

# Northern Lights Cause Havoc in Manitoba

## Fascism vs. Democracy Seen As War Line-ups

League of Nations Has Compiled Statistics and Made Study of World Governments  
Lesson in Neutrality for United States

Classification of Nations Leads to Conclusions by Many

WASHINGTON, April 28—It is the belief of most observers of the international situation that, if another world war comes, the issue will be drawn between democracies and fascist forms of government. Since the first world war, there has been a steady growing movement toward fascism among certain peoples while others have held tenaciously to democracy. It seems to be a part of the idea of fascism to display a considerable amount of chauvinism, as in Germany and Italy and experience has shown that when a country is heavily armed and its people trained to arms war is almost certain to result.

**U. S. Neutrality Action**  
The American Congress has been debating neutrality laws, and there seems to be a strong popular opinion in the United States against any participation in a world war. It remains to be determined whether it will prove possible to hold to that neutrality. In any event the United States will be strongly affected if in no other way through its foreign trade. So then, how the European countries are likely to divide is of the first interest here.

The League of Nations, in the view of most of the world, has proved ineffective in maintaining the peace which was provisioned by Woodrow Wilson when he was instrumental in drawing the covenant which was adopted at Versailles, but it has done much valuable work in compiling statistics and making studies of world governments. Its most recent important work has been the making of a classification of democratic and fascist governments and this, if it is adopted, should give something of a key to how countries are likely to be aligned in the event of a broad scale political clash.

**Classification of Nations**  
Although the tried strength of Great Britain and France has given the league reason to count the European democracies as holding the stronger hand, statistically the story reads in reverse. There are 29 independent nations in Europe and, while 16 of them are counted as democracies, these 16 govern only 35 per cent. of the population and but one-fourth of the area.

The league lists only Italy, Germany and Austria as being outright fascist states. They govern 22 per cent. of the European population and 7 per cent. of its area. The other countries are classified only as being non-democratic, but the league seems to think that they would be more inclined to lean toward the fascist side

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## FREDERICTON POST OFFICE WILL HAVE CANCELLATIONS WITH CORONATION DESIGN

OTTAWA, April 28—The Postoffice Department announced tonight it intended to use a number of special Coronation cancelling dies bearing a design of the British flag and an inscription relating to the Coronation at the following Postoffices:

Charlottetown, Halifax, Fredericton, Saint John, Quebec, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton, London, Win-

## Ontario Flood Danger Has Now Greatly Abated

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
LONDON, Ont., April 28—The danger of the floods abated here but it is sweeping from London down to Lake St. Clare and Chatham districts.

## HOW CANADIANS MAY HEAR THE CORONATION

OTTAWA, April 28.—Canadian radio listeners will have two chances of hearing a description of the coronation ceremony in Westminster Abbey on May 12, and the King's message to the Empire, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation announced tonight.

The British broadcasts of both these events will be relayed in Canada over the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation network and rebroadcast again later in the day.

The corporation has prepared a 23-hour programme for Coronation Day and will be on the air continuously from 5 a. m., May 12 to 4 a. m. the following morning, (both times Atlantic Standard).

From the British Broadcasting Corporation the Canadian radio body will take the description of the coronation procession, the coronation service and the return of Their Majesties to Buckingham Palace besides the King's speech to the Empire and other features.

Supplementing these will be a Canada-wide programme with contributions from Ottawa, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Port William, Calgary, Halifax.

## Nazi Government Arrests Chaplains

(Special to The Daily Mail)

BERLIN, April 28—The Nazi Government have arrested three Roman Catholic chaplains for treason and plotting against the Nazi government. One man was given eleven years imprisonment, one five years and one two years.

## Remove the Junk

WOULD it not be a good idea before the arrival of the Governor-General in June next, or perhaps before the Coronation celebration, to remove the two pieces of old German junk which have for some years been spoiling the appearance of the lawn in front of the Parliament Building? Shortly after the war some person with a distorted idea of patriotism wished these cannons on Hon. P. J. Veniot, the then Premier of the Province. The Department of Public Works put down two concrete bases and placed these cannons in front of the Parliament Building. They certainly detract very much from the beauty of Parliament Square.

If any person has a notion that these two pieces of junk help to inspire patriotism, why not pass them over to the boys of the Canadian Legion and have them placed in the old Officers' Square. This would seem to be a more appropriate place, and if they were placed on the side of the Square next to the river they would not be so much of an eyesore. Then a person would have to go out on Campbell Street or on the steamboat wharf to look at them.

At the time these dilapidated-looking cannons were wished on Peter Veniot, some person with the same kind of patriotic ideas made a present of two field pieces to the city. After reposing in the dark and dusk of the city warehouse for a couple of years these latter pieces of ordnance were passed over to the Historical Society and the last seen of them they were hidden away under some broken chairs and boards upstairs over the Post Office. A good place.

Our Gracious Majesty, the present King, a few days ago set us an example in regard to some of these pieces of German junk when he ordered them to be removed from the grounds about the Palace Park. Why not follow the example of His Majesty and have the guns removed from the front of our pretty Parliament Square? No person can say that they add to the beauty of the surroundings, and no person can say that they inspire patriotism.

## DEADLOCK EXISTS IN NEW GLASGOW

Clay Products Plant is Tied Up By Strike of Employees

NEW GLASGOW, N. S., April 28—The deadlock between the employees of the Standard Clay Products, and their employers continued here today. The plant was closed by the owners last Saturday, after the men had refused to take a 10 per cent. boost in lieu of the 40 per cent. increase that they had asked for.

Saturday night at a meeting of the employees it was decided that the part raise should be accepted and that negotiations would continue for the balance, but the plant remained closed to the 200 workers, who turned up Monday morning in the hope that their livelihood had not been taken away.

NEW WATERFORD, N. S., April 28—The 34 bankhead employees in No. 12 colliery, who refused to go to work Monday because of wage disagreements with the Dominion Coal Company, kept in idleness 1,200 fellow miners in the colliery, as they disregarded the advice of the United Mine Workers, who urged them to return to work, pending the resumption of wage negotiations with the company.

The 34 employees claim that the bankhead staff in the mine had remained the same when the output increased during the last few years and asked to be put on a contract instead of on a daily rate. The company agreed to this but made the stipulation that the new wage would be no increase over the old.

## Hollywood Actors, Pictures Banned by General Franco

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SPAIN, April 28—Five motion picture actors have been banned by the rebel leader, General Franco. They are Fredric March, Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Franchot Tone, Joan Crawford and Charlie Chaplin. The pictures in which these actors and actresses star have been banned by insurgent authorities on account of having taken part in an entertainment to help Government forces.

## High School Students To Be Entertained While in London

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
MONTREAL, April 28—Canada's first junior contingent to a Coronation party this morning when 160 high school boys from all over Canada sail in the Canadian Pacific liner *Montcalm* for Southampton. They will be followed on Friday by an equal number of girl students.

Travelling under the auspices of the Overseas Education League, the 20 young Canadians will spend three weeks sightseeing in and about London, two weeks as guest students at famous British schools and will finish their stay in England at Eastbourne, where in addition to a course in English they are to enjoy sea bathing and other sports.

Special events planned for the Canadian students include: seats in government grandstands for the coronation procession on May 12; attendance at the Empire youth rally to be held in the Albert Hall, May 18; the Empire service of youth at Westminster Abbey, at which the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Westminster will officiate; The royal naval and military tournament. It is expected, recent advices from London indicate, that during their stay in London the Canadian students may be guests of Imperial Airways, Ltd., for flights over London.

The Canadian students, selected for their scholastic standing, represent every province in the Dominion. Each party is accompanied by adult leaders, all of whom are honorary officials. Major F. J. Ney, M.C., vice-president of the National Council of Education, has been in London for three months making arrangements for the party.

## SUGAR PACT BEING DRAFTED

LONDON, April 28—A world sugar agreement calculated to net producers an additional \$35,000,000 to \$40,000,000 annually through stabilized prices was being drafted today by delegates to the international conference. Informed sources said the agreement is expected to be signed this week.

## WASHINGTON, April 28—The House Military Affairs Committee after long debate today approved a revised Hill-Sheppard Bill to take the profits out of war.

## LONDON POLICE CHECK CITY'S CRANK LIST

Elaborate Precautions Under Way to Guard Monarch and Foreign Notables at Coronation

LONDON, April 28—British police checked thousands of names today to close every possible loophole to a Coronation repetition of "the incident of Constitution Hill" last July 16. Then watchful hobbies seized a man after a pistol slithered toward King Edward VIII as he rode by on parade. No one was hurt, but it has not been forgotten.

To complicate the situation on May 12 will be the large number of foreign visitors present and hosts of foreign nobility and notables who will be in the procession to Westminster Abbey.

Detectives are therefore checking lists of those who will occupy grandstand seats in an effort to eliminate undesirables.

Let it rain—let it pour—Coronation officials say there will be no change in any part of the Coronation program. Above all it is emphasized there will be no deviation from the procession plans. The great mass of spectators will not be disappointed—even though rain-soaked. A fairly brisk business is reported in Coronation insurance.

Caterers, organizers of sports and fireworks displays, owners of grandstands, and others are insuring themselves against loss if the weather frowns on the Coronation spectacle. Premiums range from \$35 to \$70 for each \$500 worth of protection. (Continued on Page Four)

## First of Series Summer Cruises Sails Tonight

MONTREAL, April 28—The first cruise of the season from Montreal to Bermuda, the Bahama Islands and Jamaica will take place by the sailing of the *Lady Somers*, Canadian National Steamships, tonight, Wednesday, initiating a series of fortnightly departures to these southern resorts during the summer and fall months.

CARACAS, Venezuela, April 28—The airmail plane "Venezolana", missing several days, was reported found today with its five occupants safe. Details were not immediately available.

Reserve May 26 for Saint Paul's Ladies' Aid Tea at the Manse.

## Extension of Trade is Planned Between Belgium and Canada, as Result of the Visit of Baron Silvercruys

## DOGS IS DOGS; CHIEF DODGES MOOT QUESTION

NEW YORK, April 28—It was men's night at a recent meeting of a suburban Parent-Teachers Association, with the males in charge of everything, including the refreshments. And, man-like, instead of providing the dainty viands that the ladies crave, they had determined on a frankfurter roast.

Came the time for the feast, but the refreshments had disappeared. The custodian of the hall, questioned about the mystery, could only reply that the rear door had been opened during the meeting and that he had chased away a couple of dogs.

It was determined to call in the law, which was easy, for the chief of police was present. He sniffed haughtily when complaint was made and inquired: (Continued on Page Four)

## Rapidly Advancing Insurgent Forces Remove Defenses

Insurgent General Emilio Mola Hurls Warning to Basque Government

Surrender of Bilbao Demanded

Bilbao Threatened With Aerial Attack Similar to Guernica

## Aurora Borealis Causing Havoc in Things Electrical

(Special to The Daily Mail)

WINNIPEG, April 28—Northern Lights or Aurora Borealis caused great havoc among telephone wires during the past few nights in Manitoba. These Northern Lights caused excess current on all electrical things.

Scientists are puzzled over this phenomenon and say that not for ten years have these lights been scattered so widely from the magnetic pole.

## UPPER CLASS STORK ON SIT-DOWN STRIKE

Chicago Professor Sees Upper Classes Steadily Losing Ground

(By Beatrice Fairfax)

CHICAGO, April 28—Dr. Newton Edwards, University of Chicago Professor of Education, said the upper classes in the United States are steadily losing ground to the less privileged.

The stork seems to be indulging in a "sit-down" strike among those with the "richest cultural resources" who are failing to replace themselves from one generation to the other. Dr. Edwards added:

"Lawyers and judges fail by 27 per cent. to have enough children for replacement; clergymen fail by 2 per cent., and bankers by 13 per cent."

"We can only speculate on the possibilities." (Continued on Page Five)

(Special to The Daily Mail)  
HENDAYE, France, April 28—Remnants of basque soldiers came to a church today near the border between France and Spain and entering the edifice fired on the insurgents from the church.

ST. JEAN DE LUTZ, FRANCE, April 28—Within a few hours of a devastating aerial attack on Guernica, in which an estimated 800 persons—including hundreds of women and children—were reported killed, rebel authorities today threatened Bilbao with similar treatment unless the Basque capital surrenders, according to reports received here.

General Emilio Mola, commander of the northern rebel armies driving toward Bilbao, was stated to have warned the Basque government he will "razz Bilbao to the ground" unless the city surrenders.

Capture of the town of Le Queito by rebel forces at noon was announced in an insurgent communique. Column Ready

A large motorized insurgent column was ready to leave Durango as soon as word of the break-through to Bilbao has been received.

According to an insurgent broadcast, the Basque government at Bilbao sent a message to Valencia demanding immediate dispatch of as many fighting planes as possible. If such aid is not forthcoming in 48 hours, the Basque government will take whatever action it deems necessary, the broadcast said. There was no indication of the contemplated action.

In the Guernica attack, hundreds of men, women and children were reported incinerated and virtually torn to pieces by a hail of hand grenades, high explosives and incendiary bombs and machine gun bullets hurled at them from the air.

EBBAR, Spain, April 28—General Emilio Mola's insurgent army marched through the smouldering ruins of Eibar today toward the last defences of Bilbao. Basque militiamen

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## ECONOMIST IS HONORED

Stephen Leacock is Awarded Lorne Pierce Literature Medal

OTTAWA, April 28—Medal winners for outstanding work in literature, science and history were announced by L. J. Burpee, President of the Royal Society of Canada.

The Lorne Pierce Medal for literature goes to Stephen Leacock, well-known humorist and until recently, head of economics in McGill University. The Flavell Medal for science was won by Dean Frank D. Adams of McGill, and the Tyrrell Medal for history by Aegidius Fanteaux, librarian of the Public Library in Montreal.

Each year gold medals are awarded by the society in recognition, not for any particular year's work, but (Continued on Page Four)