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PEACE ON EARTH

Despite the rumors of war which are being played up in a portion of the sensational press, there is a growing sentiment for peace. The news today is encouraging. From London the sentiment in government circles is strongly against war. If the sturdy old British nation gets behind this peace movement she will make her influence felt. The Pope launches from Vatican City a campaign on war, and raises a prayer to the Almighty to "confound those peoples who desire war." The influence of the head of a Church which embraces all the nations of the earth within its membership cannot help but have weight in every nation.

In our own Canadian Commons yesterday all parties were unanimous for the preservation of peace. This is encouraging. Canadians can probably be mobilized for peace as readily and effectively as they were for war, if given proper leadership. There is a growing sentiment from coast to coast in favour of peace. The churches of all denominations are taking up the move.

If all these influences for peace will unite and keep active, and if the sensational press is discouraged there will be no war.

Grossly exaggerated news despatches from Europe and special syndicated trash dealing with war do more to foster a warlike spirit than all the intrigues of the Hitlers and other foreign dictators. In the opinion of many British leaders who have watched our Canadian press, a European conflict is not as imminent as might be indicated by scare headlines in many Canadian newspapers. They stress, however, the vital place which Canada as a member of the British Empire could play to avert another world war.

It is encouraging to learn that at the Provincial Convention of the Daughters of the Empire to be held in this city this week, the matter of peace will be taken up. As loyal citizens and energetic workers in the cause of all that makes for the good of the Empire these worthy women can exert a mighty influence in the fight for "Peace on Earth good will towards men."

GOLD RESOURCES PLAY
LARGE PART ECONOMICS

The value of gold production in maintaining a country's economic life is well shown in the case of South Africa. South Africa, like Canada, is one of the world's great gold producing countries and is outstanding among the nations in the recovery from the effects of the depression. Gold still holds a paramount position in world economics, notwithstanding the general falling away from the "gold standard" which has taken place and the recourse in some instances to barter. Government revenues in South Africa have exceeded all expenditures while the gold mining industry has established record earnings. Building increased in value from approximately \$32,500,000 for the year ending October 1933, to \$70,000,000 for the same period 1934, an increase of 115 per cent. There is a scarcity of skilled workmen and brick and cement factories have been working full blast. Motor car registrations increased approximately 100 per cent. Imports increased by \$109,191,875 and in this respect imports from Canada, it is expected, will establish a record, according to the Industrial Department of the Canadian National Railways, 10,486,393 ounces of gold were produced in 1934 which gave employment to 28,968 whites and 251,714 natives. Diamond production decreased but the outlook has improved. Next to gold, wool is South Africa's largest export and the prospects in this market are also bright.

Forty tons of Canadian eggs entered the United Kingdom through the port of Bristol in 1934. Holland supplied 58 tons, Australia 5. In 1933 Canada supplied only 16 tons; Holland furnished 60 tons.

SNAPSHOTS

The air around the Parliament Square will be somewhat cooler next week.

Do you know where the House of Mystery is, the one with the drawn blinds and callers who come and leave by car at the midnight hour?

You are reminded of the fact that your radio license is due. Has anything been done by the Department of Marine to improve the service which has been almost impossible in recent months? People should get the service otherwise the Department has a nerve to collect licenses.

C. A. MacVey does not paint a very pleasant picture of U. N. B. college life.

Any boy big enough to go to College should be big enough to treat fairly the parents who are making sacrifices to send him there.

Is the boycott being applied in one of our city schools by a teacher against certain pupils. It is said that there is plenty of evidence that each term different pupils whom a certain teacher does not like are discriminated against and passed over by this teacher. More about this later. It is getting notorious.

A disadvantage of writing a song like "Fifty Million Frenchmen Cant Be Wrong" is that the composer gets nothing for the German rights.

New rubbish containers placed on New York streets are made of wire netting to give plenty of opportunity for the germs to escape.

Securities Bill
Recommended

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business. Hon. D. A. Stewart, minister of public works, reiterated the remarks made by the premier. The bill was recommended as amended.

Housing Bill

The proposed act to provide for the establishment of housing commissions in municipalities in New Brunswick, was considered.

Premier Tilley explained that it was a bill to create better housing and living conditions in localities that might adopt the provisions of the bill. The credit of the province would not be impaired.

The bill was considered section by section.

73-YEAR-OLD CYCLIST

D. W. Griffiths, director of the N. B. Government Bureau of Information and Tourist Travel, has recently fulfilled another of the already long list of unusual inquiries which from time to time come to the Bureau. H. T. Ravenhill, aged 73, of Victoria, British Columbia, intends this summer to come by train to Montreal, then he will ride a bicycle eastward through New Brunswick to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and return to Vancouver, British Columbia, by the same mode of travel. At the time of writing, the 73-year-old pedal expert was laying out details of that part of his journey, which will lie in the Province of New Brunswick.

PEACE IS TOPIC

The Parish church Men's Club held their third sitting of the Mock Parliament last evening, considering an important bill entitled "An Act to Disarm the Kingdom of Pokio and render illegal the manufacture of arms as private enterprise." The bill was given second reading, amended and brought back to be read a third time and passed. C. R. Hawkins was requested to give a talk on peace and afterwards on motion of William Quinn, leader of the opposition, seconded by Premier Stanley Wood the speaker was tendered a vote of thanks. O. V. B. Miller (Government) Arthur Crowley (Opposition), W. G. Quinn (Opposition), and Ven. Archdeacon Bate all spoke briefly on the bill. Notice was given of another outstanding bill to be introduced at the next sitting of the Mock Parliament, being an "act to beautify the west end dump." Much heated discussion is expected to ensue when the bill is introduced.

OUR MAIL BAG

POLITICS

To the Editor of the Daily Mail.

Dear Sir:

In his speech, in the debate on the budget, E. C. Atkinson, M. P., was not, I am inclined to believe, resigned to the facts and truths that become a public office. His mind was of a cast too poetical to dwell on gold facts and numbers but rather let his energy flee to ethereal regions to coo and woo his day-dream, the mania "New Brunswick, the Denmark of Canada". But his speech as a whole, quite at variance with his conduct, was one of action and color excelled only by the great masters of our literature. In which we not only find all the eloquent phrases that his abundant vocabulary could supply, but a few theories thrown at us with reckless haste—the orphan child of long delay.

Like a bird on a long silken thread, he made long excursions but constantly came back to throw himself at the feet of the public and cry out, we cannot balance the budget, but we are rich in experience, the pals and trust us once again.

When speaking of the oppositions criticism, he said, "They were letting down buckets into empty wells and growing old in drawing nothing up". Oh how true, my honourable friend, are your words! How could these wells be otherwise than empty under existent circumstances. But we, the people of New Brunswick feel sure that they shall be filled following election. And thus when the tide changes we will take the current when it swerves, to float on the full sea of prosperity leaving behind forever the shoals and miseries of depression.

Respectfully yours,

VINCENT J. MacFARLANE,
Oromocto, N. B.

St. John's Treatment
by C.N.R. to be Probed

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Trade and representatives from Saint John 'Longshoremen's Association. Trust arrangements can be made as proposed conference most important. (Signed) L. P. D. TILLEY, JAMES W. BRITTAIN, H. C. SCHOFIELD, GEO. B. OLAND, JOHN S. MCKINNON.
Principal Suggestions

Among the suggestions presented for more equitable treatment of Saint John by the C.N.R. contained in the brief presented last fall were:

Provision of West Side access for the Canadian National Railways.

Alteration of the West Indies steamship service schedule of the Canadian National so as to provide more adequate despatch of West Indies shipments from Saint John.

A fair share of Canadian sailings from Saint John.

Restoration to Saint John of an Australian-New Zealand steamship service.

Adoption of a policy whereby the Canadian National Railways will carry a larger volume of freight through the Port of Saint John.

Wiping out the remaining switching charges, which apply to lumber hauled less than 126 miles, and plasted brought from Hillsboro.

General Election
Date Questioned

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five years after the return of the election writs.

Some experts considered this meant the return of the last writ but others took it to mean the date fixed for the return of the writs which in the present case is August 18.

Mr. King asked which day was to be taken in the opinion of the government; when the present House of Commons ceased to exist: if it would be necessary to issue the election writs during the life of the present House of Commons and if any limit was placed on the time between the issue of the writs and the expiry of the duration of the House.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, minister of justice, said the questions would be taken under consideration and an answer made later.

Unanimous Vote
For Peace

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It was a field day for the old Nationalist leader. Unmatched by anyone in the House, Mr. Bourassa combines histrionics with oratory, and last night while others followed him in debate, he wandered from one to another, complimenting and applauding.

Mr. Bourassa proposed a resolution reaffirming Canada's adherence to the Paris peace pact and calling upon the government to do everything possible to further peace either through the "League of Nations or otherwise".

Four Channels

There were four channels that should be pursued by Canada to promote peace, Mr. Bourassa said. They were:

1. Canada should define and frame its own policy for peace.

2. Canada should co-operate as closely as possible with the government of the United Kingdom, providing it worked for peace.

3. Canada should co-operate with the United States government, providing it also worked for peace.

4. Canada should cooperate with the League of Nations in its determination to maintain peace.

The 67-year-old Nationalist leader from Quebec proposed Canada extend to the whole world its unfortified frontier with the United States.

There are no forts, canon or naval boats along the Canada-United States boundary, exclaimed Mr. Bourassa. "Why not make this true of the rest that the safety defence for Canada against the only nation which may think of attacking us is to disarm. why should we arm against Germany, Russia, Japan, China or any other country?"

Canada, advised the old Nationalist, should make no entangling alliances with nations likely to jump into war. As for the United Kingdom, we should signify politely but firmly to the British government that we are prepared to stand by them to help the British nation carry forward all measures for peace, but also that we are prepared to stay at home if England chooses to go to war for causes which are foreign to Canada.

Geographically Canada is an American country, Mr. Bourassa said, and its major problems were bound up with those of the United States. "I suggest we should make it clear to the Americans that we stand loyally by Great Britain, so long as Great Britain, so long as Great Britain stand for peace. And we should intimate to the British government that if England chooses war and the United States desire peace, then we shall decide for peace".

Canada should make up its own mind on war policies, Mr. Bourassa urged. He referred to the Chanak incident of 1922, claiming that when Liberal Leader Mackenzie King, who was prime minister at the time, announced Canada would not follow the United Kingdom into war, he did more than any other Canadian in history to promote peace as a national policy.

(The Chanak incident developed from the Greco-Turkish War and resulted from the Turks sweeping along the Sea of Marmora and threatening Constantinople, then administered by an allied commissioner. A British force was assembled in front of the Turks at Chanak and Lloyd George asked the dominion if they were prepared to enter a war. Canada said no, in effect).

THE POPE

VATICAN CITY, April 2—Pope Pius XI launched the might of the Roman Catholic Church in a campaign against war yesterday, addressing the College of Cardinals in secret consistory and raising a prayer to thee Almighty "to confound those peoples who desire war".

His Holiness, breaking a long silence on questions of international importance, did not accuse any one, nation or people of "desiring war", but warned that the European horizon "again is darkened by obscure clouds, shot by sinister flashes of light".

His words were regarded as possibly inspired by Chancellor Hitler's drastic move to re-arm Germany when the Holy Father said: "They who violate the right cannot be trusted".

Recalls Prediction

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medieval uniform, the Pope recalled the words of Christ: "Thou shalt hear the rumble of war and sedition; there will be great calamities—famines, frightful happenings in the sky and great prodigies; men shall be appalled by fear and expectation over what will happen in the Universe".

"We cannot believe", the Pontiff continued, "that those who should have in their hearts only a desire for prosperity and happiness of peoples wish to drive to massacre, ruin and extermination not only their own peoples but also the greater part of humanity. . . .

"When we turn our gaze toward this frightening economic, political

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