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DICTATORSHIP

"Democracy is the Cruellest System in the World." So said R. B. Bennett, February 23rd, 1935.

Directly he became Prime Minister R. B. Bennett brushed Parliament aside and seized for himself extraordinary powers to make laws by order-in-Council which empowered him "When Parliament is not in session, to take all such measures as in his discretion may be deemed necessary, or advisable to maintain, within the competence of Parliament, Peace, Order and Good Government throughout Canada; and at all times to take all such measures as in his discretion may be deemed necessary or advisable to protect and maintain the credit and financial position of the Dominion or any province thereof." In 1933 he went further and used this power while Parliament was in session as well.

What did Mr. Bennett do with these powers?

1. He guaranteed the Banks against loss on loans to the western wheat pools, a guarantee which now involves between \$150,000,000 and \$250,000,000.

2. He gave to banks and other large financial institutions power to give artificial values to their assets.

3. He guaranteed a loan of \$60,000,000 made by the banks to the Canadian Pacific Railway, and he did this while Parliament was sitting without consulting or advising the House of Commons. He guaranteed loans made to other large corporations.

4. He spent large sums of public money to build military and police barracks.

5. He added 300 men to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

6. He ordered the purchase of riot bombs and the use of funds for secret service.

7. He has attempted to introduce a system based on compulsion instead of co-operation.

At the present time there is no parliament in Canada. It has been dissolved. Mr. Bennett is the dictator with full control. Is this the kind of government that the people want in Canada, especially under present economic conditions?

LARGEST MAINLAND CANAL STARTED

President Roosevelt has allocated \$5,000,000 to begin work on a \$146,000,000 ship canal through Florida, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Atlantic.

The canal will provide a shorter and safer route. Ships will avoid treacherous reefs and stormy waters.

Near the northeast corner of Florida is Jacksonville. Midway down the west coast is Tampa. Between these two points the canal will run. The question naturally arises: why the extraordinary distance, why not straight across?

The route takes advantage of the long St. Johns river, reaching south from Jacksonville. The waterway will cross Lake George in mid-Florida and takes advantage of many lakes, streams and lowlands.

Lives saved by such a canal would more than justify its cost. Material savings in shipping costs should be big. Gulf ports will be brought 500 miles nearer Atlantic ports. The commerce of North America generally will be saved about 1,000 miles on journeys to Central American republics. And the canal will have important military value.

Here is a public work productive of a national asset. Tolls will be charged and probably a profit made.

TIMELY THOUGHTS

Nothing is more important than the focusing of attention on the needs of our world. It is highly important that people think, think seriously, think aright, and that their thinking shall prompt their actions and give color to their days.

The popular form of government is

that in which people do their own thinking, elect their own officials and crystallize the sentiment that makes the laws.

One man has often set in operation a train of influences that never spent their force until the desired reform was won.

The wisest man is he who changes his mind and does different thinking today from that of yesterday, if convinced that he was in the wrong yesterday. It is not only important that we have firm convictions, but it is equally important that we have reasons for our convictions. Many a person, to take his word for it, does not know why he votes a certain ticket. He has never thought through to its logical conclusion the philosophy to which he subscribes.

As a man thinketh, so does a nation think. As a nation thinks, so is it. The nations of the world thought for years in terms of militarism, commercial rivalry, secret treaties, jealousy, suspicion and intrigue. The most destructive war the world has yet known seemed necessary in order to change the thinking of the world.

Let us continue to change our thinking. It is time our thoughts leaped from armaments to the personal needs of man. The unemployed, the tired, the hungry, the illiterate must be helped and saved. Crime must be overpowered. Children must be given the right to live the best of lives.

The contagion of sound thinking, of sincerity, integrity, and moral courage can save our civilization.—Lodi, Calif., News Sentinel.

SNAPSHOTS

The Siamese Twins do not turn out to be twins. Just one lone man with one leg like a girl and one like that of a man. Then they advertised the show for one price and charge you ten cents more when you get in, but in this show you get your money's worth.

The fakers seem to have steered clear of Fredericton Exhibition this year. This is due to the razzing which The Daily Mail, followed by some of our local clergymen, gave them last year.

The Mounties are keeping a sharp lookout for these chaps this year.

Young duck swimming on the Burton shore has ceased for this season, although there are a large number of ducks at different points on the river. The Burton ones were ducklings.

When road supervisors get through with red flags and danger signs along the different highways these should be taken away, otherwise they fool the tourists and others who, not finding any real danger except a sign, will fail to stop at the next real danger signal. This is liable to happen at any time.

The exhibition this year is one of the best seen in several years, and is complete in every department. It has last year's show beaten a mile and is away ahead of anything held in this province in recent years.

Our merchants have excellent exhibits at our exhibition this year. These exhibits like the stores, compare favorably with anything in the line seen anywhere.

W. C. T. U. AND WAR

(Special to The Daily Mail)
ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 10—The Women's Christian Temperance Union has adopted a resolution urging the United States to establish a policy of neutrality and criticizing munition workers for encouraging the war spirit.

SHOWS IMPROVEMENT
The condition of Mrs. A. E. Davenport, of Orlando, Florida, who was injured in the accident which resulted in the death of Miss Frances Peters on Friday last, was reported to be improved at the Victoria Hospital today. She will be able to leave the hospital within a few days.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 10—The Federal Government will not find it necessary to lend money on more than a million bales of the present cotton crop, Chairman Jesse H. Jones of the RFC, said today.

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 10—Four men held up W. S. Newcomer, president of the Citizens State Bank of Beach Grove, a suburb, and escaped with \$10,000 yesterday.

ST. NORBERT, Man., Sept. 10—Five-year-old Jackie Pike Thursday, was found alive yesterday by searchers.

ARTHUR SLIPP, OF WOODSTOCK, DIED YESTERDAY

WOODSTOCK, Sept. 10—Woodstock lost a prominent citizen yesterday afternoon, when Arthur L. Slipp passed away at Fisher Memorial Hospital. Mr. Slipp was stricken several weeks ago with typhoid fever and recently pneumonia developed. He was a son of the late G. Whitfield Slipp and was 52 years of age. He spent his entire life in or near Woodstock and was well known through the province as a dealer in furs.

In early life he studied law in the office of the late D. McLeod Vince and at Dalhousie University, but on completion of his studies he entered commercial life. He had been for several years a member of the Woodstock Board of School Trustees and was immediate past master of Woodstock Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his wife, who before marriage was Miss Beulah McAllister, Dorchester; eight children, Pauline, Mary, Whitfield, Charlotte, Robert, David, Shirley and Ruth, all at home; three sisters Misses Jean and Eleanor Slipp, Woodstock; and Mrs. Donald Manzer, St. John.

The funeral will be held from his home Wednesday afternoon and will be under the auspices of Woodstock Masonic Lodge. Interment will be made in the Methodist Cemetery.

Louisiana's Senator Victim of Assassin

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At least 12 physicians were in attendance on Long, headed by Dr. Arthur Vidrine, chief of staff. Specialists were summoned by airplane. State Police guarded the hospital, admitting no one but close personal friends of the Senator and officials.

Messages include one from Roosevelt. Only the family and the closest friends such as Gov. Allen, and Lt.-Gov. James A. Noe, who donated a pint of blood shortly before midnight, were permitted in the sick-room.

Mrs. Long visited her husband for 15 minutes late yesterday morning, accompanied by her son, Russell, 16. It was her fourth visit since midnight, when Long was taken to the hospital from the scene of the shooting in the Capitol.

The sick-room was filled with flowers. Stocks of telegrams poured in from all parts of the nation. There was a personal message from President Roosevelt, who also issued a statement at Hyde Park deploring the attempted assassination as displaying an un-American spirit of violence.

The family of young Dr. Weiss was prostrated. Mrs. Weiss, who three months ago gave birth to a son, and Judge B. H. Pavy, rather-in-law, were under a physician's care. Judge Pavy was bitterly opposed to Senator Long's dictatorship and faced ouster as the result of a bill pending before the State Legislature. It was believed that this motivated Dr. Weiss.

It was pointed out that he was not a member of the Anti-Long Square Deal Association, whose members clashed with the National Guard here.

Visitors at the State Capitol were searched for firearms by members of the State Police, acting under orders from General L. F. Guerre, head of the Bureau of Criminal Identification. State officials were highly optimistic over Long's reported "satisfactory" condition. Confidence in his recovery was expressed freely, although it was admitted that it would be 72 hours before his condition would take a definite change for better or worse.

Governor O. K. Allen, at breakfast in the State House coffee shop, appeared in good spirits. He was reported to have collapsed twice the night following the shooting.

Troops Guarding State Government
The future of Long's Southern "Empire" hung in the balance.

The best physicians in the state, including Dr. Urban Maes, world famous surgeon, hastened here by plane and automobile. In New Orleans 200 hastily mobilized members of the Louisiana National Guard prepared to move to Baton Rouge against any attempt of Long's political enemies to seize the State Government.

Estranged Brother Hurries To Bedside
TULSA, Okla., Sept. 10—Dr. George S. Long, Tulsa dentist, hurried by motor yesterday from a frog hunting expedition near here to the bedside of his wounded brother, Senator Long, from whom he has been estranged at intervals for many years.

Dr. Long was notified of the shooting of the Louisiana "Kingfish" by his wife several hours after it occurred.

The two brothers either have been very friendly or bitterly antagonistic. The dentist, a perennial candidate for corporation commissioner in Oklahoma—but never a nominee—once expected the Senator to speak in favor of his race on the Democratic ticket.

Brother Huey replied, however, that the candidacy was "embarrassing" and refused to fulfill a speaking engagement in Oklahoma.

Dr. Long responded by declaring that the "Kingfish" was "the Al Capone of American politics".

THE EX-ROYAL FAMILY CLAIM IGNORANCE

Former King's Daughter-in-Law Says Relatives Quite in Dark

ROME, Sept. 10—The Infanta de Bourbon y Dampierre, wife of Don Jaime of Bourdon, second son of former King Alfonso of Spain, told the Associated Press last night that members of the immediate Royal family knew nothing of reports of Papal dissolution of the marriage of former King Alfonso and the former Queen Victoria.

The London Newspaper Sunday Referee said it had learned on "high authority" that the marriage had been annulled by the Tribunal of Rota without publicity.

"If the marriage has been annulled by His Holiness we at least know nothing of it," the Princess said.

Vatican Denied

VATICAN CITY, Sept. 10—The Holy See today denied emphatically that former King Alfonso of Spain had ever presented a request for a divorce.

An official source also said that Queen Ena had presented no such petition.

Italy Refrains From Impossible Promises

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preparatory movements had been expected.

To Reject Proposals

As high authority told The Associated Press that Emperor Haile Selassie has instructed the Ethiopian delegation to Geneva to reject outright all solutions thus far proposed by the powers for settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian conflict.

The King of Kings was represented as being absolutely opposed to Italian political or economic hegemony of any form over Ethiopia.

Laval Rushes Back

PARIS, Sept. 10 — Premier Laval hastened back to Geneva ahead of schedule last night for what officials feared was a hopeless effort to open the frontiers of Ethiopia to Italy without a fight.

Italy's first shot in the East African empire was awaited with dread by the French, who openly foresaw a possible blow to the European peace set up in the League of Nations.

France's premier, who intended originally not to go back to Geneva before today, decided to return last night in an attempt to meet Italian determination to occupy Ethiopia with an effort to save the League — and with it, the French system for European peace.

French fears that war could not be averted were reflected in reports of the movement of a detachment of colonial troops from Brest to Paris, en route to Djibouti, French Somaliland, to protect the railway from Djibouti to Addis Ababa.

Relief Costs Lighter During Present Year

Relief costs for the present year distributed through York county are almost two-thirds lighter this year than last year, according to information elicited by Major J. S. Scott, secretary-treasurer of the county, here today. The total dispensation for relief during 1934 amounted to \$9,300.30 while the present year's costs totalled only \$3,341.10. In 1934 twelve out of the fourteen parishes received relief, while this year only four out of the fourteen received relief. Relief came to an end in July. The relief dispensed this year was apportioned as follows in the four parishes: Stanley, \$1,046; St. Mary's \$704; Bright, \$863.80; and McAdam, \$727.22. Total \$3,341.10.

Appeal Court Held Briefest Sitting Here

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Miss Margaret McLaren, daughter of the lieutenant-governor, was also a spectator at the court this morning, as well as ex-lieutenant-governor H. H. McLean.

One judgment was handed down by the Chief Justice. This was in the McSweeney case of Saint John. The judgment of the chief justice was to dismiss the rule.

C. L. Dougherty, of this city, was granted an extension of time in order to file factums in the case of William T. Ward, plaintiff, vs. R. O'Leary and Sons, Ltd., defendant.

H. Lester Smith served in his new capacity as registrar of the Supreme Court for the first time, and J. Bacon Dickson, the new deputy attorney general, was present at the court's sitting.

ASTORIA, Oregon, Sept. 10—Fire which threatened the town of Chinook Washington, across the mouth of the Columbia river from Astoria, was reported by ferry boat crews yesterday to have burned itself out.

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Ethiopian War Dance May Come Into Style

CHICAGO, Ills., Sept. 10—The "Ethiopian war dance" may originate at the convention of dancing instructors from all parts of the country under way here yesterday, leaders indicated.

Dancing patterns closely followed current affairs, they said.

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