

# « News in Brief »

### More Russians Executed

MOSCOW—Firing squads this week wiped out 10 more Russians convicted of being enemies of the Soviet regime.

Among them were three restaurant cooks from Leningrad province accused of serving spoiled pork. It was charged 15 persons were poisoned by eating pork cutlets served with what the court called "wful counter-revolutionary intentions" during the trial.

The other seven executed at Leningrad were said to have confessed they were "rightist wreckers" in collective farming projects at Novgorod.

### Probe Begins

OTTAWA—With an announcement by the chairman, Chief Justice Rowell, that "a statement will be made when we are through our two-day conference," the Royal Commission into the relations between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and report on any desirable changes, organized here this week.

The first conferences are in camera while the commission takes its bearings, surveys the situation, and in a few days determines the procedure.

### French Statesmen Warn

PARIS—Former Premier of France, Leon Blum, inferentially laid the blame for new perils to Europe's peace at the door of Italy in an address this week to a Socialist rally at Yvelly.

Referring to the formal Italian acknowledgment that Italians had participated in the drive of Inaugural General Franco against Government-held Santander, Blum declared:

"The capture of Santander was fettered like an Italian victory. The intervention of Italy has taken on public character. Italy not only confesses it but proclaims it."

He said "foreign intervention in Spain has never suffered a heavier blow than in recent days."

Yvon Delbos, foreign minister in the Chamberlain government, told the interparliamentary congress at Versailles:

"There must be vigorous action by all peoples who understand that to prevent war they must show the strength of their unity."

### Speedboat Title

TORONTO—George Johnson of Highland Park, Ill., drove his powerful little 225-horsepower Delta to a world's title at the C.N.E. last week.

The championship was awarded him on total points in the three heats. He finished second in the final heat, was second in the post-race time trial and won the opening start Wednesday. His total score was 727.

### Cholera Strikes Lap Army

SHANGHAI—Pestilence this week came to the aid of more than 140,000 Chinese soldiers battling the Japanese army and its covering warships in this war-devastated city.

The Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, fighting against Japanese invasion, declared in a communique that Communists and non-Communists, united by a common enemy, now were unable to drive the foe from their homeland.

The Chinese Government and the Communist Army have been fighting for the last ten years, the communique said. "This is the official conclusion of the war."

### Victory Hits at Russia

NUREMBERG, Germany.—Relief speaker Hitler has flung a warning at Moscow that "Germany never will be conquered now—either from within or without."

"Let this be a warning to those who would seek from Moscow to set the world afire," he declared at a grandiose ceremony of devotion at the National Socialist Congress.

The course of an awe-inspiring spectacle of lights that penetrated through a maze of star-studded sky, of 140,000 brown-uniformed party functionaries of the gleaming gold tips of 34,000 massed black-and-white Nazi banners, Hitler made his declaration in a voice become husky from days of speeches.

### Millions Will Be Spent

OTTAWA—Canada's progress to date in the rearmament program was reviewed in the past few months, following returns to the Dominion of these Cabinet Ministers who attended the Imperial Defense Conference last May. Questions of the program which calls for acquisition of the Royal Canadian Air Force of 102 planes, shipsyards on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts are building four new minesweepers. Additional coast defense batteries are being placed. More men are being added to both the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

### Expatriate Increase

OTTAWA—Canada won a favorable balance of \$492,961,000 at the bottom of its external trade records in the twelve months ended July 31. This is an increase of \$61,883,000 over the credit balance of the preceding twelve months. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported this week.

Domestic exports expanded 22.3 per cent. from \$918,751,000 to \$1,125,508,000 and foreign re-exports 25.8 per cent.

and Yangtze rivers, and at more than a million Chinese civilians refused cooperation in the streets of the international settlement, the French Concession, and adjacent areas.

### King's Cup Races Tragedy

SCARBOROUGH, Yorkshire—Tragedy marred the first leg of the KING'S CUP race when a fatal crash occurred on the 44, distinguished Canadian officer of the Royal Air Force, and Wing-Commander Percy C. Sherren, M.C., a small seaplane crashed at a turn.

More than 1,000 persons, including a Royal Air Force observer, saw the plane caught by a sudden gust in the northern gale that was blowing. The pilot, who was killed, was thrown and proved dangerous to other racers.

### Recover Bodies From Lake

POINT PELEE—Searchers this week recovered from the waters of Lake Erie the bodies of two of the three Detroit men who perished when their airplane crashed into the lake last Monday.

### Hydro Rates Reduced

TORONTO—Benefits to power consumers in 156 municipalities have now reached \$1,252,706 as the result of the Ontario Hydro Commission's announcement this week-end of a 10 per cent. general reduction of 2¢ per horsepower in the interim rate for power in the Niagara system went into effect. This is in addition to a previous cut of 25¢ per horsepower given by the Commission to most of the municipalities, making a total reduction of \$4.50 per horsepower.

### 16 Drunks Sentenced

STRATFORD—Sixteen motorists have been sentenced in police court here, compared to 10 at this time a year ago.

In all but two of the cases 11 and 21-day terms were imposed, and in one case the offender was given 30 days.

The penalty in all cases depends upon the amount of alcohol consumed. Magistrate J. A. Makin said this week in commenting on the stiff sentences being meted out: "The offender seldom gets any sympathy from the court because in the majority of cases he has had an accident and has thereby endangered life and property."

### Marital Law in Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay.—Provisional President Felix Paiva this week decreed a state of war, or martial law, throughout Paraguay in a move to prevent recurrence of the uprising which temporarily upset his Government Tuesday.

### Nations War on "Pirates"

NYON, Switzerland.—Nine European nations, spurred to swift action by a Russian threat to take "own measures" against Italy, have pooled their navies for a war on "pirate" submarines in the Mediterranean.

Italy, despite her boycott of the conference in the Hitler Chamberlain government, will be invited to take over one of the "piracy" zones and aid in hunting down phantom craft while the Japanese provinces are Italian U-boats.

### Canadian Debt Seven Billion

OTTAWA—Debtors owe \$7,089,693,153 through the operations of the Dominion Bank, the figure is in all likelihood, considerably larger, for a Dominion Bureau of Statistics report. Provincial and municipal debts, gave the Dominion and Provincial governments the end of 1935 and the municipalities up to the end of 1935 only.

### To Minimize War Scare

LONDON, Eng.—Lord Beaverbrook is launching a campaign to have the word "war" removed from the headlines of newspapers. He believes there will be no war. By editors and the efforts of the brilliant cartoonist Sir John Tenniel, the Government is endeavoring through the Daily Express and the Evening Standard to minimize the worrying effect of the reported loss of continental tonnage.

### Missing Dinghy Found

ST. CATHARINES—A dinghy in which three Toronto men were missing since Saturday on Lake Ontario, was found this week.

## THE NEWS INTERPRETED

A Commentary On the More Important Events of the Week.

By ELIZABETH EEDY

### Canada's Arms Contracts

The Minister of Defence, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, has announced that \$9,000,000 worth of national defense contracts have been placed in Canada, with construction now in progress, with 75 per cent of U.S. boat crews manning them. He said that the program will be taken care of inside the country. Over 100 airplanes are in production and four more are being completed within a year.

### Youth Training Has Begun

With the transfer of 350 young Ontario men, ranging in age from 18 to 25, to training camps in Northern Ontario, the new National Youth Program, the new National Youth Program, has been inaugurated under the leadership of the Dept. of Mines and Forests. Ten or more boys are appointed to each of the 31 camps. They will be taught use of the compass, timber cruising and scaling, telephone line construction and maintenance, active citizenship and the pulp and paper industry.

### Japan Finds Credit

American and British banks extending credit to help Japan's uncluttered war effort. The American and British Governments are bending every effort to halt or minimize the Japanese war effort. A reliable informed source says that the American and British Governments are bending every effort to halt or minimize the Japanese war effort.

### Search Continues

Sir Hubert Wilkins' party set off by plane in search of Soviet Polar fliers has not been sighted from Moscow to Fairbanks, Alaska. The search of the Arctic fliers will continue until the freeze-up. The rescuee are located on Baillie Island, Mackenzie River Delta.

### International Incidents Increase

These are days that see international crises precipitated hourly. In the Far East the situation is gravely dangerous, not only in the case of the Sino-Japanese conflict, but a break between Japan and Britain has been narrowly missed. Following on the heels of the British Ambassador in the Mediterranean, Russian and British ships are being menaced by the "pirate" ships of other nations.

### Seaway Negotiations

Prime Minister Mackenzie has announced that the negotiations for a seaway between Ontario and Quebec are now in progress. The negotiations are now in progress. The negotiations are now in progress.

### Central Bureau of Education

Suggested at the opening meeting of the National Council of Education.

### Leadership of Ordinary Men and Women Needed

Declares Sir Edward Beatty in Address to Canadian Commerce at Vancouver—Says Canada Should Keep Faith in West.

The leadership which we need in this country is not that of outstanding national figures making rosy-sounding speeches; it is the leadership of ordinary men and women in their small spheres. Sir Edward Beatty, C.P.R. chairman, in an address delivered at the annual dinner of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Vancouver, B.C.

Sir Edward dealt at length with the situation in the Prairie Provinces. The effect of the drought which had overtaken agriculture there had deflated and severely brought home to all Canada the economic unity of the Dominion. There is no question but that the small surplus of Canadian wheat above domestic requirements would prove inadequate for the market and that even a high price would not compensate for the shrinkage in production.

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### I Killed a Man

(From Scribner's Magazine)

In the records of the courts and insurance companies, it was pretty much the same old story. While driving home early one evening, I rounded a familiar curve and faced a pair of glaring headlights. On the right of the road, a millworker was on his way to work on the night shift. He became conscious and jumped the wrong way. The impact threw me a little forward in my seat. The millworker's body slid flat on the pavement for perhaps 50 feet, rolled over, jerked, and lay still. The dinner pail he had carried under his arm rattled along the pavement for another 20 feet, then all was quiet.

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### Fiddle to Dummy Won't Play Second

HOLLYWOOD.— Judy Canova, hillbilly singer, this week broke her engagement to ventriloquist Eddie Bergen, blaming dummy Charlie McCarthy for the cooling of a three-year romance.

### Alleged WIT

A few well-learned compliments are the spice of life.

Liutenant (giving examination) "This exam will be conducted on the honor system. Please take your seat three apart in alternate rows."

About the time a fellow gets enough money saved so that he can go back and see things, says Mr. Bright, rheumatism sets in.

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