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First Communist Elected

Communist number one has reached the halls of legislature in Canada in the recent election in Manitoba. There have been Communist candidates in several elections but this is the first time one has secured a majority of the votes cast. It is not a very hopeful sign and points the way to people who value our present constitution with its security and peace to gird themselves to meet such a condition. Party politics should be washed out if need be to defeat such an emergency. Canada with its wide acres and few people has no urge for a communist move to change the order of things. Possibly a more sane administration of the old order with more regard to the taxpayer would be helpful in preventing such advances by the unruly.—Eastern Chronicle.

The Daily Mail has already expressed its views on this latest great danger which is peeping around the corner of our Dominion's peace. Now is the acceptable time for the powers that be to encourage all undertakings and all great works which could in any way be a check on Communism in Canada. Respect of rules of social justice and the teachings of Christianity will do much to accomplish this needed benefaction.

The Real Issue Disclosed

French efforts to secure a strict neutrality of European Powers in the Spanish crisis are the most forceful illustration the world has had in many years of the extent to which national politics may influence the course of international events. One cannot accept as sound truth all charges and rumors of the assistance being given Government and rebel forces by outside sources of sympathetic political views. At the same time the open enmity which exists between these forms of government and has done so much to sabotage international diplomatic machinery in recent months prevents one from discounting the rumors and charges in full.

There is no secret as to why the French Government has taken the leadership in the neutrality move. It has been first with the charges, not made without evidence, that Fascist Italy and Germany were interested in seeing the rebels come out on top. Paul Faure, Minister without portfolio in the French Cabinet, uses the Blum news organ *Populaire* to explain the extent of that interest. A rebel victory, he asserts, could only mean an "anti-French regime in Spain, which would strengthen the Fascist move toward world hegemony . . ."

The counter-charge from the German and Italian press, and, indeed, from the headquarters of the rebels, is that Russian intervention on behalf of the Government is the only factor that has prolonged the revolution. The anti-Government press in France puts the argument more forcefully when it declares the French Government is planning practical assistance to the Spanish loyalists behind the "screen of an improbable neutrality accord."

But the success or failure of the neutrality step is not the point of greatest interest. It is important only, in this particular circumstance, as evidence of the emergence of two antagonistic principles of national government into open conflict. Spain has had three uprisings prior to the present insurrection, but there was never a whisper of European neutrality. On those earlier occasions the factors involved were less clearly defined. In Spain the parties could not be painted as elements of Right and Left; there was no Fascist Government in Germany; France was under the influence of the moderate Right, and Russia was keeping pretty much to home.

Since then Fascism and Communism have become neighbors in Europe, and the whole picture has changed. The Spanish revolution is important to that picture as evidence of the extent of the change and as emphasis of the definite approach of that day when bolshevism and fascism will battle for supremacy in Europe, just as they are now struggling for authority in Spain, and as, in the past, they fought it out in Italy, Poland, Germany and Austria.

Beardless Beefeaters

Upon the permission of its Sovereign, the oldest body of troops in the world has followed his example. The Beefeaters have shaved. When the word was given that they might do so, ninety of the hundred members of this famous corps lost no time in stropping their razors, and now the bearded Yeoman is a thing of the past.

That the members of this four-and-a-half-century-old bodyguard should be expected to grow beards and whiskers was just one of those institutions which the British love and cling to. They did it because it had been done before. Our new King, however, is not afraid to break with tradition, and, while many diehards will probably be horribly shocked and declare that the British Empire is going all to pieces, it is doubtful whether any great harm will be done now that the troops of the King's oldest guard are allowed to do what other soldiers are required to do—shave every day.

The chief reason for this break with custom is consideration for the men themselves. That they did not like their beards is proved by the alacrity with which most of them took them off. Their point of view is explained by a sergeant-major: "We spend comparatively little time in our uniform, and when we appeared in civilian dress our beards were frequently a source of annoyance to us. Nobody would believe we were English. I have been taken for a French gendarme, for a Russian, for a French Cabinet Minister, and for an Italian officer."

The Yeomen are all selected old soldiers who have at least reached the rank of sergeant and it is easy to understand how they would resent being mistaken for something different from what they are. Old soldiers have their pride.

In defense of the beard, it can scarcely be said that it has always been the custom. The corps was founded in 1485 and since then there have been many changes in style of dress and facial decoration. Their own uniform has been slightly changed several times, although its most striking features are the same as when Henry VI reigned, and the popularity of beards has come and gone several times.

Some will say that part of the picturesqueness of the bodyguard will be lost, but it is debatable whether a bristling moustache over a clean-shaven chin will not be just as effective as the beard.

Whether the outcome of this revolutionary change which has been made in the oldest element of the British Army, the Yeomen themselves will be thankful for the consideration which the King has shown them, and, after all, a grateful bodyguard is better than a bearded one.

SNAPSHOTS

When people start to brag too much about what they are doing for nothing, it is well to take it with a grain of salt. The man who does the most good works quietly.

A town that is worth living in is well worth helping to boost.

But the equality we desire is equality with those above us, never with those below.

What became of the old-timers who were referred to now and then as "the salt of the earth?"

It seems to be a rule. The less important the subject, the longer people can discuss it.

Perfect example of self-confidence: working crossword puzzles with a fountain pen.

You don't "lose your shirt" when a depression comes. You lose it when you mortgage it during the boom.

"The more we have, the more we want" isn't always true. The greater our ignorance, the better we are satisfied with it.

A family in Dundee, Scotland, has been evicted because its members kept fifteen cats and a pigeon in their house. Apparently some one thought that wasn't enough pigeon for so many cats.

Spaniards are reported to be taking their siesta even in spite of the war. Fighting after 2 p.m., they say, is "unpleasant." The rest of the time, one supposes, it is just good, clean fun.

It is a good thing to tell us how to save the country. Now what we need is some one who will save it.

When some of the Liberals tried to make a racket of Premier Hepburn's birthday party he immediately blew out the candles. Some people cannot go into anything, whether it is birthday parties, or things in the interest of the community, unless they make a racket of it.

It would be a good idea to have an "inquest" on a whole lot of things that are going on in places that we hear about. Do not confine the thing to the tourist affairs in Fredericton alone.

Peter B. Hogan, of New York city, is a guest of the Queen hotel today.

DIED

BARNES—At Saint John, August 9, 1936, Miss Frances Seymour Barnes. The remains were taken today to Hampton where service will be conducted in the United Church at four o'clock by Rev G. S. Fraser. Interment will be made in the cemetery at Hampton.

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DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

GENERAL EUROPEAN WAR JAPAN'S OPPORTUNITY

In 1928 Sir Frank Fox, in his book, "The Mastery of the Pacific," said: "The United States is in the position of a man, who, having gone to a neighbor's house and kicked his door down, now begins to wonder if he can keep him out of his own."

The only situation with which Japan feels herself unable to cope would be a single-handed war against an Anglo-American alliance.

Japanese opinion does not believe that the United States will go to war to save the Philippines. It does not believe that they will go to war to save the Dutch East Indies, and it is doubtful whether they will go to war to help England in the event of an Anglo-Japanese war, in which England is heavily involved in Europe.

Such a contingency as a European war in which England and her allies would face an Italo-German alliance, would leave the Japanese facing the United States alone which they are quite ready to do. This is more especially true, as England's communications via the Mediterranean and Suez Canal to the East would be cut for practical purposes during a war with Italy.

It may, therefore, be considered sure, from the Japanese standpoint of practical diplomacy that Germany and Italy may rely on Japanese co-operation in embarrassing Great Britain, even to the point of actual hostilities, should a general war break out.

Victory

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The insurgents were reported disorganized and without morale. The government claimed many were deserting to join loyal forces.

"The insurgents are now fighting a purely defensive fight," the loyalists asserted. "They are unable to make gains and are attempting to hold present positions."

Victory Feast

A victory feast was proclaimed in the town of Villamayor de Santiago, Cuenca Province, Trucks, laden with food and wine were dispatched for Col. Mangada's troops.

(From Bayonne, France, came reports of another rebel attack. Northern headquarters of the Fascists near Oyarzun, despatches from the French border town asserted, were in flames after bombardment by loyal artillery. A munitions storehouse nearby exploded and caused serious damage.

(From Burgos, northern headquarters of General Emilio Mola, came word the rebels had called a halt to await advance from the south by General Francisco Franco's forces before a concerted drive on Madrid.

(The northern forces also were rushing new troops to the north again to oppose San Sebastian, Gijon and Bilbao loyalists.)

The loyalist government announced today a special commission had been formed to take charge of art treasures saved from churches and convents were confiscated by the state.

Priests were asserted to have fled Spain before the revolt broke out and carried many valuable paintings and other treasures with them.

The first government data released on rebel prisoners held in Madrid, today placed the number at more than 4,000.

Maritime Waters

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met death by drowning yesterday afternoon while two youthful companions and a baby brother stood on shore, helpless. News of the tragedy, one of the most unusual ever heard of in the county, plunged the fishing and farming community into deep gloom as Thomas was a popular lad. R.C.M.P. investigated and Coroner W. Williamson, Yarmouth, decided no inquest was necessary.

According to the story told by the children who were eye-witnesses, Thomas, whose father is Henry Doucette, a carpenter, and three others had run down to the shore after a particularly arduous period of play. Thomas at once plunged into the water and started to run out for a swim. Apparently the shock of the cold water to the over-heated body caused a painful seizure or cramp. He screamed for help, partially turned back toward shore and then doubled up.

Terror-stricken, the children ran back to the road for help, and Emeline Doucette was first to arrive, with several others close behind. They found the body in four feet of water about 15 feet from shore but life was extinct. Besides his parents, the boy leaves nine brothers and sisters.

Canadian

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Lady Thankerton and I are delighted to be visiting Canada at last. We have never been here before. Naturally we are looking forward immensely to our visit and intend seeing as much of the country as we are able."

Speaking of the Vimy pilgrims the distinguished jurist said that he had seen large numbers of Canadian veterans at Trafalgar Square as he was on his way to buy his ocean ticket. Their visit to England was extremely popular with the people at home."

Lord and Lady Thankerton were met by Russell McKenzie representing George H. Montgomery, K. C., president of the Canadian Bar Association.

Royal Welcome

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where in the Adriatic," will be the King's home for nearly a month during a cruise through the numerous islands off the coast of Yugoslavia.

Two British destroyers will escort the yacht.

The King flew from Fort Belvedere, near London, to Calais, France, yesterday. For the entire trip his incognito was maintained.

The cruise in southern waters was decided upon after a projected vacation at Cannes was abandoned owing to the anxiety the King's presence would cause French authorities on account of the proximity of Spanish war zones and of unsettled conditions in France.

Prospects

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Britain by Russia last year; Finland shipped 600,000 standards; Sweden 400,000 standards; and Canada 335,000. Britain's total imports was 2,000,000 standards.

MORE C. C. F. NONSENSE

Nothing from among the welter of queer proposals that has come out of the national convention of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation so clearly shows the utter incompetence of that group as the suggestion that industry adopt a 30-hour week, combined with the Utopian notion of Mr. A. A. Heaps, M.P., that Canada could give a \$60-a-month pension to every citizen.

It would be interesting—it would be more—it would be a matter of world enlightenment, if the C.C.F. leaders could demonstrate how they arrived at these conclusions. They will find no more than superficial support for the 30-hour-week proposal in any of the research yet done on the matter of industrial employment and working hours. In fact, there is nothing on record to prove that the 40-hour week, now being experimented with in restricted lines, is sufficient to maintain the levels of production.

The theory the C.C.F. is embracing is that shorter hours will provide the means whereby industry can absorb the unemployed, and, when that has happened, maintain the balance between labor and increased mechanization. The theory might work to satisfaction on both these points, but

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that is not to say that it will satisfy the demands of production. In fact, production has never reached the levels required to satisfy the standards of living we are attempting to reach; not even in 1929, when employment was at its highest and the working week ranged from 48 to 54 hours.

But apparently unhampered by consideration for any of the factors that might disprove the theory, Mr. Heaps would supply \$60-a-month pensions, presumably on the basis of a 30-hour week. The argument here is that the wealth and resources of the Dominion will bear that burden. They may or they may not, all according to individual calculations of them in their raw state. But wealth is resources plus work, work means production, and pensions must be taken from the taxable earnings of production. At present Governments are extracting all that reasonably can be taken from the earnings of this country, and it will require more than the ingenuity collectively at the disposal of the C.C.F. Party to supply the pensions from the revenue obtained.

Mr. Heaps and his colleagues may have a way, but one is inclined to regard it as fanciful rather than practical.

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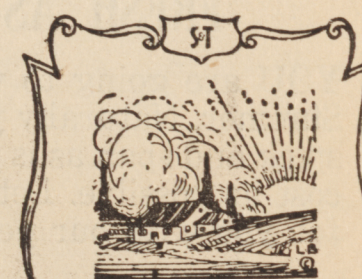
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