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PLEASES CANADIAN FIRMS

The 40th Royal Netherlands Industries Fair at Utrecht, in which Canada participated, was attended by approximately 90,000 persons. These included a large number of buyers, and there was an important increase in foreign visitors, especially from Belgium, Great Britain, and the United States.

Business was good despite the unfavorable international situation. Transactions with Netherlands buyers reached a high level; while sales for foreign accounts were brisk. Participants numbered 2,031, and the space rented amounted to 17,500 square meters as compared with 2,005 participants and 17,300 square meters for the spring session of 1938. This year, owing to the shortage of space, many firms could not be accommodated, and the construction of an additional fair building is now under consideration.

The fair is the most important trade exhibition held in Holland.

Foreign countries taking part included Canada, Belgium, France, Germany, Indo-China, Italy, Morocco, and Switzerland.

Canada participated officially with a collective section in which 13 Netherlands representatives exhibited the products of 22 Canadian manufacturers. Nearly all these Holland firms have expressed themselves as well satisfied with the result obtained and with the volume of new inquiries and the publicity which followed from their participation.

The Canadian section was visited by H. R. H. Prince Bernhard, diplomatic delegates, and trade bodies, as well as buyers and the general public. A Canadian day was arranged on March 15, when the Canadian Minister was officially present at the Canadian section. Inquiries for more than 50 different types of Canadian commodities were received at the Department of Trade and Commerce information office in the Canadian section.

TOWARDS A SHOWDOWN

A general survey of the European scene indicates that in all directions the move towards a showdown between the Totalitarian and the Democratic States is increasing in speed and in extent. Following Great Britain's adoption of conscription yesterday, today's cables from Europe show that the efforts to establish a state of readiness for any emergency are being redoubled. Great Britain's anti-aircraft defences have been placed under an immediate twenty-four hours a day guard. The air raid signals in London were tested today. The British metropolis witnessed a rush to join the territorial army. The Royal Air Force has been assigned all-night patrols along the East Coast. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, told the House of Commons that about 3,000 seamen aboard British merchant ships are in process of receiving gun training in eight British ports. Mobilization plans are being rushed to completion.

Premier Chamberlain, addressing the House of Commons today, said: "I do not want to give the idea that I think war is imminent. I don't. But I do think that we are in a condition when a very little weight one way or another might decide whether war is going to come or not."

The Premier also stated that the Government has decided to keep H. M. S. Repulse, which had been selected to carry King George and Queen Elizabeth to Canada, in European waters, "because of the international tension." It was specifically stated that the proposal to do this originated with King George himself.

Sir Arthur Salter, addressing a nutrition conference in London today, said that London families living in areas scheduled for evacuation should lay in "ben nations" against a possible emergency. Former service men

between the ages of forty-five and fifty-one have been invited to enlist in home defence companies as part of the territorial army. Uniforms and equipment are all ready for the first army of conscripts, to number 200,000.

Meanwhile, the British and French fleets are keeping close tab on the movement of the German warships which entered the Mediterranean and arrived at Tangier, Algiers and Ceuta today. At Copenhagen, Ivan Maishy, the Russian Ambassador to Great Britain, on his way back to London from Moscow, where he had been to hold important conferences with Stalin, made this chattering announcement: "I return very content. Russia's position in a possible conflict is perfectly clear. We are to assist Europe in case of aggression."

FRANCO, CUNCTATOR

General Franco apparently is finding that his brand of peace, too, has its delays. Says The Christian Science Monitor. The military victory is complete and unquestioned; yet his triumphal entry into Madrid is again postponed this time until May 30. Former King Alfonso XIII and his family have their physical properties in Spain restored this week; but nothing is settled as to the future of a Spanish crown, if any. Political news from Burgos is in suspension. This is not quite the picture of triumphant dictatorship that a devoted partisan might wish to see.

Why? There is little authentic news to suggest an answer. Almost certainly, Mussolini has an interest in seeing the Franco triumph, on which date he is supposed to remove his troops from Spain, postponed. But this is not enough to explain the present aspect of Fabian dictatorship so far as domestic government is concerned.

In all probability, General Franco is finding out what made it so hard for the Republican Parliament to make up its mind. The sponsors of the civil revolt were the upper strata rulers of the economic and social order in Spain. But the fighters, by and large, were from the lower middle strata. And once organized into Francist-type units, they speedily outnumbered their sponsors. Their platform is one of political and economic levelling — at the expense of the sponsors. And instead of merely being a parliamentary party, capable of being curbed, they were raised by General Franco into the proud strength of a fascistic unit, bent on enforcing their demands with authoritarian candor and dispatch. General Franco, in fine, has domesticated a conflict of no mean proportions; and some working agreement must be found as to who will rule, before the ruling can begin. This doubtless is the process now taking place behind the scenes.

Reports from Paris say that the Carlists, whose allegiance is to the Roman Catholic Church, have contributed to impasse — insisting in advance on terms restoring full civic powers and properties to the Church. Here is another reasonable though not confirmable explanation for the delays. General Franco surely knows that the first rule of dictatorship is to dictate; but not even the presence of a foreign and fascist army of occupation seems to make this an easy rule to follow.

Former Hungarian Govt. Head Resigns

BUDAPEST, May 11—Count Stefan Bethlen, member of the Lower Hungarian House for a quarter century and Premier from 1921 and 1931 announced this week his retirement from political life because of disapproval of Hungary's "present political system."

In a letter to his electors, Count Bethlen said he could no longer hope to serve successfully his country, "where national prophets in the holy name of national interests eat a Jew for breakfast, a Count for lunch, and before going to bed distribute all land and property which does not belong to them."

His reference was to the Government's anti-Jewish law of May 3 and to agitation for the break-up of Hungary's large estates. His announcement came as a surprise.

"As I could not approve of international Bolshevism, I am also hostile to its national variety," he said.

This was taken as a slap at the Government's increasing co-operation with National Socialist Germany.

Televising of plays on Sunday in England has been protested on the grounds it is unfair to theatres, which cannot give stage performances on that day.

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LONDON, May 11. — A woman of Fashion who cared naught for Fashion, a woman of importance who did not want to be important, has made a dozen London homes happier.

Maude Elizabeth Miller was her name. Making Fashion's paper patterns was her job.

Her patterns made dresses for Millions of other women, made money for her. But they did not make her interested in dress.

She was the "worst-dressed" woman, and could have been the "best-dressed" woman. For thirty-one years she went to the factory in Edan St., St. Pancras, N. W., wearing dowdy frocks of black.

EVER HELPFUL

She moved shyly among sixty women and men who made 7,000,000 paper patterns a year for her, helped them to solve their problems — sometimes with advice, sometimes with money.

Last February she died, aged sixty-three, leaving £16,412 (about \$82,960).

And in her will she left \$250 each to the cutters and forewomen with ten years' service at her Eden-street factory.

To sixty-three-year-old George Look at Crawford-buildings, Cromer-street, W., who worked for her father, Miss Miller left £2 (about \$10) a week.

Mr. Alfred Duthie, one of the cutters with a £50 (about \$250) legacy, is going to take his wife and two children from the rooms they live in at Bermondsey, to a little house of their own.

He said: "I'm going out this week-end looking for a house Edgware way — just a little place with a garden."

For Mr. Herbert Rivett, twenty-years a cutter, £50 will mean £50 towards the home he is buying in Raleigh-road, Hornsby, N., where he lives with his wife and seven year old son.

"ALWAYS HAPPY"

Miss Louisa Williams, fore-woman, of Remden-road, Balham, S. W., began working for Miss Miller thirty-one years ago, and she said: "We have always been happy here because Miss Miller made it her business to see we were."

Miss Miller left her home at The Grove, Golders Green, N. W., to her niece, Miss Sibby Marker, and Miss Marker's father, Mr. Victor Marker, is also a beneficiary.

Mr. Marker, speaking of Miss Miller, said: "Nobody would have given her twopence-halfpenny for her clothes."

"She was an extremely humble woman. She had the position, the money, and the opportunity to be the best-dressed woman in London. But she always wore black and kept well in the background."

"It was only when money was wanted for some charitable cause that she came to the front."

Miss Miller's father, Mr. Samuel Miller, business associate and then rival of Mr. Edward Weldon, brought paper patterns to England from Paris in 1866.

When he died thirty-one years ago she took over the pattern-making business. She was also "Gertrude Sims," theatrical costumier.

Just in Jest

Of Little Use

Two cronies were discussing their respective ministers and one expressed displeasure with his.

"Our minister," he said, "suffers from foot and mouth disease."

"And what kind of affliction is that?" inquired his friend.

"He won't visit and he can't preach."

One Enough

Policeman: I'm sorry sir, but I shall have to arrest you for being drunk and incapable.

Toper: That's all right, b-but shend the other offisher home.

They Never Do

The other day a bandit entered a Paris restaurant and threatened to shoot anyone who moved. A restaurant where the waiters, at any rate, would be quite safe in similar circumstances, comes to mind.

"Come Up And See Me."

Hollywood is to make another film of Romeo and Juliet. A suggestion that Miss Mae West should be cast for the leading feminine part was negated in spite of the fact that her famous "ogan" would have been very appropriate in the balcony scene.

All Set

"Darling," said the film star to her husband, "you have bathed?"

"Yes, dear."

"And cleaned your teeth?"

"Yes, my pet."

"And shaved?"

"Yes, my love."

"Good — then you may kiss Fido."

Result

The doctor ushered the insomnia patient into his private office.

"Now, my friend," the medico began, "did you count sheep as I told you to?"

The patient said he had.

"And continued the doctor, "what happened?"

"Well," was the reply, "the sheep fell asleep!"

Ace Criminal

"My neighbor is always boasting about his bulbs," says a correspondent. Public Anemone No. 1.

Question Raised

A gas explosion in Paris blew an eighteen-year-old girl through the window into a neighbor's garden. This raises the old question of why girls leave home.

Unknown

A Belgian barrister, who has been a lifelong opponent of smoking, dancing and mixed bathing, has just celebrated his ninetieth birthday. It is not known what is to blame for his longevity.

Found At Last

A piper playing on the pier of a Scottish coastal resort fell into the sea and was supported in the water by his inflated instrument. It was always felt that ultimately a use would be found for these things.

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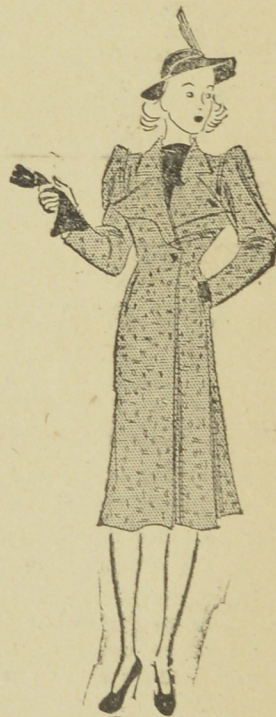
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