

Timmins Stamp Club Column

Dominican Torch of Liberty Burns Brightly

One of the most absolute dictatorships in the modern world may be found today in the Dominican Republic, that little Spanish-speaking country which shares with Haiti the Caribbean island of Santo Domingo.



Inaugurated as president in 1930 General Rafael L. Trujillo assumed arbitrary powers at such a rapid and sinister pace that by 1934 there were absolutely no opponents to his re-election. As a matter of simple self-preservation, opponents did not choose to run! So, as matters stand now in the Dominican Republic, the constitution provides for an election every four years; and General Trujillo provides for a unanimous vote for the only candidate.

In addition to excessive taxes and other nuisances and inconveniences of tyranny, residents of the Dominican Republic are also subjected to the spectacle of seeing General Trujillo blandly bestow upon himself the title of "Benefactor"! And again, the name of their capital city, which was founded and named Santo Domingo in 1496 by Bartholomew Columbus, was changed in 1936 to "Ciudad Trujillo" or Trujillo City! This beneficial act was proudly commemorated by a set of postage stamps bearing a portrait of the benefactor with the subtitle: "Generalissimo Doctor Rafael L. Trujillo M., Presidente de la Republica, Benefactor de la Patria."

No one, however, can accuse the Benefactor of lacking a sense of humor! For he has now contributed to philately a set of three stamps honouring that sturdy champion of civil liberty against political tyranny, the Constitution of the United States! The stamps (1c, 3c and 10c) are very handsome indeed, beautiful of design and rich of colouring. They show the torch of liberty burning very brightly, presumably in the neighbourhood of Ciudad Trujillo, and illuminating with its far flung rays all the countries of the western hemisphere!

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SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



gentler figure in a happier age. —found Germany in all the rage and humiliation of bitter defeat. Despite the antagonism of enemies within and without his borders, he has led the once-prone Empire back to a place of might and arrogance which out-Kaisers the Kaiser. That was one of the two things he promised to do at the outset of his career. Removal of the curse of unemployment from the Fatherland was the other. And it was the manufacture of armaments on a gigantic scale that accomplished both resolves at once. A third great purpose, the purge and persecution of the Jews, was the throw of a boomerang that will inevitably return and smite him.

A Nut, Perhaps, But No Fool
Admittedly, though, the hope was a feeble one. That artistic temperament of the Fuhrer's, likened by someone to a midsummer night, had all the prudence of a midsummer night to the sudden fury of an electrical storm. He has risen to power on the stormy passions of hatred, vengeance, and the lust for military might; risen with brutal relentlessness. Would he hesitate to maintain his eminence by the same stern means, Churchill asked three years ago. And the defiance at Nuremberg answers.

Using the cold light of medical science to peer beneath the glamour and the glory that shines about the story of Napoleon, many psychiatrists have found a pronounced case of G.P.I. And that is a convenient abbreviation for a grievous form of mental pathology. Herr Hitler seems to manifest many of the same symptoms, no matter how unthinkable it may appear in that the fate of civilization rests in the hands of a madman. Be that as it may, Hitler's life and work must be reckoned among the outstanding phenomena of history.

Jews May Strike Back
It is eighteen years since the Austrian corporal—a former house-painter at the same time, as Churchill points out, the foundation upon which Hitler has built so daringly, was well and truly laid by the almost-forgotten Brüning and others. Brüning, by guile and secrecy, commenced the task of re-arming Germany which Hitler and Goering carried on in fearless defiance.

Labor Government's Fault
While Adolf was in prison or obscurity, the aerial navy had its birth as air-sport, or innocent commercial flying. Under the pretence of guiding industry, a formidable General Staff, forbidden by treaty, was organized for war. Equipped to the last detail for the production of munitions at a minute's warning, German factories bided their time and turned out toys and trinkets. And all this, says Winston, bitterly, was just as well known to the intelligence staffs of Britain and France as it was to Hitler. But "intelligence" in other quarters seems to have slumbered.

Sketch of Hitler by Winston Churchill
Says Hitler Has Personal Charm. Folly of Attitude of Nations.

(By Percy Ghent)
In 1935, Winston Churchill concluded an article about Herr Hitler thus: "Meanwhile, he makes speeches to the nations which are sometimes characterized by candor and moderation. Recently he has offered many words of reassurance, eagerly lapped up by those who have been so tragically wrong about Germany in the past. Only time can show, but, meanwhile, the great wheels revolve; the rifles, the cannon, the tanks, the shot and shell, the air-bombs, the prison-gas cylinders, the airplanes, the submarines, and now the beginnings of a fleet flow in ever-broadening streams from the already largely war-mobilized arsenals and factories of Germany."

That was three years before the Nuremberg speech, marked by a certain candor, but completely shorn of both moderation and reassurance. Who were those "so tragically wrong about Germany in the past?" Churchill has them listed with some precision. Ramsay MacDonald and his colleagues "uttering high-sounding platitudes upon the blessings of peace" were among them.

Hitler Has Charms
So was that British Government at so late a date as 1932, exerting pressure upon France to reduce her armed strength. So were the kind-hearted economists of America and Britain who loaned Germany billions of dollars to revive her life and industry and were rewarded with German irritation at Allied "interference" in her affairs. And while Britain disarmed, the United States looked placidly on, and France alone protested; every human and material resource of Germany was concentrated on preparation for war under the leadership of Adolf Hitler.

Those who have met Hitler face to face, says Churchill, have found "a highly competent, cool, well-informed functionary with an agreeable manner, a disarming smile and . . . a subtle personal magnetism." Hence, writing of these things in 1935, Winston hoped that the worst was over, and that the world would live to see Hitler as a

izes in atmosphere. The man cow is labelled a bull and is lassoed out West, fought in Mexico and shot in Ottawa when parliament sits.

Commends the Pioneer Newspapers of the North

(From The Simcoe Reformer)
One of the most impressive special editions to enter The Reformer office in a long time was the 36-page issue of the Rouyn-Noranda Press, published last week and devoted principally to the opening of a large new store building in the thriving metropolis. Great credit is due Editor Dan Jones and his efficient staff for the general excellence of this publication.

The story of journalism's growth in the mining centres of Northern Ontario and Quebec is truly an epic and parallels the sensational development of the mining industry itself. The Porcupine Advance, published in Timmins by George Lake, has played an important rôle in building up that prosperous northern city, while over in Kirkland Lake, the Northern News, published under direction of Charles W. Tresler, has become one of the outstanding semi-weeklies in Canada. Both papers have given loyal and able service to the mining interests upon which their respective communities depend. They have given voice to the claims of the north country in a highly effective manner and they continue to urge greater consideration for the mining districts which have made such a notable contribution to the country's welfare during the depression period.

Now the Rouyn-Noranda Press takes rank beside these other vigorous journalistic organs to render an important service to that part of the north land in which it circulates. Over in Manitoba we find the Flin Flon district well-served in a newspaper way by The Miner, while in other mining centres of only lesser importance, new newspapers have come into being and are making rapid headway. It may not be long until Yellowknife, Canada's newest gold camp on the border of the Arctic Circle, has a newspaper of its own. Since the earliest settlement in the Canadian West, the story has been the same. Intrepid newspapermen have followed the path blazed by prospectors and pioneer agriculturists to establish printing plants and newspapers. They will continue to do so as long as the exploration of the northern mining areas goes on.

Ponies to be Taken by Air On Journey to Mine Claims

Gogama, Sept. 21.—Dogs, cats, chickens and even foxes are familiar freight in Northern Ontario airplanes. But for the first time in the history of at least one Northern plane transportation company, they will this week fly two ponies from here into Opepeesway Lake in Osgway township, the scene of Northern Ontario's latest major gold discovery.

The ponies, a pair of diminutive horses, will come from Manitoulin Island by rail freight, and will be taken the remainder of the distance into Archie Burton's claims on the northwest arm of Opepeesway Lake, today, by Austin Airways. The ponies will be taken in by Pilot Jimmie Bell in the big, yellow Fairchild plane which was used throughout the summer for aerial photography work for the Ontario government.

Air company officials do not anticipate any trouble in loading the 700-pound animals into the plane. But just to make sure they do not become frightened and perhaps drive a recalcitrant hoof through the linen sides of the plane, Joe Lafmame, famed wolf tamer, has been engaged to "hogtie" the ponies once they are in the machine. They will be securely shackled.

"Joe is the only man in Gogama strong enough to do it," declared one of the company officials.

The ponies will be used by Mr. Burton on his claims to haul wood in anticipation of an active winter program of exploration and for moving the diamond drill from place to place.

Stayer Sun:—Nowadays about the only people that dazzle the world are the ones with glaring headlights.

These Are Not the Sort of Wives for Public Men

(San Francisco Argonaut)
The wife of Senator Bilbo of Mississippi has recently obtained a divorce, but for a long time she has been a thorn in the flesh of her husband, and apparently opposed to all his political views. She announces that she intends to contest the senatorship with him two years hence, although she does not know what her platform will be. It will probably be nothing but anti-Bilbo.

Mrs. Bilbo reminds one of the estranged wife of Bulwer Lytton, the English novelist, who sat in the House of Commons until he was elevated to the peerage as Lord Lytton. On one occasion when Lytton was running for a seat in the House his wife took, as we say in America, the stump against him. Speaking before one of her audiences she said: "Would you like to have me tell you what sort of a man my husband is? Well, I will. You have all read the story of how Judas Iscariot betrayed his Master for thirty pieces of silver. My husband is a man who would have been quite capable of doing the same thing. But Judas, you know, was conscience-stricken after the Crucifixion, and went and hanged himself. But do you think that my husband would have been conscience-stricken after the betrayal? Do you think that he would have gone and hanged himself? Not he. He would have sat down and written St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians."

Sudbury Star:—Now, says a contemporary, we'd like to see Premier Mussolini of Italy and President Lebrun of France open a bridge.

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