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France and Britain

Foreign correspondents who see a rift between France and Great Britain widening into a gulf are losing their perspective. A serious difference of opinion exists as to the attitude to be taken against Germany for her violation of treaties. France wants to use pressure, England wants to debate. But when it comes to Italy, it is England that wants to bring pressure to bear, while France wants existing sanctions removed.

But these disagreements are not vital, and to leap to the conclusion that France is going to split with England and become the close ally of Italy is to jump into error. Such argument ignores the fact, which is fundamental, that the British and French military fronts on the east are identical. If Great Britain could not allow Germany under the Kaiser to secure a foothold on the Channel, neither can she permit Nazi-controlled Germany to do so. Therefore any German threat to the security of France, Belgium or The Netherlands is a threat to England. In recognition of that fact, the British, French and Belgian general staffs begin conversation Wednesday, looking to concerted action of the three powers in case Germany threatens an offensive.

France has long wanted close friendship with Italy. Her military men have believed consistently that Italy will subdue Ethiopia, and that there is nothing to be gained and much to be risked in Europe by opposing her. Unanswerable logic has compelled the French Government to join other members of the League of Nations in voting penalties against Italy, but it has done so unwillingly. It would be a grievous result for France if Italy were to sympathize with German ambitions in Central Europe. Austria is practically in Italy's keeping today. Italy, Austria and Germany acting together could separate France from the Little Entente with a wall of steel. But the very fact that Mussolini is sulky must keep France, with her Mediterranean interests, tied to Great Britain and the British navy.

France has succeeded in getting one satisfactory concession from Great Britain. The reoccupation of the Rhineland is an accomplished fact; the arming of the Rhineland is not. If Germany begins to build forts Great Britain has agreed with France that this would be something entirely new, something to be acted on in a different way. It has been pointed out to Germany that assurances on this point are required. Moreover, the three Locarno powers (Italy holding aloof) have asked Germany to explain what she means by her proposals for treaties with countries to the south and east of her, and how they would fit into the framework of security.

It does not look, therefore, as if France and England are very far apart. France is disappointed because Great Britain prefers discussions with Germany to forceful action, but she knows that Great Britain would come immediately to her aid if she were attacked. She has that explicit promise. It is also essential to British security.

Any talk of France abandoning England for the bright eyes of Mussolini ignores the basic fact that Great Britain, France and Belgium recognize the Rhine as their common frontier of defense.

The Dardenelles Again

Turkey has formally requested that the Lausanne treaty be amended to permit her to fortify the Dardanelles. The French attitude is said to be favorable, largely because, unlike Germany, Turkey has not gone ahead with the works regardless of the treaty. That seems a peculiarly short-sighted view of the matter.

Throughout the nineteenth century the straits between the Mediterranean and the Black Sea were fortified for the simple reason that Great Britain wanted to keep Russian war vessels out of the Mediterranean, where they would be a threat to British interests—particularly to the Suez Canal after that waterway was constructed and became the chief British route to India. Therefore Great Britain had to support Turkey against Russia, and Russia continued to aim at Constantinople. For decades the people of the Balkans endured Turkish oppression because it was to British interest that Turkey, rather than Russia, control the straits.

Then Germany entered the picture with her "Drang nach Osten," and the World War proved that British policy had kept Turkey in possession of the Dardanelles too long. Turkey entered the war on Germany's side, closed the straits to the Allies, severed their warm-water connection with Russia, smashed the British attempt to break through, and thus prolonged the war.

Now the situation has changed once more. Russia and Turkey are friends and allies. But how long will they remain so? If the straits were fortified how many years will elapse before the Soviet Government will find that it must have Constantinople? If France and Russia, fulfilling their treaty in case of a German attack, declare war on Germany, on which side will Turkey be? If she is on the German side, the warm-water route between France and Russia will again be severed by the fortified Dardanelles.

Why Turkey should want to fortify the straits is a mystery. As long as they are unguarded she is safe, because nobody wants anything of hers. But let her fortify them, and Russia must become nervous and resume her longing for Constantinople. It may be Kemal Ataturk's aim to sell out to the highest bidder, but it will be strange indeed if the former allied powers permit Turkey to become once more an important figure in European politics.

Being Articulate

Don't condemn a man because he lacks language. All men feel, but all men are not articulate. Some of the folks who feel the most and think the straightest express themselves with difficulty. With them the understanding does not falter, but the tongue does. There are many men who are wise but who are uneducated. They do poorly in the presentation of their case, not through lack of understanding or of sincerity, but through lack of training. The purpose of education is to train the mind and the tools of the mind to function. Education puts the man who has it at an advantage. But it does not give him wisdom and common sense. Without common sense education is like a collar and a pair of cuffs without any shirt.

SNAPSHOTS

The Secretary of the Board of Trade is like Cincinnatus who left his fields and plow. He came to the rescue of one portion of the press in their extremity.

People occupying official and semi-official positions should not play to favourites. It hurts the cause with which they are connected and if they are paid officials they have no right to spend their time boosting one section of community interest to the exclusion of others.

The Red Cross which has received help from all portions of the press seems to have pulled a bone in passing out exclusive stories to certain sections of the press. The public which was sympathetic in regard to certain incidents within the last week will not appreciate the latest move to exclude many of them from following up the thing which they were worrying about.

A new one took place on the bus this morning. A lone woman occupied two seats, one with her person, the other alongside with a large pan wrapped in paper. The bus was crowded but the woman and her pan occupied the two seats. Every time a man or woman went towards her seat she glared at them and kept them away.

LARGE FUNERAL FOR LATE BRUCE SALT TODAY

The funeral of the late Bruce Salt, 18-year-old son of Major E.C.P. Salt, superintendent of "J" Division, New Brunswick, of the R.C.M.P., and Mrs. Salt, took place this afternoon from the home on Woodstock Road, with a very large number in attendance. The young man had been held in the highest esteem and the sad circumstances of his death attracted many sympathizing friends to the funeral. The condolence of friends was extended to the bereft parents today. There were many beautiful floral tributes. The late Bruce Salt was drowned in the St. John River on Saturday afternoon.

The service took place at 2:30 o'clock and was conducted by Ven. Archdeacon A. F. Bate, and interment was made in the Wilnot section of the Rural cemetery.

The pallbearers were L. B. Malloy, Angus Morrison, Douglas Drysdale, Wilfred Waddelov, Eldon Saunders, A. W. F. Millrose, C. R. Bone, and G. G. Hartt. The mourners were Major E. C. P. Salt, Rupert Salt, Gordon Salt and the members of the R.C.M.P. stationed here.

R.C.M.P. Investigating Finding of Human Skull

(Continued from Page One) with any of the persons listed with the police as missing. There are no other identifying marks beyond those stated by the police from the above description.

A check-up is now being made and any information regarding the disappearance within the last year or so of any person, especially of a young woman, would be gladly received by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police headquarters here.

Buchans Are All Addicted to Writing

(Continued from Page One) I find while I am at Government House." She hopes, however, to travel "incognito" and see for herself how Canadian life differs from that of other countries.

When she was questioned as to how she started to write she shook her head. "I am afraid we are as a family what might be called 'addicted to writing.' My father wrote poems and articles, and we were surrounded with literature. It just came as a matter of course."

When Mrs. Buchan was asked if she, too, intended to travel while in Canada she seemed a little uncertain.

"My dear, I'm an old woman, but I would like to see the Rockies", she said.

Mrs. Buchan is tiny in stature, dignified and white-haired; has an erect carriage, and resembles her Governor-General son.

New Brunswickers Returning From Trip

SAINT JOHN, April 28—The cruise "Mer Lady Drake, Canadian National Steamship, Capt. H. O. Griffin, arrived this port this morning with passengers returning from holiday cruises to Bermuda, the Leeward and Windward Islands, Barbadoes and British Guiana via Boston.

Rev. Herbert Tucker, of Sackville (United Church of Canada) has been authorized to solemnize marriage in this province, according to a notice in this week's Royal Gazette.

AMATEUR BOXING MEET LAST NIGHT A BIG SUCCESS

Dallas Laskey and Ken Corbett Win Titles in Classy Performances—Plenty of Action.

Seven new provincial boxing champs were crowned last night as a result of the New Brunswick Amateur Boxing Tournament staged at the Opera House under the auspices of the Devon Baseball Club.

Of the 22 fighters who entered, the new title holders are: 112 pound class, Gerald Farren, Saint John; 118 pound class, Fred Farren, Saint John; 126 pound class, Lawrence Mack, McAdam; 135 pound class, Dallas Laskey, Fredericton; 147 pound class, Joseph Thompson, Campbellton; 160 pound class, Pat Metallic, Campbellton; 175 pound class, Kenneth Corbett, Barker's Point.

The best bouts of the programme were all confined to the heavier divisions, Pat Metallic, a Micmac Indian from the North Shore receiving the plaudits of the crowd when he took Frank Church of Saint John into camp in the semi-finals of the middle division, and then repeated his performance in the finals, beating Joe Harris of this city. Ken Corbett, 168 pound Maritime Intercollegiate heavy weight champ, also put on a good scrap when he captured the light-heavy crown by trimming Ted Smith of Campbellton.

Ten seconds after the first round began, Leroy Hanson of Barker's Point was sent to the floor for a six count by the powerful punches of Fred Farren in the 118 pound final.

Tearing out of his corner like a rampant tiger, Bill Warner of McAdam slugged Frank Church of Saint John into a state of grogginess during the first half of the opening verse of the middleweight preliminary.

A third 160 pound prelim resulted in a technical K.O. for Pat Metallic over Dick O'Rea of this city, when the latter was too groggy to continue after the middle of the fifth.

Slugged throughout, but the Indian had greater staying power than the colored lad.

The long arms of a rangy boy named Art O'Keefe of Campbellton proved to be too much for Ben Ryan of this city. The scrap went to the former on a technical K.O. in the middle of the second round. This was the first bout in the 135 pound class.

Dallas Laskey Winner

The next fight, also a 135 pound preliminary, ended in victory for Dallas Laskey of this city, who won over Carmen Glen of Minto. Laskey's advantage lay in his knowledge of the science of the fight game and his excellent ring generalship. Although Glen had plenty of power in his punches, he lacked the polish and science which belonged to his opponent.

Then followed a battle of the MacGregors and the McLeods, Alex. McLeod, 1935 N. B. welter champ, sending his opponent, Donald MacGregor of Gagetown, to the canvas twice in three rounds. McLeod won on a technical K.O. when MacGregor failed to come out of his corner at the beginning of the fourth.

With Ralph Goodine of Harvey and Joseph Thompson of Campbellton battling like two unfriendly wildcats in a cage, the next bout, also in the welter class, provided plenty of action for the fans. Both were hard sluggers, but Thompson proved the harder.

The finals in the 160 pound class brought together Brad McLeod of Barker's Point and Joe Harris. After being floored several times, McLeod lost the fight on a technical knockout when he failed to continue after the end of the second because of an injured thumb.

Ken Corbett's Hard Punch Wins Ken Corbett's clean hard punching brought him victory and the light-heavy crown when he took the decision over Ted Smith of Campbellton in the finals of that class.

Pat Metallic did not experience much trouble in taking the decision over Frank Church in the 160 pound semi-finals, taking all five rounds by hard slugging.

Dallas Laskey won a close decision over Art O'Keefe in the finals of the lightweight class, generalship being perhaps the most important factor in bringing him the coveted title.

The finals in the welter division brought together a wild slugger and a clever boxer, Joe Thompson and Alex. McLeod. Alec went down for the count of nine in the first before the terrific head swings of Thompson. The latter, in great pain from an alleged low blow by McLeod, was unable to continue after the first stanza so the referee awarded him the bout, and incidentally the welter championship.

The final scrap on the evening's card was between Joe Harris and Pat Metallic. The fight was thrill packed, with plenty of action, the judges' decision at the close of the fifth round

calling for a draw. As, under the M. P.B.A.A.U. of C. boxing rules, a decision must be reached at the end of five rounds, a second ballot was called for, which gave the title to the North Shore boy.

The officials were: Referee, Frank O'Leary of Saint John; Judges, Bert Lint, Ralph Goodine, of this city, and the referee; Timekeeper, Geo. Gorman, Ottawa; Announcer, Lawrence Cain, Fredericton.

DIED

MACBURN—Died on Tuesday, April 28, at his home on Queen street, Charles Alex. Macburn, aged 72 years, after a short illness.

The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon with service at the late home at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. John Linton will conduct the service and interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.

ALLEN—Died at the Victoria Hospital this morning, Mrs. Almada Allen, aged 74 years, after a short illness.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon with service from the late home at South Devon at 2:30 p.m. Rev. D. L. Kennedy will conduct the service and will be assisted by Rev. W. Steadman Smith. Interment will be in the Baptist cemetery at Marysville.

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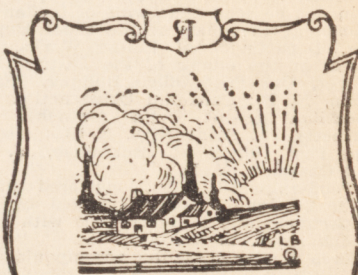
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