



General Chiang Kai-Shek, commander-in-chief of the Chinese national forces, and premier of the regime's new central government, is faced with a move for semi-autonomy in the North China provinces of Chahar and Hopei. He is pictured in a recent informal pose with his wife, the former Mel-Long Soong, graduate of an American college. Kai-Shek maintains a friendly attitude toward Japan.

THRUST HIDDEN IN BALLAD BY KIPLING

"Rhyme Of The Three Captains" Really Aimed At Novelists.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—(C.P.)—Most Kipling followers who have read "The Rhyme of the Three Captains" know it only as a lively and vigorous ballad of the sea. In Lewis Gannett's Herald-Tribune column, John S. Phillips reveals the poem as a bitter satire on what Kipling believed to be the prating of his work; and on three great British novelists who came to the defence of the United States publishing house against which the bard's attack was directed.

Phillips in 1890 had charge of the S.S. McClure Syndicate's London affairs. In that year, he writes, Harpers and Brothers published without authorization a number of Kipling stories. No copyright agreement existed between the United States and Britain. Harpers sent the 25-year-old author a draft as honorarium and he promptly sent it back. A battle of words ensued in the Athenaeum, climax by a joint letter from Walter Besant, Thomas Hardy and William Black, which said they had published with Harpers for years and had been treated generously. So Kipling wrote his Rhyme of the Three Captains: "One was Admiral of the North from Solway Firth to Skye, And one was Lord of the Westex coast and all the lands thereby, And one was Master of the Thames from Limehouse to Blackwall And he was captain of the Fleet—the bravest of them all."

Along came a "certain trading brig" with news of a privateer which had taken the "dammer and sploe" the trader's skipper had won beyond the seas. "I ha' said Port dues for your Law, quoth he, 'and where is the law ye boast? If I sail unscathed from a heathen port to be robbed on a Christian coast?"

The Captains told him courtously they had dealt with the "lime-washed Yankee brig" before his teeth were cut; the Yankee's trade was fair, and "we know that he weeps for lack of a law as he rides of Finisterre."

So that was that. Throughout the rolling lines Kipling preserved the allegory with remarkable fidelity. His own origins in India came out in reference to the cargo—"he has taken my grinning heathen gods"—and the fact the trader's captain had sailed from a heathen port "to be robbed on a Christian coast." So perfect was it that in one edition of Kipling's poems a prefatory note said: "This ballad appears to refer to one of the exploits of the notorious Paul Jones."

Besant, Hardy and Black, as their prominence indicated, were "ships of the line." Pirates didn't bother them. "Did you ever hear," Kipling asked, "of a Yankee brig that rifled a seventy-three?" Perhaps the incident had something to do with the writing fervor that shortly was to put the young colonial in the front rank, quite able to deal with privateering brigs on his own account.

It's foreseen, free, with her head to the sea and the swing of the unbought brine— We'll make no sport in an English court till we come as a shippe of the line.

The Central Guardian

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PELTS WILL BE received at the office of J. A. Webster, 156 Richmond St., Charlottetown, throughout the season for shipment to the Prince Edward Island Fur Pool Limited, Summerside. L-3464

SUNDAY SERVICES.—New Glasgow 11.00 A. M. Fredericton 3.00 P. M. Bradsbane 7.00 P. M. Wm. G. Quigley, Pastor. L-4098-12-28-11.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.—The Rev. F. E. Bishop will preach morning and evening. Included in the music of the day will be Himmel's "Incline Thine Ear to Me" with Mr. V. L. Dingwell taking the baritone solo; Woodward's "The Splendours of Thy Glory" Sunday School at 2.30 invites all members of the Church and congregation.

CENTRAL PARISH SERVICES.—Dr. J. W. S. Lowry will preach at Nine Mile Creek at 11 A. M., Bible School at ten o'clock; Canoe Cove at 3 o'clock, Bible School at 2 o'clock afternoon; Clyde River at 7.15 P. M. Sabbath School at 2 o'clock, P. M. Sabbath Schools at Churchhill and Elliot Hall at 2 o'clock afternoon. All the Bible Schools of the Parish, except Clyde River, will close for the winter season next Lord's Day. Special New Year's Day Services on Wednesday, January first, in Canoe Cove at Eleven o'clock A. M., and Clyde River at 7.15 P. M. All are cordially invited. J. W. S. Lowry, Minister in Charge. L-4091-12-28-11.

SERVICE AT TRINITY UNITED.—The Service next Sunday will be conducted by the Pastors and themes suitable to the last Sunday of the year will be expounded. In the morning Rev. J. W. Barbour preaches on the Subject "Vision and Revision" and in the evening Rev. Hugh Miller's theme is a message suitable for the time namely "Facing the Future." The Christmas Anthems will be repeated and the organist will give a short recital, starting at 6.45 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

MR. BILL LAWSON HONORED

An enjoyable evening was spent at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lawson last Tuesday evening when they entertained the staff of the Canadian Stores. After a dainty supper had been served, a presentation was made to Mr. Bill Lawson by the manager Mr. Atkinson, on behalf of the staff, of a beautiful Fountain Pen, as he was leaving Thursday morning to take up his new position as manager of the grocer department in New Waterford. Before the party broke up it was discovered that Santa Claus had paid a visit and left a suitable but questionable gift for each guest, which added to the fun of the evening.

CARE OF THE BLIND IN HAWAII.—Mrs. George C. Hamman

has recently been appointed territorial director of sight conservation and work for the blind by Governor Poindexter of the Territory of Hawaii. Through special training and experience, Mrs. Hamman is well qualified to take over the new position. She secured her A. B. at the University of Hawaii, after which she studied at Columbia and Harvard and also at the Vanderbilt Eye Clinic in New York. Her Master's degree was obtained from the University of Hawaii in 1935. Mrs. Hamman is the third and youngest daughter of J. B. Crosby, Clinton, Washington, whose birthplace in Bonshaw, P. E. Island, Mr. Crosby has many friends in California. An uncle of Mrs. Hamman, J. A. Robertson, lives in Charlottetown.

PERSONALS

Mr. D. F. Fraser, Canadian Stores, spent Christmas with friends in Loggville, N. B.

Miss Helen Yeo and Miss Alma Yeo are spending the holidays in Montreal with their sister Mrs. Yeo.

The many friends of Mr. Wm. Sherren of the Palmer Electric, will regret to learn that he is confined to his home with the measles.

NEW GLASSWOW WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The regular monthly meeting of New Glassow Women's Institute met at the home of Miss Elsie Lairdon Monday evening, December 2nd, with twenty members and three visitors present. Meeting opened by singing Institute Ode and repeating the creed in unison. Roll call was answered by each member paying dues. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted.

Mrs. R. A. Houston and Mrs. Percy Dickleson volunteered to attend the Sewing Club for the month of December.

The sick and school committees reported, and new committees were appointed. Sick, Mrs. M. MacLeod and Miss Ruth Dickleson. School, Mrs. H. B. Stevenson and Miss Ella Semple.

A letter was received from Miss Eva Beers of the Orphanage, thanking for contribution sent from Institute. Mrs. J. B. Dickleson and Mrs. Elbert Hill were appointed to collect for the Orphanage. A letter acknowledging a contribution to the Red Cross Society was also read by the Secretary. One dollar was voted for Christmas seals. It was decided to give the usual Christmas treat to the children of the District. Mrs. Dr. A. B. Stevenson, Mrs. Harland Hill, Mrs. H. B. Stevenson and Miss Ella Semple, committee in charge.

The questionnaires on legislation and peace education were given to the Convenors, Mrs. M. MacLeod and Mrs. P. L. Campbell. The January meeting will be held at the home of Miss Ruth Dickleson.

Canada Holds Upward Swing For Business

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The mercury crept higher in Canada's business barometers through 1935. The industrial weather didn't achieve the sparkling clarity hoped for last New Year; but the profit sun was brighter, red ink squalls fewer, and the atmosphere generally better for the trade crop.

Reducing the trend to figures, the accepted records show a gain for 1935 of about eight per cent in general conditions. This compares with a 1934 improvement of 18 per cent over 1933. Comparing his affairs with those of other countries, Jack Canuck observes he did better than most of them; that in fact only seven nations reported larger pick-up in industrial production than Canada and in these preparations for war comprised the chief stimulant in the distribution of credit and wages.

Canada's domestic and foreign trade has been making satisfactory progress, having expanded in both exports and imports and brought in about \$150,000,000 more than was paid out in the 11 months for which figures are available. Field crops were not so valuable and wheat sales abroad in the first seven months of the current fiscal year were down about \$2,500,000 and about 46 per cent comparing the last two crop years. But Canada produced and sold more lumber, newsprint, motorcars, base and fine metals, fish and livestock than in 1934. In satisfying the home demand the clothing, shoe, textile and furniture factories and steel and allied plants were busier than in the previous year.

Of the basic industries farming and mining fared better, apparently than the others. The increased export of fish, about 10 per cent, was too small to beneficially affect more than a small circle and in the case of the lumbering industry the British market, on which Canada chiefly depends, was somewhat curtailed by competition from European sources. Canada marketed \$21,243,000 worth of planks and boards in foreign countries in the first 10 months of this year compared with \$21,970,000 in the same months of 1934.

The farming industry received a lift from the re-opening of the United States market to Canadian livestock, hay and some other items due to a shortage in that country. There was a resultant advance of prices to a level where the duties could be surmounted. Hog raisers continued to hold the advantage

overed under the Ottawa Empire agreements of 1932. The Dominion Bureau index of inspected slaughtering of cattle in the ten months already compiled shows an average of 130.7 compared with 127.2 over the same period of 1934.

Meat exports, chiefly hams and bacon, totalled \$20,652,000 compared with \$18,556,000, an increase of better than 10 per cent. Cattle shipments nearly doubled those of last year despite a sharp decline in sales to the United Kingdom in the last few months. Sales of cattle on Canadian stock yards in 10 months of this year totalled 679,863 head, an 18.5 per cent improvement over the comparative period.

Value of the principal field crops is placed at \$510,835,000 which is lower by seven per cent than that of 1934 but higher than in other years since 1930. The wheat crop is estimated at \$166,693,000, only \$3,000,000 under that of 1934. Oats and barley crops were heavier but prices were lower while the hay, potato and sugar beet crops carried higher values though the potato crop was much smaller than the previous one. Creamery butter production is up about two per cent.

Mines And Industries

In the field of mining the output of most of the metals was increased and the figures at the end of the year, it is estimated, will show an aggregate increase of 18 per cent. Gold production in 10 months was 2,679,994 ounces, worth about \$94,000,000, an increase of nine per cent. Silver and lead production fell off slightly but copper output expanded greatly and sales of the red metal in the year up to October 31 totalled \$24,845,000 compared with \$18,704,000 in the same months of 1934, a jump of 33 per cent.

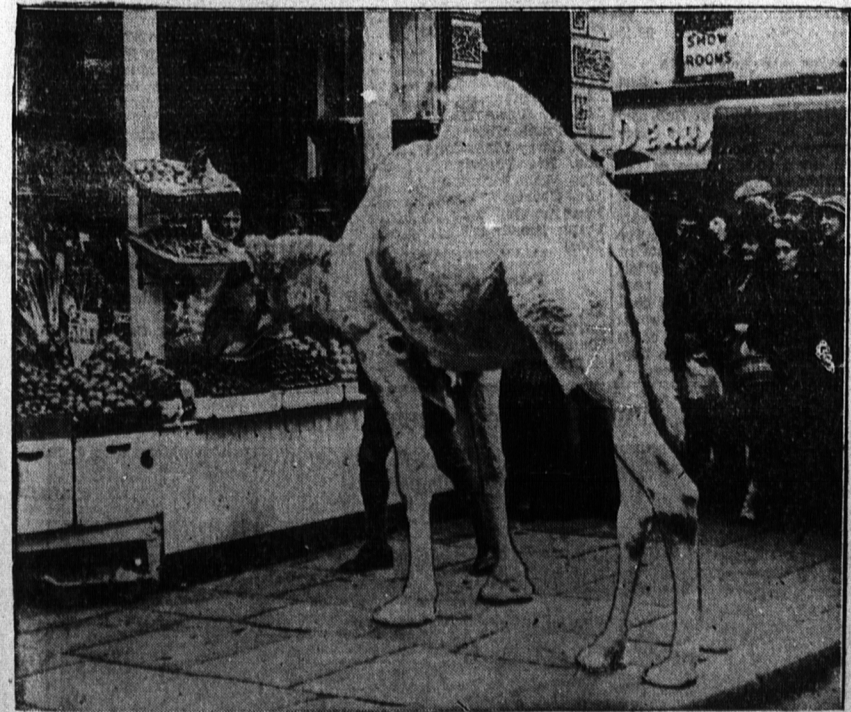
Canadian industrial production shows an increase of 14.6 per cent according to figures compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Manufacturing expanded 10 per cent. Steel plants turned out 464,590 long tons in the 10 months period, an increase of 42.7 per cent. The same months saw produced by Canadian plants 145,726 motor cars and trucks, an increase of 30 per cent. Boot and shoe factories were 23 per cent busier and sugar factories increased production 6.4 per cent.

Newsprint production was the heaviest since 1923 and seven per cent greater than in the same period of 1934.

Other factors indicating business improvement was a 11.4 per cent increase in production of power by central electric stations, 31 per cent increase in building contracts, 1.3 per cent in carloadings and 9.5 per cent increase in gross railways earnings.

Retail business reflects the wider distribution of earning power resulting from the employment of 100,000 more workers in recent months than in the same period of last year. Retail trade has shown its greatest expansion in the west. The Federal Bureau's general index, based on returns from 3,300 stores (October) stood at 81.0 compared with 77.7 at the same time last year.

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son. Roll call to be answered with a story or joke. Lunch committee, Mrs. Percy Dickleson, Mrs. J. L. Stevenson, Mrs. W. B. Bulman. Program committee, Mrs. E. E. MacKay, Mrs. Dr. A. B. Stevenson and Miss Ruth Dickleson.

Agricultural Short Course

The Provincial Department of Agriculture is again announcing a Short Course in Agriculture to commence on January 14th and to continue for four weeks. This Course is designed for boys, sixteen years of age and over. A wide variety of subjects dealing with animal breeding and feeding, cultivation and crop production, disease and insect

control, livestock judging, marketing, dairying, and other problems will be discussed by experts during the various sessions.

The Course offers a rare opportunity to the young men of the rural districts to more efficiently fit themselves for the great tasks of farming and rural leadership. It must be quite apparent that farming is no hit and miss job, but is a vocation extremely complicated in its nature, and one calling for a well equipped knowledge and balanced judgment. The ability to successfully meet the problems of production in its different branches, from soil analysis and cultivation to the growth of crops and the production of a finished product, and intelligently understand economics and marketing machinery, demands a comprehensive study through every available source which includes reading, lectures, conferences, and the great field of practical observation and experience.

The Agricultural Short Course is not capable of fitting any young man with his full equipment of knowledge for a great task, but it is

designed for the purpose of bringing practical and expert information to those who wish to receive it, and more particularly to open out attractive and profitable fields of study which may be explored after the course terminates. Many of the students attending last year's course were delighted because it developed new avenues of thought, built up in the student a desire for further investigation, and directed that desire into profitable channels of study.

LONG RIVER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

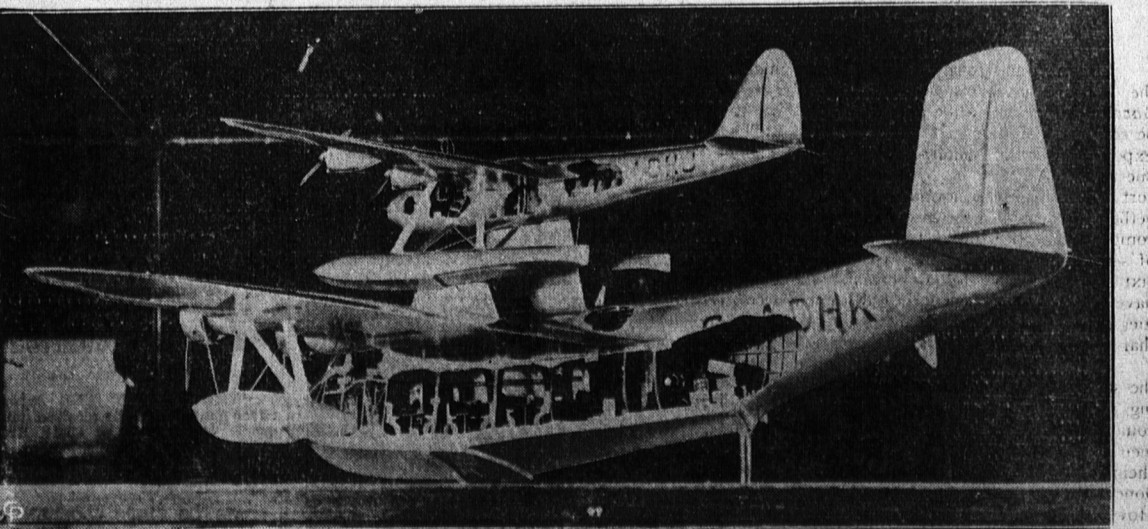
The regular monthly meeting of the Long River Women's Institute was held on Tuesday evening, December 10th at the home of Mrs. Murray Constable with an attendance of fourteen members and five visitors.

The meeting opened by the singing of the Institute Ode, followed by members repeating the Creed. Roll call was responded to with

"The name of a book I have read from the Carnegie Library."

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Reports of the different committees were then given and new ones appointed as follows: Sick, Mrs. Murray Constable and Mrs. Wm. E. Johnstone; School, Mrs. Andrew C. Johnstone and Mrs. Jas. MacKenzie; Programme, Mrs. Andrew Johnstone Sr. and Miss Jennie Paynter; Lunch, Miss Eva Paynter, Mrs. Everett Paynter and Mrs. Bruce Bell. A letter from the Gyo Club regarding Christmas Seals was read by the Secretary and \$1.00 was voted for same.

The program for the evening consisted of a reading, "Short cuts in housekeeping," by Mrs. Murdoch MacLeod; Game, by the members, and a reading, "The Downfall of Santa Claus," by Miss Jennie Paynter. Next meeting to be held at the home of Mrs. Elmer Paynter, roll call to be answered by "A Remedy for a cold, burn or poison." The meeting closed by the singing of the National Anthem.



A four-week transatlantic air service will be inaugurated next year, according to plans now in process of formulation in Ottawa, Washington and London, by British air services. It is planned to use a "carrier-plane" system by which a lightly-loaded flying boat will carry a long range seaplane heavily laden with fuel. The light boat will carry the other to a great height so that it may get a good start with its heavy load of mail, passengers and fuel. Above shows a model of the new scheme, the Mayo composite aircraft model shown at the Empire Airway exhibition in the Science Museum, South Kensington, Newfoundland and Bermuda will be Atlantic bases in the route.