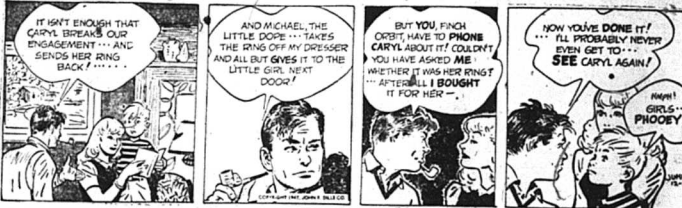




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Mechanized Mounties Still Depend On Dogs

OTTAWA (CP)—Rum-running, romantic racket of the Atlantic seaboard for many years before the war, seems destined to lapse into the story-book realm along with piracy, it was indicated by Commissioner S. T. A. of the R.C.M.P. in his latest annual report.

Large-scale liquor smuggling, the report said, became a thing of the past with the outbreak of war in 1939 and the lucrative trade, once popular in the Maritimes and around the Gulf of St. Lawrence, has not been resumed. The report covered the fiscal year ended March 31, 1947.

The report, tabled in the Commons by Justice Minister

Claxton Cites Canada's Record For US Senator

OTTAWA (CP)—Defence Minister Claxton said Tuesday that Canada's war record from 1939 to 1945 gives the "complete answer to any talk about this country taking a 'free ride' in the defence of this continent."

He stated that the joint defence arrangements between Canada and the United States are "working out well."

This was the minister's remark in an interview to the statement made in the United States senate by Senator Eugene Milliken, Republican from Colorado, that Canada was "getting a free ride" on continental defence, with defence benefits but no obligations.

The senator was speaking in the Senate debate preceding the passing of the inter-American treaty of reciprocal assistance adopted at a conference at Rio De Janeiro last Sept. 3. Senator Milliken cast the only vote in the senate against the treaty.

Canada did not participate in the conference, attended by practically all western hemisphere states.

Strachey Hints Bacon Buying Off

LONDON (CP)—Food Minister Strachey told a press conference Tuesday that "it is too early to say" whether Britain will be able to buy any bacon in Canada next year.

He replied to a question whether the government's economy program would permit continued purchases in the Dominion which is the main supplier of the British bacon ration of one ounce weekly.

"It is too early to say—that's what the present negotiations in Ottawa are about," the minister added.

(Strachey—announced in the House of Commons on Dec. 1 that a £28,000,000 (\$12,900,000) saving in bacon purchases of 123,000 tons from dollar-country areas in the year beginning Oct. 23 was planned under Britain's dollar-conservation program.)

Evidence Lacking

TORONTO (CP)—Police investigations into the strangling of George Vigus and Iris Scott had not yet uncovered sufficient evidence to warrant an arrest, a coroner's jury was told Tuesday.

Coldwell Says Geneva Pact Means Domination By U.S.

OTTAWA (CP)—Prime Minister Mackenzie King Tuesday night launched the complex Geneva trade agreement in his legislative passage through the Commons and promptly heard a concerted opposition demand for a serious study of the far-reaching document before being asked to give it approval.

Following a resolution for its ratification, Mr. King outlined the aims of the agreement, reached in lengthy negotiations with 18 other nations at Geneva this year, and held it up as the instrument for a new era of peace and prosperity for Canada and the world at large.

From John Bracken, Progressive Conservative leader, came an immediate call for reference of the pact to a house committee, where detailed study could be made and a charge laid that it coupled with an accompanying exchange of notes with Britain, meant the "death knell" of the long-standing system of British preferences.

M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, coupled his request for reference of the document to committee proceedings with a warning that Canada was in "danger of more and more falling under the domination of the United States."

Jap Claims Hearings Fall Behind Schedule

KAMLOOPS.—(CP)—The difficult task of hearing frequently-confusing claims from Japanese-Canadians for insufficient returns on possessions sold by the custodian of enemy property Tuesday threatened to throw the Japanese claims commission hearings behind schedule.

The seven claimants who appeared in the last two days before Mr. Justice Henry I. Bird had asked a total of more than \$20,000 from the federal government.

In Tuesday's afternoon session, Hideochi Minamimaya, an elderly fisherman from Esquatz, declared he had lost \$1,300 through the government's disposal of his possessions.

NETS AT SEA ISLAND

He said that when evacuated in 1942 he left nets and fishing equipment in a cannery at Sea Island, expecting "to return" and pick them up. Col. John W. G. Hunter of Toronto, counsel for the Dominion government, said many Japanese, like Minamimaya, left equipment behind tagged only with their surname.

"They were lucky to get what they did," he said. "The fault was not that of the custodian or the government but of the collective way in which Japanese stored some of their equipment."

Mrs. Haruko Iwata of Vancouver asked for redress of \$2,435 from the sale of property in 1943. Her complaint: "The Master of Vancouver, contended that although Mrs. Iwata had made the sale herself she consented only because she was in "dire need of money."

Her husband, evacuated to Interior B.C., lost his money while pursuing an unaccustomed occupation. Mr. McMaster said Mrs. Iwata was entitled to press her claim because "her husband had not been protected" by the custodian of enemy property in that he permitted the sale to her disadvantage.

Meanwhile additional claims continue to pour in. Hearings in British Columbia, with monthly sessions at Grand Forks, Vernon, Lillooet, Nelson and Kamloops, are expected to last until next summer.

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16 Below Zero Grips Regina

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