

The News On Review

Paraguay and Bolivia have agreed to call a 30-day truce in their three-year-old Chaco war in an attempt to settle their territorial dispute by peaceful means. The agreement was the result of prolonged conferences between representatives of the belligerents and Argentina and Brazil as mediating powers.

Adolf Hitler has offered Europe his draft of an "air Locarno"—the first specific German proposal for peace bulwarks on the Continent. Copies of the draft were sent simultaneously to Britain, France, Italy and Belgium, the four governments which with Germany signed the original Locarno convention designed to guarantee the frontiers of Western Europe.

The cabinet of Premier Pierre-Etienne Flandin of France resigned last week after it had met a decisive defeat in the Chamber of Deputies on its demand for sweeping power to deal with speculation and save the franc. The adverse vote was 353 to 202. Fernand Bouisson, presiding officer of the Chamber, immediately attempted to form a new government. M. Bouisson is committed to support of the franc.

A survey of activities of the board of home missions of The United Church of Canada showed administration of \$12,000,000 during the years it has been in existence, it has been announced. The survey showed salaries were maintained, on the average, higher than any other home mission organization affiliated with the home mission council of North America, despite the effect of the depression.

Hundreds of troops were rushed to the copper belt in Northern Rhodesia last week to protect whites in the wake of fierce riots in which six natives were killed and many wounded in the strike-torn Roan Antelope Mine. The mine manager's staff and their families were reported safe for the time being, according to word received, but the fear that disorders would spread led to the mobilization of Europeans as special constables.

Vancouver's bondholders will be summoned sometime in June to another meeting at which they will be asked to accept a refund-

ing plan at lower interest rates. Mayor G. G. McGeer announced. The refunding proposal, designed to bring taxpayers relief from a load of \$5,539,000 in annual fixed charges for interest and sinking fund, will be patterned after a plan advised by Vancouver members of the British Columbia Legislature at the last session, the mayor stated.

Imports of tea into Canada during the month of April were less than half of that of the corresponding month last year, while there was also a decrease in the imports of coffee, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Tea imported during April amounted to 2,583,963 pounds, against 6,713,873 pounds in the same month last year, while imports of coffee totalled 2,102,154 pounds, compared with 3,204,095 pounds in the same month last year.

Hitting out at dishonest practices in retail merchandising the House of Commons, Ottawa, has pushed a bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act through third reading. The bill which now goes to the Senate imposes heavier penalties for short weights and allied offences and generally tightens the law. The weights and measures amending bill was the first of the bills based on recommendations of the Price Spreads Commission to be passed by the House.

Hon. David A. Croll, Ontario Minister of Public Welfare, was surprised recently at an off-hand suggestion the estate of the Dionne quintuplets could be levied against for federal income tax. "It has never occurred to me that they would have to pay a tax," said Mr. Croll. "But if the Federal Government requested us to make a return we would do so." The estate of the babies, worth now nearly \$200,000, including contracts for advertising purposes, is administered by the board of guardians appointed by Mr. Croll. Actual cash already realized, however, is much less.

An improvement was shown in the employment situation on May 1 in all provinces, while the Maritimes was the only economical area to show a decline in comparison with May 1, 1934, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported. Reports received from

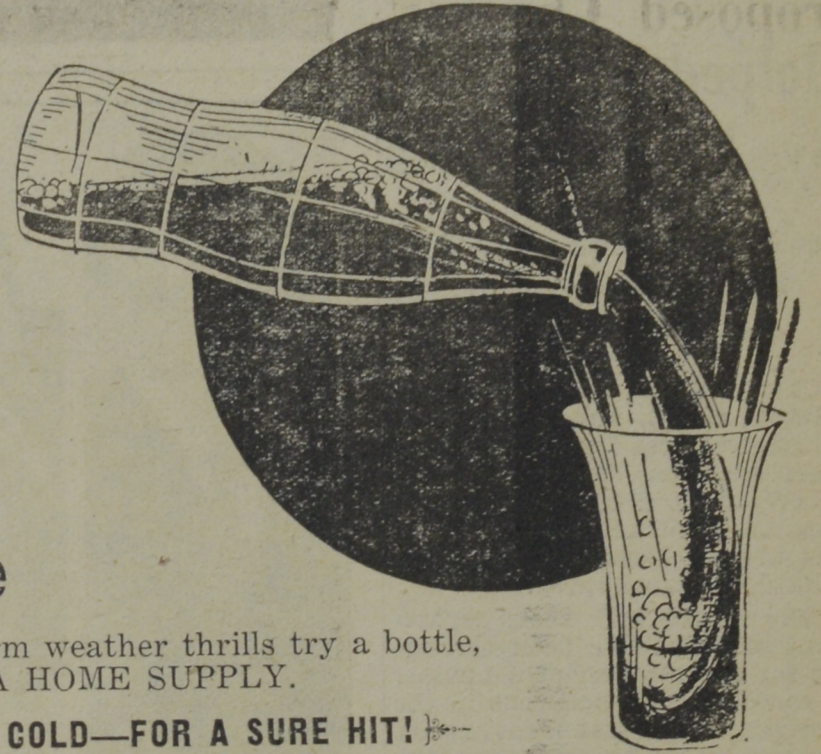
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MARRIAGE AND CAREER DO MIX



VIVIEN LEIGH, beautiful British actress, shown with her year-old-daughter, finds time from her maternal duties to devote to her stage career. Married at seventeen, she has attained both her family and success on the London stage at nineteen.

9,203 firms show 892,506 at work a gain of 17,457 compared with the preceding month. In the Maritimes 655 firms reported 69,417 employed, a gain of 1,217 over the preceding month. Improvements were noted in manufacturing, logging and mining, and construction, while workers were released in transportation and railway construction.

The United States Government has refused a compromise offer of \$3,500 in settlement of its \$5,000 claim against the British motor ship Accuracy, it became known recently. The Accuracy was seized May 2 in Buzzard's Bay near Boston as, it was alleged, she was leaving New Bedford harbor without reporting entry and after unlawfully landing a cargo of 2,500 cases of spirits. According to Charles A. Rome, assistant U.S. attorney, the Catherine N. Sailing Company of Yarmouth, N.S., owners of the vessel, made the offer. This ship was found liable to a \$5,000 fine and possible forfeiture. Her crew of nine were given liberty under bonds.

Families Of Saint John May Benefit By Settlement Plan

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would be isolated. This he thought would make the settlers more contented and give them an incentive to remain on the land.

Under the scheme the new settlers are given assistance so that they will be able to make progress. It is proposed that uniform type of dwellings be erected and that facilities of modern farms be made available to the settlers.

The back-to-the-land movement in New Brunswick has worked out well in several dis-

tricts and last year it was reported that the new settlers were making good generally and the percentage of failures had been almost nothing.

Mr. Tilley told members of the City Council that the lots would be made available as soon as possible and the council would be informed when the land was ready. The lots are in woods but tests of the soil have shown it well adapted to agricultural purposes and was better than in some of the farming districts.

Since becoming premier Mr. Tilley has shown a deep interest in the settlement scheme and his department of Lands and Mines has been specially concerned with making crown land lots available to qualified settlers. Only those experienced in farming are accepted in this plan and in Saint John there are said to be almost 400 men with experience desirous of taking up land.

INSANITY INCREASES

Mental specialists are becoming alarmed at the increasing number of cases of insanity. This increase is not alone confined to England but has been noted in nearly every civilized country. For example, the number of insane persons in the United States has increased during the last 25 years from 173 to 225 persons per 100,000 head of population.

International Rule Give Halibut Catch A Decided Increase

Average Pacific Haul Per Unit
Has Jumped Sharply Under
Joint Control of Waters.

Regulation of the North Pacific halibut fishery under a treaty made a few years ago between Canada and the United States has already had the effect of increasing the average catch per unit of fishing gear.

Since 1930, the last year of unrestricted exploitation of the fishery, the catch per unit of gear has increased by 61 per cent, in the area which includes the waters off British Columbia and the southerly part of Alaska and by 35 per cent, in the adjoining area to the north. These are the two most important areas among the four into which the fishing grounds have been divided for regularity and statistical purposes under the international fisheries commission, or, as it is popularly known, the Pacific halibut commission.

In the year 1934, as shown by a recent statement from commission sources on file in the Dominion Department of Fisheries, "the average catch per unit of gear in area 2, which includes the British Columbia coast, amounted to 56.4 pounds, an increase of eight per cent, over the previous year. In area 3, the other important source of (Pacific) halibut, the catch per unit was increased by four per cent, to 87.2 pounds."

It has been demonstrated, says the same statement, that "by regulation of intensity (of fishing) the commission can control the size of the stock on the grounds and the number of fish allowed to reach spawning age, without market reduction of the total catch," and the statement points out further that the increase in abundance, produced by the restriction on fishing during the past few years, has been "of vital importance to the fishing fleet."

"Without the increase, individual trips (of the vessels) could not have been successful at the prices prevailing and the resultant economic conditions would have caused the tie-up of a large portion of the fleet during 1933 and 1934. This would have been particularly true of the boats operating in area 2."

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