

The War Measures Act

Premier King has announced that the Government will take all precautionary steps that may be necessary, in view of the threatening war crisis, under the War Measures Act of 1914, which is still on the statute books. That Act, giving the Government sweeping powers, was passed at the short emergency session held from Aug. 18 to 22, 1914. The clauses containing its extraordinary provisions were to be in force only "during war, invasion, or insurrection, real or apprehended." The existence of such a condition was to be proclaimed by the Government, which would later proclaim the termination of that condition, when the special powers of the Government would lapse.

- (a) Censorship and the control and suppression of publications, writings, maps, plans, photographs, communications and means of communication;
- (b) arrest, detention, exclusion and deportation;
- (c) control of the harbors, ports and territorial waters of Canada and of the movements of vessels;
- (d) transportation by land, air or water and the control of the transport of persons and things;
- (e) trading, exportation, importation, production and manufacture;
- (f) appropriation, control, forfeiture and disposition of property and of the use thereof.

This gave the Government very wide power to do everything necessary to promote a maximum effort during the war and to deal with persons or conditions that hindered that effort. The Government could control all publicity, could make use of private property as it saw fit, and could interfere to any necessary degree with trade, transportation or any other phase of the economic life of the country. It was expressly stated that the detailed powers mentioned in Section 6 did not limit the authority which was being conferred on the Government to do everything, not only for security, defence and order, but also for the "welfare of Canada." What does that not include?

There is virtual suspension of the Habeas Corpus Act in Section 11 of the Act, which says "no person who is held for deportation under the Act, or who is under arrest or detention as an alien enemy, or upon suspicion that he is an alien enemy, shall be released on bail or otherwise discharged or tried, without the consent of the Minister of Justice." And Section 12 amends the Immigration Act to provide that no resident of Canada, Canadian citizen or not, who leaves Canada to perform any military or other service for any enemy country shall be allowed to land in Canada again "except with the permission of the Minister." Provision is also made for compensation for property used by the Government and for penalties for infringement of any orders or regulations made under this legislation.

Poland's Fighting Strength

No aspect of Poland today is more significant than the youth of her population. Fifty per cent of the people of Poland now are under twenty years of age, sixty-six per cent are under 45 years. This means that Poland, with a population of 34,000,000 can mobilize an army larger than that of any other country in Europe. The classes recently called up in Poland are nearly as large as those in Germany.

The Great War, apart from ordinary 1,000,000 Poles died of privation, these were old people, so the normal force was disturbed. Another factor was the prolific Polish birth rate. Between 1920 and 1925 the average number of boys born per annum was 515,000; during the period in Germany, with twice the population, it was only 675,000 per annum. Taking the age of the past ten years, the number born in Poland yearly has been 511,000, Germany 595,000. In young man-power Poland has a remarkable strength.

Untapped Resources

British Columbia is taking particular interest in the Yukon, and would like to have a more direct share in its administration. The United States is likewise drawing public attention to the possibilities of Alaska, as a home for European refugees, creating a vast new market for American goods. There is no doubt that the potentialities of these northern regions are much greater than the majority of people realize. Visitors are impressed by the beauty of the scenery,

the mildness of the climate, the rich natural resources, and the wonder is why these desirable regions should suffer neglect. The Interior Department of the United States government has just issued a report on Alaska, giving the results of a survey recently conducted.

It was seventy-two years ago that the area was purchased from Russia for the comparatively trivial sum of \$7,200,000. Since then exports of precious metals, lumber, furs, fish and other products have attained a value many times that amount. Yet only the fringe has been touched and, it is stated, that if properly exploited, it would be possible to turn Alaska into a well-populated, thriving industrial state. "The situation of the world," remarks one U.S. commentator, "and our own internal situation, is no longer such that we can afford to pass up any bits." Which sentiment applies also to our own Dominion.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Lord Rutherford, radio-physicist and Nobel prizeman in chemistry, born this date, 1871.

The Boys in Blue in Camp at Brighton are enjoying with enthusiasm their taste of camp life and naval training.

A local worthy declared emphatically and with undoubted feeling yesterday—"This suspense is terrible!" "The war situation?" he was asked. "No, the dissolution and appointments!"

Henry Ford, who with great optimism and assurance, says all the nations are "bluffing" is the only American citizen apart from Lindbergh decorated by Hitler, in appreciation of favours received.

Reports received from Japan indicate that there is little or no prospect of finding a substitute for wool in synthetic fibres. They absorb moisture and in the rain become heavy and remain damp. There is no real and satisfactory substitute for wool.

There will be the usual month's interval this year between Labour Day and Thanksgiving Day. It was to obtain such a month between Thanksgiving and Christmas in the United States that President Roosevelt advanced Thanksgiving there from November 30 to 23.

The hand-made paper industry is being revived in India. Information is being gathered by the Indian Museum, Calcutta, about methods used in India hundreds of years ago. There is in the Museum a sample of hand-made paper from Nepal said to last for 1,000 years or more. The Kashmir paper industry has remained unchanged since its introduction in the reign of Zain-ul-Abidin (1420-1470) who imported paper-makers from Samarkand. Methods, appliances and the product have been preserved unaltered because of the excellence and integrity of the original invention. The main raw material for this cottage industry is sann hemp, which grows wild or is cultivated in many parts of India.

The Australian wool clip for 1939-40 season is expected to be 3,000,500 bales, of which it is estimated that 2,815,000 bales will be received through brokers' stores for offering in Australia on an estimated average weight of 300 lb. a bale. These figures were announced after the annual joint conference of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia and the Australian Woolgrowers' Council. The new clip on this basis will be 126,500 bales larger than the clip for 1938-39 season, which was estimated at the June conference last year at 2,970,000 bales. The quantity to go through brokers' stores in the new season at 2,815,000 bales will compare with the original estimate last season of 2,700,000 bales, which was subsequently reduced by 50,000 bales. Actual receipts into store this season up to May 31, however, were 2,680,889 bales.

News received from Wellington, New Zealand indicates greatly diminished dairy production as a result partly of the weather and partly of labour costs. Mr. Arthur Morton, chairman, in his opening address to the National Dairy Conference said the past season was the worst ever known in the dairy industry, the worst he could himself remember in more than 45 years' experience. The industry has also been affected, however, by very serious labour conditions. These two factors had very detrimentally affected production. The results of the coming season would prove whether, as he hoped, the falling off was mainly the result of climate causes or of the great difficulties of labour on dairy farms. The amount of the decrease was serious. There was a decrease of 6 per cent the previous season and a further 11 per cent for the year just concluded. It was estimated that the decrease in butter production amounted to 18,000 tons.

Complaint is being made in England that medical doctors are forming themselves into a closer corporation than ever, even against the advice of their leaders. Public regard for the medical profession, says The Spectator, will not be increased by the decision of the British Medical Association in conference to refuse to approve the administration by midwives of an anaesthetic or analgesic (nitrous oxide and air) to women in childbirth. The conference has been asked to approve this practice by a resolution of its General Practice Committee, which is high enough authority for believing that midwives are competent to administer this method of relieving the pain of childbirth. Doctors, however, have no direct control over midwives, who work under the authority of the Central Midwives Board; but if they regard the Association's decision as binding they have the power to give effect to it, since a condition of the administration of an analgesic by midwives is that a doctor who has seen the patient within a month certifies that administration will be innocuous. The result, as Dame Louise McLroy, the well-known gynaecologist, pointed out, will be that a vast amount of pain that might be alleviated will not be, as 60 per cent of the births in England are superintended by midwives without doctors.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A.R.P. blackouts worry the British public more than weather blackouts. A cricket match washed away is a fact; war is only an unpleasant speculation. Indeed most people scarcely worry about the "crisis;" it goes on and on, and what's the good of thinking about it anyhow? If it comes British people will fight as they have always done; on the whole they are inclined to think that it won't come just yet anyway. — London New Statesman and Nation.

Ultimately, the future of the Negro throughout the whole of Africa lies with the Negro himself. No education, however wise, no provision, however benevolent, can lead a race to full manhood. The race itself must blaze the trail and must decide to follow it. For the African the present hour is an hour of decision, and he should be ready to meet it with all his senses awake. European and other races will gain a further footing in Africa and extend their influence, and the problem for the African native is to find out how far he will be able to maintain himself side by side with the foreigner and compete with him successfully. The African must realize that through the present changes and those yet to come his future is at stake. The res agitur: "you are being weighed in the balance." However much the European may do for you, the decision is yours. You must be yourself, as still more you yourself are. In the last resort the fate of the African depends not on the will of the white man but upon what the African himself makes of himself. Should leaders arise who are conscious of their responsibility, who succeeds in making this responsibility a vital force in those who follow their leadership, then the African will emerge from the upheavals of today as a new human being, and the co-operation of the white and black will be a blessing to both. — W. Westermann in "The African of Today." Oxford.

After a comparatively short trial, Scotland Yard has abolished the experiment of employing young men from Rugby, Harrow, Charterhouse and other famous schools where the sons of wealthy people are prepared for the universities, and putting them on crime detection. They had high-powered cars, of which they were capable of speeds up to 100 miles an hour, and were turned out to man-hunt whenever fast action was required. But although they proved themselves expert drivers they were just that, as detectives they were no good. Experience has shown that the best detective is the man who has risen from the ranks. Nearly every Scotland Yard man was an ordinary policeman first of all. The most noted men the Yard ever had, men like Wensley, Gough, Carling and many others who solved the worst crimes in modern annals, rose from the ranks. They won their spurs as Metropolitan policemen and were transferred to the Yard.

Not long before the war the proprietor of a big London daily paper who was an Oxford University man himself, conceived the idea of having his reporting staff almost entirely of Oxford graduates. He knew that few experienced men—just in case, and dismissed the other reporters. The Oxford reporters did not last long. They were all right at straightforward reporting and so-called "features," but when sent out on a job that required digging out the facts, often from reluctant people, they failed completely. The old reporters were back on their jobs in a few months. The good reporter is part detective. After all, the occupation of journalism is no more reliable servant than the man who has been trained from the ground up and gone through the mill. — St. Thomas Times Journal.

Stare at a lighted globe for a few seconds and then look away. Then look at some printed material. Notice the blue in the centre of your vision. Notice, too, how long it is before your sight becomes normal again. This same thing happens when you drive along the highway at night and pass lights that glare into your eyes. However, the good driver does not let another's light glare into his eyes. When he approaches bright headlights, he reduces his speed and keeps his eyes on the right edge of the pavement. This greatly diminishes that temporary blindness. Of course, all good motorists should be equipped with proper adjustment so that they don't glare into the eyes of others, and every courteous driver dims his lights when meeting another car on the highway. In night driving as in everything else, just give the other fellow the same chance you expect from him. — Brandon Sun.

Fritz Kuhn says he destroyed the membership rolls of his German-American Party. That was the least, since there are concerns in this country which pay good money for sucker lists. Yet, we dare say there are several Americans of German birth, having read the Dies Committee testimony, would be breathing easier today if they were altogether sure that Fuehrer Fritz wasn't joking. And that must be especially true of those who are old enough to remember what happened in this country from 1914 to 1918, when the mere possession of a German accent or surname oftentimes was enough to make a good citizen an outcast. Fritz Kuhn wasn't over here then. Being an American citizen, he now enjoys a constitutional right the priceless privilege of going before a Congressional investigating committee and shouting as loudly as any Congressman does. We hope he will never know an America where such rights are denied. — New York World-Telegram.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

ISLAND PLUMS

Sir.—We will have in the Province this season some four or five carloads of plums, and as our department is anxious that home industry be patronized, I would earnestly ask the good housewives throughout the Province, who will be putting up large quantities of preserves, to reserve this delicious fruit, to reserve their orders for Island Grade plums, which are equal to the best product in Canada. Earnestly asking you to comply with the request in order that our money may stay at home where it is so badly needed among our own people, and assuring you that the results from our home grade, which will be as satisfactory as from any you can obtain elsewhere.

I am, Sir, etc.,
W. H. DENNIS,
Minister of Agriculture



Dr. James W. Barton, M.D.

SHOULD INSULIN OR METRAZOL SHOCK BE GIVEN TO MENTAL PATIENTS?

One of the encouraging signs amid the nervousness and unrest of our times is to see the increasing number of patients entering mental hospitals of their own free will. The usual method by which a patient enters is upon the certificate of two physicians who have examined him independently. And usually it was greatly against the will or desire of the patient himself. But, just as we go to a heart specialist or to a throat specialist for heart or throat conditions, now it is becoming almost natural for many with fears, obsessions, delusions, depressions or other nervous symptoms to go first to the psychiatrist (behavior specialist) or to the mental institution where these symptoms are investigated, their cause found and very often corrected.

However, just as patients with rheumatism, heart disease, asthma, or other ailments sometimes fail to get relief in hospital, so also are there mental patients who do not get rid of their symptoms—fears, timidity, obsessions, delusions—despite careful investigation and treatment in these mental hospitals. Recently the use of metrazol in the treatment of cases of deep depression and melancholy has given excellent results.

Perhaps you have a loved one who, recognizing his "peculiarities," has willingly entered a mental hospital to obtain relief. You may wonder whether or not you should allow this loved one to undergo the convulsions or fits caused by the insulin or metrazol treatment. You should talk it over with your family physician who, in consultation with the mental hospital physician, will tell you what is best to do.

It must be admitted that a great many patients entering mental hospitals have been cured before the use of insulin and metrazol was known. That is, a number are bound to get better anyway. But when the symptoms remain stationary or are becoming worse, the patient is entitled to the best chance of recovery as provided by this new treatment.

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for the purpose of appointing five delegates from each Poll in said Ward and Royalties to attend the Annual Meeting for Queens County.
P.W. TURNER, President. G.A. MacDOUGALL, Sec'y.

Japan's Reaction

(Moncton Transcript)
Japan is a proud nation and its first reaction to the announcement of the German-Russian pact, at the very moment when the military leaders of Japan had persuaded the government to enter into a military alliance with the Berlin-Rome axis, was one of wounded pride. There were immediate reports that the Japanese Premier would resign, because of loss of face. It was at first suggested that he would be replaced by former Premier Konoze who, personally, never had any love for Germany and once upon a time attended a masquerade as Hitler, Chaplin moustache and all, yet under whose regime the ill-fated friendship began.

The government has resigned and the choice of the new Premier was made known when Emperor Hirohito yesterday summoned General Nobuyuki Abe and instructed him to form a new cabinet. General Abe is described as a pronounced liberal and an advocate of friendship with Britain and Japan. Further evidence of the revulsion of feeling in Japan is found in the leading Tokyo newspaper, which says that the German action is the grossest breach of international faith in modern times, and the Japanese are somewhat of authorities on that subject. This newspaper, the Nichi-Nichi, says hereafter reliance on the unreliable must be shunned like the devil. Now it is the Germans who are receiving rough treatment in China and by a quick turn of fate, danger is removed from Hong Kong, from which the last of the Japanese troops recently departed.

Moreover, if war should come in Europe, there would be such a demand for Japanese goods as to create a boom as happened during the Great War, that would give Japan an opportunity to correct unfavorable balance of trade and help pay for the stupendous expenditures in China. Incidentally, it was the war in China into which the Japanese entered so enthusiastically, and not the Germans, which destroyed Japanese prestige. Japan is no longer a useful ally, because it is bogged down in China. It is becoming an old story. In a modern war, no one wins.

BOGUS CLERIC BEGS

KENNINGTON, England.—(CP)—"You're a shocking humbug," said Magistrate Claud Collins in sentencing a man for vagrancy. He had been begging in ragged clerical dress, playing a violin.

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Spanish Harvest

(Ottawa Journal)
Spain has been forced off the front page by more pressing news. Its own war over and its people left with the task of cleaning up. But tucked away inside the voluminous folds of the New York Times the other day was an interesting account from its correspondent, T. J. Hamilton, of just how things are and what the people are doing in the now Fascist Republic. At San Sebastian children are playing on the beach and resort hotels are crowded. But the old gaily is gone. Many of the young women's escorts have an arm or a leg missing. Foreign products such as coffee and clothing are scarce and expensive. Prices are high. In Madrid he watched workmen dig out a huge unexploded shell that fell in a courtyard of the United States Embassy. Not a section of the old capital is free of marks of aerial bombs and artillery fire. Thus far the Government is still operating as Burgos, former headquarters of Generalissimo Franco; but all departments are to be transferred to Madrid within the next few weeks. Franco's peace-time Government embraces a mixture of radicals and conservatives.

There is apparently to be no financial aid for the present of the destinies of Spain with regard to the link with Germany and Italy or the restoration of the monarchy. Franco is said to be devoting his time to more pressing problems—"mismanagement of Republicans found guilty of assassinations and other violations of the law and as far as is consistent with this pacification of the country, restoration of normal economic life and a continuation of Spain's foreign policy."

Leftist elements are being suppressed although the Communists are said to be still resisting. It is alleged by the shooting of one of the officers of the civil guard a short while ago. This was considered the execution of 50 Communists. There will be a good wheat crop and an excellent harvest of rice, one of the country's staple foods. Imports are being reduced to a minimum and their sources determined by foreign policy. Spain so far has not joined the Fascist Axis but it is gratitude for wartime help that tends in this direction and Spain feels no reason for gratitude to Britain, France and the United States to put it mildly.

On the other hand, a policy of free imports and exports and better relations with the democracies holds out the possibility of credits for raw materials that they alone can supply in the quantities Spain needs, reports the correspondent. Thus Spain may have concluded her

civil war but she is still between two fires and faces the general future of European unrest, with an ever-larger and a government struggling through war-torn confusion. A sorry lesson, and but a taste of what is in store for scores of Europe's countries if Hitler is not soon stopped.

THE PRINCESS' COMMENTS

When the little Princess visited their former home recently to see the Collection of Royal and Historic Treasures, they passed some amusing comments. Princess Elizabeth said she remembered having held the spectacles worn by Queen Victoria—she was playing with them when photographed on one occasion. On seeing the lovely portraits of the Queen as a child, sent by the Earl of Strathmore, Princess Elizabeth exclaimed, "I know where that comes from. It comes from grandpa." They took an immense delight in watching the people below from the nursery gallery. Princess Elizabeth remarked "I used to throw things down, and try to hit people when I was a little girl," and her little sister looked up and nodded "Yes she did."

J. Mrs. Jolly Says:



Last

Ask one of my old friends told me that one of the biggest favors I ever did for him was to recommend the agent of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, a year or so back. He went on to say that a big tree had just blown down on his house, smashed the daylight out of the sleeping porch and bathroom, and raised him generally. "The National Fire agent had pointed out the danger of that tree and told him he needed Windstorm Insurance in addition to his fire policy. He took it and saved himself a whopping big repair bill. Believe me, it's a good tip for anyone to go see the National Fire agent about real insurance advice and protection."

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