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## Can Democracy Keep Peace?

IT is one of the paradoxes of our time that a war in Spain, whose horrors have stiffened the world's determination to keep the peace, should be littered with the charges which, momentarily, can blast Europe into Armageddon. Nothing in the struggle between the two forces should be underestimated. Unfortunately little about the factors involved, not even the relative strength of the forces themselves, can be accurately estimated.

The fact that such authoritative statesmen as Prime Minister Mackenzie King find it necessary repeatedly to go on record with their conviction that war is not inevitable, if reassuring, must be accepted as partial corroboration of the evidence from which another, equally authoritative, school draws the opinion of its inevitability. Neither is wholly realistic, and, while it is human to choose the more hopeful view, the choice would be easier today if we could forget Prime Minister Chamberlain's simile of the "avalanche."

This contradiction in official views invites speculation on the factors for and against war. A 10,000-word article could not begin to explore the relative influences of the causes for war strewn about Europe. Age-long territorial, racial and economic issues were preserved and, in many cases, aggravated by the least peace. Today all fit collectively into what is described as the struggle of the "haves" and the "have-nots." The peace added a new one, bred of the same economic and social disorder that continues to feed all the others. It is the clash of the creeds.

It is this last which makes most difficult any cool, reasonable approach to all the others. In Europe embittered with old hates and weltering in the misery of present conditions there can be little hope for the amicable compromise. While so much of that continent remains under the influence of men with fixed conceptions of their rights, and who can blind their audiences to any other analysis of the trouble but their own, the causes will remain.

There was more on the side of peace four months ago than there is today. Then the lessons of Spain's war, the demonstrated efficiency of the Red Army, the influence of the "moderate" German General Staff, and the re-emergence of an armed Britain were potent factors. Today only two of those remain or, at least, count for as much as they did. The purge of the army and the chaotic conditions throughout Russia have greatly weakened her control on Fascist ambitions. Almost simultaneously the German War Office, opposed to intervention in Spain, generally in favor of "diplomacy" rather than war, lost its influence in the Reich.

That leaves the tactical lessons of Spain and British rearmament as the major checks. The Spanish war, now almost a year old, beyond proving the efficiency of Russian and French equipment, has demonstrated that defense is still capable of resisting mechanized attack. The growing idea that a sudden, unexpected mass thrust could be decisive has suffered a serious setback. The more time that passes, the stronger Britain becomes. Italy and Germany, if not aware of the full extent of her new force, have certain knowledge of the speed at which it is being built up.

There are many who would insert here the suggestion that Europe is too poor to fight. Four years ago Germany was too poor to re-arm. Today she has the most efficient fighting force in the world. Strained circumstances may delay the "inevitable" to the extent that they handicap the preparations, but they are not a dependable deterrent; less so a resource-hungry, tax-crippled nations who stand to gain far more economically than it is possible for them to lose.

One other factor has appeared in recent weeks. That factor is bread. It is as true today as it ever was that an army marches on its stomach. The continued drought in North America, a light crop in Argentina, the problematical state of Russian agriculture, the disappearance of the world's surpluses, a poor domestic crop in Germany, Italy's continued heavy imports—all total up to scarcity, unless the dictators have been buying heavily for reserves and just such an emergency.

All this leaves a lot that is uncertain. Bluff and reckless opportunism can wipe out all the above factors and a dozen more. In summary it would appear that, while war need not come, peace is dependent on the combined strength of the pacifist democracies and the intelligence to deal fairly with the creeds when circumstances compel them to return to the conference table.

## It Doesn't Happen That Way

RECENTLY Alberta's Provincial Treasurer picked on an Edmonton audience to justify the Government's financial record. When he came to the matter of defaulted bond interest he was most earnest in his denial that there was any attempt "to repudiate our obligations." Instead he revived the naive explanation that default merely took from those who could afford to lose to help those who were not so well off.

"We merely asked one man, a bondholder, to forego 50 per cent. of his interest," he said, "so that another man with a home and tax bills can have 50 per cent. greater chance for happiness and prosperity." Just as simple as that.

It was fortunate for Mr. Low that a certain Mr. and Mrs. Hudak, immigrants to Lethbridge thirty-three years ago, were not in his audience. As the Edmonton Journal tells their story, Mr. Hudak "worked in the mines, saved his money and bought a small farm. As he and his wife grew older they found farm work too exacting. So in 1933 they sold the farm and, with part of the proceeds, bought Alberta bonds, which according to the promises of the Government of this Province, would yield \$60 a year."

In short the Government assured that man it would pay him \$60 a year for the use of his hard-earned money, and, after a period of years, return it all to him. Now the Government, which jails men who practice the same deception, gives him only \$30 a year.

"The lost \$30 a year might not bother those 'battered bondholders' Mr. Aberhart and his kind talk about," the Journal adds. "But it means a great deal to this Lethbridge couple. For with part of the proceeds of the farm sale they bought a little home in the southern city. The taxes have been around \$40 a year. That \$60 . . . was to have taken care of the taxes and additional necessities. Now there is not enough to pay this year's bill, and they are wondering if they are going to lose their home before they can qualify for the old-age pension—which will not be for two years yet."

It would be interesting to know how many Mr. and Mrs. Hudaks lost their "50 per cent. greater chance for happiness and prosperity" in the Alberta Government's bond squeeze. It would be interesting to know how very little the "battered bondholders" are contributing through that deal compared with what the small investors have been forced to forego. Or how much the Federal Government will have to pay out in old-age pension grants to make up the losses.

## SNAPSHOTS

Any man who has courage enough to have more than one wife at once these times deserves a bonus.

This is the anniversary of the day when Fredericton was first named St. Anne's.

There are two classes: Those who think property should be protected, and those who never expect to have anything.

The rules of the love-game were once as clear and definite as the rules of Bridge. But nowadays a girl has to play it by intuition—and with her fingers crossed.

Girls still continue to read all the advice on how to choose a husband, even though the 'choice' in an average woman's life is about as limited as that in a table d'hôte menu.

It now appears that Mae West has been married for more than twenty years. But Mae seems to be the sort of gal who might forget it.

It is the dear, gentle, quiet, little homebody, who wears the iron hand in the velvet glove and never gives up! It is the gazelle-eyed, soft-spoken, firm-chinned woman who rocks the boat!

Italian newspapers have been reduced in size. For all the information that can be relied upon which they supply their readers they might be still further reduced without loss.

In her teens, a woman looks forward to love; in her twenties, she expects to find it; in her thirties she strives to inspire it, and, after forty she cynically opens purse-strings and prepares to buy a good imitation.

## ROTARIAN

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the apprehension of hostilities noticeable through Europe. "No one wants war," he declared. "That is quite evident wherever one goes. Not only are the government fighting to stave off an outbreak but civilian bodies too. All Europe borders, organizations such as rotary are holding international meetings to foster goodwill and build a foundation for peace." Greatly missed at the convention had been the late John Nelson, Montreal rotarian and past-president of rotary club international who passed away here some months ago, Mr. Perry said.

## WORK PROGRESSES

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construction of the two subways as well as the substructural work on the bridge will be completed by the middle of October. At present there are about sixty men employed on the project, the majority of whom are local workers.

## REBELS CLAIM

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and opposing ground forces, bitterly contending for the all-important mastery of the air.

According to the government version, the loss of Brunete had been fared for some days. Fifteen miles west of Madrid, it was in a vulnerable position at the spearpoint of the government's recent offensive toward Navalcarnero.

No sooner had it been lost than the government began heavy counter-attacks to regain it. More than once during the night men were engaged in hand-to-hand fighting, while tanks rumbled over the fields and ruins of the little town.

Government officers declared that today their troops reached some houses on the outskirts of Brunete. From behind barricades thrown up with the rubbish of ruined houses, the insurgents met all attempts to advance with withering fire.

North of Brunete the government asserted that "except for minor rectifications of their lines" its troops had been able to hold all positions.

In the worst air bombing of the war for Barcelona, largest port and industrial centre of Spain and capital of the autonomous Catalan regime, allied with the Madrid-Valencia government, resulted in 65 killed and several wounded.

(Valencia suffered two disastrous air attacks in April and May, with a total of more than 300 persons killed. Those attacks were believed to have come from insurgent bases on Mallorca, Balearic Islands).

A woman and her 16-year-old son, who were gathering mushrooms to take with them to a refuge, were buried in debris as their home collapsed. They were extricated uninjured, with one mattress under and one over them.

At least 65 persons were killed and 150 injured today when eight insurgent planes carried out a terrific dawn raid on Barcelona. The planes showered bombs on the city for an hour and machine-gunned citizens as they ran for safety.

The attack began at 3.30 a.m. Three planes first flew over and dropped powerful flares which illuminated most of the city, making targets easily visible to other planes which soon arrived with loads of bombs.

As frightened men, women and children ran from their homes for places of greater safety, the planes swooped down and opened their machine guns on the streets.

Residents of a section of the city which suffered most declared there also was shelling from the sea, but this has not been confirmed by authorities.

## ST. ANN'S

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erected by the Indians. The Indians were in costume in honor of the Bishop's visit. Lee McCutcheon, Indian Commissioner, was amongst those present.

## RUMORS RADICAL

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that Federal elections are still far away.

Ottawa is gaining the idea that five Cabinet members may leave their posts. The Hon. C. A. Dunning, Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Hon. R. J. A. Cardin, Hon. J. C. Elliott, and the Hon. C. G. Powers, are the names prominently mentioned in this connection.

The Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice, has been a member of the House of Commons for no less than thirty-three years, representing first the Kamouraska district in 1904 and then the old Laurier division of Quebec East since the death of this former Prime Minister of Canada in 1919. In face of this long membership he is only 61 years of age, and it is understood that he would like to step out of active politics and take a position as Judge in the Supreme Court of Canada.

The Hon. C. A. Dunning has had a long career in the Capital, and many believe that he is anxious to carry on in a very important position in the commercial life of Canada, which he reluctantly left after the last Federal elections to enter the Cabinet as Minister of Finance.

The present Minister of Public Works, Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, is known in the Capital as the most eloquent orator in the history of the Province of Quebec, and this veteran statesman desires to move on to the Senate or go to the Bench. He is 58 years of age, and he has held the portfolio of Minister of Marine and Fisheries from 1924 to 1930.

The Hon. J. C. Elliott, who sat in the Ontario Legislature for 11 years prior to entering the Federal field, is the Postmaster-General of the Dominion, and his membership of the House of Commons dates back to 1925. During his hectic career, he has been Minister of Labour, Minister of Health and Soldiers Civil Re-establishment, and Minister of Public Works. The story is that this famous figure of Parliament Hill is anxious to retire from public life for good.

Finally, the youngest of this group of possible retirements from Federal politics is the Hon. C. G. Powers, Minister of Pensions and National Health, who is only 49 years of age, although he has been a member of the House for over 20 years. He is an extremely popular member with followers of all political shades of opinion, and it is a common story that he is aiming to enter the political arena of his province, where it is believed that his qualities may show to advantage right now.

Such sensational rumours are sure to bear fruit soon, but the experienced observers hold that the whole object of these changes and manoeuvres require that no commitments be made before the Cabinet learns more about what must be done about the relationships between the municipal, provincial and the federal government and the thorny questions which will be answered by the findings of the Royal Commission that the Federal Government has in mind to study and investigate the whole situation in Canada.

## BEER AND

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the battle along the loyalists' ten-mile salient was followed by motorized war trains.

I watched as Nationalist troops fought for the cold drinks, smashing the necks of the bottles on rocks and gulping down the contents. Foamy beer flowed in rivulets down their naked, dust-crusted chests.

A 'flying column' of Spanish Fascists captured the entire crew of a loyalist tank which had become a scorching oven because of the heat generated by its machine guns.

It is impossible to remain more than an hour in a tank during this weather and as a result, tanks are being used by both sides only during the early morning or late afternoon.

Most of Franco's troops have abandoned their tasseled trench caps for broad-brimmed sombreros of linen and khaki.

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## LIFE ON

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rying. Now, she added, "my most sincere regret in leaving the Far North, perhaps for good, is the necessity of abandoning my school family of 43 Eskimo and Indian girls. With surprising ingenuity, Eskimo girls learned civilization's methods of cooking, laundering, sewing and general housekeeping, then adapted them to the conditions of their own native life, the traveller stated.

"Before long, the natural charm of the Eskimo people and their friendliness to strangers begins to replace outside connections and one becomes so absorbed in the work that there is no thought of loneliness or regret."

"Fresh eggs and vegetables, street cars and mail boxes, sewing circles and teas, as well as innumerable other conveniences of the city soon lose their appeal, when you begin to appreciate the North," she explained.

Many loyalist prisoners, picked up from the battle fields, were found to be suffering from sunstroke.

## TAKE THE HEAT ON HIGH

(or Keep In High Gear This Summer)

WHEN the heat comes, some people, like old cars, can't make the grade—they have to slip into "second" or into "low." The heat slows them, says their "horsepower." Why can I, a youngster of almost 80, who, judged by conventional standards, should be on the scrap heap, drive in high through the hottest summer, defying Mr. Sol, just as in winter I scorn Mr. Zero? The answer is foods. People give no thought at all to the foods they ought to eat, only the foods they like. They follow the herd. Herd intelligence is notably no intelligence at all.

If people would really think, they would realize that bodily health depends upon the blood that feeds the body cells. The blood depends upon the kind of foods which build the blood. Therefore the kind of blood that flows through our bodies can make us shrivel and shiver on cold days and wilt and wither on hot days. The cause of both is viscid, ropy, toxic blood, derived from denatured, dead, demineralized, constipating foods.

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