ITALY'S PREMIER COLLECTS $50,000,000—Secretary of the U.S. Treasury John J. Snyder, left, presents Alcide de Gasperi, Italian premier, a cheque for $50,000,000, representing a second payment to cover expenditures made by American military forces in lira currency for procurement of supplies, services and facilities in Italy. Mr. De Gasperi flew to Washington in an effort to secure a substantial loan to bolster tottering Italy's financial structure.

EGYPT NOT SATISFIED

Treaty Negotiations Failing—Soudanese Situation Mentioned

LONDON, (CP)—Anglo-Egyptian treaty negotiations have failed and the Egyptian government no longer hopes that the parties can agree, an Egyptian official said yesterday.

"There will be no treaty between Egypt and Britain," the official said, adding: "we do not accept British or any other occupation. We are convinced that British evacuation should be carried out in a shorter period than that proposed by Britain."

As for the Anglo-Soudanese question, he said, it was clear that Britain was not pleading the Soudanese cause but her own.

Canadian Envoy Uses Chop Sticks

TORONTO—Mr. Justice T. C. Davis, who is to be Canada's ambassador to China, was instructed in the fine points of using chop sticks when he was tendered a complimentary dinner last night by the Chinese of Toronto.

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GOLD MINING TO BE AIDED

Stocks React Sharply Upward On Toronto Exchange

TORONTO—Gold stocks moved up sharply on the Toronto stock market yesterday on the basis of reports that the federal government is going to grant a five per cent bonus and increase the depreciation allowances for taxation purposes from 33⅓ to 50 per cent. At Ottawa there was no confirmation from the Department of Finance for such reports.

WAGES BASED ON EXPERIENCE

The new wage scale of $1,300 to $2,400 for local elementary teachers is based on from one to 12 years' teaching and the secondary scale, from $1,600 to $3,000 is based an annual increases over 15 years of professional work.

The former salary schedule paid the teachers ranged from $1,300 to $2,200 for elementary teachers and from $1,500 to $3,000 for secondary teachers. The teachers had asked schedules ranging from $1,500 to $2,600 for elementary and from $1,800 to $3,200 for secondary. They also asked that this be made retroactive to September 1, 1946.

The annual $100 increments, which become effective next September, are subject to satisfactory inspectors' reports. Full credit, for increment purposes, will be given for experiences in British Columbia schools, while half-credit will be allowed for teaching experience in other provinces.

MORE U.S. IRISH THAN IN IRELAND

DUBLIN (CP)—There are far more people of Irish blood in the United States than in Ireland, D. W. Brogan, professor of political science at Cambridge, told the Royal Dublin Society.

Between 1820 and 1920, nearly 5,500,000 Irish people settled in the United States, becoming the "basic proletariat" of the country. The only parallel in history was the migration from Portugal to Brazil.

Even so, said Professor Brogan, the proportion of Irish stock was higher in Newfoundland, Australia and Scotland.

Britain Will Boost Beauty Aids 50 P.C.

LONDON (CP)—Regulations restricting the manufacture of toilet preparations for the home market are to be eased in Britain but manufacturers say that due to shortages there will be little increase in supplies. Unrestricted licenses are to be granted by the Board of Trade for the manufacture of permanent waving products, except cold wave lotions, and hair dyes. In most cases the proportion of supplies which manufacturers may place on the home market will be raised 50 per cent. "Bottlemakers and container manufacturers are short of coal, skilled workmen and materials, and it is doubtful if the situation will improve for some time," a manufacturer said.

AIR TRAFFIC IN DECEMBER

WINNIPEG, Statistics released by W. F. English, vice-president TransCanada Air Lines, for the month of December show that, while airmail and air express carried increased over the previous month, there was a decrease in passengers carried. There was 26,693 passengers in December compared with 28,831 in November. Airmail totalled 234,521 pounds last month as against 196,157 in November. Air express poundage in December was 94,101 and 93,327 in November.

February Ration Coupon Calendar

February 6—Meat M71.
February 13—Meat M72, Butter B41.
February 20—Meat M73, Butter B42, Sugar-Preserves S41 and S42.
February 27—Meat M74, Butter B43.

REPUBLIC OF INDIA

Possibility Seen That it Will Be Established This Year

LONDON, (CP)—Indian authorities here yesterday forecast the possibility that India be established on the republican basis this year in line with a resolution passed by the India constituent assembly in New Delhi, proclaiming unanimous determination to establish an "independent sovereign republic of India."

Final constitution will have to be submitted to British Parliament for approval since India is governed by the India Act of 1935, a British measure which will have to be replaced. It is understood the British will facilitate passage of the measure.

Men Most Careless, Lose Booze, Pants

WINNIPEG (CP)—Figures do not lie. Statistics of the Winnipeg Electric Company lost properties department show the male of the species is the most careless. As for the small fry, they trail the field.

Everything that can be lost, from men's long underwear and unobtainable shirts, two-way stretches and ladies' lingerie, to dogs, cats and the occasional child, pass through the lost properties department daily. Umbrellas, lunch kits and sports equipment of varying types lead the parade of more than 1,000 articles monthly. Hats, pens and pencils, gloves, trousers and books run a close second.

Less frequent, though more amusing, items that find their way to the lost property counter are artificial teeth and an assortment of liquors, ranging from cases of beer to the very occasional bottle of Scotch.

"Pipe Dream" Says Meighen of Story

OTTAWA—Rt. Hon. Senator Arthur Meighen, who was Prime Minister of Canada at the time, describes as a "pipe dream" and "fantastic skeleton" the story of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University that Canada and other Dominions threatened to secede from the British Empire in 1921.

Three Times More Asked For Malta

LONDON—The colonial secretary asked Parliament today to triple the grant for reconstruction of Malta following its intense war damage.

Teachers Are Due For Disappointment

VICTORIA—It is said in authoritative quarters that the school teachers of British Columbia will not receive the union shop and check-off of dues that they are seeking from the provincial government.

RUSSIANS ARREST THIRTY GERMANS

BERLIN (CP, courtesy of B.C. Police Radio)—The Russians today announced the arrest of 30 Germans, allegedly for looting in the Soviet sector of Berlin.

DENIAL BY MUFTI

CAIRO—The Grand Mufti of Jerusalem emphatically denies a report that he asked Adolf Hitler to bomb Jerusalem during the war.

Retail and Wholesale Trade

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some 20,000 people must be serviced by representatives, but it requires each representative of the major houses as much as a month to cover this at all adequately, and the orders are consequently not commensurate with the time involved. As in the retail trade, real competition is practically impossible.

Thus, the stabilization of prices at high levels to obviate losses has acted as a powerful deterrent to attracting reasonably priced labor to the area. Without a reservoir of such labor, the success of industry is irremediably prejudiced when the products which it produces must be sold in open world competition. In short, the effect is cumulative, and has repercussions throughout the industrial picture.

The area at large—Prince Rupert, the Queen Charlottes, and Stewart—cannot progress until such time as:

(a) Living costs through competition are brought into line with Vancouver.

(b) Labor is thus attracted to the area.

(c) Through the above, the area is made attractive for settlement by non-transient (i.e.: married) workers.

This phase of the industrial picture of the area cannot be overstressed, and is becoming more critical as every day passes.

Through wartime industries, bonuses, and exigencies, the area witnessed a tremendous expansion. Currently, this expansion is being lost, and will be lost, unless a rapid move is made to arrest it.

For the first time in the area's history, Prince Rupert—as an example—has sufficient housing and other facilities to accommodate the working population which should under normal conditions be its commercial bulwark.

Daily air transportation to the area strikes at the root cause of the difficulties of all industry in the area by bringing competitive cheapness of living within reach of the workers, by removing the feeling of semi-isolation, and by permitting permanent settlement of the region by worker's families to solidify the employment tone.

ESTATE NOW SCHOOL

CLYRO, Radnorshire, Wales, (CP)—Clydo Court, once home of the Baskerville family, this district's principal landowners, has been taken over for conversion into a technical school.

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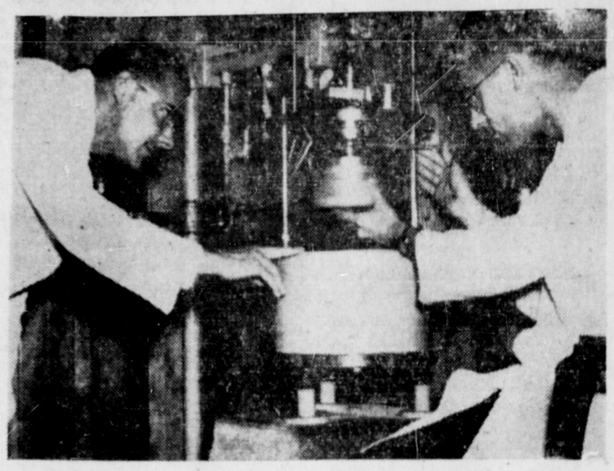

DISCOVERY WILL AID IN POLIO FIGHT—In their laboratory at Stanford university, Calif., are Dr. Hubert S. Loring, left, and Dr. Carlton E. Schwerdt, whose success in isolating nearly pue polio virus has been announced by the university. They are working at the centrifuge which played an important part in their experiments. Production of purified virus is a big step in the struggle to find a vaccine effective against poliomyelitis.

Briefs From Britain

SUNDERLAND, Eng. (CP)—Surface flaws which suddenly spread to inner layers were blamed by dealers for "explosions" which shattered new glass tumblers in many homes.

LLANDRINDOD WELLS, Wales (CP)—Charles Jones, 82, who had a wooden bicycle when he was six years old and still rides a bike, claims to have been a cyclist longer than anyone in the world.

HULL, Eng. (CP)—Chairman Sir Ronald W. Matthews announced the London and North Eastern Railway plans to spend £7,000,000 ($28,000,000) on reconstruction of Hull docks owned by the line.

BRIGGS, Lincolnshire, Eng. (CP)—The county educational committee has allocated £300 ($1,200) for the purchase of bicycles to be used by children living in remote areas without local schools.

LINCOLN, Eng. (CP)—For selling canary seed without official permission, four Lincolnshire farmers were fined a total of £1,200 ($4,800).

BARSLEY, Eng. (CP)—Four men were hurt and a machine shop wrecked when an oxy-acetylene welding plant exploded.

DUBLIN (CP)—Because of a cut in imports, the Eire domestic soap ration has been reduced by one-third to six ounces of soap, or 12 ounces of soap powder or one pint of liquid soap.

TYN-Y-CAE, Wales (CP)—One of the biggest youth hostels in South Wales is threatened with requisition by the War Office.

LONDON (CP)—Two swans and 26 ducks, missing from the lake at Alexandra Palace, North London, are believed to have been eaten at Christmas dinners.

NORWICH, Eng. (CP)—For the first time on record not one child road fatality occurred in Norwich in 1946.

TEDDINGTON, Middlesex, Eng. (CP)—Landlady of a Teddington boarding house called on some 200 squatters camped in Bushy Park and asked for volunteers to kill a chicken.

LONDON (CP)—Campaign stars for the Second World War now are being turned out at 150,000 weekly. The Defence Medal and War Service Medal are not yet in production.

LONG DELAYED STATUE

HONG KONG, (CP)—A 10-foot high bronze statue of King George VI, ordered for the centenary celebrations here in January, 1941, on which work stopped because of the war, now has been completed and awaits shipment from England. The statue depicts the King in his robes of state as worn in the opening of parliament.

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