

## CZECHO-SLOVAKIA FORGING AHEAD

(Montreal Gazette.)

"Milestones" in world progress come close together these days. In Czechoslovakia things are moving ahead, judging by the fact that eight scholarships will be given every year to journalists by the Czechoslovakian government for the following purposes: Two scholarships for one year in France, Italy or Great Britain, the recipient receiving a monthly stipend of 2,000 francs (French)—approximately £40 per month; three

scholarships for one year in Germany, Poland, Russia, Roumania, Hungary, Austria or Yugoslavia, in Greece or Bulgaria, the recipient to receive 1,200 francs per month (approximately £24); and three scholarships for six months' stay in either of the above countries, with a monthly stipend of 1,600 francs. From another source it is noticeable that the Czechoslovakian budget for the current year includes army expenses amounting to 800,000,000 Czech kronen, and the war ministry is employing no fewer than 600 officials as well as some thirty-three military attaches abroad. This military expenditure—in view of latter day happenings at Washington, to be followed by, it is hoped, equally successful pourparlers at Geneva—is a very serious burden and constitutes a veiled threat to the bordering powers. Perhaps there is good intention behind the plan of making Czechoslovakia the eco-

nomie guardian of Austria. The Czechs have a keen interest in Austria's restoration, being on better terms of friendship with her than other adjoining nations. It may be that Geneva will prove to be the place that will begin that new era of concord among the nations—a consummation fervently sought in many quarters. International friendship and good understanding are necessary. The press can wield a huge power for good in this direction, and doubtless this circumstance has become apparent to the Czechoslovakian government in the scholarship idea. The Great War was a trial of strength between imperialism and self-government, and the former, as represented by the two Central Powers of Europe, was defeated. Furthermore, it was the weaker partner of the two which paid the heavier penalty, Austria being literally shattered to fragments. The Dual Mon-

archy, the second largest political unit in Europe, and the third in population, has ceased to exist. Austria-Hungary was, however, such a jumble of races, religions, languages and historic aspirations that clear-cut divisions were scarce possible. None of the newly enlarged states are really homogeneous. Czechoslovakia has a colony of some three millions of Germanic people. Czechoslovakia has loaned Austria some five hundred million Czechoslovakian crowns, which are worth approximately thirty billions of Austrian crowns or thereabouts—a considerable sum of money. There is talk of a British loan as well. The relations between Czechoslovakia and Austria are very good.

Czechoslovakia is a peculiarly capable country for self-management, and has proved herself so, both economically and otherwise. Despite the enormous difficulties she has had to contend with, this new republic has presented a shining example of how successfully rehabilitation work may be carried on. Czechoslovakia is rich in forest lands, and well farmed, but despite all she is not self-supporting. Her industries are "too large for the state." She requires oats, maize, wool, wheat and raw materials of all kinds for her textile industries, of which she possesses eighty per cent. of the former Austrian Empire. In pre-war days the Czechs were protected by a tariff against Germany, and they possessed a home market in the old Dual Monarchy among some 45,000,000 people. Her market today, by a series of hostile tariffs, has been reduced to less than 14,000,000.

The net result of all this is that the demand is not sufficient to procure an output of a normal kind. A large part of the Czechoslovakian prosperity is in great measure due to the foresight of President Masaryk. His government has recognized that Czechoslovakia as an inland country depends for her prosperity upon the goodness of her neighbors. Czechoslovakia has made a special point of keeping high the standard of education. Whereas other countries, including Great Britain, have shown a tendency to economize in education, Czechoslovakia has determined to make education one of the first charges on her national resources. In eighteen months no fewer than three thousand additional schools have been built by the Czechs and this good work continues to go on. De Austrianization has set in among the Czechoslovaks, who are imbued with a new spirit, a new consciousness and new methods, which are all destined in so far as practicable, to serve the cause of peace.

### POLICEMAN FELLE BY TEN GANGSTERS

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cover.

Policeman William J. Harrigan of the Butler street station, Brooklyn, N. Y., was found severely injured at Hamilton avenue and Coles street, where he had been felled by gangsters. A man accused as one of his assailants was hauled by bullets fired by Policeman Schwerdtfeger in a pursuit of three blocks. The prisoner said he was Louis Carboni of 12 Laquer street. He was held at the Poplar street station, Brooklyn, on a charge of felonious assault.

Schwerdtfeger said there were ten or more men attacking Harrigan when he went to his assistance. Harrigan was knocked down, his head striking a hydrant. He revived at the Long Island College Hospital. It is said he will recover.

### ROBBERS INVADE CLUB.

Dozen, Masked and Armed, Get \$3,000  
From New Haven Members.

New Haven, Conn., April 12.—A dozen men, armed and masked, held up the Orange Dramatic Club in West Haven and obtained between \$2,000 and \$3,000 in cash. Salvatore Santinelle of Springfield, Mass., alleged to be one of the robbers, was captured, but the others escaped.

The robbers entered the club through the front door, pushing in behind a member who had unlocked it. Some rushed upstairs, where several card games were said to have been in progress, while others remained on the first floor and compelled members to throw up their hands. No jewelry was taken. One of the club members were taken into a room on the second floor and their pockets searched at the point of a revolver. The cash was put into a leather bag held by one of the robbers.

Then part of the hold-up gang left the club, four remaining. They threatened to "come back and kill somebody" if an outcry was made in fifteen minutes. At this point two shots sounded

from the street and the quartette fled. Two club members, it was said, who were in the basement got out through a window and called Policeman Burns and several firemen from a nearby firehouse. They were fired on by a fleeing robber. Most of the robbers got away in an automobile. Burns and two firemen captured Santinelle, and a pistol which he threw away was recovered. A second automobile, with a Massachusetts number, was found nearby and seized by the police. A bill of sale for this automobile was found in Santinelle's clothing.

A taxicab driver who was in the club was hit on the head with the butt of a revolver when he remonstrated with the robbers.

### MEDDLESOME MATTY.

Cambridge, Mass. April 11.—(By Canadian Press.)—When John Bradley, a laborer, inquisitively stepped beneath the city's new experimental ash hoppers he

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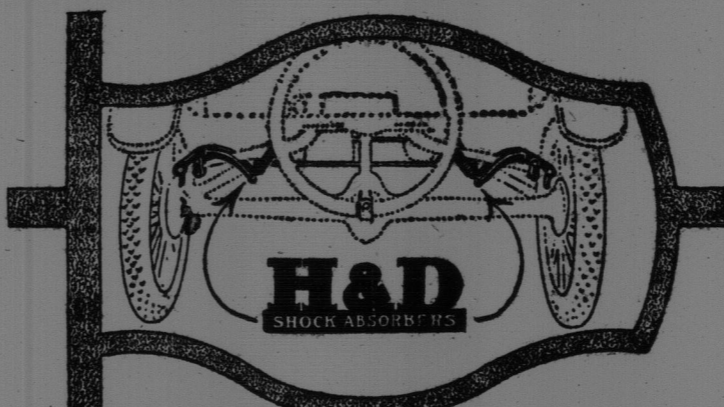
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