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Grave European Situation

(Contributed)

Europe is seething like a cauldron. The nations are afraid of the Communist agitation rampant today in every large nation except England and nations prostrate beneath the iron rule of a dictator.

The pitiable hesitation of England, in the face of the Italian conquest of Ethiopia is caused by the most complicated and serious dangers that have ever faced the British Empire. Unrest in the vast Moslem population of the Empire, a very dangerous situation in the Pacific where the rising power of Japan challenges England's trade prestige and colonial security—a hostile and belligerent nation astride the Red Sea, the Empire's jugular vein, and a militant Germany clamoring for colonies.

If robbers enter a village they do not bother the poor. They go to the rich man's house. England is the rich man today.

Nevertheless, the nations such as Italy and Germany are the only bulwarks against Communism. No matter who won, a war between any of them would be disastrous to our present social order.

There is another way that Germany and Italy can acquire further colonies. It is reported on good authority that German money financed the last rebellion in Portugal. Italian money is reported to be behind the Fascist revolt in Spain. Spain and Portugal still have many colonies, which by purchase from a puppet government or by force might easily be acquired by nations who know what they want.

Spain also has Spanish Morocco. The port of Ceuta, opposite Gibraltar, is a better port and more easily defended than the Rock. In Italian hands it would destroy the British control of the Mediterranean. Those who believe that Mussolini remembers that Napoleon was a Corsican, see a most distressing picture for the future. They believe he dreams of a union of the Latin races—France, Italy, Spain and Portugal—the Mediterranean an Italian lake, all Africa an Italian province, and much else.—H. M. Paint.

A Political Strategist Gone

On learning of the death of Hon. Robert Rogers, older Parliamentarians and public men generally will fall into reminiscent mood. "Bob" Rogers, as he was known to political friend and foe, was a politician of politicians, a man who was the centre of innumerable lively incidents, and who provided many a good story. Few men had greater organizing ability, and he became known facetiously as the "Minister of Elections." Though a hard hitter in the rough-and-tumble game of politics, Mr. Rogers enjoyed the friendship of men of all party affiliations. He was on familiar terms with newspapermen throughout the country, and these could always count on him for a good "inside story" of what was going on—that is, when the time came to tell it.

Though born in Quebec, Mr. Rogers began his business and political career in Manitoba, and afterward was regarded as a Westerner. When 23 years of age he received his first nomination to the Manitoba Legislature. That was in 1886. He was defeated; and in 1892 he failed again to reach the House. But, despite these rebuffs, he became a power in Manitoba politics, and was regarded as virtually Conservative Party leader in the Province. The landslide that swept Sir Hugh John Macdonald to power in Manitoba also brought in Mr. Rogers, and later he was appointed Minister of Public Works. In 1911 he entered the Federal field and became Minister of the Interior in Sir Robert Borden's Cabinet, and in 1912 was appointed Minister of Public Works. He was opposed to the formation of a Union Government, and in 1917 resigned his portfolio.

It will be seen that Mr. Rogers filled important posts in the Governments of Manitoba and the Dominion, yet it is not unfair to his memory to say that it is as a shrewd appraiser of public opinion and as a highly successful political organizer that he will be best remembered.

Britain's Difficult Position

What Great Britain and France may do, or, perhaps, can do, in response to the Austro-German treaty is still a matter of uncertainty and, if press reports can be accepted as accurate presentation of the facts, a matter of conflicting opinion in London and Paris. The situation has been made doubly difficult by Mussolini. Aside from giving his blessing to the treaty, he has assumed the mantle of champion of Germany among the Locarno Powers by demanding that she be permitted to attend the Locarno conference at Brussels and, more than that, the preliminary discussions themselves. Unless she is, Italy must stay away.

The demand is by no means clever diplomacy. At the same time it has its points. Mussolini, his purpose unhidden, is intent by gaining the most by way of power and position from the present confusion. Right at the beginning, then, he has had the satisfaction of throwing France and Britain into disagreement over how best to meet him.

France argues that if Italy will not come to the conference without Germany let her stay at home, and Britain, Belgium and France will proceed, on schedule, by themselves. The conference, Paris points out with some reason, was called to consider Hitler's reoccupation of the Rhineland and a defense against that act. To have Germany present would be to mock the whole situation.

Any conference, for the purposes France has in mind, without the presence of Italy would itself be something of a mockery. A better argument as to why it should not be attempted is that such a three-power meeting could result only in crystalizing the relations between Germany and Italy. The opposition view is that to postpone the conference, as Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden has suggested, would imply that Britain and France are seeking to evade the issues Mussolini has raised.

However, the problem Britain is concerned with is reconciling the seemingly irreconcilable Germany and France. The fact to be faced is that Germany and Italy, largely through the blunderings of France on the Ethiopian question, have risen to new positions of dominance. Miscalculations as to Mussolini's real intentions and the collective strength of Geneva allowed him to break the united front which was the only safeguard against Germany. By these errors Hitler has been able to destroy the old programme and, whether she likes the task or not, it is Great Britain's unfortunate problem to find a substitute and a new order.

Obviously, therefore, she cannot afford to have any more miscalculations and blunders occur. In a recent speech Premier Stanley Baldwin intimated that the basis on which Britain must proceed is one of absolute equality and that Germany must be permitted to the circle as an equal. The reassurance given those who might doubt the wisdom of such a "broad basis" is contained in the Government's rearmament programme. If France cannot accept that as the safest escape from the difficulties she has created for herself by previously refusing to back Britain, she might find herself pretty much on her own in solving the enigma of Berlin and Rome as best she can.

SNAPSHOTS

It is a new thing for New Brunswick to have hold-up men on the roads. This is the first instance in the history of the Province and we hope that it will be the last one.

The two young men who had the date with the magazine girls arrived too late at the Club House to make connections. They were delayed at Boiestown.

Bush fires in Northern Ontario are reported to have done damage to the extent of about \$3,000,000. What tremendous losses this country seems able to stand!

Alberta reports a storm which brought hailstones three-quarters of an inch in diameter. Is Nature trying to correct the heat wave by dropping ice "cubes?"

Another evidence of a mixed-up world is found in the news that in Massachusetts a man and his wife are rival candidates for a seat in Congress. Apparently this family can't lose on election day.

You can't get away from taxes. When the rich are soaked, the rest of us also get wet.

Hunger for a career is merely a yearning to hear people say "Atta-boy!"

Distinguished

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from New York, the "David" has included Vancouver in her itinerary on a 58-day cruise of the West Indies, Mexico, Panama Canal, California, British Columbia, Alaska and Hawaii. Vancouver greeted her old friend and passengers aboard with flags flying and a band at the Canadian National dock. Travelers on the boat will spend the day in Vancouver sightseeing and enjoying the city's golden jubilee festivities.

Three special tour parties numbering seventy passengers are included on the passenger list of the "Prince Robert" for her sailing tonight. They are the Women's City Club of St. Paul, Minn., Appalachian Mountain Club party, directed by Dr. John B. May, of Boston, Mass.; and from Columbus, Ohio, comes Hardesty's Alaska Tour, led by Miss Adalene Hardesty. The Appalachian and Hardesty parties visited Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rockies en route to Vancouver.

Also leaving on the Prince Robert are a number of Californians and tourists from the Pacific Northwest. Eastern Canada and the United States are also well represented. Prominent among them are Alfred Harrell, influential publisher of Bakerville, Calif., accompanied by Mrs. Harrell. H. W. Low, president Dairy Maid Creameries, San Francisco, and wife; Ed. Barr, Western representative, Travellers Insurance Company, Portland, Ore.; Major F. H. Johnston, well known merchant of New Britain, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mooce, president Empire Lumber Company, of Camden, N. J., which has mill and timber interests in British Columbia.

Convicted

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ducted the prosecution, then summed up the Crown's case, and A. P. N. McLaughlin, defence counsel, followed with a plea for acquittal. Mr. McLaughlin was associated with J. Allen LeBlanc and Ernest Doiron in the defence.

Judge J. L. Ryan delivered his charge after the noon recess and the jury retired at 2:35 p.m. and returned to court at 4:05 with a verdict of guilty. They strongly recommended the clemency of the court in sentencing the accused.

John B. Collier was foreman of the jury. Other members were Irving Hamilton, Black Point; Arthur Duncan, Campbellton; Everett Hamilton, Jos. Doyle, Louis LeBlanc, George Christie, John J. LeTourneau and W. G. Patterson, Dalhousie; F. M. Robinson, Dartington; Antoine Fontaine, St. Maure; Chas. Martin, Dalhousie.

His Honor remanded the accused to jail, to be sentenced later during the present court session. Court was adjourned until August 4 at 11 a.m.

The next case on the docket is that of the King vs. Lulu McGarvie, Dundee. The accused is also charged with perjury and this charge arose from evidence given by her at the payroll enquiry. The Crown alleges that Mrs. McGarvie swore falsely on Nov. 26 that payroll returns certified by her husband, Angus McGarvie, Dundee, road supervisor, had been signed by one Joseph Bois, a justice of the peace. A number of other criminal and civil cases remain on the docket which is one of the longest in the history of the court.

Gov't Claims

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Bowers telephoned while a wholesale evacuation of United States citizens from areas of rioting was underway. He reported all Americans so desiring had been evacuated from San Sebastian and that tonight the United States warship Oklahoma and the Coast Guard cutter Cayuga rode at anchor in the harbor of that city.

Stray bullets, he said, had spattered on the walls of the hotel in San Sebastian housing the United States chancery.

Rebels Smashed

MADRID, July 25—A rebel advance on Madrid from the northwest was smashed in a day-long battle in the Guadarrama Mountains and the government claimed last night the danger of attack on the Capital had been definitely averted for the present.

The invaders, driven off with heavy losses by massed battalions of civil guards, assault guards and militia in the conflict on the rough mountain slopes, were reported tonight in full flight toward Segovia.

So confident was the government of a complete victory that it ordered the militia which had been patrolling the capital's streets in private cars to go back to work. Only official vehicles will be permitted on the streets, the government announced.

At the same time, however, it ordered conscripts who had been scheduled to join the colors in November to report August 1.

Official sources declared the city of Seville, southern rebel stronghold, had surrendered to loyalists. There was no immediate confirmation of the claim.

WITH LOYALIST FORCES AT ENLARLAZA, Northern Spain, July 25—Liberal troops held control of the north central coast of Spain tonight after a spirited clash in which 55 rebels and an undetermined number of loyalists were killed.

Rebel leaders, driven to a camp outside Vera, acknowledged the government's smashing victory in a vicious encounter fought across the Bidassoa River near the ruined bridge at Enderlaza.

(Colonel Villanueva, Fascist Commander in the northwestern sector, admitted rebel headquarters the government militia had reoccupied San Sebastian and much of the territory surrounding the resort town.

(He estimated 4,000 rebels and loyalists died in the concentrated fire in the region of Vera, Irun, Enderlaza and Arlaiz.)

(By The Associated Press)

Routed and disordered, Fascist forces in mountain passes north of Madrid were reported fleeing Friday night after fresh victories by loyal militia.

Also from the north central coast came reports of government successes, centering principally in repulse of rebel assaults near Enderlaza.

Farmer's Hope

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Barlington was dispelled yesterday when storm clouds resulted in only a few drops of rain. For the third successive year Lambton celery growers face a poor crop. Transplanting may partly solve the grave situation. Meanwhile, Sarnia housewives are delaying their annual canning operations until fruit and vegetable prices come down.

In other parts of Ontario, the picture is much brighter. The long drought in the Warton district was broken yesterday when showers fell during the day, followed by thunderstorms last night.

Much-needed moisture also fell in the New Liskeard area, the farmers being quite willing to have their hayling interrupted. Light rain also relieved the dry spell at Kitchener, and heavier showers drenched the countryside at Rouyn, Que. Settlers in the colonization camps near the latter place predict a good crop of vegetables and fruit as a result.

Straw Heavy, Heads Small

Threshing is in full swing around Ingersoll, giving definite information of the grain yield. Most reports last night indicated heavy straw, but small heads. Wheat was expected to average about 23 bushels per acre the quality being good. The oat crop also is promising.

Although damaged by heat and drought, crop conditions north and west of London were said to be better than had been expected a few days ago.

Kent County will have one of its best barley crops in years, an Agricultural Representative predicted last night after a tour. Wheat was reported fair to good, averaging eighteen to twenty-five bushels; early oats in good condition; corn making fine progress, and sugar beets withstanding the drought. Alfalfa and alsike were claimed to be satisfactory, but beans, tobacco, tomatoes and cabbage showed the effects of the hot weather.

Mrs. James Lemont entertained at luncheon today at D-Coy Inn. The table was decorated with summer flowers and covers were laid for six.

Our Mail Bag

EXPRESS APPRECIATION

To The Editor:

In behalf of the New Brunswick Protestant Orphanage, the home finding committee of the Knights of Columbus for the Roman Catholic orphanages and for the Children's Aid Societies, we thank you most sincerely for your great assistance in making a success of Adopt-a-Baby Week, which surpassed our hopes.

Faithfully yours,
H. USHER MILLER
L. URBEN PIERCE
A. M. BELDING.

General Committee.

July 23, 1936.

APPRECIATION

July 24th, 1936.

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

Dear Mr. Editor:

On behalf of the Regatta Committee of the Fredericton Automobile and Boat Club, I wish to thank you for the hearty co-operation received from the press, which had so much to do in making our annual regatta a success.

Thanking you again, Mr. Editor, I remain,

Yours very truly,

THE REGATTA COMMITTEE,
per F. S. Mundie.

AN EXPLANATION

Fredericton, N. B.

July 25th, 1936

To the Editor of the Mail.

Dear Sir:

A word in regard to an article which appeared in a recent edition of the Gleaner and also The Mail will say that from the general impression given would lead one to believe that I was at fault when as a matter of fact I was not to blame in the least.

While talking to the mother of the child near her home, the little girl climbed on the running board near the rear and cut out the view of the mother and myself and I was unaware that the child was hurt until informed by Mr. Hayes.

Only a few minutes later while proceeding towards North Devon and being but a short distance behind another car which stopped very suddenly near the centre of the road without giving any signal before stopping. I was driving slowly at the time, yet was unable to stop quick enough and in order to avoid striking the other car I drove my car off the road into the ditch and against a pole doing very little damage to my car as I was going very slowly.

While not trying to evade any responsibilities, yet I desire to present a true statement of the facts as cited above. I indeed feel very sorry that the little girl was hurt and if I had been aware of it I most certainly would have stopped and given assistance.

The two accidents within but a few moments of each other and the report of same in the papers would naturally lead one to believe I was a reckless driver and incapable of driving a car. But as Mrs. Saunders and myself spent the afternoon at the water sports among the hundreds of cars is ample proof as to whether I was capable or not.

I am, yours truly,

J. TABOR SAUNDERS.

COMMENTATOR COMMENTS

Editor Daily Mail,
City.

Dear Sir:

With no desire whatever to belittle the efforts that have been made to introduce a Curfew Law in Fredericton, where it is so sorely needed, one may be pardoned for suggesting that improved conditions would soon be evident if parents were to enact and enforce a modified form of such law to suit varying circumstances and environments. A family understanding and arrangement, adhered to in the interests of all concerned, directly and indirectly, as well as a matter of honour and loyalty. Could the Curfew Law accomplish the desired result in a place with so few civic police? One cop can only be in one part of town at one time. Would the law just "fall by the wayside," like so many others have, here? For instance, do police attend to the law which distinctly says that no horses shall be left standing on a street unless under control of a competent human being or else secured by a horse-weight? The City should publish the outstanding features of certain laws at least once a year, and instruct the police in their duties and tell them that they are not merely to promenade along two or three streets but to patrol the town in wideawake manner, watching out for breaches of the laws, giving words of caution where necessary. "Ignorance of the law does not excuse," but it would be mutually beneficial if facts were made known concerning laws relating to traffic, dogs, bicycles, standing horses, young people prolonging



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noisy gatherings so as to prevent neighbours sleeping, and so on. Disorderly conduct and rowdism on verandahs till long past midnight have helped bring about the revival of consideration of having a Curfew Law for Fredericton. Better, if parents and children were more thoughtful of one another. Then, "Home, Sweet Home" would not be empty words, and parents would know the young people's whereabouts in the wee sma' hours. The responsibilities of parenthood are not light, but should not be shirked.

COMMENTATOR.

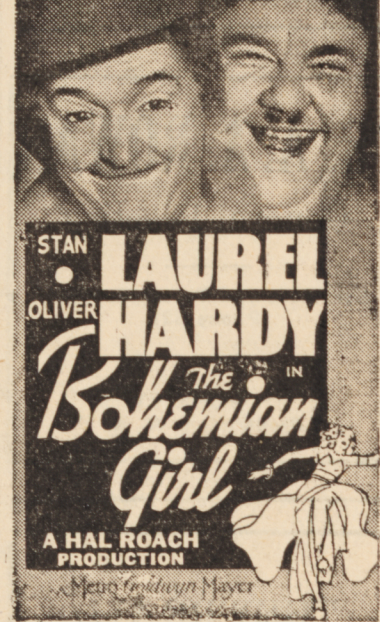
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