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Britain's New Foreign Policy.

PRIME Minister Chamberlain's definition of Britain's foreign policy, is if anything, much firmer than its forecasters had expected. Certainly it reveals the calm, reasoned judgment the Cabinet has given it, and thereby has cleared the air of a deal of the uncertainty and misinterpretation as to what Britain would or should do in Europe. That it yields anything within the compass of her interests or permits of drift is absurd in the light of his direct and specific classification of these interests, and where they lie. That it will not meet the approval of the Opposition must strengthen the general confidence in it.

Quite as important as anything he said is the fact that he allows no scope for misunderstandings. On the Czechoslovakian issue the Prime Minister was particularly frank. Citing the choices offered—support for French commitments or a direct pledge of intervention on behalf of Czechoslovakia—he rejected both. He refused to "incur automatic military obligations save for areas" where Britain's vital interests are concerned. But he avoided any suggestion of neutrality. On the contrary, he underlined this piece of policy with the very definite warning that, where peace and war are concerned, "legal obligations are not alone involved." If war broke out "it would not likely be confined to those who have assumed such obligations."

There is a flexibility to such a policy which must be considered with Britain's commitments to France, Belgium, in the Mediterranean, and with the Prime Minister's candid interpretation of the rearmament program, to be appreciated. Britain alone is the judge of the circumstances which will require action on her obligations, and there is no objection in any one trying to draw a distinction between the use of her armaments for defense and for fulfillment of those obligations. Britain is rearming to keep peace. And peace is inextricably bound up with British interests.

Beyond foolishly attempting to anticipate definite developments in the aggressive programs of the dictators and giving "prior" pledges of automatic intervention should they occur, what more could Mr. Chamberlain have said that would carry any weight in the Capitals to which his speech was obviously directed? To threaten Germany at this point or that would not add anything to any nation's security. As it is, Germany now must consider programs and methods in terms of British interests, which, as Mr. Chamberlain rather bluntly pointed out, are somewhat wider than the red spots on the map.

That this is not the weak position the Laborites have held it to be is clear from the Prime Minister's optimism over the prospects of the British-Italian negotiations. Italy has already given reassurances on two of the most important points of agreement—the withdrawal of troops from Spain and her territorial and economic ambitions in that country. It was, perhaps, not without design that Mr. Chamberlain followed his reference to the Government's reliance on Italy making good her assurances, with the assertion that rearmament work must have priority in the nation's effort. For those who advocate bluster and bluff this may not be a strong policy. But as stated it is the firmest any British statesman has enunciated, since a Labor Government accepted uncompromising pacifism as the antidote to force.

Social Credit's Latest Step.

ALBERTA'S Social Credit Government has made a fool of itself again by deciding to jail a news writer for misreporting. Naturally the incident is said to be without precedent in Canada, for Parliamentarians as a rule do not give vent to their spleen through ridiculous proceedings. An Edmonton Journal reporter stated incorrectly that a member of the Legislature had voted against a certain bill. Thereupon the Committee on Privileges and Elections was summoned to report and the entire Legislature to adjudicate, with the result that the reporter was found to be, in effect, a menace to society, his proper place being Lethbridge Jail during the term of the Legislature. Thus the august lawmakers in the majesty of their might and by virtue of Social Credit psychosis decreed. Any other Legislature in the country would have given the offended member time to voice a protest if he cared to do so, the paper would have printed a correction, and the incident would be forgotten.

Alberta's press-gag bill was outlawed by the Supreme Court, and apparently the new procedure is a substitute. Members of the House are reported to have admitted that the step taken was to punish the Edmonton paper for criticizing the Government's monetary policy. Is jail the threat now hanging over every newspaper which cannot agree with the political and economic illusions of the Administration?

To err is human, but to forgive is beyond the scope of Social Credit divinity when a newspaper makes an unintentional mistake. When two Social Credit disciples published and distributed a criminal libel and were given full opportunity for defense in the courts, Social Credit raised its voice in horror and protest at a conviction. Even simple consistency is foreign to Social Credit thought.

This attack on the press must be viewed as interpretative of the party's philosophy. It is serious for the country, although limited to a Province, unless the extreme ridiculousness brings its own defeat. The liberty of the individual is no safer than that of the press in the hands of an Administration with so perverted an understanding of the proprieties.

What Is a Billion?

HOW much is a billion? According to standard dictionaries it may be a thousand millions or a million millions. That depends on the usage of the country in which one lives. In the United Kingdom and Germany, it is a million millions; in France and the United States, a thousand millions. Canada follows the American usage, and, although there is no official ruling on that point, in this country a billion is a thousand millions.

The Dominion department of finances uses the 1,000,000,000 figures for a billion, because such usage is "universal on this continent," said Dr. W. C. Clark, the deputy minister. For the same reason the Dominion bureau of statistics does likewise.

"The 1,000,000,000 is used by parliament, and by everybody throughout the country," said Dr. R. H. Coats, Dominion statistician. "Definition of a billion is not a statistical matter; and we are not authorities. But the office practice is to use the thousand million as indicating a billion. Whether that is right or wrong I can't say. In statistical work we use ordinary nomenclature."

Thus, in the absence of whatever authority defines that sort of thing to the contrary, a billion in Canada is a thousand millions, so regarded by parliament, the Dominion bureau of statistics, the finance department and the Bank of Canada.

Snapshots

The citizens may rest safe in regard to the burglaries which are being added to the long list. As the Chief says they are "being investigated."

It is better to be on the inside looking outside than on the outside looking in.

"Bine by she snow some more."

Moncton is fortunate in having at the head of its civic affairs at the present time an energetic Mayor such as W. E. McMonagle. Mr. McMonagle appears to be a man who is working hard for the city of Moncton and from this distance it looks as though he is the chief factor in promoting the airport scheme for that city. We consider Mr. McMonagle one of the best civic heads in the province.

Why couldn't Starr Young who is a public spirited citizen suggest a way of putting at least one light on the City Hall clock? Perhaps he and the City could get together on it. At present a person coming out of the City Hall or going down the street has to wait until they get to the window of the Mayor's drug store to "see the time."

SASKATCHEWAN

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The Government under its relief scheme will limit the amount of seed given to any farmer at 250 bushels, according to Hon. J. G. Taggart, Minister of Agriculture, and as he expects an approximate normal seeding of about 13,000,000 acres to wheat, farmers of hardluck Saskatchewan are making a supreme effort to recoup their lost fortunes as far as they can in the 1938 crop.

More For Railways

In the event of there being a normal Saskatchewan crop, say 200,000,000 bushels in wheat alone, there will be considerable work made for railways. It will mean as it was back in 1928 when the railways were running grain trains almost on passenger train schedule, to clear the heavy crop to the lakehead and other ports, but it will mean considerable more cash floating around the country in the form of wages; and given a fair price for the crop, the farmer will be able to see a rift in the hard times that have smitten him for a number of years.

Saskatchewan's Government is prepared for the period of rehabilitation on Saskatchewan's fortunes and has stated on the floor of the Legislature that measures will be taken to protect the farmer in the event of his coming into money this fall. This is regarded as a warning to the farmers' creditors to go easy and give the farmer a chance to get on his feet within his own home first.

FEDERAL

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ing the government's intention of enacting a Dominion unemployment insurance scheme and asking if they would co-operate and agree to the necessary constitutional amendment.

Daily Foreign News Comment

(By H. M. Paint of the Daily Mail Staff)

PROPAGANDA WAR RAGES IN EUROPE

England, Germany, Italy and France are engaged in a war over the ether. This war of conflicting "isms", is bile, inland water, ocean and air trans-nome the less deadly in spite of the fact that instead of modern armament the weapons employed are directional beam antenna.

Italy is interested in spreading her theories in and around Ethiopia and South America. Germany directs her broadcasts to South America and the United States. France concentrates her efforts mainly on North Africa. Britain's campaign is centered on Palestine, Arabia and India with the idea of combating the poisonous flood.

So important do the Italians consider this form of propaganda that they have furnished the Arabs in Palestine and around the Red Sea with free radio sets which can only receive Italian stations. The British have reciprocated by doing the same thing in India.

So intensive and serious has the flood of anti-British propaganda become in South America that it was the subject of indignant complaint in the British House of Commons by Clement Atlee a few weeks ago.

Just what will be the future effect on the backward populations of South Africa, South America, Arabia and India of this deluge of new theories new ideas and, "isms" is a most serious problem. We can only be sure of one thing—it will not bear good fruit for the white race in the long run. Britain is custodian of the welfare of over 400,000,000 people of color may well take a most serious view of the matter.

The United States, considering the fact that the neighboring continent of South America is an ideal breeding ground for doctrines of violence should take more than a passing interest. They have a colored problem of their own which may some day soon become acute.

It is well to remember that all colored races are intensely susceptible to a new idea preached with prophetic zeal and backed by force.

In the terrible negro insurrection in Hayti, it was the doctrine preached by over-zealous Frenchmen of the equality of man, which inspired the frightful outbursts of savage cruelty and inhuman violence for which this insurrection of the Haytian slave population will always be memorable. Civilization is being ill-served today by certain nations to gain advantages more apparent than real.

ARMOURY

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provision will be made in the estimates for the building of an armoury. Representations now are being made to the government by Mr. Emmerson that, since an airport was to be established here, a civil aviation training school might be located in the city. This might entail another building, and a staff of two or three.

Our Mail Bag

DO PHYSICIANS CURE?

Fredericton, N. B.
March 29th, 1938.Editor Daily Mail
City

Dear Sir;

Organized 5000 years and look!

Physicians have been vitally interested in public health in an organized manner for 5000 years, with millions of men, millions of minds, and millions of money. Cutting bodies both dead and alive with everything at their command; that science and invention can command; with laws privately espoused and publicly legislated in their control, with public prosecutors at their beck and call, with the public mind educated to medicine and surgery for generations. They should have by this time learned how to cure the sick; assuming their motives sincere, their education complete, their ability unquestioned, their arts infallible, then we must assume that they HAVE BEEN getting the sick well. IS THAT TRUE? Have they been doing this? Everywhere the cities are filled with millions of groaning, grunting invalids, cripples line our streets, one operation requires another, new medicine comes and goes faster than fashions, our private, public and state hospitals are filled with the sick and insane; idiotic and weak-minded, and more hospitals are being built each year to further drain the public pocket book.

If medicine is that successful cure-all why plead for millions more of money to stamp out the white plague, "Tuberculosis" admitting that it is growing by leaps and bounds each year? Why not take that money and cure a few? Instead of building so-called Rat-proof hospitals.

Yours truly
Humanity.

FREDERICTON MAN GIVES VIEWPOINT OF UNBIASED MALE RE OBSERVERS ARTICLE

Fredericton, N. B.
March 29th/38.

Editor Daily Mail

Dear Sir;

Whoever Observer is—and I am inclined to believe with yesterday's contribution that he must be a man—for only a man could be so lost to the feminine viewpoint—whatever he is I say he is a bold man! For the man who gets the ladies against him in any community is like a luckless deer caught in deep snow by wolves—they will pull him down and finish him off in the long run! Let us hope that he is successful in concealing his identity for his own sake. I wouldn't be in his shoes for a farm! Speaking as a man who has always wondered why the police employ only male detectives, if I were him I would be trembling in my shoes.

I agree with the previous contribution that a woman needs outside activities besides housework. Furthermore I believe that the husbands are the first to recognize this. For one thing it gives a man considerably more rope. If his wife is out to physical culture classes she can't very well refuse him permission for an occasional evening playing poker with the boys. For another it improves her figure. This is not only pleasing to her, but is very comforting to a man's vanity because it confirms his own opinion of his good taste, judgment, and knowledge of women. Most important of all as her figure improves, she is happier and better tempered. This is such a vital matter that once any husband understands the true facts of the case he will take issue with Observer immediately. By all means let them have a share in the "Y's" physical culture classes.

Having figured this out, I beg to thank you for your valuable space.

TOM MIX.

ONE OF

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its wheels, from the river bottom. One of the victims was believed to be Clarence G. Allan, a commercial traveler, of 83 Chestnut Street, Halifax.

Receding tidal waters early this morning disclosed the first trace of an automobile reported by two small boys to have plunged through the railing of a bridge approach on the outskirts of Sackville last night. It was believed that two men had gone to their deaths when the car plunged into the river.

Discovery of a 1937 Nova Scotia license tag No. 87,738, apparently wrenched from the machine, in the mud, was the only clue to the identity of the machine and its occupants.

A crowd of approximately 20 persons, including three or four members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, waited for the tide to drop low enough to recover the auto.

Grappling from a flat-bottomed boat, Hazen Mitton and willing volunteers at 2 a.m. were convinced the submerged vehicle rested in some 15 feet of water. The river level had then dropped about 15 feet from the time of the reported accident. The swift current later forced abandonment of grappling operations.

Capitol

—NOW PLAYING—

He took the "count" for a golden-haired queen!—and she took everything else!

SOME BLONDES ARE DANGEROUS

A new Universal Picture with NOAH BEERY, Jr.; WILLIAM GARGAN; DOROTHEA KENT; NAN GREY; ROLAND DREW and POLLY ROWLES

NEWS — COMEDY

Shows start 3:00; 7:15 & 9:15
Mat. 10-20; Evg. 15-25; Plus Tax

HERE THURS., FRI., & SAT.

JOHN BARRYMORE, in

"Bulldog Drummond's Revenge"

ADDED ATTRACTION:
OTTO KRUGER
JACQUELINE WELLS

in

"Counsel for Crime"

CLOSING

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Rome—Italian newspapers speaking for Premier Benito Mussolini warned France not to seek to aid lest such action cause war.

Paris—The Cabinet of Premier Leon Blum, facing probable defeat later this week, struggled with widespread strikes and with Senate opposition to its rearmament financing program. French officials viewed with grave concern the probable triumph of the nationalists in Spain which would surround her on three sides with dictatorial powers.

London—Progress continued on negotiations for an agreement with Italy based on the vitally important understanding that Mussolini will not seek political domination if Spain is Franco triumphs.

GAIETY

NOW PLAYING

GLADYS SAYS: "THE JOHNS HAVE IT!"
HAVE WHAT?

That Certain Swing!



JOHN BOLES
JOHN BARRYMORE
"ROMANCE IN THE DARK"

A Paramount Picture with
CLAIRE DODD - FRITZ FELD
CURT BOIS - Directed by H. C. Fisher
Hear Gladys and John Boles sing the new romantic rhythms "Tonight We Love" and "Bewitched by the Night"

NEWS - SPORTS - COMEDY

Shows start 2:30; 7:15 & 9:15

HERE WED., & THURS.

Miriam Hopkins

—IN—

"Men Are Not Gods"
With GERTRUDE LAWRENCE

YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO TAX THIS CHAIN

LOOK carefully at the links in the chain pictured here. Local farmers, fishermen, manufacturers, railway employees, property owners, chain store merchants and consumers are all represented.

It is proposed by some to put extra taxes on the chain store link only. But whatever hurts one link, injures them all. If special taxes forced the chain store merchant to close many stores, thousands would be thrown out of work, not only his employees, but workmen in factories from which the chains bought goods. Farmers and fishermen would lose large markets. Railway business would fall off. Empty stores be thrown on the real estate market. Property values would go down; the cost of living for everybody go up; and practically all tax sources be partially dried up.

You can't afford to tax this chain. Provincial producers need the hundreds of thousands of dollars annual income they get from chain stores. Consumers need the opportunity to save by buying at the chains. There's wisdom in allowing chain stores to go on helping men make money and women save it!

SPECIAL CHAIN STORE TAXES
ARE REALLY DOUBLE TAXES
ON THE PEOPLE OF THIS PROVINCE—THEY TAX YOU AS PRODUCERS AND AGAIN AS CONSUMERS.

Prepared in the Maritimes
FOR CANADIAN CHAIN STORE ASSOCIATION

