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The Showdown Arrives

The long-expected Spanish showdown has begun to take shape. Anglo-French "notes" to Moscow, Rome, Berlin and Lisbon, urging that Governments there give real effect to neutrality pledges, may be accepted as the formal, superficial diplomatic approach. The real showdown concerns Germany and Chancellor Hitler's reply to a rebel appeal for sufficient troops effectively to conclude the revolution. That the crisis has been so localized does not dispose of any of the dangers.

Diplomatically, and until he makes his decision, Hitler has the upper hand. Just the knowledge that he was considering Franco's appeal, added to the apparent gravity of economic conditions in Germany, has produced offers of special consideration for his domestic troubles from both Britain and France. Much that has been given the press in description of these offers can be discounted. It is not to be supposed that France has this early risked placing in writing definite promises for territorial concession.

On the other hand, there can be very little exaggeration of French fears. France is afraid, and reasonably so, of the possibilities of economic collapse in Germany. (She is equally afraid of the insurgents winning the Spanish revolution with assistance that would permit Germany maintaining influence through a permanent army occupation, either in the Iberian Peninsula or in Spanish Morocco.

Such a price would not be too much for Hitler to ask, and Britain's interest in this respect is hardly less than that of France. It may be true, as some observers claim, that Britain does not object to the rebels winning with the aid of Germany. But the possibility of Germany retaining armed influence over Spain is incompatible with her Mediterranean and Imperial interests.

It is not to be supposed that all the terms of the offer made to Hitler are suitable to Nazi policies. But the French suggestions for a peace convention and arms restrictions are his own in new dress. In accepting them he could get first proof of National Socialism's sincerity, at the risk of offending his radical advisers. Any economic concessions he could gain would be a diplomatic victory of greater domestic benefits than any in prospect from intervention in Spain.

And while Britain and France both seem willing to make concessions, there is a firmness to their approach that cannot be overlooked. Should Hitler choose to go to the aid of Franco, both are in a position to effectively oppose him. A combined naval force could prevent his troops and arms from reaching Spain. The absence of Italy from these new developments indicates that Britain has successfully settled the Mediterranean dispute with Mussolini, and that Hitler can expect no assistance there. What is in appearance a persuasive offer of practical aid should be equally effective as a threat of force.

A Year to Remember

The foreign trade figures for eleven months, released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, show the soon-to-be-forgotten "old year" one that was good to Canada. We can well bid it adieu with respect. Total trade was the highest of any similar period since 1930, which witnessed the beginning of the depression. With it came a favorable trade balance large enough to meet most external obligations, a great increase in the national income, an unexpected gain in public revenues and general employment 10 per cent. above the basic record of 1926.

Mr. James L. Carson, General Manager of the Bank of Toronto, told a Montreal service club that "recovery is not only on its way, but it is definitely here." This could not have been said of any of the past five years.

Let us be grateful to 1936, and in doing so remember that the improvement in trading relations has gone far toward demolishing the internal obstinacy which seemed to have wrecked all hopes. What the momentous World Economic Conference of 1933 failed to do has been accomplished to a great extent by the operation of natural human trends without a formula. Despite the blunt obtrusion of difficulties in many quarters, good-will has prevailed.

Dominion imports for eleven months have been the highest since 1931 and exports the highest since 1929. This is only part of the story. Records of the International Chamber of Commerce show that of the thirty-five nations accounting for 85 per cent. of world trade twenty-seven improved their exports and twenty-six their imports during the first half of the calendar year. It is believed the acceleration continued at a greater pace during the second half. The wholesale price level has risen in all countries but four. Improvement in industrial production and employment has been proportionate.

The alarms of the day have to be viewed against this background. Sanity has exceeded insanity. Good-will is far more general than ill-will. In much the larger part of the world the old year is one to be blessed.

It would be foolish to pretend we have cleared away all difficulties, for they are around us. But 1936 has removed doubts. It definitely has restored confidence. It is a year to remember.

Soviet "Democracy" a Fake

After all the ballyhoo about Russia's new constitution being a step toward democracy, the thing turns out to be an instrument to further bind the people under their current despotism. In fact, the new constitution merely sums up the practices of political communism and makes them more binding.

Who says so? Stalin says so. "A constitution," he says, "is a recording and consolidation by law of those achievements which have already been attained and made secure."

The new constitution forbids the existence of an opposition party. In that respect it is identical with fascism. If any opposition party starts up, it will be suppressed by force. Stalin says so.

"Several parties," says Stalin, "may exist only in such a society wherein antagonistic classes exist..."

If any one becomes antagonistic in Russia he is "suppressed by force," if necessary. So Russia is just one big, happy family.

When Mr. Stalin talks about there being no classes in Russia, he is being a bit careless with the fact. The dumb peasant and factory worker is sweated while the "intelligentsia" have extraordinary privileges.

SNAPSHOTS

Another meeting of the Closed Door School Board was held on Thursday. The cut and dried report furnished to certain portions of the press did not mention anything about the large salary increase paid to the new superintendent of city schools, nor did it say anything about the price of coal to the school board. As The Daily Mail has already stated the report contained just what the trustees wanted the public to know—just that and nothing more.

It seems that we heard something about a certain recently appointed official going to start in to study law at an early date.

One of our readers who does not wish to be regarded as a competitor of Emily Post and therefore wants his name withheld sent up a clipping which, so he claims, contains information of great value to men. If you are bored by your feminine dinner companions, ask these three questions:

1. Ask the lady on your right if she is married. Should she say "Yes," ask her if she has any children. If she says "No," ask her how.
2. Ask the lady on your left if she's married. If she says "No," ask her if she has any children.
3. Ask the lady across from you if she has any children. If she says "Yes," ask her if she's married.

Never waste sympathy on a martyr. His idea of a good time is to feel sorry for himself.

"Women, Are They Human?" is the title of an article in the Canadian Forum. At this moment it might be discreet not to raise that question.

A college education for everybody sounds good; but if all were polished and proud, who would do the dirty work?

Time goes right along. It doesn't seem so long ago, but it's quite a spell, since we were thrilled by the adventures of Desperate Desmond in the silent movies.

OUR MAIL BAG

ON CITY AFFAIRS

Editor The Daily Mail, City.

Dear Sir:

Seeing from your attitude in your paper that you are in sympathy with the poor man, I would like to state a few facts concerning his environment.

First, if he should ask the city engineer for a job he would be told that there was no work to be had (which in a sense is quite true), and he would then have to apply for relief. Once on relief he could work as many days as he saw fit, at the rate of two dollars a day to pay for whatever Mr. Armstrong sees fit to give him.

If there is work for twenty to fifty men on relief all winter surely there must be work if a man instead of taking relief could be supplied a certain number of days if he wanted it, and he then could buy his own food or clothing without being dictated to.

If you look into the matter closely you would no doubt find the city prefers relief to actual work.

There is also our fine board of trade in this city that could be awakened a bit along with the aldermen. Fredericton, a city with every available communication for manufacturing, with a few factories running on half time, factories being kept out because a few well fed—who have enough, don't like the noise and smoke.

If you cared to do so you could go along a long ways in Fredericton and the majority of the people would follow you.

I haven't a doubt if you wanted to run as mayor on a clean-up policy of the city hall, you would be elected. But it wouldn't hurt any to start the ball a-rolling before election.

Yours truly,

PROGRESS.

December 31, 1936.

APPEARS ON THEFT CHARGE

Mellie Geneau, of Minto, who was arrested by R.C.M.P. here yesterday, was scheduled to appear before Magistrate Hart at Minto this afternoon. It is charged that Geneau, who is a former employee of Mrs. Josephine Gallagher, entered the latter's store and opened the safe, stealing \$99. Geneau was picked up by the police in this city.

Bears Bring

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the large trout stored for the winter, Pilot Matt Berry said here today. He added the bears are exceptionally prevalent on the Arctic Coast this winter.

The veteran Northland aviator has arrived here after rescuing Right Rev. Peter Palaize, Conductor Bishop of the Mackenzie; a priest, whose name was not known in Edmonton; Brother Graut and three Eskimo children from the mission. They were left at Fort Smith, N.W.T.

Aviation officials said they believed the 4,400 miles rescue flight made by Berry against the "toughest" flying conditions was the most northerly mid-winter flight ever made in Canada. The mission is about 1,750 miles east of Akavik near the Arctic coast.

From Letty Harbor, 50 miles north, Berry flew 1,500 pounds of food for Father Biname and Father Griffin, who remained alone at the remote mission.

"The only thing that saved them (from starvation) was a cache of caribou one of the Fathers had put up in the fall," Berry stated. Sources of food and fuel were in divergent directions.

The flier said the three dog teams were being worked to death rapidly to obtain necessities for the mission inhabitants.

"Those Fathers were wonderful the way they worked even with a 40-mile an hour blizzard blowing," Berry declared of the efforts made to get fish, other food and fuel.

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Nazi Ships

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bows of the Spanish freighter, Soton, near Santander and then took the ship to an unnamed Spanish insurgent port.

(The Reuters news agency said in a Berlin despatch that the captured steamer was believed to be the Aragon.

(The Graf Spee was said to have participated in today's seizure).

The development, regarded as serious by foreign diplomats, was announced in the following communique issued by the German news bureau:

"The refusal of the Red government at Bilbao (capital of the semi-autonomous Basque loyalist state) obliged the Reich government to bolster its demand for restitution with measures of this order.

"Capture of a Spanish steamship is designed to defend Germany's sovereign rights against acts of piracy."

Charge Reiterated

The communique repeated the German charge that the Palos was seized by Basque authorities 23 miles north of Cape Machinchaco, and therefore far outside Spanish waters.

The Palos' captain was asked by Basque authorities to sign a statement to the effect that the ship was taken within the five-mile zone, but refused. It was stated.

Even had the five-mile claim been true, the official news bureau said, the act would still have been a violation of German rights, since national jurisdiction extends only to the three-mile limit.

The Palos was first reported captured Dec. 24. Conducted to Bilbao, it was searched by Spanish authorities merchandise, much of it war material, who charged it contained 1,500 tons of and a passenger whose identification papers revealed him as a Spanish insurgent.

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"SHOW THEM NO MERCY"

Wheat Board

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prices. This policy has succeeded partly because countries like Italy and Germany, which were producing sufficient wheat for their own requirements a year or two ago, must now import from Canada and other countries which have a surplus.

Holdings Reduced

But in any event, the present wheat board a year ago definitely abandoned the Atlas-like attitude of John I. McFarland, who attempted to hold up world prices by stabilization operations of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange with the result that the Dominion Government less than two years ago was committed to the extent of about \$200,000,000 in guarantees to the banks of Canada which had loaned money to McFarland to bolster the market.

Canadian wheat has been moving so freely to the market of Europe that the 300-million bushels surplus which hung like a spectre over the Winnipeg Exchange has now been reduced to 130 million bushels and while no accurate figures are available it is believed by reliable authorities that the holdings of the Canadian Wheat Board at the present time are considerably less than fifty million bushels, which means that the Dominion Government's commitment is down to reasonable proportions.

Not only that, but the prospect is the Canadian Wheat Board will now escape from the biggest grain speculations of all time with a profit, and the question arises whether that profit will go to the Dominion Government, which ran all the risk, or whether it will be claimed by discredited Western pools.

BOARD OF TRADE ANNUAL

The annual meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade will take place in the city council chamber on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at eight o'clock.

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rymple, Bridgetown; Douglas Chappell, Sydney; and Lawrence Hall, Fredericton.

Ralph C. Young, Maritime boys' work secretary, gave his final address on leadership training at the morning's devotional period. Victor Moriarty, New Glasgow, conducted the service of worship.

At the afternoon meeting, Dalton Rideout, Hartland, and Max Robinson Kentville, sponsored a resolution regarding model parliaments. A bill respecting the publication of "The Upward Trail" was, on motion of Arthur Covey, given its second and third readings.

On motion of the minister of finance, the house resolved itself into a committee of supply and voted an objective of \$1,500 to be raised as their share of the budget of the Maritime Religious Education Council. The house also went into committee of ways and means for raising the objective.

An act respecting the duties of cabinet ministers was, on motion of Premier Stuart MacLeod, Kentville, given second and third readings.

At the evening session, Roy Lake, Sydney, and Robbins Elliott, Wolfville, brought in a resolution concerning camps and conferences.

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Douglas Chappell and Albert Ettinger, Shubenacadie, moved the adoption of a resolution regarding the Tuxis attitude toward Christ, thinking of Him as an in-dwelling spirit as well as an example, and as the solution of personal problems as well as the solution of world problems.

Votes of thanks were extended Rev. Dr. W. N. Hutchins, the Lieutenant-governor; Rev. Waldo C. Machum, Mr. Young, Rev. J. Lloyd Jess, Douglas Snair, Lloyd Kinley, Douglas Roach, the press and Acadia University.

The Lieutenant-governor, after giving assent to the bills, prorogued the House.

A watchnight service was held later in the evening, led by Mr. Young. Several of the boys spoke of their impressions of the parliament and of what it had meant to them. The members will be leaving for their homes tomorrow morning.