

News Parade

Commentary on the Highlights of the Week's News . . . By Elizabeth Eedy

DEATH DEFERRED

Wild rejoicing marked the Austrian Nazis' reception of Hitler's triumphal march into Vienna, but while these vociferous celebrations were going on in the streets of the capital, the country's 800,000 Jews sought frantically to escape over the border, or crowded in their homes.

A few of the fugitives succeeded in making a getaway, but it was not long before Nazi soldiers stopped all Jews from leaving the country.

Next news to come out of Austria was that several prominent Jews had committed suicide rather than face the prospect of Nazi rule. Friedrich Wolfgang Denk, internationally known head of the University of Vienna's second surgical clinic and Jonas Borak, X-ray specialist, shot themselves as the Nazification of Austria continued under a new slogan: "One blood, one folk, one reich, one fuhrer."

The suicide toll already has passed the hundred mark, and will likely go higher as Nazis continue throwing hundreds into prison, depriving the Jews of all civil rights.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

The European crisis has eased off for the breathing-space with a short truce before the final act. For a next crisis there will be without a doubt, within the next few months, because all the hot ingredients are ready mixed. The pot has only to come to a boil. Moments are provided with a chance to think, to act before it is too late.

Reason for the pause? Hitler has to have time to digest Austria, Czechoslovakia, and his new position in Central Europe before going after Poland. To take on Czechoslovakia he would have to throw a major part of his army into the field against the enemy's compact, highly-efficient defensive forces; he would have to be prepared to fight Russia, too, and perhaps France (both allies of Czechoslovakia).

DRAMA FESTIVAL

Greater interest than ever is being taken in getting ready for the Dominion Drama Festival to be held at Winnipeg. The festival has all been run off, three full-length plays in English and one in French will be selected from the Dominion at large, and numerous one-act plays, many of excellent quality, to be met by competing groups may compete at Winnipeg.

It is indeed encouraging to note that Canadian interest in the drama is increasing. We hope the Festival competition will bring a crop of rising young actors to the fore and get them started on the road.

FLOOD CONTROL

Within the next two years, \$2,000,000 will be spent on a large scale water conservation and flood control project for the Grand River Valley. The cost of the undertaking is to be borne in a three-way split by the Federal and Ontario Governments and the interested municipalities.

Commissioners will be appointed—two from Kitchener, three from Brantford, two from Galt and one each from the other benefiting municipalities along the Grand River and its tributaries—who will choose a chief engineer—who will undertake the carrying out of the project, under way through the middle of June.

Major operations involve the erection of two dams, one at Waldemar Orangeville, and one at Holton, on the Conestoga River near Drayton. These will hold back the water in spring and keep it from flooding the region; in summer they will release it into an area that for the past few years has been drought-ridden.

TURN IT DOWN

The United States Government has flatly turned down the proposal made by Premier Mitchell Hepburn of Ontario that we export surplus power for the use of American consumers. Washington plainly does not want Ontario's power, especially on a short-term basis, subject to withdrawal.

If, however, the Province of Ontario and the Dominion of Canada should be willing to develop the St. Lawrence waterway for power, the Washington Government would agree to the diversion of dollars to the Great Lakes system.

Note: It is unlikely that events will find the Province of Ontario prepared to spend millions of dollars on a St. Lawrence waterway project.

PRESS IN PERIL

Freedom of the press is "very real" according to J. A. Spender, distinguished British newspaperman, who last week told the Institute of Journalists in London that "a very few false steps may seriously prejudice the liberties which are the common cause of all men."

Says Science Is Changing Our Attitude To World

Psychologist Declares That The Past Few Decades Have Seen Our Conceptions of Life on This Universe Turned Upside Down — New Adjustments Now To Be Made

Scientific advance in the last few decades is turning our world upside down and it would be well for its leaders to think about the environmental readjustments necessary to happiness. Dr. Gerald Wendt, of New York, told the Association of Commerce at New York last week.

Dr. Wendt, director of the American Institute of New York, was drafted January 1st to the director of science for the New York World's Fair, 1939. He spoke on "What Science is Doing To Us."

After recalling the various basic raw materials necessary to the things we use today and some of the inventions they have made possible the Dr. said:

"Improve Conditions. My definition of science is the best use of the human intelligence for improving the conditions under which we live — that is, modifying our environment to our purposes.

"We have accomplished this to such an extent that our environment has become a problem and so the next generation will have to devote its energies to modifying the social environment."

No Longer Combat Nature

"My grandfather, for instance, went out to Iowa in 1853, and like thousands of other pioneers, came face to face with nature. Today I work in a skyscraper and I live in a skyscraper and I go underground between them. Half the time I do not even know what the weather is. And the only time I come face to face with nature is when I go to a hospital. Otherwise — and that hasn't happened yet — I seldom encounter nature."

"Our contacts, therefore, are slowly being reduced to those with other individuals, and the energy we once gave to combating nature we now expend on combat. That is where our task lies — to adjust ourselves to each other while adjusting science and ourselves."

Didn't Need to Write

It was revealed recently that a self-made man who had 29 banking accounts was illiterate and could not write his own cheques.

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THE WORLD AT LARGE CANADA

Stockings And War

If ladies' chiffron stockings drop in price within the next few months, you are informed by an engineering writer, Noel O'Hara, it'll be because Japan is dumping raw silk stocks on the market at panic prices to raise war funds that it so desperately needs. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Female of the Species

The fact has been noted in Montreal that the women motorists there very seldom appear on charges of infringing the traffic laws. One explanation is that they are more careful and better drivers and the other that the female of the species is usually much more charming than the male variety. — Brantford Expositor.

Peeping Them Up

A Toronto pastor whose the congregational singing had been half-hearted, painfully so, is reported to have secured great results when, prior to the singing of the Doxology at the close of the service, he remarked to his parishioners: "Just imagine you are singing 'Hail, hail, the gang's all here.'" The response was vociferous. — St. Catharines Standard.

Tightening Up On Paroles

It will be reassuring to the people of Ontario to know that Attorney-General G. H. Williams has given his assurance that he will go carefully into any appeal for remission of jail sentences, which will appear in exceptional cases. This assurance was given in reply to a request of the Police Association of Ontario and the Chief Constables' Association of Canada. The police know better than anybody else the great dangers that lurk in the too-free granting of paroles. With their records to guide them, they are unable to escape the conclusion that some paroled prisoners persist in living the life of a criminal. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Refugees From Nazi Austria Flock to Borders, Seeking Safety

Anti-Nazi Austrians fleeing before the development of German ideas in the peaceful conquest of Austria are flocking to various borders in quest of safe havens. This Radiophoto shows a Nazi border patrol at Lindau, on the Austro-Swiss line turning back a car of refugees, while a priest is allowed to pass unharmed.

Must Surrender Eskimo Relics

To Ottawa—Canadian Scientists, Archaeologists and Explorers No Longer Able to Take Away Specimens Without Report.

OTTAWA—No longer will explorers, archaeologists and scientists be able to excavate Eskimo ruins in Canada or excavate archaeological specimens and lay down various other regulations which have now been supplemented by the League of Nations.

Production of livestock was definitely on the increase in the past year, according to a report of the Ontario Department of Agriculture last week, which said that cattle, sheep and lambs were considerably higher now than a year ago. Swine, hens and chickens, however, showed a decrease.

The department listed 2,013,000 head of cattle, as compared with 2,503,000 head in 1937, and 1,000,000 sheep, as compared with 1,200,000 head in 1937. The increase in the number of sheep was due to a decrease in the number of lambs, which were sold for meat.

Alligator in Bed

A Fragus chambermaid found a live alligator in a bed. She was so scared she hid it all power of speech for some hours. It was an American pet.

Sunburn Meter

ATLANTIC CITY.—An ultra-violet meter may be installed on the beach here next summer so that bathers may know when they've had enough sunburn for safety.

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Smiles and Chuckles

Young Son—"Say, Dad!"
Dad—"Now what, young fellow?"
Young Son—"Nothing much. I was just fighting these pesky flies and mosquitoes. If Noah had two flies in the ark, he'd have had a lot more."

Dad—"Why, I guess so. They say he had two of every kind of living creature on the ark."

Young Son—"Then, what I can't figure out is why he didn't save any of them when he had the opportunity."

India Has Special Home For Snakes

BOMBAY.—Active in health research of all kinds is the Haffkine Institute of this city, which in recent years has performed such useful work as investigating the causes, incidence and remedies of bubonic plague. One of its departments is a "nursing home" for snakes, where at present there are about 40 specimens, including cobras, vipers, kraits and eels.

There is a considerable export from India of snake venom. Cobra venom is used in relieving acute pain from cancer and angina pectoris, and that of the viper has been found effective in checking excessive hemorrhages. One problem the institute has to battle is the habit the cobra has developed of going on hunger strikes. When the proposed "snake farm" in the institute is established, the reptiles, under natural conditions, should have better appetites, and their and multiple. This would relieve the transportation companies of the anxiety involved in bringing snakes from the jungle to the institute.

Haffkine Institute got its name from Waldemar Haffkine, distinguished bacteriologist, under the Indian Government, who died a few years ago.

Claims Prior Right To British Crown

"King Anthony" Hall Says He Is Descended from Both Tudors And Plantagenets

"Yes, I am King Anthony of England. Come in, sit down and I'll light the fire." Ed. King developed and a prince 25c. Reprints 30c each. Brightening Studio, 2 Richmond St. E., Toronto.

This was the greeting given to a Journalist who went to a suburban home in London, England, to interview a bath-browed, tall man named Anthony William Hall, who spends his time addressing public meetings to prove that he, and not George VI, should be King of England.

Hall, who says he is descended both from the Tudors and Plantagenets, incidentally, claims the crown of Ireland because his mother's name was "Eire," bases his claims on the following contents:

James I a Changeling

He believes the tradition that James I, King of England, was a changeling and was actually the son of the Earl of Mar. So the Act of Settlement, establishing William of Orange on the throne of England, was invalid, for his claim was derived through his Stuart wife, Mary, and if that was Mar, the claim collapses.

2. He claims that Henry VIII had a child by Anne Boleyn before he had divorced Katharine of Aragon. This child, a son, he believes, was brought up by a farmer named Hall, in Sussex, and he can trace his ancestry directly to this son, known as John Hall. The son, he claims, did not dare claim the throne from Elizabeth when she came to the throne. He deduces that that Edward VII was never created Prince of Wales.

No Barrier to Inheritance

3. He claims that legitimacy is no barrier to inheritance; as William the Conqueror and Edward VII both had illegitimacy in the blood, and Henry's claim as a Lancastrian, was admittedly through illegitimacy.

Hall makes frequent public speeches to keep his claim to the throne alive.

Into The Twilight

Outworn heart, in a time outworn. Come clear of the nets of wrong and right; Laugh, heart, again in the grey twilight. Sigh, heart, again in the dew of the morn.

Your mother Eire is always young, Dew ever shining and twilight grey; Though hope fall from you and love decay, Burning in fires of a slanderous tongue.

Come, heart, where hill is heaped up close, For there the mystical brotherhood Of sun and moon and hollow and wood.

And rivers and streams work out their will; And God stands winding His lonely horn, And time and the world are ever in flight; And love is less kind than the grey twilight, And hope is less dear than the dew of the morn. — W. B. Yeats.

Sulphur Acquires New Importance

In The Story of Industrial Minerals In Canada.

It is not just of gold that mining men talk these days. Gold two minutes ago was the only mineral of importance to John McLeish, Director of Mines and Geology, Ottawa, and now it is sulphur that has become the new gold. Sulphur is being shipped as fertilizer to England. The Algonquin Steel Corporation is opening up the old Helen Mine for iron, and the big copper and silver mines are going after the production of sulphur for use in the paper-making industry. "Great things have been done in these fields in Canada today and there are great things yet to be done," says John McLeish.

Had Been Importing It

He used sulphur as an illustration. Canada, for years, he pointed out, imported sulphur for paper manufacturing from Texas and Louisiana. And at the same time sulphur belching from the smokestacks of smelters blighted the countryside of mining towns in Northern Ontario and British Columbia.

Researchers went after the problem. At first they captured the sulphur from the smokestacks in the form of sulphuric acid. Now they have captured it in its elemental form both from the smoke and from pyrites. The Aldermac Mines, Noranda, was now the first to produce it.

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The defendant who stands in court and pleads that he had "just two beers, Johnny," may in the not too distant future find a couple of cold blooded little gadgets stacked against him to prove that he was lucky to miss the pink elephants that go with the D.T.s.

One is a combination of suction pump and test tubes for "assaying" the subject's breath. The other is a hypodermic needle with which to extract a specimen of the subject's blood.

The Journal of the American Medical Association discussed the situation at length last week and found: "That even one glass of beer increased the incidence of error in simple experiments."

2. That two or three whiskeys caused "definite variations" from the normal acts of the ordinary driver.

3. That slight intoxication started when the patient showed alcoholic content of one-tenth of one per cent. in the blood.

The Sidney Selomick, of Boston, found that blood drawn directly from the body offered the most positive proof of intoxication and the best medium because it was "always available" and required no effort on the part of the subject.

Royal Winter Fair Continues To Grow

Optimistic Outlook For 1938 Show—Ever-Widening Importance In National Agricultural Scheme.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Winter Fair on March 23 when the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson was guest speaker, the directors, reviewing the past year, found ample cause for congratulation, they stated, that the Fair, now in its 71st year, gives abundant proof of a freshness and vigor to assure its permanence, and that public recognition of the annual agricultural scheme continues to grow in ever-widening importance.

The Fair was notable for extension in several departments and for consolidation of established lines of work in other departments. One of the most significant developments was the expansion to twice its previous size of exhibits of Seed and Grain. There is no doubt, the report adds, that with more suitable grain-growing seasons the Show at the Royal Winter Fair will attain truly national importance.

Auto Radio Warns Of Nearing Train

New Invention Causes It To Blear A Warning of Approaching Danger

A red light will flash on the dashboard and the auto radio will blare a warning of trains approaching grade crossings with a new radio invention described last week at Galt, Indiana.

Designed to work in autos that are within the danger zone when a train approaches a crossing, the device signals the auto dashboard at the same time that it starts the usual crossing lights and bells.

The device, consisting of its inventors, explained, consists of a small radio transmitter placed at grade crossings and actuated by approaching trains as are warning bells and gates. A wire is strung from the transmitter to a distance of about one-quarter mile along the road on both sides of the crossing.

Waves emanating from the wire within a 100-foot radius are picked up by a mechanism installed in auto radio receiving sets. The pickup in the auto radio can be set to operate at varying distances from a crossing, it operates only when a train is approaching. Even if the auto radio is playing music, the warning signal will drown out the harmony, said its inventors. Installation of the radio sets can be optional.

The pickup, it was said, could be built into radio sets for from \$3 to \$4, and the crossings transmitters could be installed for small cost.

Want Orthopedic Service Started

About 400 Infantile Paralysis Victims In Ontario Still Need Supervision

Establishment of a generalized orthopedic service throughout Ontario for the prevention of child deformities was advocated last week by Miss Greta Ross, supervisor of nurses for the Society for Crippled Children, in addressing the annual meeting at Toronto.

Miss Ross pointed out that about 400 infantile paralysis cases still needed supervision and it was in this connection that she expressed the hope that some day orthopedic service would be created to serve the whole of the Province.

Dr. Fred H. Logan, retiring president, outlined the work of the society during the last epidemic calling Ontario's hardest hit areas Toronto, London, Port Colborne, Barrie, Brantford and Ottawa. The society had built 400 bed-reading tables for crippled children, distributing most of them free of charge, asserted Dr. Logan.

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