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The King Gives Up His Throne

The expected has happened, but the fact that it was expected has not lessened the stunning effect of the blow which every loyal British citizen must have felt at the news which was flashed across the wires from the Empire's capital yesterday morning.

The message of HIS MAJESTY to Parliament, renouncing the Throne and the allegiance of his subjects, is a heart-breaking document. No one can read it without feeling deep sympathy and understanding.

Over the King's private feelings, and those of the Queen Mother and Royal Family, let the veil of silence be decently drawn. No longer King, Edward VIII steps out of the picture, holding still the affection of the people, and their sincere respect for his motives and for his conduct in submitting to the advice of his constitutional advisers, when it was no longer possible to reconcile the dictates of his heart with his duties and obligations.

All that need be said in this regard has been superbly said by PREMIER BALDWIN, in a speech which will go down in history for its dignity and sincerity.

Coincident with the announcement of abdication, comes the anticipated statement that HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS the DUKE of YORK will succeed his brother, as King, and that he will bear the title of GEORGE VI.

There will be no break in succession, or in the sentiment of loyalty and allegiance to the Throne. Married since 1923 to LADY ELIZABETH BOWES-LYON, the new Sovereign has two children, PRINCESS ELIZABETH and PRINCESS MARGARET ROSE. The former, who will now be the heir apparent, has already captivated the hearts of the British people.

The present tragic circumstances will, it is hoped, shortly be forgotten in the interest taken in the forthcoming Coronation of KING GEORGE and QUEEN ELIZABETH. This does not mean that scars will not be left which even time can scarcely be expected to obliterate.

How fitting still to the occasion is the recognition of Providential guidance expressed in that most popular of all songs, the National Anthem:

Thy choicest gifts in store,
On him be pleased to pour,
Long may he reign,
May he defend our laws,
And ever give us cause,
To sing with heart and voice,
God Save the King.

Newfoundland Not Worrying

According to a recent news item, the ratification of the St. Lawrence Waterway Treaty between the United States and Canada would be opposed by the Mississippi Valley Association unless Newfoundland were ceded to the American Republic. This, it was declared, would be essential as a guarantee of the safety of the United States in the event of war.

"War with whom," comments the St. John's Evening Telegram, "is not indicated, but it should have been apparent to the Mississippi Valley Association that British North America in the event of war would attach equal importance to the islands in the St. Lawrence as strategic bases, and as self-preservation is generally the first consideration, it is scarcely likely that the proposal to hand over these islands to ensure the safety of the United States at the risk of leaving the British territory open to an enemy would be taken seriously.

The chief value of the suggestion is that the strategic value of Newfoundland is recognized, and it is by no means improbable that as its use as an air base for the trans-Atlantic liners becomes an accomplished fact, the necessary measures to ensure its safety as an outer bulwark of British North America will be taken."

Editorial Notes

One goeth and another cometh. Long live the King!
"John Bull" Baldwin is as solid and trustworthy as the British Constitution itself.
The Liberal organ now realizes what a tangled web it wove when first it practised to deceive.
A Liberal retained a Liberal seat in Alberta. In Ontario the Conservatives won a Tory seat. Won't the Campbell Government try its luck here?

Ab, what avails the sceptred race!

Ab, what the Church divine,
What every virtue, every grace!
Unless, dear thou art mine.
(W. S. Landor)

London papers held their crews on duty all Tuesday night, leading to a general belief they were expecting the most important kind of an announcement on King Edward and Mrs. Simpson. Wednesday morning, however, the real reason came out—England's cricket team was playing the Australians at Brisbane. England scored 203 for six wickets.

Sheep roving the western plains of Queensland may soon carry "tail lights" as protection against the dingo, or Australian wild dog, the depredations of which among the stock in some districts have been considerable. The light is the invention of Francis Carley, a railway worker. It is in the shape of a metal disc, in the centre of which is a bicycle reflector, or "cat's eye". The edges are painted with phosphorus and give the effect of a ring of fire. The disc is attached to the sheep's wool by a strong clip.

While hand-to-mouth buying is definitely on the way out, it became such an ingrained habit during the depression years that, taking the continent as a whole, the better retail stores will lose \$50,000,000 in volume by being short of demanded merchandise during the Christmas season, according to a writer in Advertising & Selling. Too late, buyers have awakened to the fact that there is a strong consumer demand to meet which inventories are woefully inadequate.

Following its determination to adopt parliamentary government, Soviet Russia has started on its new policy of breaking up the vast state farms in south Russia, the Caucasus and Siberia, and 4,000,000 acres of them are to be redistributed among little groups of small farmers. These will work the land for their own profit while giving a share of the proceeds to the farm laborers. Farmers are reported to welcome the idea of again operating their own provided the government does not try to compete with them on land it still will hold.

Queen's University, Kingston, Ont., has just received a gift in the form of a cheque for \$40,000 from the estate of Col. R. L. Leonard, St. Catharines. In addition to scholarships and fellowships previously allotted to the university under the Leonard will aggregating more than \$2,800 a year, and in addition to special payments made from time to time, the capital sum of \$40,000 comes to Queen's in connection with a residue distribution of the Leonard estate. This amount, it is understood, will be increased later to \$60,000. The purpose to which the sum will be put has not yet been determined. There are no conditions attached.

Here is another dictator who thirsty autoists will commend or otherwise, according to the blend of liquor they patronize. Mr. James H. Ricker, village chief of police, of Hempstead, L.I., posted a notice on the bulletin board at headquarters that hereafter, when a suspect was arrested on a charge of operating an automobile while intoxicated, no physician would be called to ascertain the man's condition, but that the testimony of the arresting patrolman that the man was intoxicated would be enough to justify the arrest. Chief Ricker said later that he thought physicians were too generous sometimes in their judgments and that the shock of the arrest, the trip to the police station and the wait for the physician sobered the subject too much.

The 1929 stock exchange was responsible for many tragedies, but none much worse than that in the Van Sweringen brothers' of Cleveland railroad financiers. At that date the brothers' net worth was estimated in excess of \$100,000,000, when they controlled through pyramided companies rail and real estate properties valued at \$3,000,000,000. When Mantis J. Sweringen, younger of the brothers, died last December his personal estate was appraised at \$3,067,000. The older brother O. P. died last week, and his trustees announce that his debts greatly exceeded the amount of his estate. On the other hand, a Cleveland business man who bought at auction three years ago the stock of a Sweringen Trust Company for some \$330,000, now finds himself in possession of a railway and real estate valued at over \$100,000,000. He told the receiver in bankruptcy of the Mantis Van Sweringen estate that he did not know what was included in the Trust Company stock when he bought it, but later realized it represented 67 per cent. of railway and real estate which today was worth the sum quoted.

Sir Arthur Doughty, late Government archivist, who has just passed away, was born at Maidenhead, England, in 1860. Sir Arthur attended Lord Eldon School in London and later New Inn Hall, Oxford. He received the degree of Master of Arts from Dickinson College, Carlisle. He was destined originally for the church but at the age of 26 he abandoned that idea and turned to literature and journalism. Canada had always interested him and he arrived in Montreal in 1886 to look for a job. His fluency in the French language and his knowledge of shorthand won him a post with a mercantile supply company but he soon turned up at the office of the Montreal Gazette and offered to contribute articles. He became musical and dramatic critic on The Gazette, founded an arts and letters club and soon was well known around McGill University whether he went in search of information on Canadian history. Entering the service of the Quebec Government as a clerk in the Revenue Department he was later chosen as secretary to the Minister of Public Works and, a few years later, librarian of the Legislature. He began to write about Canadian history, and his fame spread so that Sir Wilfred Laurier had no further to look when he decided to establish the position of Dominion archivist.

Notes by the Way

Canada must support the Empire. Dr. Beverly Ketchen told the Scottish Rulers. One could not imagine Canada doing anything else in times of danger. But one could imagine how contemptuous the United States would be of us if we failed Britain, refused to arm, and let Uncle Sam do our fighting for us.—Hamilton Spectator.

The setup of the Globe and Mail amalgamation rather suggests the story of the meat-pie maker who admitted he used horseflesh in his rabbit pies, but claimed a \$5-50 basis which he explained as meaning one horse to one rabbit.—Peterborough Examiner.

In the first speech of King Edward VIII to his first Parliament, filled, as it was, with matters of the gravest importance, nothing marks so great a hope for the nation as the reference to the new care which is to be taken of the public health. To say that the health of the nation is the wealth of the nation is a truism. Equally trite is the insistence that no Government can give health to a people unwilling to be healthy. But trite things and truisms do not lose their validity by repetition. Under the lead of an athletic King the people of Great Britain can in our generation redeem themselves from the tollie and evil legacies of their ancestors. Slums are going, open spaces are being created and preserved, hygiene is being more widely and deeply understood.—London Sunday Dispatch.

The rivalry between Fascists and Communists, which for years past has been a source of perpetual disturbances in most European countries, is an ugly feature of post-war development which is repellent to all lovers of true liberty. Constitutional freedom, as we understand it, finds no place where the swastika or the hammer and sickle are the dominant emblems. These rival departments are both intensely aggressive and eager to spread their propaganda, though each is equally intolerant of interference by the other.—Belfast Telegraph.

For a long time the taxpayers of the country have been protesting against the heavy burdens placed upon them because of the fact that in many places relief has become a sort of racket to make a living without work. The only way to avoid impositions of this character is to make inspections not merely nominal but rigorous. The sooner every municipality in the Dominion begins to ruthlessly chop off all unworthy emblems, the better will it be both for themselves and the country. Unless this is done there will be a general loss of incidents to be provided for in the future.—Branford Exposition.

"Time out of mind at this turn of the seasons, when the hardy oak leaves rustle in the wind, and the frost gives a tang to the air, and the dusk falls early, and the friendly evenings lengthen under the heel of Orion, it has seemed good to our people to join together in praising the Creator and Preserver, who brought us by a way that we did not know to the end of another year." For all those things, as dear as breath to the body that quicken man's faith in his method, that nourish and strengthen his spirit, to do the great works still before him; for the brotherly word and act; for honor held above price; for steadfast courage and zeal in the long search after truth; for liberty and for justice freely granted by each to his fellow and so as freely enjoyed; and for the crowning glory and mercy of peace upon our land.—Ex.

I am going away. I am going for a long time. So I take this method of saying good-bye to the friends I have made through the Daily Express—friend, I have never seen. I am going to an airport in America where I take delivery of a fast American airplane seating six, with a bed to sleep in and an office table to work at. First I shall go to my own home, where the sun shines at winter long. Then I am flying to high and dry lands. Journeying with me is my boyhood companion and lifelong friend, Sir James Dunn. We have been together in sunshine and shadow from youth to old age. Now we journey back again to see once more the forests and rivers of that province of New Brunswick colonized by our Scottish ancestors. I am not going away altogether happily. I am seeking relief from the disease of asthma. And here let me say that by the time this article is in print I shall have gone, and it will be no any-one sending me any asthma cures. I have had hundreds of them already. And asthma is an ailment for which each victim must find his own relief or remedy.—Lord Beaverbrook.

The trouble with the construction industry to-day is that it is not attractive as an investment, hardly so by a home-owner, let alone by those who have surplus funds to put to work. The trend has been almost entirely in government and other gilt-edge securities, which are taken up for the income they produce. Taxes on real estate frequently eat up much more than the income derived therefrom, and thus real estate becomes a liability.—St. Catharines Standard.

Centuries ago the Spaniards drove the Moors from Europe. These Mohammedan folk of Arab blood were driven across the strait and they are now back again hammering at the gates of Madrid. Enrolled against them are not only raw militia, but barber, bus-drivers, shop-keepers, clerks, men from all walks of life, and not men only, but women and girls. It is of the saddest picture in history. It is brought poignantly home by the despatch which tells how when the Mohammedan troops advanced in one area outside Madrid, they found the bodies of thirty Spanish girls lying dead in the trenches. Whatever the outcome in Spain, whether the Government forces

That Body of Poets

By James W. Barton, M.D.

A SCHOOL FOR THE AGED. The fact that the span of life has been greatly increased during the past fifty years may be gratifying but when we remember that this is due almost entirely to the saving of the lives of children at birth and during the first year, we should inquire what has happened to those who are middle-aged and elderly. Statistics would likely show us that after the age of fifty the life expectancy isn't much, if any, longer than it was fifty years ago. There are however a great many old people in the world.

Now just as the lives and welfare of children has been receiving care and thought from physicians and parents, it would seem our elderly folk, aside from being assured a living during the rest of their lifetime, are being studied from the standpoint of health and happiness.

The aged are by far our most neglected class of citizens. We do not recognize the fact that they need a peculiar diet regimen (or rules) a peculiar or special form of employment, a special management of their social relations, and a forward looking program for the guidance of their after-years.

Neither physical pain, chronic illness, mental weakness, nor similar disabilities are "natural" accompaniments of advancing age. These drooping, dwindling, dulling features of late life are practically all avoidable by the use of care, guidance and inspiration.

I am quoting Dr. W. A. McKeever, formerly Head of Child Welfare Department, University of Kansas, in Clinical Medicine and Surgery. Dr. McKeever states further:—"In Oklahoma City, I have built up an organization of nearly 1000 men and women, all above 70 years of age and some of them over 100. Here, through class recitation, house-to-house calls and printed circulars, I am conducting a regular school of instruction featuring the peculiar needs and requirements of aged persons. The School of Maturates is my name for this school.

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7. Friendship. Cultivate spirit of kindness.
8. Complaining. Avoid complaining and fault finding.
9. Religion. Have some regular connection with church.
10. Philosophy. Cultivate an optimistic philosophy of life."

win, or the Moors and Foreign Legion, it is certain that the iron will have been driven so deep into the heart of the nation that there will be great heart-burning for many years to come, leaving memories which will scorch and burn for generations.—Halifax Chronicle.

This country, it is now admitted, cannot enter into commitments involving the obligation to go to war unless there is the assurance that public opinion will honour the obligation in the hour of crisis. The same limitation applies to every other free nation, great or small. Therefore, the nations who value their independence must not be deterred from taking the measures necessary for self-defence; and the corollary to that conclusion is that peace and justice are less likely to be served than jeopardized by the practice of disarmament, in the world as it is.—London Morning Post.

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PUBLIC FORUM

RE-HASHES

Sir,—I beg of you for a little space for a protest. For years I have been a paid subscriber to the Patriot. I pay for and expect news, or at least new matter.

Some years ago a stereotyped flare was published, something about a 6.12 per cent bond issue. For those who read that kind of stuff, to publish it once, or even twice, might be tolerated. But to have it hashed up, and reshaped, over and over again, bi-monthly and at regular intervals, year in and year out, became nauseating to me, and no doubt to all other readers, who think a single dose enough, and would not take a second dose, even under the Liberal "hold-your-nose" formula.

Now, within a fortnight, we have been sickened with another production, reshaped in three issues, already, and from an appearance threatening to be trotted out at museum weekly, bi-weekly or monthly until their party is wiped out again, to feed us with its disgusting details.

I refer to that paper's shameful exploitation of its feats in hiding and suppressing news, which instead of shrinking in shame from such exposure, it actually glories in the shame. Are we to have this sickening confession dish up for how many months or years, or will our space be devoted to something new and less obnoxious?

I am, Sir, etc. SUBSCRIBER.

THE SMOULDERING EMBER

Sir,—The Prohibition play makes me think of that nursery ditty,—"Water, water quench fire; fire won't burn stick; stick won't beat dog; dog won't bite pig and I won't get home tonight."

A woman in distress wrote in the Forum against the crime of the government liquor had worked in her home. Her appeal was followed by Mr. Bentley who openly accused violation of the law.

A writer, "Prohibitionist" made stirring demand for a return of the old Temperance Alliance whose past record was so creditable, and getting after the apparently impotent Temperance Federation.

These jibes will I call them arouse the temperance forces from their slumbers. Forcible letters from the Rev. Mr. Waterworth and others appeared in your columns adding petrol to the flame. The Federation was called into action. The fire began to burn the stick, the stick began to beat the dog with stinging effect. The dog began to bite the pig with terrorizing teeth, and the pig commenced to get a move on.

These speakasies in Summerside commenced to pitch over the style, and at long last an effort commenced. The only saw made, to stop some of the black "horse" fire water from projecting its misery to innocent homes.

This kindling into life the apparently dying embers of fire, of indignation against our new government control system, is an object lesson of kindling flame into a blaze that will work its way with destructive force against those who think they are born to dictate and dominate.

It is a repetition, only with a greater native force behind it, of that uproar created last spring, or winter, when we have good reason for believing a project was on foot to introduce the brewers' ideal form of Government Control.

Of course it is denied that such was intended. Probably a canva; developed, as the Liberal organ's recent suggestion might imply, in which it was found that a majority of the thirty would not take the

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But it will be found that Premier MacMillan never asked any such personal favor, and knew he would not get it if he asked. No was he the stamp of man who ever made statements which he would wish withheld from the public ear. It is different when, as in the case of prohibition perfidy, with the gravest interest of the whole people plunged into the most serious danger, when public men forget their promises, and try by threat and such bombast as the government press indulges to stifle the right to speak upon the country's business, it is almost worse than criminal to hide the truth from an abused and suffering people.

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