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### About Passes to Ex. Fresh Air, Tires, Etc.

Garbagana, Traffic and Coal and Other Things.

(Thomas Richard Henry in Telegram) The London Times doesn't seem to have much support for its suggestion that Germany be tossed a piece of Czechland as a solution to the present situation.

We stopped being an idealist in these affairs a long time ago.

To us three facts stand out like humps on a camel.

There is a piece of Czechoslovakia that projects into the present Germany in a way that must seem to the Heinies like a con's claw reaching into a chicken coop.

This projection into Germany is apparently largely inhibited by Germans who prefer the form of political insanity prevailing in Germany at the present time.

So far we see nothing to cause Britain to loose the dogs of war, even if the Sudetens do insist on piking their own "Vaterland."

On the other hand, there are a number of treaties, which we do not pretend

to understand, and there is the fact that Hitler seems intent on expanding until somebody pops him.

Maybe it's time to consider just what is the most convenient and most appropriate time to pop him.

Civilization has not progressed very far when nations still go to war.

If Europe had two or three statesmen with the intelligence of a jack rabbit, all these disputes could be settled reasonably without even a hint of war.

**Tough**  
R. A. Stapells is a director of the Canadian National Exhibition, but he is very much perturbed.

Somebody has stolen his Exhibition pass.

Things must be fairly tough when a director loses his pass and cannot get another.

He calls attention to the inconvenience of losing his "Exhibition pass, director's sign and other important documents."

Incidentally Mr. Stapells' limousine was wrapped around the Exhibition pass when the pass was stolen.

**Fresh Air**  
We see that Ontario rugby players are being invited to the Ontario Athletic Commission camp at Lake Couchiching.

It is a fine thing to give these undernourished waifs a breath of fresh country air.

### Picking Your Spot

Kipling or somebody like that ornamented on the virtue of keeping your head when everybody about you is losing theirs. We are always interested in seeing a man showing composure under trying circumstances.

We saw it on Labor Day at the C. N. E. We were crazy enough to call at the Ex. on Monday and the cars were piled in six deep getting through the western gate.

In the midst of the hundreds of cars trying to move ahead, with horns squawking and cops yelling—in the very thick of all this was a man coolly changing a tire.

He was calm, unhurried and nonchalant.

For all you could tell by watching him he was not a bit more disturbed at the commotion he was causing than if he were changing his tire on a country side road.

He gave the best show that we saw at the Exhibition—and he certainly picked a spot to put it on.

**Garbagana**  
A solid citizen takes issue with us on the question of letting the collectors of early garbage, or rather the early garbage collectors, help themselves before the city representatives arrive on the scene.

The S.C. puts forward a fairly good argument.

"Wait until you have your garbage can turned over on your side drive to be picked over and you may not be as enthusiastic for the rag pickers' visit in the early dawn."

"Besides," he said, "it is messy and unsanitary. These fellows gather up mattresses that should be destroyed, recover them, and sell them for new."

We think maybe this chap has a better argument than the city official who objected to the unofficial collectors because he thought the collector's thrill was combined with the practice of carrying off anything around the place that didn't have to be nailed down.

We don't think his deduction was sound because we do not think that anybody but a rank amateur would try to do more than one thing at a time.

We don't think a prowler with his eye on your garden hose would bother with the rather unpleasant business of picking over your garbage.

**\$100 Worth**  
We were discussing four expensive words that Jack London once sent to a U.S. paper, the other day.

A former newspaperman, once on the staff of The Evening Telegram, writes in to give Jack London a run for high pay per word.

A few years ago this man was paid \$100 fee to listen to new radio programs and give his opinion of them.

On some of them he gave long reports, but on one he simply replied "lousy" when asked his opinion—and he was paid his \$100 fee for that one word.

**Traffic and Coal**  
After floundering around for words in which to express his admiration—or something—for us and our column, a reader asks why we don't write on the following:

"Traffic conditions in Toronto during rush hours and how the police fail to enforce the by-laws re No Parking between 4.30 and 6.00 p.m." We tax payers paid good money for the signs you

see on the posts. Go down some evening on Queen east and check the obstructing cars from Woodbine to the City limits at about 5.30, on the only thoroughfare available in that section and you will form one of the 30 to 40 cars accumulating behind the T.T.C. The police are short of men, they say, and cannot check everything, yet they seem to think it necessary to have a man at the junction of Queen and Kingston road to do nothing for an hour or more, except just keep waving his hand up Kingston road. Watch him and write him up showing what contribution he makes to the scheme of things.

"Combines are illegal. It is admitted that the Welsh coal situation is controlled by three companies. The miners in Wales cannot make a decent living so we are told. The spread between buying price and selling price is now 100 per cent. They buy on a long ton basis 2240 lbs. and sell on a short ton basis 2000 lbs. Why was that fact not brought out to the fore long ago? Welsh coal up \$1.00 per ton over last spring.

We might comply with this genial lad's request but he insists that he only reads a few lines of our efforts and doesn't know how the management endures them.

It would be too bad to spend a lot of time checking up on the above and have it so far down in the column that the man who suggested it, and who can't quite make up his mind whether we are bigoted, self opinionated and conceited or not, would never see it.

### Rothermere Rapped by Noted Journalist

### Britain Must Stand Against German Aggression, Says Steed.

Controversy by mail between Lord Rothermere and Wickham Steed has been published in London. The subject was British policy with regard to Czechoslovakia and the letters show a sharp conflict of opinion. Lord Rothermere is owner of the Daily Mail and Wickham Steed was long connected with the Times, of which he was editor for some years after 1919.

On July 18 Mr. Wickham Steed wrote to Lord Rothermere:

"Dear Lord Rothermere—I have rarely written to you, but I must write after reading your article in this morning's Daily Mail, for that article, based on misleading information, may help to bring on a European war into which Great Britain would willy-nilly be drawn."

"Why should you wish to weaken the defence of this country by encouraging Germany to attack and, if possible, to obliterate Czechoslovakia, is a mystery to me."

"I can readily understand why Germany should wish you to do this. Czechoslovakia juts out into the heart of Germany. Her existence as a well-armed State, inhabited by a determined and efficient people, impedes German domination over Central and Southeastern Europe. This domination, in its turn, is an indispensable preliminary to a final German reckoning with the British Empire which forms the ultimate obstacle to German supremacy in the world."

**Bulwark For France and Britain**  
"It would be dangerous for Germany to attack either France or Great Britain as long as the Czechoslovak Republic is able, as it now is, to mobilize 900,000 well-armed and well-trained troops in a week, to dispose of a powerful air force which could threaten Dresden and Leipzig, Munich and Nuremberg in half an hour in case of German attack, and to control the great armaments works of Skoda and Wittkowitz. In order to crush Czechoslovakia swiftly, Hitler would need at least 1,000 airplanes and three million men. These airplanes and these men would be available against Great Britain and France were Czechoslovakia overthrown."

"Moreover, if Wittkowitz, Skoda and their various branches below ground were to fall into the hands of Germany, her facilities for the manufacture of armaments would be double those of Great Britain and France."

"It is comprehensive that Germany should wish to be rid of this Czechoslovak thorn in her flesh. It is not comprehensible that any British journalist, no matter how inadvertently, should help her to get rid of it. Such a course is not compatible with the loyalty to King and Empire which the Daily Mail professes."

"I need not remind you of the patriotic part played by the Daily Mail between 1903 and 1914 in arousing this country to a sense of the German danger, nor of its steadfast action throughout the war in helping to withstand that danger. Two of your sons then gave their lives in this cause. Would they approve of what you are now doing?"

"For this country and the Empire the position is clear. Either we stand with France and other friends against German domination of Europe while there is still time to avert that domination and while we still have friends, or we shall presently be confronted with a choice between abject surrender to a German mistress of the greater part of Europe, and a desperate, friendless fight for existence in which the odds would be heavily against us."

"So I urge you to bethink yourself to learn the truth and to proclaim it. This is your duty as a newspaper owner and as a British peer."

"Yours very sincerely,  
(Signed) Wickham Steed."

**Rothermere Feels Flattered**  
Lord Rothermere replied on August 3:

"Dear Mr. Wickham Steed,—Your letter flatters me. It suggests that an article by me in The Daily Mail is

exercising a great influence on the affairs of Czechoslovakia. I sincerely hope this is so because the more the truth about this monstrosity of a country becomes known, the less chance there is that the British people will allow their government to associate itself directly or indirectly in its affairs.

"From the day Czechoslovakia came into existence it has oppressed the German, Hungarian, Slovak and Polish minorities. It has done so without protest, because the League of Nations until lately, was entirely controlled by France with her allies, including Czechoslovakia."

"I am afraid you are one of those journalistic scoundrels of whom there are many. You seem to have forgotten nothing and learned nothing. You seem to think that 1938 is still 1914. You do not seem to know that today Great Britain, instead of being largely invulnerable as she was in 1914, is, owing to the development of aircraft, the most vulnerable country in Europe."

"If you and your friends had your way, you might provoke a war infinitely more disastrous than the Great War of 1914."

"I suppose you do know, but I should like to impress it upon you, that the day Great Britain goes to war in pursuit of some aim or design in Central Europe two or three of our most important Dominions will declare their neutrality and, by doing so, will bring an immediate end to the British Empire."

"Yours very faithfully,  
Rothermere."

**Proud of Remembering Lessons of War**  
On August 6 Mr. Wickham Steed wrote:

"Dear Lord Rothermere,—If I may publish my letter to you I will gladly publish your reply—which is no answer—to it."

"I am proud to be what you call a 'Journalistic Scourbon' who has not forgotten the lessons of 1903-1918. Forgetfulness of experience is not wisdom, nor is Nazi German propaganda the surest guide to the truth."

"Your information about the Dominions is faulty, as I, who am in constant touch with all the Dominions, can testify. Like me, their peoples would never approve of a British war 'in pursuit of some aim or design in Central Europe'."

"Like me—and unlike you—they would approve of, and support, resistance to attack upon the defences of Great Britain and upon the essentials of British freedom. Like me—and unlike you—they would not, in the last resort, fear to fight for the principles upon which the British Commonwealth is based."

"And it happens, today, that the defensive frontier of Great Britain is no longer on the Rhine, as Mr. Baldwin once said, but along the borders of Czechoslovakia. Tomorrow it may be elsewhere. And the surest way to save ourselves from having to defend it in arms anywhere is to have a firm and strong purpose of peace and to dare to make it known."

"Yours very sincerely,  
Wickham Steed."

**Sees Soviet Influence in Prague**  
Lord Rothermere replied on August 10:

"Dear Mr. Wickham Steed,—So it appears, according to your letter, that Czechoslovakia is now the frontier of Great Britain. This will be news to the people of the Dominions. If you or anyone else are so foolish as to believe that Great Britain and her Dominions will fight for the Moscow-owned Prague government, you are laboring under some strange delusion. Why should the People of London and Manchester be bombed to perpetuate the tyranny of the Czechs?"

"Your letter confirms the view held by Lord Northcliffe, in the last days of his association with you, that you are a man with a confused and distorted judgment."

"Please publish the whole of your correspondence with me."

"Yours very faithfully,  
Rothermere."

On August 12, Mr. Wickham Steed wrote:

"Dear Lord Rothermere,—Nothing in your Daily Mail article, or in your letters, shows a more confused and distorted judgment than your mention of a view which you allege your brother, the late Lord Northcliffe, to have held 'in the last days of his association with me; for in those last days, and for some months earlier, as you may on reflection remember, the character of his fatal illness unfortunately made it impossible for him to hold any coherent view at all, even about you."

"I shall arrange for the publication of my correspondence with you."

"Yours sincerely,  
Wickham Steed."

The Spectator report says of the controversy:

"It may be noted that though the correspondence was circulated to the press generally only two London papers, the News-Chronicle and the Daily Herald, published it, the Daily Mail itself remarking, with a santonimous propriety which sits as well on it as a kimono on Lord Rothermere, that it withholds publication 'in view of the negotiations now proceeding in Prague, and Lord Runcimna's mission.'"

### Kirkland Man Remanded on High-grade Charges

Amos, Sept. 14. — Appearing before Judge Miller, here, on Saturday, Joseph Shapiro, arrested last June at Kirkland Lake, on high-grading charges, asked for a speedy trial before a judge without jury and has been remanded until October 27.

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(by James W. Barton, M.D.)

**The Injection Treatment of Hernia**  
When the injection method for treating hernia—rupture—was first put forward it so happened that the solution used to harden the tissues was not always safe and reliable and the results in some cases were so poor that most surgeons decided not to use this method.

During the past few years the various solutions used have been found to be trustworthy and many thousands of cases have been treated successfully by the injection method.

There are some surgeons who still refuse to use any method but surgery because they still feel uncertain about the results of this method. This may seem unfair because a surgeon knowing and working so often on the structures involved in a rupture should be more expert than the family physician in using the injection method.

The injection method is now recognized and endorsed by pension and compensation boards because the results obtained in cases 'suitable' for this method are very satisfactory. It is unfortunate, however, that only about 15 per cent—one case in every six or seven—is considered suitable for the injections; the great majority of hernias still require the surgical operation for satisfactory results.

What should be remembered by those who dislike or fear operation but whose case is not suitable for injection is that, although an operation does mean cutting, they go into hospital in good physical condition, at their own choice of time, no pus condition present or emergency of any kind, and so far as operation is concerned, it is practically free from danger.

When we think of the many advantages of the injection method, patients cannot be blamed for preferring it to operation. Dr. Paul T. Butler, Orlando, Florida, in The American Journal of Surgery, states that the injection method is practically free from danger, and not at all confining, the patient being able to walk about; the individual is not required to stop work. The first need in the injection treatment is a comfortable, well-fitting truss that will keep the hernia in place under all conditions—walking, resting, working—while the treatment is in progress, that is between treatments.

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### Man on Hunger Strike Passes at Haileybury

Nickola Milgus, said to be of Polish descent, and thought to be between forty and fifty years of age, though little is known about him, died at the Haileybury jail on Sunday while jail officials were attempting to feed him. He had been committed as a mental case in police court at Kirkland Lake and was in Haileybury awaiting transfer to an institution. He had been in Haileybury jail for a week and during that time had steadfastly refused to eat. The authorities resorted to forcible feeding in effort to save the unfortunate man from starvation. While the process of feeding him by the use of a stomach pump appliance, the man passed away on Sunday. An inquest was opened into the death but was adjourned until the results of the autopsy are available. The body was shipped to Kirkland Lake for interment, the man having relatives there. While he was in jail he was visited by fellow countrymen who did everything possible for the care and comfort of the sick man.

Stayner Sun.—There was a time when student's learned their dates from history books. Now they get them through telephone books.

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