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## JAPAN HAS NOTHING TO OFFER

THE VIEW that Japan's refusal to attend the Brussels Nine-Power Treaty conference means a new defiance of the world is something of an overstatement. The Japanese attitude is not of very much importance, has not been since the decision was made to call the conference. By attending she could do no more than restate her case, and, far from inconveniencing the business of the sessions, her absence should facilitate procedure.

Rather than defiance, refusal amounts to surrender, an acceptance of the fact that there is nothing to be gained by arguing or seeking to defend her actions in China any further. With that there is implied an admission that she has no better defense to make than that which she has been reiterating for the past two months.

In her several statements pleading self-defense she produced no evidence that had the slightest weight with the other Powers. If there were any grounds for her claims that a "just, equitable and realistic solution" can be had only from a direct agreement between herself and China, her method of conducting the "negotiations" has destroyed it.

On the contrary, her refusal to submit to conciliation, her continuation of punitive measures over the protests of the outside Powers are sufficient grounds for the assumption that what Japan defines as a "realistic solution" is China's surrender to her terms. At least two of the nations concerned in the forthcoming conference—Britain and the United States—are already on record as being opposed to any such interpretation.

Without hope of gaining anything by negotiation or compromise, Japan's alternative is force, on the assumption that the conference will not be equal to any action that can in any way endanger the results. Consequently, with nothing to win, she has, wisely perhaps, decided to stay away.

## COLONIES FOR GERMANY?

WHILE THE LONDON TIMES is not given to rushing the hurdles, it would seem from this distance that there is more to the colonies-for-Germany issue than that paper's case recognizes. The premises upon which the Times urges the reopening of the colonies to Germany is not to be argued. The years since Versailles have taught the folly of the idea that the German people could be held in subjugation. Nor can any one halfway conscious of the resurgence that has taken place suppose that their "appetite for expansion" will continue to be satisfied by mere gestures.

But if the preface leads to a logical conclusion that a reasonable settlement, which is to say concessions, must now be made, there are conditions to it the preface does not satisfy. They are conditions which must be satisfied by Germany herself. There is no need to urge the British people to a "supreme effort" for appeasement. No people are more anxious for peace, and none have demonstrated better their willingness to make concessions, not to say sacrifices, in its behalf. But what they ask is some assurance that peace is what a supreme effort will bring.

Discard all arguments on the use or misuse Germany made of her colonial possessions prior to 1918, and there is still little that is reassuring in the record and more particularly the professed objectives of the new Germany. The ideas on a reorientated Europe do not sit well alongside demands for colonial resources. What guarantee is there that concessions now will satisfy the appetite? How much expansion will be necessary before the masters of present-day Germany fell strong enough to forgo the demands and simply take? Such questions are sheer suspicion; but what is there in the German record to neutralize suspicion?

There is another side to any settlement. It is to be remembered that colonies cannot be shifted about as tariff schedules are shoved up or down. Those colonies represent people who have given the last two decades to readjusting their lives to fit a new order. How anxious are they to surrender the gains? The people exercising the mandates, and we in Canada, are not the only judges, or should not be. Concessions involve a choice between democracy and dictatorship as well as the surrender of resources.

To grant the importance of the colonial issue to any full and lasting settlement of Europe's political problems does not automatically make return of the colonies the solution. The Nazi attitude shows all too clearly how easily such a concession could become a complication. Perhaps some day there can be concessions, but only after Germany, on a fair trial, makes some concrete contribution to peace.

## LONDON WORLD'S GREATEST PORT

LONDON IS THE world's greatest port as well as being the world's largest city. Trade to the value of approximately over two billions of dollars passed through the port during the year 1935 and this trade did not include coastwise traffic and transshipment under bond. Latest figures show that 37.7 per cent. of the trade of Great Britain passes through the port of London, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways. 42.5 per cent. of the imports come to London and 30.2 per cent. of the exports go through its portals. The Port of London has acquired strategic importance in the case of certain imports. For instance, 93 per cent. of all the tea consumed in Great Britain enters through the port, and over 60 per cent. of the meat. The port accounts for 60 per cent. of the rubber imports, 47 per cent. of the sugar and 40 per cent. of the raw wool. By reason of geographical situation London is the natural port for the importation of goods from the continent of Europe, from the Far East, Africa and Australasia.

## Snapshots

Is the report true that a large dance was held in the city last evening, orchestra and all the trimmings?

Remember, thou, we have a Sabbath day in Fredericton.

Enjoys Pure Cold Shower Every Day in His Eighty-seventh Year—Headline. "Enjoys"? Well, maybe, but more likely endures.

The playing of "God Save the King" stopped a fight in Wingham, but it is not guaranteed to have the same effect in Dublin.

Irish Sweepstake winners are making the big headlines, but nothing is heard of the thousands who contributed the prizes they won.

It's a small world, of course, but still one may doubt that things said at Brussels are likely to have much influence on things done in Nanking.

Trenton judge rules a woman's place need not be in the home, but there are still husbands who think the wife should be content to need the dough but never make it.

Boston man bought an old car for \$5 and drove it into \$110 in fines the first block. As good an example as you'll ever find, if the little woman thinks you should make your old rattletrap last another year.

Dr. Crile reports evidence that animals of cold climates have larger brains, in proportion to their bodies, than those of sun-baked regions. A sweet thought for proponents of Nordic superiority.

Massachusetts wife seeks divorce stating, among other grounds, her husband is so short the umbrella bumps her head when they walk together. The court could find he isn't on the level with her.

New York women doing jury duty first time complain they have no powder room in which to make up. At that, a prisoner at the bar might worry unduly if he thought a juror was lifting an eyebrow at him when it was only on crooked.

## COURT TO SIT

The Court of Divorce and Matrimonial Causes, which adjourned Friday noon after having finished up all the undefended cases in the October docket, will sit tomorrow morning to hear the defended cases. Mr. Justice C. W. H. Grimmer will preside.

That nice tea!  
Old English Blend  
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## LOST BATTALION

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announced for families of members killed in their warehouse fortress.

The "Lost Battalion" escaped Sunday, running a blazing machinegun gauntlet to sanctuary in Shanghai's International Settlement. At height of a furious battle that sprayed the shells over foreign owned areas of central Shanghai, 388 Chinese dashed down a 20 yard opening to safety.

Twenty-six were gravely wounded and survivors said they left behind 200 dead. Colonel Hsieh, whose battalion was a part of General Chiang's own crack 88th Division, was the last to reach safety of foreign protection.

Japanese naval general staff Sunday issued an official communique stating:

"Last night British authorities informed Japanese naval authorities of the intention of the Chinese death battalion to evacuate the Chapel warehouse which they were holding. Japanese authorities were astonished that foreign authorities should be informed of the intentions of a Chinese combat unit.

"Japanese marines, seeing a detachment of armed Chinese soldiers evacuating the warehouse and gaining the British lines, opened fire in view of the fact that they consider all armed Chinese soldiers moving on Chinese territory as combatants.

"Japanese troops chased and captured the warehouse, finding a large quantity of fresh foodstuffs including bread, butter and milk, showing that the Chinese troops had been furnished with foodstuffs through the British defence lines."

The Lost Battalion was escorted by British troops to a hotel north of Soochow Creek where they were interned. The evacuation was carried out under direct orders from General Chiang, but against the will of members of the battalion, the leader of which, weeping told a correspondent: "We have lost 'face.' We never would have yielded if we hadn't been ordered to, but we had to obey."

## WAR TALK

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promised either to abstain from further reinforcements to General Franco during the progress of the Commission inquiries or accept the Commission's reports as a basis for the withdrawal of his troops.

Meantime, by maintaining the embargo against arms shipments to the Spanish Government, the Anglo-French Governments are ignoring their most solemn treaty obligations.

In the Far East the Japanese Government's note declining an invitation to the Brussels conference is held by the Government press not to close the door against mediation by peace-seeking powers, while the Opposition press points out the unequivocal statement of this note that settlement must be negotiated directly between Nanking and Tokio and must be upon Japanese terms outlined in the note.

## DIED

LIFFORD—Passed away at Fredericton, N. B., Nov. 1, 1937. Mrs. Ellen Lifford, aged 89 years. The funeral will take place Wednesday, Nov. 3, leaving the home, 272 Brunswick Street at 8.45 a. m. Rt. Rev. Msgr. F. L. Carney will celebrate Requiem Mass at St. Dunstan's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be made at the Hermitage.

## RALPH CONNOR

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accept convenorship of the Presbyterian Church Assembly's committee on social service and presidency of the Social Service Council for Manitoba.

In May, 1915, he became chaplain of the 43rd Battalion (Winnipeg), Cameron Highlanders of Canada. The next year he was made senior chaplain of Canadian Forces in England, with rank of major. He proceeded to France in 1916 as senior chaplain, 9th Brigade, British Expeditionary Force, Canadian. Major Gordon was mentioned in Imperial despatches.

His first novel, "Black Rock," was published in 1898, followed the next year by "The Sky Pilot," which sold more than 1,000,000 copies. More than a score of novels carried his fame to millions. He wrote, in many cases, of his own experiences, of school days in Glengarry County, of the men he met in western mission fields.

His last novel, "The Gay Crusader," was published in 1936. Dr. Gordon had completed the manuscript for another book, his reminiscences, shortly before he was taken ill.

Dr. H. F. Gordon was born at Harrington, Ont., and after obtaining his primary education there graduated from the Ontario College of Physicians and University of Western Ontario Medical School in 1903.

## FREE ELECTION

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leader of the Militant Godless, they travel from one collective farm to another, from one peasant household to another, soliciting votes for candidates friendly to the churches.

"There is no room for the clergy and their active followers in the organs of the proletarian dictatorship," Oleschuk declared.

While twenty years of Bolshevism has all but smothered the Church in Russia, it has by no means entirely killed faith and even worship. It has, on the other hand, lulled the atheists into negligence in their campaign to stamp out the cross and the ikon, says their veteran chief, Yemelyan Yaroslavsky, head of the Militant Godless League.

## League Membership Off

Four years ago the league had 3,000,000 members. Now it has only 2,000,000.

"There are still millions who believe in religion and are religious," he said. "School children even sing in church choirs in some places."

"Comsomol Pravda," official newspaper of the Young Communist League, has joined trumpets with "Trud" in sounding the call to anti-religious revival.

"With elections forthcoming," it said, "priests, preachers, rabbis and mullahs are developing intensive activity. The churchmen are doing all they can to hold their remaining influence on the masses."

Oleschuk reported that more than 30,000 religious organizations of various faiths remained in Russia. These organizations, he said, are centers for "pre-election maneuvers."

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After practising in London, Ont., he moved to Winnipeg in 1906 where he remained until the outbreak of war. He joined the 61st Battalion as medical officer with rank of captain in 1915 and later recruited and commanded the 12th Canadian Field Artillery until gassed and invalided home in 1917. Then he toured the United States, speaking in aid of recruiting. In 1918 he resumed his practice in Winnipeg until his retirement in 1931.

Dr. C. W. Gordon's widow and seven children survive. They are Mrs. Humphrey Carver of Toronto; Mrs. Arthur B. Browne, Toronto; Lois Gordon, Montreal; Allison and Ruth, of Winnipeg; Marjory, of Winnipeg, at present on the Pacific Ocean returning from a trip to Japan, and Prof. King Gordon of Montreal.

Two sons survive Dr. H. F. Gordon, whose wife died seven years ago. The sons are Dr. Athol Gordon of Winnipeg, and Dr. Neil Douglas Gordon now in Vienna taking post graduate medical studies.

Funeral arrangements for Dr. C. W. Gordon have not been completed. His brother will be buried tomorrow in Elmwood Cemetery, Winnipeg.

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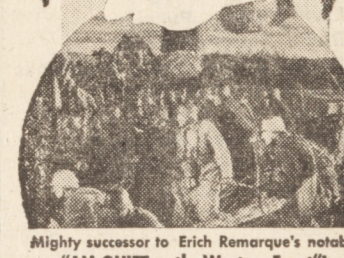


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