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BUTTER MONEY

The Charlottetown Guardian apparently does not object to the idea of the Government cutting down the butter surplus by distributing butter to those on relief, but it raises a rather curious objection to the method which, it is reported, will be used. The Charlottetown paper says: "Vouchers, it is stated, are to be issued to families on relief and the butter will be supplied through the regular retail channels in return for the vouchers which the Dominion will redeem. What have we here but another variation on the Aherhart 'rubber money' system? It is the contention of orthodox economists like Finance Minister Dunning that such experiments are doomed to failure. Any debasing of the currency, by 'vouchers' or otherwise, is a policy which has been repeatedly denounced by Liberals of the old school. We shall await with interest their reaction to this proposal."

Such fears are groundless. After Schacht was forced out, the Nazis began to pay a proportion of wages and disbursements in the public service with tax money which would only be redeemed in payment of taxes and foreign economists agreed that it was an inflationary measure to the extent and rapidity that this tax money circulated in place of the regular Reichmark. If the "butter money" were put into circulation too it would have similar results and the Guardian's criticism would be apt. It may be taken for granted that the vouchers will not circulate, indeed that any attempt to circulate them would nullify them. The obvious reason for them is to play fair with the trade and permit the man on relief to buy where he will. Perhaps the Guardian believes the proper way would be to make a patronage list of all grocers in good standing with the party and direct the family on relief where to take the voucher.

PAINFULLY REVEALING

(London Economist) The Munich Agreement is now revealed in its true colors. So far from being a settlement, it was merely a manoeuvre, by which Britain and France were persuaded, not merely to assent to, but actually to assist in, the first step of a campaign that has now ended in the utter destruction of the State our leaders claimed to have "saved." All the brave talk that we had rescued the Czechoslovak State from "unlimited invasion and possible destruction" (the words are Sir John Simon's) is now seen to be just so much nonsense, and Great Britain is reduced to the necessity of extricating itself, with more than a little legal sophistry, from a guarantee given less than six months ago.

It is difficult to resist the conclusion that the policy of the present Government towards Nazi Germany has been wrong from the start. Over and over again, we have acted on the assumption that if they were given a little rope the Nazis would hang themselves—or alternatively that they would sober each concession, each forbearance, as a stepping-stone to new aggression.

"FOR HIS HEALTH"

(Moncton Transcript) Noting that Hitler spoke at Wilhelmshaven from behind a bullet-proof glass shield "to protect his chest from chills," The Toronto Telegram suggests he probably wore a bullet-proof vest for the same purpose. One curious feature, we noted by the flags in the photographs, was that the wind was blowing in the opposite direction.

PALESTINE APPEAL

The opening of the campaign for the United Palestine Appeal yesterday has an unusual significance at this time. The tide of forces seeking, like Pharaoh of old, to crush the Jewish people in Central and Eastern Europe is steadily rising. The opportunity for the Jewish people to achieve self-determination is the one redeeming hope of hundreds of thousands of Jews cast almost overnight beneath the Fascist heel.

The vigour of Jewish aspirations is revealed in the almost incredible achievements in Palestine in the past three years of disturbances. Jews have increased their land holdings by the purchase of 86,000 dunams of land. Not one colony has been surrendered to Arab lawlessness. On the contrary, thirty-six new agricultural settlements have been established and thirty new water plants have been erected, providing an additional 22,000 cubic meters of water per hour, enough to irrigate 70,000 additional dunams of land.

A total of 55,000 Jews entered Palestine during this period. The Jewish population is now 450,000. The Jewish rural population has grown from 91,000 in 1935 to 120,000 at the end of 1938. Industrial exports have doubled. New industries have been created. New electric power houses have been erected in Tel Aviv and Haifa. When the port of Jaffa was closed by the Arab strikers, the Jewish settlers created the Tel Aviv port, which is now second in importance in the country after Haifa. Airports have been built as a result of Jewish enterprise in Tel Aviv and Haifa. Today Jews are flying the Government mail in Palestine. At the present time there are ten thousand Jewish constables and supernumeraries at the disposal of the Government for the maintenance of order and security.

The United Palestine Appeal is the lifeblood of the reconstruction work in Palestine. It supports schools and hospitals; it creates new colonies and protects the established ones. It purchases land so that homeless Jews may find security and means for rehabilitation.

Truth (London): The facts are that the British Government is alive to the danger the German policy, unchecked, may become a menace to the peace and liberty of all nations. To that danger it has called the attention of other powers; with their Governments it is consulting realistically on ways and means of preventing any further threat to peace. It would be idle to pretend that the threat is not real or that it is easy to combat in all directions. Dependent, as they are, on the German markets for maintenance of their export trade, the countries of South-Eastern Europe have had their military capacity to resist the Reich seriously weakened by Germany's annexation of the Skoda works, on whose armament output they mainly relied for the supply of their forces. The more necessary it is that Britain should redouble her own defensive preparations. Time is on our side; the solidarity of the Axis may have been impaired by Italy's admitted concern at her ally's growing preponderance of gains; and the moral sense of the world—a factor which Herr Hitler disregards at his peril—has been outraged by the rape of Prague. Nevertheless, the power of the Reich in the hands of an unscrupulous and ruthless dictatorship is formidable. If the liberty and security of this country and Europe alike are to be saved, it can only be through our untiring exertions.

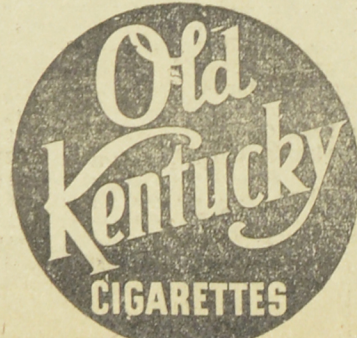
In fear of a Nazi invasion the Netherlands are studying the oldest of the defenses. All bridges are mined and the Netherlands are ready to open the dikes and flood one-third of the country.

DATER—OUTDATED

(Guelph Mercury) From now on there's no sense accepting maps unless they're sold like coffee—dated.

"I have no recipe for long life, I've had enough of the world and the world has had enough of me."

—George Bernard Shaw.



Just in Jest

What Might Have Been

Wife: "I'm sick of you and your golf. I wish I'd never married you."
Husband: "You'd have had your wish if I'd started playing golf first."

Looks Like It

We'll be putting in that "final ton of coal" once every two weeks from now until July.

In At The Start

Judge—"Did you see the beginning of the trouble?"

Witness—"Yes, Your Honor, seven years ago."

Judge—"Indeed! Explain yourself."

Witness—"I was the best man at their wedding, Your Honor."

Insufficient

The teacher had been telling the story of Noah and the ark.

"Now children," she said, "how do you suppose Noah passed his time in the ark?"

There was no reply. "Come, come," she persisted, "it's my opinion he did a lot of fishing. Do you think I am right, boys?"

"I think you're wrong," said little Freddie.

The teacher smiled. "And why, Freddie, do you think I'm wrong?"

"Oh, he couldn't have done much fishing, teacher," said Freddie, earnestly. "He'd only got two worms."

Too Indefinite

What is needed most right now is unannounced cessation of these undeclared wars.

Dire Results

Dots—"Now, Joe dear, if I do all the cooking for a month, what will I get?"

Joe—"You'll get my life insurance and your freedom."

Snappy Service

The Mexican Government has reduced lunch periods for employees from four to three hours. They must get better service in their restaurants down there.

Model Hubby

"Why, Mrs. Murphy, you look quite festive today. What's the matter?"

"Well, aren't you 'eard my Bill comes out today?"

"But I thought the judge give him seven years."

"Yes, but they're letting 'im out nearly two years earlier cos 'e's behaved so well."

"Lor, Mrs. Murphy, what a comfort is must be to 'ave such a good 'usband!"

FRANCE ASKED BROADCAST OF PRES. SPEECH

NEW YORK, April 18.—So significant did the French Government consider the speech of President Franklin D. Roosevelt that it made a special transatlantic telephonic request to the National Broadcasting Company here for translations of the address, in German, French and Italian for immediate rebroadcast throughout Europe over the Eiffel tower and other Government stations.

The request, it was explained by Frank E. Mason, vice-president of the National Broadcasting Company, came from the French Ministry of Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones and was granted with the explicit authorization of the White House. Mr. Mason, who carried on the telephonic negotiations with Washington on the subject, said there was no doubt in his mind that it was the President himself to whom he spoke and who sanctioned these special broadcasts.

DECEASED OFFICER HAD SERVED FOR PAST 57 YEARS

WADEBRIDGE, Cornwall, England, April 18.—Mrs. Commissioner David Lamb of the Salvation Army who died on Saturday at Trebetherick near here where she had been spending a short holiday had been an officer of the Army for 57 years. She was 75. Commissioner Lamb had also been staying at Trebetherick, but went to London to attend a meeting Thursday and was in the capital when his wife died.

In the course of her public career she was a Justice of the Peace, Poor Law Guardian, police and governor of the Local Hospital. She was the founder of the Millfield Children's Home, Scotland.

She received her first commission as lieutenant in the Salvation Army in 1882. In 1937 she completed 55 years as an officer and was still on active service. So she became entitled to the rare distinction of having three long-service stars. She was received on that occasion by Queen Mary at Marlborough House.

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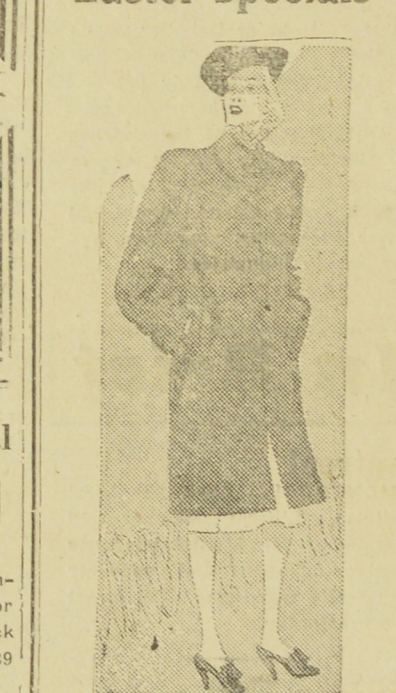
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