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Rebels Get the Edge

The fall of Malaga transfers the arena of civil war operations from European chancelleries and diplomatic committees back to Spain. Seizure of this strategic south coast Mediterranean port—second in importance to Barcelona—is the first decisive action in many months of exhaustive seige-fighting. Combined with the offensive on the Madrid-Valencia road, it gives the insurgents a very decided edge and one which might easily mark the turning point and settlement of the revolution, if not the future of the "Republic."

The control of Malaga is of much greater strategic importance to the rebels than it was to the defeated loyalists. It brings General Franco much nearer his Moroccan supply base, at the same time greatly facilitating concentrated and co-ordinated land, naval and air movements against the other Mediterranean cities of Almeria, Cartagena and Valencia. It makes reinforcement of the Madrid forces by way of Granada much easier. Should an effective blockade of the coast to prohibit volunteer and arms shipments be delayed much longer, Malaga is certain to replace distant Cadiz as the receiving depot, and General Franco undoubtedly will be top man.

The manoeuvre to cut Madrid off from Valencia is, however, the more important phase of the fighting. To succeed in the present operations southeast of the Capital will not be enough. Madrid is far from encircled, and the defenders, should they lose, can still maintain contact with the coast by a longer route northeast through Alcala de Henares and thence by minor arteries back to the Valencia highway well east of the insurgent line of penetration. But they would be generally handicapped in bringing up reinforcements with which to take the offensive, and unless they can do that very soon the loyalists are fighting a losing battle.

One other new development favors the revolutionists. It is the division that has occurred in the ranks of the defenders through the Government action in pressing treason trials against the Trotskyist Left Wing, or Marxist Workers' Union. This fortuitous repercussion of the Moscow trials could not have come at a better time for General Franco. While it can be counted on to weaken the defense of Madrid, divide the attention of the central authorities at Valencia, its most serious possibilities are the trouble that will result in sovietized Catalonia, where the Trotskyists are much stronger and where the loyalists have to look for the greater portion of future assistance.

If the Kremlin board of Spanish strategy has ordered this purge, it has just about undone all that armed assistance was able to do in building up the Government's defenses. If necessary to assure pure communism, it surely could have been delayed until the revolution had been settled. Half the advantage General Franco enjoyed at the beginning of the war was the chaos that existed among the Left Wing groups. It was not overcome until Madrid was actually threatened, and the treason trials should go a long way toward returning that advantage to him.

Canada Gets Off Cheap

There was something just the wrong side of the humorous about the palaver and fuss in the House of Commons on Tuesday over the estimates for the diplomatic service. Excepting the exchange of views between Prime Minister and Opposition Leader R. B. Bennett, the general discussion served best to expose the pathetic ignorance of the members as to the need for and functions of the diplomatic agencies.

There is a queer sense of what is economy behind the view that the \$587,275 allocation—\$155,775 of which is a lump sum payment of Canada's dues to the League of Nations—represents an "alarming rate" of increase in foreign service expenses. The cold fact of the matter is that Canada, through her Empire affiliations and Britain's world-wide diplomatic network, gets off exceedingly cheap.

Some idea of what Canada might otherwise have to spend on even partial representation is suggested in the estimates of the British Government providing \$6,400,000 for the diplomatic service, apart from the \$1,300,000 allocated to the Foreign Office, the \$832,000 for League obligations, and the charges against the Colonial and Dominions Offices for Empire representation.

Nor was this idea that Canada's overseas offices are the place for penny-pinching economies enhanced by the opinion of J. S. Woodsworth that the business handled by our ambassadors can be trotted out for rough-and-tumble debate on the floor of the House. Diplomatic representatives are the go-betweens for Governments. They work on the universal understanding that their representations and conversations are not quoted, except in general definition of policy by responsible Ministers. In return they give the same assurances to the Governments with whom they deal. And that surely is not too much protection to give the formative stages of international business.

What seems to be dulling the senses at Ottawa is a scattered or general—it is hard to say which—inability to recognize the fact that Canada is coming of age and is expected to talk and act like an adult. If there is a point to be argued, it is that the Dominion Government is not separately represented in as many of the important Capitals as she should be.

Honoring a Great Evangelist

Throughout the world there is keen interest in the centenary of that outstanding evangelist, Dwight L. Moody. In Toronto observance of the hundredth anniversary of Mr. Moody's birth will be begun on Sunday with a Metropolitan Bible Conference that will continue until Feb. 21. The conference will be under the auspices of the Moody Bible Institute, founded by him half a century ago in Chicago, and now recognized as the largest Bible training school in any country.

Perhaps no other evangelist has left upon the world a deeper imprint than did Dwight L. Moody. He stood for the exaltation of the word of God and the winning of souls, and his eloquent exhortations made a lasting impression on his hearers. At the age of 23 he gave up his business interests in Chicago to devote all his time and his tireless energy to the cause of religion. His scene of action constantly enlarged, and, in association with Ira D. Sankey as vocalist, he conducted revivals in England, Ireland and Scotland as well as in the United States and Canada, reaching the hearts of millions of people.

In their day Moody and Sankey were among the great spiritual influences of many lands. By sheer enthusiasm and unquenchable zeal for saving souls the Massachusetts boy Dwight L. Moody, born on Feb. 5, 1837, became one of the world's greatest evangelists, and it is fitting that on the hundredth anniversary of his birth those eminent in evangelical religion should forgo their in Toronto and other centres to honor his memory and review the results of his labors.

SNAPSHOTS

Did you receive a Valentine yet?

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The nine-year-old bride in Tennessee says that she already knows how to make beds and bring in wood. Measured by some full-grown brides, she is prococious.

Looking back at their early married life, mother can't recall which she took greater pride in — the Morris chair or the dome over the dining room table.

Science has succeeded in changing male alligators into female. Unless the lady alligators are better looking we don't see how this is going to improve the Florida landscape.

Somebody sent for the relief of a starving family in New York a four-piece golf suit and a pair of spiked shoes. Perhaps a set of clubs would have been more appropriate for the purpose of keeping the wolf from the door.

"Floods Laid to the Ungodly," runs the headline over an article reporting a religious meeting in Cincinnati. We recall a somewhat similar headline last summer—except that "Drought" took the place of "Floods." Wet or dry, the ungodly are always the goats.

Arms Demand

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only the ever-increasing demand of the War Office did not interfere.

United States branch plants on the Continent are being compelled to close down, because they are unable to obtain locally the raw materials they need.

British production of steel in 1936 established an all-time record at 11,500,000 tons. The previous high was in 1917, when production totalled 9,750,000 tons. In addition to present output, imports of steel are being hugely increased. In the current year these will total 875,000 tons.

Employment in Britain's iron and steel industry rose from 112,600 in 1932 to 178,000 in 1936 and is still climbing steeply.

Dr. Burgin, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, has informed the Commons that all available steel capacity in the Kingdom is now being used and that there is a demand for additional output.

It is believed that not only will there be large plant extensions in Britain, but substantial orders will overflow to Canada and the United States.

Scrap-metal merchants are making fortunes. A year ago scrap metal was worth \$1.25 per ton. Today's price is \$22.50 per ton. Even so, the demand is outrunning supply. The normal period of delivery here is two weeks, but no merchant will now undertake to fill an order in less than ten weeks. A similar boom is reported in alloys and aluminum.

Will See

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tinations. The majority as in previous excursions are for Montreal.

Excursionists to Montreal and Toronto will have an opportunity to see some of the major league hockey teams in action. The National League games being scheduled for tonight in Montreal and Toronto.

GERMAN RAILWAYS NOW PROPERTY OF STATE

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, Feb. 13—All German railways are now the property of the State. These railways were formerly owned by private companies but in Hitler's speech which was delivered two weeks ago the Chancellor announced the new move.

GOERING WILL REPRESENT HITLER AT CORONATION

(Special to The Daily Mail)
BERLIN, Feb. 13—A German newspaper today announced that General Goering will represent Chancellor Hitler at the Coronation of King George VI.

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THIS STRANGE SPANISH AFFAIR

This article is written by H. M. Paint of The Daily Mail staff.

When the rebellion broke out in Spain definite proof was soon forthcoming that Germany and Italy were aiding the insurgents. It did not require an Einstein to figure that should it be successful a Fascist Spanish Government and a puppet Portugal might do much to satisfy the troublesome Italo-German thirst for colonies. Far better so than that the embarrassing question of the return of forfeited German colonies should rise again. Rather inconvenient and all that, but still distinctly the lesser of two evils. Odd fellows these Germans and Italians! Might as well humor them a little, what! Perhaps they would be satisfied—or would they?

Victory Did Not Come Swiftly
Today Rome admits officially that 50,000 Italian soldiers are in Spain. There are also 20,000 Germans there. Around Madrid there are Fascist air men, tank corps, anti-aircraftmen and communication crews, but very few infantry either German or Italian. Where are they? What are they doing? What do they intend to do? Why keep us in suspense? It really isn't cricket!

We Heard About Some of Them
The other day at Malaga which is only a hundred miles from Gibraltar. In the process of suppressing Communism apparently it is becoming necessary for Italian and German troops to garrison most of the South Coast of Spain. The English navy used to police the Mediterranean and at one time was quite well known along the Spanish Coast. A British Admiral named Nelson won a big naval battle near Cape Trafalgar so they say. Lord Jarvis beat the French and Spanish Fleets there though the odds were two to one, the story goes at Cape St. Vincent. British sailors under Rooke and Shovel climbed the Rock on their hands and knees with their cutlasses in their teeth and took Gibraltar so it's said. Lord Cochrane used to cruise that coast in a brig called the Speedy—now and then one meets an old sailor who remembers hearing of him. Drake took Cadiz and burnt the Spanish Fleet under the guns of the forts. An Englishman named Blake when two of his sailors were murdered ashore in Lisbon rove ropes to his yardarms and made the Portuguese officials aboard his flagship stand with nooses about their necks, until his surviving sailors were released and apology made. And a man named Cromwell wrote him, "You have done very well."

Things used to be so simple in the old days before we had so much help keeping order!

Gov't Cutter

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were fishing at night?" asked counsel. "Alfie said he would turn the lights on his car on when there was any trouble."

"Alfie who?" "Alfie Doiron."
H. G. Glendenning, building supply merchant of this town, the next witness, said he had two trucks and recalled renting a truck to Edmund Melanson on Aug. 18 last. He said that Melanson had hired the truck to haul some lobsters for the warehouse of Simpson Roberts Co., Ltd., and he had instructed his driver to go to Melanson's and bring the load down. He said that he was unaware of the law at that time.

So far as the second trip was concerned, the witness said that he had not given instructions to the driver but presumed that his son had. He was away at the time, but had he been home he would have hired the truck.

Talked With A. L. Barry
The witness said he recalled having talked to A. L. Barry, district supervisor, concerning the lobsters and that Mr. Barry had told him the lobsters were hauled from Patreul's place of business. He had denied this, but had not given the supervisor any information as to where the cases of lobsters had actually come from.

"Why did you not tell Col Barry?" "Well, I was a friend of Melanson's and I did not want to see him get into trouble."

Three Boats in Work
The next witness, Arthur Bourque, who said he had not "poached" lobsters last year but that back in 1925-26 he had operated a boat for Emil Patreul and had scouted and brought as many as 90 tons of illegally caught lobsters from the Point Sapin area to District 8, informed the commission that Joseph Hebert had hauled in the vicinity of 100 tons from the same area the same year and that Patreul had two other boats also engaged in the same work.

The witness continued that he had not "poached" lobsters last fall and never had seen any officers around where he landed his lobsters at Barachois. He felt the officers did not do a great deal in this district to prevent illegal fishing of lobsters or smelts last year.

Everybody Else Doing It
Armand Leger, Barachois, a director of the Barachois Fishermen's Association, the last witness this after-

Workmen Busy

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ing at the privy council offices in Downing street tomorrow.

There, in the full dignity of blue and gold court dress and under the presidency of Lord Chief Justice Hewart, the court will receive petitions from those claiming the hereditary right to perform services at the coronation and allot the fees due for such services.

The fact that Queen Elizabeth will now be crowned in May is expected to lead to a fresh crop of claims. But it has already been announced that to secure continuity of the arrangements, claims allowed by King Edward VIII's court will remain effective under King George.

One knotty problem which the new monarch will have to decide is who is to carry the golden spurs. King Edward did not make up his mind which of the three claimants should be allowed the honor before he abdicated and the court already had shelved the matter, after anxious consideration, by leaving it to "the King's pleasure."

Plans for the interior decoration of the abbey have been completed. There will be seats for 7,700 guests to view the coronation proper.

Materials For Abbey

Materials to decorate and prepare the abbey include:

1,900 square yards of carpet.
More than 11,000 square yards of boarding and felt to cover the floors of the stands and corridors.

6,000 square yards of fabric for the ceilings and timbering.

1,000 square yards of blue and gold brocatelle for the front of the stands and other structures.

2,500 yards of velour.

18,000 yards of braid.

A blue chenille carpet, 173, by 17 feet, will be used to cover the professional way from the west door to the coronation theatre.

Floors of the coronation theatre, the sanctuary and Edward the Confessor's chapel will be covered with a plain carpet of pale gold.

To provide the required seating two tiers of seats will be erected in the nave on both sides of the processional way, along with three tiers in the north and south transepts.

Peers will be seated in the south transept and peeresses in the north transept.

The thrones will be covered with plain crimson fabric, enriched by tassels, fringes and the embroidered royal coat of arms.

Street Decorations

How London herself will appear on May 12, in festive attire for coronation ceremonies, was indicated in the official announcement of preparations for street decorations.

Masts 50 feet apart, each carrying two banners emblazoned with the royal arms and topped by a gilded and painted imperial crown and lion, will decorate the famous mall. Fabric in schemes of blue and red, with touches of white and gold, will cover spectators' stands on the mall and in Hyde Park.

Government buildings in Whitehall will have their own complete color scheme; in the Westminster area, the stands will be decorated with silver-gray fabric, with a contrasting note of red.

Masts and flag trophies will be used at Marble Arch. Floral decorations used throughout will include rhododendrons, hydrangeas, blue cinerarias, white marguerites and azaleas.

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long way on," and if she seems serious for so vivacious a woman, it is because she has brought to vivid memory the horrors of the Chicago fire, her debut in the gay and naughty nineties, her climb of the terrible Chilcoat Pass, on the "Trail of '98", her third child's birth in a lonely northern cabin and other trying times in her dramatic career.

While she goes about her duties during her second session as a member of the House of Commons, her story will appear serially, in a Canadian women's magazine. Later it will be printed in book form under the title "My Seventy Years."

noon, said he had set out six lobster traps early in August last year for experimental purposes and had caught in the vicinity of 80 pounds of lobsters. He felt that the season in this district should commence about Aug. 5 and end the last of September. He told the commission he had put out his box nets for smelt fishing prior to the opening of the season of 1935, because everybody else was doing it.

Leger said he worked for Edmund Melanson in the spring of 1934, carrying lobsters from Prince Edward Island to Chockfish, but that although Melanson had wanted him to work in the fall season, he felt it was too dangerous and had refused.

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it is believed, will outline armament plans for next year. Exact condition of land, air, and sea defences will be described, it is expected.

Vote in the House on the financial plan is not expected until a week from Monday. The Star and The Economist announced opposition to the rearmament financial plan tonight.

"So long as the government continues its present spineless foreign policy we will continue to need arms," The Liberal Star declared. "If it has pursued its disarmament policy with half the zeal with which it is spending money on arms the whole world outlook would have been different."

The Economist said that if "rearmament is to be regarded as legitimate capital expenditure of home financial orthodoxy, it is to be expected that throughout the world nations will succumb more lightly to the temptation to borrow for strengthening their defence. This in its turn means that the armaments race will undoubtedly be accelerated."

The British Press was sharply divided. The Daily Mail said it was "paltry amount" and should have been at least \$5,000,000,000. The loan proposal would authorize raising up to \$2,000,000,000 within five years.

The Evening Standard discussing defence problems expressed anxiety in regard to food. "The government has never yet grasped the need for enormously increasing home production of food," the paper said. "This country now is not even as well equipped to feed itself as in the last war."

Conservative papers generally approved the loan. The Times said the amount to be borrowed was unlikely to cause any undue strain on the national credit. The Manchester Guardian declared the loan created a "perilous outlook" and believed the cost of defence might better be met from taxation than from a loan.

Leslie Hore-Belisha, minister of transport, speaking tonight at Edinburgh, expressed the hope that the announcement might prove to be powerful and decisive means for bringing the world back to peaceful ways.

Radio Irritates

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try), to protect German ears from Soviet and other resented propaganda when the German stations, including the short-wave ones which reach listeners in all parts of the world, are disseminating the German point of view on every possible occasion.

Spain, in the throes of civil war, has been producing radio antics which have surprised, even entertained, foreign listeners. Many fans outside Spain have tried nightly to pick up Seville, Madrid and Barcelona to sample radio fare often bordering on the burlesque. Gen. Queipo de Llano, Commander in Chief of the southern army of the Spanish insurgents, has become a topline because of the buffoonery in which he indulges when contradicting the statements of Government spokesmen. But the jamming and other interfering methods adopted by the stations at Barcelona, Madrid and elsewhere espousing the Government cause, likewise afford distant listeners a diverting experience. Here is a battle of words about real battle.

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