

FLIER WINS COVETED TROPHY



JEAN BATTEN, generally conceded to be the most daring and accomplished aviator among the fair sex, is shown above with the coveted International Trophy which she has just been awarded for her solo flight over the South Atlantic Ocean. Miss Batten has made several solo flights across Europe and Asia and has set several long distance flight records.

The News On Review

A new drive by the United States Government for ratification of the St. Lawrence Waterway treaty with Canada—aimed at approval of the pact at the next congressional session—was intimated in the U. S. Senate.

Sales of branded beef in Canada for January totalled 3,660,837 pounds according to the monthly statement issued by the Dominion Livestock branch. Of the total, 1,052,109 pounds were red label, or first grade, branded beef.

The strike of service employees in more than 2,000 New York City office buildings and apartments appeared this week on the verge of a settlement. Union leaders accepted Mayor LaGuardia's six-point plan and building operators' representatives agreed to submit the proposals to employers.

Trading cordwood for seed will be the order in the inter-lake area 125 miles north of Winnipeg this spring. The Manitoba Government, informed of a seed shortage for farmers in the district, has arranged trading points where cordwood will be accepted for wheat and coarse grain seeds.

Pensions for the blind moved a step closer realization when the Federal Government promised to study the feasibility of extending the Old Age Pensions Act to sightless men and women over the age of 40. At the same time Finance Minister Dunning said it was improbable legislation would be passed this year.

As expected, the Royal Air Force estimates showed greater increases over last year's figures than either the Naval or Army estimates, previously issued. The total services increase over last year is \$174,900,000, the Air Force estimates of \$217,450,000 being responsible for more than half the increase, since they are higher than last year by \$96,845,000.

Amendments to the Customs Act to strengthen the hands of Royal Canadian Mounted Police

in its effort to curb liquor smuggling were introduced in the Canadian House of Commons by Revenue Minister Ilsley. Proposed changes were said to be based on experiences of the preventive force in seeking convictions for alleged liquor running.

Decrease of \$1,986,499 in Canadian Pacific Railway net earnings of \$22,397,524 for the year ended December 31, 1935, compared with 1934, was shown in a preliminary report of the company's financial statement. Gross earnings of \$129,678,904 were \$4,135,950 higher while working expenses, including taxes, were up \$6,122,449 at \$107,281,380. Other income increased \$1,481,701 to \$8,145,494 while fixed charges of \$24,159,938 were \$418,087 lower.

A sentence of four years imprisonment was imposed upon Dr Herman Gortz, middle-aged German lawyer, after he was convicted of espionage at London, England. Sketching secret airdrome was termed an "offence which must be dealt with seriously by any country" by the judge in passing sentence. Gortz received the sentence with a stiff bow from the dock in Old Bailey. He snapped out "no," when asked if he had anything to say.

Ears grow longer, the nose a little longer and distinctly broader, and the mouth widens with the years, changing materially the appearance of the individual, according to Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, curator of physical anthropology of the Smithsonian Institution, who has taken measurements of thousands of men and women including white "old Americans," Pueblo and other Indians, Eskimos and negroes.

A delegation representative of the All-Canadian Congress of Labor last week urged upon Hon Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, an amendment to the Criminal Code which would render illegal the picketing of a place of business in which there was no lockout or labor dispute. It was claimed the intent of the act with

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respect to peaceful picketing was being perverted. Picketing had been carried on against places of business in which members of other unions were working.

Seven persons were killed and 34 wounded last week in new political disturbances in Spain as the Cabinet was reliably reported to be considering political repercussions from the prospective resignation of President Zamora.

Civil war is coming in Quebec between workers of the cities and workers of industrialized country towns. City Council was warned in continued debate on the 1936-7 budget. Unholy alliance between small town politicians and bigger

politicians has broken down minimum wage laws to allow the country to drain the industrial life blood of cities in this Province, said Ald. Joseph Schubert.

Government control of the Bank of Canada may be brought about by the issue of majority stock, leaving the present shares in the hands of the private shareholders. This method of taking over the bank is now under consideration by the Government, it is reported. There are \$5,000,000 worth of shares in the present capital. To take them over would cost \$5,000,000 at least, so financial advisers of the Government are considering the increased capitalization idea.

Sir John Simon, Secretary for Home Affairs, admitted in the British House of Commons there was Jewish persecution going on in the East End of London, which he attributed to the Fascist movement. He further declared that this was potentially very dangerous and said that extra police precautions were being taken to put an end to these outrages, which were becoming numerous. Sir John denied, however, that police had shown any discrimination between Fascists and non-Fascists.

Madam! If you will turn to page 13 of this issue you will find that it has been prepared for you.