

Alderman Mundle is Opposed to the Police Commission

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Weather: Moderate winds, fair, cold.
Thursday, snow or rain, moderating.

LORD BEAVERBROOK HAS BEEN RECALLED TO ENGLAND BY KING EDWARD FOR CONFERENCE

Britain Wonders If She, Not Soviet, Is Hitler's Prey

London's Air Vulnerability and Centralization
Peril in 'Knockout War' Noted

Russia's Remoteness, Empire Value Stir Anxiety

American Writer Believes That Hitler Has Aims
on England

LONDON, Dec. 2.—A correspondent of the New York Tribune has the following to say in regard to the ambition of Germany as to the British Empire and is being published by The Daily Mail for what it is worth.

The writers remarks that: In all the preparation and talk about war, which is the great contrapuntal theme of life in London these days, one note has been sounded constantly. It is the hopeful note that Germany's preparations are not being directed primarily at England and France, but that Reichsteurer Adolf Hitler's eyes are fixed irrevocably upon the east for the celebrated "Drang nach Osten" against Russia.

Those who harp upon this are convinced, or wish to be convinced, that any preparations Germany may make in the west, such as the reoccupation and rearticulation of the Rhineland, are merely for securing her western frontier against attack while she is making her eastern thrust.

But a curious revision of opinion is slowly taking place, now that all phases of the "Drang nach Osten" have been discussed. More and more one hears that the real attack is to be against England, and France if she attempts to come to the aid of England. It remained for me this week to hear it in official quarters, so official that the source cannot be quoted.

The drums of hatred for things communistic are still being beaten in Germany, these people say, but all the real emphasis is now on a prize which is of vastly greater import than the Ukraine, and which doesn't possess the latter's disadvantages in point of conquest.

The prize is the British Empire, the most opulent and at the same time the most vulnerable treasure on earth. Its vulnerability is not only in its military and aerial weakness, but in the fact that London is its heart, its brain centre, its nerve centre and even its muscle centre. In the City of London, or in its environs, are literally thousands of factories producing essential materials which could be wiped out of existence by the "Second Great Fire" which is predicted as the results of thermite bombs broadcast over the area.

Air Raiders Can't Miss London
One of Britain's elder statesmen has likened London, for defenselessness, to "a great cow, tethered to the river bank." No hostile pilot can miss London, blackout or no blackout, up the broad highway of the Thames. There is no doubt in the minds of even members of the British air force

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CAPTAIN JAMES MOLLISON FAILS TO BREAK OWN RECORD

(Special to The Daily Mail)
CAPETOWN, Dec. 2.—Capt. James A. Mollison, who, accompanied by a French pilot, left on a flight from London to Capetown, failed to break his own record today. The last word received he was thought to have got lost about 300 miles from Capetown. A later report stated that Captain Mollison was about 110 miles from his goal and had twenty-six minutes to make it and was off his course.

AIRWAYS TO BE RUN BY PRIVATE INTERESTS

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—Canada's new transcontinental airway system which will be inaugurated on July 1 next, will be operated by a strong private company with sufficient resources and equipment to provide the Dominion with a nationwide airways service comparable to any in the world. Plans for the trans-Canada airways are being rapidly developed by Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, and they will provide for a daily service between Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, with important connecting lines to serve the mining communities and cities which are not on the main line.

Following a recent flight from the Atlantic to the Pacific, Hon. Mr. Howe announced that it was the intention of the government to enlist the co-operation of responsible private airplane enterprise and the organization.

JAPANESE ARMY FINDS 40 P.C. ARE PHYSICALLY UNFIT

TOKYO, Dec. 2.—Japan's government officials, doctors and army officials are alarmed at what they term the steady decline in the nation's health, physique and longevity.

Diseases like tuberculosis, heart failure, cancer, arterial disturbances and kidney disorders, they assert, are increasing at a disturbing rate.

The "Asahi," one of Japan's biggest and most important newspapers, says that army statistics show that 400 out of every 1,000 applicants for the army are found to be physically unfit.

Berlin Press Announces Spain, Soviet Agreement

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The Berlin papers state that an agreement has been reached between Spain and the Soviet. This fact the German press states provides for shipping of arms, ammunition and men from Moscow.

Nothing has been heard from him since.
COLDEST MORNING
A mark of ten degrees below zero was recorded on official thermometers here this morning. It was the coldest morning of the current winter season. The river is now thoroughly frozen over, save for an occasional airhole. The average thickness of the ice is six and seven inches.

Blocking the Citizens

ONE of the principal arguments—if it could be called an argument—advanced by Ald. Maxwell for the retention of the Police Commission, and one which we referred yesterday, is one that has been advanced in a local paper which is supporting the Commission. It is to the effect that the Police Commission prevents any citizen who may have a just claim against the city through injuries received through action of the police, from prosecuting the same. This is a most vicious idea to put forward. It was put forward first by a local paper some weeks ago and later advanced by Ald. Maxwell at the city council. In fact, the editorial which appeared in the local paper and the speech delivered by Ald. Maxwell at the council meeting seem to have been inspired, if not prepared, by the same interested party.

Ald. Maxwell said: "First let us consider actual results, apparent to any observer and that is, not a single suit against the city of Fredericton during the years our police have been administered by commission. And why? Under a system of City Council control of Police officers, there are cases in which the city are responsible for the acts of its police; under Commission control as at present set up in this city, there are no cases in which the city can be held responsible for the acts of its police. That is but logical as 'a city corporation cannot be held liable for the consequences of ANYTHING DONE BY A POLICE OFFICER APPOINTED BY A BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS OVER WHOM IT HAS NOT THE RIGHT OF DISCHARGE OR CONTROL.' I submit to you, gentlemen, that this is a HIGHLY DESIRABLE POSITION in which to be. Why lightly vacate it in the light of the fact that a very large proportion of the actions brought against city corporations have their inception IN SOME ACTION OR OMISSION ON THE PART OF THE POLICE? We don't have to go outside our own province and we don't have to go back many years to see that.

"I feel, with The Gleaner that 'the placing of the control of police in Fredericton in the City Council would seem to be a backward step, and an action the reverse of that which is being taken generally.'"

The argument first advanced in an editorial in a local paper recently and later elaborated on by Ald. Maxwell, that one of the chief functions of the Police Commission and a great argument for its being retained, WAS ITS POWER TO RENDER IMPOTENT THE CLAIMS OF FREDERICTON CITIZENS SEEKING REDRESS IN A LEGAL MANNER FOR INJURIES SUFFERED, IS ONE WHICH WILL HAVE LITTLE APPEAL TO THE AVERAGE CITIZEN. In charity we must suppose that those advancing such an argument have neglected to reason their thesis out to its logical conclusion. Apparently they have through over-zealousness confused what might be financially expedient with what is just. SUCH AN ARGUMENT STRIKES A DEADLY BLOW AT THE ROOT OF DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AND BRITISH JUSTICE. WHETHER PRESENTED WITH A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF ALL ITS IMPLICATIONS OR NOT, IT SHOWS A DISTRESSING BLIND SPOT TO TRUE CIVIC VALUES IN ITS ADVOCATES.

All British methods of administering justice, whether ancient or modern, take their present day foundation from Magna Charta, which guaranteed fair play and equal justice to all classes.

Macauley, the great historian, said that the settler in the farthest Australian desert beneath the Southern Cross must feel the blood flow more freely in his veins as he read the unforgettable conclusion of Chapter 29 of Magna Charta:

"TO NO MAN WILL WE SELL, TO NO MAN DENY, TO NO MAN DELAY, JUSTICE OR RIGHT."

The open though perhaps unconscious admission of eagerness to avoid proper civic responsibility made by one of the representatives of the citizens of Fredericton, for the acts of civic servants, amounts in the final analysis—whether recommended verbally or in the press—to public choice of financial expediency at the expense of the moral obligations involved. WE OURSELVES THINK THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF FREDERICTON CITIZENS WILL PLACE JUSTICE TO EVERY CITIZEN AHEAD OF ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

Let us not show ourselves less eager in the interests of justice and fair play than our semi-barbarous ancestors who drafted Magna Charta.

Do the citizens of Fredericton wish to retain a body like the Police Commission which acts, according to Ald. Maxwell, as a bumper to prevent a citizen who has a just claim against the city in case of an uncalled for injury on the part of the police? According to the contention put forward in Alderman Maxwell's remarks, and the remarks which first appeared in the downtown paper, any police officer could half murder a man unjustly and the man so injured would have no redress. If Alderman Maxwell is contented to put forward such a doctrine as an argument why the Police Commission should be retained, The Daily Mail feels he and those who support him have a mighty poor idea of British fair play and the rights of our citizens. He has much misconstrued the spirit of the people and he is speaking for a very small minority.

TWO MAIN ROADS PLANNED FOR NORTH

TORONTO, Dec. 2.—Northern Ontario's lack of highways will be remedied next year when the Ontario Government begins a programme of road-building designed to place eventually the North on a comparative basis with the South as far as arteries of traffic are concerned.

Speaking before the Automotive Transport Association at the Royal York on Saturday night, Hon. T. B. McQuesten Minister of Highways, announced that two main trunk highways will be started next year, one from Sault Ste. Marie to North Bay and the other from North Bay northward. The proposed roads programme (Continued on Page Four)

BEAVERBROOK CALLED BACK TO ENGLAND

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Dec. 2.—King Edward conferred for two hours at Buckingham Palace last night with Lord Beaverbrook, publisher of the London Daily Express. It was a private meeting. Lord Beaverbrook, long a close personal friend of King Edward, was summoned back to London while en route to the United States ten days ago aboard the liner Bremen. He received a message in mid-Atlantic asking him to return immediately for the conference, so started back to England the same day he reached New York and aboard the same liner.

THE KING REVIEWS NEW UNIFORMS

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Dec. 2.—The new blue uniforms for British soldiers which are to be worn for the first time at the coronation, were reviewed today by King Edward.

Substantial Increase Royal Canadian Air Force Has Been Announced

Bill For Shipping Arms to Spain Passes House

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Dec. 2.—The House of Commons was in session until two o'clock this morning debating over a bill in regard to ships carrying arms to Spain. The bill passed 182 to 88. One member of Parliament who had been in Spain said that the present civil war of Spain had all the atrocities of the middle ages.

Recognizes Italian Conquest in Ethiopia

(Special to The Daily Mail)
ROME, Dec. 2.—Official circles today state that Nicaragua has officially recognized Italy's conquest of Abyssinia.

Government Forces Successful Today

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MADRID, Dec. 2.—The government forces today carried out a successful attack on the insurgent forces twelve miles out of Madrid.

Many College Men are Held as Being 'Illiterates'

They Emerge With 'Text Book Degree' and Nothing Else, Canadian Librarian Holds

But 'Some Wake' Up Later

Libraries Urged to Help Them --- Others Scored as Wasters of School Time

CAMILIEN HOUE AGAIN IN A CIVIC CONTEST

(Special to The Daily Mail)
MONTREAL, Dec. 2.—Former mayor or Camilien Houe, has announced his intention to return to the civic campaign for the mayoralty of the Metropolitan city of Canada. He states that he expects an easy victory. There will be three others in the contest.

Home of William Dunlap Razed By Fire This Afternoon

A fire which broke out early this afternoon at the home of William Dunlap, Sr., on Aberdeen street, burned the rear of the building, including the shed and the cellar, and spread to the attic and roof before the firemen were able to extinguish the blaze. The cause of the fire is yet unknown, but the firemen fought the fire for one hour before it was extinguished. The Dunlap home is a self-contained, two flat building. Mrs. Duncan, housekeeper, was the only one in the house at the time of the fire. Most of the furniture was rescued from the building. The damage is not yet estimated.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The average college student graduates ignorant of everything except textbooks and finishes his college course illiterate, according to E. C. Kye, librarian of Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. Speaking yesterday at the twenty-fourth annual conference of Eastern College Librarians at Columbia University, Mr. Kye suggested that the college librarian must add to his other duties the work of guiding the alumnus in reading because that alumnus fails to take advantage of reading opportunities in his undergraduate days.

"As I see the college student, fresh, in every sense of the word, from a home where few books are possessed or read and no books are talked about he comes to the university consumed with the ambition not to fall in his year," Mr. Kye said. "liberal education so far has given him the comic strip, the Sunday supplement (Continued on Page Four)

EXPERTS SEEKING CLUE IN CRYSTAL PALACE ROOMS

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Dec. 2.—Crowds are still gathering around the ruins of Crystal Palace. Experts are closely searching through the ruins for any possible clue as to the origin of the fire which still remains a mystery.

Concern Over Volunteers Going to Spain

(Special to The Daily Mail)
LONDON, Dec. 2.—In the House of Commons today Sir Anthony Eden's speech showed great concern as to the volunteers from several countries which are going to Spain and taking part in the civil war. The British government is going to do its utmost to stop this entering into Spain of volunteers from neutral countries. In the House of Lords today a bill permitting the carrying out of mercy deaths was stoutly opposed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The bill was defeated thirty-five to fourteen.

Movement For Creation of a New Party

ATHENS, Dec. 2.—Censorship is in force today it is understood for the protection due to a certain movement being on foot for the creation of a new party in Greece. In view of the fact that this originates from certain military officers several of these men have appealed to court for the protection of their honor. Several ex-ministers have been arrested.

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