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## FEAR REIGNS IN EUROPE

The need of an "honest broker" is being felt in Europe.

Germany is watching France and Russia build a ring around her. She feels she is misunderstood. She would like to have a confidential chat with France.

On her side, France denies that she is surrounding Germany with enemies. The treaties she is making are all defensive and non-offensive. The parties pledge themselves not to start trouble, and to consult on common measures against anyone who does start it. Germany is welcome to become a party to these agreements.

Evidently it might do some good if the statesmen of Germany and France were to get together quietly, and talk matters over. But at the Pilsudski ceremonies in Warsaw, Goering runs into Laval, and they converse. Immediately all France is agog. Was the meeting pre-arranged? What did Goering say? What did Laval reply? Why this hole-and-corner business? The Foreign Office hastily explains that the meeting was accidental, that the conversation was merely "informal time," and was so general that nobody can recall what was said. The Foreign Minister must be shielded at all costs from the accusation that he willingly met and talked with a member of the German cabinet, lest his political enemies, good patriots, leap on him and drag him down.

Chancellor Hitler is reported to be eager to talk with Laval. "No!" screams all Paris. France desires, above all things, protection, but she will not discuss it with those of whom she is afraid. It would be too dangerous for those in power.

So, for lack of statesmen who will sail ahead regardless of torpedoes, Europe takes the course dictated by fear. It looked for a time as if Great Britain might play the honest broker's role between Germany and the rest of the Continent, but she too became infected by the phobia, and began to denounce and to strengthen her armaments.

The United States is too far away, and unwilling to meddle; besides, they are considered to have no stake in the game.

Mussolini, who two years ago seemed to be holding the balances, has involved himself in an African excursion.

In the absence of strong leadership, Europe drifts with the tide. In more than one country, the currents seem to be setting toward war on the one hand, economic disaster on the other—the question being, which rock will be hit first.

## JUST DON'T KNOW HOW

(Halifax Chronicle)

President Truman, at the closing of Mount Allison, said only too truly that the trouble with our world was not that it was worn out and impoverished, for it was never more productive than it is now. We know how to produce all the goods that the world needs. The trouble is not that people are more selfish or more thoughtless about the well-being of others. The feeling that the group has a responsibility for every last individual is accepted by every civilized community today. The trouble is that we do not know how to adjust ourselves to this new abundance. This is getting to the heart of the matter.

## THE BOY STOOD ON THE BURNING DECK

To many people the name of Felicia Dorothea Hemans may convey nothing, but if we say that she wrote a poem commencing, "The boy stood on the burning deck," it will instantly recall to them the time when, as children at school, they perhaps recited "Casabianca" at the annual entertainment. It is just 100 years ago since Mrs. Hemans died at the early age of 44. Equally well-known is her poem "The Homes of England."

"The stately homes of England!  
 How beautiful they stand."

Like most poets she met with discouragement with her first efforts and almost gave up trying. But one of her poems caught the eye of Sir Walter Scott, who wrote in praise of it, and from that time the public accepted her as a follower of the muse who should be taken notice of.

## SNAPSHOTS

A teacher who is trying to get a job on our local school staff should have sufficient intelligence to know that there are two daily papers in Fredericton and to cut out boosting before the school papers from outside places. What would an intelligence test disclose?

Politicians on both sides of the fence are developing into letter writers to judge by the letters coming in to Our Mail Bag.

Are all those who are opposing Daylight Saving Time ratepayers of Fredericton?

If two elections are shoved on together the pot will boil over.

Illustrating how conceptions change with the years, the war to end all wars is now considered to have been a semi, or possibly quarter, final.

A lady evangelist says she has never used cosmetics, cigarettes or slang, worn a bathing suit, had a date or been kissed. Our commiseration goes out to her in her success.

We wonder what would happen if a few cannibals invaded Radio City and ate up a few crooners. At least they would have rumbling noises in their stomachs.

Utopia is a country where the people elect their most intelligent members as representatives to run the country, and then do not, suddenly, imagining themselves more intelligent, send them telegrams telling them how to run it.

## MRS. R. T. AITKEN DEAD

NEWCASTLE, May 30—R. T. D. Aitken, police magistrate of this town has received the sad news of the death of his wife, which occurred at Lake View Sanatorium, Burlington, Vermont, where she had been a patient for several months. Mrs. Aitken has been steadily progressing and her recovery was looked for until Tuesday night, when she suffered a relapse, from which she failed to rally.

Mrs. Aitken was formerly Miss Aileen Lesson, Calgary, and was 43 years old. She leaves to mourn, besides her husband, one daughter, Aileen, at home. Her husband and daughter left today for Burlington to accompany the body to Newcastle. Interment will be made at Newcastle, but funeral arrangements have not yet been completed. Friends in Fredericton will learn of Mrs. Aitken's death with regret. She was a frequent visitor to the city.

## DIED AT NEW MARYLAND

The death occurred at his home in New Maryland yesterday of Charles Charters, aged 81 years, after a short illness. Deceased was well known and highly respected and his passing will be learned with general regret. Surviving is his wife, Agnes; one son, George of New Maryland; and one daughter, Mrs. William Eddington, of Hanwell. The funeral service will take place at the home at two o'clock on Friday, with Rev. Mr. Foote, officiating. Interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery extension.

## COMFORTABLE NIGHT

The many friends of Mrs. Maurice Allen will be pleased to learn that she spent a fairly comfortable night at the Victoria Hospital last evening and was improved today.

Parents and friends of the High School don't miss the concert to-night by the orchestra. Good music. Encourage local talent.

Reserve Friday night for the 20th Century Liberal Club Smoker. Opp. City Hall.

## OUR MAIL BAG

## REPLY TO COMMERCIAL MAN'S PREDICTION

Mr. Commercial Man:—

The Tilley Government is "T.B." (We hear this report from all parts of the Province)—and is not expected to live beyond June 27th, 1935.

But there will be no flags at half mast, on the contrary the flags will be flying high on the Parliament Buildings for the Return of the Liberal Party on that date.

It is amusing when any one tries to name the individuals who will be elected, in the different counties, for predictions can no more be depended upon, than some of your goods,—or a jury.

Look again, Mr. "Commercial Man" and you will see the sun is rising on the Liberal Party and "Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of the Party".

## LIBERAL WOMAN

Fredericton, N. B.,  
 May 29th, 1935.

## CLAIMS LIBERAL VICTORY

Editor, Daily Mail,  
 Fredericton, N. B.,

Dear Sir:—

The Commercial traveller, who sees victory on June 27th for the Tilley Government must have had an overdose of Liquor "Control" booze so that he sees double. When he is put to bed on the night of June 27th, there will be no bonfires burning for the Tilley Party.

If the Commercial Traveller has any money that he would like to put up on the Tilley party he will find lots of takers. Watch us in Queens County on June 27th.

Yours truly,

BROAD ROAD,

May 28th, 1935.

## BRITAIN SECURE FROM FREE STATE COASTAL ASSAULT

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, May 30—President Eamonn de Valera yesterday assured the Dail the government would never permit Irish Free State territory to be used as a basis for an attack upon Great Britain by another power.

Replying to an opposition onslaught De Valera said: "I can say definitely that so far as this government or any other Irish government is concerned our territory will not be permitted to be used as a basis for attacking Great Britain".

The president said the government was prepared to draw up an agreement with Britain and to purchase from her, pound for pound. It was even prepared to give her a preference when the Free State had to buy goods outside the country.

## TROUT FRY IS PLACED IN N. B. WATERS

The Fredericton branch of the Fish and Game Protective Association this week received 60,000 trout fry from the Saint John Hatchery. Of these, 30,000 have been placed in Harvey Lake; 10,000 in Clinch Brook; 10,000 in Long's Creek; and the remaining 10,000 in the rearing pond on Baker's Brook in the Maryland district.

It is through the commendable efforts and supervision of Allen R. Menzies, of this city, chairman of the Fish Stocking Committee of Fredericton branch, that this program has been accomplished.

## Responsible For Clarendon Blaze, It Is Charged

(Special to The Daily Mail)

WELSFORD, N. B., May 30—Thomas Lemon of Welsford appeared before Magistrate Woods here yesterday charged with setting a fire within half a mile of standing timber without a permit, and was given a remand until Friday for hearing. Lemon is held responsible for the blaze which started at Clarendon last week and caused great damage in the Welsford area.

Special each Thursday Sussex Ice Cream, 29c. Brick at Kenneth Staples' Drug Store. Phone for delivery.

## Potato Board Not a Government Scheme

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the season was almost two-thirds over and still a tremendous surplus available. No anticipation was ever entertained that it would be possible to market all of the crop. But the Board believed that, by orderly marketing and support of the principle of fixed minimum prices, a reasonable return could be made to the producer for whatever quantity the market would consume.

From February 4th until early in March the Board maintained fixed minimum prices on Central Canada markets, which brought a return equal to 50 cents per barrel in sacks, F.O.B. shipping point. How much of that did the shippers turn over to the growers? Or did the shippers ship the farmers' stock or their own at the good prices? With a few exceptions, the shipper cleared his own warehouse and then demanded that the price be reduced, regardless of consequences.

Even before the Scheme came into effect, the shippers and dealers plugged the markets with potatoes at low prices, and then blamed the Board for not being able to keep up the demand. When the price was to be raised on February 23rd, the shippers again plugged the market, even loading potatoes at night and on Sunday to beat the Board, or to get more away than their neighbors. Those who cannot do fair and square business, those who have no interest in the farmer, other than as a source of blood which they may suck, are denouncing the Scheme rather than trying to make it effective. Let the farmer recall that he has always been at the mercy of the dealer, who thinks only of his own commissions and profits.

From fall, until the Scheme came into effect, the shipper paid from 15 to 20 cents per barrel. During the period of pegged prices, they paid from 30 to 45 cents per barrel and could have paid 50 cents, but chose to recoup their former losses. When the Board withdrew the peg at the demand of the shippers, the price immediately sagged and they now are paying ten cents, which is even less than the cost of handling. Who suffers? The dealers get their commissions, the Railways their freight, and the farmer gets what is left.

Up until April 19th, the official figures show that New Brunswick shipped 1,655 carloads into Montreal, Prince Edward Island 254 cars, and Quebec 197 cars. Yet the dealers, and those who wish to wreck the farmers confidence in themselves report that the Scheme enabled Quebec to close New Brunswick out.

The main work for a Marketing Board is of course to explore all possible markets in foreign countries, as well as to assist in the domestic trade, and the officers of the Board are now on that work for there is no doubt that Ontario and Quebec can and will supply their own towns and cities with potatoes and the potato growers of the province must look for an export outlet for their seed and fancy table stock and arrange to turn everything not fancy into starch factories, or use the culls for live stock if they are to continue in business.

## Want Lady Astor In New Cabinet

LONDON, May 30—Friends of Lady Astor, outspoken member of the House of Commons, today were urging her for the education portfolio in the soon to be resumed cabinet.

It is widely believed Lord Halifax, whose office as president of the Board of Education gives him ministerial rank, will retire when Rt. Hon. Stanley Baldwin, now lord president of the council, becomes prime minister replacing Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald in the cabinet shake-up expected early in June.

## DIED

DINSMORE—At Barker's Point, May 29, Thomas J. Dinsmore.

The funeral will take place Saturday morning, leaving the home at 8.30. High Mass of Requiem will be celebrated at St. Anthony's Church, Devon at 9 o'clock, with Rev. Fr. Donohue officiating. Interment will be made in Sunny Bank Cemetery, South Devon.

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