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## SPIES ARE NATIONS' EYES AND EARS

IF ANY FURTHER proof were needed that Europe is beset with war dangers, it could be found in the constant procession of spies before Russian firing squads.

Whenever a country is flooded with spies, it means that somebody is sowing dragon's teeth. These secret workers are the rash which enables the specialist to give a positive diagnosis of threatening trouble.

Some half a hundred spies and saboteurs have been shot in the Soviet Union in the past few days, and they have been labeled by Russian officials as hirelings of Japan.

Russia has been suffering from spyphobia for a couple of years, and the epidemic has intensified as developments have brought from Moscow the charges that Japan and Germany are preparing to make war on the Soviet Union. The fever is at about the highest point it has reached in recent years, and it is not surprising to see this in view of the stress of the times.

Every country employs spies, both in war and in peace. They are the eyes and ears of Governments in ferreting out the secrets of other nations, either for protection or for offensive operations.

Whether we like the idea, spies are essential to every nation, and have been since the days when Moses sent twelve men to "spy the land" of Canaan to size up its strength and riches. Incidentally, the report of these sleuths of old that Canaan was "flowing with milk and honey" is probably the most famous of its kind.

Spies at this moment are walking the streets of Washington, and of every other capital of the world. The United States has military and naval and possibly diplomatic secrets which other nations want.

The French Surete Nationale has been running round in circles, trying to solve a complicated mystery which reads like a fiction thriller. Characters in this melodrama include two Russian generals of Czarist days—Nicholas Skobline and Eugene De Miller—who disappeared with unexplained strangeness.

Then there is the brunette, Mme. Skobline, a concert singer whose stage name is Nadine Plevitskaia. Agents of the Surete questioned her about the disappearance.

This case is not the only one to plague the Surete. In July Jean De Koken, a Brooklyn dancer, dropped out of sight and the police haven't yet got trace of her.

Somebody has tried to bomb a railway tunnel in the French-Spanish frontier. Somebody else attempted to steal a Spanish loyalist submarine at Brest. Part of these events, maybe all of them, have international ramifications. Nations do not confine their spying to enemy countries. Friendly States are looked over along with the rest on general principles.

During the World War allies even used to maintain spies on each other's fronts. I remember one affable spy on the British front. He ran a cafe in Amiens and the English knew all about him, though he wasn't molested.

Espionage doesn't rank very high as a profession in the minds of many people. However, it is an honorable calling so long as the agent is not spying against his own country, that is, so long as he is not a traitor.

Whatever else it may be, it certainly is dangerous. The executions in Russia prove that. Not only men but women constantly are paying with their lives for engaging in this adventurous calling.

## AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

THIS IS NOT a sermon, nor a one-day-in-seven-talk. It is a message for every day and every hour of the day for every person who moves on and about our highways. Especially is it intended for those who drive automobiles but it also contains a message for those who still classify themselves as pedestrians.

If an army suddenly appeared in any Canadian city and shot to death 1,250 people and maimed 20,000 others, words would fail to describe the horror of it all. Unbelievable, unthinkable you say. Yes it is; but during the present year 1,250 Canadians will be killed and 20,000 others will be more or less maimed or disabled by machines of death in the hands of fellow Canadians in the great majority of instances. These instruments of destruction are not machine guns nor rifles nor armaments of artillery. No, they are sleek looking peace time creatures whose makers never intended that they should bring harm or disaster to a living soul. They are called automobiles.

And why then do they kill and maim? Because—somebody blunders, somebody gets excited, somebody does the wrong thing, somebody drinks, somebody gets excited, somebody does the wrong thing, somebody drinks alcoholic beverages and then tries to control a mighty mechanical force, somebody hurries, somebody drives too fast, somebody darts out on the road, somebody says—I will let the other fellow look out for me, somebody doesn't care, somebody plays fool, somebody makes a mistake—a terrible mistake—and a life is snuffed out.

What are we going to do about it? What are you going to do about it? This appalling loss of life and limb—to say nothing of the seventy million dollar money loss that goes with it—is a problem of gigantic proportions and one that must be met.

But parliaments cannot stop it. Resolutions won't cure it. Public meetings will not eradicate the evil. The problem is strictly up to every individual who drives and every individual who walks on the highways.

In the first place no automobile should ever go on the road unless it is mechanically safe. Every driver knows what this means, and every driver who breaks this rule is courting disaster for himself and somebody else.

In the second place no driver should take the wheel of an automobile on the highway unless that driver feels qualified to control the car under emergency as well as under normal driving conditions. Disregard of this may mean not only disaster but should be regarded as criminal negligence. If you do not feel absolutely fit to drive, don't drive.

It would be a splendid thing if a slogan somewhat like the following were printed on every windshield:

"I don't want to be maimed or killed, neither does any one else";

## Snapshots

A falling meteor was seen at Minto on Sunday night last. Was it a sign in the heavens connected with the strike situation?

New Brunswick's divorce crop seems to be increasing, and we used at one time to be considered quite a respectable slow going province.

Some men and women who have been filling in jobs during the summer are now worrying because if they continue to work they will not be able to receive relief.

If a man thinks he's Napoleon and nobody agrees with him he becomes an inmate of the bug-house; if the masses agree with him he becomes a dictator.

A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself, and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself.

You can tell man is a superior animal. Since the world began, others have never improved their method of killing one another.

The final strain on good manners is the effort to be polite to a man when you know how he treats his wife.

A school for men and women past 70 years of age has been endowed by a philanthropist at Elgin, Ill. Ah, happy, happy second childhood at last!

## MEN'S CLUB MEETS

The regular meeting of the Parish Church Men's Club was held in the Parish Hall last evening. After the regular business was disposed of, Martin Horncliffe gave a very interesting talk on the Vimy Pilgrimage which was greatly enjoyed by all present. The next period was given over to story telling, Charles Bolden topping all members with the tallest story. Play was resumed in the cumulative card tournament, Francis C. Ayres being high scorer in bridge and J. Partington in auction forty-fives. After the usual light refreshments another pleasant evening of the Men's Club came to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

## DIED

GUNTER—Passed away at Saint John, N. B., Oct. 26, 1937, William D. Gunter, aged 51 years. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. from the residence of Mrs. H. H. Gunter, University Avenue, Fredericton. Prayers at the house will be followed by service at Christchurch Cathedral by Very Rev. Dean W. H. Moorhead. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

## CHINESE

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when he visited five Chinese restaurants which refused to serve him food, A. O. MacLeod related during the meeting. This particular Japanese, he explained, was, however, a supporter of the Chinese Republic.

Post cards carrying an appeal urging the Prime Minister of Canada to place an immediate embargo on the shipment of war materials to Japan may in the near future swell the mail bag of Rt. Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. A proposal that as a means of carrying on an anti-Japanese boycott in Toronto there might be mailed to the Premier of Canada post-cards, signed, any carrying the words: "As a citizen of Canada, I strongly urge you to place an immediate embargo on the shipment of war materials to Japan until that nation has withdrawn its armed troops from the soil of China." was made at the meeting called by the Toronto and District Council of the Canadian League for Peace and Democracy.

A committee of five, representing the League of Nations, Trade and Labor Congress, Youth's Council, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the League for Peace and Democracy, was appointed to act in connection with the proposed Toronto boycott of Japan.

## TWO PROMINENT

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whatever advisers it considered necessary.

Mr. Stewart, 48 years old, is head of a widely known Halifax legal firm of Stewart, Smith, McKee and Rogers, connected with numerous corporations and was for many years provincial treasurer of the Conservative party in Nova Scotia. He is president of the Acadia Sugar Refining Co., vice-president of the Mersey Paper Co., Nova Scotia Light and Power Company, and of Maritime National Fish, Ltd., as well as being a director of several other corporations. He is chairman of the board of governors of Dalhousie University. He was a counsel in the natural resources inquiry in Alberta and Saskatchewan a few years ago.

Mr. St. Laurent, 55, was president of the Canadian Bar Association, 1930-32, and a former batonnier of the Quebec bar. Like Mr. Stewart, he is head of a widely known firm of lawyers.

## FAIR WAGE

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its action can be taken to cope with a situation which seriously threatens the existence of an industry upon which the welfare of thirteen hundred miners and their families depends.

As Acting Minister of Labour, I directed the Fair Wage Board yesterday afternoon to convene at Minto on Wednesday of this week and conduct a complete investigation of the circumstances under which the coal mining industry is carried on and the conditions under which those employed in the mine are required to work and the wages they should receive.

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## PIRATE PLANES

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Diplomats believed the immediate reaction would be a stiffening of the French stand at the London meeting tomorrow of the non-intervention subcommittee which is seeking an agreement for the withdrawal of foreign volunteers from the Spanish civil war.

An unofficial and unconfirmed report said a French freighter was sunk at Barcelona.

A Valencia defence ministry communiqué said papers found in the wreck of one of the bombers shot down at Barcelona proved they were Italian and came from the island base at Mallorca.

French frontier police and customs officers at Penpignan said the Maltese cross insignia was painted on insurgent Spanish planes which have been bombing Portbou, just across the border.

The Maltese cross marked raider attacked the submarine chaser No. 91 this morning off the north coast of

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