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Distributing Trash

Several members of the sect known as "Jehovah's Witnesses" were yesterday charged with seditious in a Montreal court. These are the same people, followers of Judge Rutherford, who refused to salute the flag at Quarryville a few weeks ago and whose children were suspended from school for that reason. These same people are distributing a booklet in the city of Fredericton which to our mind comes very near breathing seditious. Contained in the book is a chapter regarding the saluting of the flag, with which most people in this country who read it will not agree. In addition to this the book contains insulting references to other denominations outside of Jehovah's Witnesses and if this sect had any standing whatever in the community the distribution of the booklet would be liable to stir up a religious feeling in the community where no such feeling should exist. When some of the women who are running about Fredericton distributing these booklets, come to the door for money for the books it might be well to pause and investigate their standing before buying their trash. Any bunch of people who kick over saluting the flag which floats over and protects them should have a short shift in the community.

Australian Trade With Japan

Australian imports from Japan during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1936, were valued at £4,969,571 compared with £4,624,740 in the fiscal year 1935. Exports from Australia to Japan amounted to £14,100,784 compared with £9,657,097. The export totals given are estimated in British currency values. Imports are also in pounds sterling.

During the six months ending December 31, 1936, the Australian imports from Japan amounted to £2,504,616 compared with £2,879,083 in the same period of 1935 while the exports were, in pounds sterling, £430,564 compared with £6,434,199.

The principal imports from Japan in the six months period were as follows, with the 1935 figures in brackets: Silk and artificial silk piece goods £870,448 (£990,742), cotton piece goods £387,847 (£508,917), raw silk £244,234 (£152,690), China and earthenware £77,747 (£103,333), toys £64,374 (£72,522), sulphur £27,153 (£39,108). The principal exports to Japan were iron ore, iron and steel scrap, zinc and wool.

More Railway Waste

In the current issue of the Canadian edition of Liberty is an interview with Sir Edward Beatty in which he declares the weakness of Government "is simply that impatient citizens are constantly hounding Governments to do things which Governments should not do."

The Canadian Pacific President was telling "The Truth About Canada's Three-Billion-Dollar Entanglement," questioning the right of a Government to provide transportation.

With regard to this broad issue Sir Edward may be correct, but for the time being we are more interested in an existing condition that cannot be overcome by criticizing past policies. We are concerned with what is to be done about the situation created.

The point of most of President Beatty's public utterances in recent years has been condemnation of uneconomic rail competition, and in this he has very general public approval. His earnestness would imply that he could never be induced to be a party to a continuance of so unsound a practice.

Yet at this moment there is a bill before the Quebec Legislature, to provide authority for duplicating transportation over a stretch of 120 miles in Northwestern Quebec. We are not certain that the Government needs to be bound to grant the franchise, but are convinced that the proposal is directly contrary to what Sir Edward Beatty has been preaching. As the line planned would be under the C.P.R. jurisdiction, it is a severe test of his seriousness in criticizing unfair and unprofitable construction.

To meet the requirements of this new mining area the Canadian National, with a Dominion charter, is building from Rouyn to Senneterre on the National Transcontinental. The proposed Temiscamingue & Abitibi Railway would virtually parallel the route throughout, giving a third railway into Noranda and Rouyn, already served by the Canadian National and T. & N.O.

This section of Quebec is not occupied by the C.P.R., for the reason, probably, that until recently it has not promised profits. The National Transcontinental from Cochrane to Quebec has maintained service despite its unprofitable character. The Canadian National gave the mining towns an outlet north to Taschereau, and the T. & N.O. built in from the west. The line under construction at a cost of \$5,000,000 taps new mining areas joining with the National Transcontinental seventy-two miles east of Taschereau. The proposed Temiscamingue & Abitibi road obviously would cut into the revenues of this line without creating new business.

In other parts of the country duplicated lines and duplicated train services are being reduced. In Northwestern Quebec expensive wastefulness will be created if the Quebec charter is granted and leads to construction. The folly of unsound competition so strongly condemned is being encouraged.

Sir Edward Beatty is urging joint operation of our two transcontinental railways "to save money." He asks: "What have Canadian business men to offer this country in the promotion and adoption of a sane transportation policy?" In his Liberty interview he inquires: "Can anything endanger the interest of railway workers more than to let our railway systems exhaust their strength in useless and wasteful competition?"

Questions like these are futile if the railways themselves will not recognize the primary obligation of exercising common sense. The country is strewn with branch lines depending for maintenance upon revenue too light for one road. Both railways are to blame for creating this condition. It was thought the lesson had been learned, but apparently it has not.

Sir Edward Beatty can prevent the Temiscamingue & Abitibi from trespassing on the territory of the C.N.R. if he wishes. He can tell the Quebec Legislature it should not be bound to do something a Government should not do. There is no sense in spending an additional \$5,000,000 to prove that the two railways between Noranda and Senneterre will be unprofitable.

The railway problem cries for a solution, but it will not be found in this way.

SNAPSHOTS

The citizens of Fredericton want the present aldermen "as is," and that's that!

The old fashioned man who had a head for figures has been replaced by the youth who has an eye for them.

Charming personality: The equipment of a person who would be a cynical old grouch if he had the grouch's indigestion.

With so much old metal of one kind or another going into armaments, no wonder it is called scrap iron.

Food for thought is different. No matter how much of it you consume, it never makes you fat-headed.

Maybe the fact that Hitler is a vegetarian enables him to bear with unusual composure the sufferings of the German people who are short of food.

STUDIO NOTES

Ray Lombardo and his Royal Canadians leave the Roosevelt Grill for a new vaudeville and prom tour which begins in Detroit, April 30, and will take them on an itinerary including Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Detroit, Baltimore, and a number of college dances at major universities. Then, after a short vacation, Guy returns to Manhattan, just in time for a gala summer opening, June 24, at the Waldorf-Astoria's Starlight Roof.

When Kate Smith acquires her new sponsor, late in the summer, her programme may stay on CBS after all, and so thoroughly established is her Thursday radio show that there is a possibility it will remain at the same time with a repeat broadcast to the West Coast.

Paramount is negotiating with Andre Kostelanetz to appear as conductor of several selections in their forthcoming musical, "Artists and Models." Though his work has been heard before, when he acted as musical director of films including Lily Pons' "I Dream Too Much" and "That Girl From Paris," this time the maestro will be seen, also. If he accepts the offer, Kostelanetz will arrange a week's absence from his Wednesday broadcasts, and plane to the West Coast.

Wheat Policy

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A Government body, with headquarters in Winnipeg, has been given a free hand in its day-to-day policies. A wheat subcommittee of Cabinet was appointed shortly after the present Government took office, but it is chiefly a liaison between the Government and the board.

Any change in selling policy would be more effective if made by the grain trade, which, it is believed, holds more than half the wheat, and it is hard to understand here that the trade would adopt a policy which would force down prices at this time.

The policy of the Wheat Board has been to maintain a steady flow of Canadian wheat on the world markets without depressing prices.

The fact that the St. Lawrence River will be open for shipping within a few days, making a greater amount of wheat available on the world market, may be a factor, as well as the good prospects for the winter-wheat crop in United States.

Anti-Fascists

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2—"The treaty of the Arab Brotherhood Alliance" signed last year by Iraq and Saudi Arabia. This provides for mutual assistance against aggressors and co-operation in military matters. Yemen is expected to sign. Syria and Lebanon likewise will be eligible when they become independent in 1939.

3—An agreement between Egypt and Saudi Arabia ending a 10-year estrangement resulting from an attack of Arabians of Egyptian soldiers accompanying pilgrims from Cairo to Mecca.

Finance Minister

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"The Province has taken the position that this payment should be made in cash and that it should be conditional on the final settlement made with the Province of Saskatchewan arising out of the transfer of natural resources to that Province.

"On our part we have taken the position that as Alberta owes the Dominion over \$26,000,000, the payment of the natural resources award should be made by offsetting the amount owing by the Dominion to the Province against this very large amount now owing by the Province to the Dominion.

THE ALDERMEN ENDORSED

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bership of the Municipalities Committee, all of whom were present at the time, the Committee, having regard for the wishes of the people of Fredericton, as expressed by the Aldermen, would have recommended the Bill to the House. But the bill was allowed to stand from day to day and from week to week.

The weeks of the session dragged on, and for some reason or other known only to those on the inside, the bill was not taken up. At last, when the House was about to prorogue and something had to be done, the Municipalities Committee got together, or some of them got together, and held a meeting to consider the Fredericton bill. At this meeting which was held in the dying days of the session, 13 members out of a committee of 34, and most of these men tired and anxious to get home, decided the fate of the bill, and decided it against the wishes of the duly elected Aldermen of the City of Fredericton. On the afternoon that the bill came before the Committee there was another Saint John bill which was to come up, and in order to bring that bill up to the Committee some of THE MEMBERS PRESENT IN ORDER TO GET RID OF THE FREDERICTON BILL AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE MOVED THAT IT NOT BE RECOMMENDED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE HOUSE. THREE MEMBERS WHO WERE PRESENT INFORMED THE DAILY MAIL THAT THEY WERE THERE BUT DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THE BILL HAD PASSED OR NOT. These gentlemen naturally felt that if there was no Fredericton member on the Committee unduly interested enough to strongly support the bill that they as outsiders did not care and so the bill was strangled.

When the Aldermen found that their wishes in regard to Fredericton legislation were ignored they waited upon the Chairman of the Municipalities Committee, Mr. Blakeny, and also had a session with other members, but in none of these sessions did they get anywhere in regard to our legislation. In the course of conversation, Mr. Blakeny, however, did say that he thought the way the Municipalities Committee had handled the Fredericton bill "was an outrage." He also said that he agreed with the Aldermen in seeking to have the Police Commission abolished. He stated that when he was Mayor of Moncton he had been largely instrumental in having the Police Commission in that city abolished. He did not think that a Police Commission had any place in a small city like Fredericton. Other gentlemen connected with the Municipalities Committee in conversation with The Daily Mail felt that the sections of the original bill giving the Police Commission power to purchase equipment and supplies for the police force without any reference to the Council should have been amended, as should also the section making the Police Magistrate a member of the Police Commission. Without any personal feeling for the present police magistrate, whom they did not know, these gentlemen agreed that the principle of having a magistrate on a Police Commission where he could lay charges and later sit as a trial judge against the accused, was one which they believed was against all principles of British justice. This seemed to be the biggest objection to the bill, but at the same time it went through.

The Police Commission bill was not the only bill which was turned down by the Municipalities Committee. The bill to provide a plebiscite was also not recommended as put forward by the Aldermen. THE BILL TO PROVIDE A PLEBISCITE WAS SO AMENDED AS TO MAKE IT USELESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF A PLEBISCITE ON THE ABOLITION OF THE POLICE COMMISSION. THERE SEEMED TO BE A DETERMINED EFFORT BY THE MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE TO BLOCK AT ANY TURN THE EFFORTS OF THE CITY ALDERMEN TO ABOLISH THE POLICE COMMISSION. AS THE BILLS WERE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE SESSION THE PUBLIC CAN ONLY GUESS WHY THIS WAS DONE AND WHAT INFLUENCE WAS AT THE BACK OF IT.

THIS KILLING OF THE BILL IN A SLIM COMMITTEE IN A SECRET MEETING BEHIND CLOSED DOORS WAS AGAINST ALL PRINCIPLES OF FAIR PLAY AND DEMOCRATIC SELF-GOVERNMENT. THE ALDERMEN AND THE CITIZENS OF FREDERICTON RECEIVED A ROTTEN DEAL. THE ALDERMEN WHO WERE ELECTED TO CARRY ON THE CITY'S BUSINESS AND WHO WERE AS WELL QUALIFIED TO CARRY IT ON AS IS ANY MEMBER OF THE POLICE COMMISSION HAVE BEEN SNUBBED FROM START TO FINISH. They are ignored by the Police Commission when that body sits behind closed doors and makes purchases of cars and other equipment without any reference to the Aldermen, and they have been ignored by the Legislative Committee, and no self-respecting body of Aldermen elected by the people to conduct their affairs, and snubbed right and left, could do anything else whatever than to tender their resignations, and this is what they did. It was necessary to do this in order to retain their self-respect.

THE ACTION OF THE CITIZENS YESTERDAY IN RETURNING UNOPPOSED THE SEVEN ALDERMEN REFERRED TO IS A STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF THEIR STAND BOTH IN SEEKING TO HAVE THE POLICE COMMISSION ABOLISHED AND IN RESIGNING AS A PROTEST AGAINST THE UNCALLED FOR AND OUTRAGEOUS ACTION OF THE MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE. IT IS A SLAP IN THE FACE AND A DESERVED ONE TO THE MUNICIPALITIES COMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATURE.

THE POLICE COMMISSION BILL WILL BE HEARD OF AGAIN. IT HAS BEEN STRANGLERED BUT IT IS NOT DEAD. It will arise up again in the Municipalities Committee of the Legislature next Session and it will arise with the endorsement of the citizens of Fredericton. When the time comes an effort will be made to have the bill get a square deal before the full committee of the Legislature.

BILLS OF A PUBLIC NATURE SUCH AS THE POLICE COMMISSION BILL REFERRED TO SHOULD BE DISCUSSED IN PUBLIC AND NOT IN PRIVATE SESSION. THE PEOPLE IN THE COUNTRY SHOULD KNOW WHAT GOES ON. THERE IS ALTOGETHER TOO MUCH OF THIS PRIVATE SESSION STUFF CONNECTED WITH OUR CIVIC, MUNICIPAL, PROVINCIAL AND FEDERAL AFFAIRS. NO BODY OF MEN SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO GET TOGETHER AND CONTROL THE LEGISLATION OR ANY PUBLIC AFFAIR WITHOUT THE PUBLIC BEING AWARE OF WHAT IS GOING ON. AS THE MAIL HAS SAID BEFORE, SECRET CLOSED DOOR MEETINGS, WHETHER THEY ARE POLICE COMMISSIONS, SCHOOL BOARDS, OR WHAT NOT, BREATHE SUSPICION. WHEN PEOPLE CANNOT OPEN THE DOOR AND THROW ON THE LIGHT, WHETHER THEY ARE DOING RIGHT OR WRONG, THERE IS ALWAYS ROOM FOR DOUBT.

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"SMART BLONDE"

Also BINNIE BARNES in "BREEZING HOME"

Oshawa Strikers

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cried to the strikers after their decision was made known. "You're being fooled. You're being hoodwinked." "I told Hugh Thompson when I asked his permission to speak to you tonight that I would say what I am now telling you," said the 33-year-old mayor, his face flushed with feeling. "I hate to take a dirty advantage of anyone when I speak on his platform and I hate to see anybody take a dirty advantage of you men, my friends."

The Proposals

The proposals the strikers rejected were:

That the men return to work on a five-day, 44-hour week made up of four nine-hour days and one eight-hour day.

That time and one-half be paid for overtime.

That those formerly receiving 55 cents an hour or less be paid an increase of seven cents an hour.

That those receiving 56 cents an hour or more be paid an increase of five cents an hour.

That there be no reprisals against any worker regardless of his activities or affiliations with any union.

Employees had claimed they previously worked 45 and 50 hours a week without extra payment for overtime. The union had asked for a 40-hour week with time and a half for overtime, recognition of the union and organization of a grievance committee.

After the mayor had spoken to the meeting, with a few remarks also from Thompson and C. H. Millard, president of the U.A.W.A. Oshawa local, newspapermen were barred from the general meeting that considered settlement terms.

Coming Japanese

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activities which might aid the aggressor."

Benito has barred the back door of Italy as he prepares to pay a visit to his neighbors.

To Yugo-Slavia even a "scrap of paper" has seemed better protection than such catch phrases as "collective security" after inspecting the fate of Ethiopia and Spain.

The Red Sea Route
Mussolini has approximately 100,000,000 lire for the development of Port Assab in Eritrea. Over \$5,000,000 spent for a trade depot in what Mussolini himself has referred to as a "desert?" Or is he not thinking of dominating the Red Sea route? Mr. Baldwin from the seclusion of his 14-room mansion at No. 69 Eaton Square which he has purchased may perhaps give us a statement on this as he roams about his six-acre garden—when the matter has become another "fait accompli," after his resignation. The Germans have withdrawn from Spanish Morocco to be replaced by Italian colonial troops, although they have left plenty of German siege guns behind.

If we said that the result of the Japanese elections was largely responsible for the lull, we might not be far wrong. Italy and Germany must have the active co-operation of Japan in the East for their chances of success to look attractive in their European gamble. The elections for the Japanese Diet will be decided at the end of April. It will then be seen whether the temper of the Japanese

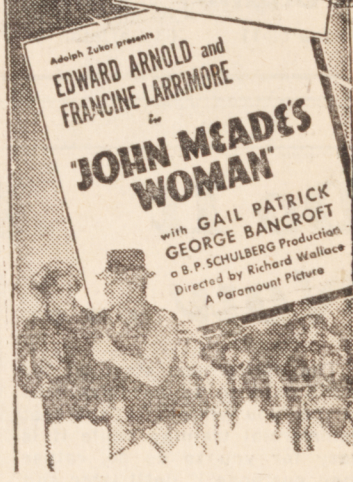
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People are docile enough for the colossal gamble of the attempt to dominate the Pacific. Significantly enough at the end of April General Goering goes to Rome for another of his fencing bouts with Mussolini. Various matters are rumored for discussion—but in the writer's opinion the month of May will be a very hazardous period for world peace.

Let us hope that the attention of the Baldwin Government has not been so much concerned with domestic issues that Mr. Lloyd George will once more have a chance to deliver his famous speech on the muddled conduct of the great war in 1915.

"Too late in moving here, too late in arriving there, too late coming to this decision, too late in starting with enterprises, too late in preparing! Our footsteps are dogged by the mocking spectre of "too late."

The frantic haste and colossal size of the British rearmament program are in themselves the measure of the errors made by the Baldwin administration in underestimating, misjudging and ignoring the rapid rearmament of the enemy nations.

Actually medicated with throat-soothing ingredients of Vicks VapoRub.

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