names clearly, they should at least be considerate enough to have it typewritten or printed in block letters.—Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

Carries a Moral

A story in the New York Times seems to carry a moral of some kind for thoughtful drivers. As the traffic light turned on a busy corner, a frail old woman started to cross the street with a crowd. A big car brusquely nosed its way around the corner. While others scattered out of the way, the old woman stood still, seemed incapable of movement. Just as the car seemed about to hit her, a silk-hatted man, with a cane, limped quickly to her side and swung her out of harm's way. At the same moment there was a sharp report, and the tire of the car went flat. Talking to a nearby policeman, a few minutes later, a reporter learned that a similar incident had been happening nearly every morning, and that the silk-hatted man figured in each of them. Following up the story, the reporter learned that the man was a former diplomat, whose foot had been crushed by an automobile; and that it was not a cane he carried, but a sword stick. The forgotten pedestrian, who has to keep out of the way of imperious drivers, should be glad to know he has an avenger.—Guelph Mercury.

"Silly" Is Banned

But it seems rather a pity, nevertheless that Mr. Speaker should have ruled "silly" out of order. The amenities and the dignities for ever, of course—but really, the House of Commons ought to be of sterner stuff than to jibe at a little plain speaking in debate. Better, surely, that men's arguments should be called silly than that they themselves should be exhibited by Mr. Speaker as sissies in the sight of the nation. Mr. Blackford says he will not use the word again. "All right, Mr. Speaker," he said, "I have several others just as good." But he is boasting of course. There is no better word for silliness than "silly." That is the trouble about censoring the apt word.—Vancouver Province.

Income of Farmers

An item in the New York Times tells of the income tax received from small French farmers. "The French peasant, as a rule, keeps no books," comments the article. That makes the news all the more interesting, for the government has to rely mainly on the word of the taxpayer. "One French farmer confessed last year to a profit of \$17,000 on the year's farm-

ing." Others acknowledge making as high as \$10,000 a year. The majority, however, report profits ranging all the way from \$100 to \$1,000 a year, anything above the latter figure being exceptional. Experience of farmers in this province would appear to be much like their cousins in France, anything above a \$1,000 a year being exceptional—at least according to income tax returns.—Edmonton Journal.

Men Canny Losers

A survey of department stores, buses, trams and street cars has demonstrated that women lose more articles than men. As a matter of fact the male of the species also mislays many things, but he knows enough to do that in the home, and then have every one else in the household hunt for them.—Brantford Expositor.

Music For The People

Music is no longer a luxury or the almost inaccessible field of a few gifted enthusiasts. It has suddenly become part of the stuff of daily life—and a very important part. As Lord Horder said recently: "I envy musicians because they 'doctor' thousands of people at one time when, as a physician, I can only attend to one patient at a time."—Winnipeg Tribune.

A Judge Defends

The moving picture industry has received so many thrusts from magistrates, judges and social workers that it is refreshing to find no less a personage than Lord Hewart, Chief Justice of England, coming to its defense. He was addressing a dinner of moving picture people and remarked that while there was a fear that films of passion and crime influenced the younger people to become killers, blackmailers, thieves and to lead frivolous lives, he went back to the days of his youth and recalled that while he, and doubtless millions of other boys and young men, enjoyed stories about pirates, robbers and criminals of all kinds, they had nearly all grown up normal and decent living people. Many of these stories, he said, had become classics of literature, including, for example, Oliver Twist, wherein appears the greatest burglar of all, Bill Sikes, yet the piety and virtue of the readers had been undimmed.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Badly Needed

The search for the non-glaring headlight and the 100 per cent. efficient glare-eliminating windshield must go on. The reward for the discovery will be fewer traffic accidents, thousands of lives saved annually and faster and more comfortable night driving.—Port Arthur News-Chronicler.

A Good Season

Unless the devastating floods of the mid-section of the United States have an adverse effect on tourist travel, it is confidently expected that North Bay district and other sections of Northern Ontario will enjoy even a greater business in the coming summer season. Visitors to the Dionne babes will number 750,000, according to an estimate by persons in the know, which means a 30 per cent. gain over the number counted at the hospital last year.—North Bay Nugget.

THE EMPIRE

Big Ben

The most familiar voice in the world today is that of no mortal orator, whether king, peer, or commoner, but of a robot dictator. The deep, chested tones of Big Ben, thanks to the B.B.C., reverberate daily through the length and breadth of the globe. Londoners accept these brazen accents as a matter of course, though many of them have paid their pence to gaze through the telescope by Bondica's chariot on Westminster bridge, and watched Big Ben's giant paws visibly counting off eternity on his colossal dial. But, as the B.B.C.'s overseas correspondence testifies, to kinsmen in distant corners of the Empire the star performer on the other is Big Ben. Kipling's banjo may claim to be "Toun and all that ever went with evening dress," but Big Ben, for dusky foreloppers of the Empire, is London's roar personified. His voice is that of the Empire's muzzin, daily summoning the scattered kinsmen to thoughts and memories of the Old Country.—London cor. Ottawa Journal.

"If the great depression through which we have passed had been a scourge of typhus or some other one of the plagues, we would be thinking now about the means to make another such scourge impossible."—Frances Perkins.

"Economy recovery is the ally of free institutions."—Simeon Strunsky.

News In Review

Coronation Film By Plane

LONDON — A special transatlantic airplane flight is being planned in order to hasten delivery to North American motion picture theatres of Coronation films.

Negotiations are proceeding with Amy Mollison, Beryl Markham and other distinguished pilots to undertake a flight to New York, according to Sir Gordon Craig, General Manager of the company which has been granted exclusive rights to film the ceremonies on May 12th (British Movie-tone News).

Copies of the films will also be despatched to North America on the dirigible Hindenburg, scheduled to leave Frankfurt, Germany, late on the day of the Coronation. They will be flown to Frankfurt.

Mrs. Mollison and Mrs. Markham, both of whom have already conquered the North Atlantic by air, have indicated their willingness to attempt the flight, it was stated.

Canada will receive its copies of the films from New York by fast service.

Soviet Likes Ontario Seed

TORONTO — Fifteen thousand bushels of Ontario variegated alfalfa seed, valued at more than \$250,000, was purchased by the Soviet Government last year for use in Russia, according to an announcement made during the annual meeting of the Ontario Field Crop and Seed Association, here.

Ten years ago two bushels of the Ontario variegated seed were sent to Russia, which also secured United States Grimm and Western Canada Grimm for experimental purposes, a delegate announced. "And," he added, "the Russian Government last year purchased 15,000 bushels of Ontario variegated alfalfa. The purchase was of considerable importance to our business."

Rules Kissing Bible Is Not Necessary

GODERICH — When Campbell Grant, solicitor jumped to his feet and protested a witness had not been properly sworn. In that she had not kissed the Bible, Judge T. M. Costello ruled that kissing the Book was not necessary. "Witness, in taking the oath, does not have to actually kiss the Book," his Honor maintained. "In raising the Book in the right hand," he said to the witness, "you have solemnly sworn to tell the truth."

Up To Province

OTTAWA — Houses at a low rental was urged in the House of Commons by Denton Massey, (Cons., Toronto-Greenwood), but his motion for a national housing plan for slum elimination ran into difficulties in the matter of jurisdiction following upon the recent ruling of the Privy Council.

Hon. Charles Dunning, Minister of Finance, contended that the problem which Mr. Massey raised lay entirely within the Provincial jurisdiction.

Said Mr. Dunning—"The Federal authority has been 'put in its place' in respect to its powers recently by a very high authority.

He admitted that, until recently there had been little in the act to encourage the building of lower-cost homes. Since the act came into force, the average price of homes built was \$4,861. Due to recent changes designed to encourage lower-priced homes, however, this average had dropped to about \$2,400 and the scheme was growing.

To Trap Burglars

NEWMARKET — Mayor S. J. Boyd last week enthusiastically endorsed a scheme submitted by a resident whereby any householder could give a burglar alarm to its one police constable during the night.

"For years we have sought a communication system and here's one that beats the 'cost objection,'" said Mayor Boyd. "If a burglar enters your house, you telephone the waterworks department and a man working there all night presses a button which then makes the face of the town clock at the Post Office go dark. The policeman, looking to see what time it is, sees no clock and realizes that something is wrong. He telephones the waterworks department and hurries to the home entered by the burglar. The scheme is beautiful in its simplicity."

Amelia Earhart Plans Flight Around World

Aviatrix to Make East-to-West Trip Next Month to Learn How Humans React Under Strain.

NEW YORK. — Amelia Earhart Putnam said that she is tired of flying the Atlantic and will try a west-coast flight around the world next month "to study human reactions." "The bobbed-haired aviatrix, who flew the Atlantic twice, the Pacific from Hawaii to California once and held the transcontinental women's speed record for years, declares she will take off from Oakland, Calif., as soon as weather permits in March and fly 27,000 miles around the

Society Girl Bride of Italian Diplomat



Sarah Jane Sanford of New York, and Signor Mario Pansa, Italian diplomat, pictured after their brilliant wedding at the home of the bride's father, John Sanford (left), at Palm Beach, Fla. Mrs. Stephen Sanford is at the right.

Cut Unlikely

OTTAWA — The Postoffice Department will have the largest net revenue this fiscal year that it has had since 1920, but there is not much possibility of a reduction in postage rates.

The reason is that the financial position of the Postoffice Department is so much a part of the national financial system, and although Federal revenues have shown an increase of \$58,000,000 for the first ten months of the fiscal year, there will still be a deficit of \$75,000,000 when the Budget is brought down.

Country Without Prisons

LONDON — If the trend of the past thirty years is maintained, Britain in another fifteen years may boast of the ideal state of being a country without prisons.

Since introduction of the Probation Officers Act in 1907 by Sir Herbert Samuel, then Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Home Office the number of commitments to prison in Britain has fallen from more than 180,000 to fewer than 60,000.

Decreasing the probation system, Sir Herbert declared, more than half of the country's prisons had been closed for lack of tenants.

"The saving of cost to the nation has been immense, but more important has been the saving of souls," he said.

New Spray

WINNIPEG — The Manitoba Horticultural Association were informed of a 100 per cent. satisfactory method of killing dandelions developed by Dr. G. P. McRostie, now of the Ontario Agricultural College Guelph, a solution of copper nitrate and water is sprayed.

William H. Silversides, University of Manitoba student, told of the discovery. He collaborated with Dr. McRostie, who recently left the Manitoba University. Six years' experiments were behind the discovery, Silversides said. The solution is made of 1½ pounds of nitrate to 7½ gallons of water, a quantity sufficient for 1,000 square feet of lawn space, he said.

Two sprays during the summer, one about mid-July the other in mid-August, were recommended. Both need to be done on a warm bright afternoon, when there is no wind, he said. The two applications, the agronomy student continued, end the operation. Both turn the grass to sickly, yellowish green within 48 hours, but after about two weeks the grass will return to its natural colour. The next year, tests showed, it will come back greener and heavier than before and free of dandelions. The spray must hit leaves of the weed.

Winners!

NEW YORK — Canadian dog fanciers carried off three blue ribbons and a reserve award in the competition among the Scottish terriers and cocker spaniels at the Westminster Dog Show in Madison Square Garden.

H. E. and W. Batt, of Guelph, won the majority of the prizes with their Scotty puppy, Haldon Emblem, judged the best of the puppies between nine and twelve months of age. He went to the front in the class for novice dogs and then ranked second only to the more experienced, Gold Finder's Starman, owned by William Quade, of Gardiner, Mass., in the class for best of the dogs.

Among the cockers, William H. Barrett's Gardens, Desirable Lady, of Cooksville, Ont., was judged the best of the novice bitches of solid color.

Ideal Weather, undefeated four-year old owned by Leonard Collins, of Toronto, paraded to the top of the sheep dogs for his 10th straight victory.

44-Day "Sit-Down" Ends Bargaining Begins Tues.

Duke Planning To Buy Estate

Move to Hungary—Edward Seeks Place With Hunting, Golf Facilities

VIENNA.—The Duke of Windsor has indicated a desire to purchase an estate in Hungary into which he can move during May, a Vienna real estate agent said last week. (Authoritative reports recently said the former British monarch was considering marrying Mrs. Wallis Simpson in Hungary because the Hungarian attitude toward divorce and remarriage is more liberal than in Austria. Mrs. Simpson has been divorced twice.) (Previous reports said the marriage date likely would be April 27—the exact day Mrs. Simpson's divorce from Ernest Aldrich Simpson probably will become final.)

The Duke, seeking a permanent home, showed interest in estates near the Austrian border, the agent declared. He said Edward wanted a place with hunting and golfing facilities.

Baby Princess Receives Name

Alexandra Helen Elizabeth Olga Christabel Christened

LONDON.—The Duke and Duchess of Kent's infant daughter has been christened Alexandra Helen Elizabeth Olga Christabel.

The ceremony was held in the private chapel of Buckingham Palace, with the Archbishop of Canterbury officiating. The King and Queen, Queen Mary and other members of the royal family were there.

Brought especially from Windsor Castle was the gold font which always is used for royal christenings. Water from the River Jordan was sprinkled on the little girl, born on Christmas day.

She wore an ancient robe of Brussels lace and cream satin, made from Queen Victoria's christening. Afterwards a big cake, surmounted by a stork and both the British and Greek flags, was cut with a golden knife at a private reception in another room of the palace.

The baby's mother is the former Princess Marina of Greece. Her father is the King's youngest brother.

Guards Cruel Say Prisoners

"Treated Like Animals" Complain Inmates At Guelph To Commission

GUELPH.—Charges of harsh treatment of prisoners at the hands of the Superintendent and the guards of Guelph Reformatory were made by inmates testifying before the Madden Royal Commission inquiry into the riots of January 17.

"Some prisoners swore they were 'treated like animals,' that guards abused them and punished them without reason; that there was insufficient medical treatment; that they were not given enough to eat; that they were 'thrown in the hole for insolence' when they asked for more food; that their blankets were not changed in twelve months; that they were forced to sleep on the floors of cells during the inquiry and that Dr. J. D. Heaslip, the Superintendent, was trying to turn the reformatory into a penitentiary.

Leadership Asked

First witness on the stand this afternoon was a 24-year-old prisoner who had served time in Burwash and Mimico.

"What this institution really needs is some official who knows how to handle men," he said at the outset of his testimony.

"Do you mean guards or the Superintendent?"

"The Superintendent and the guards, I don't think the Superintendent knows how to handle his job. He wants to make this a penitentiary, not a reformatory," he said. He admitted he had nothing against Dr. Heaslip personally, and that the Superintendent had once approved his request that he be transferred to Mimico. C. F. Neelands, Assistant Provincial Secretary, had rejected the request, he said.

The prisoner declared that his nerves were on edge since the riot. He frankly indicated that if he had opportunity he would break from the jail.

"I don't suppose this will do me any good, but I don't intend to stay here at all when this is over. I'm at the end of my nerves, and just about ready to do anything. I'd like to get in another institution where I could do my time like a man, not a child." He complained of being locked in a cell for three or four weeks without tobacco. He was a regular smoker, he said, and there was no just reason why he should be locked up.

Newsprint Takes Forest Wealth At Great Rate

Charles Vining Asserts Industry Not Obtaining Adequate Return

TORONTO.—The newsprint industry is using up Canada's wealth of forests "at a prodigious rate" and getting little for it beyond wages for the industry's workers, Charles Vining, president of the Newsprint Association of Canada, told the Canadian Club here recently.

"We are consuming our forests at a prodigious rate," said Mr. Vining. "A single Sunday issue of the New York Times means some 225 acres of our forest. The tabloid New York News, with its huge circulation, is using 60 square miles a year. The Canadian mills, during the last five years of selling newsprint at a loss, have consumed at least 4,000 square miles of forest, equivalent to a strip 12 miles wide stretching from Montreal to Toronto.

Lack Minimum Return "If we sold our gold as we have been selling our forests, one can almost say that we would mine the gold, pay the miners and then give the gold away," said Mr. Vining as he quoted figures to show that newsprint companies were not securing a "minimum economic return."

The newsprint industry in 1936 "had an all-time high in tonnage production, but an all-time low in price," Mr. Vining said. "Last month's returns of shipments showed a gain over last January of 25 per cent., and it seems safe to predict that 1937 means a new high record in tonnage production, although this rate of gain is higher than will be maintained for the full year.

"In dollars the 1937 performance is absurdly sad. Overseas prices are substantially improved, but in the North American continent, which consumes 80 per cent. of production, the 1937 contract price is up only \$1.50, nearly \$6 a ton lower than the 1925 price. It is no advance at all because of rising production costs."

Mr. Vining said the newsprint industry "is our largest single industrial investment with the exception of investment in Hydro-Electric power, and accounts for at least two-fifths of Canada's total power development. There are single mills which use more electrical energy each year than is used to light the cities of Toronto and Montreal combined."

Benefit to Canada The industry brought to Canada between 1930 and 1935 "in spite of its disrupted condition, \$563,000,000 from foreign sources, compared with \$475,000,000 of gold production and \$120,000,000 of nickel exports. Newsprint income is spent in Canada, for nearly all materials of newsprint production are of Canadian origin," he said.

The parish of Monk's Risbridge, Suffolk, has no inhabitants. It covers one hundred and twenty-nine acres of arable land—but there are no houses or buildings of any kind. The land is farmed, but all the farm buildings are in the next parish.

It's A Fact

By KEN EDWARDS



his stable has won over \$3,000,000 in purses.

They say that in India wrestlers go three and four hours in one bout and receive money in four and five figures. The Lion of Punjab makes \$10,000 for each match.

A gentleman by the name of Ctamo is the champion "bone buster" of India and has been for the past 27 years. Ctamo is now 50 and weighs 250 lbs.

This talk of India brings to my mind an incident that happened in Jack Corcoran's office one day. There happened to be an Indian manager and his wrestler there (turban and all) who were telling of wrestling in India. It happened that the man who was so interested was that Hungarian shiek, Sandor Zabo. After he strutted around before everyone with his chest out and muscles knotted for the benefit of the man with the turban, he asked would the beautiful woman like him in India.

The dapper little chocolate-faced manager, with a flashing smile, quickly admitted the woman would accept him. Zabo, in broken English, said "I go India." "I go India," but after he was told that the bouts lasted three and four-hours in the smelting heat, he was crushed, hence he turned his head towards Australia.

It's a well known fact that Man Mountain Dean, the 350-odd pounds of smashing dynamite, has made \$500,000 wrestling in the past two years.