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Post-Conference Uncertainties

AS was anticipated, Great Britain and France drew the heavy end of the job of clearing the Mediterranean of pirate submarines. It is proof of their skilful manoeuvring around the partisan issues which last week threatened to submerge the Nyon conference that they did. More to their credit is that they succeeded in negotiating an agreement within the incredible conference time of two days, and in spite of the incendiary perorations of Russia's Maxim Litvinoff, present on sufferance, and the absence of Italy.

But it is too early to assume, that the plan they have shouldered can as easily be made operative or that it will keep further incidents from developing between the partisans to the Spanish war. As a matter of fact the plan throws a new light on some of the uncertainties of last week which can be accepted as "difficulties," if not obstructions. Italy still counts for a great deal in its success or failure, and it is not enough to make it work to say the "other Powers" will proceed without her. Russia, if pacified by the privilege of convoying her own ships, is not disposed of.

The door has been left wide for Italy, and there are several reasons which, from this distance, make up a very good argument as to why she should enter. One is her professed interest in British-Italian rapprochement; another, that co-operation with Britain and France in the Mediterranean anti-private patrol would be the best means of keeping Russia out of that sea, without interfering with the insurgents' chances of winning. One uncertainty to be weighed against these is the shadowy issue of belligerent rights to the Spanish combatants which she and Germany have had their hearts set on since last February.

It would now appear that this is one of the factors which, in British and French minds, made Russia's unsupported accusations against Italy a blunder. It gave Italy an opportunity to "condition" co-operation; better, to force acceptance of the belligerent rights policy by withholding co-operation. To some extent this explains the calm, almost aloof, attitude of Germany to the Russo-Italian brawl and her lack of enthusiasm for any "reprisals" that would destroy the conference. It was sufficient for her that Italy remain absent, believing, it is claimed, that no plan would work without Italy, but instead lead to further entanglements that would leave such rights the only solution.

How far the Fascist Powers would force such a condition is another uncertainty, conceivably the key to success or failure of the plan. Having assisted in arranging this obstacle, Germany might find it momentarily politic to assist in "conciliating" Italy to co-operation. Certainly it would do their joint cause no good to hold out to the limits where Russia found it necessary to convey her supply ships to Valencia. And to force it upon the Non-Intervention Committee, which would have to approve and which shows no disposition to do so, would risk raising old issues of non-intervention, now advantageously neglected.

New Views On An Old Question

WHEN SCHOOLS REOPEN there will come up again, almost automatically, the question of the pupils' home-work and how it should be done; or if they should be obliged to do any at all. Conditions associated with the doing of home-work are all-important. No child can sit down in a room filled with other members of the family and concentrate on the questions to be solved. Even grown-up persons cannot do that.

This subject is discussed in an interesting way in a pamphlet prepared by Dr. Robert A. Fraser, Chief Medical Director of the New York Life Insurance Company. The doctor urges arrangement for an hour of quiet after the evening meal in homes where children have home-work to do. "Whether we realize it or not," he says, "the radio, laughter, conversation, singing, any and all of these, constitute disturbances that are almost insurmountable for the average child when he has schoolwork to do."

This is a sensible suggestion, and it has this additional merit: All members of the family, young and older, would benefit by such an hour after the evening meal.

Even this may not make home-work agreeable, but it should help. Dr. Fraser makes another suggestion that will be acceptable to many parents. "Do not try to be a teacher," he says. "The chances are you will be doing more harm than good." And why? Methods of teaching are changing from year to year. Parents will try to explain to their children subjects as they were taught to them many years ago, and this may have little meaning in the classroom of today. "A visit to the school," says this medical authority, "will frequently result in parents having a much better understanding of what is being attempted, and they can find out how they can be of greater help both to the teacher and the child."

Alcoholic Blues

A DRUNKOMETER is a contraption by which to measure inebriety. The drinker's best friend may be unwilling to tell him the truth, but the drinkometer has no such reluctance. The suspect fills a toy balloon with his breath, and a drunkometer-operator sees to it that the air goes through a tell-tale purple fluid.

Out in Indianapolis a man and his wife have been convicted of drunken driving on evidence supplied by the drunkometer. When the aroma touched the purple fluid, it turned blue. Defendant's counsel protested vigorously, and doubtless the defendants did, too, but the drunkometer prevailed. The only solace for the defendants was that the purple and blue color scheme was about the most fitting that could have been chosen.

Any one who wants to be convinced that he really was intoxicated might consider a movie test, with sound effects, if available. Utah State Police began some time ago to film those whose sobriety might later be an issue. Of the first 52 who thus starred, 49 caved in and pleaded guilty when they saw the pictures. The jury, after viewing the performances of the other three, made it a 100 per cent. day for the police.

If it's a question of intoxication the reels seem better.

Snapshots

The bald heads got a great kick out of one of the midway attractions at the Exhibition. But it was not quite lady like just the same.

Disgraceful shows at the Exhibition midway are not educational and are beneath the tone of Fredericton people.

All performances should be inspected by the R.C.M.P. or by some one in authority and if not moral in tone, should be closed up in the public interest.

We have received a letter for publication but we are not using it because there is no person at the place where the letter came from bearing the name of the writer.

How is the three million dollar inter-urban water proposition making out?

BEVERLEY BAXTER AUTHOR SAILED TO ENGLAND YEST'DAY

QUEBEC, Sept. 15—A number of prominent Britishers and Canadians will be abroad the Empress of Australia when that Canadian Pacific liner sails from this port Thursday afternoon in command of Captain W. G. Buckwood, R.D.R.N.R. The Australia clears for Cherbourg and Southampton.

Notables will include Sir Herbert L. Dowbiggin of Colombo, Ceylon, Inspector General of the Ceylon Police who crossed Canada en route to Britain; Rt. Rev. Dr. C.C.B. Bardsley, Bishop of Leicester, who is returning from the General Synod of the Church of England held recently at Halifax; Wing Commander Sir Louis Greig, K.B.E.C.M.G., who with Lady Greig son and two daughters is completing a tour of Canada and the United States; Sir Henry Burstall, former Canadian Inspector General and Lady Burstall; Rev. William Patrick McCormick, D. S. O. Vicar of St. Martin in the Fields Church, London and Chaplain to King George VI; Beverley Baxter, M. P. for Wood Green Division of Middlesex journalist and author.

Woodstock Exhibition Opens On Monday

Woodstock Exhibition this year presents many added features, not the least of which is the biggest night show performance ever presented the patrons before the grandstand. The usual, well balanced, lengthy and varied vaudeville program is again afforded twice daily, but as an added specialty, obtained at considerable cost, is a nightly revue number, comprising the twelve delightful, gorgeous, Dade Dancing Dolls, a symphony in song and dance, introducing a bevy of beauties and a superlative series of numbers with fetching costumes, wondrous lighting effects and a repertoire of special acts and principals. Revue artists will also be seen and heard in the afternoon vaudeville programs in special numbers.

As usual, children are to be admitted free on Wednesday. The midway features are this year bigger and more numerous, while the Main Building holds added interest and a greater variety of booths.

The Harness Racing Program promises well filled classes and keenly contested heats. On Tuesday are scheduled the 2.24 pace, the free for all, trot, and the junior free for all (2.11 eligible); on Wednesday are carded the 2.15 trot and pace, the 2.23 trot and the 2.20 trot and pace, while on Thursday the line up is, the 2.17 trot, the free for all, trot and pace, and the 2.17 trot and pace.

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TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE

Rev. John Chesley Rice, Tracey Mills, Carleton County, has been authorized to solemnize marriage according to a notice in the current issue of the Royal Gazette. He is a clergyman of the United Baptist Church.

OBITUARY

GORMAN—Passed away at Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 14, 1937, Mrs. Amelia Gorman. Funeral will take place Thursday afternoon, Sept. 16 at 3.30 o'clock from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph McLaughlin, 445 Northumberland Street. Rev. Dr. J. W. Bartlett will officiate at the service. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

GRAY—Passed away at the home of her son Robert Gray at Kingsclear, N. B., Sept. 14, 1937, Sarah Jane Gray, widow of late James Gray. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon, Sept. 16, from the home of her son, Robert, with service at 2 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Ashley will conduct the service. Interment will be made at the Dunphy Cemetery, Kingsclear.

PRESERVATION

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stand by Dr. Harvey Agnew of Toronto, Council Secretary. Dr. Agnew declared: "There seems to be some apprehension that a situation might arise similar to that in Germany where 90 per cent of the voluntary hospitals have come under State control, or in Russia, where hospitals are almost 100 per cent under control of the Government.

"In all probability, however, no matter what form of health insurance is evolved in this country, we would not get anything so drastic as in those countries," he continued.

Hospitals Said Good

"The friends of the voluntary hospitals would exert their influence, private influence to preserve them. Further, we are not in the same position as some other countries. We have good hospital coverage in Canada and no large areas in which new hospitals must be built in Russia.

"I would anticipate that any new form of health insurance would assist rather than replace existing hospitals. And I think in any scheme it would better to preserve the autonomy of the voluntary system and dovetail it into commission or Government system."

FRANC DROPS

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Meanwhile the international situation around the Mediterranean caused further worry. French issues weakened on the Bourse today. Weakness of the franc brought a burst of strength in international issues.

Discounts on forward francs also increased in the money market, indicating the pressure on the currency. New York, Sept. 9.—With the French Government failing to support the market with its control fund, the French franc fell off sharply today, reaching the lowest level since the 1926 monetary crisis.

Under the pressure of the European political tension, the franc has held a downward trend for some days. A new "bearish" factor, creating even heavier pressure than the general unrest over the Mediterranean situation, came early in the day with the publication of the weekly report of the Bank of France, showing new heavy borrowing by the Government to finance its day-to-day needs.

New York foreign exchange traders believed the selling of francs was heaviest in London, as the market was fairly quiet locally.

There was no reason given for the Government's failure to use its control fund to purchase francs and support the market.

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