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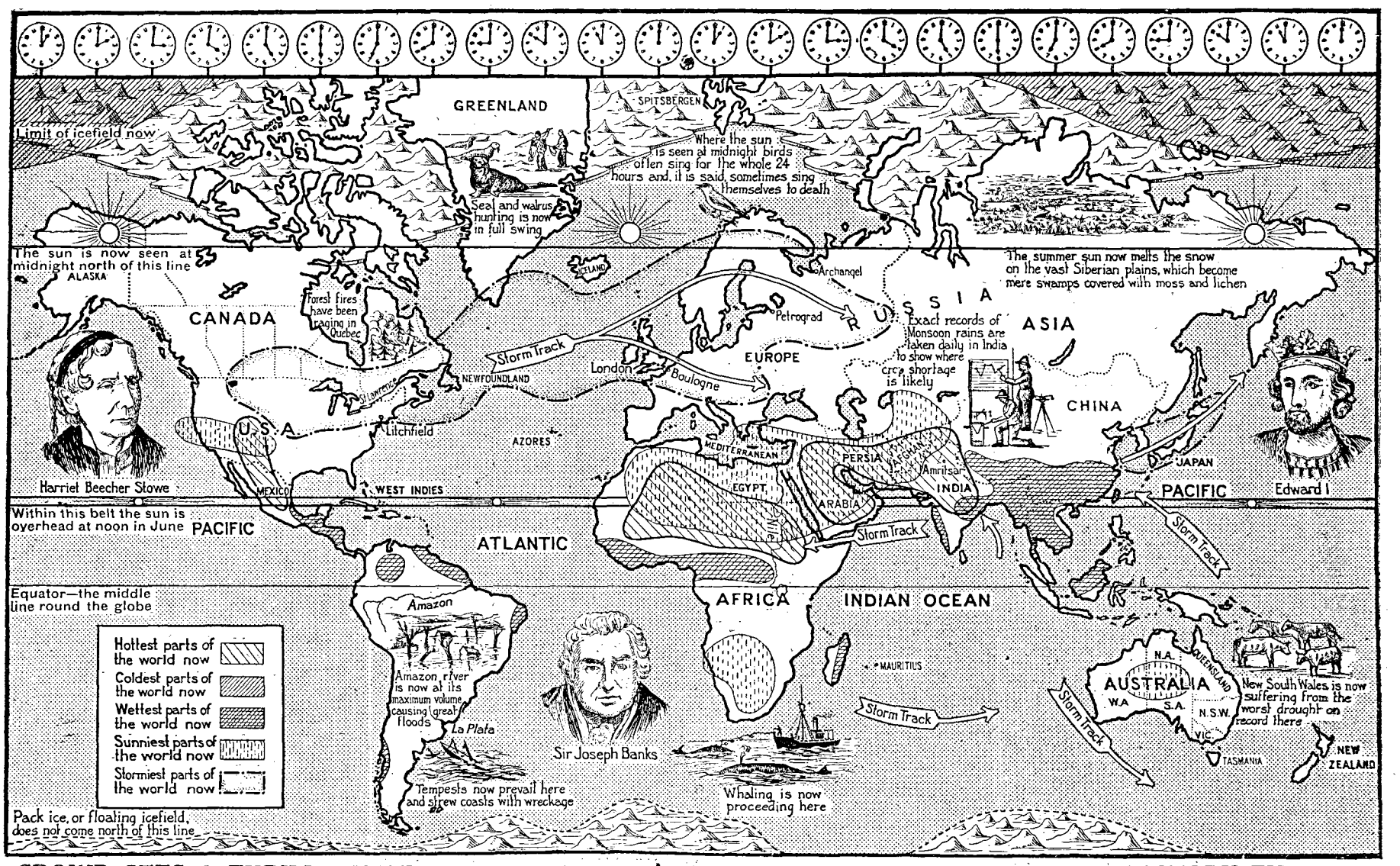
PICTURE-NEWS AND TIME MAP SHOWING WEATHER ALL OVER THE WORLD



CROWD SEES A THRILLING SIGHT

Man Sits Helpless Up Aloft

SAVED WHILE FALLING FROM MID-AIR

A Hartlepool crowd has watched the thrilling spectacle of a man suspended by his clothes from a ladder in mid-air, and only rescued at last by the town's fire-escape, after an even more sensational accident at a greater height.

While he was painting the flagstaff on the municipal buildings, Robert Tipp was suddenly taken ill, and collapsed in the " boatswain's chair " in which he sat attached to the flagstaff.

His helpless state was noticed from below, and John Chapman, taking off his boots, and carrying a line, gallantly swarmed up the flagstaff to the suspended man, passed the rope through the block at the top, and fastening it to Tipp, began to lower him down the 70 feet that rose between him and the ground.

Just when success seemed certain the block broke, and Tipp came crashing down. But his clothes providentially caught on a ladder below, and held him again suspended, until other rescuers raised the fire-escape and brought him down, badly hurt, but saved from death.

Who would not envy John Chapman such a fine feat ?

SHIP IN THE MUD

A Notable Rescue Feat

The Iphigenia block-ship, weighing 4500 tons, has just been raised out of the mud at the mouth of Bruges Canal.

It was sunk eighteen feet deep in the canal bed, and by means of a water hose from a fire-float 28 heavy lifting wires were passed round the hull of the ship by divers. The whole of the protective deck of the block-ship was made water-tight, and several enormous cranes, each with a lifting capacity of a thousand tons, raised the ship to the surface.

The immense lifting-wires were nine inches in circumference.

NATIONAL FIGHT AGAINST DISEASE

New Hospital Proposals

At last we are moving on really scientific lines towards the improvement of the health of all.

The report of the Consultative Medical Council, appointed by the Ministry of Health, suggests that hospital treatment shall be brought within reach of everyone, those who prefer to pay for it, and those who need it free, and, further, that private medical practice shall be combined with hospital organisation.

You may have your own doctor while undergoing treatment in a local hospital, the hospitals being centres for concentrating all medical work, both preventing and curing disease.

Thus a combined effort of all doctors is to be made to grapple with disease, instead of each doctor's work being isolated. It is a magnificently hopeful plan.

QUIETUDE OF MEXICO

Will the Country Settle Down?

It almost seems as if, at last, Mexico was about to sink into quietude.

The death of the late President Carranza, by the treachery of his own men, who were tempted by the money with which he was escaping from a revolution he could not suppress, has brought to the front General de la Huerta, a Mexican in whom the outside world feels more confidence than it has usually felt in Mexican leaders.

It is not unlikely that the United States and European governments will now be able to recognise the new rulers as more than passing adventurers.

Pronunciations in this Paper

Deschanel	Day-shan-**nel**
Euripides	U-**rip**-ee-dees
Foch	Fosh
Huerta	Hoo-**ayr**-tah
Poincaré	Pwahn-kah-ray
Reaumur	**Ray**-oh-mer
Sophocles	**Sof**-oh-klees

A WIRELESS CLOCK

Time for All the World

By Our Marconi House Correspondent

The International Science Bureau of Brussels is ambitious. Having in view the establishment of a wireless station for the transmission of time signals, it proposes to ignore all the usual limits and to erect a station sufficiently powerful to send a time-pulse over the whole globe.

The project has much to commend it, but there are practical difficulties looming ahead. Apart from the technical troubles which will be encountered one is bound to feel that the utility of the scheme will suffer on account of that strong factor called the " human element."

It is difficult, for instance, to conceive Germans agreeing to take their time from Belgian sources. Similarly, those nations who, like the French, have been pioneers in time-signalling may prefer to listen to the signals from their own stations. However, it is not advisable to discourage anything which makes for international cooperation, and we wish the Bureau the best success.

£100 FOR A C.N. READER

Look Out for Our Monthly Competition

At the beginning of the year the Editor of the C.N. offered a grant of £100 to the boy or girl who sent in the best coloured copy of the cover of My Magazine, the monthly companion of the Children's Newspaper.

This idea was extremely popular, and in response to many appeals, the Editor has decided to make another similar grant of £100, concerning which full particulars will be found in next week's Children's Newspaper.

Readers who have not already done so should place a standing order at once with a newsagent for both the Children's Newspaper and My Magazine, lest the increasing stress of the paper crisis should make it impossible to supply casual orders for either paper.

VICTORY EVE

Dramatic Anxiety of Paris

WHO SHOULD BE THE LAST TO LEAVE?

Slowly the world is learning how near to defeat the Allies seemed to be when the last German advance was brought to a standstill.

The story is now told that, so critical was the position in March, 1918—six months before the armistice—evacuation of Paris by the French Government was regarded as almost certain, and M. Poincaré, the President, and M. Clemenceau, the Premier, disputed as to who should be the last to leave the capital.

M. Poincaré declared that he had already left once in 1914, and refused to depart a second time.

" Think it over," replied Clemenceau. " You will leave, if you like, the last but one. I will leave the capital last of all, if necessary by aeroplane."

M. Poincaré dined gloomily at the Elysée that night, when about eleven the telephone rang, and M. Clemenceau again urged M. Poincaré to make up his mind to face events which might occur any moment. The President replied that his opinion remained unchanged.

Finally they went together, not from Paris to the west, but to the Headquarters at the front, and there heard the decisions of General Foch which turned the tide of victory.

So much was it a question of touch-and-go, judging by appearances, though really by far the greater reserves of power remained, of course, on the side of the Allies.

FLIGHT ACROSS ASIA

The President of China has just decorated Lieutenant Ferrarin, who flew from Rome to Tokio, and the Chinese Aviation Department presented him with a silver incense burner inscribed " To the man who first flew across the Continent of Asia."