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Mob Economics

WHILE France is trying to uphold the franc so that the workingman's wages will buy something, the big labor union of France, which grew by sit-down strikes to five times its numerical strength in a few months, threatens a general strike unless the government accedes to a demand for a \$440,000,000 public works programme.

Premier Blum says France cannot stand this added expenditure and that he will resign rather than make the outlay.

Leon Jouhaux, secretary of the big union, now says that Premier Blum should and must "take the money from the banks and insurance companies."

Whose money?

The banks don't own money. The insurance companies don't own it. They hold it for the depositors and the holders of insurance policies. And it isn't money. It is merely title to ownership or mortgage in French properties which have to be sold before they can be transformed into money.

It is all very well for mob economists to harangue, to inflame the people to their own destruction. But what help is the haranguer after he has pulled down the world about himself and his deluded followers?

Maybe Spain is Saving the World

ANY hope that Spanish Rebel Gen. Franco had democratic intentions disappears utterly as he announces the establishment of a totalitarian state in that portion of Spain under control of his army, with himself the sole boss.

Franco ordered a union of the two big political parties and the dissolution of all other parties—or else.

One bit of good has come out of the war in Spain. In fact, it may turn out to be a most important bit of good. Before the fratricidal blood-letting started, an idea prevailed throughout the world that because of aircraft and mobile ground equipment, the "next war" would be quickly over. Aerial armadas would reduce the civilian population overnight to a state of abject terror.

The exhibition in Spain has exploded this prophecy. It is charged that Russia and France and Germany and Italy have been aiding the combatants with equipment and, perhaps, men. The war drags on. Spain as a testing ground for the "next war" has been a disappointment to the war lords.

One possibility is that the secretly allied nations have not played their most deadly military cards, but are saving them for themselves. This possibility becomes rather remote when it is noticed that various fire-breathers and sabre-rattlers of Europe show a surprising desire today to talk peace and economic co-operation. And that, perhaps, is the good that has come of the war in Spain.

Britain Buys Europe a Club

BRITAIN'S 3,500,000 income-tax payers have learned the price of what Mr. Winston Churchill last week termed the "club in the closet." In the Budget submitted to the House of Commons, Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain made good the anticipated rise in income taxes and added a new increased profits tax. The threepercent increase in the standard income tax restores the old 25 per cent., or five shillings in the pound, level of 1922-23, which, incidentally, represented a reduction from the all-time high of six shillings for the period 1918-22.

Both the increase and the new tax are direct levies against rising armament expenditures. But the \$85,000,000 in new revenue estimated for them does not nearly tell the story revealed in the Chamberlain Budget. In brief, it is that, were he to spend entirely from capital account, all the income tax, estimated at \$1,375,000,000, the \$290,000,000 anticipated from the surtax plus the \$10,000,000 allotted to the new profits tax, or more than 34 per cent. of all estimated income, would go toward purchasing the club with which Britain hopes to keep Europe at peace. Reduced to a formula understandable in every home, it means more than \$96 per capita in direct taxation each year.

The profits tax, which, admittedly, yields very little in the first fiscal year, and which the Chancellor described as a "national defense contribution," is intended as more than a wage-earner's bromide. It should provide a check on prices, particularly in the heavy goods industry, and undoubtedly is employed as an indirect method of controlling munitions profiteering. It has a future advantage—based on expectations of a \$125,000,000 yield in the next fiscal year—and that is to provide the Chancellor with a means of early tax reduction should all the conditions of his Budget be fulfilled.

What "benefits" the public is to draw, outside of strong defense, are less obvious. There is the promise of a reduction in the duties on some Empire products, including silk, and, presumably, silk products. There is, also, the promise of economy which will not sacrifice any of the social programmes and recovery stimulants at work and contemplated. But these are small concessions in return for the demands it makes, demands which, ironically, are nothing less and nothing more than the price a peaceful nation must pay for peace.

Early Marriage

THERE is a measure of human wisdom in the opinion expressed by Dr. Nathan W. Winkelman, professor of neuropathology, University of Pennsylvania, that twenty-five is the best age for young people to get married. Save for certain normal age fluctuations occasioned by prevailing economic conditions and the rather important matter of mutual consent of the parties contemplating the step, twenty-five is the approximate average age for weddings. What the professor stressed, therefore, was not a precise time for marriage, but the desirability of early matings.

Economic conditions rule with the stern hand in early life, and young folks frequently do invite marital disaster by stolidly ignoring this important factor in planning for home-building. Perhaps Dr. Winkelman is right in advocating young brides hold their jobs, if they have any, although perhaps he sticks out his neck for trouble by this offering. Lessons learned by the young bride in extra-marital employment are invaluable aids to happiness. She obtains a first-hand knowledge of the trials which beset her husband as a provider, and if she loves him as she must, she will not contribute in any way to the folly of a husband working himself to death at fifty and leaving a rich widow to have a swell time spending his dough.

SNAPSHOTS

It is not so that the meteor landed in the ruts in Graham Avenue.

The Community "Y" drive promises to be most successful. They have now reached around the twelve hundred dollar mark. They deserve it all and they need it all.

Is it so that our new pavement is cracking all up in the middle?

They say that a number of the five and ten dollar stock investors dropped some real money on gold. This was the gold at the end of the rainbow.

Sad experience teaches man to be aware of everything but a political promise and mine stock.

American women spend \$375,000,000 on cosmetics every year. That's a big sum, on the face of things.

Man's dearest possessions are health, money and reputation, and the only one he can lose, without getting scared is reputation.

Another three-horse team that makes a mess when one runs wild is the team of wages, profits and prices.

A woman, it seems, will always make a left-hand turn without signalling, try to pick up pennies with a glove, and keep a diary.

MID-WEEK MARKET SMALLER TODAY - PRICES QUOTED

Owing to the farmers being busily engaged at home making preparations for the spring farming operations the mid-week market at Phoenix Square today was somewhat smaller than usual. There was a good abundance of farm products however. The prices quoted were as follows:

Potatoes, per barrel, \$1.25 to \$2.
Beets, per peck, 25c.
Carrots, per peck, 25c.
Onions, per pound, 5c. and 10c.
Turnips, each, 3c and 5c.
Buttermilk, per gallon, 25c.
Maple Syrup, per bottle, 40c.
Eggs, per dozen, 23c. and 25c.
Chickens, each, 30c. and 35c.
Maple Sugar, per pound, 39c.
Butter, per pound, 30c.
Ham, per pound, 25c.
Pork, per pound, 10c.
Veal, per pound, 8c.
Wood, per cord, \$6 to \$8.

Relatives and

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Mr. Telford conducted service at the graveside. The pallbearers were P. Jack Watson, Carl M. Watson, MacGowan Watson, John A. Watson, Professor B. S. Kierstead and Edward Hughes.

Rapidly Advancing

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fled in disorder along the 16-mile Durango-Bilbao highway.

New fires flared from the ruins of Elbar, once the arms manufacturing centre of northern Spain, and swirled through blackened houses and factories that survivors said were dynamited by Basques.

MARQUINA, Spain, April 27—Rapidly advancing insurgent forces, driving toward Bilbao, today occupied Marquina, long noted as the home of Basque nobility.

The town, 20 miles east of Bilbao and between Eibar and the Biscayan coast, was taken almost without a fight. Basque troops left Marquina so hurriedly they made no attempt to evacuate the civilian inhabitants with them. Scores of the townspeople, most of them wearing the red beret which marks the Carlists—supporting return of the monarchy—turned out in the streets to welcome the men of General Francisco Franco.

Marquina's houses, including many fine villas bearing the ancient coats of arms of noble families, bore few of the scars of war as the insurgents marched in.

Esteemed Lady Passes After Lingering Illness

The death occurred on Tuesday evening after a lengthy illness at her residence, 369 Brunswick Street of Miss Elizabeth Gertrude Barker, eldest daughter of the late T. Fred Barker and Louise (Crosby) Barker, and grand-niece of the late Sir Leonard Tilley. Surviving are her brother, George F. Barker and sister Miss M. Louise Barker, a half-brother, F. A. Rowan, all of Fredericton. A half-sister, Mrs. A. N. McKay, of Toronto and an aunt, Miss Helen L. Barker, Redding, Conn., also survive.

Miss Barker was born in Saint John and came to Fredericton about twenty-five years ago. In earlier years she took an active part in St. Anne's Church. She was a talented artist, being a pupil of the late Geo. Seavy, famous artist of Boston. Miss Barker was possessed of a lovable disposition which endeared her to all with whom she came in contact. Many friends in Saint John and elsewhere will regret to learn of her passing.

Service will be held at her late residence Thursday evening at 7.30 p. m., by Venerable Archdeacon Gray. The body will be taken to Saint John Friday morning for interment in Fernhill Cemetery.

BUDAPEST, April 27—The Hungarian Supreme Court today overruled a three-month sentence against Ferenc Szalasi, the Hungarian Nazi "Fuehrer," who had been imprisoned on charges of inciting people against the State and the Jews.

Provincial Egg Laying Contest

The 25th week of the 17th New Brunswick Egg Laying Contest, conducted at the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, was concluded on April 24th, with a production of 1,288 eggs and 1,296.4 points. This is an average production of 68.1 p. c.

The Barred Rocks owned by the Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton, led in production for the week with 64 eggs and 67.2 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Karl W. Smith, Prince William, were in second position for the week with 57 eggs and 63.4 points.

The White Rocks owned by Karl W. Smith, Prince William, were in third position with 59 eggs and 60.8 points.

The Single Comb White Leghorns owned by Arthur Pringle, Stanley, are leading to date with 916 eggs and 1,037.6 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by W. J. White, Moore's Mills, are in second position to date with 904 eggs and 911.8 points.

The Barred Rocks owned by Karl W. Smith, Prince William, are in third position to date with 830 eggs and 893.2 points.

Single Comb White Leghorn hen No. 7 owned by Arthur Pringle, Stanley, is the leading hen to date with a production of 140 eggs and 162.4 points.

Barred Rock hen No. 7 owned by the Experimental Station, Fredericton, is in second position to date with a production of 115 eggs and 132.9 points.

Single Comb White Leghorn hen No. 1 owned by Arthur Pringle, Stanley, is in third position to date with 117 eggs and 130.7 points.

All persons interested in the poultry industry, who wish information on poultry problems, are invited to write to the Superintendent, Dominion Experimental Station, Fredericton.

Extension

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where a Belgo-Canadian week featuring an exhibition of art, hand-crafts and manufactures will be held. The visitors will be in Toronto for May 31 and June 1.

They are coming to Canada in a spirit of reciprocity, and as the party will include not only manufacturers and exporters, but also importers of Canadian products who will meet the industrial and business leaders of Montreal and Toronto, it is confidently predicted the channels of trade between the two countries will be broadened and deepened on a permanent basis.

The delegation will be headed by L. Graux, Chairman of the Central Industrial Committee in Brussels, and will be accompanied by an official representative of the Foreign Office.

Analysis of the Canadian trade returns reveals that Belgium, although possessing a much smaller population than France, Germany, Italy and other European countries, is not only Canada's best customer on the Continent, but ranks third or fourth among the nations of the world as a buyer of Canadian products, being surpassed only by the United States, the United Kingdom, and occasionally by Australia.

Monetary System Improved

A survey of the foreign trade of Belgium by Yves Lamontagne, Canadian Trade Commissioner, shows that with respect to Belgian imports Canada was easily first in percentage of increase last year, having trebled its trade with Belgium. Belgian exports to Canada increased by one-third, but it is a notable fact that Belgium spends four dollars on Canadian goods for every dollar Canada spends on Belgian goods.

Economic recovery in Belgium during the period since the National Government was formed two years ago has been such that Belgium has been able to resume imports on a greatly increased scale. The monetary system of the country has been improved, the Budget has been balanced and the Prime Minister has recently been re-elected with an overwhelming mandate to co-operate with other nations with a view to finding a better approach to economic disarmament.

In these circumstances it is believed unusual opportunities exist not only for a reciprocal exchange, which will be mutually advantageous, but also for the promotion and development of the happy relations which have always existed between this Dominion and the heroic little country in which Canadians fought so valiantly during the Great War.

DEATHS

BARKER—Entered into rest at the residence, 369 Brunswick Street, Fredericton, April 27, 1937, Elizabeth Gertrude Barker.

Funeral service at 7.30 o'clock on Thursday evening conducted in the residence by Ven. Archdeacon Gray. The body will be taken to Saint John on Friday morning for interment in Fernhill Cemetery.

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Fifteen hundred children from overseas will be guests of British schools during the Coronation, and will form part of the Coronation youth rally at Royal Albert Hall on May 18. Some 8,000 children are expected to participate.

Among the Coronation rehearsals now under way are those for the Gold Staves, the ushers who will show all those fortunate enough to gain admittance to Westminster Abbey to their seats.

The Gold Staves will have about three hours' work early on May 12. Those bidden to the Abbey have been told to arrive between 6 and 9 a.m.

Big Ben, London's famous clock, is being refurbished for a flood-lighted appearance at Coronation time.

Thick layers of dirt and grime are being washed off and the frame regilded.

Dogs is Dogs

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"Which do you want me to catch the dogs that ate the dogs or the dogs you bought?"

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"You'll have to take the matter up with the dog catcher." —New York Sun.

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