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TROUBLED EUROPE

European affairs are so entangled that comment by anyone not familiar with behind-the-scenes activity is almost useless and what looks like a surety today may appear like a silly observation tomorrow. However to say the least the picture is not a pretty one and there are all the familiar signs which point to another crisis. The whole of Europe is in a state of tension and all countries on the continent are preparing for any eventuality. It has all the earmarks of a dangerous situation. There are altogether too many loaded guns and one shot might set the whole of Europe on fire.

The serious war situation in Europe is not only interfering with business recovery here but is responsible for the continued postponement of a general election in Canada. Prime Minister King in constant touch with Downing Street and fully aware of every move made in Europe is so concerned over the situation that he has so far postponed calling a fall general election. If an election were called the House would be dissolved and there would be no Parliament for nearly two months. One can readily see that Mr. King is well advised in taking no chances in the face of such a serious situation.

ONE OF THE WORRIES OF BUSINESS

Under the heading "What's Wrong with Business" the Grimsby Independent tells a story which has an excellent moral for all. The Independent says:

"The difficulties the small business man has in financing, is evidenced by the following story related to us by a bank official not so very far from this town.

He stated that a certain merchant in the town was overdrawn and that it was his duty to check on him each day regarding deposits. In the course of this work he noticed an order amounting to \$32.00, which had been charged on a certain morning. During that same afternoon, however, this man who did not see fit to pay the account to the merchant, made a deposit in the bank of over \$200.00, his account at that time amounting to over \$5,000.00.

Thus, the man who could pay was getting one and one-half per cent. interest on his deposit and forcing the merchant to pay six per cent on borrowed money.

This seems an example of "What's Wrong With Business". If people who can, would pay their bills promptly, it would greatly assist the smaller business man."

AURORA'S SPEED TRAP

Our northern neighbour, Aurora, this year has to a marvelous degree developed a publicity complex. First it was its hunt for a mayor and now its fame or notoriety is linked up with a speed trap.

It seems a large number of motorists have received blue papers following trips through Aurora and many have been so put out over having to pay a fine that they have rushed all hot and bothered to the Motor League. Over the air and through the press Aurora's action in prosecuting speeding motorists has been condemned. It is reported some Aurora business men are fearful lest the publicity injure business.

We don't know whether or not there is a so called speed trap in Aurora, but we have noticed that motorists travel more sanely in Aurora than they do in Richmond Hill and many other towns. The only reason that we know of for this is the fact that it is pretty generally known that if you exceed the speed limit in Aurora you will pay a fine.

We wish every municipality in Canada could establish a similar reputation and then there would be fewer accidents and the annual traffic toll materially reduced.

We envy Aurora her reputation as a town where the speed limit is enforced. We would worry less for our children's safety if Richmond Hill enjoyed a similar reputation and we wouldn't worry much about the business such a reputation is supposed to drive from town.

NORTH YONGE STREET NEEDS ATTENTION

All signs in the business world herald returning prosperity and we hope that long overdue public undertakings held up through financial necessity or fear of war may soon be undertaken by the government. First major improvement in the North Yonge Street district should be the widening of the highway to eliminate the bottleneck now existing from Richmond Hill to Steele's Corners. Admittedly there is diversity of opinion on the widening problem but there is very decided unanimity in the opinion that present conditions are disgraceful and constitute a constant traffic hazard which should not be allowed to continue. Along with the widening program should come sidewalks for pedestrians and lighting in the more thickly populated areas. The policy of The Liberal is to press hard for these much needed improvements in the North Yonge Street district and we invite our readers everywhere to join us in our efforts.

BETTER ACCOMMODATION NEEDED AT RADIAL TERMINAL

The lack of wash-room accommodation at the North Yonge radial station at the city limits should engage the attention of the members of the Radial Commission. Those who use the car line are justified in expecting such accommodation and it should be provided. The fact that present conditions have been allowed to continue over a period of years emphasizes the need for an active radial commission.

RICHMOND HILL FLOWER SHOW AUGUST 30TH

Horticultural Societies at Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Maple, Unionville and other centres throughout the district have made a notable contribution to community betterment by encouraging an interest in flowers. Thanks largely to the efforts of enthusiastic horticulturists there is evident an increasing interest in things beautiful. Richmond Hill Horticultural Society holds its annual Fall Flower Show in the arena next Wednesday, August 30th and a large entry list and a large attendance will be great encouragement to this worthy organization.

DOIN' THE WORLD'S FAIR

By Byron M. Fisher

"Fireman, there's somebody in there; somebody's being burned alive in that house!" This was the terrified wail of a World's Fair husband which sent gallant volunteer firefighters risking life and limb to rescue a behooped and be-bustled lady from an infernal holocaust while their compatriots fought desperately with buckets and engines which threw a stream of only ten feet to gain control over the flames. It was all part of an act, of course—a very elaborate spectacle given in the Court of Peace by firemen from all over the nation to show the increased efficiency of modern fire-fighting units over those of the last century. A bucket brigade, dressed in old time costumes, showed how a lady of 1776 was rescued, while the Nassau County Volunteer Firemen of New York brought the picture to the present day with breath-taking leaps into nets, the most modern equipment and all the attending excitement of a 1939 big city blaze. Fireman's Day at the Fair saw thousands of firemen from United States and Canada pouring in to take part in the giant parade. Philadelphia's famed "Mummers" clubs took part in a celebration outside of their home city for the first time in history. Highlight of the program was a convention sponsored by the Insurance Company of North America and the State of New York Fireman's Association. Interesting sidelight was the presence of a dozen old hand-pumping trucks, each drawn by sixty men.

A recent European visitor to the Canada Pavilion asked us about the "Indian situation" in Canada. Were the Indians more numerous than the whites or vice versa? We assured him that it was most decidedly vice versa. In fact, the Indian population had been steadily declining, we told him. We decided to check up a little then and found that in our second statement we were in error. In 1851 there were 1116 Indians in New Brunswick, while in 1924—the most recent figures available to us at the moment—there were 1606, representing roughly one-fourth of one per cent of the province's population. The Indians are for the most part stationed on "reserves"—areas set aside for them by the Government—and still live chiefly from the woods, trapping, selling wild berries, etc. in summer and manufacturing baskets, canoes, snow shoes and other hand-made articles. The Indian villages, in many cases composed of modern, inviting dwellings, and the legends and stories the red-men tell, are tourist attractions.

A mammoth dance for Fair employees in the Amusement Area marked the second day of the "ticket selling campaign" now being conducted by Fair officials. All employees producing passes were admitted without charge — this included anyone working on the grounds for an exhibitor as well as direct Fair Corporation workers. Outsiders were charged a small fee. The dance was held at three spots—near the new Bandshell on a specially constructed pavilion, at Sun Valley and at Merrie England. Frankie Masters and Bobby Hackett were among the orchestra leaders doling forth rhythm.

Charles Ball of Detroit decided to hitch-hike to the World's Fair but he dreaded getting a lame thumb. So he invented an ingenious "automatic thumb" to assist him. He sat on the roadside with a sign reading: World's Fair, Champion Bound." When a likely looking vehicle approached he would press a button and a large hand with thumb cocked in the historic gesture of the knights of the road would spring up. In all he had ten host chauffeurs on his journey.

Every boy who answered correctly the baseball question put to him in the baseball quiz at the Court of States for lads under fourteen received a pair of tickets to some Amusement World entertainment as a reward. The quiz questions were prepared by well-known sports writers of metropolitan dailies and Bill "Shanty" Hogan of the Madison Square Boys Club acted as master of ceremonies and official encyclopaedia. If the kids couldn't give the correct answers Mr. Hogan was supposed to do the job and he fulfilled the task with amazing skill. His associates claim that he cannot be stuck on a question of records, averages and what have you for everybody from the Abner Doubledays down to the Joe DiMaggios and Atley Donalds.

Natives of Poland and descendants of Polanders from all parts of the United States celebrated Polish "Falcons" Day with one of the largest delegations to attend a special celebration since the Fair opened. An estimated 30,000 persons arrived by train for the big occasion, while New York City contributed an additional 20,000. Visitors were said to be largely from Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Chicago, Detroit and New England. Count Jerzy Potocki, Polish Ambassador to Washington, was principal speaker.

Thirty-eight states, Canada and the Canal Zone were represented at the National Music Camp delegation to the Fair. Numerous concerts were given and a child prodigy from Hollywood 9 year old Loren Maazel, handled the baton at several of them.

The Arrow Shirt exhibit in the Man Building is attracting attention. It consists of miniature merchandise displayed in a miniature window, while tiny mannikins move by dressed in replicas of the firm's actual products.

NEWTONBROOK

The Canadian Girls in Training group of the United Church returned from Camp last Saturday at Bel-fountain, Caledon Mountain. They were accompanied by their leader, Miss Mary Douglas, and Mrs. Pearson. They report a very enjoyable time.

Mrs. W. Downey of Alliston returned home last week after attending the wedding of her niece, Miss Velma Carson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Galbraith spent their holidays at Wasaga Beach.

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert returned last Tuesday for Mr. T. Adair's funeral.

The North York Horticultural Show will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of this week at the North York Market and promises to be bigger and better than ever. The Horticultural Society has a membership this year of 216.

Mr. A. W. Stephenson and family spent their vacation at Bruce Beach.

The regular meeting of the North York Horticultural Society was held on Monday evening with Mrs. Allan Gow as guest speaker. She also gave a demonstration on arranging flowers for decoration purposes. A very profitable evening was enjoyed by all.

The death of Mr. Tolmage Adair occurred early last Sunday morning at St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto, and was a great shock to everyone. On Sunday, June 25th he had an emergency operation for appendicitis from which he made a very slow recovery owing to his serious condition. Last week he was able to visit friends at Glencairn and took a change for the worse last Saturday. They rushed him to the hospital Saturday night but died shortly after his arrival to the hospital. Mr. Adair was the manager of the Carload Groceria at Newtonbrook and also had charge of the post office. He was a very successful business man and highly esteemed by everyone. His cheerful disposition won for him many friends. He was a regular attendant of Newtonbrook United Church, and will be missed by everyone. His funeral took place last Tuesday with a short private service at the home followed by a public service at the United Church with Rev. A. H. Halbert in charge assisted by Rev. Downing of Glencairn and Rev. Herbert Hunt of Toronto. Rev. H. Hunt officiated at their marriage eleven years ago. He leaves to mourn his loss his widow and three small children, two daughters and one son. The community joins with them in deepest sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

Sunday School at 10 a.m. every Sunday. The attendance has been very gratifying. Next Sunday Rev. Roy Flook will preach at 11 a.m. in the absence of the pastor. Rev. A. H. Halbert will conduct the service on Sunday, Sept. 3rd.

PALGRAVE

Fire starting during a threshing at the farm of Ross McLean, six miles north of here, destroyed the barn, two calves, and seven pigs on Tuesday afternoon. The blaze also devoured 38 loads of wheat, 500 bushels of barley, a new binder, and several implements. Men saved the threshing outfit owned by Herbert McLean, father of Ross McLean. No cause has been given for the blaze.

Centre Island was the scene of a happy gathering on Wednesday, August 9th when All Saints Church, King City, held its annual congregational picnic. Rev. E. W. G. Worral, rector, directed the programme which included a splendid list of sporting events.

POVERTY TO RICHES FOR NAZI LEADERS

What do the Nazi leaders make for themselves? Do they lead simple abstemious lives, or do they revel in luxury? Are they just a band of plunderers or do they take little or nothing for themselves?

These are the questions that every one has asked at some time or other about the New Germany. An answer has been difficult to get because of the strict censorship and the difficulty of getting information. But a book has just been published which, writes C. A. Lyon in the London Sunday Express, throws a blinding light on the subject. It is called "Hitler Calls This Living." The Nazi leaders, according to this book, are living in such profligate luxury as could only be dreamed of by a collection of new-rich men who have suddenly laid hands on unlimited hoards.

Here, for instance, is an account of Goering's hunting home, Karinschalle, which cost millions of Reichsmarks to build and to furnish.

Danish Journalist Tells of Magnificence

It is quoted in the book from the account written in a Danish paper by a responsible journalist who was invited there.

Not that this is only one of Goering's homes and that, as the book recalls, only seven years ago, in 1932, Goering was living a very hard-up life on his air force captain's pension eked out by a little extra he made by selling parachutes. The Danish journalist writes:

"First of all, we entered a hall in which, among other furnishings, were beautiful Roman sarcophagi and several magnificent pictures by Lukas Cranach. In the vast reception room, which runs the whole length of the mansion, stood Goering with his hand resting on a writing-table.

"He was dressed in sport clothes, which we could not sufficiently admire on account of their originality. "Long, green buckskin boots reached above his knees, and his dark green, sleeveless leather jacket was adorned with buttons made from the silver-mounted eye-teeth of deer which he had shot himself.

"In his gold-embroidered belt was a gold hunting knife in a gold sheath.

"On the way to the dining-room we passed several chambers furnished in the most varied styles, one of them containing a fountain in the centre of the floor and decorated in the Byzantine manner, and another representing an old Viking hall.

"After luncheon, coffee and liqueurs were served in the Viking hall, and Goering conversed animatedly with his visitors. Later he suggested an inspection of the mansion, and led us through innumerable rooms.

"Finally, we were taken up to the top storey, where the vast surface of an enormous room was covered with an artificial landscape through which ran a very fine miniature electric railway."

It has been said that Hitler disapproves of Goering's musical comedy hero costumes and display.

Poor Man in 1933 Has a Mansion Now

But is Hitler himself so very moderate? It is true that according to Nazi propaganda he bought only three suits, two rain coats and one uniform last year. They also said he spends only £10 a month on "himself," what ever that means.

But these details signify little in the life of a man who gets everything he wants at the State expense. In any case the sumptuous furnishings of his study and living rooms in the Chancellery in Berlin is certainly not exceeded in the mansion of any millionaire.

Goebbels, according to the book, lives in similar state to Goering. "Eighteen months ago he bought a mansion at Schwannenwerder from the director of one of the large banks, and he owns a number of other villas as well. His liking for the other sex costs him vast sums. He, too, was a poor man before 1933. "Himmler, the head of the police in Germany, and Baldur von Schirach, the leader of German Youth, as well as many others, possess their ostentatious residences in Berlin and country houses among the Bavarian lakes."

Mrs. Phoebe Middleton Dalry, widow of Herbert J. Dalry, president of the defunct Home Bank, died in Toronto on Monday. She was a native of Orangeville and had been associated with an insurance company since the death of her husband.

Encouraging reports are received on the condition of Cleaver Graham of Schomberg, who was severely injured when hurled from a motorcycle on Highway No. 27 just north of Nobleton. The accident occurred August 1st. Blood transfusions were given by the family to save the young man's life. Nineteen years old, he is the son of Burrell Graham, King township councillor.



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