

## GIGANTIC NETWORK OF AIR LINES WOULD LINK EVERY CORNER OF BRITISH EMPIRE

### Imp. Communication May Be In Effect Within Present Year

Amazing Progress Has Been Made Without the Knowledge of the General Public

Experts and Scientists Studying Routes, Types, of Aircraft

Construction Terminal Aerodromes, All Factors Being Considered

Strategic Position of Canada Great Value in the Plan

(By Dean Wilson)

Several weeks ago this column disclosed certain exclusive information about the plans of the Federal Government in regard to the operation of the newly created company which will handle all means of transportation by air from coast to coast, and these exclusive disclosures have been substantiated in every detail by the happenings and official statements of the authorities in Ottawa within recent days. Now it can be reported here that an ambitious scheme is being formulated in the Capital whereby the initial work of the new trans-Canada airways system will be hastened in order to carry out a definite plan of the various Governments of the British Commonwealth of Nations to unite all airlines of the Empire into a gigantic network which would link every corner where the British flag flies, crossing continents and oceans, and all of which would be of extreme importance.

Canada's geographical position is one of the greatest strategic value in these plans of fast Imperial communication because it is known in Ottawa that considerable work has already been done towards the establishment of a transatlantic service within a short time. In fact, there is no doubt that most of the readers of this column would be amazed if they were informed how much the scheme has been developed by Canadian scientists and airway experts within the past few months, and today, experts in Ottawa are frankly discussing the possibility of a regular airway service from any section in Canada to any part of the European continent within the next 12 months or less.

The new airline which will handle mail, express and passengers from coast to coast in the Dominion will link up with the Imperial Airways to carry out the transatlantic service. (Continued on Page Four)

### U. S. SOIL EROSION LOSS PUT AT 400 MILLION YEARLY

100 Million Farm Acres Held Impoverished in Century.

WASHINGTON, May 21—The United States is squandering its soil resources at the rate of more than \$400,000,000 a year, according to H. H. Bennett, Chief of the Soil Conservation Service of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Bennett who has been crusading for ten years for soil conservation, estimated 100,000,000 acres of agricultural land had been ruined or seriously impoverished by erosion during the past 100 years. Erosion has gained headway on another 200,000 acres, he said.

Millions of gullied farms washed bare of top soil are "grim evidence that the people of this youthful nation have been squandering their rich heritage of productive soil more rapidly than any other nation, civilized or barbaric, of which we have any record," Mr. Bennett said.

### \$20,000 PAVING PROGRAMME HERE IS RECOMMENDED

Will Be Extended Over Period of Two Years

A proposed \$30,000 road and street programme to be carried out in the City of Fredericton within the next two years was considered at a special meeting of the roads and streets committee held last evening with Alderman David McCaughey presiding. The committee proposed to recommend to the council that \$10,000 be expended on sidewalk construction, while the balance to be spent on hard-surfaced roads.

It was generally agreed by the committee that the programme be extended over a period of two years. However, the matter is being recommended.

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### Synod Will Meet At Fredericton Next Year

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONCTON, N. B., May 21—The Fredericton diocesan synod of the Church of England which concluded its sessions here yesterday afternoon accepted the invitation of Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead to hold the next annual session at Fredericton. The closing session was taken up with the selection of the different standing committees for the ensuing year.

### Empire Day

THROUGHOUT the length and breadth of the British Empire today the children and the schools are celebrating what is known as Empire Day. The purpose of this day is to point out to the children the advantages and the benefits of being British citizens and to teach them habits of loyalty to the Throne. Never before in the history of the Motherland has the constitution passed through such strain and emerge unimpaired and stronger than ever. It is therefore fitting that on this day that the children should be assembled and given a chance to rejoice and express feelings of loyalty to their sovereign and to the Throne.

The youth of our Empire and especially of Canada should be made to see plainly as future citizens of the British Commonwealth of Nations that here in Canada is a country where peace and concord reign supreme. When one reads of the conditions that exist in other nations throughout the world where if war is not raging the citizens are subject to lack of liberty one should appreciate to the fullest extent the freedom which all subjects of the British Empire irrespective of race, class or creed enjoy under the protection of our form of Government and under the protection of the British flag.

Patriotic organizations who hold a special interest in the welfare of the Empire are doing their part in stimulating in the children love and patriotism. It is also the duty of parents to inculcate in their children the thought that constitutional Government is a blessing and nothing is worse than upheaval which results from revolutionary motives. Although peace must not be secured at any price yet it is a far cry between constitutional liberty and dictatorship. "Long Live The Empire."

### MORE ANGLING PARTIES FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

American Newsman To Make Try For Spring Salmon

The lure of spring salmon fishing is still bringing numerous disciples of Isaak Walton to the province of New Brunswick, with the Miramichi and other famous Northumberland County Streams as their destination. Arrivals have included a party headed by "Bill" Cunningham, a versatile and widely known sports writer for the Boston Post. His companions on the trip are Guy I. Gibbons, A. Marshall Jones, and John H. Chipman, of Providence. The three last named travelled to Saint John by the Eastern Steamship Company's liner, City of Saint John, and were joined by Mr. Cunningham, who came down by rail. An auto was brought along on the boat and was used by the party for transportation purposes during their sojourn in the province. From here they motored to the Tabusintac River for spring salmon. Mr. Cunningham, who has made previous trips to the province, has covered many great sporting events for his (Continued on Page Four)

### NEW PHASE TO THE M'KNIGHT HATCHET MURDER CASE

JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 21—A new version of the hatchet slaying of Mrs. Helen MacKnight—one in which she was pictured as discovering her daughter in an embrace with her red-haired sweetheart and advancing toward them with a knife—was given today in the murder trial of 17-year-old Gladys MacKnight and Donald Wightman, 18.

It came near the end of the state's evidence in a statement by the girl herself, the first purported confession she was said to have made to police. Her counsel insisted upon its inclusion. (Continued on Page Four)

### SPECIAL PARTY OF FRENCH SPEAKING PEOPLE ON CRUISE

Lady Holt Also on Board Other Prominent People

(Special to The Daily Mail)

MONTEAL, May 21—The Liner Lady Somers, Canadian National Steamship, which opened the Montreal, St. Lawrence, Jamaica cruise season by her sailing from here on April 28 will be back in port on Sunday at 7 p.m. DST., coming up from Jamaica, the Bahama Islands and Bermuda with a full list of passengers. She is due to sail again next Wednesday night over the same route taking another quota of vacationists down to the Southern Colonies, among whom will be a special party of French speaking people boarding the ship at Quebec.

Among the passengers on the present incoming voyage will be the following: Frank Rowe, general commercial supervisor of Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, and Mrs. Rowe; E. Stephenson, director, A. McKim Ltd. and Mrs. Stephenson; Robert Stanger, president of Guardian Trust Co., and Mrs. Stanger; Mrs. M. R. Reynolds, all from Montreal; Dr. Jas. J. McCann, M.D. C.M., member of Dominion Parliament for Renfrew South, Ont., and Mrs. McCann; Miss Ida Armstrong, Miss Beatrice Barber (Continued on Page Four)

### URGES CHURCH BACK ISSUES

Ministers Should Help Form Public Opinion, Bishop Declares

TORONTO, May 21—The Church has a right to take a stand on public questions; and any minister can, by taking a side upon an important public issue, often develop public opinion, declared Bishop F. J. McConnell, of New York, head of the Methodist Episcopal Church of United States, addressing an interdenominational luncheon held yesterday at Metropolitan Church House. More than 200 representatives of Protestant churches were present at the luncheon held under the auspices of the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order.

The Church is an entity, not merely a group meeting on a Sunday to worship God and it is entitled to a part in forming public opinion, pointed out Bishop McConnell. Remarking that the Church was doing very well and was becoming more and more informed daily on public issues, he commented: "The trouble with most of the leaders of reactionary groups today is that they are just plain dumb."

### Premier Macdonald Announces Election on Return From England

(Special to The Daily Mail)

HALIFAX, May 21—Nova Scotia's Liberal premier Angus Macdonald announced at midnight last night at a cabinet meeting that a general election will be held in that province on June 29. The premier withheld the announcement until his return from the Coronation as he did not think that an election campaign would be suitable at the time of Coronation.

### PONTIFF IS NOW PLANNING FOR A WORLD BROADCAST

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy, May 21—Pope Pius ordered arrangements today for a world wide broadcast of the speech he will deliver May 31 at the inauguration of the new Pontifical Academy.

The occasion will be the Pontiff's 80th birthday. He is expected to make an important statement of Catholicism's position in regard to science.

LONDON, May 21—Richard A. Butler, Under Secretary of State for India, suffered a broken shoulder blade when his horse threw him today. He will be confined to his home for a fortnight.

### Liberals of Alberta Will Convene At Edmonton On June 5 To Select A Leader For Their Party

### FOUR THOUSAND CHILDREN TO SOUTHAMPTON

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SOUTHAMPTON, May 21—More than 4,000 children are expected to arrive at Southampton tomorrow. They'll be taken to a camp nearby.

### Two German Aviators Sentenced to Death

(Special to The Daily Mail)

BILBAO, May 21—Sentence of death was passed on two German aviators who were captured fighting on the Basque front. The decision was reached after the court was in session for several hours.

### Basque Troops Are Defending Bilbao With Grim Struggle

Reserves Are Rushed to the Front Lines --- Final Fortifications Are Built

Fear Heavy Bombardment

Rebels' Push to the West Now Threatens to Cut Off Communication

### ADVERTISING HELD VITAL TO INDUSTRY

Creates Steady Work at Good Wages, Says British Expert

LONDON, May 21—The claim that advertising creates steady work at good wages and reduced prices was made by Sir Charles Higham, British advertising expert, in a debate broadcast by the Midland Regional station. "Modern advertising is the method by which you can tell the merits of your goods to millions in one day," he said. "If you had to wait to tell them by word of mouth it would be impossible to convey the news, and if you sent a letter or a postcard it would cost the manufacturer four times as much as it would to tell his story in a full page in a newspaper to reach the same number of people."

"If any manufacturer listening tonight wonders if he should use the force of modern advertising to create and maintain his market, I would like to assure him that I can promise him that if his product and his price for it are right, I can sell enough of it to pay for the advertising before the advertising begins."

### Report That Italy May Withdraw Her Troops From Spain

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, May 21—Premier Mussolini is reported to have informed General Franco that he will withdraw all Italian troops from Spanish territory. The report has done much to ease international feeling.

BILBAO, May 21—Already blasted by insurgents into a mass of ashes and debris, the ruined town of Munguia appeared likely to fall before advancing Rebels yesterday while Basque troops prepared for a grim struggle to defend Bilbao.

The Basques, fighting against the insurgents in a rear guard action, planned to make a desperate stand some miles nearer the iron ring of fortifications surrounding the Basque capital.

Reserves were rushed to the front lines of the defenders throughout the night and final defense fortifications were hastily flung up. All night long wagons and carts rumbled out of Bilbao toward the front with supplies.

Most of the buildings in Munguia were said to have been demolished and the roads torn up by the terrific insurgent bombardment of the town.

Basque defenders of the city preparing to evacuate, blew up a bridge leading south from Munguia.

Fears were expressed of a possible heavy bombardment of the port of Bilbao by insurgent planes and artillery at any moment, and it was pointed out British ships in the port in such an event would be gravely endangered.

The town of Amorbieta, previously captured by the Rebels, was reported still blazing—half its houses blackened ruins and the rest rapidly disintegrating.

The insurgents succeeded in dislodging the Loyalist Santander battalion from Mount Condra, south of Mount Jata, on the Biscay front. As a result, part of the Basque troops holding Mount Jata were withdrawn.

The Rebels also are expected to push to the west toward Galdanano, a manoeuvre which would threaten communications and a strong force of Basque troops, estimate at 10,000 men, entrenched in positions south and southeast of Galdanano.

SPAIN, May 21—General Franco has issued the report that the insurgents have not been using dum-dum bullets.

### Several Able Men Are Mentioned for the Post --- To Start the Battle Against Aberhart.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, May 21—Parliament Hill believes that the end of the Aberhart regime in Alberta is finally in sight. Hon. H. G. Gardiner, who, in addition to being Minister of Agriculture, is the "big boss" in the Liberal Party in both Saskatchewan and Alberta, has just returned from looking over the situation in the Foothills province.

The result of his survey is the calling of a provincial Liberal Convention to meet in Alberta on June 5, for the purpose of choosing a provincial leader and setting up a fighting political organization.

Time for Battle

This means that, in the seasoned (Continued on Page Four)

### ON A "DIME TOUR" OF WORLD, LAUDER HAPPY

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SAN PEDRO, Cal., May 21—Sir Harry Lauder, 67-year-old Scottish entertainer, disembarked from a Pacific cruise here today, chortling about his "dime tour" of the world.

He explained that ten-cent pieces he saved during his career have financed the trip.

### 30 INJURED IN STREET RIOTS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LUCKNOW, May 21—Over 30 people were injured in street riots and several arrests have been made. The trouble arose over Moslem religious differences.