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Constitutional Crisis

To most of our readers the announcement of a constitutional crisis involving the prerogatives of His Majesty and his Government must have come as a bolt from the blue.

The shock was terrific, and most of our readers will hardly yet have recovered from the effect. Meantime they are hoping to discover today that it was all a huge blunder—or, as some put it, merely American propaganda which the Canadian Press should have suppressed.

Alas! the crisis is real, and the outcome still uncertain. It is not a case merely of difference of opinion between His Majesty and his Government regarding his friendship with, or intended marriage to, a Commoner—be she American or otherwise—but whether the Church and State could justifiably crown, as head of both Church and State, one who would immediately before or after that holy ceremony commit what many, and especially the Archbishop, consider a mortal sin.

See then the predicament of the Archbishops and the Government in being expected to crown the King with all the rights and ceremony of the Church which he reputedly intends to defy, either before or after that great and solemn event.

Mrs. SIMPSON obtained her divorce last month, and the decree nisi does not become effective till April. Then she is free to enter into a civil marriage without the blessing or authority of the Church. Evidently the Government and Archbishops want to know definitely His Majesty's decision, and refuse to proceed further with the arrangements for his Coronation until they get an assurance that it is not his intention to flout them, and public opinion, by following up his admitted friendship with Mrs. SIMPSON by civil marriage, unblessed by the Church which crowned him King, and of which he would then be the temporal head.

The Cambell Government's Bluff

It has become obvious that the CAMPBELL GOVERNMENT, in order to keep in check the growing dissatisfaction of temperance people with lax law enforcement, is threatening a further exercise of dictatorial power. This time the threat is to abolish the Prohibition Law as it abolished the Prohibition Commission.

No greater testimony to the truth of this statement need be cited than the assertions made on behalf of the Government at the recent Temperance Federation meeting.

The same policy of intimidation is evident in the Liberal organ, in the emphasis it is placing on the Conservative platform of 1927, which was one of government control.

The point ignored—the only point of relevancy today—is that the Conservatives went to the country on that issue, asking for a mandate to change the law. The mandate was refused. The voters returned the SAUNDERS GOVERNMENT on the solemn pledge, supplemented by equally solemn pledges editorially in the Patriot, that Prohibition could and would be enforced to the complete satisfaction of the temperance people. The Conservative attitude has been one of acceptance of the popular verdict, and of insistence on rigid enforcement by those whose specific promises in this connection we shall review when the time comes.

In the meantime the situation which our contemporary seeks blusteringly to hide, is this. The CAMPBELL GOVERNMENT dare not antagonize its prohibition supporters by changing the law without a new mandate. Such a course would split the Liberal party wide open. And if it follows democratic procedure by going to the country for a new mandate as did the Conservatives, its whole record would have to come up for judgment. PREMIER CAMPBELL and his associates would face anything rather than this contingency. This accounts for their "standing by" the Prohibition Act while opening new liquor stores, issuing unlimited scripts, and otherwise carrying on what is to all intents and purposes a government sale system. Their crowning felicity will be achieved if they can succeed in forcing this Janus-faced policy on the temperance organizations, on the empty threat of provoking a show-down which would endanger their own political scalps, and which for this reason they are no more likely to do than a Chinaman is to commit hari-kari. In short, their ultimatum to the prohibitionists is a bluff.

Editorial Notes

The woman in the case!
The U.S.A. press and radio which have been firing without stint reserve or restraint the progress of our Royal Romance—which they termed it—must now be glorifying in the deplorable sequel.

The Temperance Federation discussed prohibition troubles with commendable restraint.

The Government was very fortunate in having an able and skilful steersman who did his best to avoid dangerous shoals.

It is no more agreeable to be smothered by gold than by clay. While Reuben Stokes, a miner, was at work in a mine at Malgorrie, Western Australia, he was buried by an avalanche of gold ore. Enough air was filtered to him to keep him alive until seventy-five men working for eleven hours could rescue him unhurt from his prison of gold.

The British newspapers did their best to suppress the broadcast of Constitutional troubles over His Majesty's personal affairs, but when an American magazine was shipped by the car load with an article headed "A Yankee at the Court of St. James" disclosing the whole story, the fat was in the fire. The wholesale agents distributing the magazine thought the article dealt with Will Rogers play of the same name.

Is the Temperance Federation a "responsible" body and entitled to Government information which is not furnished the legislature? Hitherto, under Democratic Government, a "responsible" body was held to be a duly popularly elected body such as a City or Town Council, a County Council or School Trustees. It is something new in our political history to have an irresponsible organization having access to Government information not vouchsafed to the duly elected Legislature, which alone is responsible to the electorate. But that is what dictatorship leads to.

A movement is on foot to transfer women's activities once more from the bridge table to the homely needle. The plan to stimulate home sewing on a national scale is proceeding slowly until the right promotion angle is discovered. Once that problem is solved, it is claimed, there will be no difficulty in raising the necessary appropriation of \$250,000 to inaugurate a publicity campaign. It is recognized that if millions of women are to be made devotees of needle and thread, the task must be made interesting. It must be made a fashion, and how that smart bit of promotion can be put over is the immediate problem. The hand that rocks the cradle must be impressed with the necessity of keeping the home fires burning when the cradle is empty, and its occupant looking for something to accupy his or her spare time.

A Montreal correspondent writes: "A noted improvement was shown in demand for holiday lines throughout eastern Canada last week and, from present indications, it would appear that the coming holiday will be at the heaviest level in years. While most of the immediate purchasing is in staple lines there is, however, increased volume of sales in the so-called luxury lines, including radios, pianos and jewelry. Men's and women's clothing and footwear have shown increased sales, while furs, both coats and neckpieces, also have improved. Not only are the larger departmental stores reporting gains but the smaller stores also state that the last week has been decidedly ahead of the same week a year ago. In a wholesale way advance bookings for the holiday trade have been going up steadily and here, too, the trade is looking forward to a gain in volume. Furrer's factories are still working at capacity, not only on new lines but some state that repair work has been heavy."

The declaration by Foreign Secretary Eden that Britain had no intention of getting embroiled in any Continental division of Communism and Fascism, follows the recent charge of Foreign Minister Maxim Litvinoff that Germany and Japan were joined in secret military alliance to launch war which would spread to "all continents." "There is no sense in this pact," Mr. Litvinoff said. "But I can say with knowledge and full responsibility for my statement that 15 months of negotiation by the Japanese military attaché with German diplomats has resulted in this secret pact. Within 48 hours after the pact was signed two considerable violations of the Soviet border occurred. But the invaders did not realize who was guarding our far Eastern frontiers." The agreement in effect brings Germany, Italy and Japan into a triangular front. Germany and Japan have signed an anti-Communist accord and have agreed to work with each other in combating the Communist International. Italy is linked to Germany in a similar agreement. The Italo-Japanese recognition, many observers believe, might be the first step toward an anti-Communist pact between the two nations.

Here is the American reaction to our Constitutional crisis as stated by the Herald-Tribune: "Americans may think it an absurd mountain made out of a mole hill. Why shouldn't the King marry whom he likes? But there is a double difficulty involved. If the conduct of the monarch is not in accordance with what is expected of the symbol, he risks the destruction of the symbolic value of the monarchy and so of the keystone of the great arch of government which is the British Empire. The monarch's functions and powers may be extremely nebulous, but there is always the very practical question, for example, of what would happen to the dominions if the monarchy disappeared. On the other hand, if opposition is raised to the monarch's course, he may be prompted as a man to resist it, and his only means of doing so is to appeal to the public in a manner that directly disrupts the delicate constitutional fabric. The Simpson case became serious at the moment the King's visit to Wales appeared as an implied reflection upon what his government (with whom, theoretically, the King must always be identical) was doing for the depressed areas. The tendency was to place Mr. Baldwin and his colleagues in a position not only of possible political embarrassment but one wholly untenable constitutionally." In other words, the King might follow the advice of Lady Houston in "The Saturday Review" and attempt to become a real dictator.

Notes by the Way

The death at Owen Sound of Albert J. Frost, credited with building the first Canadian automobile, in 1899, has caused a discussion as to first automobiles in Canada. A car had been built in the United States as early as 1893 and the first imported car was shown in that year at the Chicago Fair. Toronto and Ottawa seemed to have had their first imported cars in 1898, the year before the Frost car was built.—Ex.

A wider distribution of property, of products, of profits is obviously desirable as a factor in the economic situation. What is needed most of all is a wider distribution of employment. A job for every man able and willing to work should be the aim.—Gloucester Bay Gazette.

Resolutions adopted at the convention of the German-Canadian United League in Saskatchewan and length to the arguments advanced at the recent Saskatoon convention for the promotion of British settlement in that Province. It is not probable that the sponsors of this movement would deny the excellent qualities in other races or overlook their part in the development of the West. But obviously it is time to consider whether or not Saskatchewan is to be a British Province. The 1931 census returns gave the population as 921,785, of whom 437,836 were of British races and 483,949 non-British. Of the latter 129,232 were German. According to the 1921 census, the total population was 757,510 those of British extraction numbering 400,416 and non-British 357,094. The German section amounted to 68,202.—Toronto Globe.

When a materialist dares to think seriously of life on the basis of his own philosophy he has to admit that his beauty is consumed like the moth and his days are as vanity. Even though his genius could create an earthly paradise, it still would be haunted by the spectre of death.

A member of the Owen Sound Collegiate staff who studied in Germany says that Hitler is "a quiet, retiring, looking man who is almost shy." Using the word in the colloquial sense, there is no "almost" about Hitler's shyness when it comes to Germany carrying out its treaty obligations. However, Hitler is not the only offender.

It is reported in the cables that Italy will recognize Manchoukuo in exchange for Japanese recognition of Ethiopia. "You recognize my request and I'll recognize yours." A type of "reciprocity" of a different kind! Japan grabbed Chinese territory. Italy grabbed Ethiopian territory. A violent deal in both cases. And now, to "sweeten" the odor of the iniquities, there is to be "reciprocal recognition" of "gorgeous victories." This is the sort of thing Humpty Dumpty is up to his eyes in. The idea of Conquest is not new—but there was the hope that it had been left behind the curtain of the Great War. That newer generations would move toward better things—would "move upward, working out the best, and let the ape and tiger die."—Ex.

From Vesoul, France: "An aged peasant stood guard today at weatherbeaten St. Hubert's Chapel ready to carry an alarm to the countryside if demolition of the Chapel is attempted to permit its removal to America as a gift to John D. Rockefeller, Jr." An ancient Old World shrine is history and symbolic only in its original native atmosphere and setting—and not in the atmosphere and setting of the Empire State Building in New York.

"Most criminals," as Lord Hewart has said, "form their habits in the days of youth. That is the time of gravity." Violent methods only help those habits to be confirmed, and the policy of education is justified by results. If corporal punishment and imprisonment were more used, the percentage of young criminals would only be decreased by increasing the number of old and hardened offenders.—Manchester Guardian.

Speaking at Edmonton recently Lord Tweedsmuir had this to say of the individual who refuses in all circumstances to become a "turncoat": "Da! Inelasticity is a doubtful virtue—in fact, I think it is no virtue at all. There is no value in sticking to principles if they are wrong principles, or to views if they are meaningless views. In the first case, you are merely a consistent rogue, and, in the second, a consistent fool."

Referring to the proposal to enforce the anti-littering bylaw, Mayor Gregory spoke these wise words: "There is always the danger of too many regulations. We recall when people used to complain about smoke from factories. Now everyone would like to see smoke pouring from every factory chimney. The sound of more factory wheels would be a joyful noise in Stratford."—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

We do not need, in this country, to worry about Communism, nor for that matter about Fascism. What we should be concerned about is the condition which gives the Communists their chance to pose as champions of the underdog, and the amazing indifference of the masses of the people in the face of that condition. Only if that indifference persists will the Communists be able to get anywhere.—Winnipeg Tribune.

A people cannot educate themselves into greatness. There are three virtues that must form the basis of human character, individual or collective, and regardless of the size and extent of the social organization. These are: common sense, common honesty, common courtesy.—Ottawa Journal.

Judge Mott at London, Ont., advised parents not to worry if their boys of ten to thirteen years got into fights. It is a practice among poultry raisers in selecting the young roosters that are to be retained for their flock, rather than being sent to market to pick out

PUBLIC FORUM

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LET PEACE PREVAIL

Sir,—Perhaps it will be a relief to some of your readers to have a letter on some subject other than prohibition and its enforcement. This may still be an interesting topic for a few but it would seem that an armistice might now be declared "until a more convenient season". On reading some of the terrible accusations I am reminded of a remark made by the notorious Lord Chief Justice Jeffries who at the trial of Lisle said to one of the witnesses, "Oh, blessed God, was there ever such a villain on the face of the earth? Hold the candle to his face that we may the better see his brazen countenance."

We have just got over "Thanksgiving Day" which was celebrated on Thursday last. Business everywhere was at a standstill. Religious services were held in many churches. Transportation facilities witnessed a rush of travellers. Parades and other festivities were featured to welcome the arrival of Santa Claus at some of the large departmental stores. I witnessed Macy's parade from the corner of 98th street and Broadway and notwithstanding that the weather was raw and cold, it is estimated that two million people lined the streets from 110th to 34th. In the President's Thanksgiving proclamation he said, "In our relations with other people we stand not aloof, but make resolute effort to promote international friendship and by the avoidance of discord, to further world peace, prosperity and happiness." These words should touch a responsive chord in the hearts of every Canadian.

I am a great admirer of President Roosevelt for his qualities of leadership and for his "good neighbor" policy and his proclamation on all occasions of his determination to work for international friendship and world peace. It was for the promotion of that cause which is so dear to his heart that he is now on his way to Buenos Aires to give the opening address at the Pan-American Peace Conference which opens on Dec. 1st. He called yesterday at Rio-de-Janeiro and had a most wonderful reception, and gave a magnificent address to the assembled Congress and leaders in Brazil. I quote: "There is no American conflict that cannot be settled by orderly and peaceful means. And, it is in our common interest imperative that they be settled always by agreement and not by bloodshed. We serve not ourselves alone. The friendly nations of the Americas can render no greater service to civilization itself than by maintaining both domestic and international peace and by freeing themselves forever from conflict."

"We are about to gather in a great American conference, called by President Justo in furtherance of the good neighbor policy in which we all share. In this conference we have the opportunity to banish war from the New World and dedicate it to peace."

"The people of each and every one of the American republics—and, I am confident, the people of the Dominion of Canada as well—wish to lead their own lives free from fear of conquest—free at the same time to expand their cultural and intellectual relationships and to take council together to encourage the peaceful progress of modern civilization. Our aims will best be served by agreements which bring peace, security and friendship among us and all our neighbors."

"It is not enough that peace prevails from the Arctic to the Antarctic, from the Atlantic to the Pacific; it is essential that this condition be made permanent, that we provide effectively against the recurrence of the horrors of war and assure peace to ourselves and our posterity."

It was indeed heartening to read in this morning's paper a despatch from Ottawa which describes the President's speech as of "striking and momentous character", and that Prime Minister King issued a statement the last paragraph of which reads:

"Any step which serves to insure permanence of peace in any part of the world is a contribution to the peace of the world. Co-operative effort toward this end cannot be too widely extended. Peace, like justice, has become the common concern of mankind. It can only be maintained by common endeavor."

Before leaving this subject of world peace it may be interesting to quote a short interview which is credited to Sir Basil Zaharoff, "the Mystery Man of Europe," whose death occurred recently. He rarely if ever gave an interview, but this one is reported:

"I, Zaharoff, say that peace is a psychological condition. Let enough people talk peace, think peace and

those which fight most and best.—Fort Arthur News-Chronicle.

That Body of Powers

By James W. Barton, M.D.
MENTAL BACKWARDNESS AND THE DUCTLESS GLANDS

It was my privilege a number of years ago to make a physical examination of the boys of a reformatory school. Associated with me was a psychologist who estimated the mental make-up of these boys. Our results were sent into the government with the recommendation that a number of these boys be sent to an institution caring for children who were mentally defective.

A visit was then made to this hospital for mental defectives to see if there were any cases that might do better at home, school or business; that is by having contact with normal children. Unfortunately we were unable to find any that could have "made their way" in the outdoor world.

However this occurred before physicians knew much about the ductless glands of the body—thyroid, adrenal, pituitary and others. And so I've been thinking that in the light of the present knowledge of these ductless glands or endocrine glands as they are called, whether or not some real help in increasing mental ability might be given to more of these unfortunate children and perhaps adults also.

Some months ago Dr. Murray B. Gordon and Lawrence Kuskin in Endocrinology presented statistics upon the association of endocrine gland disturbance with mental backwardness in a group of 958 children, observed individually in detail, and treated at the Endocrine Clinics of the Long Island College Hospital and Israel Zion Hospital in Brooklyn.

Of the total group of 958, 666 children were considered to be mentally retarded or backward and among this number 288 (40 percent) showed signs of endocrine gland disorder. The glands most affected were the thyroid gland in the neck and the pituitary gland on the floor of the skull.

The records showed that mental slowness or backwardness following an acute illness occurred more often with pituitary gland disturbances and lack of thyroid juice, than when the child was simply a fat sluggish baby due to lack of thyroid juice.

In regard to the treatment of this mental backwardness by the use of gland extracts, the result showed a continued improvement in 45 percent of the endocrine group and only about 1 percent of the non-endocrine group (those without gland disturbances). The results further showed that there was a greater degree of improvement in those with thyroid disturbance than in those with pituitary disturbances.

Today I shall be strong, No more shall yield to wrong, No squander life no more; Days lost, I know not how, I shall retrieve them now; Now I shall keep the vow I never kept before.

Ensanguing the skies How heavily it dies Into the west away, Past touch and sound and sound Now further to be found. Now hopeless underground Falls the remorseless day.

—A. E. Housman.

dream peace, and there will be peace on earth. Here we have the problem that everyone may have a share in solving, namely to talk peace to think peace, to pray for peace so that it may be universally applied and thus usher in the period when the lion and the lamb may lie down together in security and "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to Men" become a reality.

I am, Sir, etc., J. F. W.

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