

SIFTING THE NEWS

By Hugh Murphy

Britain is reported to be preparing the machinery for a propaganda ministry—the first in her history. Moving slowly, and with infinite caution, as is her custom, the old lady of the Atlantic intends to open her mouth and say a few words on her own behalf. In this country we do not hear propaganda to any extent—aside from radio advertising and political speeches—but in Europe it is a recognized and accepted thing. Germany has her Bureau of Popular Enlightenment and most of the other nations—especially those with totalitarian forms of Government—have their organs by which fulsome praise of governments and their works is disseminated.

It is unlikely that Britain will use the same tactics as—say Germany—where everything is opposition to Nazism is reviled without regard for truth or fact.

Britain will probably stick to her conception of the true state of things—and such broadcasts should be novel enough to the German and Italian public.

The 709 Jews who have been wandering the seas aboard the liner St. Louis since they embarked from Hamburg, Germany, on May 15, have finally some hope of a refuge. The governments of France, Great Britain, Belgium and the Netherlands have agreed to each take approximately one fourth of the human cargo. Condition is that a bond of \$500 be given for each person that he will not become a public charge.

The ship load of abuse-weary Jews left Hamburg, glad to be gone from a country where they were considered less than vermin. Destination was Cuba and the Dominican Republic. Upon arrival there they were refused permission to enter. The ship turned back to Europe but the Captain changed course when many of his passengers threatened to commit suicide rather than return to Germany.

More than 700 of the refugees hope to enter the United States. They will remain in the countries where they are given temporary shelter until such times as they are able to fulfil immigration requirements.

Prisoners serving sentence of more than three months have reason to be thankful for the visit of the King and the Queen. On the eve of the Royal departure the usual amnesty has been granted. Such prisoners have been awarded the favour of a month's reduction in the time they are supposed to owe society.

British and French concessions in the city of Tientsin, China, have been blocked by the Japanese. That means that a population of approximately 120,000 will be prevented from receiving food—in fact, goods of any kind. Prices have skyrocketed in the concessions, as they naturally would.

Trouble began when the British refused to turn over to the Japanese four Chinese who were accused of killing an official of the Tientsin provincial government. The British contended that there was insufficient evidence to warrant their surrender of the men to what probably would be certain death. "An unfriendly act" was the manner in which British official circles term-

the blockade. That would seem to be a wonderful example of understatement.

The Japanese government undoubtedly will file the "protest" away with all the others it has received from Britain and the other nations of the world—and continue doing what it is doing.

The Japs may even apologize. They are very good at offering apologies and regrets. They are very practiced also. A Japanese apology and expression of regret has been proved to be as about sincere as the paper it is written on—or perhaps they are turned out by a duplicating machine. Britain has several of them already. She will add this one to her collection. By the time the Sino-Japanese conflict is over every government will have at least one by which to remember Japan is a courteous if an insincere nation.

Triple Programme at Cartier Theatre This Week

"Gun Law" and "Annabel Takes a Tour" and "World Fair Follies" on the Stage.

For Friday and Saturday of this week, June 16th and 17th, the Cartier Theatre announces a big double feature programme, but it is in reality a triple feature event, each of the three special offerings for the evening being an extra special.

On the screen alone there is a big double feature programme—George O'Brien in "Gun Play," and Jack Oakie and Lucille Ball in "Annabel Takes a Tour." Then on the stage there are the noted "World's Fair Follies," giving sixty minutes of dancing, comedy, music. This feature direct from the World's Fair at New York is making a notable hit at each performance.

George O'Brien, on of the leading action stars in pictures, plays the role of a United States marshal in his latest outdoor thriller, "Gun Law." Entering films in the silent era as a stunt man and double, O'Brien swiftly won leading roles in such memorable offerings as "The Iron Horse" and "Sunrise." Today he is firmly established as an outstanding player of the virtue, he-man variety. In "Gun Law," a thrilling story of outlawry and conflict on the old Arizona frontier, O'Brien, a federal officer, is assigned to the daring task of crushing banditry in these badlands. Supporting him in "Gun Law," an RKO Radio picture, are Rita Oshmen and Ray Whitley.

Rivalry between two glamorous movie stars over notoriety in the newspapers brings about uproarious complications in RKO Radio's "Annabel Takes a Tour." Starring Jack Oakie and Lucille Ball, this is the second film in the "Annabel" series about Hollywood life, with Oakie as the trigger-quick press agent and Miss Ball as the fiery movie star.

Report that President and Lady Invited to Britain

United States Newspapers are featuring reports that the King and Queen previous to leaving the United States extended an invitation to President and Mrs. Roosevelt to visit Great Britain in the near future. Officials refuse to confirm or deny the report, and this adds to the newspapers' idea that there is something to it.

SIR FREDERICK BANTING WEDS



Sir Frederick Grant Banting was married recently, but news of the event did not come out until three days later. The discoverer of insulin took Miss Henrietta Ball of Newcastle, N.B., for his bride. Lady Banting graduated last year from the medical research school of the University of Toronto, then took a six months' course in England. The couple went to Washington on their honeymoon.

Ukrainian Concert Under Auspices of Gold Belt Band

The Northern News of Kirkland Lake on Tuesday, had the following of local interest:

"Before a large audience at the Strand Theatre on Sunday night a very fine musical concert was provided by Ukrainian musicians and dancers sponsored by the Porcupine Gold Belt Band from Timmins by the Canadian Ukrainian Youth Fed. Mandoliers. The band played stirring music in eight different numbers while the mandoliers led by Bill Kunka gave an excellent exhibition in mandolin pieces. The sword dance by Stanley Kremry came in for a great ovation as did the group dancing of the ladies. Other highlights of the entertainment were the singing of Helen Kremry and the violin solos of Michael Kostynk. The programme which was well varied was conducted by Mike Panchuk as master of ceremonies. A. G. Welsh led the band."

Notable Dog Show Held at Noranda Last Week

Years ago people were surprised at the number of high-class registered dogs in Timmins when these were brought to the fore by the dog shows held in connection with the Poultry Show here. Some of these dogs were outstanding for class and breed. Today, if the best dogs in town were gathered for show purposes, the resulting exhibition would be of still greater impressiveness. Noranda last week showed that in the matter of canines that community is just as cosmopolitan as in the line of people. The Humane Society at Noranda sponsored a dog show, and the result was a surprising exhibition of fine dogs. There were nearly a hundred entries, and the variety of good breeds shown is evidenced by the fact that there were properly qualified entries in the following classes:—Airedales, Spaniels (4 varieties), Great Danes, Shepherds (2 varieties), St. Bernards, Huskies (6 varieties), Terriers (7 varieties), Bulls (3 varieties), Collies, Spitzes, Setters, Pointers, Newfoundlanders, Chesapeake, Pinschers and four kinds of Toy dogs. Noranda hopes to make the event an annual one.

Chief of 87 Years of Age Had 211 Men Under Him

(Peterborough Examiner)

The Royal tour has provided unusual experiences for a number of people in this province. Tom Ellis is as good an example as any other. He is chief of police of Washago, a village through which many people pass on the way from Orillia to the Muskoka district. Chief Ellis is 87 years of age and during the 40 years he has been the only visible force of law and order in the community he has never made an arrest and reports indicate there is no particular reason why he should have done so.

The chief has been able to handle things alone but on the day when Their Majesties stopped at Washago for 19 minutes it was different. There were a dozen provincial constables, 50 special constables and 150 from the Legion at Orillia. And it was nicely stated in the reports. They had not gone there to take charge of the situation but rather "to assist Chief Tom Ellis."

So for one glorious day when the village was swollen in population to something like 40,000 Chief Ellis, in his 87th year, had at his command a force of 212 assistants. And even then the 40-year record held good. There were no arrests!

Close to One Hundred Entries, Many of the Dogs Being Outstanding.

Wedding at the Manse on Wednesday, June 14th

A quiet wedding took place at the Manse of the Timmins Finnish United Church, 20A Elm St. North, Wednesday, June fourteenth, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, when Marjorie Florence Bedford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Lawrence Bedford, of 155 Dome Ave., South Porcupine, Ont., became the bride of William Maki, son of the late Mr. Anselm and Mrs. Maki, of Golden Ave., South Porcupine, Rev. A. I. Heinonen solemnized the marriage. Miss Myra M. C. Heinonen and Mr. Leivo Punkari acted as witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. Maki will reside in South Porcupine.

THE DEMOCRATIC ANSWER OF THE GRACIOUS QUEEN

"I'll tell my dad." It remained for Ald Lakie, of Lethbridge, to furnish the best proof yet of Queen Elizabeth's democracy of spirit. Ald Lakie knew her father in Scotland. When the Queen met the Lethbridge alderman and he told of his acquaintance with her father, she said, quite as casually as one Old Countryman to another, "I'll tell my dad."—(From the Lethbridge Herald).

Will Exhaust Forest Reserves in Forty-Two Years

Reforestation is Necessary, Speaker Tells Kiwanis Club on Monday.

At the present rate of cutting, Canada's forests reserves will be exhausted in forty-two years, said Ernest Reeves, of Timmins, speaking on Monday at the luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Reeves is associated with the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company.

Forest reserves in Canada are estimated at 175 billion board feet, said Mr. Reeves. Present rate of cutting is about three and a half billion feet a year.

There are 8,200 businesses in Canada dealing in forest products. The average pay roll is \$54,000,000 annually. However, the industry has been mostly devastating forests, that is depleting tracts of timber and making no effort to reforest.

On top of the devastation of the industry there is a heavy annual fire loss. Last year it amounted to \$50,000,000 close to the annual pay roll of the industry.

Through educating the public to the value of reforestation and forest management, governmental action could be forced. There should, said Mr. Reeves, be forest management under government control. It would include land classification as to whether land was suitable for agriculture or forests, fire prevention and reforestation.

Reforestation was absolutely necessary if we were to have timber reserves for future years. In addition it would help prevent floods, improve tourists trade and the fishing throughout the country. Other countries have made a good job of reforestation and Canada should be able to do as good a one.

Arch Gillies thanked the speaker for his address on behalf of the club.

A community inter-club committee, consisting of Horace Laidlaw, Fred Bert and William Langdon was appointed to work in conjunction with local clubs in the community in their various service efforts.

Suggestion that a stag barbecue be held sometime near the beginning of August was made by Mr. R. P. Kinkel, in charge of the arrangements for the annual carnival.

A ladies' night will be held on Monday next at seven p.m. It will take the place of the regular luncheon meeting.

Visitors at the meeting were Dr. Joachim Prinz, New York; Murray Kennedy, Noranda; Frank Watson, New Liskeard; Carl H. Cooper, M. P., Toronto, and Bert Moore, of Toronto. J. L. Fulton, president, was in the chair and Fritz Woodbury led the singing and introduced the speaker.

High Commissioner Refers to Lessons of the King's Visit

Should Spur All to Greater Effort for the Empire and for Advancement.

In view of the recent visit of the King and Queen to Canada, the address by Sir Gerald Campbell, K.C., M. G., High Commissioner for the United Kingdom, as given at the annual dinner of the Canadian Life Insurance Officers' Association, will have special significance and timeliness. The following are some extracts from Sir Gerald Campbell's address:

"During the past winter I made several visits to Toronto and in numerous speeches I tried to interpret the United Kingdom to you, for that I regard as one of the principal duties of a High Commissioner, and you on your side have been most generous in listening to me as I told you about our achievements, our purposes, and our sorrows. Tonight I will, if I may, usurp the privilege which belongs to me as a fellow British Subject, and share your joys with you. The winter was long with darkness and snow outside and, still worse, anxiety and apprehension inside. These of us who could not help looking out saw a world far too full of hatred and suspicion, a world over which something unknown has been hovering for far too long, and unfortunately it still hovers as nations indulge in the sadistic pastime of keeping everybody guessing.

"But Canada had something to look forward to and the question was often asked will our King and Queen come or will something happen to prevent them? Even to the last moment this question was asked, for the cancellation of the sailing of H.M.S. "Repulse" emphasized the difficulties of the general situation, but the motto of our Royal Family is "carry on", and not only in their coming but throughout the tour which they made of the Dominion it is abundantly clear to all that our King and Queen live up to that motto with unwavering fidelity.

"I imagine that all of us have lots of thoughts during these past three weeks, but one thought of mine has centred on the old pioneers who built this Dominion and I wonder what they would say if the cheers of millions waked them from their long sleep. They of all men and women should not be surprised for, as they went forward urged by the love of adventure and the passion for discovery, they carried with them, wherever they built their homes, wherever they cast anchor, the traditions and the ideals of the countries which gave them birth, and through mountains and the waters of seas divided them they never lost that intangible thread of spirit which drew their thoughts back to what they still call Home. It was thus that the Empire was founded and it is because of this that the Empire still exists today. The ties which bind each part of that Empire together are, in the words of Burke, "Light as air, but strong as links of iron." In Canada today they are stronger still because the tie is now even more personal than before, and the spontaneous, unregimented cheers which go forward are for the King and Queen who by their dignity and charm have captivated a people who cry "the half was never told". Those cheers are not for a King

who wants to lead his subjects on to war; they are for a King who in his eloquent public speeches has spoken to us of peace and freedom, of faith, hope and love. Shakespeare spoke of the Divinity which hedges a King; we can speak from personal knowledge of a Humanity which embraces a King and Queen.

Shakespeare also wrote: "Upon the King! Let us our lives, our souls, Our debts, our careful wives, Our children and our sins lay on the King!"

Shall we cast all this burden on him today? No, for we realize that each man, each woman, each son, each daughter of this British Commonwealth of Nations is eager to bear his or her part in the payment of the age to come, standing firm and foursquare to the faith of which His Majesty speaks, defending that freedom which is threatened by those who for a brief moment; have captured the imagination of thoughtless men, sharing our interests with the interests of those whose claim is progress and a greater social charity, and shrinking from no sacrifice to be strong provided that the strength is directed towards peace through conciliation and common sense.

"There is another line of Shakespeare which keeps on jumping to my mind as I listen to broadcasts of Their Majesties' tour, and that is: "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this sun of York."

"I have spoken of the winter through which we have passed, the summer is indeed upon us, and as you lift up your hearts, you are lifting up your heads too in pride and hope if it so be the predictions made by several Canadian writers of improvement in trade because of the Royal visit are based on fact and even something more than fact. Are we wrong to talk of trade in this connection? I don't think so because if we are going to have peace through conciliation and common sense we have got to get back to legitimate interests, we have got to overcome the poverty and unemployment which is the immediate cause of some of the problems of the world today, and we can only get back to these things by removing the obstacles which we have placed in the path of the free flow of the river of trade.

"To return to our Commonwealth and to ourselves who sing so often now-a-days with heart and voice "God Save the King", we mean that wish to come true, if we desire above all else that he may be spared for long reign over us, we must be brave in heart and great in soul and remember that to make our Empire—His Empire—a great force for good and for peace in the world, is a task which can only be accomplished by the conscious enthusiasm and participation of each and every son and daughter labouring not for ambition, nor for fame, nor for riches, but for the glory of God and for our fellow men and women. Let us too "carry on".

Trenton Courier-Advocate: Our King and Queen have crossed Canada, coast to coast, and not one single untoward incident to their safety has been recorded. Our King and Queen stand for so much that is kind and good and just what they can mix at will and without guard with the crowds that have gathered from all parts of the dominion to pay homage. The British Empire has much to be thankful for.

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