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When Dictators Meet

At Rostock on Sunday Germany staged for the two European Fascist dictators, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini, her mightiest naval and military demonstration since the Great War. As the two uniformed War Lords stood on a hill, cannon thundered, aircraft guns barked, war planes darkened the skies and the warships of a remilitarized Germany once more rode the seas.

The Berlin correspondent of the New York Times throws a revealing light on what is behind this imposing facade of pomp and power. He says: "Several weeks before Premier Mussolini's visit was officially announced, Signor Bocchini, chief of the Italian police, arrived in Berlin to arrange every detail of the police protective plan."

"First of all, the German railways put at Premier Mussolini's disposal a special train of four cars which was built for this purpose. It is said to be armor-plated and bullet proof. In addition Mussolini will have his own bullet-proof autos with his own drivers. The entire route he is to take, both on train and in auto, will be under guard."

"All autos travelling German roads have been under surveillance for weeks; their numbers have been taken down and many have been stopped for investigation. "Mussolini's guards' principal task will be to line the streets over which Chancellor Hitler and Premier Mussolini will drive in their processions. There will be four lines of them, two on each side of the street. The crowds themselves will consist of organized bodies, storm troops, motor corps, Hitler Youth, the labor front, Government employees. All of them will march to designated spots in a body, according to their formations. They will form a living wall behind which the populace at large may gather but in which no unsupervised stranger has a chance to get anywhere near the two modern Caesars."

What a desolating commentary, suggests an exchange, upon the Nazi-Fascist creed! Members of Britain's Royal Family, the Prime Minister of Britain, rulers of freemen whose souls are their own, mingle freely with their people. Under Nazi-Fascist dictatorships, with the hearts and consciences of men regimented into submission, dictators move in the shadow of death; the terror of assassination forever in their hearts. In Munich and Berlin, as Hitler and Mussolini rode through lines of disciplined serfs, hostpots along the route were occupied by police, with householders compelled to deliver up their keys.

Carelessness The Cause

Statistics issued by the Ontario Department of Highways covering the first half of the present year make interesting, if melancholy, reading. In that period of six months 290 persons were killed and 4,785 were injured in 5,604 accidents. In the first half of 1936 the dead were 172 and the injured 3,824.

Of these 290 killed 61 were drivers, 78 were passengers, 123 were pedestrians, 20 were bicyclists, six were drivers of motorcycles. Accidents in city, town and village increased by 21.1 per cent., and accidents in rural areas by 44.7 per cent.

Another 8,234 vehicles were involved in accidents—many of them, of course, as innocent victims—and the Department's exhaustive survey of the circumstances attending each item in the casualty list deserves careful study.

Of the 5,604 accidents, 3,805 occurred in clear weather, and 3,211 of them in daylight. And of the 8,234 cars involved 6,179 were going straight ahead, 227 were turning right, 727 were turning left, 136 were backing up, 370 skidded into trouble. Of this total 7,811 cars were "in apparent good condition," only 127 were found to have defective brakes.

Ninety intoxicated drivers were found, and 70 drivers were suffering from extreme fatigue. Of the drivers only 222 had driven a year or less, and 2,871 of them had at least five years' driving experience.

Farm Implement Exports

The export of farm implements and machinery this year has been greatly in excess of last year and August was no exception, the amount was \$3,805,684 compared with \$1,324,394 in July and \$4,206,628 in August a year ago. There were 405 harvesters and binders valued at \$67,226, of which 272 went to the United States, 57 to Australia, 36 to Chile and 22 to Argentina. Milking machines at \$21,513 all went to the United States. The cream separator export was valued at \$4,325, Australia being the largest customer at \$3,805, Mexico \$460, United States \$180, Newfoundland and \$40 and Ecuador \$31. The number of hay rakes was 383 at \$12,655, of which 222 went to Argentina, 89 to Chile and 60 to British South Africa. There were 227 mowing machines at \$17,588, of which 78 went to Argentina, 50 to British South Africa, 22 to New Zealand, 26 to British East Africa, 36 to Australia, six to Uruguay and five to the United States. Cultivators numbered 1,324 at \$25,723, of which 443 went to British South Africa, 420 to Argentina, 180 to Brazil, 105 to British East Africa, 58 to French Africa, 41 to France,

40 to Venezuela, 17 to the United Kingdom, 15 to the United States and nine to Sweden. The number of drills was 236 at \$34,069, of which 156 were sent to the United States, 62 to the United Kingdom and 12 to French Africa. Disc ploughs to the value of \$13,975 were exported to French Africa, \$5,434 to the United States, \$2,724 to Ecuador and smaller amounts to New Zealand, British South Africa, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala, Morocco and Norway. Other ploughs, of which the total was \$180,066 were shipped as follows: United States \$67,242; British South Africa; \$64,524; Finland \$2,582; Argentina \$2,573; British East Africa, \$2,642; United Kingdom, \$27,842; Egypt \$2,302; Sweden \$2,302; Roumania \$1,308; New Zealand \$663; Australia, \$876; British Guiana, \$877; Palestine, \$200; Brazil, \$527; Ecuador \$457; France, \$879; Japan, \$125; Norway \$414; Netherlands \$762; Peru \$684; Venezuela \$106. There were 146 threshers at \$109,338, of which 100 went to Argentina, 26 to the United States and 20 to Uruguay.

Editorial Notes

Cent a word telegrams introduced this date, 1885.

The interest roused by the campaign of the North Shore proprietors seems growing apace.

We are all the better for having had a visit from the genial, cultured Governor-General who, on his part, may have got inspiration here for a new novel.

See what it comes to! Turkish women agitated until they got the same freedom as men. Now a decree has been issued compelling them in due course to become soldiers. It is ordered that all girls in public and private schools must spend one hour a week in military training classes.

The consumption of butter in Canada in 1936 was 340,553,280 pounds, or about 31 1-2 pounds per capita. In 1935 the consumption was 340,439,540 pounds, representing a per capita of slightly over 31 pounds. Cheese consumption was estimated at 37,193,554 pounds last year compared with 39,634,889 in 1935, the per capita consumption in 1936 being 3.37 pounds compared with 3.62 pounds in 1935. The consumption of concentrated whole milk products advanced from 51,658,392 pounds in 1935 to 61,576,526 in 1936.

The candidature of Mr. Rice Sheppard as a People's nominee at Edmonton has brought to four the number of candidates seeking election to the Alberta Legislature in the October 7 by-election necessitated by the death of Mr. George Van Allen, Liberal. Mr. Sheppard was Social Credit candidate in the last provincial general election. No organization is backing him in the by-election. Other candidates are Mr. E. L. Gray, Liberal leader who has the endorsement of the Conservative party; Mayor Joseph Clarke as People's Front candidate and Mr. Jan Lakeman, Communist.

Exports of butter in 1936 amounted to 5,128,800 pounds, whereas 7,697,000 pounds left Canadian ports in 1935. Imports also declined, 117,281 pounds being imported in 1936 and 148,541 in 1935. Cheese exports increased, from 55,718,700 pounds in 1935 to 81,890,300 last year. Canadian cheese imported into the United Kingdom in 1936 represented 22 1-2 per cent. of the imports from all countries compared with 17 per cent. in 1935. During the last two years the proportion forwarded to United Kingdom ports decreased slightly, while the quantities shipped to other Empire countries and to the United States increased. Imports of cheese into Canada advanced from 172,360 pounds in 1935 to 429,878 in 1936.

Montreal's City Council has become obsessed of the passport malady, at least to the extent of establishing a system of photographing each and every taxpayer and providing him with an identification card with details of his person and life on its face. There has even been talk of fingerprinting the taxpayers, in explanation of which suggestion it is stated that this is an old Parisian custom. Certain so-called reformers are in favor of this photographing and fingerprinting, just as there are some Canadians who wish to introduce Communism or Fascism into Canada, because it is the custom in some lands of the Old World that are not too happy under their dictatorships. These advocates of absolutism under different names become furious when their proposals or motives are questioned. They have the one idea and regard it as a cure-all, and they would literally ram their policies down the throats of the majority who have no desire to copy countries which have set up what is state worship. They are against democracy at a time when the remaining democracies are the freest states in which to live.

Two months ago U.S.A. Secretary Hull sent to all the Governments accredited in Washington for comment a formal statement of his ideas on the restoration of international confidence. Of the more than fifty replies received, all save two paid verbal tribute to the American proposals only Japan and Portugal took exception. The former asserted that, though the principles are admirable, they require modification in practice in the East. It was left to Portugal to dissent caustically from the chorus of general approval and, in effect, to say to Mr. Hull that his words are noble but of little practicality to those concerned with the realities of international life. Some Washington circles believe that Portugal's answer was instigated by Germany and Italy, with whom it has close dealings, but that is not necessarily so; though it says what Italy and Germany would like to have said and what only Portugal could afford to say. But whether or not suggested by Berlin and Rome, the essay from Lisbon embodied the beliefs current in dictatorial countries. Between those dogmas, based on the assumption of the inevitability and desirability of conflict among peoples, and the democratic principles which constitutional statesmen reaffirmed the other day, there can be no compromise.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Now that fate has offered Mr. Gandhi a chance of realizing hopes of an experiment in prohibition, he promises to be as good as his word and to recommend that Europeans and aborigines shall be excluded from the rigors of prohibition. The reason appears to be that these two communities are accustomed to "drink" and like it, so that what would be a hardship to deprive them of it. The average citizen of this country, on the other hand, does not drink at all or is very temperate, so that it will not be much hardship to forbid him to drink. Mr. Gandhi indeed has pointed out that a prohibition cannot be compared to India or the failure of prohibition in the United States be urged as an argument why it should fail in India. In America the habit of drinking intoxicating liquor was widespread and this made it difficult to enforce prohibition. But in India this is not the case—Calcutta Statesman.

President Roosevelt has expressed the opinion that until Mr. Justice Black returns from Europe "there is no further comment to be made" concerning his alleged affiliation with the Ku Klux Klan. This implies that an official inquiry will then be made. It should have been made five weeks ago—before Mr. Beck's name was sent to the Senate; in any case, before his nomination was confirmed. If the present allegation stands, and if it is true that a man who makes it tantamount with Klan membership has been placed on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Senate and President will share responsibility for the loss of prestige which the court will then suffer. The Senate, choosing to function as a social club rather than a deliberative assembly, disregarded a plain duty when it refused by roll-call vote to send Mr. Black's nomination back to committee for the purpose of investigating his alleged Klan affiliation—New York Times.

The Japanese militarists maintain that "the cause of the present financial crisis, and by terroristic tactics that minority class has bludgeoned its will upon the nation. That there are even the slightest rumblings of discontent is heartening. No doubt the controller of industry will be speedily brought to heel because, although they may not wholeheartedly support the present policy, yet their interests are almost identical with those of the ruling class; but the rank and file of the population will not be slavishly responsive—Hong Kong News.

Crisis after crisis has swept over Europe, but the ultimate horror of a general conflagration has been averted. That much should be said for a continent which otherwise falls to command admiration. None of the big powers wants a war, at least a war with a fellow its own kind. Nations and governments have ceased to see their enemies (not been missing. Once upon a time the peace of the world was at the mercy of a spark, an incident. The only incidents that now count are the Japanese kind, which are not incidents at all but deliberate performances. Formerly the main content—as an inept Foreign Office remark, a frontier skirmish, an assassin's bullet, an Ambassador insulted or assaulted, a small war expanding into a big war—no longer count. Nations and governments have ceased to see their enemies (not been missing. Once upon a time the peace of the world was at the mercy of a spark, an incident. 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