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Off the Dole

(Halifax Herald)

Hon. A. A. Dysart, Premier of New Brunswick, announces that province "is definitely and permanently, I hope, rid of the dole".

Stating that conditions in New Brunswick justify discontinuance of direct relief, the Premier explains:

"At the present time, nearly 9,000 heads of families have been placed in gainful employment in public works undertaken and promoted by the Government, and nearly 10,000 more have been assisted with free seed and land-clearing and ploughing bouses. In all, between \$5,000 and 90,000 dependents are directly affected and numberless others will feel the indirect benefit."

This is about the best news we have seen coming out of any Canadian province in recent years, and everyone will rejoice with New Brunswick in its happy position.

Direct relief has imposed a heavy drain upon the public treasuries of this country—national, provincial and municipal—and the end of it would be a great thing for Canada.

To see employment available to everyone who could and would work, would be the ideal condition, but in certain of the provinces one fears this ideal condition is not in immediate prospect. But here in the Maritimes our people will hope that New Brunswick's achievement is a happy augury, and that before long there will be enough employment to go round.

But to be satisfactory, employment must be of a permanent and productive character—because the methods of indirect relief through public works cannot, in the nature of things, be any more than temporary expedients.

Spain's Great Weakness

News of the capture of Badajoz by Spanish rebels conveys the impression that the Government forces are again being placed on the defensive, and suggests that an end to the bloodthirsty strife may be within sight.

Undue indulgence of such a hope is not warranted by the facts, however.

Offsetting the Badajoz report is the announcement from Hendaye that a rebel cruiser threatened to fire on British and United States vessels. The threat shows, not strength, but desperation of weakness, and may be an indication of willingness, on the part of the insurgents at least, to bring about foreign intervention.

And even a decisive rebel triumph would not likely bring peace to Spain. In the first place the Fascists are not strong enough, as has been shown continuously for years past, to keep down the Socialist and radical elements, and since the present Government has been forced to hand out arms indiscriminately to all who, though not its enthusiastic friends, were decided enemies of the rebels, long-continued and smouldering warfare, culminating at some time in a renewed outbreak, probably would follow a Fascist victory.

But, apart from that aspect of the conflict, the leaders of the insurgent forces are believed to hold widely varying ideals and aims. General Franco, who introduced Moroccan troops into the dispute, is suspected of ambitions in the rebellion stay in the safety of alien territory, would not be likely to back Franco's plans, while the son of the former "strong man" of Spain, De Rivera, who took a prominent part in events leading up to the present condition, may, if he is still living, be nursing his own private schemes. Other chieftains also are to be reckoned with, and defeat of the present Government probably would be followed by further battling among the various factions in order to decide which should be allowed to seize power.

Unofficially it is said that Madrid is endeavoring to persuade some foreign Power to mediate between the present disputants. The truth of this report is possible, and even probable; but it is difficult what permanent good could be achieved by mediation.

In Spain there has never been unanimity in either Left, Centre or Right, and until factionists in that country learn to set aside personal and party ambitions and to achieve union with others whose ideals are basically identical with their own, in the interests of national welfare, there can be little hope of permanent peace for Spain.

Welcome! Vimy's Pilgrims

The Vimy pilgrimage is over, disbanded, and its 6,000 members have returned to their homes and to their memories; memories freshened on the Ridge where nineteen years ago they and the "immortal 12,000" wrote Canada's name gloriously, brutally, but indelibly into the records of the Old World's ill-fated struggle for a New World's ideal. Canada in pride welcomes them back; pride in that which they represented over there, then and now; pride in that elusive, undefinable something which sends men to die, and men to mourn their dead.

Canada chose wisely nineteen years ago and wisely now. Canada rightfully may be proud. Who better could dedicate a national tribute to war's sacrifice than the men of Vimy and the King who knew them then? What better envoys of an ideal could Canada have sent a fretful Europe than those young-old men who years before helped Europe salvage human decency and self-respect from the bloody ruins of her own madness? What more appropriate assurances could this Dominion give the Mother County of allegiance to Crown and loyalty in Empire than those the pilgrimage carried into Westminster and into Whitehall?

What Vimy revisited has meant to them is not for us to know. Perhaps it is our misfortune that tongues cannot tell all the memories hold. But that they keep silent is no excuse that men should fail to understand. Vimy Ridge had an ennobling purpose once. Men gave it that. And so it has today. Three weeks ago, through stone and in prayer, Canada's pilgrims rededicated the Ridge to that purpose and recalled for men the pledge they, and the world, accepted then.

Surely it is not for them to do more. Surely a world, its vision, like old memories, somewhat dim, shall see more clearly, more sanely now, and will understand. It is in that hope, at least, Canada welcomes her pilgrims home.

SNAPSHOTS

Surprise came to the fellow and girl who were parked on the man's driveway on the outer side of Forest Hill as eleven o'clock on Wednesday night. They were routed out without much ceremony.

A citizen says that he has had a fire in his furnace every month this year. He therefore did not suffer from the cold summer.

The Daily Mail's Ottawa correspondent says that the C.N.R. bridge is to be built up town. That will be good news, especially to those people around the Cathedral.

It may be "O K" to put a curb around the Cenotaph. It looked better in its natural way, however, and there are places like Alexandra street which need the improvements much worse.

The whole darn family seem to have got their feet in at the City Hall.

It is funny that when a few people have gall enough to try and run the whole thing a whole lot of boobs feel sore but they sit back and let them do it just the same.

Longfellow's "Be not like dumb driven cattle," might well be said to certain people who know that things are not going right, but have not spunk enough to say so. This applies to people right here in "this here town," as a former Mayor of Moncton used to say.

There was another heavy earthquake in Quebec last week. The people have not got dug out yet.

Purpose

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In the afternoon session, Rev. P. J. Macdonald, Heatherton; Rev. J. A. Decoste, St. Joseph du Moine, and A. D. Campbell, judge of the juvenile court, Sydney, spoke on the youth problem, and Prof. J. P. Nicholson of the University made a carefully documented and powerful plea for electrification of the rural districts of Nova Scotia.

In Iowa, Nebraska

In one year and nine months in the States of Iowa and Nebraska, a Catholic priest, Rev. J. M. Campbell, has built up a people's bank with 130 branches and \$3,000,000 in deposits, which has done \$100,000,000 worth of business at a cost of a fraction over one per cent.

The dramatic story of the building of this bank was told by Father Campbell and the democratic control of credit and money was urged upon the primary producers here in eastern Nova Scotia.

Father Campbell said his co-operative banks made short term loans at four per cent, which was five per cent cheaper than the rate charged by the old-line banks.

He also stated that his bank had already included a general insurance business which saved subscribers 25 per cent, as compared with old-line insurance.

Father Campbell said to this congress: "You are the one true set of exponents of a reconstructed social order on this continent."

Extension of Home

The community being merely the extension of the home, and women being the large spenders for consumer's goods, the study of economics was urged upon women by Miss Ida Gallant, Stellarton, N. S., who directed an appeal to the education department for the education of the children of this province in co-operative economics. She suggested that mothers in the parent teachers' associations should organize to bring about a humanization of curricula.

Dr. Malcolm McLellan, professor of education at St. Francis Xavier University, told of beginnings in co-operative medicine and hospitalization in St. Andrews, Antigonish, and urged the inception of new enterprises such as laundries, restaurants, bus lines, woolen mills, grain mills, tanneries, theatres.

British System

MANCHESTER, England, Aug. 21.—Wide ramifications of the British co-operative organization came under the inspection last night of President Roosevelt's three-man commission which is making a survey of the movement in Europe.

William Bradshaw, president of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, and head of the retail division, explained the movement and then sent the commissioners on a tour of the warehouse area where they saw how the co-operatives provided needs from food to banking.

Today the commission will begin the day interviewing workers to discover how the movement benefits family economics.

Leaders of the co-operative system point to the \$500,000,000 yearly sales of the British Co-operative Wholesale Society as proof of their claims of

DAILY FOREIGN NEWS COMMENT

The Dogs of War

The Cid and other mighty Spanish champions of the centuries of bitter warfare by which Catholic Spain finally expelled the Saracen invaders, must be resting uneasily in their graves. Once more a story familiar to every Spaniard is being repeated in a modern setting. Again after twelve centuries, Moslem invaders pour across the narrow Straits of Gibraltar to attack Spaniards aided and abetted by their own countrymen. The old tradition is that when the Goths ruled Spain, that their king for reasons of state, executed one of the Gothic princes, who loved a princess named Cava. Full of bitter hatred for the death of her lover she journeyed to Morocco, then held by the Saracens, and persuaded the Moorish king that Spain would be an easy and profitable conquest. The Moors listened readily, and in one great battle the Gothic kingdom was lost.

So little did the Spaniards appreciate the centuries of oppression by the infidel which followed, that it was forbidden ever again to give the name Cava to a female child. To this day it is only used as a given name among the dogs.

The policy of General Francisco Franco in bringing Moorish Moslem troops into Spain to fight his battles has caused the deepest resentment. Hating all Spaniards, they are perpetrating the greatest barbarities in the districts where they are being used. The fact that lethal gas has been used against them only, while tear gas is used against other Spanish rebel forces shows the depth of popular resentment.

In the war of color, which many vision for the future, this experiment in educating the Moors again in how easy it is to plunder and loot in Christian countries, will bear bitter fruit. No doubt in future years when considering names for a new litter of pups while Cava will still have a place Francisco will not be forgotten, in memory of the eminent Fascist General Francis Franco, and his Moorish auxiliaries.

— H. M. P.

Miramichi

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Premier and the Department at Fredericton.

"Regarding paving the Richibucto Road, a proposal in a telegram from the Government to the local representative was submitted, stating that the work would be done on a 50-50 basis, with the town and Government co-operating. For the town's share of the cost, the Government would accept four per cent 20-year bonds at par.

"Although the unemployment situation was said to warrant drastic and immediate action, the further bonding of the town will call for lengthy consideration before any such agreement can be reached, it was stated."

French Vimy

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failure to honor the event with a suitable postal emission is that so many commemorative stamps had been petitioned for at this time, that it was impossible to print all of them; and it therefore seemed fairer to print none of them. However that may be, a more adequate view of the memorial might properly be included in Canada's next series of pictorial stamps, which will presumably be issued next winter, and will be the Dominion's first set bearing the portrait of King Edward VIII.—L. M.

success. Its activities reach all parts of the British Empire. Assets are listed at \$550,000,000, and about 50,000 persons are employed.

Wide Variety

Factories produce a wide variety of merchandise such as shirts, furniture, animal food, biscuits, skirts, soap, corsets and pots and pans.

The Society asserts it is the largest tea blender in the world, supplying 77,600,000 pounds yearly to retail co-operatives and 49,400,000 pounds to foreign co-operatives.

More than 1,000 tons of soap are produced weekly; men's clothing comes from seven factories; 5,000,000 pairs of shoes is the annual output of nine factories, while six factories each year turn out \$4,000,000 worth of furniture.

Financing of the British co-operative system has developed two features—the co-operative wholesale society bank and the co-operative insurance society.

At present more than \$3,500,000,000 passes over the counters of the bank each year in deposits and withdrawals.

Germany

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of law made by the cruiser Almirante Valdez before Seville (apparently a reference to reported damage to German property in Seville during bombardment by the vessel) the cruiser Libertad yesterday afternoon forced the German steamship Kamerun to follow her outside of Spanish waters and searched her with armed soldiers.

"This action against a German ship is a breach of the right of free shipping on the high seas.

"I am not disposed to tolerate such acts of force.

"I have instructed my sea forces to meet all unjustifiable acts of force from your ships with force."

Neutrality Hopes Fade

(In Paris, these developments from Germany caused official fears that France's proposed neutrality scheme had been almost irreparably upset by the Kamerun incident).

The terms employed by the German press toward the Madrid government became increasingly violent as resentment burned throughout government circles against acts deemed overt by the Spanish loyalists fighting the Fascist rebels whose cause finds much sympathy in National-Socialist Germany.

Der Angriff, official organ of Propaganda Minister Goebbels, said the Spanish Loyalist cruiser Libertad, which was reported in Germany to have frustrated the Kamerun's effort to rescue, endangered Germans, "lost all right to expect its flag to be respected further internationally."

At the time the German government made public its note to the Spanish loyalists at Madrid, the Foreign Office issued the following communique:

"The German charge d'affaires has been instructed to inform the Spanish government that German warships have been ordered to protect German vessels outside the Spanish sovereignty zone from similar encroachments in violation of international law with all the means at their disposal."

One non-European diplomat summed up the German moves:

"This transfers the key responsibility from the chancellery in Berlin and from Madrid to the bridges of the warships in the danger zone."

The Nazi Foreign Office said last night the Kamerun incident had tossed French neutrality proposals sky-high.

Demands Apologies

Chancellor Hitler was said to be now demanding apologies and assurances from the Madrid loyalists before he would consider binding himself with an arms embargo.

A government spokesman said:

"It's impossible to consider the French proposal until satisfaction has been given in the Kamerun affair. Negotiations are continuing with the French and British, who are contacting Madrid."

A vitriolic anti-Bolshevik campaign was unleashed in the press with some newspapers holding Moscow responsible for "insults" against German ships, saying that Spaniards would not dare to do such things unless they were backed up by Moscow.

Simultaneously, news stories described the Russian military preparations on Russia's western front.

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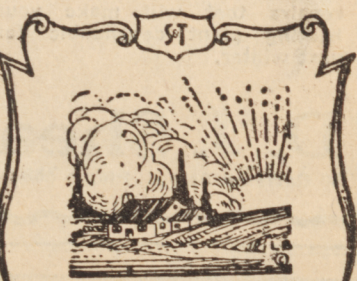
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