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BEWARE DICTATORS!

There seems to be a general tendency these days to dictatorships. The Communists have been loud in their rage against the dictators in Europe, but at the same time they have been busy themselves building up a form of dictatorship that has other tyrannies backed off the map. There is not a vestige of democracy left in the Communist ranks. There are the little local czars who are puppets for the district Stalins, who in turn take their orders from the provincial despots who in their turn are meekly subservient to the great moguls at Moscow. The ordinary member of the party has no say in it all. Indeed, there is a peculiar force to the saying that he cannot call his life his own.

The Fascists are a natural reaction to the brutal tyranny of the Communists. To that extent and that only, perhaps—they are better than the Communists. But Fascists, like Communists, work for a plan where the individual is asked to give up all his rights for the state—only to discover later—when it is too late—that the state simply means a small group of self-seeking dictators.

There are those who believe that the general fate of Europe will overtake America. It should not be forgotten, however, that Europe still has one nation where there is no dictatorship of either Fascist or Communist. That nation is Britain—still the home of democracy—where the nation is great because it works for the individual and assures him the greatest measure possible of liberty. There are those who see a trend in the United States to dictatorship. Its form may be mild, but its implications are there. If the tendency continues to dictatorship in the United States, Canada (a British nation) has the opportunity to keep liberty alive on this continent, just as Britain herself has done in Europe.

The only way to avoid dictatorship is by the same method used by Britain—eternal vigilance and sturdy opposition to every encroachment on liberty no matter what guise it may assume. In Ontario efforts towards dictatorship have been made chiefly by attempt to reduce the powers of municipalities. Under the leadership of Hon. David Croll and his underlings there has been persistent encroachment on the rights of municipalities. Croll has gone but there are indications that part of his policy remains. Every effort should be made to oppose this tendency to deprive municipalities of self-government. There is no possible excuse for depriving municipalities of their rights. Municipalities make mistakes, no doubt,—sometimes are extravagant. But according to the Soviet-minded dictators themselves the worst mistakes and the most unpardonable extravagance in the history of the country was that of provincial administrations. No doubt in this they exaggerate, but they have the idea. Every Liberal-minded man and woman, and everyone who would conserve the freedom and the rights for which past generations fought so hard, should set their faces sternly against encroachments upon civic rights.

Of course, so far as Timmins is concerned, the most glaring example of this present-day mania for dictatorship is in municipal circles. Press and radio have been used in high-pressure attempt to build a halo around a far from handsome head, and then to have that head accepted as the sole directing agency of the town. Dictatorship in Timmins should be opposed by all for the good of all. People shouldn't be fools enough to let anybody persuade them into the belief that there is any one man who is so much smarter than everybody else. There is proof to the contrary. All that Timmins has gained so far from its experiment with dictatorship has been higher taxes and lower spirits. The people of Timmins who do not pretend to be very clever and have no aspirations for dictatorship have shown they can do a good democratic piece of administration. From a clearing in the bush they progressed in a few short years to a modern city of the better type. All the blithering ballyhoo from a few who do not know the town or its history will not alter the fact. Impatience to progress faster or to achieve an impractical and impossible heaven on earth has not

helped the town a particle. Quite the contrary! Conditions generally are less desirable. Taxes are higher. New taxes are sought—even on coal chutes and signs. It is about time that further efforts at silly czarism here should be strongly snubbed. There is nothing in such nonsense for the people in general. At the moment there should be the most determined opposition to any preliminary tricks like that of appointing a town manager so that the dictator might have only one head to threaten rather than all the heads of the departments. This is a democratic country. This isn't the sort of town where there is only one smart fellow. There are enough capable men here to carry on the various departments of town administration with the same success as in the past. No dictators are needed. None should be wanted. None should be tolerated, despite the vapourings of their petty hirelings.

GOING THE LIMIT

When the speed limit for automobiles in Ontario was 35 miles per hour, many drivers made 50 and 90 miles an hour. Indeed, the very fact that the law was commonly broken was used as an argument for changing the law. Although the new speed limit has been in force only a few days it is apparent that the argument referred to was only along the anarchistic line of logic, that if there were no law at all, there would be no law-breaking. No sooner was the new limit of 50 miles an hour in force for cars than an ingenious argument was brought forward against its rigid enforcement. It was pointed out that under the old 35-miles-an-hour limit there were seldom prosecutions unless a car were going 45 or 50 miles an hour. It was suggested that just as there was a leeway under the old law's enforcement, car drivers now should be permitted a speed of 55 or 60 miles. To carry the argument to its logical conclusion, the proper procedure would be to increase the legal speed limit to 55 or 60 miles an hour, and then repeal the law and make the limit 65 or 70 miles an hour, with a leeway of another ten or fifteen miles, in turn repealing that, and so on and so on until the speed limit of cars was reached. In other words the argument resolves itself into the idea that the argument resolves itself into the idea that the arbitrary speed limit enforced by the laws of mechanics and man's ingenuity. That tempts to the suggestion that instead of restricting the motorist in the matter of speed, the manufacturers of cars should be dealt with and the law so altered as to make it an offence to sell a car that will be able to travel at more than a certain speed. All the statistics gathered in the matter suggest that speed is a vital factor in the large number of motor car accidents that are a blot on the supposed civilization and humanity of the present day. It may be accepted as a fact that the world will not forever coolly and calmly accept the daily toll of death and injury and damage from the speed fiend's work. Before long the man who is determined to defy all limits of speed will speedily find that he will be limited in some way or another in the public interests and for the general safety.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Speaking of a circus sideshow here a local man said last week:—"That wasn't flaming youth. That was only burned-out old age."

A reader of The Advance asks:—"Which is correct—The Globe and Mail is or 'The Globe and Mail are'?" Both are correct. Also, by the looks of things it is quite correct to say, "The Globe and Mail will be."

Perhaps Councillor Wren imagines he may get a raise in salary from his employers for his false and senseless attack on The Advance at the last council meeting. If he doesn't he will have given himself away for nothing.

In the retirement of Hon. Stanley Baldwin British public life loses a sound and valued leader. Because he was a modest, plain, blunt gentleman without desire to be a dictator and lacking in the bombast and self-glorification of the political adventurer, he gave notable service to the Empire for many years before his worth was recognized except by a small circle. His talent, his understanding, his diplomacy, his firmness, and above all his kindness, in a time of genuine Empire crisis showed the true merit of the man. History will place him high among the great men of the British Empire.

Outstanding Programme for Dance Recital Event

The dance recital and children's dress ball by the pupils of Miss Margaret Easton is always a special event, but this year there is even more than the usual interest. The programme as outlined in The Advance last Thursday promises an evening of particular charm and interest. The dance recital and children's dress ball by the pupils of Miss Margaret Easton is being held this year in the Masonic hall on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week, June 3rd and 4th. No one who loves dancing of finished type, grace and charm in clever children, beautiful costumes, happy lighting effects and a complete evening of delightful entertainment should miss this special event.

average minimum was 48.75 degrees. The individual temperatures for the past four days were as follows—Thursday, May 27th, max. 70, min. 37; Friday, May 28th, max. 77, min. 42; Saturday, May 29th, max. 82, min. 54; Sunday, May 30th, max. 83, min. 52. During the night the mercury reached a minimum of 66 degrees and at 8:00 a.m. this morning the temperature had not changed.
Precipitation—Rain fell this morning from 1:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. to a depth of 27 inches.
Forecast—Fair and moderate with probable showers. It will be a little cooler for the next few days.

Born—on May 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gilbert, of Shumacher—a daughter.

Yesterday Set New High for This Year
Maximum was 89 on Official Thermometer.
Yesterday's sweltering heat sent the mercury to a new high for the year. According to the weatherman, the maximum temperature reached was 89 degrees. At any rate it was hot enough to force people to shed all unnecessary clothing. Towards early morning, a heavy thunderstorm cooled the atmosphere and made it possible for people to get to sleep.
The average maximum temperature for the week was 79.5 degrees and the



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LOCALS

Mr. Francis French is a visitor to Toronto.

Mrs. E. Bask left for an extended holiday to Finland on Thursday.

Miss Dorothy Remus, who has been visiting Mrs. C. A. Remus in town, left for her home in Pembroke on Friday.

Edmund Coulis, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Coulis, of 23 Montgomery avenue, died here on May 28th.

Mrs. Ralph Crotty and little daughter, Janet, left yesterday for a visit to Woodstock, Ontario.

Born—on May 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Beauchamp, of 23 Second avenue, Goldale Township—a son.

Born—on May 27, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones of 72 Cameron street north—a daughter.

Born—on May 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Goron, of 116 Wilson avenue—a daughter.

Born—on May 22, to Mr. and Mrs. Felix Clement, of 48 Bannerman avenue—a daughter.

Born—on May 20, to Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Behr, of 165 Pine street north—a daughter.

Born—in Timmins, on Monday, May 31st, to Mr. and Mrs. P. T. Molsley, a daughter.

Born—on May 25, to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Erickson of 102 Birch street north—a son.

Born—on May 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. James of 67 Fourth avenue—a son.

Born—on May 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Brunette, of 282 Maple street north—a son.

Born—on May 30, to Mr. and Mrs. Angelo A. Guolla (Mr. Guolla is a member of the local police force) of 52½ Kirby avenue—a son.

Born—on May 27, to Mr. and Mrs. George Paroznich, of 107½ Birch street north—a son.

Born—on May 28th, to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Dent, of 10 Third street, Goldale Township—a daughter.

Among those who left for Finland on Thursday were: Mrs. Chas. Lind, Mrs. G. Viitasaari, Mrs. Fynnynen and son, Mrs. Tanner, Mrs. Mettinen and son, Ralph, and Mrs. Wm. Trudgian.

As the holiday season advances, more and more people are leaving to visit their native homes. Among those who left on Friday were Mrs. E. Valenius, and Mrs. Lehtinen, who will both visit friends and relatives in Finland.

Mr. V. Valo and daughter, Sirkka, have motored to Spruce Lake near North Bay where they will take up residence. They have been in town for the past twenty years, and they will be greatly missed by their many friends here.

Timmins Salvation Army Will Reach its Objective

Despite the several other appeals being made at the same time, the presence in town of the Conklin Shows and other calls on the purses of the people, the Timmins Salvation Army in its tag day here on Friday raised \$180—within four dollars of last year's figure. Tag days for South Porcupine and Schumacher, however, netted \$96—six dollars more than last year—so the net result for the district is a little better than last year. The collection from business places and individual supporters of the Army is going along well and it is clear now that this year's objective of \$1075 for the Self Denial Fund will be reached.

WANT Ads

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Summer cottage near the lake at Pottsville, Ont. For more information, apply at 161 Maple Street South, Phone 817-M. -42p

FOR RENT—Large front bedroom. Gentlemen preferred. Apply 7 Elm Street South. -42

FOR RENT—Large, comfortably furnished room, all conveniences; suitable for one or two gentlemen. Central location. Apply 42 Fourth Avenue or Phone 516. -42p

ARTICLES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Baby's pram in excellent condition. Apply 129 Main Avenue Timmins. -42p

FOR SALE—Square stern freight canoe in excellent condition. Suitable for use with outboard motor. Phone 889-W. -42p

FOR SALE—Used double-deck bunks, wood burner camp ranges, and heaters. Apply Crawley & McCracken Company Limited, Sudbury, Ont. -33-34-42

FOR SALE—McClary's double oven Hotel Range. A real stove suitable for cafe, hotel, lumber camp, etc. A real buy. See Mrs. Shephard, Fourth avenue, opposite Fire Hall. -39-40-41

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—4-foot jackpine wood; counter scales, coffee mill, meat slicer, sausage stuffer, meat chopper, "Jack Frost" ice machine; one tractor, 2 chicken coops, store counters, etc. All deals cash. Apply Nick Blahney, Third Avenue. -42-43-41

Little Barbara Allen Laid to Rest Sunday

Touching Funeral Service at South Porcupine.

South Porcupine, Ont., May 30th, 1937 Special to The Advance.

A most touching and sad occasion was the funeral of little Barbara, six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen, of Dome Extension, to-day.

The tragic and sudden ending to a happy little girl's life, and the distraught parents' pathetic distress caused tears to flow from the eyes of every person present in the crowded United Church.

Only three days ago the little girl was in perfect health, a charming little curly-haired lassie, the idol of her parents' heart.

To-day the tiny white casket held all that was left—the little life snuffed out by tragedy, burned and scarred. She was playing by the bonfire just a few yards away from home.

Flowers of every hue and scent banked the choir-rail and spoke eloquently of the beauty and fragility of the life of man.

Dr. Fraser conducted the short service and spoke feelingly to the assembled mourners. He read the account of David, who, when his son died, said: "I shall go to him, but he will not return to me." He also read of the action of Christ who, placing a little child before Him said, "Except ye become as little children ye cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven."

He spoke of the treasure of children—their frankness, their openness, their lack of social distinctions, shames us, and their courageous belief in us as parents brings out the best in us.

The sorrow when they are taken from us is overwhelming. Accidents may sometimes be prevented but some accidents cannot be prevented even by the most careful parents. The accident that took this child's life was an "Act of God"—we can instruct and we can warn, but in this case no wisdom could prevent and no one foresee.

He besought the parents to take up once more the duties of life, not to be embittered or resentful, but to make our homes fit and worthy for the greatest treasures God bestows upon us—our children.

The hymn "When He Cometh to Make up His Jewels" was sung, and then the body was borne from the church by six young boys, (Jim Curtis, Fernleigh Uren, Ronald Moyle, Neil Pirie, Stanley McGinn, and Kenneth Thomas) and followed by one of the longest processions of cars that we have seen at a funeral here, to the Tisdale cemetery where the interment took place.



The regular meeting of the Timmins Girl Guides was held on Friday. The meeting opened with breaking of the colours. This was done by the Orchid Patrol. Lillian Thomas passed her "Further Knowledge." The following girls passed in their Tenderfoot; the girls who passed them did it for their first-class badge: Irene O'Grady, by Eileen Dicker; Bertha Perault by Gladys Roy; Gilbert Lariviere by Bertha Sheridan. Plans for the coming party were made and different badges discussed. The meeting closed with taps and the Brownie Queue.

PROPERTIES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Three nice houses; 6, 7 and 8 rooms. Best locations. Suitable terms. Apply A. P. Dooley, 7 Elm Street South. -42

FOR SALE—Four-roomed house at 125 Hollinger Lane. Cheap for cash. Apply J. Daly, 125 Hollinger Lane. -26-11

FOR SALE—200-acre farm, with or without stock. Write James Adams, Mull River, Inverness County, Nova Scotia. -39-40-41-42p

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Funeral Young Lad at South Porcupine

Barry Brooks Laid to Rest with Touching and Impressive Ceremony.

South Porcupine, Ont., May 29th, 1937. Special to The Advance.

The funeral of little Barry, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Brooks, of the Dome Extension, took place from Hunkin's funeral parlour on Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. A short service was held there before going on to the United Church where Dr. Fraser conducted the funeral obsequies.

The church was filled to overflowing with sorrowing friends and neighbours, who came to show their sympathy with the parents of the dear little boy, who, by his patience under suffering and his sweet character has won a place in the hearts of all who knew him.

His class-mates from the Dome School were all there, reverently standing in the choir stalls, waiting with bowed heads to greet him for the last time.

The small white casket was carried into church by Messrs W. H. Johns, Ed. Ahl, John Fell and Don Wright. Dr. Fraser read in touching manner the scripture referring to the place of a little child in the Kingdom of Heaven. "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was sung, before Dr. Fraser spoke. In moving words which brought the tears to many eyes he told of God's mysterious ways, in sending a little child to earth, not giving him the vital spark which would make him lead a normal life and take his place among men as an equal. "His life was an undefeatable life," said the minister, "his courage and brave effort to hold his own, his ambition to live a normal life, his bravery, all made for him a place which was a very real one. His cheerful spirit, and his gentle ways won for him a place among those who loved him that can never be filled."

"Dome Extension will be a poorer place without him, and his cheerful spirit."

The hymn "Abide with Me" was sung before the cortege filed from the church to the Tisdale cemetery.

Our deepest sympathies are offered to Mr. and Mrs. Brooks in their great bereavement. The flowers sent were many and beautiful and included those from:—
Mum and Dad; Grandad; Buddy and Frankie; Grandma and Uncle Gordon; Grandma Johns and Family; Aunt Rae and Uncle Jack; Aunt Christina and Uncle Dick; Uncle Jack and Aunt Lillian; Cousins Barbara, Shirley, Jackie, Wendy and Dougie; Dome Sunday School Class; Teachers and Pupils Dome Public School; Porcupine Chapter Order of Eastern Star; Algoma Air Transport; Dome Engineering Staff;

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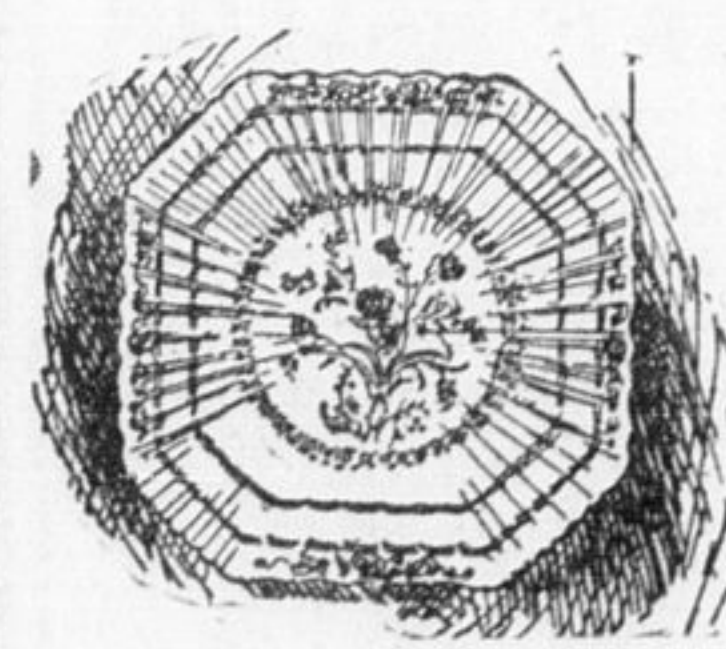


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