

## Radio Stations Close Together Drown Programs

Experiences in Europe Show Listeners at a Disadvantage.

London.—A "state of war" exists in broadcasting. The European nations are at loggerheads over the regulations of radio traffic.

Giant transmitting stations are being rushed up in every direction to shout each other down.

In two months' time the pact of Lucerne, which was to have straightened out the entangled wireless waves, is due to come into force. It has already gone the way of most pacts; eight countries have refused to sign it.

There is gathering chaos in the upper air. All the rules are being broken.

The general principle that the biggest countries should have the biggest transmitters is being ignored with a flagrancy well illustrated in Hungary, which is raising an aerial mast more than 1,000 feet high—the tallest in the world.

The storm has long been brewing. Its germs were, indeed, put into the air when the first broadcast was made; it was inevitable that big nations should build stations whose transmissions would swamp those of their lesser neighbors.

### Conferences Minus Results

Last winter a big effort was made to restore order out of the chaos. Delegates from every country in the world spent weeks wrangling in Madrid to evolve some way of widening the radio routes.

It was obvious that some of the nations would have to sacrifice some of their wavelengths, and that all stations would have to be crowded more closely together. This meant another conference, and last summer 140 delegates from all Europe wrangled about it for six weeks in Lucerne.

They formulated a plan, which was to come into force on January 15 next. This provided that: Each authorized transmitter should be separated from its nearest neighbor by a standard margin;

No nation should transmit governmental matter in any language other than its own.

### Race For Power

Every clause in this treaty has already been nullified. Poland, Holland, Luxembourg, Sweden, Lithuania, Greece, Finland and Hungary having declined to be bound by it, practically every other country, whether or not it is "authorized" to do so, is pushing up the power of its existing stations or erecting new ones lest its neighbors should "drown" them.

Hungary is seeking to uphold her racial ambitions against the competition of the Little Entente. Italy is broadcasting regularly to Britain in English. Moscow, which was granted a special transmitting power of 500 kilowatts to cover all Russia, is taking advantage of this to send us hourly programs in our own tongue. And national propaganda is being disseminated in other languages as well. Roumania is building a super-station in Central Transylvania.

### UNFINISHED

All unfinished hogs offered at stockyards and packing plants, such as do not conform to the requirements of the grading regulations, are graded as feeders and, says the Live Stock Market Report, it is in the interests of the producers to make every effort to hold back hogs of select bacon and bacon weights, until they are properly finished. Underfinished pigs make soft bacon and poor cuts and roasts.

Why not send this paper to that friend of yours for 1934?

## Fifi Dorsay Takes Her "Beeg Boy"



Before a small gathering of friends, FIFI DORSAY, vivacious French-Canadian film actress, and her "Beeg Boy," MAURICE HILL, former medical student, were married in St. Vincent's Catholic church, Hollywood, Calif. The wedding culminated a romance of several months and recently they both were chaperoned on a "trial" honeymoon. Photo shows Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hill (Fifi Dorsay) immediately after the wedding.

## AROUND THE MARITIMES

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lishment of a Dominion agriculture marketing board. They also favored an overseas representative of the Nova Scotia fruit growers.

Twenty-one inches of snow was reported from Woodstock, as a result of the storm which swept the Maritimes over the last weekend.

T. B. A. Purvis has been appointed federal representative on unemployment relief work in Nova Scotia. Mr. Purvis is a resident of North Sydney.

Hon. Charles Dalton, Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island, passed away last Sunday. He was widely known as "the founder of the silver fox industry."

Commercial travellers of Moncton, meeting last Saturday, decided to hold their annual banquet on December 21. The banquet was not held last year owing to conditions.

The movement of apples from the Annapolis Valley to Halifax for export since the beginning of the season totals 845,126 barrels, 27,579 half-barrels, 439 boxes and 431 hampers, as compared with 323,056 barrels, 16,173 half-barrels, 480 boxes and 432 hampers for the same period last year.

A limestone quarry and plant have been placed in operation at Waterville, York County, by McQuarrie and Bragdon, of Woodstock. A large amount of the product is being used in this district and substantial quantities are being disposed of in the State of Maine.

Tentative plans for a new canning industry in Nova Scotia are going forward, according to Dr. Melville Cumming, former director of Marketing for Nova Scotia. If assure of a market, he

said, the new plant would be opened in Halifax area for the purpose of canning plums, pears, and peas.

Fur buyers representing houses in Paris, London and other European centres visited Charlottetown last week for the fur auction under the auspices of the P.E.I. Fur Auction Sales Co. Sixty per cent. of the pelts offered were sold at good prices, the top price being \$130.

The Canadian Government's selected exhibit of poultry at the World Poultry Congress held at Rome during September, included a number of Barred Plymouth Rock hens from the pens of C. E. Gunter, Upper Gagetown. One of them was purchased by the Italian department of Agriculture.

December 6 was the 16th anniversary of the great Halifax explosion in which 1,635 were killed and 10,000 injured. Property damage was estimated at \$20,000,000. The explosion was caused by the collision of the French munitions ship Mountblanc with the Belgian relief ship Imo.

J. A. Rutland, fire marshal of Nova Scotia, has drawn attention to the number of deaths from explosions caused by the use of gasoline or kerosene in lighting fires, in warning the public to refrain from the use of these materials in encouraging fires in stoves or furnaces. He points out that one gallon of gasoline, vaporized, has the explosive force of 83 pounds of dynamite.

### ALONGSIDE THE BUTTONS

The master of the mint at Ottawa is wondering where all the coppers go. Twenty million new ones were turned out in the last 12 months, and yet there is a demand for more. Has he taken a good look at the church collection plates?

## Sleepless People Fool Themselves In This Belief

Brain Specialist Says People May Be in Semi-Wakeful Condition.

Doctors are stated to be baffled by the remarkable case of William Blackburn, of Manchester Road, Huddersfield, England.

Mr. Blackburn claims that he has not slept even for an hour since he underwent a serious operation eight years ago.

Every night he takes two morphia tablets than enable him to rest, and he sits in bed reading and smoking. When his daughter was ill recently he spent a fortnight at her bedside without taking any rest.

Doctors who have attended him have informed Mr. Blackburn that, according to all the laws of nature, he should have died years ago.

He has had sufficient morphia to kill several men, but it has not been strong enough to make him even doze.

The case of Mr. Blackburn is not an isolated one.

Three years ago E. T. Maher, of Heaton, Newcastle-on-Tyne, claimed that he had not slept for 20 years.

He explained that in 1910 he had a cycling accident and did not regain his senses for eight hours. Then he found that he had cycled home without knowing it. He then developed a pain in his head, and he had not slept since.

A Hungarian Government official, M. Paul Kerr, who declared he had not slept for 15 years, presented brain specialists with a problem a few years ago.

He asserted that he had not even closed his eyes since he was wounded in the war, but he was still able to carry on with his work, and the specialists were

unable to discover any abnormality in his brain.

It was recently claimed for a 77-year-old widow of Cegled, near Budapest, that she had not had a moment's sleep for 22 years.

### "Quite Impossible"

"It is quite impossible for a man to go for anything like eight years without sleep," Dr. Bernard Hollander, the brain specialist, told the Daily Mirror, when Mr. Blackburn's case was described to him.

"What occurs in these cases is that the patient dozes, often in a condition of semi-wakefulness, and is quite unaware that he has slept. It is then possible for him to get along with a minimum of rest.

"Experiments have been made in America which show that people deliberately kept awake for any long period became unconscious."

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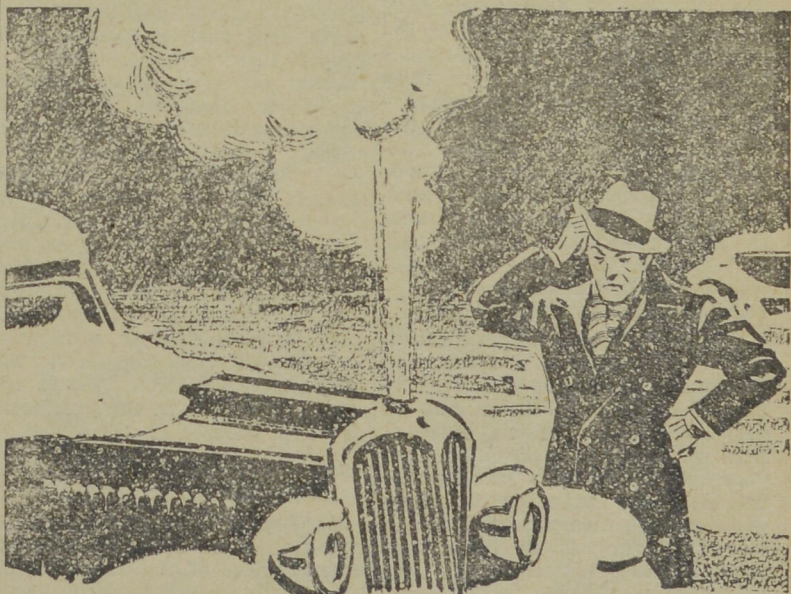
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As the Provincial Minister of Agriculture states, "for many years altogether too large a proportion of outside natural commodities have been consumed in Nova Scotia, to the exclusion of home products equally as good or better—this despite the fact that every outside product of this kind bought by us in place of a similar home product means that much less money available for keeping us employed."

This appeal, sanctioned by the Provincial Government and directly launched through the Department of Agriculture, is one that should call forth immediate response on the part of all good Nova Scotians.

Join the League of Loyal Nova Scotians. Ask your dealer: "Is it a Native Product?"

As was stated in these columns yesterday, every citizen is asked to join this League of Loyal Nova Scotians pledged to buy Nova Scotian; and enlightened selfishness, if nothing else, should induce all of us to give this campaign our best co-operation.



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