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DeValera Recognizes Symbol

Delivering what William T. Cosgrave, Leader of the Opposition in the Irish Free State Parliament, declared to be a slap in Britain's face at a time when she needs sympathy, President de Valera took advantage of King Edward's abdication to rush through a bill abolishing the office of Governor-General.

By so doing, he left only one link remaining between the Irish Free State and the British Crown, and this one is of considerably more advantage to the former than to the latter.

Announcing that Dublin would recognize the King so long as he remained and was accepted as the symbol of Empire, Mr. de Valera declared that the British Monarch now had no power in the Free State, but would still be permitted to act for her in regard to foreign relations.

The warm-hearted impulsiveness of the Irish is proverbial, but little evidence of it is to be seen in this arrangement, which smacks rather of cold and calculating sharp practice, for by it Dublin shifts all expense and responsibility in connection with her foreign affairs on the shoulders of the Government she repudiates. The appointment and direction of Irish Ministers, Consuls and so on abroad, for instance, will be left to Britain.

Undoubtedly Mr. de Valera will also allow Britain the privilege of defending the Free State shores against possible attempts at invasion, in return for which he will consent to recognize the King "as a symbol."

Mr. de Valera apparently realizes that there is no place for Ireland outside the Empire; yet he endeavors to persuade his followers that she is no longer within it. He holds on to the fact of dependence upon the protection of its other constituents, while assuming as closely as possible an appearance of complete independence.

This can scarcely impress the outside world as a dignified attitude. Mr. de Valera knows quite clearly all the loss that would be entailed by the Free State by her breaking from the Empire; but if he feels that separation is worth that loss he should make it complete and actual, not a weak imitation which permits her to shift her responsibilities and cares on to the Crown she slights.

A Stronger Empire

When Chief Justice Rowell, on Friday evening at the National Club in Toronto, expressed the belief that a more firmly cemented Empire would emerge from the troubles of recent days, he voiced the hope in the breasts of most British people and probably of a multitude who are non-British. And even this soon the hope appears to have become a realization; for wherever the map of the world is red, people are rallying with characteristic loyalty to sing "God Save the King."

Was it not typical that a dinner arranged in honor of the Chief Justice became an opportunity to pay tribute to the Throne, to the soundness of British traditions and the high ideals which guided statesmen during the trial?

The Englishman has been called inconsistent and the Empire an illogical aggregation of peoples. It is a mystery to outsiders, often to Britishers. No one could be certain that the crisis over the Crown would not develop into a serious cleavage. Nothing similar had occurred before, and the test was made under conditions without precedent, without rules which could be applied. The inconsistency of the Englishman's logic was put to a severe strain. His logic, as usual, turned out to be common sense, based on steadfast principles, high ideals and loyalty.

Obviously the Empire is not the Englishman. Yet we cannot forget that it grew out of the courage and enterprise of that small island to which we turn in critical moments, such as this, for the benefits of experience and leadership. Nor need we forget that through the centuries there have been serious divisions of opinion and mistakes. The heartening thought is that it has grown in stature and strength, despite mistakes and setbacks, until today it is able to pass through a period of grave danger with the utmost security.

Judge Rowell rightly gave credit to "the genius, the capacity, the patience, the sympathy and the wise statesmanship of Stanley Baldwin." The unadorned story which the British Prime Minister told the House of Commons will remain a classic in British history. He gave merited credit, also, to the dignity and patience and accuracy with which Premier Mackenzie King interpreted the desired of the Canadian people. Similar credit must be due leaders in other Dominions. Possibly the press of British countries made some contribution to stability of sentiment by refraining voluntarily for weeks from exploiting the gossip circulated about his Majesty and Mrs. Simpson. The full part played by Queen Mary and others of the Royal household in ensuring a happy solution in the final days is not yet known. When King Edward himself was able to speak, his words were helpful to the people and his successor.

During the constant possibility of irreparable conflict it is inspiring to realize that unanimity of action in every quarter was directed to preservation of Empire unity and peace. It was British genius in operation, the genius which governs half a hundred contented colonies, scattered over the earth, and binds self-governing Dominions in a common spirit.

They're Doing This in Vancouver

In recent month his Worship the Lord Mayor of London was guest of Vancouver, B.C., and on his return to London repaid the compliment in kind by act as host to his Worship Mayor G. G. McGeer of Vancouver.

The effect of these events was seen last Friday when Vancouver opened its new and ornate City Hall, which takes the place of the old building, at Main and Hastings Streets, intended originally for a market and for some unknown reason painted red by a former Mayor.

Of the opening ceremony we read, in part:

"Before his Worship opened the door Mr. Townley presented him with a golden replica of the key given to the Lord Mayor of London on his visit here this summer. Then the Mayor led into the hall the distinguished guests. In the Council Chamber a brilliant pageant took place. The Mayor, preceded by his Mace-Bearer and Sergeant-at-Arms, entered in full regalia. The great gleaming symbol of office was placed on its special table, and the Mayor and Aldermen took their seats. Flanking them were guards of honor, comprising naval and militia officers. Seated in front of the Mayor were the Acting City Clerk, Corporation Counsel D. E. McTaggart and City Solicitor Arthur Lord, all in their gowns.

The mace of the Provincial Parliament was also carried in procession, and was laid on the table side by side with its civic brother, who was at least five times as heavy, bulky and imposing.

It is quite possible that in the near future Vancouver will speak of its Chief Magistrate as "The Lord Mayor," and will institute the annual Lord Mayor's Show, for a love of pageantry is in the city's blood.

How would it do to get a mace-bearer for Mayor Kitchen?

SNAPSHOTS

The Rubbie Brigade has taken up its winter headquarters between Regent and Saint John Streets on Queen. This is annoying to strangers and others who are being stopped and asked for a handout. The police should keep the members of the brigade on the run.

They may have good doctors in Vienna but according to certain press dispatches the servants are "not so hot." It seems they tell tales pretendedly out of school from the Rothschild household. Would it be the same correspondent that had Madrid surrendered "within a few hours" about two months ago?

Some one ought to tell Baron Rothschild not to let those correspondents in to talk to his servants.

One dispatch has Duke of Windsor closely guarded so no one can get within blocks of him. Another says the correspondents are swarming around the house. The correspondents should get together and send out the same reports.

The hockey boys got away to a good start last night. They deserve a good support from the fans.

King George VI of New Brunswick!

Edward Will

(Continued from Page One) science," who visited Toronto over the week-end. Although her home is in Paris, she has spent most of her life in various places from New York City to Hong Kong.

The reign of George VI says Madam Laila, will be a prosperous one for the Empire, because, during that period, it will enlarge, partly from the "annexation of certain islands" following a great war.

The war, she says, will take place in 1937, but the Empire will not become involved in it. As a matter of fact, the Empire will benefit, because it will sell vast quantities of munitions and other material to the warring nations.

Just about the time this war gets well under way, prosperity will return to Canada in such measure that the former boom times will look like lean years in comparison. Furthermore, it won't be a fleeting prosperity, it will be here to stay.

In the early part of next year, a great oil field will be discovered within eight miles of Toronto, Madam Laila predicts. In February, a Toronto man will perfect a certain type of plant—Madam is not certain whether it will be vegetable or fruit—which will possess amazing properties. First of all, the fruit or vegetable which it will produce will be sold both dried and fresh. Secondly, the leaves will be not only waterproof, but fireproof. This material will also be much in demand by warring nations.

In March, this Toronto scientist will commence to build his factories, and by the middle of the summer the first crop will be ready for the mill.

Madam Laila claims she predicted many world events, and just in case you are skeptical, she produces a huge scrap book containing newspaper clippings in a score of languages. The clippings carry a regular dateline and credit Madam with the following prophecies, among others: 1928—That Acoste, French flier, would hop the Atlantic—which he did two years later. The Sino-Japanese war; that Carol would return to Roumania's throne.

1929—That beer would again flow in the United States; that the market crash was on its way; that Jimmy Walker would be re-elected mayor of New York, and that LaGuardia would follow; that the next President would be a Democrat.

1931—The dictatorship of Dollfus in Austria.

1934—The re-election of Roosevelt. Mussolini, by the way, will never be assassinated, he will die only when old age finally catches up with him.

The Call of

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Two of Mr. Hamilton's plays, "The Aunt of England" and "His Majesty the King," would not be produced in New York, at least for the present, because he had not found talent suitable for the parts, he said.

"The Aunt of England" would likely be staged in London in the near future, he continued. "His Majesty the King" is also due to open there soon.

GRIMM TALKING . . .

CHICAGO, Dec. 15—Said Charlie Grimm, manager of the Chicago Cubs, today "Would I like to have Van Lingle Mungo? I'll say I would. In fact . . ."

Grimm quit talking. The reported deal which might put the Brooklyn Dodgers pitching ace on the Cub payroll is so complicated, Grimm indicated, that he'd rather not go into it now. The transaction, worked on at the major league meeting, was said to involve not only half a dozen Cubs, but two Dodgers and one member of the Cincinnati Reds.

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Threat to

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Warfaz has served as actor, producer and dramatist. Currently he is trying his hand in the production of a movie. The film is called "Big Fella" and stars Paul Robeson. But while cinema work is interesting to Mr. de Warfaz, he does not find it an unmixed blessing. In too many instances, he says, the pictures appear to play down to the supposed infantile mentality of the people who pay their money at the box office.

"The American film, I would almost venture to say," says the new Regional Adjudicator, "is threatening to change the character of the rising generation in England. You find even the errand boys adopting a nasal twang and using American slang."

It will be Mr. de Warfaz's first visit to North America when he arrives there early next year. He will begin looking over the Dominion's offerings in one-act drama at Saint John, New Brunswick.

From there he will proceed westward toward Vancouver and possibly to Victoria, judging between 250 and 300 competitive dramatic productions in the preliminaries of Canada's theatre festival. Following that he will be judge of the literary and speech classes at the Quebec Music Festival early in April.

Mr. de Warfaz is Director of Dramatic Society in South Kensington. The society has fifty acting members and generally puts on three shows a year. One of the most interesting phases of the society's work is production of plays by unknown writers.

Along about this season ragged little fellows start dropping into department stores to stare hungrily at candy counters. They decline profers of sweets by the customers, but when the purchasers' change is laid on the counter they snatch it up and streak down the street before he can say scamper.

As powerful as the element of fear in 'protective rackets' that infest many business lines, Bennett said, is the petty larceny in the heart of the ordinary individual which makes him an easy victim to salesmen of 'hot' or stolen wares. He slides along side pedestrians and in undertones offers bolts of smuggled cloth, raincoats, watches, etc. His low price is from five to ten times the actual worth of the goods, and his watch with the face and case of an expensive make contains a twelve-cent's worth.

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People still invest their savings for a partnership in machines that manufacture money right before their eyes.

They arrange advertisements for 'a steel engraving of Washington or Lincoln for only one dollar' and receive a stamp.

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TOPEKA, Dec. 16—The Kansas Supreme Court ruled today that a "bank night" scheme practiced by some Fox theatres in Kansas is prohibited by the State's anti-lottery laws. Under the plan, cash prizes are given at drawings.

Car Watching

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calling for relentless attack by his office.

Begun by urchins looking for amusement money, car watching was taken over during the depression by hoodlums. The queries, "watch your car, mister?" had begun to carry the "... or else" implication of sabotage when police took action last week. Hundreds of such rackets, the attorney general said, have been scotched, "but others spring up in their places, the new ones more fantastic than the old, many of them barely within the law."

In the neighborhood of New York's two great railroad terminals, Pennsylvania and Grand Central, about 10 barber shops have been reported operating the 'head cure' game on travellers.

A barber cutting the hair of an out-of-towner, suddenly draws back in horror. He holds between his fingers a tiny, squirming worm.

"Good heavens!" declares the tonsorialist, and then, whispering, "I'm sorry to say, sir, this is a very serious condition. We have just the remedy." The treatment ranges from \$3.50 to \$10, depending upon the gullibility and size of pocketbook of the patron.

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"And all of this you do swear without any equivocation, mental evasion or secret reservation—SO HELP ME GOD."

A proclamation has also been issued by His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, under the authority of Chapter 72 of the Revised Statutes of New Brunswick, 1927, intitled "An Act Respecting Public Officers in the Demise of the Crown," establishing all public officials who held office under the preceding Sovereign and requiring that as soon as possible hereafter they shall take the usual Oath of Allegiance to His Majesty. It will be noted without the Proclamation quoted above, the words quoted: "and of this Province dependent on and belonging to the United Kingdom" appears.

This puts the provincial government official stamp upon an idea which we have been wondering about for a long time.

Apropos of what is implied in the above quotation and, more importantly, what may, and should, be inferred from it by the keener student of provincial rights, this would uncoil a few necessary considerations. These considerations are necessary at this time to clarify some conceptions which the so-called New Brunswick "Canadian" has absorbed since his early school days.

According to several leading authorities on the question of Federal-provincial relationships, a great wrong has been done the average intelligent citizen of New Brunswick—a dark veil has been thrown before his eyes and he has come, through a process of subtle education, to a typically local "Canadian" point of view. His ideas, since childhood, have been strongly grounded in a grave misconception—a misconception which, says one student of the problem, is right now calling on all New Brunswickers to "pay the fiddler" for their hitherto unwitting but lamentably blind and unquestioning acceptance. The misconception is one which must be re-adjusted in the minds of the rising generation—or else? Or else provinces, like New Brunswick, will go down to an economic grave without a murmur. And this, say those who are concerned with this state of affairs is not going down "rose crowned into the darkness."

More specifically, it is a fact that the idea associations which we as Canadian citizens have come to accept with the words 'dominion', 'Canadian', and 'provincial' are not in accord with a truly legal reading of the points of the actual Confederation documents. We think that the Dominion is 'our home, our native land'; that we are 'Canadians', and that our provincial government bears the same relation to the Dominion government that any small electoral

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division bears to its home government. These are too commonly accepted, too little questioned, too widely proven by the weight of our native patriotism. And it is not that patriotism as a principle is an idle one, for with it much has been built, if much destroyed; it is that patriots have apparently been more intent upon bestowing their affections upon a mythical Canadian home than proclaiming their allegiance to an actual Imperial Crown.

Now the danger of all this is certainly not one of our too little veneration of the Mother Country; it is more immediate and, in effect, local. The danger is that these conceptions in the minds of our citizens lay a perfect background for our impraisive recognition of all Federal parliamentary movements as being 'all for our best.' Even if the central parliament were chiefly concerned with us as members of each province it must certainly concern itself first and foremost with matters 'of the Dominion.' Consequently issues like C.P.R. are likely to drain the less central parts, like New Brunswick, without reciprocal and proportional benefits being allowed them. And the point of all this is that readjustment of this can never be possible, can never even be conceived as a necessity, until our ideas of provincial-federal relationship are clarified by reference to the documented, filed but scarcely emphasized provisions in the Confederation agreements of 1867 which make clear our mutual responsibilities.

Robert Grove Leads Hurlers

CHICAGO, Dec. 15—A lot of baseball fans started to count Robert Moses Grove 'out' two years ago but he's still in there pitching.

The lean, rubbery-armed Boston Red Sox lefthander, official averages showed today, topped all American League pitchers in 1936 with an earned run average of 2.81. It was the second consecutive year he accomplished that feat.

He appeared in 35 games during the 1936 campaign, winning 17 and losing 12. He gave 237 hits to 963 batters in 253 innings. As in 1935, he was the only one of 66 pitchers working in 45 or more innings to allow less than three runs to a game. It was the seventh time he has led the circuit.