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COLUMBUS DAY

ON THIS DAY the four hundred and forty-fifth anniversary of the discovery of America one is bound to ponder on the great qualities of the noble discoverer of America. This great man of fortitude who refused to be discouraged in his great quest for other lands displayed the strength of character and moral courage which might well be emulated by our present generation. Neither ridicule nor threats succeeded in convincing this intrepid discoverer that he must change his path. He continued his way for he knew he was on the right road.

Too many of our present day generation are too ready to heed idle criticisms of others who lack in foresight, too many people today forego their principle through fear of incurring popular disfavor.

REALISM CORNERS NEUTRALITY

THERE IS NO MISTAKING now that President Roosevelt's "quarantine-the-aggressor" speech was a response to and leadership for a rapidly growing appreciation of the limitations of United States neutrality. In fitting action to the President's words by joining in the League's condemnation of Japan and by agreeing to participate in a Nine-Power conference, the Government has taken a real, if short, step beyond that policy. If not evidence enough from which to estimate the strength of mounting opinion, the action does indicate that it runs deep.

Already there are signs, which it is to be hoped will not be lost to the people of the United States, of the effect of both speech and action on the aggressive minds in the East and Europe. Bluff does not hide entirely the deep concern they feel. They no more than any other nation need be reminded of the weight of American influence should the United States co-operate for peace to the full extent of the President's words. True, there is opposition to such action, already justly articulate in the shouts of the horrified isolationists. But mere volume does not necessarily mean strength. The President would know before he spoke the effect of his words on that state of mind.

Since he spoke there have been other equally encouraging signs. On Thursday former Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson used the greater part of six columns of the New York Times for a letter urging co-operation with Britain for a positive peace policy. Written before the President's speech was delivered, it is an even better barometer of the spreading distrust of, if not desertion from, the isolation program. Attacking the neutrality legislation as "a policy of a moral drift," he appealed for initiation of the policy in the Far East to stop the flow of military and naval supplies to Japan.

Too long for summary here, the Stimson letter in no way suggests that the Anglo-Saxon democracies abandon peace. To attempt military intervention on behalf of China, it contends "would do much more harm than good." What the former Secretary's letter amounts to is a clear, reasoned argument, well fortified by the official experience of the writer, exposing the fallacy of policies designed to escape responsibility, and the increasing dangers of entanglements for the nations who seek to live by them.

It is a common-sense appeal to the people on the unrealities of isolation and the impracticability of a moral peace while unmoral Governments exist to take advantage of it. If peace is a humanitarian instinct, it remains that it cannot yet be separated from the material circumstances of men and nations. By the same token there are material aspects to the defense of it, if it is ever to be secured. Briefly, Mr. Stimson's point is that no nation in today's world can, as the United States has tried to do, place "peace above righteousness" and have security.

Such a policy originated with the idea, still prevalent in the United States, and to less extent in Canada, that peace is a matter of converting the world by preaching. After twenty years of trying, the results are strikingly similar to those of the prohibition experiment, except that it is a world instead of a nation that is menaced by gangsterism. Unable to avoid the condition longer, Mr. Stimson asks the American people: "Is our statesmanship so pitifully inadequate that we cannot devise the simple means of co-operation?"

The means is ready made. The Nine-Power Treaty, designed for no other purpose than the protection of China and maintenance of the "open door," provides all the machinery necessary to practical co-operation. It is for the American people to license its Government for the free use of that machine, which the neutrality measure forbids. The important element now is the leadership which the President and "revisionists" such as Henry L. Stimson can give.

THE GOPHER IS AN INGRATE

SOMETIMES GREAT EVENTS exert a strange influence on insignificant things in other parts of the world. For example, there is a wide gap between the Coronation ceremonies in London last summer and the security of gopher life in Alberta; yet there is an association, according to one authority.

The Manchester Guardian cites the statement of a municipal official in Pine River, Alberta, that a present plague of gophers is accounted for by the fact that their enemy the weasel had to yield up his fur so that, at the Coronation, celebrities might wear the prescribed ermine. Hence, while the London ceremony was bad medicine for weasels thousands of miles away, it was a boon to the gophers.

But gophers are unappreciative creatures. Instead of conducting themselves as becomes their improved status and their remote connection with an occasion that aroused and amazed the world, they are concentrating on the destruction of Alberta crops.

This is plain ingratitude; and, as with mankind, their sins will bring the inevitable punishment. According to the Guardian's informant, a ten-year close season for weasels is under consideration. Evidently, as with certain types of humanity, there is little use in doing anything for gophers. They won't behave in improved circumstances. They care nothing for impressive spectacles that bring them benefit—and perhaps haven't any interest in Social Credit. So, bring on the weasels.

Snapshots

A Nova Scotia optician says that there is no truth in the rumor that he advocated a tip to housewives on avoiding eye strain, said tip being kicking the glass out of the windows so that they would not have to peer through it while watching their neighbors doings.

The hen tells the world about what she does, but the wise old owl doesn't give a hoot.

Love is the source of most of a man's beautiful virtues—and the most overworked excuse for 90 per cent. of his sins.

Correct this sentence: "You will never have high position and power," said the teacher, "if you are petty and spiteful."

"Aberhart Dismayed," says a news heading. But isn't it about time he took a few of the hints he is receiving from day to day?

The New York Board of Education announces a course aimed to cure absent-mindedness. This may be effective if pupils don't forget to attend classes.

The Eternal Triangle is completely out of date these days. As soon as a modern woman discovers what is going on, she promptly turns it into a foursome.

A returned missionary says that Japan may die of "economic indigestion." The trouble is that we understand it to be a very lingering death.

Barking dogs have been banned in Nanking, China, on the ground that they may provoke air raids. That must constitute the first break the neighbors have got from the war.

IL DUCE'S SON IS ENTERTAINED BY THE ROOSEVELTS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11—Premier Mussolini's husky young son, Vittorio, drank tea with the President and Mrs. Roosevelt yesterday while a reinforced White House police guard watched for trouble that did not develop.

Police had believed there might be an anti-Fascist demonstration outside the Presidential Mansion. They had dispersed demonstrators this morning at the Italian embassy, where Il Duce's son spent the week-end.

Vittorio is expected to sail for Italy Saturday.

Huge Sum Voted For Militia, Defence

(Special to The Daily Mail)

CAIRO, Oct. 12—The Egyptian Cabinet has voted the huge sum of a million pounds for purposes of militia and defence.

ROME RECALLS

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ly welcomed would have been sanctions, preferably applied after League approval.

The abatement of Japanese attacks on Nanking and Canton is creating the impression the Japanese policy of unrestricted frightfulness is being modified despite the statements of Japanese army leaders to the contrary.

The Labor Party, the National League Union and large numbers of influential people are continuing to demand action against Japan, but the Government gives no signs of going beyond the protests already lodged at Tokyo, and the general public seems to be slipping into the attitude of mind which accepts this kind of modern warfare as inevitable.

DIED

MCGINN—Passed away at his home, Fredericton, N. B., Oct. 11, 1937, Edward P. McGinn. The funeral will take place Wednesday, Oct. 13, leaving the home at 8.40 a.m., and proceeding to St. Dunstan's Church where Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. L. Carney will celebrate Requiem Mass. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

BREWSTER—Passed away at Devon, N. B., Oct. 10, 1937, Chester Alex. Brewster. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon, Oct. 12, with service at the home at 3.30. Rev. George Telford, M.A., B.D., will officiate. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery Extension, Fredericton.

THE CITIZEN AND OUR UNIVERSITY

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in two. If there are any changes to be made in connection with additional chairs at the University, they should be made in this city rather than have a duplication of buildings and equipment scattered in two different cities. Our engineering courses in civil, electrical and forestry are already established in this city under ideal conditions. Our forestry course is recognized as the best on the continent. It has exceptional facilities for forest study including the largest area of forest land to be found anywhere. The same thing applies to our civil and electrical engineering courses. Could Saint John duplicate these courses? Certainly not. If the Province or the governing body of the University wishes to extend such courses the place for such extension is at the University in this city where the equipment and facilities are already on hand. Students coming to Fredericton from the province will in the smaller centre, find better social conditions and a better community interest than in the larger centre and will be in touch with the main student body at the University.

There are those who are of the opinion that the Law school already established at Saint John should be in this city along with the other chairs of the University. At the present time a student who takes law here has to go to Saint John for two years to complete his course and then return here to get his law degree. If he could complete his law course here he would have the advantage of the law courts, including the Appeal Court sessions of the province, the Provincial Law Library and the experience gained from attending these courts as well as the sessions of the Legislature, and the other similar functions which are bound to be of educational value to any law student.

Whilst the suggestion made by The Citizen might be of value to a comparatively small number of students from the City of Saint John, we believe that the majority of students and the public generally would have more confidence in the well established chairs as they already exist at the U. N. B. in this city rather than in a small branch department situated elsewhere.

Strengthen the Provincial University at the trunk rather than add on a lot of small branches which would weaken the parent tree.



Old Dobbin is not eating his Thanksgiving dinner. He is just making friends with four lively Persian kittens.

IN SUPPORT

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by Italians has passed almost entirely to Chinese hands, but a part of the planes used for instruction were Italian property. It was understood these had been ordered sent to Ethiopia.

Colonel Scaroni recently was reported to be continuing with other members of the Italian mission in their posts at Nanking and the Chinese air base at Hachang, Kangsi Province.

The German mission, headed by General Baron Alevanter von Falkenhause, Great War veteran, has been termed the real general staff of the Chinese army.

Support for the Japanese cause on the Asiatic mainland was understood to have been decided at the Hitler-Mussolini meeting along with determination to push the Spanish civil war to a conclusion favorable to insurgent General Franco.

Italy is officially cool toward the League of Nations' suggestion for a Nine-Power Treaty conference to settle the Sino-Japanese dispute.

Aggressive support of all countries leaning toward Fascism appeared to be the strengthening keystone of Italian foreign policy, a stand underscored by Il Duce's Berlin visit.

Turning of the Rome-Berlin axis to support Japan's Asiatic policy was seen as in effect an extension of Germany's anti-Comintern pact with Japan.

The Rome-Berlin axis of co-operation, which both of its chief exponents declared stands for peace, was believed to have renewed its determination for a Spanish insurgent victory.

Change Of Spanish Capital

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SPAIN, Oct. 12—Rumors to the effect that the capital of the Spanish Government had been moved from Valencia to Barcelona have been confirmed.

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Many Attend Funeral of Howard R. Seymour

The funeral of the late Howard Seymour, which took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his father, Frederick Seymour, Nashwaakiss, was largely attended. Many flowers were present in memory of the deceased. Following prayers at the home, Rev. H. E. Dysart conducted the service in the Anglican Church, Nashwaakiss. Interment was made at the cemetery adjoining the church.

Mourners were: Frederick Seymour, George Seymour, Daniel E. Seymour, F. Lloyd Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Chappell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry H. Fradsham, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Seymour, Ralph Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hilton Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Carlisle, Frederick McKenzie, Charles Carlisle, Harry A. Fradsham, Arthur McKenzie, Ralph McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Anderson, William Hawkins.

Pall-bearers were Barry Willis, Irvine Hawkins, Edward Hawkins and Freddie McDonald.

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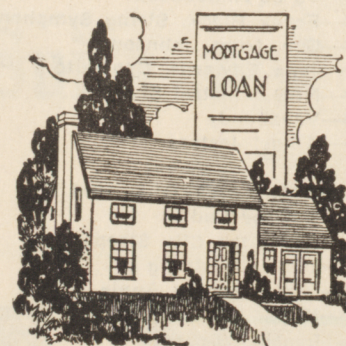
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