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WAR CLOUDS APPEAR TO CLEAR

The true significance and far reaching results of the Royal visit to Canada cannot be even estimated at this close range, but apart from all other considerations it has successfully crowded war scare news from the front pages of our metropolitan press. All of which leads the average citizen to the conclusion that Hitler and Mussolini are not as important as sometimes painted, and all we really need is something more important to write and think about.

The greatest possible assistance to economic improvement here and throughout the world would be a return of business confidence and the clearing of the war clouds from the sky. While it is probably too soon to say very much and Europe is still far from settling down to normalcy, there are sound grounds for believing that the outlook is definitely brighter. The reasons why war is fading in the background may be summarized as follows:

Great Britain and France have strengthened their armaments, so that today Hitler hesitates to provoke the democracies to war.

Great Britain's new policy of "Stop Hitler" is bearing fruit. Poland is now an ally of Britain and France. Turkey has signed a treaty with Britain. This means that the Great War ally of Germany is definitely lined up with the democracies. This will block the eastern march of Germany and will have the widest significance in the Moslem world. Russia is also likely to link her fortunes with Great Britain and France. Jugoslavia has refused to join the dictatorships. The weight of power is against Germany and Italy.

Italy will hesitate to go to war to support Hitler in any more eastern adventures. Mussolini realizes today that Britain means business. If Italy should be dragged into a war her whole new empire might crumble. The French and British navy in the Mediterranean is vastly superior to the fleet of Italy. The long coastline of Italy would be exposed to attack and the African possessions of Italy would be cut off from the homeland. Mussolini is a realist and he is not going to risk war for the sake of an ally for which Italians have no particular love.

So putting two and two together the prospects are for peace, and after the Royal visit we may expect to look forward to an era of improved business conditions in Canada, free from the threat of a World War.

CONSIDER JOHN BULL

Canadians do a lot of grumbling about heavy taxation. We point to our government deficits and the tremendous sums that our various governments propose to spend, and we grouse. We scan our municipal tax bill and we bemoan our hard fate. We also roar indignantly when Premier Heppburn adds two cents to the gasoline tax. Like the weather, taxation is a perpetual subject of complaining conversation, but no one ever seems to do anything about it.

A hasty glance over the budget announced in the British House of Commons the other day should convince any Canadian that the pains he is suffering are trifling as compared to those now being borne cheerfully by the British taxpayer. We pay \$7 to \$10 annual license to operate a medium sized motor car, and we buy gasoline at 28 cents or less per gallon. Our British cousin who drives the same sized car will now pay a fee of \$185 per year before he puts the gasoline which costs him fifty or more cents per gallon into his tank. It thus costs almost as much for a license alone as many Canadians pay for a whole year's operation of a car. No wonder bicycles are popular.

Then there's the question of the income tax. Here a man who has a \$4000 income, a wife and a couple of dependent youngsters pays \$38 to the Dominion government and \$19 to the Ontario government. In Britain a man with a similar salary pays 27 1/2 per cent of all his income in excess of \$2325, or \$639.37 annually to the national government. Of course, he has no provincial government sitting on his tail, and the national government tax relieves him of a very large share of what Canadians pay in municipal taxation. The government makes very generous grants to municipalities.

The British taxpayer lays down his money gladly because potential enemies live just across the English Channel. Were they as close to us we would be spending many times what we are now paying for defense purposes, and we would do it just as willingly as John Bull.

CHAMBERLAIN'S SECRET

When the historians come to examine the events of the last six months they will be perplexed by the fact that Mr. Chamberlain, after his recent change of policy, has enhanced rather than diminished his hold upon the country. It is no exaggeration to say that if a plebiscite were held tomorrow upon his retention of the post of Prime Minister, between 60 and 65 per cent of the electorate would vote in his favor.

What, the historians will ask, is the secret of this popularity? The Prime Minister's most devoted admirers would scarcely claim that he possesses the charm of Lord Baldwin, the wisdom of Bonar Law, the magnetism of Lloyd George, the high intellectual abilities of Asquith, the suave experience of Balfour or the deep ethical appeal of Gladstone.

Mr. Chamberlain obviously derives a large proportion of his authority from the fact that he is representative of what the great middle mass of people are feeling at the time. When they were longing to escape from intolerable dangers, he rendered escape respectable by calling it "appeasement." When their pride and anger are deeply stirred, they feel that he will defend their liberties.

Mr. Chamberlain's reversal of policy has, in fact, coincided with and not countered, a swing in public opinion. Yet this in itself would not be enough. The Prime Minister would not hold the position he does if he appealed merely to the instinct of self-preservation. The great virtue which he possesses is the virtue of heroic courage.—Harold Nicolson, M.P., in London Spectator.

Fear of losing licenses has almost eliminated the drunken, reckless driver in New South Wales, according to the minister of transport. "License cancellation is a far more effective deterrent than heavy fines," the minister says.—Guelph Mercury.

To-day's Parent

By Ellen McLoughlin
Director, Children's Institute

PREFERRED HOMES

Is your home a "preferred home?" Here at the Children's Institute we have gotten into the habit of designating as "preferred home" those in a community that provides educational opportunities at home in the form of books to help their youngsters make the most of their school days, and later their life.

There is a definite connection, you know, between books in the home and grades made by youngsters in school. In a national survey, it was found that in the great majority of cases, homes from which high intelligence springs are invariably those abounding in reading matter to which youngsters are exposed. Only about one home out of three on a nation-wide basis was found to give its youngsters this extra educational help.

Here is proof of the rewards that come when parents place cultural knowledge at the easy disposal of their young people. The facts seem to indicate that by making well-chosen and helpful reading easily accessible in the home, parents can feel that they are doing something constructive for their children.

Educators are coming more and more to the opinion that the right books should be looked upon as necessities rather than luxuries. As Dr. Lewis M. Terman, internationally known educator of Stanford University has stated, "It would be greatly to the advantage of the next generation if some of the expenditures now going for gasoline, tobacco, candy, cosmetics and chewing gum were diverted for the purpose of purchasing books for the home."

It has been demonstrated that 96% of the child's time is spent in the home environment, and that is where the greatest opportunities for moulding the child's character and abilities lie. Children who learn informally at home make much more rapid progress than those whose education is confined to school work alone. Given parents of average intelligence and the opportunities to browse in books, such as The Book of Knowledge, that stimulate and at the same time satisfy their curiosity, youngsters find the acquisition of knowledge to be a real joy. Income figures show that those who have a well-rounded education earn more than three times as much as those who have not had the educational opportunities at home as well as in school.

Getting Acquainted

Mrs. T. W. E.: We are new in our community. What are some of the ways my youngster can get acquainted with young people his own age?

Let him go to the groups that do things that interest him, and where other fine boys are — the school clubs, the Y, the church, the playground. Common likes and dislikes are the things on which friendships are built. If he likes sports, urge him to join the team; if he is a stamp or camera fan, see if you can find other youngsters interested in those same things.

Ellen McLoughlin will answer questions of readers pertaining to parent-child relationships — no medical or legal advice. Address her in care of this newspaper, enclosing self-addressed stamped envelope for a personal reply.

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OBITUARY

MRS. T. C. JACKSON
On Wednesday, May 17 the death of Mrs. T. C. Jackson occurred at her Dufferin St. residence, Toronto. Mrs. Jackson was the former Eleanor Kirby. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at St. Columba Church chapel and interment took place at the Maple cemetery.

W. G. KNOX

A native of King township, W. George Knox died at his home in Mimico on Wednesday, May 17. Mr. Knox, who was in his 65th year, was noted as an enthusiastic gardener and flower grower. He served as a trainman on the C.N.R. for many years. A Presbyterian, he is survived by a daughter and one brother. His wife predeceased him five years ago. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from his home on Mimico Ave. Interment was in Park Lawn Cemetery.

MRS. J. C. ROSS

A former resident of King township, Mrs. J. C. Ross passed away in Aurora on Tuesday, May 16. She was in her 89th year, and last December she and Mr. Ross celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary. Before marriage she was Frances Carley. Surviving are her husband, one son, James A., of Toronto, and one daughter, Mrs. E. Ludlow of Toronto.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon with interment in the Aurora Cemetery.

WILLIAM CLARKSON

William Clarkson, 89-year-old resident of the 3rd concession of King, passed away in the York County Hospital, Newmarket, on Friday, May 19th. Mr. Clarkson's wife, who predeceased him, was the former Elizabeth Cutting. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the late residence, with interment being in the Aurora Cemetery.

WOODBRIIDGE W.I. STUDY HISTORICAL RESEARCH

Mrs. Arthur Farr's home was the scene of an interesting meeting of the local senior Women's Institute on Tuesday of last week when the members staged a programme on the theme "Historical Research." A feature was four papers, dealing with the history of the farms occupied by the speakers, given by Mrs. R. Ward, Mrs. John Kellam, Mrs. Alex Marnoch and Mrs. A. W. Farr. A contest arranged by Mrs. A. Hollingshead was followed by the serving of tea by the hostess and committee in charge, Mrs. Lulu Willis being convener.

KLEINBURG

Newly elected officers of Kleinburg and Nashville Women's Institute are as follows: Hon. President, Mrs. D. MacDonald; President, Mrs. G. Taylor; Vice-Pres., Mrs. H. Farr; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. D. Jeffrey; Directors, Mrs. E. Foster, Mrs. O. Devins; District Director, Mrs. G. Taylor; Programme Committee, Mrs. H. Wardlaw, Mrs. Benstead, Mrs. L. Miller, Mrs. O. Devins, Miss Hamblly; Auditors, Mrs. A. Agar, Mrs. L. Card; Pianist, Miss Margaret Watson; Assistant, Miss O. Devins; Press reporter, Mrs. D. Jeffrey; Flower Committee, Miss Merle Hamblly, Mrs. A. Agar; Renting Hall, Mrs. Kellam; Convener of Standing Committees, Mrs. L. Card.



TENDERS FOR COAL AND COKE SEALED Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Coal," will be received until 12 o'clock noon (daylight saving), Monday, June 12, 1939, for the supply of coal and coke for the Dominion Buildings throughout the Province of Ontario.

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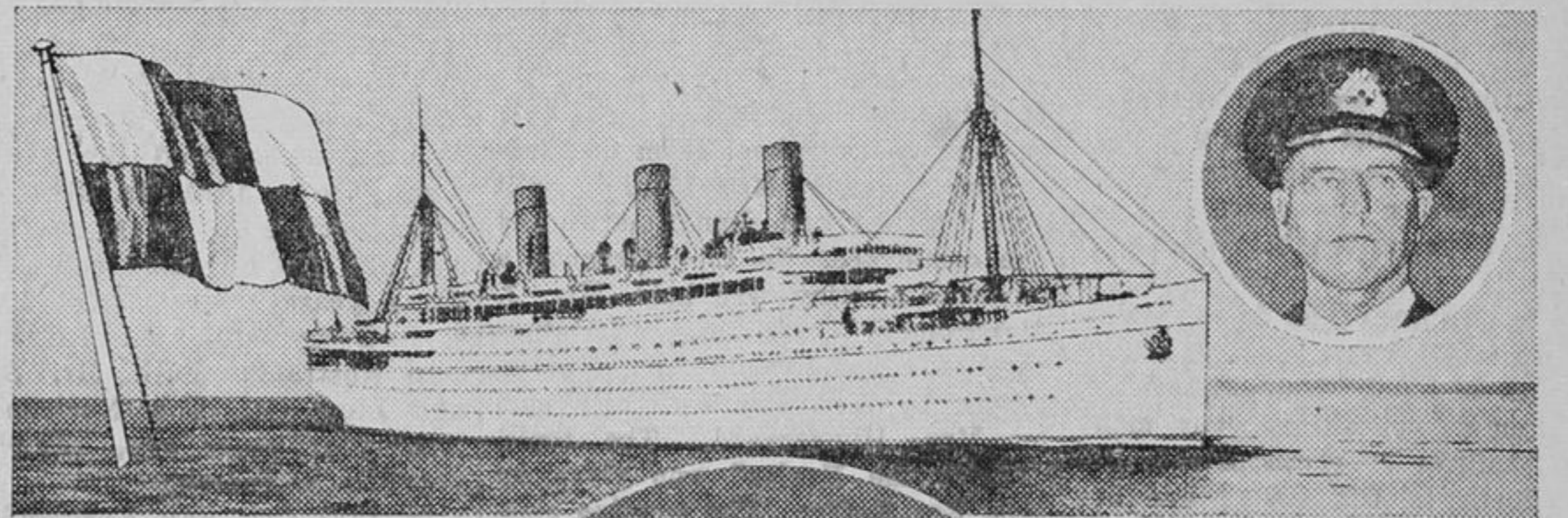
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Two Royal Liners Carry King and Queen



Two ships of the British Mercantile Marine have been honored by His Majesty the King, who with the Queen and members of their Royal retinue, are travelling to and from Canada in ocean liners of the Canadian Pacific fleet. The 21,000-ton Empress of Australia, graceful and yacht-like as seen above at the top, brings Their Majesties to Quebec on May 15, while the giant 42,500 flag-ship Empress of Britain will sail from Halifax on June 15 with Their Majesties on Board. The Empress of Britain, in the lower picture, is seen steaming majestically past the Chateau Frontenac as she approaches her berth at Wolfe's Cove, where the Empress of Australia will land her Royal passengers. Inset at the top is Captain A. R. Meikle, R.D., R.N.R., who commands the Empress of Australia on her Royal voyage, and at bottom Captain C. H. Sapsworth, commander of the Empress of Britain, which is now ending her annual Round the World Cruise. The Royal Standard, White Ensign and Canadian Pacific house-flag, which the two liners fly on their Royal voyages, are also seen in the picture grouping.

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