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STYLE CHANGE

The girl who used to spend a lot of time in front of the glass making sure her hat was the same as the one she wore the day before, is now spending the same amount of time making sure it isn't. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

MENTALLY ILL

There is decided merit in the proposal of the Hon. Dr. J. A. Faulkner, the provincial Minister of Health, that the word "insane" shall be deleted from Ontario's statutes wherever it may occur and be replaced by the phrase "mentally ill and defective." We have had much progress from that ill period in which individuals suffering from mental illness were considered to be in such a hopeless state that they were confined in virtual prisons and set apart from the world for the remainder of their days. — Brockville Recorder.

ISLAND STEPPING STONES

Soon every little island in the ocean is going to find itself important. It is certain that, with aviation developing as it is, places which in the past have not even been spots on the map will become centres of interest. Here, for instance, is the case of the Wake Islands, away out in the Pacific Ocean. There are three small islets, with a total area of not more than 2,500 acres, yet they are to be a point of call on the proposed U.S.-China air route, plans for which are now well under way with Pan-American Airways and the United States Government co-operating. — Salt Star.

BRITAIN'S PROGRESS

The soundness of the basis on which British recovery has been built is shown more clearly than ever in Neville Chamberlain's budget for the coming year. The average British standard of living has steadily improved. The cost of living has not been substantially below the level of 1931, when the National Government came into power. Industrial production rose 12 per cent. last year; exports increased \$145,000,000. — Winnipeg Tribune.

"THE STAGGERING TOTAL"

Any attempt to calculate the absolute total of direct and indirect deaths of the war in the whole world, Professor Hirsch of the University of Geneva sums up as follows: "The first place goes to the 'backed countries.' But he adds, 'even with these gaps we arrive at the following approximate estimates: 12,000,000 in Europe, 12,000,000 in Asia, 17,000,000 in Africa, 20,000,000 in Oceania, 75,000,000 in 1915, 28,370,000 in 1916, 28,370,000 in 1917, 28,370,000 in 1918, 28,370,000 in 1919, 28,370,000 in 1920, 28,370,000 in 1921, 28,370,000 in 1922, 28,370,000 in 1923, 28,370,000 in 1924, 28,370,000 in 1925, 28,370,000 in 1926, 28,370,000 in 1927, 28,370,000 in 1928, 28,370,000 in 1929, 28,370,000 in 1930, 28,370,000 in 1931, 28,370,000 in 1932, 28,370,000 in 1933, 28,370,000 in 1934, 28,370,000 in 1935, 28,370,000 in 1936, 28,370,000 in 1937, 28,370,000 in 1938, 28,370,000 in 1939, 28,370,000 in 1940, 28,370,000 in 1941, 28,370,000 in 1942, 28,370,000 in 1943, 28,370,000 in 1944, 28,370,000 in 1945, 28,370,000 in 1946, 28,370,000 in 1947, 28,370,000 in 1948, 28,370,000 in 1949, 28,370,000 in 1950, 28,370,000 in 1951, 28,370,000 in 1952, 28,370,000 in 1953, 28,370,000 in 1954, 28,370,000 in 1955, 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