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## The Cost of War

The Canadian War Memorial at Vimy Ridge which was unveiled recently by King Edward, bears the names of 11,285 Canadians who were killed in action in France, but whose final resting places are unknown.

More than five times that number of Canadians were killed during the Great War. The actual number was 59,544. There were 138,166 wounded and 34,734 non-fatally injured, making a total of 232,494 casualties.

That was a heavy price to pay in man power for a country of so small a population as Canada. Nor does it tell the whole story. There was the aftermath of sickness and death, agony and wretchedness. During the period of hostilities, however, every second man who crossed the English Channel to France was killed, wounded or injured. The chance that he would come back to Canada physically fit was not fifty-fifty.

The financial cost is another side. In 1930 it was estimated that the total increase in the national war debt of two billions between 1914 and 1930 was attributed entirely to the war. Under the heading "war and demobilization" Canada spent \$1,696,000,000 and in the fiscal year 1936 alone, the amount of money required for war pensions alone amounted to eleven per cent. of the Dominion revenues, while the care of returned soldiers took another three per cent. The two items together required one-seventh of the total moneys received in the year by the Dominion.

## Puzzling Court Sentences

In a Hamilton court on Saturday a man described as penniless and hungry was accused of stealing a bottle of milk. "Thirty days," said the Court.

Another man, convicted on the charge of driving an auto while under the influence of liquor and crashing into a parked car, also received a thirty-day sentence.

The public will be curious to know why these offenders were punished equally. Theft cannot be condoned. This is admitted; but there will be thought of the temptation presented by a bottle of milk to a man without food and without money to buy any. On the other hand, nothing can be said in extenuation of the car-driver's performance. In his condition he was a menace to human life, a peril to everything on the street. Hunger nor penury did not urge him to break the law. Yet the price he pays for his offense is the same as that paid by the starving man who stole the milk.

There has been criticism of differing sentences meted out to accused persons guilty of similar offenses, but in such cases there may be circumstances that justify sterner punishment in one instance than in another. These circumstances, rightly, are taken into consideration by the Court. But where is the parallel in these Hamilton cases? Where is the association of guilt in the hungry man's theft of a bottle of milk and an intoxicated car driver at large on the street?

Thinking people will conclude that in the circumstances the thief's sentence was too severe or that the car driver was not sufficiently punished. Each man brought on himself the trouble he was in, but there was a world of difference between their offenses against the law. Yet each pays the same penalty. There appears to be something wrong here; something that the public would like to have explained.

## Democracy in the Corner

The division which the Spanish civil war has made in Europe was necessary, it appears, before some could realize that there are two political forces on that continent which, though of segregated domestic beginnings, now transcend national frontiers. With the doubtful exception of still democratic Socialist France, communism and fascism are alone in Europe, and their emergence as international antagonists over Spain's future is the evidence of the inevitable clash for complete hegemony.

Both these creeds have been established on the ruins of democracy, yet it becomes more and more obvious that when they meet democracy is not to be permitted to turn its back on the arena, unmindful of the outcome. From any number of quarters comes the evidence that democracy is already feeling itself being crowded around the corner, and partly because of the antagonistic elements within itself, will have to make a choice.

Recently the London Times, caught in that same corner, tried to release itself by saying: "No doubt these are mitigating circumstances in British eyes . . . in the reflection that nazism is, after all, a domestic preference, and has no mission, as bolshevism has, to export its system to other countries." The Economist makes no such futile attempt to be tactful: "Even in the Mother of Parliaments at Westminster . . . we saw last week a tendency—surely unprecedented and untoward in English political life—for the supporters of the Government and the Opposition to line up against one another under the opposing partisan flags; pro-Fascist and pro-Communist."

There have been other significant signs break through the solid official front of Britain's neutrality in the Spanish crisis. And it is an obvious fact that her neutrality there is dictated by a determination to remain neutral as long as she can to the greater struggle that is taking shape.

But what is alarming in any contemplation of such a future is that settlement of a Communist-Fascist struggle will not add very much, if anything, to the security of the democracy that remains. These authoritarian creeds have a common factor that cannot be overlooked. Both deny liberty in their adoption of intolerant political philosophies of violence. It is communism's purpose to create the world State, and while fascism may not have the same political ambitions, it offers no assurance that hegemony in Europe will be sufficient. The world will not be at its disposal while democracy remains.

## SNAPSHOTS

If the teacher should refuse to give the pupils home work, how would the parents kill time in the evening?

International politics are hard to understand. Germany proclaims her neutrality, and then the next day increases her army.

Bananas and yellow peaches can't take the place of spinach. They contain a lot of vitamin A, but are deficient in sand.

How it would astonish old-timers to learn that a good provider is one who provides movie money, silk stockings and gas.

About the only good the Spanish war has done thus far is to crowd the sea-serpents out of the news.

The question is, Will the Spaniards be out of the trenches by Christmas or will everybody else be in?

Some nations acquire colonies to take care of their surplus population. Spain just stages a civil war.

## BAND PLAYS EVERY TIME THAT CANADIANS DOCK

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
QUEBEC, Aug. 28—Six engines were required here this afternoon to haul the three special trains needed to handle more than 1,000 passengers who landed from the Canadian Pacific Liner Empress of Britain just before noon. Docking at 11.35 E.D.S.T. the big white liner carried 1,052 passengers, three fifths of whom were returning Canadians.

## Hon. W. D. Euler

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Russia in the interests of trade. He spent two weeks in London with Hon. Charles Dunning and Hon. J. G. Gardiner discussing preliminary arrangements for the revision of the 1932 Ottawa trade pacts due next year. Of these he had nothing to say until he had conferred with Cabinet colleagues.

Questioned in his apartment on the Empress of Britain regarding the possibility of increased trade with Germany, Mr. Euler said he had pointed in his conversations with Hitler, and Dr. Schacht that at present Germany buys less from Canada than she sells to the Dominion.

An interesting feature of his discussions with Dr. Schacht, he said, was the statement of the German economic director that the present primitive type of international trading couldn't last and that a solution would have to be found for the system of barter.

"I was amazed," Mr. Euler said, "when he said he thought that after a while the world would accept the British pound as the international standard of value."

In Russia, the Minister said, he was struck by tremendous activity in construction.

"England is prosperous," Mr. Euler said, "especially in the iron and steel industries and there is of course a great deal of construction going on all over the country."

He left by the special train enroute for his home in Kitchener, where he is to spend a few days before going to Ottawa.

## Number One

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one for G. B., the other for Twickenham Pictures. He thought that one would get by. As regards the other he hopes that at least one of the five he is under contract to make in Hollywood would be good enough to offset its possible effects on his reputation.

With his wife the star is spending a few days in Quebec. They leave for Montreal tomorrow for a few days, and will arrive in Toronto Sept. 2nd. During his stay in the Queen City Mr. Karloff will do "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde" on Rudy Vallee's hour from the Canadian National Exhibition. On his return to Hollywood next week Boris Karloff will start in on a schedule of five pictures, three for Universal, two for Warner Brothers, "and in my spare time I am allowed to make one independently."

## DIED

DARLINGTON—At Fredericton, August 27, 1936, Enoch Darlington, aged 78 years.

The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon with service at two o'clock at the late home on Campbell street. Rev. Mr. Gregg will officiate and interment will be made in the Rural cemetery extension.

## DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

### British Home Defense Measures

National defense companies are being added to the Territorial Army. Enlistment will start on Sept. 1st and will be open in peace time to ex-members of His Majesty's Forces, normally between the ages of 45 and 60 years. The role of the new force will be to protect important points in Great Britain when war is threatened or has actually broken out, but members of the force will not be called up until these conditions arise, nor to suppress civil disturbances. The force will amount to 8,450 officers and men. The object of the new corps is the protection of vulnerable points, not it is expected against enemy attack, but against persons of ill-will or foreign agents. There is always a great danger in war of sabotage from within. Enemy agents in war time might do tremendous damage by attacking buildings of vital importance.

### Late Replacement Means Superior Aircraft

Sir Thomas Inskip's argument that British later air rearmament means superior design qualities in R. A. F. machines is perfectly sound. It will give Britain supremacy in the air from a quality standpoint over all rivals, for in aerial war mere numbers count for little. Judging from the fact that the Air Force and Navy are taking the larger share of rearmament expenditure it seems likely that the British Government favors England's traditional policy of aiding her allies by her navy, air force and loans rather than a huge expeditionary force in the event of a major European war.

### Poison Gas Protection for Civilian Population

In the opinion of competent authorities the general schemes of Civilian Protection as instigated by the Home Office and carried out by local authorities will afford a high measure of safety. By the end of next year there will be 25,000,000 respirators for issue to British civilians. The civilian gas mask weighs one and a half pounds and is light and easily adjustable. It is good for five or six hours, unlike the military mask, which is good almost indefinitely.

—H. M. P.

## Bathurst Bridge

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sive stone and earth embankment approaches and roadway excavation with a substructure of concrete piers and reinforced concrete trestle bents to support creosoted wood deck truss span. The truss spans will not be included in the contract just awarded. This bridge replaces an old continued cedar cribwork structure and the new bridge will greatly improve the grades and alignment at this point. The work covers an approximate distance of 2,500 feet.

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## Communist

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oppression of the poor by the rich. Between them alone, the Ukrainian and Finnish organizations have 5 schools in Quebec, 42 in Ontario, 6 in Manitoba, 9 in Saskatchewan, 11 in Alberta and 5 in British Columbia.

In addition to this, the "League of Pioneers" for children under fifteen, serves as a threshold organization to the "League of Communist Youth" for members up to the age of twenty-five. "The Student League of Canada" which is alleged to be trying to get control of the "Student Christian Movement," has affiliations working so far unsuccessfully, which takes orders from the Communist Club organized at the University of Toronto. Its propaganda is said to be circulated at the University of British Columbia, the University of Toronto and one University in New Brunswick, (the name of which the Daily Mail is not printing).

To this roster of known organs and organizations must be added the local societies which flourish in every city of any size throughout the country and the nuclei or cells in the shops and factories which are organized on definite lines prescribed in such handbooks as, "What the Communist Party Stands For." This pamphlet carries a bibliography of Communist literature, the contents of which, ranging from Lenin's Collected works, at \$12.00 for 8 volumes, to leaflets, at one cent per copy, may be obtained "from this friend from whom you obtained this pamphlet or from the worker's press."

This is a picture, in part, of Communist activity in Canada. Neither the policy of the Governments, Federal and Provincial, nor the efforts of organizations, public and private, has slowed down the progress of Communism in Canada. When will our Legislators profit from the experience of Russia, Mexico and Spain? As Christians, we do not have a right to allow a movement to progress which is nothing more or less than the cold denial of God. Independent of political affiliations, let each of us face the obligations of conscience, and with the help of God, Whom we wish to defend, let us spare our country such misery and such chastening.

Action Needed

Communism cannot be destroyed by merely criticizing it. It cannot be prevented by mere condemning it. It was criticized and condemned in Russia, Mexico, France and Spain and in varying degrees it has played with success in these countries. Its control of the political, economic and social life of the countries which it has entirely or partly dominated has not depended upon majority rule. It is demonstrably true that its ruthless power is out of proportion to the number of its voluntary adherents. Its technique of revolution is so perfected and so effectively carried out that a well organized minority imposes its will on a disorganized and divided majority.

"Can it happen here?" A consideration of Communist activity in Canada makes the question apropos. A few demonstrations which, some years ago, were featured in our newspapers, reduced the high academic interest of Canadians in Communism to the level of realism for a while. (The occasional assertions that many are swinging to the ranks of the radicals in Quebec, Ontario and other parts of the Dominion, claims but passing notice from all except those who are not convinced that it cannot happen here. The average small town citizen can no more conceive his community under Soviet rule than the average industrialist can imagine his factory in the hands of Collectivists. Each has read that the Communists bore from within but, that the process is going on day by day across Canada is a fact which has not yet captured the popular mind.

There is a list of the agencies which are engaged in spreading the propaganda of Communism among Canadians. It is a long list but even the hurried business man who must have his news in headline form, would do well to pause long enough to consider what it means.

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## Madrid Bombed

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"And what will they say if Franco (General Francisco Franco, the rebel commander-in-chief, wins and gives the Balearic Islands to Italy or Germany as a reward for their aid?" The Balearics, off Spain's eastern coast, might affect the balance of power in the Mediterranean if they should fall into the possession of a militant European power.

Russia, Prieto said, was not trying to influence the Madrid government, but the problem of making Spain a federation of independent Soviet republics was not one impossible of solution.

"Let us take the other side," he said. "Ten days before the Kamerun incident (the reported search of a German vessel by a Spanish warship Aug. 19) a German vessel landed its cargo of airplane and tank parts at Cadiz. The parts were taken to Seville in two freight trains composed of 59 cars, all accompanied by 50 armed Germans. These Germans assembled the planes and tanks at Tablada Airfield in Seville and handed them to the rebels then joined Franco's Foreign Legion."

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