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Intangible Factor For Good

President Roosevelt's birthday greetings to Canada and the Governor-General's response formed another of those friendly gestures which have played so important a part in the long and, on the whole, mutually beneficial relations between the two countries. Such gestures can be greatly underrated. There is no tangible measurement of their value, and without one it is impossible to convince the cynics that they do not "come too easily" to mean much.

But if they cannot be measured there is a contrast which argues strongly in their favor. We have all seen, too often in recent months, the effects of outspoken and in most cases unnecessary criticism upon the relations of neighboring nations. Almost weekly the meddling oratory of some would-be European statesman has thrown nations into frenzies of anger and hate.

It is true that a lot of the anger so generated is pettish, and the frenzies usually die quickly. But the misfortune is that they do not pass without leaving scars, and a bridled anger is, more often than not, the most unhealthy. It seems silly today to think of the indignation aroused by one Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson. But some of it still exists in both the United States and Britain to distort views and prejudice relations.

Fortunately there have been few such incidents between Canada and the United States, perhaps because there have been so many gestures of the other kind by bigger and more influential men. And it is fortunate also that the public is still willing to accept some leadership in this respect.

Few persons can fail to be impressed by the gestures of sincere friendship and deep mutual respect that have several times been exchanged between Lord Tweedsmuir and President Roosevelt. It springs from a genuine admiration that is able to step over the petty in appreciation of the worth and importance of the essential elements of national character and national life. And here is the key to that common understanding which, as Lord Tweedsmuir has said, casts us now as colleagues as well as neighbors and friends.

Another Made-to-Measure Crisis

It is difficult to reach any confident conclusions on the newest break in Russo-Japanese relations. It is habitual for Far Eastern crises to develop in direct ratio to the political eruptions in Europe. Mostly they have ended in an anticlimatic drawing in of horns as tension relaxed in Western territory. Accordingly it is reasonable to discount the Amur River dispute, but not too hastily. All the implications point to serious developments, and it is impossible to accept the timely arrival of this crisis as coincidence.

To be sure, the mutual anger of the Governments is out of all proportion to the importance of the territory involved. Only three days ago somewhat contradictory statements announced an agreement indicating that neither party was prepared to press "principles" too far over a "couple of economically worthless, marshy islets." That a serious rift could develop was never suggested. But what followed within the next twenty-four hours compels a revision, and in making it most observers will consider precedents.

Back in 1931, the Japanese and Chinese Governments were about to sign an accord in settlement of Sino-Japanese problems, when suddenly Japanese troops were in possession of Mukden. What followed was the invasion and annexation of three Northeastern Chinese Provinces. The parallel is that it all happened when the European Powers were preoccupied with other matters. Geneva was caught in one of its off-season whirlwinds, European politics was seething, and Britain, instead of France, was occupied with a financial crisis.

With this precedent in mind it is extremely easy to suspect that Japan is taking the opportunity of testing the strength and weakness of a disorganized Russia. Territorially it could be advantageous for her to know just what has been the extent of the disorganization resulting from the Stalin purges. On the other hand, it is equally possible that the Kremlin is crying "wolf" for other reasons. Whatever the real damage to Russian unity, it is certain that Stalin has plenty to cover up. The Amur River incident offers the means of bringing some order out of chaos by rallying the people to the "defense." Both are possibilities and no less dangerous than the games the dictators are playing in the Mediterranean.

China Succumbs

Exonerated from the charge of chop suey, now assigned to San Francisco the Chinese can claim a culinary title that is rivalled only by the French. At least such is the opinion of those persons who have tasted duck skins, birds' nest soup, sharks' fins and the various kinds of fooyoungs in their finest estate and in the right environment.

The Chinese gourmet functions on the principle that what we might call a staple in the "dish of the day" should be regarded only as the condiment—a circumstance which may explain, among other things, the scarcity of chicken in chicken chow mein. This system of gastronomy also includes the serving of a thin soup as a sort of prophylactic at the end of a meal.

Mandarin tradition having prescribed such rules, it is permissible to be startled by a Shanghai verdict on the African hot dog, as served to more than one hundred Chinese students about to sail to the United States. Our standard lunch counter viand was pronounced "delicious" and there were calls for encore. Mayor Yui, of Shanghai, it is reported, counselled against "Westernization" on such a scale, but without avail.

The setback received by ancestor worship in this scene may perhaps be explained on the basis that the enraptured consumers thought the mustard was the main dish and the frankfurter the somewhat substantial sauce. Point of view will work wonders in diet, and it may be that epicurean revolution will now succeed the purely political upheavals of China.

SNAPSHOTS

Save the Trees!

What will the red headed girl who made a fool of herself with the married man, do now?

Everyone was on to the married man for some time and he departed suddenly just in time. He put up a big bluff, while it lasted.

Questionnaire has developed the fact that children like G-men films best. They ought to try out popular taste in the penitentiaries.

Fashion experts tell us highly-colored strands are to be woven into men's business suits this spring. The process is gradual, but we may yet get around to the style set by Joseph

New York Aldermen propose to prohibit the firing of air rifles in the street. The metropolis is getting to be a tough place for children to give vent to their natural playfulness.

Recent events show that people who bet on horse races after studying the form of the horse might with advantage consider the disposition of the jockeys.

Probably the reason Princess Juliana of the Netherlands announced over the radio that she was expecting a baby was to scoop Walter Winchell.

A Hereford yearling that won a blue ribbon in an Alabama stock show was first treated to a finger wave by a beautician. That sounds like the beginning of a recipe for chipped beef.

The French Chamber of Deputies passed a bill last week prohibiting tipping in French restaurants. If that doesn't start a revolution in France nothing will. Except, perhaps, legislation compelling French hotel keepers to give American tourists the correct change.

Holland Rich

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These are the figures that appear on the books, but they are not complete, since during that year the Dutch shipped 339,000 metric tons of gasoline for storage and reshipment to Poeloe Samboe and 427,000 metric tons of gasoline for storage and reshipment to Tandjong-Oeban, as well as 110,000 metric tons of kerosene to Poeloe Samboe and 224,000 metric tons to Tandjong-Oeban for the same purposes. Nobody, except high government officials, is in a position to state how much of these latter shipments of gasoline and kerosene was also bought by Japan for her own naval storage tanks in Japan.

Last year a total of 15,853,000 net tons of shipping entered and cleared from the ports of the Dutch East Indies. Nearly 5,500,000 tons of this flew the Dutch flag, almost the same amount carried the British flag, 2,330,000 tons carried the flags of the Scandinavian countries, and 1,656,000 tons carried the flag of Japan. Those who are interested in American foreign trade will find little to boast about when they learn that of this shipping tonnage only 13,000 flew the Stars and Stripes.

Tucked away as they are on the back page of an old school atlas, the Dutch East Indies occupy an extremely important place in the commerce of the world. With Malaya, the Indies control the two essential raw materials of rubber and tin, control a large proportion of the world's oil supply, and because of this they threaten to become in time one of the most essential spots of the globe, when the next world war—now openly discussed—brings them crashing onto the front pages of the world's news.

Holland, like Britain, is rearming and preparing swiftly her defenses against attack. The potential enemy? Japan, in a restless, predatory mood supplies the answer.

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Trans-Atlantic

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donia indicating she was making good progress.

The 1,995-mile hop, one of many survey flights the British Imperial Airways flying boat and Pan American Airways' Clipper III are expected to make in the next few months prior to establishment of regular passenger and cargo service, was expected to take 16 or 17 hours. The Caledonia has a cruising speed of about 160 miles an hour.

The American plane is due here tomorrow from Botwood.

Captain A. S. Wilcockson, skipper of the \$8,000-pound, four-engined craft, and his crew of four were anxious to get away, chafing at a delay of 57 minutes.

"I want to get on with the job," remarked the captain.

"If we alight on the water we have an aerial with a small, two-stroke engine to generate the necessary current to communicate with anyone 200 or 300 miles distant.

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Wilcockson expressed confidence that better weather lay ahead than that on the west coast of Ireland.

FOYNES, Irish Free States, July 6 — The Clipper III, Pan American Airways' pioneer flying boat of the projected trans-Atlantic air route, was reported making steady progress toward this airport this morning on its first flight from Botwood, Nfld. Taking off after the departure of Imperial Airways flying boat Caledonia from Foynes, the two pioneers of the route were reported to have passed each other less than a thousand miles from the Newfoundland coast, but many miles apart.

BOTWOOD, Nfld., July 5—Soaring into the night, the Pan American Clipper III took off at 6:10 p.m. ADT tonight on her first experimental flight to Foynes, Ireland, in anticipation of a regular trans-Atlantic air passenger service.

The giant flying boat lifted easily from the glassy surface of roomy Botwood harbor, her four big engines thundering a cadence that echoed and re-echoed in the wooded hills surrounding the Bay of Exploits.

Circling once over this seaport town of 3,000 persons, she straightened her course and headed towards the east, out over the Atlantic to Foynes, 1,995 miles away.

Weather reports gathered before the flight was begun showed the 224-ton master of the air would have perfect conditions most of the way.

DIED

CROOKSHANK—Passed away at his home 379 University Avenue, Fredericton, N. B., July 5, 1937. A. O. I. Crookshank.

The funeral will take place on Wednesday, July 7, with service at Christ Church Parish Cathedral at 2:30 p.m. Rev. Canon Clark will officiate. Interment will be made at Forest Hill.

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FRED I. HAVILAND,

City Hall, City Clerk.
July 6th, 1937.

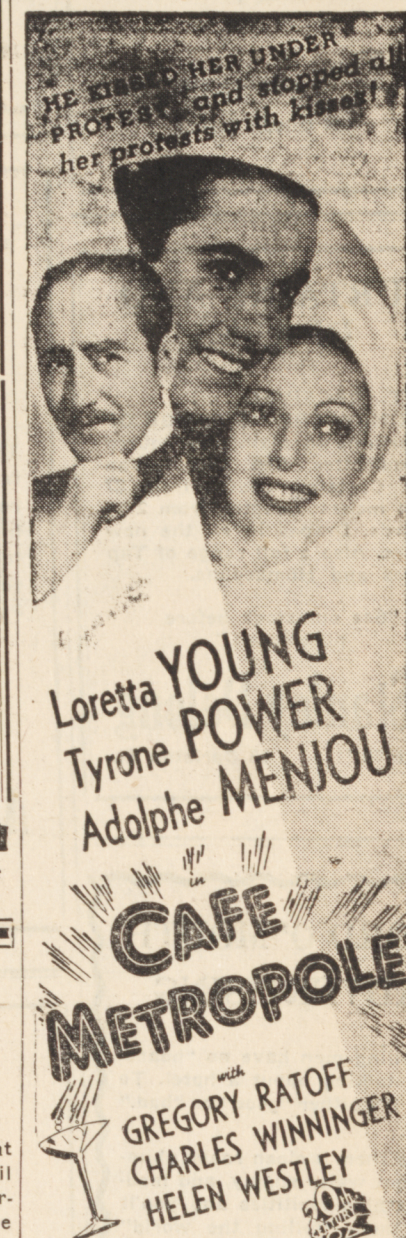
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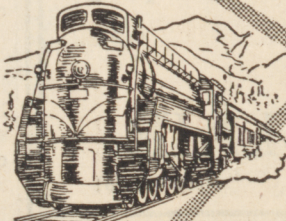
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