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North Pole Soon a Way Station

Though forced down by bad weather when almost in sight of their goal, the 6,000-mile flight by Russian aviators from Moscow, via the North Pole, to Oakland, California, is the latest amazing achievement in aviation. Equally astonishing is the fact that the progress of these fliers was reported to the world at intervals by radio. "We are three hours from the Pole, flying nicely," said one message, and two and a half hours later came the flash, "Everything all right."

Because of the perils associated with this journey over land, sea and vast areas of ice, and in view of the Arctic conditions on the aviator's directional and recording instruments, this is regarded as the most daring flight ever undertaken. At all seasons of the year wild storms may be expected in the Northern wilderness of ice and uncharted islands, and below-zero temperature in the flying altitude, and virtual completion of the journey means another triumph for aviation.

Has Russia other than a scientific interest in the Pole and its neighborhood? During this flight the travellers passed over a floating meteorological station established near the Pole by their countrymen. No doubt the explanation is that the interests of aviation are being served. There doesn't seem to be anything about the Pole itself that is of value other than to science; but it may be recalled that Canada lays claim to all lands to the north of the Dominion proper. Each year a government ship travels to the uttermost islands that can be reached with supplies. This is a recognition of responsibility and an assertion of authority. While any disputing of this Canadian claim is unlikely under present conditions, what of the years to come when aviation has brought the Pole district into world affairs? In fact it soon may be regarded as a way station in top-of-the-world aerial travel.

Politics Cloud French Crisis

The fall of Premier Leon Blum's Popular Front Government is charged with too many political uncertainties for any one to risk speculation on the future. Unfortunately its resignation does nothing to dispel the international view, and it is doubly unfortunate, perhaps, that solution depends more upon the character of the next coalition than upon the demands of the situation itself.

It is a trifle ironical that Blum has fallen because of the Senate's refusal to grant him "decree powers" which he and his colleagues, when in Opposition, consistently refused all other Premiers—Laval, Bouisson, Flaudin, Doumergue—when caught by similar emergencies. It is not to be pretended that this crisis had its origin in the Popular Front Administration. It has accumulated through the drift of several regimes, none of which had the powers to proceed with essential fiscal reforms. But it must be admitted that it has become unnecessarily acute by the miscalculations of the Popular Front's socialistic reforms and its attempt to team absolutely contradictory domestic and foreign policies.

Twice in the earlier months of his regime the fallen Premier met and scraped past crises in each of which there were clearly defined warnings of what lay ahead. The majorities surrounding him forbade recognition of them until it was too late. Despite a hasty effort to regain the confidence of business and the investing public by a "return to orthodoxy," the Senate's opposition was as much a vote of non-confidence as it was disapproval of the emergency plans.

The theory of better living standards, increased purchasing power through devaluation, is, perhaps, good economics. Under different circumstances it might have been good for France. But as attempted by the Popular Front it has not been. Business could not stand the sudden demands of the forty-hour week, higher wages, social security, and the cost of socializing industry. Prices overtook wages, the masses claim to be "poorer than ever," consumption and production consequently have not increased, and adverse trade balance has continued to grow.

The fiscal side of the picture is even more unhealthy. In spite of the advantages of devaluation and an 8,000,000,000 francs (\$360,000,000) loan, there is a Government deficit (October to July) in ordinary account of 9,000,000,000 francs (\$400,000,000), and a total deficit through arms and socialization programs of between 30,000,000,000 and 40,000,000,000 francs, or \$1,350,000,000 and \$1,800,000,000. Depressing this still further is the acknowledgment that revenues have not reached anything like expectations. Here, in brief, is the situation that forced the Government to ask decree powers through which to raise new money and levy more taxation.

As a purely financial statement there is nothing in it to cause the excitement generated by the Government crisis. France is a wealthy country and could easily shoulder the load if the badly needed reforms could be achieved. But it is the politics involved, the struggle between Right and Left, which heighten it, and which justifies the fear at home and abroad.

The Senate patently distrusted the Premier because of the ease with which the Communist minority had handled him in the past. Besides, it is known that at least two-thirds of his support in the Chamber favored cutting free of the tripartite agreement with Britain and the United States, for a policy of "closed economy"—trade regulation and exchange control. And yet his defeat by no means assures defeat of any such program. It is highly possible that more than one Government will be called upon to tackle the solution of the crisis, and something far more radically Left than Blum led might succeed to the job.

Unpublished Sucker Lists

In news accounts a "sweeps" winner is said to have been earning \$3 a week. He rises to affluence through the expenditure of five-sixths of his weekly income for a ticket.

Few will begrudge this man his windfall. But his experience is illuminating. For every big winner there are thousands of losers. Some of the luckless will not miss the money with which they gambled. The great majority could not afford to part with what they lost. To many of them the outlay of \$2.25 on a chance of acquiring sudden wealth meant deprivation of some necessity.

The lottery, by whatever name called, is bad business. It tempts to extravagance those who should be learning thrift. This would be more apparent to its victims if it were possible to publicize, along with lists of prizewinners, the economic status of all from whose pockets the prize money is taken. The moral of the Philadelphia winner's experience is not that it pays to take a chance, but that for gainer there are approximately 2,000 suckers.

SNAPSHOTS

Speaking of daylight saving—it's a long worm that has no turning—and the early bird gets the raspberry.

Early to bed and early to rise and you'll seldom meet many prominent people.

We heard of a doctor the other day who will never be a success because he hasn't enough patience.

A theatrical critic is a man who gives his best jeers to the public.

If the average man's heart were merely made of flint, it would not be so discouraging; it is the fact that it is made of elastic, which baffles a woman.

No man has ever written convincingly on "How to Attract Women," because the kind of man who could write authentically on the subject is always too busy trying to dodge them.

With so many women in the world, why is it that the man who would rather snatch a sandwich at a drug-store counter than dine formally in a dinner coat, so often marries the kind of woman, to whom embroidered guest-towels and monogrammed salad forks are the most important "facts of life?"

Windsor City

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sor, East Windsor, Sandwich and Walkerville, now amalgamated into the City of Windsor, in time to make the cash distribution possible Aug. 1.

Pay Overdue Interest

McDiarmid estimated about \$2,000,000 will be paid in settlement of interest overdue Dec. 31, 1935. The other half will cover the three semi-annual instalments of interest due since that date.

Holders of the old City of Windsor bonds, for interest, will receive 52 per cent. of the interest they ordinarily would have received between Dec. 1, 1932, date of the former city's default and Dec. 31, 1935. From the money paid out on this account will be deducted 3 per cent. interim payment made by the old City of Windsor to its bondholders during 1935. In figuring the amount of interest overdue as of Dec. 31, 1935, interest was not compounded.

Holders of old City of East Windsor bonds will receive 50 per cent. of the interest they would have received between Oct. 1, 1931, date of that municipality's default, to Dec. 31, 1935.

Position of Sandwich

Because of the action of the Imperial Bank in taking over a \$300,000 surplus which the former town of Sandwich had built up—to apply against that municipality's debt to the bank—Coupon No. 1 on old Sandwich bonds will not be very large. Holders of Sandwich bonds will receive 12 per cent. of the interest that accrued between March 1, 1932, date of that municipality's default, and Dec. 31, 1935.

A larger payment will be made to Sandwich bondholders if the city is successful in litigation entered into to recover the \$300,000 taken over by the bank.

Since the town of Walkerville did not default until Dec. 14, 1934, amount of interest overdue as of Dec. 31, 1935, was not large. The town's surplus at the end of 1935 was correspondingly small and Walkerville bondholders will receive 15 per cent. of the interest they would have received in that one year's period.

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SITUATION IN SPAIN SAID TO BE EXPLOSIVE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SPAIN, June 24 — Reports today from Gibraltar say that 10,000 Italian troops landed at Malaga to aid the insurgents. The situation around Spain is described as explosive. Neville Henderson, British Ambassador of Berlin informed the German Government last night that any hostile action on the part of Germany in Spain will be regarded as serious by the British Government.

QUEEN ATTENDS TENNIS MATCH

LONDON, June 24 — Queen Mary attended the lawn tennis matches today at Wimbledon.

All Merchants

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The extra pharmacopoeia says of isopropyl alcohol: "administration by mouth produces narcosis, in larger doses anesthesia, finally coma and death," the report stated.

It was pointed out by A. J. Wilkinson, chairman of the Council, that Mr. Dunning, in the House of Commons, said that he had reports from the Mounted Police regarding "the terrible misuse of this new type of alcohol" and that further steps would probably be necessary to curb its use.

The amendment to the Patent Medicine Act which the association is seeking proposes that the manufacture of all patent medicines used internally and containing certain harmful drugs, be under the "continuous supervision of a pharmaceutical chemist registered or licensed under the laws of one of the several Provinces of Canada."

Only firms and corporations manufacturing medicines under the supervision of a properly licensed chemist will be able to sell these patent medicines, the proposed amendment reads. The word "poison" must be conspicuously printed on the container and be a part of the label.

The manufacture of any medicine containing opium or its derivatives, or diethyl barbituric acid, and all salts, preparations and derivatives, such as veronal, propanal, medical and all urethanes and ureides for internal use are prohibited.

No patent medicine containing any of the above drugs shall be offered for sale "from door to door or upon a public highway," the amendment read.

The association was successful in stopping the increased use of paregoric and codeine through the Excise Act and the Narcotic Division of the Government several years ago, the report said.

Greetings from the American Pharmaceutical Association were brought by Dr. E. Fullerton Cook, Dean of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy. Dr. Cook praised the stand taken by the Canadian association in seeking legislation to promote the well-being of the public.

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STANLEY GOODSPEED'S VIEWS

The Editor, The Daily Mail, Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:

"Competition is the life of trade," is one of the old sayings, but when a few try to control nearly all, it's high time some of our right thinking people come forward in a body and demonstrated their interest and ability to the contrary. Last week a number of local bus or taxi-drivers were summoned to appear in court on a charge of operating a bus between Fredericton and Devon, also Barker's Point, without a license from the Motor Carrier Board, but yet when they applied for a license it was not granted, states one very prominent taxi man, and no real good reason given for the non-issuing of it, which is not British justice and very unfair to let a certain (political) bus company hold or buy the right over the KING'S HIGHWAY. Equal rights to all and special privileges to none is not being executed.

Another very important matter which the city council felt down on was the non-resident tax which is not being enforced. It cost money to have this by-law drawn up and no good being made of it. Taxpayers' money spent in vain, and a certain industry in the city and also a contractor being allowed to bring or hire outside labor for certain work which could easily be absorbed by our local labor men here. Is the council favoring this or are they putting it over them, in a sort of scare-crow way? Equal rights are not being shown there.

How quick a few weeks ago, that the council (except three men) was so anxious to adopt Daylight Saving Time and no revenue being derived from it and so much of a majority against it as was two years ago. Now a boycott is being whispered around to the effect that certain stores and places of business are to be boycotted flat, so it looks like the so-called Daylight Saving Time would be a bad thing to have in Fredericton.

Thanking you, Mr. Editor, for your space and hope our growing bodies wake up to the fact that we are not as Germany, Russia or even Spain is now. Dictatorship? Never!

Yours Truly,
R. STANLEY GOODSPEED,
South Devon, N. B.
June 23, 1937.

Pres. of N. B.

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er than to give to our people generally a proper knowledge and perspective of the existing situation.

The Canadian Federation of Labor represented by Mr. Miller, has two branches only in the Maritime Provinces, both of which are in the city of Saint John. The one union of any importance in the entire Dominion of Canada that is affiliated with this body is the O.B.U. (The One Big Union) of Winnipeg which has a membership of approximately 2,300. It is to be very much doubted if the Canadian Federation of Labor have a dozen chartered local unions from Sydney to Victoria. The exaggerated claims of this organization as to membership is now the subject of investigation by the Federal Department of Labour, a most significant fact to all familiar with labour organization.

On the other hand, the last report of the All-Canadian Congress of Labour submitted to the Department of Labour at Ottawa, showed and actual dues paying membership of 26,235 with seven affiliated unions and forty-eight chartered unions, with provincial and district councils in all the important cities across

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Canada. Since the submission of this report seven other unions have been granted charters. It is obvious that the Canadian Federation of Labor with an approximate membership of 3,000 suffers by comparison, and cannot by even the widest stretch of imagination be considered as representing or representative of the national labour movement.

Mr. Miller's statements regarding the inadequacy of the social legislation obtaining in New Brunswick and in the city of Saint John, indicates a quite natural, though lamentable lack of knowledge of either provincial or civic conditions, further comment on this point is unnecessary, suffice to say, that since the erection of the New Brunswick National Council of Labour some two and a half years ago, national labour has without exception been able to represent in all public questions of an economic, political or social nature; it has been represented on all public commissions and boards dealing with matters of general interest not only to organized labour but to the people of New Brunswick in general. It enjoys the confidence of, and has at all times been received with courtesy and consideration by the Government of the Province as well as by the various civic and municipal governing bodies.

The New Brunswick National Council of Labour, which is chartered by the All-Canadian Congress of Labour, is a self governing body, and is officially representative of national labour organization in New Brunswick and is recognized as such. It has branches and units in seven cities and towns in the Province and in most instances has from three to five units in the larger centres. Its membership is stable in that it is composed of workers who enjoy all the year round employment, under the highest standards of living and wage conditions.

The time has not yet come when the working people of New Brunswick find it necessary to have their economic, social or political problems solved by men who have little or no knowledge of labour or any other conditions in the Province, or to have such problems when they arise settled either in Ontario or the United States.

I regret Mr. Editor, the necessity of such a long letter, and in closing I assure you that this ends the matter as far as the New Brunswick National Council of Labour or the national labour movement is concerned.

Yours very truly,
RONALD J. HARRINGTON,
President, New Brunswick National Council of Labour.

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Laws to Prevent

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power to guarantee to "loyal workers" in the Steel Plants.

Sharply criticizing Gov. George H. Earle, of Pennsylvania, for closing plants of the Bethlehem Steel Company in Johnstown to certain workers, Bailey said:

"The workers who wished to work were prevented from working. Thereupon the high command of the C.O., considerably called off the invasion. In taking this action, the Governor of Pennsylvania took sides in a strike, not with the workers who were at work, but with an organization which was trying to keep them from working."

"The proper course would have been to call out the militia for the purpose of aiding those who were engaged in preventing men from working."

Hold said "the record proves that John L. Lewis has had the silent and hearty co-operation of the administration in these industrial disputes."

"It also proves," he added, "that whenever Lewis starts losing ground, that the administration steps in to save his face."

Bridges, whose resolution to investigate charges of suspension of the mails led to investigation of all labor warfare in the steel strike today, subpoenaed Tom M. Girdler, Chairman of the Board of the Republic Steel Corporation, to appear Thursday before the Senate Post Office Committee.

Girdler will be asked to testify with Postmaster General Farley concerning charges that postmasters in Ohio cities entered into agreements with CIO leaders to block delivery of packages to picketed plants, in the strike district.

City of Fredericton Notice of Assessment

The Assessment Roll for the City of Fredericton for the year 1937, is now in the hands of the City Treasurer, for Collection, and all persons therein assessed are hereby required to pay the amount of their respective taxes forthwith to the City Treasurer at his office in the City Hall, Fredericton. A discount of five per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid on or before the twenty-second day of July next, after which date interest at the rate of one-half per centum per month will be added and execution may be issued and proceedings had thereon, as by law provided.

Dated at the City Hall, Fredericton, this twenty-second day of June, A. D. 1937.

FRED I. HAVILAND,
City Treasurer.