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Mails to Aid Business

The Dominion Government's decision that in future the Canadian Post-office will operate every day, including Christmas and other holidays, except Sunday, has met with a mixed reception.

Postoffice employees, not unnaturally, object to the new arrangement. Large numbers of business men and private citizens applaud it.

Yet there is nothing very revolutionary in the decision and there is no reason why the workers involved should be penalized by a move made "with the object of accelerating business recovery."

Life today is not the leisurely affair it was only fifty years ago, and prompt delivery of mail is no less essential than uninterrupted continuance of public services, such as telegraphs, telephones and railways.

However, neither the private citizen nor the business man wishes the letter-carrier and the postoffice employee to be deprived of holidays, and it should be a simple matter for the Government to avoid this by arranging for the employment of extra occasional workers whenever necessary.

The Plight of the Transient

At all times, but especially with winter at hand, the unemployed transient is a pathetic figure. Since the depression began he has been tramping the highways in search of something to do. During the summer his plight was not so bad, but now he must be sheltered and fed in some organized way. Something must be done for this "forgotten man" before he becomes a helpless and hopeless hobo, a man discouraged and soured in disposition—a criminal. Conditions are greatly improved but not for the transient. As a general rule he is not an expert in any craft, and had to take chances on odd jobs.

The Government's plan of encouraging and helping to finance repairs to dwelling houses and farm outbuildings should provide a great many odd jobs for such as the transient, but he will not get them unless there is some organization to bring him and the odd job together. This can be done. When the relief camps were closed, it was announced on behalf of the Government that 10,000 of the men in these places would be taken on by the railways to do deferred maintenance work during the summer. Of course these men were grouped and available at once. But why not a plan with the municipalities to register the transients who pass through, and, preparatory to this, secure a list of town, village or farm dwellers who, under the Government's loan plan, intend making repairs to their buildings, and establish contact between these and the registered transient who is able to do such work? The building trade has been so hard hit that many men with some experience in carpentering and so on must be roaming about in search of employment. It seems the plan would be worth trying. Anyway it would be an effort to do something for the almost "forgotten man," whose years of misery should enlist sympathetic attention.

The arrangement whereby farmers and some other employers gave food and shelter to workers, while the Government provided these with something like "pin money," should be continued and extended; similarly with factories and with lumbering operations in the bush. With business generally looking up, large employers of labor could, with a little official assistance in the way of wages, find places for many of these unfortunate men. Governments can help by giving leadership, but Government's cannot be expected to do it all. If each municipality and individual employer would take interest in a few transients, a big reduction in their number would result. Again, it would all depend upon effective plans for locating the wandering unemployed.

This is a problem that cannot be passed over. The transient is suffering, and he has nothing in sight but continued misery of mind and body. He is a human being in distress. All that remains of him is the will to travel the roads in search of work; and he is hustled along from one municipality to another. Surely, with better times here, and still better in sight, this unfortunate can be helped. Or is he to be left a wanderer about the country, with no one at all taking any interest in what happens to him? That should not be the Canadian attitude toward the man who, without a helping hand, must drift inevitably toward physical helplessness and mental despair. And he has been a long time on the road.

The Fascist Ring Grows

London assurances that official circles had not only been anticipating the reported Japo-Germano-Italian understanding, but now accept it as an accomplished fact, however well intended, do not make easier the international uneasiness certain to develop from such relations. Nor does the dictators' penchant for trading old bargains for new, without loss of sleep over the sanctity of obligations, go far in lessening the potential dangers of the new alignment.

It may be, as some claim, whatever the details of the bargain, Japan is on the short end of the stick. For her immediate purposes—the Chinese observers are quick to realize that it shifts the ultimate arena back to Europe—the short end may be good enough. And to talk of such an alignment aggravating Russo-Japanese relations beyond repair is to talk nonsense.

The fact is that recurring breaks and border incidents arising from the conflicting ambitions of two diametrically opposed systems have so exacerbated relations that both nations have been in search of allies. The Franco-Soviet mutual assistance pact blossomed of such desire, and, while it does not give direct aid against Japan, it does protect Russia's European flank should trouble come from the East. Quite apart from any missionary work that was to be done through the League of Nations, Russia took out membership in the collective system to contact the allies Japan had lost. Her whole efforts to militarize the Covenant and police the world from Geneva have been for the erection of a Soviet second line of defense.

Shadowy as the Germano-Japanese understanding is, and uncertain or real as Italy's attachment may be, the improving relations among these three Powers must be viewed in the light of further dislocation of international politics. It means that they have policies which suddenly become compatible out of a unanimous desire to smash communism. It is possible that the doctrine which baits their hate is but a mask for their real desire to smash Russia—Japan and Germany because of what they can gain in territorial plunder, Italy because the Soviet sphere of influence is moving into the Mediterranean. But whether communism or its symbol is the real objective, no matter. The division must now be accepted as the beginning of new and serious trouble in international affairs, unless compromise favors fascism.

SNAPSHOTS

Do the Aldermen believe in class legislation which provides that the clerk in a store is allowed to vote and the boss who owns the business cannot? This damn fool legislation is the hang-over from some wise guys or by-gone years. Our present Aldermen should be too sane and modern to continue such an antiquated by-law, unless there is an unworthy motive for their so doing, which we do not believe.

They say the new gambling den for young men located up town is a money maker for the proprietor.

Before we talk about another war let somebody show us some good accomplished by the last one.

As news subject Mrs. Simpson is becoming somewhat of a bore.

Complaint comes from Saint John that the French are driving the Irish off Saint Patrick Street in that city. They say that Saint Patrick was a French man.

When it comes to juggling with figures, financial experts have nothing on the inventors of fashions.

Maybe boys wouldn't be so eager to appear hard-boiled if they knew that the result was to make them half-baked.

News heading says: "French Depu- ties Riot, Fight and Kick." But there is no report yet of their biting one another.

A man can buy only so much: a poor man soon runs out of money and a rich one soon runs out of desires.

If he remembered how impatient he got when he couldn't find the shoe buttoner (button hook) in the morning, he looks younger with his hat on.

Iowa University

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around a dance floor. They danced. They ate. They cheered the floor show. But they drank only soft drinks from their ice-tinkling glasses. University officials, in agreeing to turn the memorial Union Cafeteria into the "Silver Shadow," with luxurious decorations and a dance floor, emphasized that liquor would not be sold or permitted in the club.

More than 1,000 students had petitioned the university to establish the club "so that students would have hometown entertainment and would remain off dangerous highways over the week-ends."

Presiding over the "Silver Shadow" was Prof. Rufus Fitzgerald, soft-spoken southerner and director of student entertainment at the university. Faculty supervision, however, will be "kept at a minimum," the professor said.

Open-Mindedness

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kind of moral superiority, "however perverse it may be."

"Man who changes and develops presents a subtler problem, and most of us dislike subtlety," he said. "A statesman with any subtlety in his make-up is distrusted, and often called dishonest."

Stalwarts Respected
Lord Tweedsmuir told of the political struggle in Britain before the war between Liberals and Conservatives, and "how each side respected the stalwarts of the other side."

The Governor-General suggested three connections in which inconsistency is "wholly right"—where a man starting his career gets off on the wrong foot owing to his early environment; where the particular religious faith in which he is brought up may be unsatisfactory to his particular temperament; and where the political creed of his fathers with which he starts off may be one in which he could never be happy.

In conclusion the Governor-General said:

"So, the advice I would leave with you today is not hastily to call anyone inconsistent as a term of abuse. To be open to new light and new ideas is a proof not only of a vigorous mind, but of an honest character and a true sense of public duty. The weather-cock, of course, is nothing but a nuisance; but equally so is the stand-pater. Light-mindedness is a vice, but open-mindedness is a virtue."

Life of

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Roginsky a "wrecking specialist," was convicted on four counts, including one alleging he engineered a gas explosion in the Kameronov mines, which killed 14 workers.

He was further convicted of having maintained a direct connection "with the secret service of one foreign state."

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Establishment of Credit Union at Petit Rocher

S. W. Keohan, Director of Co-operative Credit for New Brunswick, returned to his office in Fredericton today from Petit Rocher where the preliminary work in organizing a Credit Union has been completed. It is expected that the charter for the Petit Rocher club will be signed by Hon. A. C. Taylor, Minister of Agriculture, upon his return to Fredericton next week. The club has already raised a \$200 fund, made up of weekly contributions in anticipation of a charter. This is a very populous district and it is likely that within a year the club will have several hundred members.

One-Winged Patrol Plows Are Built Here

The matter of keeping open the winter roads will be continued by the government this year. It is expected that not only will the same highways be kept open as last year but as near as practicable additional roads will be opened up.

A number of one-winged patrol plows are being manufactured in Fredericton at the present time for use on the roads, and some of the larger plows which were in use in former years are being adjusted by engineer H. J. Mawhinney and assistants. As far as can be learned there has been no order whatever placed for plows outside the province. The full programme connected with winter roads will be announced some time later and it should be satisfactory to all concerned.

One-winged patrol plows have already been put in operation in certain parts of the province to take care of any local drifting which may occur on the roads.

Would Approve

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Baltimore, Mrs. Simpson's native city, is less in favor of her marriage to the King than the nation as a whole. Baltimore approves the match—but only by 54 per cent to 46 per cent.

The royal romance is more popular in the states between the Hudson River and the Mississippi, however, where the voters average two-to-one approval. Greatest approval is in the Rocky Mountain states, stretching from Montana to the Mexican border, an area where the American tradition of isolation and "hands-off-Europe" has been strongest. The number of voters with "no opinion" is the highest the institute has found on any subject within recent months, since approximately two voters in five complain, "That's England's business," or "Who Cares?"

Fake Schools of Broadcasting

NEW YORK, Nov. 26—Fake broadcasting schools that prey on ambitious, but naive, youngsters is the target of Dan Wheeler's scathing attack today.

Writing in the current Radio Mirror Magazine, Wheeler names a number of frauds being perpetrated by conscienceless "con" men, and even by radio stations in various parts of the country.

"The prize racket in connection with schools," reveals Wheeler, "is that which came to light on the West Coast."

A pupil of one of these schools, for a few dollars, was given voice tests, a sample recording of his voice, and a glossy picture showing him at a "CBS" or an "NBC" microphone, he reveals. Then, if he was that kind of person, he could take his picture to the programme manager of some station and pretend he really had worked on network programmes.

Another scheme was to lure ambitious youngsters to radio stations, give them auditions, and then inform them they needed more training. A certain school would be recommended—probably one right across the hall. The school and the man at

Key to European

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that succession of body blows which have fallen on John Bull during very recent months has given further warrant for the relief, loudly voiced by Englishmen, that it was time for another Gibbon to write another Decline and Fall—this time of the British Empire.

When it wasn't Gandhi it was the Arabs of Palestine, or the Nationalists of Egypt and South Africa, or de Valera. For understandable reasons British consternation has grown enormously as a result of Mussolini's successful twisting of the lion's tail; of Hitler's refusal to answer Downing Street's polite query as to his intentions; or Portugal's balkiness in the Spanish crisis.

Yet what, in the face of this apparent loss of British prestige, do we nevertheless find?

We find that there is no nation in Europe more eagerly courted than is Great Britain today. To win the United Kingdom over to a policy of friendliness and co-operation with the Third Reich, Herr Hitler sent to London the man he considers his most competent diplomat. And to remove one obstacle in von Ribbentrop's path, he ordered the cessation of the clamor for colonies and the abolition of the Colonial league.

Hitler's fellow-dictator, Mussolini, is also not disguising his eagerness to come to terms with the nation upon which, not so long ago, he poured all the vials of his scorn and wrath. As an admirer of Napoleon, he realizes that the Little Corporal may have had his Austerlitzes but that there was also Waterloo and in the long run it was the latter that counted the most.

But the dictators are not alone in wooing John Bull. M. Blum is assiduously engaged in doing the same thing. So are the Russians, the Magyars, the Poles, the Greeks and many others. And their efforts are all the greater, because while Great Britain still possesses formidable reserves of powers, its policies today are so uncertain.

It is not profitable to woo one who has already been won. Neither President Roosevelt nor Gov. A. M. Landon made speeches in the Solid South during the late campaign. To be sure as France has discovered to its consternation, in the case of Belgium, there is such a thing as taking one's partner too much for granted. But no one is taking Great Britain for granted. Its head may be bloody from recent blows but its smile is still regarded as a favor winning.

In a very real sense, therefore, Great Britain today holds in its grasp the key to European peace.

The Italian

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further evidence of "the absolute lack of government in Madrid and the existence of an extremely confused state of affairs."

Political circles asserted that embassies have been respected even during wars and that the Ethiopians themselves respected the buildings of their country during the recent war.

The entire press in Germany printed sharp attacks on the leftist government of Spain for the reported search of the German embassy in Madrid and occupation of the German consulate at Cartagena.

With warships and submarines, Great Britain backed up an official pledge today she would not allow either side in the Spanish civil war to interfere with her merchant ships.

The admiralty, in a statement, described the naval movements in the Mediterranean as "in accordance with a programme arranged some weeks ago."

"Naval leaves have been temporarily stopped at Malta," the official declaration said, "owing to a gale which has made communications between ships and shore impossible. This is the normal routine of the Mediterranean station."

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