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BURROWING PRAIRIE DOGS ENDANGERING AIRPLANES

EL PASO, Tex., April 26.—(U.P.)—Prairie dogs, burrowing into the field, are menacing the lives of passengers and pilots, according to Health Officer C. L. Price.

Price is aiding in a campaign to rid the field of the animals. An airplane, striking the burrows, might turn over, he said. Price and R. B. Hickson, U. S. Government rodent control officer, are spreading poisoned grain on the field to kill the prairie dogs.



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Soft Coal King Richest Man In Czechoslovakia

Started As Modest Salesman and Amassed Huge Fortune.

By HANS THOMAS
United Press Staff Correspondent

PRAGUE, April 25.—Forty-five million dollars may not be an exceptional amount for an American fortune, but in Czechoslovakia it is considered quite a tidy sum, and its possessor, Ignaz Petschek, soft-coal king, is counted as the country's wealthiest man. He is 74, but he has not retired.

The story of Petschek's career reads like the romantic conception of the average American's amassing of wealth,—oil, for example. Petschek began as a modest salesman for Bohemian coal company,—learned a few things about coal mining. Then he ran across several small soft-coal fields which the industry had overlooked because of their size. He found that the fuel lay unexpectedly close to the surface, was there virtually for the carting away. He slapped leases on everything else in sight,—began mass production,—branched out into commission selling—was soon loading 1,000 cars a day from his enterprise.

Boundaries Changed

The peace did queer things to Austrian and Bohemian boundary lines. Petschek found that business probably would be more profitable outside Bohemia. He invaded the German industry,—took over several rich holdings in the Brandenburg fields, among them the Oehringen works, and the rich "Ise" and "Niederlausitzer" enterprises. The "Ise" works he immediately stepped up from 18 cars to 1,000 cars a day. He increased the output of the others in a lesser degree.

Petschek's 45 millions by no means comprise the total wealth of the family. Ignaz makes his headquarters in Aussig. The Prague branch of the family possesses a fortune estimated at about \$60,000,000. It is divided, however, among some six branches, so that Ignaz remains far and away the richest individual.

Second Money

Many a casual estimator would place the family fortune of the Princess Schwarzenberg among the largest of Czechoslovakia,—vast estates comprising farming and forest land with considerable mineral wealth. But the agrarian reform laws which followed the peace reduced this huge aristocratic holding greatly. The country's large fortunes must be sought among the coal barons.

The meteoric rise of Thomas Bata, shoe manufacturer, has turned the spotlight on his huge factories as being among the most valuable in the country. They are. But Bata's fortune still must take second place to that of energetic, sharp-eyed Petschek, who counts among his hobbies a children's hospital, a tuberculosis sanatorium, and many a secret philanthropic gift.

DOCTORS REVEAL GOITER STUDIES

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 26.—Causes, symptoms and treatment of goiter—that unique ailment which baffled medical science so long—were studied in their every phase by 200 specialists from the United States and Canada in annual convention here.

The American Association for the Study of Goiter defined the disease as an enlargement, or abnormal excitement of the thyroid gland.

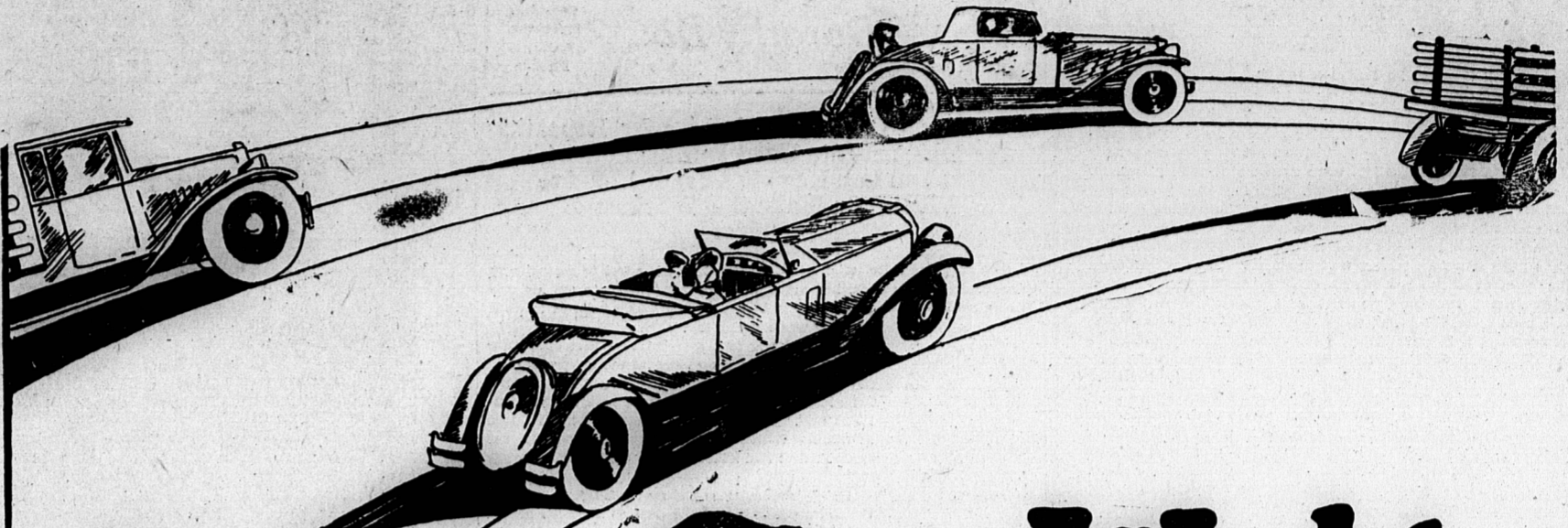
It may make the victim unduly emotional. They became nervous and easily excited, and in a few years may burn themselves out from the excessive expenditure of energy, even as does a motor idling at high speed.

The cure is comparatively easy, Dr. J. K. McGregor, of Ontario, Canada, told the convention. In fact, goiter therapy was one of the most successful in modern surgery, he declared. In seven years the mortality rate was reduced from about five to one per cent of 11 cases treated, he pointed out. D. R. Rienhoff estimated that 98 per cent of his cases had been successfully treated.

In the matter of prevention the association has made great strides. Iodized salt is being fed to thousands of children in areas where goiter is prevalent.

TRUCK STOPPED ON FOOT

THE DALLES, Ore., April 25 (U.P.)—Ernest Eisinger obeyed the first law of traffic code here, by applying the brakes on his truck when an Indian woman stepped in front of the vehicle. Halted, the vehicle rested on the right foot of the surprised native woman.



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