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EUROPEAN CULTURE SWINGING TO ITS EBB.

For the third time within the memory of most oldsters living today they awoke one morning last week to hear the re-echo of marching German feet intent on European conquest.

In this 1938 crisis, however, the Aryan Kultur thrust has so far been bloodless, but the theatre of dangerous scenes that is Austria has aroused a ring of tension which only time can relieve with a fresh blood-

For whether or not this crisis is bridged with abjective sacrifices and concessions to the aims of "Germanic Destiny" it is certain that the ultimate result cannot be stopped this side of wholesale murder.

For, when a leader, with unexampled power and following and a burning desire to carve a niche in history a few places above Caesar and Napoleon, says: "We are invincible—we are on the road—we know not where it leads-nothing can halt us"then it is time that all Occidental nations need pause to consider the Armageddon which may follow.

For any future European war cannot fail to involve the world-even more so than in 1914-18-and a World War on Occidental ground may lead to a re-dawning and repetition of the dominance of the East in men's affairs—a breaking of the shackles that have for four centuries bound the Yellow, the Black and the Red Men of the earth—an Armageddon of the Whites and a rebirth of the Colored Kingdom.

The magnitude of the present crisis foreshadows the greatness of the era that is to come, the new social order arising from altered social, economic, and political conditions. Socialism as a new social mold, a new cult-whatever its name-a revolutionary anti-capitalist economic system, and the League of Nations and the United States of Europe as the elimination of nationalism and the harbinger of peace on earth, are some of its basic facts. For this reason they are the slogans of the present.

Ours is a time when the egoistic, capitalistic, Occidental individualism stands in sharpest contrast to the altruistic and collective anti-capitalism of Russia and Asia. It is a time when world-wide commerce, art, science and education increasingly demand the union of all human society. They ask for a society without frontiers, citizenship, tariffs, religious feuds, wars, munition factories, armies and navies. The tendency, in other words, is from nationalism to a development into a super-state. And although economic and racial wars may bar its path, this is the destiny of the political future. Whether it be the Red Men of South America, the Yellow Men of Asia, or the White Men of Europe which bring that dream to fruition, the next decade may determine. Let us pray that Anglo-Saxons remain not indifferent to its outcome.

"The World War and the aftermath of revolutions in the spheres of politics, economies, society and the arts, have buried the age of European supremacy," declares Eugen Georg, in his splendid outlook on the future, "The Adventure of Mankind." "A new era is upon the horizon of history: an age with new spiritual, social, economic and political constellations, with new powers and maturing colonies, far from Europe and freed from European guardianship, in Latin America, South Africa and

"The mechanization of life, in the American fashion, is spreading through constantly widening circles. Wall Street has triumphed over the European bourses; the heart of world capitalism no longer beats in Europe. Moujik, coolie, Hindu, Negro, fellahin, and Indian have awakened and are assembling under slogans that shake the world. Asia has launched its own industrial movement. The blast furnaces of Hankow are already competing with those of Krupp and Creuzot. Within 20 years the coal production of India will be the greatest in the world, and the iron mills of Tatanagar have already begun to surpass those of America. India's reserves of gold are tremendous—and the amount in circulation is even greater.

"Modern applied science has burst upon the Oriental races, which have been caught in the flood of industry and capitalism. It is the last gift of Europe—her Greek gift to the Orient, and sooner or later, in the light of world history, the balance will be struck. It will be ineluctably presented when the still passive Orient, with its hundreds of millions of Asiatic proletariat, stands opposed-morally, economically, perhaps even militaristically—to Europe.

'A cultural cycle new in soul, material, and structure will then begin. It will hotly react against the dangerous deification of those technical and cultural values which the white race has preached during the past five centuries.

"This new cultural cycle of the third millennium will mobilize the energies of races yet untapped. It may therefore be Slavic or Slavic and Asiatic, or even a new race crystallized from the melting pot of the United States of America. But even an expansion of the Red race seems indicated by the amazing increase in the birth rates and growing prosperity of the pureblooded redskins of North America, Chile and Paraguay. A splendid new generation is arising in Mexico. One hundred million Indians, humiliated and despoiled, craftily kept in ignorance, but intelligent and as thirsty for knowledge as ever the white man was-one hundred million Indians, despite meaningless baptism and the inertia of ancient traditions, await the day of their rebirth. Their freedom is at hand, and with it a great Indian renaissance.

'So the contours of a new era are being shaped. The civilization of our Occident is on the ebb. A battle between Oriental and Mediterranean cultures brought it to birth in the immortal glow of the ancient classic world. Christianity, Gothic architecture and the Holy Roman Empire were the great events of its medieval youth. In its maturity the Occidental cultural ideal dominated the world for 400 years. The World War and the Europeanizing of the world, of which Americanization is an extreme example, marks its violent end.

"It has reached the limit set upon it by fate. The pendulum of evolution is swinging back. European civilization has become brittle and dull. Demoralization overshadows the continent. The old materialistic and imperialist Europe, which has learned nothing from the catastrophe of 1914-dictators, battles for oil fields and colonies being even now an anachronism!is moving away from the stage of history. As overlord of the world it is finished. By all known laws it is doomed.'

To which we can only add, Amen.

COMPULSORY PASTEURIZATION IN PROSPECT FOR ONTARIO.

It is with peculiar pleasure that public health workers view the evident intention of the Premier of Ontario to push his proposed bill to establish compulsory pasteurization of milk through the Legislature. Speaking before the Ontario Agricultural Council, recently, Mr. Hepburn said, in announcing that the measure would be put through the House regardless of the opposition which was being waged against it by various persons. He told of a visit he had paid to the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and of looking down a long ward of child sufferers from tuberculosis nearly all of whom were from the country and not from Toronto, where a pasteurization bylaw had been rigidly enforced for some years.

He referred to the enormous sums spent by Government in Ontario in the endeavor to cure sickness and expressed his determination to do much more than has heretofore been done to check not only tuberculosis but all other diseases at their incep-"Everything that science can accomplish," he said, "was being brought to bear on disease by the Health Department, and compulsory pasteurization is another step in the right direction."

As a direct result of the premier's address to the Ontario Agricultural Council that body defeated a resolution against

compulsory pasteurization.

Add memories of youth: When March made us suddenly aware that the sulphur and molasses season was here again.

With the turn of events in Europe, peace advocates are certainly being given plenty of evidence that extreme Nationalism leads directly to extreme Militarism.

The Grimsby Independent says: "Many people, after they have eaten church suppers, worth twice what they paid for them, feel they have made a noble contribution

to the cause of religion." Civilization has brought many comforts and conveniences to the home but probably none a woman prizes more than the telephone—that is if the time she spends on the 'phone is any criterion.

Doesn't it seem strange, remarks the Smiths Falls Record-News, "to find Smiths Falls hockey fans rushing to outside points in order to witness the Citizen Shield playdowns?'

This new 65-card deck with five suits will work out fine until some hot-head forgets about the 13-card increase and takes violent exception to a friend laying down five aces in a friendly poker game.

Hope springs eternal in the human breast. A lot of golfers who swore to give up the game last fall after a mournful survey of their scores during the summer are now shining up the clubs and looking forward with confidence to the summer of '38.

Someone is now telling the story about the absent-minded professor who sent his wife to the bank and kissed his money good-bye. Why blame it all on the professor—for regarding the latter it would seem that "everybody's doin' it."

The Ottawa Spotlight

By Spectator

Ottawa, March 15th .- From now on into the summer when the national convention of the Conservative party assembles, there is going to be plenty of speculation and a host of rumors about who is going to be the leader of that party, now that Mr. Bennett has announced his Political friends and retirement. opponents alike realize that the Dominion is losing the services of a statesman of great talents, sincerity and patriotism who has made notable contributions to the development of Canada as a nation and who will hold a place of honor in its When for all his dynamic the condition of his heart forced him to turn over the reins of leadership to other hands, the duty devolved on his followers to find the man most capable to receive the Dr. Manion and Mr. Denton Massey are ranged among the favorites in public estimation for the race, but the "field" is large, and hazarding a guess at this stage would be a fruitless venture. national council of the party will, during the next few months, carry through plans for organization, will formulate and put into shape planks for their platform and do various other kinds of preliminary work for the convention. The main work of the convention will be the choice of a federal leader from the list of aspirants. Social Credit in Parliament

While social credit in Alberta has received a body blow from the decisions of the Supreme Court, the little group of social crediters in the commons have given notice through their leader, Mr. Blackmore, that their aim is the establishment of their system in the Dominion. Even their most ardent admirers will acknowledge that the road they are taking is a thorny one. As far as the constitutional issue goes, the Dominion parliament under 'banking and currency" could of course pass laws similar to those adjudged by the court to be outside the competence of the pro-The difficulty vincial legislature. confronting the social crediters in their high adventure is not a constitutional one. It lies in the problem of persuading their fellow members and the majority of Canadian citizens that their doctrine is a sound one and should be adopted by the Dominion.

In the recent debate in the commons on a motion of lack of confidence, Mr. Blackmore expounded the social credit doctrine in relation to the Canadian financial order. If a social credit government were in power in the Dominion, he said, Canadian banks would be told to remove poverty from Canada. If they said they couldn't, experts would be appointed to aid them. and credit should be Currency issued in terms of public need. Goods and services, the productive capacity of the people, should be the backing for the issue of money. State created money was needed to add to the purchasing power of the people. The social credit viewpoint was explained eloquently, but quite irrespective of whatever mal be of genupractical value in the theory the divergence between the two theories of finance represented by those taking part in the debate was so deep and vital that there would appear to be no ground of meeting or compromise.

The government position as explained by the minister of finance, Mr. Dunning, was that social credit theory had a fundamental fallacy, and that was the assumption that a deficiency in purchasing power always existed. He claimed that the positive devices advanced by social credit, such as the national dividend were frankly inflationary. Inflation, he said, was the most unjust and unwise system of taxation ever Inflation would benefit devised. only the astute gambler, not the people it was intended to benefit. The solution of Canada's economic problems rested in his opinion in an increase in the material wealth of different yardstick for measuring wealth or in plundering one class for the benefit of another. The finance minister pointed out that the Bank of Canada, a government controlled institution was charged with the duty of regulating currency and credit in the best interests of the nation.

Power Export Bill

On its way through parliament now is a bill sponsored by the prime minister, Mr. Mackenzie King, to give parliament direct control over the export of electrical power. Hitherto the power to grant export of power licenses was in the hands of the cabinet. The bill does not affect in any way licenses now in operation. It means that here after no new licenses will be granted except through private bills which receive the sanction of parliament. These bills asking for licenses will be studied carefully by house committees. The present bill is very similar to a bill introduced in the commons by Mr. Stewart. members for Leeds in 1929 which passed the commons but which did not come to a final vote in the senate before prorogation.

Senate Discussion on Railways Is increased traffic the sole soluof our railway problem or should the government take other drastic measures to solve this situation which means such a heavy drain annually on the Dominion Heated arguments on treasury? this question have taken place in the senate on Senator Beaubien's resolution favoring unified management of the two railways. sive governments, Senator Meighen said have dodged the "central issue" because of the danger of defeat at the polls. While declining

- What Others Think

CHALLENGE TO BE EATEN

(Trenton Courier-Advocate) We wonder if there is anyone on the staff of the Belleville Ontario-Intelligencer who honestly believes that a welf will kill anybody. If so we are going to invite him orher-to spend a week-end with us at Donald's Bay, Aylen Lake, Nipissing District, this summer. If the wolves double-cross us, there will be a vacancy on the staff of the Belleville Ontario-Intelligencer, and they don't, the Belleville man will have to pay for the outing. How is that for an offer?

REGRETS AT PASSING

(Winchester Press) The citizens of Canada will learn with regret of Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett's decision to relinquish the leadership of the Conservative party in Canada to another. For the past eleven years Mr. Bennett has played a very prominent part in the life of this Dominion both as leader of the government and in Opposition. His qualities of statesmanship, integrity, foresight and keen ability have been utilized for the benefit of all, and we firmly believe that every Canadian will express the wish that Mr. Bennett may enjoy many more years of health, in this Dominion which the has sought so eagerly to serve.

"He gave his best—what more can be demanded of any man!"

UNFAIR TARIFFS

(Trenton Courier-Advocate) When the firing pin in our Savage pump-gun broke and we were forced to send to Utica, N.Y., for replacement, we had our eyes opened by the excessive rates of duty charged by the customs. The firing pin cost us one dollar in Utica and we had to pay seventy-odd cents duty. As the gun was originally made in Utica and part of the sixty-five dollars cash we paid for it covered duty on it, one would naturally think that if any part of it broke and had to be replaced, that the part for the gun on which plenty duty had originally been paid should come into the country free. But apparenty this is not the case. We don't blame our customs officials, but we do blame the higher-ups for protecting Canadian gun makers who are not turning out as good quality as their American cousins.

VERY TRUE

(Midland Free Press) We are amazed at the bun talked Hon. Howard Ferguson and others who oppose the idea of Canada having a distinctive flag. Surely Australia, New Zealand, less loyal to the British Empire than Canada, and each has its distinctive flag with a Union Jack in the upper left hand corner of the field. The Australian flag has the constellation of the Southern Cross Jack being placed in the centre of It is generally the white stripe. accepted that a Canadian national flag would have a large Union Jack in the upper left hand corner near the pole with a green maple leaf or leaves in the lower right hand corner of a red field. And why not?

to flatly accept or reject, the unification plea, he urged the government to give the whole railway problem careful study with next session to bringing in some measure that might promise a way out of the present impasse.

Need of Unity Discussing in the commons the dual system now in vogue of dealing with social services which leads to confusion, Mr. Rogers, minister of labor, said: "It is not too much to say that the essential task before the nation, not in the adoption of a us today is the restoration of unity. It is a task of the utmost difficulty. It is not a task of one party but a task which presents a challenge to all of us." We hope for a mobilization of public opinion throughout the country which will secure us what we have long lacked-"amendment to our constitution and a pro cedure under which we can deal themselves.'

St. Lawrence Power Hope of Ontario

-Geo. H. Challies, M.L.A. Declares that Industrial Future of Province Wrapped Up in River— Eastern Ontario Would Equal

In his reply to the "Speech from the Throne," Hon. Geo. H. Challies sitting Conservative member in the Provincial Legislature for Grenville-Dundas, devoted considerable time to a criticism of the government's power policy and ended with the declaration that by 1946, allowing for all present planned developments and new contracts negotiated, Ontario would need a vast new source of raw electrical energy.

This was only to be found, Mr. Challies said, in the development of the St. Lawrence River. He dismissed the Ottawa River and energy by steam as expedients, and said: "Power from the St. Lawrence is

by far and away the best source for meeting future increases in our power loads. In the international stretch of the majestic St. Lawrence Ontario has over one million horsepower of potential energy. neers and experts, competent to say, claim that it will take anywhere from eight to ten years to get power released from the St. Lawrence. For instance, it will require two years of international negotiations and of federal-provincial bargaining before a treaty and the necessary inter-governmental compacts could be completed; another two years for engineers to finish their plans and for contractors to get ready to start work; at least four to six years would be needed for constructing such a gigantic en-terprise. It is therefore clear that to get power from the St. Lawrence a matter of eight to ten years. Even if everyone in authority-President Roosevelt and Prime Minister King, and both the Premier of Ontario and the Governor of New York State-were ready to-day to open negotiations for an acceptable pact regarding the St. Lawrence, it would not be possible to get power from this river much before 1948, that is, ten years from this date. Now I ask you the simple question: What are we going to do for power after 1946 when all present available sources are exhausted, including Quebec contracts, the Mada-waska, the Trent, DeCew Falls and Niagara?

"There is one feature about St. Lwrence power that must not be lost sight of-For dependability of flow and freedom of ice menace it is ideal. Sooner or later rence power must be the of the power systems in both the central provinces. 20 or 25 years on a blue field, while the New Zea- hence the power from the Niagara land flag has the Southern Cross on and the Ottawa and the rivers of a red field. Even the Union of South Quebec will all be tied into power Africa, whose soldiers fought side from the central river source-the by side with our boys in France, has a distinctive flag, three stripes of orange, white and blue, the Union policies of this Liberal Administration are allowed to prevail.

"Do not forget that the St. Lawrence project has a special significance to the people of Eastern Ontario. They must realize that until cheap power from the St. Lawrence is released, it will not be possible for Eastern Ontario to experience the industrial expansion which Western Ontario for three decades has enjoyed from the availability of cheap power from Niagara.
"While the St. Lawrence may be

of great importance as an emergizing agency for the Western Ontario power systems, it has a special and a direct significance to Eastern Ontario that must never be lost sight of. Power from the St. Lawrence will be available in such large quantities and at such low prices that there should result an unprecedentedly active and extensive industrial development in all the cities and towns within easy transmission range of the two enormous power plants that will be built-one near Cornwall and the other near Morrisburg."

Correct thi ssentence: "Now that I have money," said she, "it is very with new problems as they present annoying to have the clerks treat me like a queen.'



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