





LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Alcide Spenard, manager of the branch of the Montreal Bank in Sawyerville is now visiting his old friend, Mr. L. G. Cadieux.

Japan to Refuse League's Request

Will Not Furnish Statement On Her Side of Dispute.

Tokio. — The Japanese Government has decided to refuse to furnish the League of Nations with the statement of her side of the Japanese controversy called for under Article 15 of the League Covenant.

The step was forecast nearly two months ago when China invoked Article 15 at Geneva, shortly after the beginning of hostilities at Shanghai.

The Misses Pare, Coulombe, Raiche and Danjou, of Rimouski, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Antoine Niquet for the Easter holidays.

The engagement is announced of Miss Simone Lafontaine to Mr. Gerard Fournier of Rimouski.

The marriage will probably take place in May.

Mr. James Harrison of the Canadian Celanese was a visitor in Montreal for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Olive, Miss Cooke, Messrs. Vic and George Pepin were in Montreal for the Easter holidays.

Miss Wolly Prince is home from Stanstead College, and Master Moisan from Breboef College, Cote des Neiges, Montreal, also Master Thomas Paterson from Pointe aux Trembles College, Montreal, for the Easter holidays.

Miss Rowlands from Outremont, spent the holidays at the home of her brother, Mr. Jack Rowlands in the "Eureka" Apartments, Berard street.

Miss Renaud, of the "Eureka" Apartments has away to Martin-ton, Ontario, some sixty odd miles west of Montreal by C.P.R.

Mrs. P. J. Wright from the Celanese Colony, is in Montreal for a short while.

Mr. Leslie O'Dowd has given up his house in the Celanese Colony disposed of most of his furniture and will continue for some time to reside at the "Manoir" hotel.

Last Saturday's dance at the Aetna House with music by the Merry-makers orchestra was quite a success one hundred persons being on the dance floor.

Mr. Cameron, Vice-President of the Canadian Celanese Company is in town on business and staying at the "Manoir" Drummond.

United States Consul Shows Faith In Canada

Toronto. — Emil Sauer, United States Consul-General, here enlarged on some phases of his report to the Canadian economic situation made public in Washington.

In connection with the exchange rate of the Canadian dollar on the New York money market, he saw Canada's continued favorable balance of trade as tending to improve the situation from the standpoint of the Dominion. Improvement in the value of the Canadian dollar in the United States would result in renewed buying of Canadian securities by American investors, he said, and would create a demand for Canadian money which would tend to raise the value of the dollar still further.

To some extent he blamed the fall of Canadian money to buying in New York of Canadian bonds by citizens of the Dominion who had to convert their Canadian money into American dollars to make their purchases. A similar situation arising on London markets, where Canadian bonds were bought by Canadians, further reduced the demand for Canadian dollars and caused their value to sink in the exchange market, he said.

Miss Wilcox kept a private school and one morning was interviewing a new pupil. "What does your father do to earn his living?" she asked of the little girl.

"Please, ma'am," was the prompt reply, "he doesn't live with us. Mother takes care of us."

"Well, then, what does your mother do to earn her living?"

"Why," replied the little girl in an artless manner, "she gets paid for staying away from father."

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FANCIFUL FABLES



Safe and Positive Lubrication

A motorist was attracted by a motor oil advertisement in which it was stated that the oil was a "safe and positive lubricant." The appeal was striking; for what motorist is not desirous of using a lubricant which is both safe and positive?

Freedom from friction! What individual has not wished at some time for a panacea which would insure freedom from friction — for a lubricant which would be safe and positive? The mortal sense of life, with its attendant human experiences, seems to be susceptible to irritations which would prevent one from receiving the full joy which is man's birthright.

Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, on page 592 of the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," defines "oil" as "consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration."

Harmony depends on right thinking. Erroneous thinking brings about the irritations which cause so much unhappiness and discord. Correction of erroneous thinking heals the discordant false beliefs which hold one in bondage. It is this easy to see that as the high ideals of Christian living conveyed in Mrs. Eddy's illuminating definition of "oil" are included in one's thinking, one finds oneself provided with that much-desired safe and positive lubrication necessary for harmonious living.

Denies That Influenza Epidemic Sweeps Quebec

Quebec. — Dr. Alphonse Lessard, Director of Public Health for the province, gave flat denial to reports that there was an epidemic of influenza in the province.

"You may say that the health of the province from reports which we have recently received is perfectly normal," Dr. Lessard said. There is a certain amount of seasonal grippe about, it is not of a dangerous type and my department has no knowledge of the alarming conditions indicated by the rumors. If it were true we could certainly be aware of the situation."

Dr. Lessard's declaration was in reference to reports that there was a malignant influenza epidemic in the province, especially in Montreal, where it was alleged a death toll of forty-nine had been taken during January.

A Crash-Proof Airplane

GRASSE, France. — Albert Sauvante, French aviator, tried out a "crash proof" aeroplane of his invention near here last Thursday and after picking himself out of the wreckage said the test was a complete success.

He took the plane without wings and landing gear, which the police had removed, to Escragnolles, eighteen miles from here, and had himself pushed off a cliff. He fell 150 feet. The machine was demolished, but Sauvante emerged safe, sound and smiling.

Sauvante, who is twenty-eight years old, had been working for five years on a design for the plane, which he claims would save the lives of aviators, even if they fell from a great height.

His principle is carefully guarded, but it is understood the plane works on the basis of shock absorbers operating in oil.

Sauvante got his idea from a physics experiment, he said. If a hen's egg is placed inside an ostrich egg and dropped, he explained, the ostrich egg will smash, but not the hen's egg inside.

Dollar Inflation Feared In Britain

Bad Effect On Pound Seen From Unbalanced U.S. Budget.

London. — British newspapers showed considerable agitation today over the action of the United States House of Representatives on the Tax Bill and expressed concern over the possible effect on the pound of a failure to balance the United States budget for 1932.

The speculations were mixed with machinery in Washington and what the Times called "an irresponsible state of mind" in Congress.

The chief concern, however, was over the possibility that a fall in the dollar on international exchange might cause the pound to rise to an unjustifiably high level.

Referring to what it called the "irresponsible state of mind" of the House of Representatives, the Times declared that if a bill providing for the payment of the soldiers' bonus also became law it was difficult to see how the United States could remain on the gold standard or escape inflation even more disastrous than the present deflation.

Much Speculation On Rhodes' Budget

Ottawa. — The Easter adjournment finds the Ontario and Quebec parliamentarians absent from the capital, but due to the brevity of the recess this year western and Maritime members are for the most part remaining here. Today political observers were endeavoring to penetrate the veil which shrouds the forthcoming budget. The probability is that E. N. Rhodes, Minister of Finance, will present his first budget to the House of Commons on Thursday night. What it is likely to contain remains an absolute secret.

Speculation, however, credits Mr. Rhodes with contemplating little or no tariff changes. In conformity with a resolution of the Commons this session, the imposition of a tariff on raw wool is anticipated. Something may be done for the sugar beet industry, while budgetary legislation with regard to coal may be disclosed. In general, however, the Government's tariff revisions will not be announced until the outcome of the Imperial Economic Conference, due to assemble here this week in July.

Some changes are looked for in the income tax. Last year the Prime Minister, in his capacity then of Minister of Finance, introduced drastic amendments to the taxation rates. These were later withdrawn. Whether they will be re-imposed, or succeeded by even heavier imposts remains to be seen. The expectation is that individual exemptions will be cut, and that a general upswing in the rate will ensue. Opinion inclines to the belief that Mr. Rhodes will increase the sales tax. When the Commons assemble next Tuesday, their first business will be to dispose of the debate on the Unemployment and Farm Relief Act, Designed to extend last year's legislation from March 1 to May 1, the measure has encountered such hostility in its progress through the House that the Prime Minister on Wednesday apocryse. The vote will then be reached some time between 3 o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Isaac (aged six) — "Mother, let us do a little business."

Isaac's Mother — "What sort of business, my son?"

Isaac — "Lend me ten shillings, but give me only five."

Isaac's Mother — "And what then?"

Isaac — "Then I shall owe you five shillings, and you will owe me five shillings, and so we shall be quits."

Local Order...

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elopment. In every progressive town and important city of the Dominion there is a K. of C. Council. Every worthy movement, whether of a religious, patriotic or charitable nature, has always received encouragement and help from the Knights of Columbus, who have proved themselves one hundred per cent. Canadian.

In Drummondville the Knights of Columbus are no insignificant organization. They number among their members some of the city's most prominent and influential Catholic citizens.

The Grand Knight of Drummondville at the present time is Mr. Dominique Courchesne. Mr. Courchesne follows a long line of worthy predecessors who have filled this important position with dignity and ability.

The local Knights will hold a social evening for members and their wives in honor of the fiftieth anniversary. This will take place to-night at their hall.

Hope for Return...

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The Norfolk shipbuilder said he had slipped away secretly Saturday morning to avoid publicity. He declined to say whether he actually had made contact with representatives of the kidnapers who approached him March 9.

"That," he said, "is the kind of a question I cannot answer."

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Relief Bill Talk...

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including E. W. Beatty, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National. The committee investigating the Civil Service will meet this week and also the banking and commerce committee studying the cost of gasoline.

The Senate Beauchamp committee resumes its sittings on Tuesday when the written arguments of the lawyers have to be submitted. It will probably then adjourn until the following week when G. Howard Ferguson, Canadian High Commissioner in London, will be here to give evidence.

The Royal Commission on transportation under the chairmanship of Mr. Justice Duff will make an announcement this week as to its plans. The commissioners have been studying the data already before them and will decide whether further evidence will be taken.

The attention of the public as well as the members of Parliament will be further directed to railway matters by the introduction very soon of the annual report and estimates of the Canadian National Railways which, as in the past, will be at once referred to the special Commons committee on railways and shipping. This committee has already held one or two meetings under the chairmanship of R. B. Hanson, (Conservative, York-Sunbury).

Easter Festival...

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Catholics the world over this ceremony is especially significant because the Holy Sepulchre itself is used for the altar. The same afternoon the picturesque ceremony of washing feet was performed by the Latin Patriarch who loved, wiped and kissed the feet of twelve old men in emulation of Christ's humility in tending the apostles. The same day the Anglicans held devotional walks from the coenaculum



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