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TOWEL LEFT INSIDE HIS STOMACH BY SURGEON—We have had stories "Inside Europe" and "Inside Asia," but the story of "Inside Jefferson" has 'em all stopped. The Jefferson is Arthur K. who is holding a towel bearing the brand of the medical department, U.S. Army, which he avers was left in his stomach by army surgeons after an operation in an army hospital. The veteran is suing the U.S. government for \$100,000 for the oversight. The towel was removed from Jefferson's stomach in an operation at Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1946.

PRAIRIE GRAIN SEEDING HELD UP ANOTHER WEEK

WINNIPEG—Seeding will not become general on the prairies for another week to ten days and possibly longer than that in the northern areas, according to the weekly crop report of the department of agriculture of the C.N.R.

In southern Manitoba the wet cold weather and flood conditions have delayed the spring land work. It is expected, however, that with favorable weather seeding should be fairly general next week. Some farmers in the Morris-Somers district started seeding about May 10. A decrease in wheat acreage is expected with a consequent increase in coarse grains and summerfallow.

No seeding is reported in northern Manitoba and will not commence until next week. It is too early to estimate the extent to which the wheat acreage will be decreased.

Seeding has commenced to some extent in the southern part of Saskatchewan and should be fairly general by the beginning of next week, except in areas which suffered from floods. A reduction of wheat acreage is expected but accurate estimates cannot be expected for another week or two.

In central Saskatchewan conditions are varied but little land work has been done to date. The weather during the past week has been favorable for drying the land and as a result seeding should be more or less general by about May 20. Fall rye has wintered well and is looking good.

Seeding has not yet commenced in the east-central area of Alberta and it will be from ten days to two weeks later than usual. Increases in coarse grain and summerfallow acreages are expected with a corresponding decrease in wheat acreage.

Weather has been cool and moist in northern Alberta and has retarded drying of the land. As a result seeding will not get under way for a week to ten days.

In the Peace River area moisture conditions are very good. Work on the land is expected to start the end of this week in most areas. Some wheat seeding is reported from the Brownvale and Woking districts. It is expected there will be a 10 per cent reduction in wheat acreage with a corresponding increase in the acreage sown in coarse grains.

REWARD FOR OUTPUT
MANCHESTER, Lancashire, England, ©—Weavers at a local cotton mill have a choice of three rewards if they beat a four-week production target. The weaver who reaches the target can take a day off with pay, draw an extra day's pay or take an extra day of annual paid holiday.

LONDON, ©—Britain has 55 men earning more than £100,000 (\$400,000) yearly, says the annual report of inland revenue commissioners.

LABOR LEADER TELLS ABOUT LEGISLATION

Trades and Labour Council delegates Thursday night heard a detailed outline of the general set-up of the parent body "The Trades & Labour Congress of Canada" by Alex Gordon, vice-president of the Trades and Labour Congress.

He also gave a summary of a meeting held in Ottawa when the Congress representatives met the federal cabinet in a further effort to have that body re-enact legislation beneficial to labor which they felt was long overdue.

In reporting the discussions by several of the members of the federal cabinet, the speaker said several showed a decided lack of understanding of practical labor questions, nevertheless, it was from the various briefs presented by labor delegations throughout the years that the biggest part of the progressive labor legislation of the present day had sprung from.

B. C. provincial Bill 98 and its supporting Bill 87 were discussed at some length by Mr. Gordon and William Brett, M.L.A.

The Act they said, was patterned in many places on the Taft-Hartley Act of the U.S.A. and unless the trade union movement of Canada and especially B.C. realized the dangerous trend of this legislation they may "live to regret it in the not too distant future."

On the question of displaced persons from Europe the speaker said the supervision of the selection of the people ought to be done under the federal Department of Labor instead of Premier Duplessis and Drew being given a free hand in bringing in labor on a contract basis which was certainly setting the hands of the clock of progress backwards.

Mr. Gordon also gave a brief outline of the Shipping Act, and its relations to the present dispute between the unions and the shipping company, the Act had come into force a great many years ago and was practically the same today as first enacted.

Among several communications endorsed was one from the Fishermen's Co-operative Association asking endorsement of their recent request for a break-water to be put in at the Fairview Fishermen's Floats, also a request from the Vancouver and New Westminster Trades & Labour Council that a petition be circulated asking the federal government to increase the amount now being given to over-age pensioners.

FULL DRESS AGAIN

LONDON ©—It was announced that for the first time since the beginning of the war the Brigade of Guards will again wear full dress for ceremonial occasions. The first big event at which the colorful uniforms will be worn will be June 10—the King's birthday.

HOME FOR WEARY

POULTON LE FYLDE, Lancashire, Eng. ©—A home has been opened here to provide holidays for weary working women at 30 shillings (\$6) weekly—or free if they cannot afford it.

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THOUSANDS WATCH GAITAN FUNERAL—Part of the huge crowd, estimated at more than 100,000 persons, listens to the public funeral service for Colombia Liberal party leader Gaitan. He was buried in a brick-lined vault in the ground directly beneath his own home, which will become a national shrine.

"INSIDE U.S.A." SMASH MUSICAL

By PAT USSHER
Canadian Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK—"Inside U.S.A." has hit town with a smash. Any resemblance between it and John Gunther's best-seller is coincidental.

This lavish production of two acts and 18 scenes, supposedly depicting the life and times of the modern-day United States, owes only its title to Gunther's historical work, "Inside U.S.A." It is hardly likely that that noted world traveller and news correspondent ever encountered some of the things that happen in Rataur Schwarzi's lively but over-long production.

Beatrice Lillie is co-starred with Jack Haley in this musical which, a hit before it opened last week at the Century Theatre, now has an advance sale of \$500,000. The Toronto-born Miss Lillie, in fact, "makes" the show; were it not for the presence of that veteran commedienne, who can stop a show by the mere lift of an eyebrow, "Inside U.S.A." would be just another musical.

The revue moves swiftly from a Miami Beach hotel room to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, from Churchill Downs to the Mardi



"You know, if it weren't for the Marshall plan," said the Old Timer today, "there would be a pretty grim employment picture around here.

"They call it ERP now—European Rehabilitation Plan. It's keeping Europe, and Great Britain, going now, and meanwhile working to build them up economically so in a few years time they can get along by themselves.

"That's a great big capitalist nation pouring out billions to help get other countries, mostly with socialist governments, get going again.

"But that's something else again. What I started to say was that Canada was facing a rather bleak prospect without ERP. Orders were drying up for Canadian products because the countries that want those products had no money to pay for them, and Canada couldn't finance their orders much longer.

"It couldn't have been long, in all probability, before we would have to face unemployment and falling wages—something no workingman or his wife wants to see.

"But Russia doesn't like the Marshall plan. Russia wants to see Europe in chaos and anarchy so the Communists can take over. And what did our Canadian Communists do? They fought the Marshall plan as hard as they could—protested to Ottawa, passed resolutions and held protest meetings. And most of these were men holding offices in trades unions!

"Russia didn't like the Marshall plan, and that was enough for them. The interests of their trades union members didn't count one-two-three.

"That's something to remember."

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C.N.R. CHIEF LAUDS WORKERS FOR FINE JOB

MONTREAL—The high calibre of service performed by the C.N.R. during the war and post-war years was made possible to a large extent by the excellent job done by the employees of the motive power and car equipment department. R. C. Vaughan, C.M.G., president of the company said today when he addressed the twenty-second annual system committee meeting of the union-management co-operative movement.

The meeting, held in the company's board rooms here, was under chairmanship of E. R. Bettley, chief of motive power and car equipment. The employees representatives were headed by W. H. C. Logan, Winnipeg, president of Federation of C.N.R. Employees, Local 11, A. N. of L.

Citing the spirit of co-operation which has existed between management and employees in the past Mr. Vaughan called for a continuation of this spirit in the face of grave problems which have arisen from material shortages and high costs.

Speaking on behalf of the employees, Mr. Logan said that since its inception, the movement had done much to benefit the company, the employees and the public. By working together in the past many problems were solved, Mr. Logan said, adding that no problem was too difficult if dealt with in the right spirit.

You saw it in the News!

Gras at New Orleans. Its high entertainment value depends chiefly on its novelty numbers such as Miss Lillie's appearance as a mermaid on a rock off Massachusetts and as an Indian squaw selling beads at Albuquerque, N.M.

SLEEPY COWS DIED
NORTHWICH, Cheshire, Eng. ©—Eleven cows here were electrocuted when a weather board was blown from the roof of the barn, severing a wire which fell across the animals. The animals killed were lying down but 10 standing cows were unaffected, their hooves apparently acting as insulators.

HORRIBLE PRACTICE
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Letters to the Editor
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Editor, Daily News:
Soon there will be coming to this theatre a picture called "Gone With the Wind." If I recall, it was here four years ago. Why should the prices keep going up on a picture which is old? Keep the price at 50 cents for new or old pictures so that everybody will have the pleasure of seeing them.
CORA LIDDIARD.
HULL, Eng. ©—Two black panthers, a rarity in England, arrived here from India.
MISS BARBARA ASKS
Editor, Daily News:
The papers talk of a golf match in the United States at which you have been invited by President Truman to carry the golf bags.
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