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## ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENTS

The events of the last few days have been the most encouraging from the standpoint of the Democracies, and perhaps the most discouraging from that of the totalitarian states, since the nations now comprising the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis first began their series of attacks on the weaker nations.

Since the Japanese first entered Manchukuo there has been a steady succession by the Democracies to the predatory nations. Encouraged by her success in Mongolia, Japan struck at China proper. Italy waged her war of conquest on Ethiopia, poured thousands of troops into Spain and most recently instituted her demands for portions of the French Colonial Empire. Hitler occupied and fortified the Rhineland, performed his coup in Austria, and succeeded in his Czecho-Slovakian endeavour.

Throughout these history-making episodes France and Britain slowly retreated from one bulwark to another in their efforts to avoid war, while the United States watched with impersonal eye.

During the last week, however, a new note has suddenly been sounded. Tashed by a president who is endeavoring to peer into the future, goaded by a suddenly awakening press, the United States has bared her teeth in a warning to Japan that she will brook no indignities in the east; in a vast proposed armament programme that, it seems, will almost certainly be implemented; in defense schemes that may involve the establishing of naval and air bases on the Islands of Guam and Wake, which are situated in the South Seas, close to Japanese mandated territories in the South Seas. For perhaps the first time since Japanese bombers began their merciless attacks on Chinese cities, the British Lion may be said to have roared. In the sternest note London has yet sent to Tokyo. France, apparently sensing the new attitude of her ally, and encouraged by the increasing interest of United States, is said to be preparing a similar note for Japan.

Meanwhile, Premier Mussolini has shown, by his overtures inviting Prime Minister Chamberlain to Rome if by nothing more, that he prefers friendship rather than enmity with Britain. While details of the Rome conversations are not yet made public, the feeling seems to be abroad among many that the Italian and British nations have been drawn closer together. By some observers it is felt that this may signify that the strength of the Rome-Berlin-Tokio axis has been somewhat impaired.

What the developments of the news a few days or weeks, may be is of course, very uncertain. But there seems greater reason for cheer and stronger prospect of peace at the present time than previously.

## ANTI-AIRCRAFT DEFENCE

President Roosevelt in his message to Congress asking a large appropriation for defence laid chief stress on the need for a large air force. It is strange that little attention was given to providing for defence against attacks from the air.

Airplanes are chiefly weapons of offence. But great progress has been made since the World War in defensive tactics against airplane raids. Anti-airplane artillery in these days can be wonderfully effective. The British system of defence lays great stress on this method.

We should proceed to the construction of artillery defences around all important cities vulnerable to attacks from the air. Our experts may be able to devise anti-aircraft guns and bombs superior to present types.

Defences of this kind will do much to discourage any mass attack from the skies.

# Says Fredericton Not In Need of Hotel

## Sackville Tribune Says City Needs Cold Storage Plant Instead

We don't seem to learn by observation and experience; we go on making the same mistake, day in and day out, year in and year out. People work themselves up into a sort of fine frenzy, under the influence of which they lose all sense of values and of proportion.

I am thinking about the present agitation to build a new hotel in Fredericton. In my opinion Fredericton needs a big hotel as much as a cat needs ten tails. Some enthusiastic Fredericton people will go "up in the air" at this statement but I refuse absolutely to take it back.

Fredericton already has several good hotels, which can accommodate the travelling public quite comfortably in normal times. Occasions may occur when the hotel accommodation is taxed to the limit, but not often. I can quite understand that civic pride would be fostered by a modern hotel in the "Celestial City" and so far as it goes this is desirable but it does seem to me that the money, proposed to be sunk, in the erection of a Fredericton hotel, might more profitably be put into an industry, which would give employment to those who want to work.

If you think that I am "knocking" this proposition without reason, then I would suggest that you write for a financial statement of the following hotels: Canadian National, Charlottetown; The Scotian and Lord Nelson, Halifax; The Admiral Beatty, Saint John; The Algonquin, St. Andrews and others I could mention. Without the support of the Railways, the big hotels in Charlottetown, Halifax and St. Andrews would close.

## GREENLAND STAMPS

At long last, Greenland, the largest island in the world, presuming that Australia is to be regarded as a continent, is to join the stamp-issuing countries, almost one hundred years after Great Britain put on sale the pioneer one-penny black and the two-piece blue.

Hitherto Greenland, a dependency of Denmark, has been without adhesive stamps. The correspondence of the fifteen thousand inhabitants of the trading settlements along the coast of Greenland has been forwarded to Copenhagen. There the necessary stamps were affixed and the mail sent on its way. Presumably this has not been the usual method for getting messages from one part to another of the land named by Eric the Red in the moment of his greatest optimism.

The only "stamps" which have hitherto come from Greenland were the labels provided by the Royal Greenland Trading Company, which holds a government monopoly. The labels were used to frank packages shipped to the Copenhagen office of the firm. By philatelists, however, these are classed as parcel post labels, similar to the Belgian Railway parcel post labels. It is conceivable that the Greenlanders feel a stronger urge to take their pen in hand and it is also conceivable that the thrifty Danish government is not unaware that there is likely to be a large sale of the seven new stamps to stamp collectors, for which it will be asked to render no service.

## EDITORIAL NOTES

Although the Nazis accepted "The Lambeth Walk", as Aryan and played it frequently at Mr. Chamberlain's hotel in Munich, the Brown Shirts have now demanded that it be banned as "degenerate" and indulged in by "degenerate people". What degenerate and Aryan both! Never!

The destroyers at the Halifax station of the Royal Canadian Navy are again heading south for their annual winter cruise to Bermuda and the West Indies. H. M. C. S. Skeena and Saguenay will spend several weeks in the waters of the Caribbean.

France hopes to increase its air force from the present 30,000 to 108,500 by 1940, when it will have five thousand war planes. This, however, is practically only one half of the planes Lindbergh is reported to have seen in Germany.

their doors; if shareholders of some other hotels were ever paid dividends on their money, bills of sale would need to be placed on the furnishings.

During the short tourist season a new Fredericton hotel would likely be well patronized—no doubt at the expense of existing hostilities—but there would be many lean months, when operating expenses would eat up the income and "then some".

The sensible thing to do is for Fredericton people to get behind the hotels, which they now have. Encourage their managers to increase their accommodation, modernize their plumbing, buy new furnishings, redecorate their rooms, pep up their tables and improve their service. This is not intended as a reflection on present Fredericton hotels, but no matter how good an hotel may be, there is always room for improvement.

Fredericton needs a cold storage plant, which would not only be of service to city dwellers but would be of definite assistance to the farmers round about. It is much more important to lend a helping hand to the farmers, whose lot is hard, than to erect an hotel memorial which will freeze assets, which should be used to promote industrial growth.

Fredericton will likely go ahead with its hotel project, but I feel it my duty to warn those who put up the money, that they are kissing their coin good-bye.

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### A LIFT

"What would ye say is the most popular song or air wi' Scottish hikers?"

"Weel, 'Look Lomond', maybe—'Ye tak' the high road, an' I'll tak' the low road—"

"Na, mon, with tired hikers it's 'Any Lorry!'"

### BACK TO BUSINESS

Conscientious Typist (getting off her employer's knee: "I think I'd better type that letter you dictated yesterday, sir".

### TOO PERFECT

"That shoe fits you perfectly, madam."

"Oh, does it! Well, let me try one a size smaller."

### A GOOD LAUGH

Extract from a boy's letter: "We gave a performance of 'Hamlet' before we broke up for Christmas, and a lot of fathers and mothers came. Although some of them had seen it before they laughed just the same."

### HIS CONTRIBUTION

It was a reunion of old friends and, as a bit of fun, the guests were each asked to bring something to the feast.

The Englishman brought a bottle of whisky, the Irishman a tin of biscuits, and the Scotsman his brother!

### IRISH OVERFLOW

Irish Navy (to foreman): "If you please, sir, can we have a new hut? The one we have now is so small that when we all get into it, it won't hold half of us!"

### INVITE HIM IN

An explorer says that wolf meat is very nourishing. And some has a good meal on the doorstep all this time without knowing it!

### IN ONE EAR

A radical says the radio has stolen the power of the press. But when politicians watch their step, it isn't for fear of what the radio will say.

### HAIR ON TOP

The ladies look nicer with their hair on top of their heads. So would some men.

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## As I See It

Daily Foreign News

Comment

By H. M. Paint.

### ITALY SCREAMS DEFIANCE

In the argot of the gutter, the Italian press hurled defiance at the Gallic bantam rooster now grown into a barnyard fowl, to all appearance, since British tutelage cut the comb of the fiery, little champion.

"44,000,000 Italians spit in the face of the French nation", is a typical Italian headline.

This example of national unity in a garlic eating nation is carrying terrorism in foreign policy to the extreme of "frightfulness."

The Italian people would do well to pause, and consider along what perilous paths Mussolini's foreign policy is leading them.

Their ally, Germany, has neither forgiven or forgotten the Italian desertion of Germany in the last war. It was not until Hitler had eliminated Field Marshals Frisch and Von Blomberg, that he was able to obtain the consent of the Reichwehr, to cooperate heartily with Italy. It is not in the German nature to overlook ultimately what they consider Italian perfidy in the Great War. At a convenient moment in the future the Italian nation will be reduced to "hewers of wood and drawers of water", for the Reich when they have outlived their present nuisance value.

Italy has challenged Britain in the most sensitive portions of her Empire organization—the Mediterranean route to the East and anti-British propaganda among Britain's colored colonial and Islamic population. Politically speaking Italy has committed the unforgivable crime which cannot be condoned. Britain must, and will, see that the temporary balance of power never again places Italy in the position where she has the power to weigh down the scales of European affairs adversely to Empire interests.

In addition to this false Nazi friendship and the dreadful potential British antagonist of the future, Italy finds it necessary to arouse the implacable hostility of France—a nation which seldom forgets an insult.

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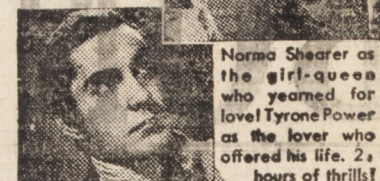
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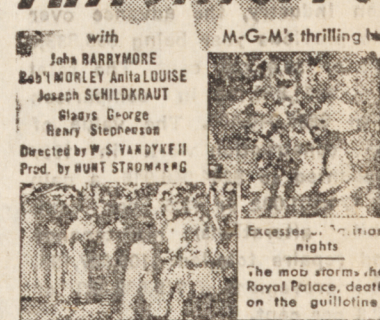
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