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War It Is

THE situation in the Far East has not improved from the fact that Chinese resistance has been stiffer than the Japanese might have expected. The continued frustration has only increased the arrogance of the invader. Not only has Japan refused to distinguish between combatants and non-combatants in ruthlessly bombing and strafing civilians, but she has assumed complete control over water approaches to Shanghai and is advising all neutral shipping where and where not to go.

Already a long way toward breaking off relations with Britain by the inexcusable attack on the British Ambassador to China, the Japanese Government continues to show its contempt for foreign interests by withholding its answer to the British demand for "satisfaction." In many respects it has gone much further in offending outside nations than Mussolini dared to go in Ethiopia, and there is no reason to believe it is bluffing in its announced intentions to search all "suspected" merchant vessels in Chinese waters.

In short Tokio, fully cognizant of the diplomatic complications in Europe, is operating in China on the perfectly correct assumption that she has the Western Powers up a tree. She will continue to do so and to push them around or ignore them, as she chooses, until they singly or collectively call halt. And from this it is only now dawning on some authorities that Japan is far more deeply involved in China than she intended to be, and that it will take more than "severed diplomatic relations" to stop her.

From this distance there are only two checks to her aggression, beyond what resistance China can maintain. One is the serious situation of domestic finance, and the possible effects upon it of the war expenditures. But only the most optimistic will accept it as an immediate deterrent. The other is forceful intervention, and here is even less evidence that any nation is prepared to suggest such a policy let alone become a party to it. At that, the new Sino-Russian treaty must give Tokio some cause for worry.

The convening of the Japanese Parliament in special session to vote the Government dictatorial powers, good for "a year after termination of the present Sino-Japanese incident" serves best to consolidate these facts. Japan is being geared for war, and every yen that is spent on the war is a demand that Government make good on its "gamble." This is not a situation which holds out much hope for diplomatic peace-making.

Peaceful Nations Progress

AS the new Canada-United Kingdom trade agreement goes into effect an Ottawa announcement shows that the United States has been the Dominion's best customer during the first seven months of the year. It is Canada's good fortune to have so large and wealthy a neighbor ready to maintain friendly trading relations. The States has been our best customer for more than a year, largely the result, no doubt, of the trade arrangement made by the two present Governments. We had a favorable balance of nearly \$50,000,000 for the twelve months ending with June, compared with a balance of nearly \$280,000,000 in our favor in trade with Britain. In this period exports from Canada to the United Kingdom totalled \$417,000,000 in value, and to the United Kingdom \$470,000,000.

The agreement with Britain liberalizes commerce in a large number of items. British manufacturers are receiving concessions which, presumably, will allot to them a larger share of the Canadian market. The margin in the balance may be reduced, but if experience can be depended upon there will be expansion on both sides of the account, and this is the chief aim.

The United States has been buying large quantities of raw materials produced in Canada, in addition to agricultural commodities required. Restoration of prosperity in each country is reflected in the figures. So far as Canada is concerned it is rather remarkable that her position of fifth place among the trading nations depends chiefly on Great Britain and the States. These two took nearly \$900,000,000 of \$113,000,000 of exports in the 12-month period mentioned. Outside of the British Empire and the United States, our exports amounted to about \$130,000,000.

Here is one section of the world attending to its own business, engaged in peace pursuits, and setting an example for others in progress. There is complete willingness to sit around the conference table with the rest and help them toward prosperity in the same way. But the equilibrium is upset by wars and preparation for wars. It is difficult to believe that desire for sound advancement exists at all among those agitators and belligerents when it is so plain that peace pays.

Giant Airliners On Way

NEWS that work is being rushed on a new fleet of "Flying Clipper Ships" for the coming trans-Atlantic service brings the realization that recent test flights have been encouraging.

The new ships will have four 1,500-horsepower engines, the single wing will be 152 feet long and there will be a 109-foot hull. They will carry 75 passengers for daylight flights and have a flying range of 5,000 miles.

Twenty-four hour schedules between America and Europe are being formulated. These giant airliners are a logical development in aircraft progress.

Over the North Atlantic route, the British flying-boat Caledonia has completed three round trips. The American clipper ships have also covered the same route. One clipper has just reached England, having made the trip by way of the Azores and Portugal.

All of these crossings have been accomplished in a matter of fact way. They were without incident in direct contrast to some previous stunt flights. (With the North Atlantic conquered by heavier than air machines man will have pretty well blanketed the earth with passenger air routes.

But that won't stop him from making bigger and better airliners in further taming the upper spaces.

Snapshots

Yes! there was three car accidents yesterday at the George Street railway crossing. One of those whose car was upset was a lady from Massachusetts. She is quoted as "Saying so this is one of the street conditions in the capital City of New Brunswick". We did not know when we said yesterday that there would be accidents that they were to start at once. But it is not to be wondered at.

When the Dominion government is spending hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to eliminate grade crossings the City of Fredericton is endorsing the building of them.

How are women with baby carriages going to climb the stairs at the George Street railway crossing? Are they going to pull the carriages up or are they going to carry the baby up and leave it at Estabrooks' house while they go back for the carriage?

There seems to be two sides to the Geary woods settlement conditions.

A man discussing the condition of his neighbor said today, "If he lives until Monday he will get better. If not the doctor says that he will probably die."

One of our new reporters refers to ex-Mayor R. L. Phillips, one of the best known citizens and prominent in Board of Trade as R. W. Phillips, which goes to show that there are some few people who do not know Louis Phillips.

With the conditions prevailing at George Street the sooner that they open up Aberdeen Street through to University Avenue the better.

What are we going to do to stop all these auto accidents? This week certainly made a record throughout the province.

Some things are as hard to find as it is for tourists to find the letter shute hid behind the stairs in the Fredericton post office.

By the way how many tourists this summer visited the historical society's museum upstairs in the Post Office building?

Women drivers, it is said, are the safest, so women say.

China will appeal to the League of Nations for aid against Japanese aggression. Poor old China!

K. P. DECORATION SERVICE

The annual decoration day service of the Knights of Pythias will be held tomorrow. The members will parade from the Knights of Pythias Hall Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, headed by the band, to the Rural Cemetery. Upon arrival there the members will gather around the grave of the late P.C. Walter B. Burden, after which the usual decoration day service will be held.

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HORRIBLE CONDITIONS IN THE GEARY WOODS COLONIZATION SENTIMENT

THE GEARY WOODS

The following pathetic letter referring to the conditions in the Geary woods, a new colony started several years ago by the Tilley Government is published today. The letter is from Mrs. A. T. McKel of Geary. In an editorial some weeks ago The Daily Mail referred to the conditions under which the settlers in the Geary woods are living. It is understood that the colonization of the Provincial Government is to take action in the near future to remedy these conditions. Any move for bettering the condition of the people living in this new settlement cannot be made any too soon. The late Tilley Government made a mistake when they settled the people in this section of the country. The present government will make another mistake if they do not take some action to improve the lot of these settlers.—Editor Daily Mail.

The letter is as follows:

Geary Woods Settlement, Sept. 1, 1937.

Dear Sir:

I would like to write why the Geary Woods settlers are backward. It is because they have not a fair deal with the land. Was to have the lots released over fair and they tell me I cannot cut any wood to sell to make a living and another thing you would not give any help in the line of eats, the first time in my life that I was allowed to go hungry. Did you release the land of the settlers in Bathurst and how they made a living. If you gave them the same deal as you gave the Geary Woods settlers they could not do without help. As to my husband's lot, over 15 acres of wood was cut by last settler and the government bought it and also cut pulp and sold it when it should not be cut. I know that if I would buy anything that I know that the party did not own I would be put in jail for buying things that were not lawful. Therefore I think that we have a right to that pulp as there is nothing to get from the land.

Why do they not give help here as well as in Bathurst. I was told by one from Bathurst that they help them all the time. I am on Lot I in the Geary woods and last winter my husband was not allowed to cut over the ten acres and when I asked for some help I was told that we could not get any. The government would not give any help nor would they let my husband cut any wood to sell and we tried to get some lumber to fix our house with. We have lots of water in the house when it rains, as we had nowhere to lay our heads. This is the sample of our home, running water in the house. They fix the houses in other places, why can't they do it in the Geary woods and see that the people have enough to eat. All I could get off the land is some blueberries and I had to get Mr. Duffy to sell them for something to eat as we had nothing else to sell. Mr. Duffy can tell you what I had to do to get something to eat.

My husband and I were both sick last winter and had nothing but bread and water to keep us alive and my son had to pay for that and now the settlers have to pay so much stumpage on what they cut that they cannot make a living. Do they do that in Bathurst? But they get help and five years to cut four acres where we have only three years to cut ten acres. They had a big feast in the government house when my husband and I were sick on bread and water. The

only things we had lots of is water and that in house this spring and last winter. I asked for some help or work for my husband and if I can get work myself. The only thing I see we have lots of is the sand in the road in front of the houses. Some time to keep from being run over with the cars we have to walk in sand and wear out what little boots we can get. The roads here are in a bad state.

If we had lots of money we could get a doctor here. Last winter they said they would give \$20 a month to see a sick baby and he said he would be right up here. We waited near three hours and then we drove the baby down to the doctor but she died on the way and then he would not give a permit to bury the child, and that took what little money we had. We might have saved the child if he had come.

To return to myself I would like to know if they would like stumpage for the blueberries I sold. I got them off the lot.

Also what are they going to do about the old age pension. Some are only getting \$4, \$5, \$6, \$7, when they said they would give \$20 a month to those who are 70 years old and over 70. Some old people are not getting it. Why did they tell them they would get \$20 a month and then give them \$4? It is time the people knew a little about the government. What are they doing with the money? What did you do with \$61,000 the Upper house sent to help the settlers? What are you going to do? Are they going to fix the house or not. Please do not put my name in the paper. Please send a reporter down here and he will hear a lot more. If your reporter does not come down a St. John paper will send one up.

MRS. LOIS M. MCKEL.
Geary Woods, Sept. 3, 1937.

THE OTHER SIDE

NOTE—In regard to the conditions at Geary Settlement The Daily Mail learns on good authority that the Government allows the settlers \$12 per acre for clearing their land free of stumps and also allows them \$8 per acre additional for plowing. In addition to this the Government gives the settlers free seed. In the counties of Gloucester and Madawaska in similar settlements this is what the settlers receive. The Gloucester County settlers and the Madawaska settlers received these grants and went ahead and built and shingled their own homes. It is claimed that the settlers of Geary are working under the same conditions as those in Gloucester and Madawaska counties. In the two counties referred to settlements were started about five years ago and they have gone ahead rapidly, having frame houses, schools and churches. It is claimed that the Geary settlers working under same aid under the government have made practically no progress whatever and it is also claimed by the Department of Lands and Mines that the land in this section is just as good for farming purposes as are the lands in the Northern section of the country.—Editor, Daily Mail.

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Sept. 4.—Plans for the Mediterranean Conference concerning the torpedoing of submarines are progressing. Italy has stated that she will accept if invited to attend.



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redemptive love of God in Our Lord Jesus Christ, and can be secured only by the application to every phase of social, political and economic life of the principles of the religion of Jesus Christ."

The resolution further called "all Christian people to a deeper sense of stewardship in relation to material as to spiritual blessings, to secure a greater degree of co-operation among all groups in the field of production, a mutual responsibility in the operation of industry and a more equitable share in the fruits of their common labors."

Referring to previous campaigns, Canon Gould told the delegates that since 1920 the Church of England in Canada has raised \$4,000,000 for capital accounts.

Change in the introduction to the Book of Common Prayer was authorized by the Lower House.

MORE SPIES

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commercial position, reports directly to intelligence, or espionage, headquarters in Berlin. Many of their reports are "much ado about nothing." They go to feverish efforts, these amateurs, to prove their loyalty to the Third Reich, but their work is largely valueless.

"How about German agents in Great Britain now?" I inquired.

"More active than ever before. They are doing their best to size up the exact state of Britain's rearmament program. At least 2,000 German spies have been busy in England during the last year and a half. They are tourists, waiters, porters, all sorts. They send back fragmentary reports, and these are pieced together in Berlin.

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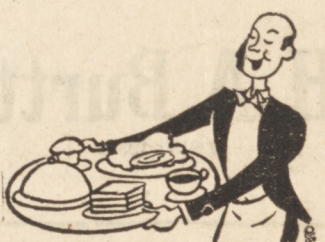
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