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ARRIVAL OF MUSSOLINI, HITLER, SOVIET HAS MEANT MISERY FOR LABORER

Employees Far Better Off Than Generally Believed

Workmen in Any Democratic Country Happier Than Under Regime of Dictator

UNHAPPY LOT IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Improvement in Canada—Decline of Fascist-Nazi and Soviet Parties

(Special to The Daily Mail) (By Dean Wilson)

OTTAWA, Sept. 13—This column has mentioned on several occasions that official Ottawa is taking a very keen interest right now in the condition of the average workman, and the object of every investigation by Canadian authorities in this field has been to find the ways and means to improve the standards of living, the wages, the hours of work, and so forth.

There, it is no surprise that these endeavours have uncovered some remarkable facts, and during the past few days, many expert observers of the national scene have concentrated their attention on some sensational and extremely important documents regarding workmen.

Briefly, it can be stated here that a comparative study of the conditions of workmen in Canada and those employed in other industrial centres of the world discloses clearly that employees of the various undertakings in the Dominion are far better off than it would appear to be the case by a casual study of the situation. Furthermore, it has been conclusively proven that a workman in Canada or in any democratic country is comparatively happier and more contented than under the regime of a dictator.

Statistics of official origin show that workmen in Soviet Russia, Japan, Germany and Italy have been suffering great hardships, physical and mental, since the world's economic depression made its inroads on civilization in 1930.

Anyone who follows closely the fate of workmen throughout the world has read continually in the official press despatches that unemployment has been a cause of much worry and suffering in the democratic countries such as the Dominion of Canada, the United States, England, France, etc.

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CHINESE COMMUNISTS JOIN RANKS OF THE CENTRAL ARMY

(Special to The Daily Mail)

SHANGHAI, Sept. 13—The Communists and the Red parties of China have left off their own disputes and today joined the central army in a general drive against their common enemy the Japanese. The Communist General is bringing with him an army of between one hundred thousand to two hundred thousand trained men.

Wife of Gloucester County Sect'y Dies

(Special to The Daily Mail)

Bathurst, Sept. 13—The death occurred here last night of Mrs. Margaret Mullins, wife of B. C. Mullins, secretary-treasurer for Gloucester County. She was born in Douglastown, a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McKendry, and came to Bathurst some years ago. She had taken a prominent part in the social life of the town and had been active in church and charitable enterprises.

Beside her husband she is survived by one daughter, Eileen, a nurse-in-training at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, who was en route home when her mother's death occurred; three brothers, Howard McKendry and F. A. McKendry, Bathurst, and Jack, Theford Mines, Que., and two sisters, Mrs. Samuel Waddleton, New York, and Miss Addie McKendry, Theford Mines.

Automobile Accidents

AS STATED by a leading engineer on Saturday last some drastic action will have to be taken for the prevention of automobile accidents throughout the province. The situation is getting beyond all bounds for a province the size of New Brunswick. The way that our Motor Vehicle Acts have been enforced throughout the province so far has not had the effect of preventing auto accidents. There seems to have been more car accidents this season than ever before.

The law against drunken driving should be enforced to its fullest extent and people while they are under the influence of liquor who cause accidents to others should be held responsible to the fullest extent of the law. The careless driver and the speed fiend who rushes through the country without any consideration for himself or anybody else should likewise be made an example of.

At the convention of the Canadian Good Roads Association which has just closed, many valuable suggestions regarding safety on the public highways were made. It would be well for those in authority within the province to study out these suggestions and also to think out others which would lead to the decrease in automobile accidents.

Another thing that the Government might well consider would be the introduction of a section of the Motor Vehicle Act making insurance coverage for auto owners compulsory. This is the law in Massachusetts and in very many other states and in some of the provinces. Where there is no compulsory insurance coverage act a careless driver who has no money and who is not financially responsible in any way may cause damage to life or to property and the victim of the damage has no chance of financial redress.

It has been suggested that some system whereby those who have driven cars year after year and who have never met with an accident get a lower license fee on some other concession, as against those who have been in one or in several accidents and that those who have been convicted of drunken driving and those who have been in frequent accidents of which they have been the cause either through carelessness or through excessive speeding and the like should have their licenses cancelled. We wonder how long a railway company would keep a man as an engine driver who had a bad record in regard to accidents. The Railway Companies reward those who have a record of being free from accidents and on the other hand they do not take very long in dismissing from the service an employee who has had a record of several accidents in connection with his service. The same thing should apply to drivers of cars on the public highway. With the increased traffic on the highways during the last few years the careless car driver is much more of a menace to the public than is the driver of the railway train. It would seem that the time has come when the protection of life of the individual should be more carefully considered.

Accord of Nyon Believed to Have Achieved Results

France and Great Britain Take Major Share of Anti-Piracy Pact

ITALY'S STATUS UNCERTAIN

Russia Content, Germany Silent, Vast Fleet Plan

BLOOD PURGES KILL SOVIET INITIATIVE

5-Year-Plan is Dead, Army in Chaos, Declares Visitor

LONDON, Sept. 13—A correspondent for the London Daily Mail has the following to say about conditions in Soviet Russia:

I had an absorbing talk today with an Intelligence Officer of a major European country, but both he and his country must be nameless. He told me about the U.S.S.R. He was sent there six weeks ago to find out what he could about the facts of the periodic blood purges, and the effect of Stalin's drastic action on Soviet strength, as a participant in international affairs.

Most of what this man learned he was not free to discuss. But he made two striking statements, the validity of which I, for one, am willing to accept. He said:

1—It will be several months, possibly one or two years, before the U.S.S.R. will participate freely, and aggressively, in international affairs. Marshal Tukhachevsky and seven other generals—and scores of officers

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Nyon, Switzerland, Sept. 13—At the Nyon Accord which met on Friday and Saturday to form plans to stop piracy on the Mediterranean Sea. Nine powers laid the ground-work Saturday for a war to destruction against pirate submarines with one of the largest destroyer fleets ever assembled in the Mediterranean.

Delegates to the Nyon conference adopted the plan of campaign in a draft protocol to be signed formally next week if the participating governments give their approval.

British spokesmen forecast rapid ratification of the accord and said they were convinced it would end the submarine menace in the Mediterranean.

A communique sketched the far-reaching nature of the plan as follows:

"The agreement provides the naval forces of the participating powers will counter-attack and, if possible, destroy any submarines which attack, contrary to the rules of international law as laid down in the London Naval Treaty of 1930, merchant ships not belonging to either of the parties to the Spanish conflict.

"They will take the same action in regard to any submarine encountered in the vicinity of the position where a merchant vessel just has been attacked in circumstances which give valid grounds for belief the submarine was guilty of the attack in question."

Must Be Conveyed

Submarines of the nations represented at the conference will not put to sea unless accompanied by a surface vessel and foreign submarines will not be admitted to those nations territorial waters unless on the surface or in urgent distress.

Merchant vessels are to be advised to follow certain main routes.

Neither the Spanish government nor the insurgents in Spain's civil war will derive belligerent rights from the compact.

The communique said the Spaniards might destroy each other's ships.

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Red Cross Workers Had Badges Taken Off and Then Shot

(Special to The Daily Mail)

GENEVA, Sept. 13—The eighteenth assembly of the League of Nations opened here today. The Swiss Government surrounded the League meeting with detectives. It is thought that there is fear of a possible attack or disorder. Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary and delegate to the League of Nations was accompanied by his own personal detective. In accordance with the established custom of rotation of the chair the Premier of Spain presided at the meeting.

Each delegate received a note from persons unknown who claimed themselves Spanish patriots. The notes which were written in French called the Spanish Premier a crook.

China put in a strong plea that sanctions be applied against Japan. The Spanish Government also sent a plea for action against Italy and her alleged interference in the Spanish civil war.

China complains to the League that Japan has attacked them both by land and by water and accuses them of bombing educational centres and non-combatants and worse than all the shooting of Red Cross Workers.

In August forty-three Red Cross workers who fell into the hands of the Japanese had their badges taken from their uniforms and then shot.

T. AND L. DISCUSS PASSAGE ACROSS BORDER LINE

(Special to The Daily Mail)

OTTAWA, Sept. 13—The thirty-fifth annual Trade and Labor Conference met today to decide several questions. One of the main topics which will be considered by the union will be free passage of Labor Union executives across the border from the United States and Canada and whether this should be permitted.

SIXTY-MILE GALE DAMAGES APPLE CROP IN N.S. VALLEY

Damage to the extent of a quarter of a million dollars resulted from a sixty mile gale which averaged from forty to forty-five miles per hour swept over the famous Annapolis Valley, apple orchard districts yesterday.

Estimates of damage to orchards in the famed Annapolis Valley ran from two to 15 per cent, orchardists said, with the worst losses experienced in the Wolfville district where the Acadia University observatory registered a wind velocity of 60 miles at times.

The gale was accompanied by heavy showers.

Reports from Annapolis County placed the loss to the apple crop there as about two per cent. In Kings the estimates ran from five to 10 per cent with the owner placing damage to his crop at 15 per cent. Hants' orchards suffered little damage.

To Offset Effects

Owners said, however, the damage would be compensated for in part by a better-developed fruit due to thinning of the trees.

Telephone and telegraph communication in the Valley districts was cut off by branches of trees falling across the wires.

BRITISH PILOTS NEW RECORD FOR KING AIR RACE

LONDON, Sept. 13—Charles Gardner with his Percival Mew Gull plane in the King's Cup air race around Great Britain, established a new record of 233.75 miles per hour.

While Gardner's speed was the fastest that ever won the event, he was actually topped by Wing Commander E. W. Percival, who flew Lady Wakefield's Percival Mew Gull at 239 miles an hour, but his handicap forced him to be content with third place. Percival won the first day's leg.

Second was Brigadier-General A. C. Lewin, who brought his own Miles Whitney plane from Kenya Colony especially for this two-day race for which only British pilots are eligible. Squadron Leader A. V. Harvey was fourth.

The race began Friday with a flight from Hatfield, north through Scotland, and around to Dublin. Yesterday's race from Dublin to Hatfield circled Wales and the south of England.

Russian Plane Crashed In Arctic, Pilot Saved

(Special to The Daily Mail)

ALASKA, Sept. 13—Another pilot crashed through the Arctic Circle today. The plane was badly damaged but the pilot is reported to have been saved.

SOMERVILLE STILL CANAD. AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPION

(Special to The Daily Mail)

JASPER PARK LODGE, Alta., Sept. 13—There is not much left for Sandy Somerville to win in golf. Six times holder of Canadian amateur championship and former holder of the United States amateur, Sandy stepped out here in the finals on Saturday against Roy Scythes of Montreal and added the famous Totem Pole championship to his long list of golf titles. He won his match 9-7 and while he got away to a shaky start with a series of tree putt greens in the outgoing journey in the morning, he tightened up to finish the first 18 holes six up. In the afternoon he made the turn two over par to be seven up and then birdied the tenth with a four and got a safe par at the eleven to win the match and championship.

Scythes gave a courageous display but had trouble with his tee shots at times which usually gave his opponent the edge in arriving on the green. Sandy started the morning round by taking the first three holes. They halved the fourth and Scythes then tightened up to win the next four holes and go one up. Sandy squared it at the ninth and from then on was never in arrears. Somerville's golf was sound and safe throughout, his drives were long and well placed, his iron work almost faultless and, aside from his early putting lapse, his green work was deadly. His honour the Lieutenant Governor of Alberta presented the prizes after the tournament finished.

MISS AMERICA HAS RETURNED TO HER PARENTS

(Special to The Daily Mail)

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 13—Seventeen year old Betty Cooper of New Jersey, has won the title of Miss America for the year 1937. After winning the contest Miss Cooper returned to her parents refusing a four hundred dollar contract to appear at shows, an invitation to Hollywood for a screen test. Her father said that Betty was too young to leave home.

COPY OF PATROL PLANS SENT TO BERLIN AND ROME

(Special to The Daily Mail)

LONDON, Sept. 13—Sixty British and French ships will start patrolling the Mediterranean waters. The navies of seven other nations will also join the guarding of the waters. A copy of the plans for the patrolling system has been sent both to Berlin and to Rome with the hope that both these countries will join in the anti-piracy work.

It is hoped that Italy will reply today or tomorrow whether they intend to accept the part allotted to them in the patrol.

France and Great Britain are to sign on Thursday it is understood. Turkey has agreed to guard the waters of the Dardanelles and also her part of the coastline of the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

WIRELESS BEACONS END TRANS-CANADA HAZARDS

32 Stations Will Eventually be Operating to Contact Pilots Crossing Country, Officials Say

OTTAWA, Sept. 13—Wireless beacons have definitely conquered navigation hazards of cross-country flying, radio officials said here today, and pilots of the Trans-Canada Airways will soon be able to fly through darkness and bad weather in complete confidence they are on their course.

A new wireless beacon is already in operation at Vancouver and next week another will be sending out its signals from Princeton, B. C.

Engineers of the Transport Department are erecting stations at two other British Columbia points, Grand Forks and Cranbrook, and eventually there will be thirty-two beacons between the west coast and Montreal on the eastern end of the trans-Canada route. Beacons will be erected in the Maritimes when that end of the route is opened.

Send Two Transmissions

The beacons are radio transmitters sending out high singing notes heard by the pilots in their earphones. Two transmissions are sent out from each beacon. One is a dot-dash, the letter

"A" of the international wireless code; the other is dash-dot, or "N."

If the plane is to the left of its course, the "A" note is louder, if to the right then the "N" becomes distinct. When the plane is directly on its course the two signals blend into a steady high-pitched sound.

This is accomplished by having the dots and dashes so timed that the space in one character are covered by the dashes in the other when the plane is in the centre of influence of the two transmitters.

Another advantage of the newly developed equipment is that there is a "cone of silence" directly above the transmitters. As the pilot approaches the airport the signals will gradually become louder, then suddenly disappear. He knows the time has come to descend.

The distance the beacon can be heard will vary with conditions, officials said, but it is expected that in many cases they will be clearly audible for 100 miles.