

CN Picture-News and Time Map

The clocks above show time all over the world. Sunlight moves westward round the Earth, travelling 15 degrees an hour. At noon at Greenwich for every 15 degrees east the day is one hour older, and for every 15 degrees west the day is one hour younger.

CANADA
VAST deposits of carbon dioxide gas have been found near Nelson, British Columbia, and are to be developed commercially on a large scale. See news columns

GREENLAND
WILD BOARS in Austria have been driven by hunger into towns. Two of them entered a factory near Gregeenz.

EUROPE
On March 21 the Sun is overhead at the Equator. This is the Spring Equinox, and every place has 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of dark.

ASIA
THE ICE on Siberian rivers is now melting, and fishing is beginning.

AFRICA
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PERU
PERU'S RUBBER production has come mainly from wild trees, but plantations are now to be established on a commercial scale.

AUSTRALIA
500 MEN are working on the new Cocos Island airport for the Australia-South Africa service, which is due to start soon.

JAPAN
MUSHROOMS are now being cultivated in a former underground arsenal in Kyushu, Japan.

FIJI IS.
THE ISLANDS of Fiji have now been completely mapped from the air. See news columns

YOUR RIGHTS OF WAY

Surrey County Council have published a series of 46 detailed maps, each measuring 40 inches by 30, showing every claimed public right-of-way in the county.

The maps have been prepared in accordance with the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, which was passed two years ago and ordered a survey of public footpaths throughout England and Wales. Surrey is the first county to complete the task.

To allow for the settlement of objections or queries by landowners, there will be two editions of temporary maps before a final edition is printed.

PAINTING FOR LORD'S

A brilliant painting of the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground, scene of many a thrilling clash between Australian and English Test teams, is to be flown to Lord's to be hung in the Marylebone Cricket Club rooms. The work of a Melbourne artist, George Colville, himself a lover of cricket, it is a gift from the Victorian Cricket Association.

HANDY WASH

A mobile washhouse for London sewer men is now in use at Deptford. Complete with changing-room, hot running water, showers, sinks, and clean towels, it awaits the men as they climb from the manholes.

It was made by council engineers from an old dustcart bought from a neighbouring borough for £15.

BAT FOR P.M.'s GRANDSON

Australia's Prime Minister, Mr. R. G. Menzies, has always been an ardent cricket enthusiast. Rarely does he miss a Test match if he has the time, and he has been the patron of the Victorian Cricket Association for years.

Last month he received from Australia's Test captain, Lindsay Hassett, a miniature bat, 12 inches long, which had been autographed by all the members of the Australian and West Indies teams during the last Test match, played at Sydney.

In sending the bat to the Prime Minister, Hassett suggested he should give it to his ten-month-old grandson, Alexander Gordon Menzies, when he was christened a day or two later. Mr. Menzies cordially agreed.

FIJI COMPLETELY ON THE MAP

For the first time, complete and accurate maps of the Fiji Islands have been made by means of air photography. This work has just been finished.

To accomplish this, 6400 square miles were photographed by a plane which flew over the area for six months. Much of the inland districts, with high peaks covered with forests, had probably never been seen before.

On occasions visibility over the islands became limited for camera work owing to the smoke from the bush fires in Australia, 1500 miles away. See World Map

NEW SOURCE OF GAS-ICE

A large field of natural carbon dioxide gas has been discovered in British Columbia, north of Nelson.

This natural product is called "gas-ice," and has been used in the United States as an economical and efficient refrigerant for goods being transported by road or rail, and for the fishing industry. It is also used in home refrigerators, for surgery, dentistry, fire extinguishers, mine explosives, and in dairies.

The British Columbia deposits are being developed on a big scale, and it is possible that the province may become the largest natural carbon dioxide-producing area in North America.

See World Map

CARPETS OF STEEL

A steel floor-covering which can be unrolled and laid like a carpet is the latest device in factory construction.

Strips of steel are worked into a criss-cross design, and concrete or asphalt is poured into the openings, leaving the steel to carry the weight of traffic over the floor.

HEAT LAID ON

Employees of the Sannhof cotton mill in Switzerland have no fuel problems. Their mill buildings and canteen are warmed by waste heat recovered from the diesel engine plant, and there is still enough heat left to supply the needs of all the houses in the village.

GRAVE MENACE TO CHOCOLATE

The world's chocolate supplies have in recent years been endangered by the cocoa bug, which has attacked plantations in the Gold Coast. The damage is caused by a parasite similar to one which affects blackcurrant bushes in this country; it is known as "swollen shoot" and causes the pods to shrivel up.

For weeks past teams of experts have been touring among the cocoa farmers persuading them to cut out their diseased trees and plant new ones. Eight mobile vans with cinema films and gramophone records have been marshalled for the campaign, and 150,000 leaflets in six languages distributed.

This is an attempt to make the Gold Coast democracy save the cocoa industry by its own efforts. For every tree cut out the farmer gets 4s., and for every new one planted 2s. a year for three years.

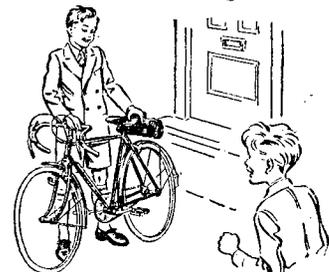
The Gold Coast crop is worth £40,000,000 a year, and upon it the future of the colony depends.

MILLIONS OF TREES

Norway plans this year to plant 37 million trees, most of them spruce, on her hillsides and mountains. The trees are being supplied by 60 tree nurseries, which altogether have 230 million saplings under cultivation.

In spite of the vast quantities of trees and bushes at home, Norway can still export many thousands. Last year's planting was 31,600,000 trees, 7,100,000 more than in the previous year.

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