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#### A Problem of Empire

"In order that the public may better enjoy the holiday," the birthday of ernment are not lighted some time. his Majesty King George VI, which fall on December 14, will be celebrated They seem to be like a whole lot of

It is a gracious thought, and the substitution of a summer holiday for a winter one will be welcomed here as in Britain; but certain other Dominions and colonies may conclude that its sponsors scarcely yet appreciate the extent of this Empire on which the sun never sets.

For in Australia and elsewhere June 9 will not be a summer day, while save the depressed people and by giv-December 14 is likely to be among the warmest days of the year.

South Africa and Australia, may, perhaps, decide to request permission to celebrate on the King's natal day, for the same reason that Britain and Canada will prefer the official anniversary. And, after all, there seems to be good reason for suggesting that the ruler of the greatest Empire the world has ever known should be allowed two birthday celebrations each year in and there is a lot of traffic on this stead of the ordinary one.

### Firm and Fair Pension Views

There is for any country no post-war problem more complex than that of the pensions and general treatment of soldiers whose warfare is ended and a pint? many of whom are under a handicap on returning to civil life. There is a disposition to be generous with the veteran-especially at first but, unfortunately, as the years progress and the pension expense amounts, there is a lessening of enthusiasm; a tendency to forget. For these reasons there is absolute necessity for ex-soldiers' organizations that will look after the rights and urge the claims of the individual. Without these the plight of the returned men in Canada would be worse than it is.

One of the most interesting debates in the House of Commons recently provided opportunity for discussion of war pensions and the case of returned men generally, and it was marked by a particularly comprehensive and characteristically manly speech by Hon. Charles G. Power, Minister of Pensions. As evidence of public good-will toward veterans Mr Power said that, to date, payments to men who suffered disability in the Great War amounted to \$1,000,000,000—an impressive figure.

Though himself a distinguished soldier, Major Power took a firm stand against certain movements on behalf of veterans. He was definitely opposed any very good writers of her own. to the idea that service alone, without disability, "shall establish a claim on the Canadian people for special treatment beyond that given to ordinary civilians"; and that was significance and understanding in his further comment that experience of those dealing with soldiers' pensions had been that "once the door is thrown open there is no closing it."

There is developing in Canada an agitation aimed to secure for every man who served in the war a bonus for his services such as was secured in the United States at enormous cost to the country. Mr. Power "considered that matter was closed" when, in 1919 and 1921, \$163,000,000 in cash was paid to soldiers for their overseas services and to compensate them for loss of wages. "I do not believe," he said, "the Canadian people or this House would wish to reopen the bonus question."

This from a war veteran will strengthen the public impression that demand for a bonus would be a serious mistake. In the first place, the finances of the country could not stand it, and there would be a sharp alienation of sympathy from the ex-service men. In the United States war veterans were sufficiently numerous virtually to enforce their demand; their political power was great enough for that. But it could not be done in Canada. And the Minister's criticism no doubt will mean that it will not be tried. As Mr. Power said, "there is on the statute books ample legislation to take care of the returned man who has a disability," and this must be done. It is fortunate that the country has at this time a Minister of Pensions sympathetic with his wartime comrades yet seized also of the limitation of the public purse in meeting unwise demands.

### Coronation Crowds Involves Transport Problem With the enormous crowds expected for the coronation in London, the Monday, the 26th day of

heaviest portion of the transport problem will fall on the railways. British railways will operate over 200 long-distance excursion trains to London on the day of the coronation, May 12th, most of which will run mainly through the previous night to enable spectators to be in their places in good time to see the Royal processions, according to P. A. Clews, European Manager of the Canadian National Railways. To provide additional accommodation and relieve the pressure on hotels and boarding houses, the railways are placing camping coaches in the London and suburban areas and at places within easy access of the Metropolis. Seven or 8-day season tickets to London are also being arranged in connection with South Coast resorts. The handling of passengers will not be the only big job the British railways will have to contend with. With the thousands of visitors in London for the event, there is the problem of feeding them and this will entail transporting thousands of tons of foodstuffs. It is on occasions of this kind that the major position the railways occupy in transportation is strikingly emphasized and they are still the backbone of a nation's transportation facilities.

### Overlooking the Obvious

Giving evidence in a Vancouver court recently, a detective of that city dealt at length with the difficulty he had experienced in locating the accused when ordered to arrest him.

Whereupon defense counsel produced two bulky volumes, Vancouver directories for 1935 and 1936. Pointing to entries therein, he asked the police

"Do you find the name and address of the accused there?"

The detective admitting that he did, counsel further asked whether that was the address at which the man was eventually found. It was

Then the lawyer inquired: During the time you were searching for him, did you ever think of

looking in the directory?" The detective had not. Surprising in a trained investigator, but typical of the way many people

go "all around the church to look for the steeple," to quote an English proverb. There is, for instance, the man-or is it the woman?--who examines back and front of a letter and scrutinizes the postmark in an effort to determine

whence it comes, instead of opening it at once to find out. And the individual who invites advice from friends and acquaintances on legal or medical matters, instead of taking his problem at once to a qualified expert.

And many of those who desire to buy or sell some commodity or article waste much energy in useless inquiries addressed to uninformed friends as to their best market, when use of advertisement would bring an immed-

iate and satisfactory answer. It is a queer fact that so large a section of humanity has not yet learned that the best informant as to a city's streets, building and inhabitants is the city directory; that the railway companies know all about the arrival and departure of its trains; and that the public reference library exists for the purpose of supplying information on history, geography and general topics.

### **SNAPSHOTS**

It would be a good idea to let the prominent clergyman alone. He had the right end of the matter when he spoke on crime and how it was handled.

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It's a wonder that those lights which were placed in front of the other things-more for ornament

A man who develops into a dictator never starts out by being a dictator. He always starts out by trying to ing them their rights.

Couldn't the council when it gets back on the job try tnd consider the paving of University Avenue? The road is getting to be an awful flop section-both local and tourist.

Yes, child labor is wrong; but if he isn't old enough to work, is he old enough to have a fast car, a gal and

Yet many a conscience seems peacefully at ease only because it has been taught not to bother the boss.

A public official is on the spot. . If ne doesn't seem cocksure, he lacks strength; if he does seem cocksure, he has the swell-head.

If the men are getting "fussy' about what to wear at the Coronation, what state of mind must the wo-

Rumanians Expel Writers-Headine. This seems rather extreme, for we never heard that Rumania had

"Business Not Bright," says a headine. Particularly, we suppose, among those business men who keep telling themselves, "If I was bright I'd be in some other business.



An election for Aldermen to fill certain acancies in the City Council of the City

April A. D. 1937

Division Number 1, For all electors residing above or to the northwest of the centre line of Carleton Street prolonged at or near the City Hall in the said City. Division Number 2, For all other electors residing in the said City at or near the County Court House in the said City. Non-residents shall vote in the division where their real estate is. Said vacancies were caused by resignation and are as follows:

W. Raymond Crewdson, Alderman for Wellington Ward.
Robert A. MacMillan, Alderman for Queen's Ward.

Earle Doohan, Alderman for Queen's

Ward.
Murray Elwood Hagerman, Alderman for St. Anne's Ward.
Ray Thompson Forbes, Alderman for St. Anne's Ward.
Byron Robert Ross, Alderman for Car-

eton Ward. Ivan McKnight, Alderman for King's vacancies for the balance of the respec-tive terms of the said Aldermen so re-signed. And the said election is to fill said

NOMINATIONS

Every candidate for the office of alder-nan shall be qualified to vote at the elec-lon for which he is nominated and shall

man shall be qualified to vote at the election for which he is nominated and shall be nominated by at least two rategayers residing in the City of Fredericton and qualified to vote at the election for which such candidate is nominated.

Every nomination paper with the certificate of the City Treasurer, showing that all City taxes due by the candidate have been paid, shall be filed with the City Clerk or at his office not later than 4 o'clock on the afternoon of Monday, the 19th day of April, 1937.

No candidate is qualified to be nominated for alderman unless at the time of nomination he is a resident of the Ward for which he is nominated.

The acceptance of each candidate and the signature of at least two resident qualified voters who must sign the nomination paper shall be proved by affidavit attached to the said nomination paper.

In case of a contest each elector shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for Alderman for Wellington Ward, two candidates for Alderman for Carleton Ward, two candidates for Alderman for Carleton Ward, two candidates for Alderman for Carleton Ward, two candidates for Alderman for King's Ward.

Dated this 9th day of April A. D. 1937.

FRED I. HAVILAND, City Clerk.



### Bilbao Blockade

(Continued from Page One) to be on the way to the Bilboa zone from Gibraltar, thus lending added emphasis to the seriousness of the situation that has developed.

The cruiser Shropshire sped to Bilboa from Gibraltar during the weekend while the cruisers Blance, Brilliant, Beagle and Brazen already were on the coats of northern Spain. A full statement will be made in the Federal buildings by the Federal Gov- House of Commons tomorrow on the situation, it was expected tonight.

The Hood, which sailed hurriedly yesterday from Gibraltar for an unannounced destination, was not expected to reach the northern Spanish trouble zone before noon tomorrow. That the government considered the situation grave was read into the fact that the session today was only the second full meeting of a cabinet council to be held on Sunday since the general strike of 1926.

Informed sources said the cabinet had to choose between only two de-

1. Order the Hood to escort the British merchantmen into Bilbao in the teeth of insurgent guns:

2. Inform the food ships to try to deliver their cargoes elsewhere. The government never has accord-

ed belligerent rights to the two sides fighting Spain's civil war and it there fore was considered unlikely Francos right to establish a blockade could be recognized.

A possibility did exist, however, that the cabinet may have decided to accord belligerent rights to the parties in the civil war.

The international 'hands-off Spain' agreement prohibits only the exportation of arms and munitions to the Spanish belligerents and bans the flow of foreign volunteers.

Britain in the past has stated she will not tolerate any interference with her shipping on the high seas. All members were present except Viscount Swington, secretary for air

but an official statement indicated it was not a formal cabinet session. Sunday meetings of the cabinet are are. The last was held last Dec. 12, when the crisis which led to Edward VIII's abdication was at its height.

Officials usually abreast of cabinet connected with the Billbao situation.'

The admiralty still was 'not in a position' to give the Hood's destination. The Hood, 41,200 tons, completed in 1920, steamed westward out of Gibraltar late yesterday after the crew had been summoned aboard hastily from the streets and cafes of that Palmo in the Baleanics.

It was believed she would stand by to be carrying foodstuffs, ample pro- were waiting here for the battle tection on their voyage to the Basque | cruiser Hood to see them safely into port. A leading British news agency the Basque port in spite of blockade said it had 'learned reliably that the established by insurgent army.

### Development

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barovsk to connect with the trans-Siberian Railway, and north 200 miles to the established port of Nicolaevsk at the mouth of the Amur River.

The new railway has the advantage of lying relatively far inside Russian territory, whereas the old Trans-Siberian Railway parallels the Amur only a few miles north of Japanese-controlled Manchutikuo. The new rails branch from the Trans-Siberian 2.000 miles west of the Pacific at the town Taishet. They pass fifty miles north of Lake Baikal (the Trans-Siberian runs south of Baikal) and extend on eastward, at all points from 150 to 400 miles north of the older line.

The world's other important rail construction during the year was mostly in Asia. The Turkish network of rails in Anatolia, which has grown strikingly in recent years, was developed further by the construction of a 78-mile link between Afyon Karahissar, in central Anatolia, and Antalya on the Mediterdanean coast, thus completing the rail connection between the Black and Mediterranean

In Central China, laying of rails on the long uncompleted portion of the Hankow-Canton line provided for the first time a continuous rail system between Canton and Kongkong in the east, and Paris and Calais in

In South American building of a 50mile etxension in northern Patigonia completed an 1,100-mile Argentine railway from Buenos Aires to Lake Nahuel Huapi.

Hood had moved to sea to protect British shipping around Spain.'
(Bilbao now is beset by insurgent

land forces while the bulk of Genera Franco's fleet sits off the coast prac tically isolating the Basque area.

Diplomatic sources last night disclosed Spanish insurgents had warned Great Britain that insurgent warships had been insrtucted to fire up- branches of trade and industry in the on British freighters if they attempt to enter the Basque port of Bilbao.

They said General Francisco Frandevelopments professed ignorance of | co, insurgent commander in chief, in the purpose of today's meeting, al- a note to Sir Henry Chilton, British though one said 'undoubtedly it is ambassador to Spain, declared the presence of British warships as convoys for food-laden freighters would make no difference.

"Under no circumstances will national (insurgent ) warships allow the breaking of the Bilbao blockade,' they said the note read. "We are prepared to risk an in-

port. She had arrived Friday from ternational incident, but the ships will not get through." Five British freighters loaded with giving the merchantmen, understood food for beleaguered Bilbao tonight

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### Will Do Utmost

(Continued from Page One) of an undesirable type of public demonstration against capital in the outomobile, merchandising and other

United States. Now this form of unionism has deermined to enter the field of Canadian labour and to organize branches of the Committee for Industrial Organization in every section of the Dominion. The leader of the C. I. O., John L. Lewis, has taken personal charge of these important plans, and he was astute enough to send a British subject to head the campaign in Canada, claiming that he will grant charters directly to groups of workers who desire to join this new organization. The plans were made to gather no less than 3,000,000 members

in this country. On the heels of this announcement, a series of strikes broke out in Canada, and this turmoil centered in the Province of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. But nothing serious re-

However, it is impossible to concertain Provincial Government officals are keeping a very close watch on the activities of any form type of unionism that may try to stir up trouble in the peaceful ranks of Canadian labour circles.

The Federal Department of Labour in Ottawa has been a busy scene these past few weeks, and the Hon. Normal Rogers, who heads this De partment of the Government, is known to be tolerant towards any peaceful form of bargaining and organizing of labour in Canada, but he is a staunch enemy of violence such as the kind of reaction which marked the efforts of the C. I. O. to demonstrate by means of sit-down strikes in the plants of big industries in the United States.

The Department of Justice in Ottawa is fully prepared to cope with any emergency on the labour front. The Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, is working closely with the head of the Department of Labour, and together they are known to between the heads of the two powerstrikes in Canada. The Minister of can Federation of Labour and the business in the Dominion. Conse- and to draw attention to the inaction strain and eliminate this alien form economical complaints. of unionism from the ranks of Canadian labour. One of the main reasons for this

official opposition to sit-down strikes in the Dominion, outside of the fact that any violent form is not wanted by the Government, is due to the history of this type of demonstration. Every close investigation by the expert agencies of the Government discloses that the sit-down strike originated in the United States solely because there existed a fierce rivalry



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be strongly opposed to sit-down ful labour organizations, the Ameri-Justice has come forth with the Committee for Industrial Organizastatement that such forms of mani- tion, and it is this fight between Wiifestation are entirely illegal in this liam Green and John L. Lewis which country, and if they were not con- caused the latter to invent the sittrary to British laws, or Canadian down strike as a more forceful means statutes, they were certainly forces of demonstration. In many instances to undermine all respect for law and there have been just such unorthoorder and likely to lead to dangerous dox displays by the C. I. O. merely riots and public disorders, interfering for the purposes of attracting attenwith the normal administration of tion to its efforts to organize labour, quently, during the past few weeks of the American Federation of Lathe heads of these two important De- bour officials, and there were involvpartments in Ottawa have been work- ed none of the paramount questions ing day and night to prepare them- of old-time labour strikes such as bad selves to utilize all the resources and working conditions, inadequate wages agencies at their command to re- overlong hours, or any other purely

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