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Let Edward Alone

It is time that the pulpit and the press put the soft pedal on the former king. He may not have done everything according to Hoyle. But he was a good king and a popular one and he proved himself to be a good sport when he stepped down and out. Now that he has given up home, friends, and cherished association, and even a throne, the thing should drop. Whatever he does now is a matter between himself and his God. The British people as a whole are too good sports to follow the man who was their king and throw mud at him. Whether people believe in divorce or not is not the question. They should have respect enough for their former king and for his mother to let him alone. We should remember him as a kind and affectionate monarch who did much to unite all classes of the British people.

The condition of the world today is not ideal but why pick on Edward now that he is gone?

Decency

At the outset, let us make clear what we mean by decency. We mean good taste, good manners, good morals, fair play, devotion to duty and a general graceful living among people. You will find it in the most humble homes. You will find it in palaces. For the world's safety it is imperative that decency reign in both palace and cottage.

Recent events should teach a lesson and in our hearts we hope these are the signal for the end of the jazz age and the return to decency. Pray God we are entering an era in which decency will be the fashion, when the contrary will be socially tabu.

The world war plus the modern rise of materialism gave many unintelligent and unscrupulous persons the power and prosperity to establish by their actions an age of low-grade conduct. They flaunted their bad taste in the faces of decent people.

Ill-bred, ill-dragged-up men and women paraded their follies and vices derisively before old and young and attempted with some degree of success to spread a doctrine that anything new was good, anything old was bad. They hooted at common decency, at good manners, good conduct, good morals.

Worst of all, a few decent people were becoming shyly defensive about being faithful to their own code of behavior.

No, we are not talking sex. In fact, sex is quite incidental to this whole picture. We are talking about many things, about the hysterical dictators who have wriggled up from the gutter to inflict their fanaticisms upon their betters. We are talking about the coarseness of too many persons of political and social influence, and of their little imitators among the herd.

Stanley Baldwin, although we do not altogether agree with his procedure regarding our former King, may have the effect of leading a crusade to save the people of the world from self-destruction, civilization from collapse. He has set the tone. Have we the intelligence to rally to his banner?

Mr. King's Good Judgment

There was no greater uncertainty in the recent constitutional crisis than the question of Empire co-operation. The Statute of Westminster had never been tested since it was passed five years ago. The contradictory interpretations of constitutional experts and the absolute freedom of six Governments to act as they pleased made many skeptical of the unity that could be produced by such machinery.

Today the ability of that machinery to function smoothly and swiftly cannot be questioned. Had it been less flexible, it is doubtful that it would have worked nearly as satisfactorily. The co-operation of the Dominions took several forms, but none could have been of greater assistance than the course chosen by Prime Minister W. L. Mackenzie King.

His complete silence of the past week may have been annoying to many people. Nevertheless his methods required that silence. He could have exercised Canada's equality under the Statute and summoned Parliament to deal with the crisis as some other Dominion Premiers did. It all would have been needless duplication, and could have resulted only in complications and wasted time.

As has been amply demonstrated, Premier Baldwin and his Cabinet were quite capable of dealing with the issues that arose. Canada was in agreement with their decisions, and presumably with their methods. Consequently the Prime Minister used the freedom of action allowed by the Statute and acted jointly with the British Government.

While it may seem strange that on the first opportunity the Dominion had to exercise its Imperial status it waived those powers, it lost nothing in doing so. On the contrary, Premier King's procedure was a perfect illustration of the Empire's ability to submerge technicalities and meet emergencies with collective action. It was the simplest, most forceful and most tactful method of overcoming an embarrassing situation. And by it the Prime Minister has proved that Canada has grown up.

Man of Mystery

The death of Sir Basil Zaharoff removes from the field of international affairs a mysterious figure who was charged with having had more to do with the making of wars and revolutions than any other person.

Of obscure origin, Sir Basil rose to a position of great power. He became the confidant of kings and the associate of dictators, but he always remained far in the background. Honors were heaped upon him, including the British Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath "for services rendered", but what they were was not disclosed. Then there were times when his name was anathema in high places. Upon one occasion his activities were investigated by the British Secret Service. He was believed to be the richest person in Europe, worth at least \$100,000,000. He gave away vast amounts to charities and universities. His business was the selling of munitions and perhaps the creating of a demand for armaments, but his interests included literature and art and his numerous residences housed choice selections of art works.

The full story of Sir Basil's life never will be told, for when he reached the age of 80 he burned his diaries. In his passing, those who oppose militarism have lost the target of their most vigorous attacks. They may find it difficult to find another who so completely exemplifies the qualities they condemn.

SNAPSHOTS

It is understood that the Marysville town council will tonight consider the matter of better bus and parking service between this city and Marysville. Considering the fact that Fredericton is receiving a lot of money from Marysville residents, we should see that they get a decent break.

The Spanish war which has been crowded off the map during the past few days is still going on.

While they regard oratory as baloney, men remain free. No man becomes a dictator till he can hypnotize the masses with language.

Equality is real. The filling station man uses the same dirty rag to wipe the windshield of the poor man and the economic royalist.

An optimist is a father who thinks that the young people of the family will return the car with as much gas in the tank as when they took it out.

"Truly by a man's Christmas card one may know him," says a contemporary. Not at all. By a man's Christmas card one may know which friend's card-selling daughter got him first.

A McGill professor says that girls are distracting factors in motor cars. Well, he didn't need to study many books to find that out, anyway.

Plain every-day gossip about other people and their affairs is one of the outstanding social evils of the day. More unhappiness is caused by the careless repetition of guesses, rumors, scandals, half-truths and untruths than by any other cause. Let a person be seen in an unusual place or at an unusual hour and speculation is immediately begun. The benefit of the doubt is never given; the worst is assumed at once; the grape-vine telegraph commences its work, and the whole community in an astonishingly short time is talking about the conduct of a person who generally is entirely innocent.

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Reduced Rates

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to the weight of the package and the distance over which it is to be hauled, including pickup and delivery service at all points where such facilities are maintained by the express company.

Without the express company Santa Claus would find it impossible to visit the millions of homes along the 3,700 odd miles of main line over the Canadian National railways right of way between Halifax and Vancouver, to say nothing of the vast multitude of homes which lie along the network of branch lines of the Canadian National system. And every one of these homes must have their due share of attention from Santa Claus before Christmas has become satisfying to all of them.

"As the Christmas period approaches, the traffic of the Canadian National express shows a gradual increase," stated Mr. Bellerose. "This particular seasonal movement creates one of the most difficult situations our department has to deal with but we all derive great pleasure in handling the Christmas movement because of the very large volume of packages to be picked up, moved and delivered within a comparatively short period, but with additional staff and vehicle at terminals and in the vehicle service we are quite prepared to expeditiously handle all the traffic offering." The express business takes on serious proportions about ten days before Christmas, and so far as the outward movement is concerned, reaches its peak a few days before the holiday. The peak in ward traffic is reached on the day before Christmas, when every available man is working hard to complete the work of the day before closing for the night. Many of our men willingly sacrifice their Christmas morning at home in order that belated parcels arriving during the night or on Christmas morning may be delivered at once, for on no account must the recipient of a parcel be disappointed owing to tardy delivery," stated Mr. Bellerose.

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Folk Dances

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At Enzesgeld village, police permitted none to approach the chateau a mile distant. Roads were closed to the public, and some farmers had to argue with police to get to their fields.

The Austrian news agency announced the Duke would be Baron Rothschild's guest "until after the Christmas holidays" and expressed hope the population would respect his wish to be undisturbed.

The Duke is expected to have ample time for several treatments of an ear ailment by Dr. Heinrich Neumann, who has attended him on previous occasions.

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Chinese Want

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Reorganization

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tion in Canada, in Britain and elsewhere to study the requirements of possible customers and to follow up farm products being placed on the market to assure service and satisfaction to customers.

"We intend to set up an organization in Canada to do the same thing and in addition to promote the production of the quality and quantity of products required in the several home and foreign markets."

Mr. Gardiner said he had studied at first hand the effort to market food being put forth in Great Britain and had come to the conclusion Canada had not taken full advantage of the opportunities there. On his return he had sent Dr. J. H. Grisdale, former deputy minister of agriculture to Great Britain to make a further study.

In a report to the conference Dr. Grisdale said Canadian apples were in good demand but domestic orchards particularly in west and south of England were being greatly extended. One of the problems in the marketing of Canadian apples was that they came on the market at the same time as the domestic apples.

Co-operative efforts on the part of the Dominion and provincial governments to minimize marketing and distribution costs and to provide an efficient grading system for farm products were decided upon at the meeting of agricultural ministers here today.

Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal Minister, who presided, said the conference had been successful and had accomplished useful work. In the course of the meeting Mr. Gardiner told of the proposed reorganization of the federal department and obtained approval of the delegates.

The Natural Products Marketing Act, ruled ultra vires by the supreme court of Canada and now before the judicial committee of the privy council, came in for discussion and Mr. Gardiner stated the federal government did not intend to introduce new marketing legislation until the final decision was obtained. If the ruling of the supreme court of Canada were upheld any new legislation would have to give recognition to that finding.

Resolutions adapted at the meeting were:

1. That the committee on marketing agricultural products, which is composed of the Dominion minister of agriculture and the provincial ministers of agriculture, constituted at the Dominion-Provincial Conference of 1935, be continued in existence.

2. That an effort should be made by the provincial and Dominion governments to provide for rational grading of farm products, particularly when they enter inter-provincial and international trade.

3. That an effort should be made by the Dominion and provincial governments to make possible investigations by Dominion departmental officials to assure that departmental regulations are carried out in processing plants and transportation and distributing organizations for the purpose of securing fair treatment to producers and consumers.

4. That an effort should be made by the Dominion and provincial governments to assist producers and consumers to minimize costs of distribution and marketing to the benefit of both producers and consumers.

In the proposed reorganization of the Dominion department, Mr. Gardiner said, more efficient facilities for promoting markets for Canadian farm products at home and abroad would be created.

His personal observations on his visit to the United Kingdom during the summer had convinced him Canada was not making full use of its opportunities in that market, he said. Since then the deputy minister, Dr. H. G. L. Barton, and the former deputy minister, Dr. J. H. Grisdale, had visited the United Kingdom, the latter for the express purpose of studying markets.

Dr. Grisdale reported to the meeting an opinion that an annual market for 100,000 head of Canadian cattle was available in the United Kingdom. This year Canada will ship about 40,000 head.

In outlining the policy of the federal department, Mr. Gardiner said emphasis was being shifted from con-

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Injunction

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company's tramway system, until such time as the defendant company shall obtain from the Motor Carrier Board a certificate allowing its motor vehicles to be operated on one or more of the public highways in the province at present occupied by the plaintiff company." The Maritime Transit was ordered to bear the cost of the action. The transit company will cease operations in the county of Saint John, it was learned at 11.30 this morning.

The action of the Power Company against the Maritime Transit was legally underway on November 21, as a volley of affidavits was exchanged and documentary evidence was presented to Chief Justice Baxter. On December first was the day set for the argument by counsel of legal questions involved. It was at this time that the Maritime Transit Limited was instructed to place before the hearing a statement of its income and expenses from the start of its operations on November 28.

The Power Company was represented in the court by C. F. Inches, K.C., H. H. McLean, Jr., K.C., and Nigel B. Tennant, while the Maritime Transit was represented in the court by P. J. Hughes, K.C., Fredericton, and W. A. Ross, Saint John. The Power Company maintained the view that the bus company was operating in violation of a city by-law and without having obtained a permit from the Motor Carrier Board. The Maritime Transit counsel argued on the legislation dealing with the New Brunswick Power Company and its predecessors.

The matter of the trouble between the Maritime Transit and the N. B. Power Company has started much concern about the situation between the local people. There will be no more bus service in the city of Saint John for at least a long while to come.

trof of the producer with a view to securing a higher price, to an attempt to reduce costs of production and distribution and meet customer demand in order to obtain a greater net return for the farmer.

In the new departmental set-up a constant study would be made of the needs of prospective customers. Canadian farm products as they went on the market in Great Britain and elsewhere would be followed up to make sure of customer satisfaction. The same thing would be done for the domestic market.

Another aim would be to promote the production by farmers of the quality and quantity for produce required in the home and foreign markets.

An effort would be made to grade products in accord with consumer requirements and to direct consumers and producers to available markets and supplies as the case might be.

All possible encouragement would be given to efforts to increase returns to producers by cutting down costs of production and distribution.

Mr. Gardiner said the new organization would probably be completed about the beginning of the new year.

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chilly humidity of the last few days, they declared. Last night the 79-year-old Holy Father was less tranquil than some previous nights and Dr. Amanti Milani, his physician, was called to administer to him.

Vatican sources said, however, improvement in his condition was shown by the fact that Dr. Milani makes only three daily visits now instead of four as previously.

His Holiness' strong will, it was said, has helped his resistance against partial leg paralysis and other old-age infirmities.

DIED

BELYEA—At Devon, December 15, 1936, Frank Bliss Belyea, after a year's illness.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon with service at the home in Devon at 2.30 o'clock. The service will be under the direction of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers. Rev. Dr. Moorhead will conduct the service and interment will be made at the Sunnybank cemetery.