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FOR A NEW ORDER IN THE FAR EAST

MUCH IS BEING MADE of the fact that Emperor Hirohito unprecedently has been drawn personally into the Yangtse River crisis by President Roosevelt's memorandum. This descent of a being, normally high above his people's politics and such mundane things as diplomatic notes, is, to say the least, historic. But there are grounds for attaching some political importance to it, if, on the strength of week-end despatches, only within the boundaries of speculation as to possible developments resulting.

His entry into the crisis coincides with a dispute between the military and naval clique and the Cabinet as to further concessions to the United States. It follows, too, the appearance of new evidence as to the deliberate nature of the Panay attack, calculated to make the United States somewhat more difficult to "satisfy."

Just what action the Emperor directs be taken—if he goes that far—is really not important. Withdrawal of the Japanese Third Fleet, and some of the Army's high command, as forecast, would be a technical gain and might amount to such a "loss of face" as to assure foreign interests immunity for the duration of the war. But what is important in a Royal decision is whose wishes, the Cabinet's or the clique's, the Emperor favors.

Should further concessions be ordered by the Emperor the assumption is that his Parliamentary advisers have scored over the heads of the Army and Navy, which means that, temporarily at least, the Cabinet has the Emperor's ear. Everything else, for long range benefits, would depend upon them being able to consolidate their position as his counsellors.

Were that to occur drastic changes in the Far Eastern situation could be expected. So far as China is concerned peace would be considerably closer and negotiable on terms less exacting than the Chinese Government is otherwise certain to be forced to meet. Another reasonable assumption is that the relations between Japan and the Western Powers could be more easily adjusted; that the extremes of possessiveness, demonstrated since the fall of Shanghai, could be greatly modified.

All this depends on the domestic politics, which, more than the Roosevelt note, qualify the Emperor's intervention. Speculation cannot assume how much face the military overlords actually have lost. But even if the optimistic course traced here were to become reality in the developments of the next few days, there are no guarantees that it could last. There is no guarantee that China will not be gutted again and as soon as an incident can be arranged satisfactorily. And none that the "Asiatic plan" will not eventually be carried forward as it exists today.

The only guarantee for these things is a realignment in the international scene to take care of the vicissitudes of Japanese politics. Which means a Western agreement that will carry the threat of joint, as distinct from parallel, action. If the Panay incident has signalled a change in the order of things in the Far East for those nations which have, and have to maintain, interests there. Nothing could do more to assure the politicians remaining at Emperor Hirohito's right hand than the "unprobability" of Anglo-American co-operation growing out of the militarists' blunder.

NO RECOUNT IN RUSSIA

INSTEAD of exulting over their return to power by an election in which there was no opposition, the Russian Soviet authorities proceed to "liquidate" several of the candidates. They were successful candidates, too, because they couldn't lose, but instead of taking seats in the legislative chamber they face a firing squad. Thus democracy under the new Soviet Constitution is proclaimed.

This is an unusual election aftermath. In other countries there may be recriminations, but in Russia it is death. And the world can only guess why. The sentences could not be for "electoral corruption," which other lands know something about. Everything was fixed beforehand; there was no need for bribery; no temptation to persons, because there were no alternative candidates—no "P.R." Some 90,000 voters knew what they had to do at the polls. There is no talk of a recount.

It was a 100 per cent. victory for Stalin and his cohorts, and one would think that would be the end of it. But evidently before the election a number of candidates were marked for execution, with other elections afterward.

There is something lacking in the mental make-up of dictators who imagine the world is impressed by this sort of humbug, this farcical evidence of unity—at least by democratic standards.

TITLE LURES

TITLES OF BOOKS are no longer signposts of what the reader may expect to find in their pages; they are the breakers of sales resistance. A reader of "David Copperfield" will not be disappointed if he looks forward to learning something about David, but the early purchasers of "Gone With the Wind" must have been surprised to discover an account of the South in the Civil War. Arthur Krock proposes an even deadlier lure for book patrons with the title "Wolves in the Bathroom."

The movies have outdistanced the literary men in divorcing title and contents. Names of films have so far lost touch with their themes until now only a sure-fire memory can join the two together after a lapse of a few months. Sometimes the title sticks, and sometimes the theme, but the twain seldom meet. Salesmanship has won the fight over description in both fields of art, and the movie and book fan must put down their coin and take their chances blindfold.

The experiment in separation must be judged a success or it would not be so generally employed. Possibly because more of the book has run into the title, leaving less for the contents. After all, there is much to be said for the old-fashioned practice of conveying through the title of book or play some inkling as to its subject.

SNAP SHOTS

Statements and contra statements regarding the Minto strike are still flying back and forth through the press. Why do they not get some way to settle the dark thing.

The most sympathy regarding the strike will now go out to the poor little kiddies who are looking out for Santa Claus.

The men who made a rush for the liquor store with their relief money got left. The government protected them against themselves by closing the store down and refusing to take the men's money which should go to their families.

Our service clubs are demonstrating a fine Christmas spirit in regard to the kiddies. This is real Christianity.

"Lemons Grow in Alberta," says a dispatch. The biggest lemon that they have out there is the Social Credit Government and that is not growing.

We thought that Eligible Bachelor No. One would be married before another Christmas rolled around. What is the matter with our girls that he is not roped in ere this. There is a nice looking widow who does not live far away who might help him out. But next year is not leap year.

CIVIC BROADCAST

A civic broadcast sponsored by the Fredericton City Council will be given on Friday evening, Christmas Eve, between 9.30 and 10 o'clock. The broadcast will be over CPNB and will be open to listeners throughout New Brunswick and the New England States. The program will consist of Christmas carols and songs by the Cecilia Singers, under the direction of Robyn C. Bayley. Addresses will be delivered by His Worship Mayor Kitchen and Deputy-Mayor Ray T. Forbes. The City of Fredericton good-will program will be the first program of its kind that has ever been presented by any city in the Maritime Provinces. This city is the nearest municipality to Boston which has ever sponsored this work. Boston has presented a similar program to radio listeners during the past few years.

AT THE QUEEN

A special arranged Christmas dinner will be served this year to the patrons of the Queen Hotel. J. P. Corkery, proprietor of this popular hotel, has made special arrangements to cater to the Christmas trade, and already many small family parties have decided to avoid the trouble of preparing a Christmas dinner and have made reservations there. The dinner will be served from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. and from 6 to 7 p.m. Read the menu elsewhere in The Daily Mail. Can you prepare as nice a one?

CLAIMS

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America is quite likely to involve as large a quantity next season, it would be quite definitely a foolhardy step to ship an inferior potato, he said.

In referring to the alleged shipment of oozy tubers mentioned above a Federal Government Inspector in conversation with The Daily Mail today stated that after the potatoes had been taken from the wrecked boat that they had been placed in cold storage for nearly a month, for examination and that only the potatoes which were considered of a satisfactory quality and condition were allowed to be shipped. He claims that the potatoes of an unsatisfactory nature ever left the port of Saint John. Those that gave evidence of field rot had been removed and did not go forward.

Potato shippers from this province cannot be too careful about the quality of the potatoes which they are placing upon foreign markets.

Notice

For the convenience of Christmas Shoppers using

Train 194, Friday
December 24

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THE
Canadian Pacific
Railway

Will Operate

Special Train

To Leave

North Devon

5:45 p. m., the same evening for Otis.

MINTO

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with any further relief. This is the situation which, it is said, faces the miners today.

In a statement given out today to The Daily Mail, A. D. King, vice-president and manager of the Minto Coal Company, denies statements made by the Saint John Citizen correspondent on Monday last. Mr. King says:—

On the front page of Monday's issue of the Saint John Citizen appears three photographs purported to have been taken at North Minto presumably by a staff photographer with the appellation "This is Minto" across the top of these pictures.

Dealing with the top picture of this series, it is a fact that the fine mine plant depicted thereon is the property of the Minto Coal Co. Ltd. This modern plant was completed and went into operation in the fall of 1932. The name generally applied to this plant is the "Slope," which name is derived from the fact that instead of the vertical type of shaft which is in operation at all the other major mines in the Minto coalfield, our North Minto mine is on the slope principle so that we are able as a consequence to hoist a trip of twelve boxes of coal at a time, instead of the usual one box from a vertical shaft, and our men can walk in or out of the slope with ease. Our North Minto operation is therefore unique in this regard in this field. The coal from this plant is mined altogether by electricity operated coal cutters under the long wall system of mining. This plant is equipped on the surface with all the latest appliances for the proper screening, sizing and preparation of coal for the market. At this mine one of the features, designed for the comfort of the workmen, is a fine changing and wash room. This building was introduced at the time the slope was opened for operation, and is fitted with individual lockers for the employees where they can leave their mine clothing after finishing their work for the day. Several shower bath outlets are provided for the convenience of our workmen.

But we have to disclaim ownership for the shacks, as the Saint John paper terms them, in the foreground of the picture, because, apart from our slope plant buildings, we own no others in that vicinity.

MUSICALS DECEMBER 29th

The St. Andrew's Musicals to be given on Wednesday, Dec. 29th will feature Mrs. A. L. Gerow in Henry VanDyke's story of The Other Wise Men; The Cecilia Singers, organ, violin and local numbers.

TELEGRAPH FLOWERS

Ada Schyler's Ltd. florists, are prepared to take orders for delivery of flowers to all parts of the world. Many orders have already been booked to outside points.

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A MAN HAPPY
AT Christmas

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—IN—

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WOMAN IN
DISTRESS

With May Robson
Irene Hervey and Dean Jagger

HERE MON., TUES., and WED.
George Brent, Anita Louise, In

"THE GO-GETTER"

Another point in connection with the condition of our houses. Much depends on the character of the tenant. We have observed tenants placed in exactly similar houses side by side. At the end of a period of time, one house and its yard would be neat and clean, while the other house would be a complete shambles inside and out, even the shingles ripped off in some cases to provide kindling for the morning fire and the yard cluttered up with debris.

Jim Hachey

Jim Hachey is very prominently featured in the article and pictures of the Saint John paper. He is quoted as saying that he worked long hours without pay for the Minto Coal Co. We emphatically contradict such a statement, as Hachey as well as other employees are paid in full for all time worked by them.

Judging from the abundance of fine automobiles, glittering new ranges in the kitchens, high class radios, electric washing machines and other appliances of a modern high standard of living which the staff correspondent of the Saint John paper reports would indicate to people at large that the coal companies in the Minto field have not accorded their workmen the mean treatment which that paper's article and some other press releases since the walkout began implies they did.

We think it is the duty of a New Brunswick newspaper to report the facts and to contribute to the rebuilding rather than the tearing down of any section of the province, and had the photographer of the Saint John paper looked around a little and reported the facts pictorially, he would have found in Minto very fine public buildings, some of the finest homes in the province, many of which are owned by the more progressive type miners themselves, and speaking for the Minto Coal Co. a very well ordered townsite of that Company, instead of the misleading impression which his pictures would convey to persons outside Minto who are not familiar with this community of approximately four thousand persons.

Perhaps had the Saint John paper looked around its own City and made a comparison of conditions with Minto, it might very possibly find housing conditions in some cases quite definitely worse there than here.

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The JONES FAMILY

—IN—
"HOT WATER"

With Jed Prouty, Shirley Deane, Spring Byington, Russell Gleason, Kenneth Howell, George Ernest, June Carlson, Florence Roberts, Billy Mahan, Joan Marsh.

HERE FRIDAY and SATURDAY!
Bing Crosby and Martha Raye, In
"Double or Nothing"

City
Election

THE ELECTION FOR MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
FOR THE CITY OF FREDERICTON
for the ensuing year will be holden on

MONDAY

the 10th day of January,
1938

at the Polling Places as follows:—

DIVISION NO. 1—For all voters residing or owning property above the northwest centre line of Carleton Street, prolonged, at or near the City Hall, in the said City.

DIVISION NO. 2—For all voters residing or owning property in the remainder of the City, at or near the County Court House, in the said City.

NOMINATIONS

"Every candidate for the office of Mayor or Alderman shall be qualified to vote at the election for which he is nominated and shall be nominated by at least TWO ratepayers residing in the City of Fredericton, and qualified to vote at the ensuing election for which such candidate is nominated."

"Every nomination paper, with the certificate of the City Treasurer, shall be filed with the City Clerk or at his office, and not later than FOUR O'CLOCK on the afternoon of MONDAY, the THIRD DAY OF JANUARY, 1938, and the City Clerk, before receiving such nomination paper, shall ascertain from the same that the requirements of the Election Act have been complied with.

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 nomination.

In case of a contest, each elector shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for Mayor, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Wellington Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for St. Anne's Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Carleton Ward, for ONE candidate for Alderman for Queen's Ward, and for ONE candidate for Alderman for King's Ward.

Dated this 18th day of December, A. D., 1937.

FRED I. HAVILAND,
City Clerk.