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Patriot's Misrepresentation

The local Liberal organ recently, in a leading editorial, stated there was "apparently some misunderstanding" regarding the Federal arrangements for employing soldiers on the farm.

No correction of its misstatement has appeared in the Liberal organ, which leaves its readers under the impression that the scheme turned down by Premier Jones was for the employment of soldiers at forty dollars a month.

The pay in the Maritimes for soldier-farmers has been set at \$3 a day. However, as the soldier is actually detailed, or ordered, to take up farm work, and is still receiving his army pay and dependent's allowances and remains under army discipline and rights and privileges, he is not paid the \$3 directly.

The Telegraph Journal reports that as yet there have not been many calls from farmers. "The fact," it adds, "there have been several days lately, and the farmer must pay \$3.00 a day for the soldier helper rain or shine, is believed to be responsible in some degree for the slowness on the part of New Brunswick farmers in applying for help."

This substantiates Premier Jones' statement. The Premier should now insist on his party organ publishing a retraction of its gross misrepresentation, coupled with an explanation of the reasons for its attempt thus to knife him in the back.

The High Cost of Hitler

An American economist, Dr. Leon S. Wellstone, has been whittling away an idle hour or two computing the cost to the world of Adolf Hitler. On his admittedly rough calculations, published in the American Magazine, he has put the figure at a thousand billions dollars.

The equivalent of the money spent in ridding the world of Hitler, including all the war damage, would buy every family in this world a \$5,000 home. It would provide a four-year college education for 500,000,000 young men and women. It would build a million dollar hospital for every community of 2,000 or more people the world over.

Yet these figures do not begin to provide us with an estimate of our folly in allowing this man to plunge us into this dreadful conflict. There are additional items which no such computation can include. Millions of decent men and women have paid with their lives for the existence of this man and his regime.

Farmers Will Be Heard From

In the discussion of the recent Ontario provincial election one aspect of the results has had little notice. That is, says the Globe and Mail, that the farmers of that province have been doing some revolting themselves.

But the farmer is showing marked signs of being fed up with the honeyed words poured out for him without any action. He showed that, though Mr. Nixon was a farmer; that was

not enough. There had to be something of a practical nature done for the farmer.

Much of the support gained by the Progressive Conservatives came from the rural areas. And Mr. John Bracken, who for two decades had been the spokesman of the Western farmer, and who now holds the important post of national leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, has brought that trend to public attention.

At Regina Mr. Bracken issued a statement on the Ontario election. In the statement he expresses his pleasure at the success gained by Mr. Drew, his Ontario lieutenant, and made two important points about the balloting. He said that the result "confirms the commonly held opinion that the political parties of today must serve in accordance with today's appreciation of the common man's problems."

The second, and equally important, point made is this: "I am delighted with the response the Progressive Conservative candidates received from the rural ridings. The farmers are the forgotten men of Canada, but they will be heard from in the future."

EDITORIAL NOTES

We have got safely over the last "Friday 13th" for another year.

It is all over today—including the shouting. A glorious time was had by all.

Single women in Britain between the ages of 19 and 31 are liable to conscription for the women's auxiliary forces, but may elect to go into certain specified jobs in industry.

In the Royal Ordnance Factories in Britain, where guns, shells and explosives are made, 60 per cent of the workers are women.

Tomorrow will be an appropriate time to return thanks publicly to the Giver of all Good Gifts, including good weather for Old Home Week.

Canada appears to be united in one thing—a desire to repudiate and be rid of the Mackenzie King Government. There, unity ends. The protest expresses itself in all directions, revealing a degree of schism which must raise disquiet in all minds, whatever their political affiliation.

In Selkirk, where Hon. Joseph Thorson took a majority of 4,000 in 1935 and raised it to 5,000 for the Liberals in 1940, the Government of which he was lately a member has been routed by considerably more than two to one. The Government man loses his deposit.

Not before time. Sir Cecil Hurst, president of the Permanent Court of International Justice, British Member of the United Nations Commission for the investigation of War Crimes, has declared: "After this war there must be introduced some effective machinery for supporting the vigor of international law."

Alfred William Pollard, English literary critic and bibliographer, born this date, 1859; keeper of printed books in the British Museum; secretary of the Biographical Society; in Great War was primarily responsible for the safe keeping of the innumerable previous volumes in the possession of the British Nation; his works include: "Early Illustrated Books," "Italian Book Illustration," "Old Picture Books," "An Essay on Colophons," "Shakespeare's Folios and Quartos," "Fine Books," "Italian Book Illustrations and Early Printing," "Two Brothers," "Shakespeare's Fight With the Pirates"; also edited and published "English Miracle Plays," Herrick, Chaucer, etc.

"We are determined to keep ourselves in a position to retaliate effectively if gas is used by the enemy," was the confident declaration at a press conference by Sir John Anderson, Lord President of the Privy Council in the United Kingdom and famous in this war for his direction of the defence of Britain against the Blitz and originator of the renowned "Anderson air-raid shelter," who is accompanying Mr. Churchill on his visit here. The British people, Sir John admitted, were taking more holidays this year than before because of the greatly improved war situation. He said the Government did not discourage this but it was trying to ease the strain on transportation facilities by urging the people to spend their holidays at home, as far as possible. There was really no let up in war production, though, and there were practically no strikes. The number of strikes, he said, was far below the level of the last war.

If a Federal election were to be held tomorrow, the result might be a Parliament of parties rather than parties. Quebec, a motley group of isolationists, not necessarily united among themselves. Ontario and the west split between Progressive Conservatives and C.C.F., with the former dominating the east but the latter gaining strength as it nears the Pacific. Liberals, a fragment. Communists, who have twice in the last week demonstrated how effective is their strategy of spending all their effort and money upon a limited objective, might return a handful strategically distributed. Social Credit would perhaps hold Alberta, just to add another incompatible element to the general mass. Who then could form a Government?

A new postal service to expedite the handling of mail posted in Canada and addressed to officers and men serving on foreign-going merchant ships, is announced by Mr. Arthur Randles, Director of Merchant Seamen. The mail will be cleared through Montreal and should be addressed:

Name of the person
Name of ship,
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Montreal, P.Q.

Mr. Randles said the arrangement was made in an endeavor to give further service to seamen and was made possible through the co-operation of Canadian postal authorities, naval postal services and the British Ministry of War Transport.

Notes By The Way

Charles Lamb thought a knock at the door the most interesting of all sounds. Moderns are more interested in hearing themselves knock their neighbors.—The Albertan, Calgary.

No one believes that the Quilnins dying all over occupied Europe are dying natural deaths, unless dying by pistol or knife constitutes natural death.—Niagara Falls Review

Premier Tojo of Japan says he's firmly convinced that Japan will win the war and establish its new Greater Asia. Well at least Tojo is talking. That's more than you can say for Adolf and Benito.—Buffalo Courier-Express.

It takes seven pounds of corn to make a pound of pork on the hoof. Even you can make 238 muffins from seven pounds of corn. The lesson in this is that civilians must eat more grain and vegetable products less meat. The idea is to substitute direct consumption of field crops for indirect consumption in the form of meat.—Vancouver Sun.

Nobody looks forward to the coming of winter, but it will be a relief, once these present hot days are over to be able to recognize friends on the street. Now the trick is difficult, if not impossible, owing to the fact that so many of them wear weird black goggles, ostensibly a protection from the sun, but actually an effective disguise as false as the green beard.—Brantford Expositor.

What American logic too often is like was admirably illustrated by two recent news items in the daily press. One relates that the students in Idaho schools are to be taught the evils of liquor drinking, and that the money for this teaching is to be provided by a tax on hard liquor. The other informed us that the 230th Liberty ship, named "Billy Sunday," has been duly launched and christened with a bottle of champagne in accordance with custom.—San Francisco Argonaut.

It takes a lot of fuel oil to make a little gasoline. Every gallon of gasoline burned on the roads therefore means several less gallons of fuel available for commercial use in the manufacture of gas. For some time now statements have been made that some drivers have appeared for and received categories higher than those to which they are justly entitled. It is known that gasoline is occasionally obtained on the ration book of another person, and that there is traffic in loose coupons. All these things help to cut down the supply of fuel oil.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

According to the United Kingdom Information Office the consumption of protective foods increased fifty per cent in the period between this war and the Great War. As a result gross nutritional diseases which were prevalent in industrial towns have disappeared almost completely. Infant mortality rate and tuberculosis which are affected by nutritional habits fell about fifty per cent in the period between the wars. The increase in the consumption of egg, milk, fruits and vegetables is that British school children and three inches taller than their parents did at the same age.

A hansom cab, newly painted with yellow wheels and shafts and driven by an inebriated and grey billycock, has been seen in recent weeks in the streets of the City of London. Cab and caddy are believed to be the last survivors of London's hansom era, but they have not been brought out of their retirement and utilized up merely to amuse American soldiers. Some months ago Sir Edward Wiltshaw, the chairman of Cable and Wireless Ltd., laid up his car and hunted London for a hansom cab in which he could pay his business expenses. He found the only hansom cab on the street of London and the best-looking cab seen in London for years.—Manchester Guardian.

A few days ago newspapers carried an item which suggested that the Germans had withdrawn some of their submarines from the Atlantic in order to supply power and communications in areas which had been damaged by air raids. The Electrical News and Engineering, it was recalled that during a strike in England some years ago, submarines were used to provide communications and supply power to keep large meat refrigerators in operation. Just how much power is generated by Diesel-electric turbines and in that connection it is interesting to note that the Westinghouse Company announced some time ago that it had built a ship built or under construction in 1942 developed over 6,000,000 h. p.—Exchange.

Television will be ready for every family's use "immediately after the war," according to Ralph R. Beal, research director for the Radio Corporation of America. Home receiving sets in any desired size with "screens" from six to 24 inches in width will be available to purchasers. Mr. Beal said "within the shortest space of time required to reconvert the radio manufacturing industry from war to peace production." "Unquestionably, television receiving sets will be within the range of the average post-war budget," Mr. Beal continued, "and we expect to be able to do a good job of programing without too many awkward growing pains." He added that the "imponderables" of labor and raw material costs in the post-war period made it impractical to name the price range of receiving sets at this time. Mr. Beal's remarks were the first statements without reservation from a cautious natural scientist concerning the imminent nationwide launching of the new commercial entertainment industry, which has been disputed pro and con for a decade. About 5,000 television receiving sets now are in use, most of them within the range of New York transmitters, and a good many scattered throughout California.—Plotou Advocate.

Some God Laughed

(Struthers Burt in the Saturday Review of Literature)
What a fantastic name Goebbel is! Gnome-like, goblin-like, goose-like; red-nosed and hissing. Try saying these out-loud, and fast: Goering, Goebbel, Hitler, and Heiss!

History has a strange sense of caricature and of stage-direction as if, back of the historian, were a major historian, history itself. What better name for, for example, could be found for Caesar than Cæsar, or for Napoleon than Napoleon? The short, sharp, predatory consonants and vowels of the first, the oratund, pompous, but dignified and important vowels and consonants of the latter.

And what could be more perfect for wessel-headed traitors than Quisling? While even Charles Dickens, genius of nonconformity, could have hit upon nothing more apt for the greatest and most vocal and pre-war world has ever seen, natural and self-taught, than Goebbel.

Some god must have laughed at the birth of this man; if one of the bloody German gods, laughing deep in his beard, all the better. Therefore, for the enrichment of the already magnificent English vocabulary I suggest a further word, onomatopoeic and exact, common to all its necessary, colorful adjectives, adverbs and verbs, tenses and cases. City: goebbel; goebbelingly. A goebbler; a goebbel.

Gallup Poll "Error"

(Toronto Telegram)
Efforts of the Gallup Poll to pat itself on the back for the accuracy of what it calls its "modern public opinion sampling" are part of the error. It is such public opinion polling in an effort to minimize the public into accepting them as infallible within a narrow margin of error. If the Gallup Poll is allowed to do the figuring it can be counted upon to make out a fairly good case for itself, but its figuring must be checked by a bunch of ordinary Twenty-four hours before the election it had announced that public opinion was divided as follows: C. C. F. — 33.02 percent. Pro. Con. — 33.92 percent. Liberals — 30.73 percent.

On this basis, the Gallup Poll election, it announced blandly that it had predicted the actual outcome of the popular vote with a maximum error of only 3.7 per cent, and with an average error of only 2.5 percent. This claim may be tested by looking at the Canadian Press figures for the actual vote. They show the standing to have been as follows: C. C. F. — 31.02 percent. Pro. Con. — 35.92 percent. Liberals — 30.73 percent. The Gallup Poll showed that the C. C. F. would get 33 per cent of the popular vote than the Progressive Conservatives. The actual vote gave the Progressive Conservatives 4.90 per cent more than the C. C. F. There is, therefore, a maximum error of 7.90 percent, in the rating of only 3.7 per cent, a fairly heavy error in any way of figuring. It was an error of such magnitude as to compare the rating of the Canadian Press figures for the actual vote. The Gallup Poll's that it had predicted the actual outcome of the popular vote.

Respite A Mistake

(Sydney Post-Recorder)
The Allies have discovered that they probably are the victims of a too-generous spirit toward a tottering foe when they granted Italy a respite to enable her to put her political house in order, after the fall of Mussolini. It had been thought that Marshal Badoglio would appoint himself to the Premiership of Italy, would be amenable to reason and would adopt a course that would spare his country the ravages of a second invasion. Consequently, the Allies respite to enable her to put her political house in order, after the fall of Mussolini. It had been thought that Marshal Badoglio would appoint himself to the Premiership of Italy, would be amenable to reason and would adopt a course that would spare his country the ravages of a second invasion. Consequently, the Allies respite to enable her to put her political house in order, after the fall of Mussolini.

Evidently it was an error to halt the attack which now will have to be resumed under conditions that will involve new risks and difficulties. Certain elements within Italy, undoubtedly under German tutelage, are declaiming loudly about the failure of the Allies to offer concessions as an incentive to drop out of the war. They argue that the nation could not have peace because the Germans would attack if it is permitted to stand still. Evidently, the Italians, with traditional Latin instinct for a bribe, are trying to locate advantages through a bluff of continued resistance. It is not likely that the Allies will haggle much longer over this temptable bargain. The bombardment ought to have been maintained until the white flag was raised. Only a matter of time until Italy

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