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THE NEXT STEP

Now that the Sudeten question seems to be about settled, the next step toward European appeasement should be the settlement of the Spanish civil war. The reasonable step would seem to be a conference of possibly the same four powers with General Franco, leader of the Fascist faction with the leader of the government faction and with a view to coming to some definite arrangement for the appointment of a small foreign committee to get the groups together and re-establish a reasonable administration, neither Communistic nor Fascist. Some form of democracy under the supervision of an outside group seems necessary until the country gets back into a more normal condition after the years of devastation.

PRINCE RUPERT DEFENCES

We do not know whether, during the recent excitement, any steps were taken to defend Prince Rupert but, if they were not, they certainly should have been. Had there been war last week instead of peace it would not have been at all unlikely that Prince Rupert would be raided and probably seized. We should have found ourselves in a very difficult situation, possibly being forced to evacuate leaving everything behind or destroying it as we retreated.

We have been led to understand that more money will be available for defence purposes after the next session of Parliament has voted it. After what we have gone through it is reasonable to think that Parliament will be more inclined to grant aid to the defences of this coast, although it has not done badly in the past. We object to the spending of all the money in the south and leaving Prince Rupert wholly undefended. We presume, now that they have poured money into Vancouver and Victoria so lavishly, there will be an opportunity for Prince Rupert to get a little help for a similar purpose.

NOT LAUGHABLE MATTER

When it was announced yesterday that Hon. Neville Chamberlain and Chancellor Hitler had agreed that in future there would be no war between Germany and Great Britain, a good many people smiled incredulously at the idea of being able to curb the German dictator in his mad career. Possibly his idea of appeasement is to continually get more but, at any rate, he has agreed to the general principle of full and free discussions as a means of securing what he wants, if he wants anything. It is a distinct forward step.

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Canada At War
TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Written for The Canadian Press
By CAPT. W. W. MURRAY, M. C.)

Two years ago hundreds of Canadian war veterans picnicked on the peaceful banks of the Canal du Nord, which is roughly about two-thirds of the way between Arras and Cambrai. They visited the village of Inchy-en-Artois, talked with the peasants in their red-bricked cottages and gazed with interest across the gently sloping fields beyond the Canal which culminated in a thick copse that dominated the surrounding terrain—the Bourlon Wood. The tranquility of the place contrasted strangely with the inferno of their first crossing of the Canal du Nord. Twenty years ago Tuesday the Canadian Corps wrote into the history of the Great War a chapter which, for heroism and daring, has few parallels.

How the Canadians stormed the Canal du Nord, their thoroughly unorthodox tactics which have no place in any military text-book, the determination and confidence with which they went about it are part of a story whose wonder grows with the years. When General Sir Arthur Currie, the Canadian Corps Commander, propounded his plan to attack across the Canal, the wisest strategists counselled him against it.

The Canal du Nord linked the Somme Canal with the Canal de la Senese, 20 miles apart. From Pailluel, the junction point with the Canal de la Senese in the north, to Marquion on the Arras-Cambrai Road—a distance of about six miles—the Canal du Nord was flooded, the waters overflowing for a considerable distance beyond both banks. South of Marquion, the watercourse was dry. The Canal had been under construction at the outbreak of the war. On the Canadian front the extent of the waterless portion was in the neighborhood of 3,500 yards. And through this mile and a half bottle-neck, Sir Arthur Currie planned to pass the whole attacking forces of the Canadian Corps.

Artillery Big Factor

Provided he was successful, the assaulting troops would fan out to the northward on crossing the Canal. Some would have to reverse their direction again by attacking westward, back toward the flooded section. This involved the working out of a most complicated, artillery barrage. At the beginning of the attack the gunners would lift their guns to cover the advance across the Canal. When this was accomplished, the guns would swing at a left angle to protect the troops who, at this stage, were required to turn northward. Later, the guns were to shorten their range instead of lengthening it, covering the assaulting waves who were fighting their way backward to the edge of the flooded portions.

The whole operation was fraught with dreadful risks. The Germans had done everything conceivable to make their position impregnable. On the sloping ground east of the Canal they had constructed deep trenches, heavily wired with thick entanglements. Within them was the dominating bastion of Bourlon Wood, which day and night belched the fire of the heaviest artillery.

For the initial stage of the attack the 1st and 4th Canadian Divisions were employed with the 3rd Canadian and 11th Imperial Divisions entering on the second phase. All four would then advance to a final objective which was set about four miles from the starting place.

At 5:20 o'clock on the morning of September 27 the guns opened, and the attack began. The intensity of the barrage on this greatly restricted frontage was overwhelming. Shells of every calibre burst on the German lines beyond the Canal banks, and behind this fiery curtain the Canadian infantry advanced. To clamber up the steep walls of the canal many units carried scaling ladders—implements heretofore unused on the Western Front but of immense advantage to the attacking troops.

The task was to get the great mass of troops through the bottle-neck before the enemy gunners could appreciate what was taking place and utterly blanket the area with shells. As it was his artillery response was swift and heavy but it was scattered. Within an hour

more than 20,000 troops had surged through the bottle-neck, and were sweeping up to their first objective.

Attack Was Success

The effect of the Canadian shell-fire was devastating. Beyond the efforts of stout-hearted machine-gunners, the enemy's resistance was not resolute; but it stiffened as the Canadians moved up the slope towards Bourlon Wood and as they fanned out to their wider front. The Wood, however, had been deluged with gas shells and the Canadians encircled it, laying siege to the wood until such time as the dissipation of the gas enabled them to enter.

From first to last the attack was a success, justifying to the confidence which Sir Arthur Currie had reposed in the Canadian troops. Much severe fighting with bomb and bayonet featured every phase of the advance but the Canadians would not be halted. Flushed with triumph, they stood on all objectives at the end of the day. Beyond them rose the spires of Cambrai, four miles away. This was the goal that beckoned them since that morning on August 26 when they crashed through the enemy's line east of Arras. After Cambrai—Valenciennes. After Valenciennes—Mons.

Old Country Soccer

English League, First Division
Aston Villa 2, Portsmouth 0.
Bolton Wanderers 4, Middlesborough 1.
Charlton Athletic 4, Birmingham 4.
Chelsea 1, Stoke City 1.
Derby County 2, Blackpool 1.
Everton 2, Liverpool 1.
Grimsby Town 0, Brentford 0.
Leeds United 8, Leicester City 2.
Preston North End 1, Manchester United 1.
Sunderland 0, Arsenal 0.
Wolverhampton Wanderers 3, Huddersfield Town 0.

Scottish League, First Division
Aberdeen 4, Falkirk 1.
Aldon Rovers 1, Celtic 8.
Clyde 2, Arbroath 0.
Hamilton Academicals 2, St. Johnston 1.
Hearts 5, St. Mirren 2.
Kilmarnock 4, Partick Thistle 2.
Queen of South 1, Third Lanark 2.

**Queens Park 1, Ayr United 3.
Raith Rovers 0, Motherwell 1.
Rangers 5, Hibernians 2.**

TO REDUCE SCRUMS

LONDON, Oct. 1: (CP)—With a view to reducing the number of scrummages in Rugby League football it is proposed to try a line-out from touch instead of a scrum 10 yards in-field.

Report Denies English Bank Controls Ire

Banking Commission Deplors Idea London May Have Bad Influence On Financing in Ireland

(By Joseph Dennigan, Canadian Press Correspondent)

DUBLIN, Eire, Sept. 30: (CP)—Favorite argument of Social Credit advocates here that the Bank of England "pulls the financial strings" in Ireland is scorned by the Commission on Banking, Currency and Credit.

One witness who came before the commission declared: "I am profoundly disappointed with the result of Irish national self-government and attribute it very largely to the fact that we did not control our national credit on making the separation. I maintain that a community claiming self-government which shirks the responsibility of taking control of its own money is simply not fit for self-government."

Another witness expressed himself even more strongly and declared that the Bank of England acted through its agents in Eire—all the financial forces in the country. "That," he asserted, "is the reason why the country is pauperized. Our people cannot get married."

The commission deplored these attitudes in the course of its report and said such views represent a complete misunderstanding not only of the currency problem but also of the legal position. From a legal point of view Eire as a sovereign body is free to determine its own national currency and insofar as its own interests are concerned it chooses to adopt exchange stability, acting only in the same way as other countries which pursue the same objective.

"This relationship," said the commission, "involves no direct interference with the internal conditions of other countries by, for instance, the Bank of England. The policy pursued by this bank for that matter, the Exchange Equalization Account is directed towards the attainment of general objectives such as exchange stability or the maintenance of sound credit conditions.

"On a true understanding of the position it is not possible to give any credence to the idea that there is any interference in the working of Irish economy and finance by the Bank of England."

Timely Recipes

TOMATO JUICE-CUCUMBER LIME

1 can (14 oz.) tomato juice
1/2 cucumber (chopped)
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 tablespoon fresh lime juice

Select a cucumber about seven inches long. Cut in half, then peel and chop the cucumber finely. Add the chopped cucumber to the tomato juice and let it stand in refrigerator for at least one hour. Then strain forcing as much of the cucumber juice through the sieve as possible. Add the salt and fresh lime juice and serve chilled.

Be wise. Read the want ads.

SPORT CHAT

Connie Mack, aged Philadelphia Athletics pilot, surprised the baseball world when he announced sale of Al Simmons, Mule Haas and Jimmy Dykes to Chicago White Sox six years ago Wednesday. The deal broke up the great Athletic machine that had won three successive American League championships from 1929 to 1931.

All four teams of the Interprovincial Rugby Football Union were hard hit two years ago Thursday when the Big Four executive after a secret session announced 10 United States "imports" ineligible to play. Residence rule violations lopped off three players each, from Montreal and Hamilton and two each from Toronto Argonauts and Ottawa Roughriders.

The all-time major league home run record of 59, set by Babe Ruth in 1921, was smashed by the Balt. himself at New York 11 years ago yesterday, when he connected for his 80th round tripper. From 1914 until his retirement early in 1935 Ruth hit 714 home runs.

Dr. J. Lee Richmond, who pitched the first perfect major league baseball game on record, died at Providence, R. I., nine years ago today. On June 12, 1880, Richmond twirling for Worcester, then holder in a National League franchise, set Cleveland down with no runs, no hits and not a man reaching first base. The feat has been accomplished four times since.

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OLD INJURY FATAL

LONDON, Oct. 1: (CP)—A footballer 20 years ago had the life of George Cheney, 21, Stepney, according to the report of a coroner's jury. Killed in a game when he was 14, a bone disease of the leg caused death recently.

DANISH OPEN GOALS

COPENHAGEN, Oct. 1: (CP)—B. Morgan of Aberystwyth, won the Danish Open snooker championship, beating S. Borg, former Swedish champion, 3-5 final by 5 and 4. Miss Nancy Bobs of England won the women's title, defeating a Danish player, Mrs. Preiser, 4 and 2 in the final.

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Dated at Victoria, B.C. this day of September, 1937.
(Signed) GEO. J. ALEXANDER, Assistant Commissioner of Fisheries.