

# HARD TIMES AT THE AZORES

Foreign Ships Reported to Have Deserted Because of Alleged Profiteering.

Lisbon, Sept. 22.—Living conditions in the Azores islands are very bad, and the outlook for the islanders is most gloomy, according to Jose Rebelo de Bettencourt, a journalist of the islands who has recently come to Lisbon.

The chief cause of the trouble is that foreign ships have virtually given up pitting into the island ports for repair and supplies. Days and days pass at Ponta Delgada and Fayal, and no ships show up. And things ashore are going from bad to worse. The ships do not come principally because the local authorities have succumbed to the temptation of profiteering. Meat has been, and is sold today to residents at one escudo a kilogram. But the town hall authorities have a monopoly in the sale of this commodity, and they have fixed the price to foreign ships at twenty escudos a kilogram. American and other captains have been instructed by the owners not to replenish at the Azores unless compelled to do so, and furthermore, these vessels now carry larger supplies of preserved meats. Hence they give the Azores a wide berth.

The cost of living in the islands has advanced greatly. The regulation against the export of cattle has brought cattle breeders to poverty, and many farm tenants have been compelled to relinquish their holdings to the owners.

# RADIO SAVES HIS LIFE AND THEN GETS HIS ARREST

Man Who was Rescued from City of Honolulu is Held for Theft of Army Funds.

San Francisco, Oct. 19.—Radio which saved the life of Leslie Dewey Atkinson last Thursday when the liner City of Honolulu burned at sea, turned against him and caused his arrest. Today he is in custody on the charge of leaving with army funds from the post exchange at Pearl Harbor, near Honolulu. Atkinson's experience was related in a copywright dispatch published by The San Francisco Chronicle today.

According to the account, Atkinson left Honolulu aboard the City of Honolulu, and when fate placed him on the rescue ship, the transport, Thomas, marines identified him. Re-connection between the Thomas and army officers at Pearl Harbor resulted in the order for his arrest.

Passengers on the City of Honolulu identified Atkinson as the "life of the shipwreck." They said he was persistently cheerful.

# MORE BOOKS FOR PATIENTS

The Women's Hospital Aid recently gave a sectional bookcase to the General Public Hospital to serve as shelves for the books which have been presented for the patients' use from time to time. The bookcase has had a sad habit of becoming empty no matter how many books have been sent to fill it. There is always a big demand for the books and not all of them have been left in the hospital as was intended they should be. In order to stock up the "library" and have not only enough books to go round but a few more to rest on the shelves the Hospital Aid has arranged to have its next meeting a "book day" and is relying on its members to bring as many books as possible to present to the hospital. The Hospital Aid sends visitors to the hospital each week and is well informed as to the desires of the

# FAIRVILLE BIBLE SOCIETY MEETS

The annual meeting of the Fairville branch of the Canadian Bible Society was held in the Fairville Baptist church last night, with Rev. C. T. Clark, the pastor, presiding. After devotional exercises, short addresses were given by Rev. W. M. Townsend, Rev. J. M. Rice and Rev. F. S. Porter, the secretary of the maritime province and Newfoundland branch of the society. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, A. O. Patriquin; vice-president, Daniel Campbell; secretary-treasurer, George Estey. The meeting was well attended. The Fairville branch of the society is a flourishing organization and one which has accomplished great things for the society.



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theory of forecasting the polar front, which is the area of contact between air currents from the equator and air currents from the poles. This polar front is constantly shifting, according

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At the point where these warm and cold currents meet a storm is in continual progress. The area is a few miles wide, but weather conditions far on either side of the polar front are influenced.

Prof. Eckeroth and other Norwegian scientists have been conducting experiments to ascertain whether they can tell in advance just where the polar front will be on a given day. They have been able to do this by gauging the swiftness of the polar current. When the polar current is strong it means that the polar front is being pushed to the south, and if it is not strong it is indicated that the polar front is falling back. The tests, which have covered a long period, have demonstrated with remarkable accuracy that this form of observation is desirable.

What the Norwegians propose, and in this they are backed by British scientists, is that all nations which have territory in the vicinity of the Arctic Circle establish stations there to make daily reports by radio on weather conditions. This is to be used in making forecasts.

The American Weather Bureau staff is interested in the proposal and ready

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Hennessy, Celebration street, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Mary Margaret, to Emil J. J. Berdel, of New York city. The wedding is to take place in New York early in November.

# IS HIT BY ENGINE, DRINKS AND DIES

Elderly Farmer Struck at Railway Crossing Makes Gallant Effort.

Bridgeburg, Oct. 19.—Phillip Kaobel, aged 65, prominent Bertie township farmer, died as the result of being struck by a light Canadian National engine. The unfortunate man was riding in a buggy when it was hit on the Grand Trunk crossing a mile east of Stevensville. Thrown some distance, he got up immediately and asked for a drink of water, declaring he was a little shaken up but all right. After partaking of a drink he climbed into a caboose which was provided to take him to his home near Stevensville and died a few moments later.

# DEFENDS MODE OF TELLING DOMINIONS OF THE NEAR EAST

London, Oct. 18.—A Reuter despatch from Johannesburg, South Africa, says that Premier Smuts, replying to a charge made by the Nationalist leader, General Hertzog, that in connection with the recent Near East crisis the British government had appealed to the dominions over the heads of their own governments, said he had no fault to find with the attitude of the British government. They were bound to notify the dominions what was going on, Premier Smuts said, and they did so in the most civil and polite way possible.

# CHAIN OF WEATHER STATIONS IN ARCTIC CIRCLE PROJECTED

Proposal is Outgrowth of Theory of Forecasting Farthest North Front.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 19.—Prof. Eckeroth, one of the foremost weather experts of Norway, is in Washington interesting the United States Weather Bureau in an international project for the establishment of a chain of weather stations along the Arctic circle. Such stations, experts say, would increase the period for making accurate forecasts from one week to two; in other words, double the efficiency of the weather service.

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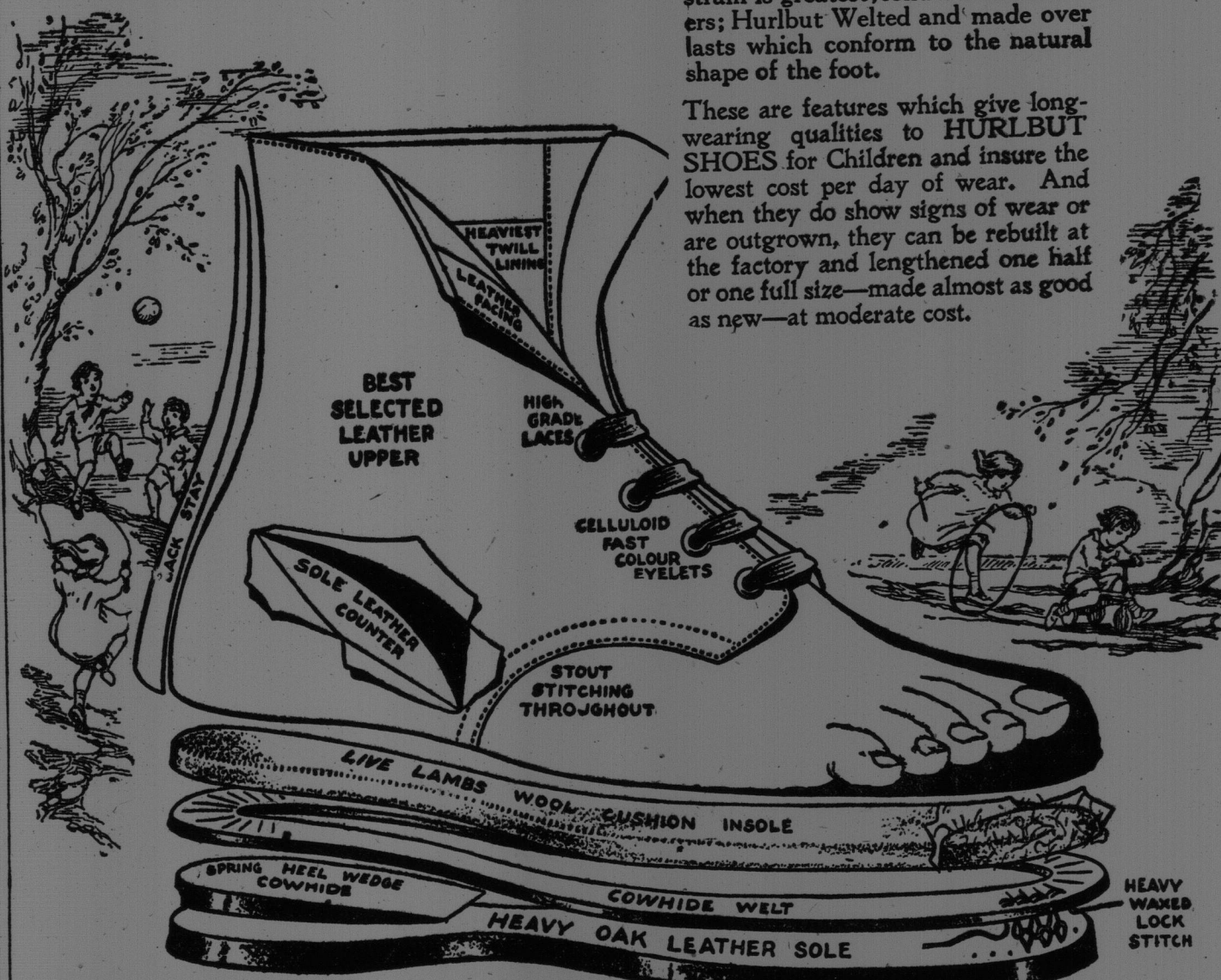
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