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Internationalists Scared
For more years than we care to recall there have been attempts on the part of a small coterie of so-called intellectuals...

Saturday Night was to some extent the outlet for much of this propaganda. Recently world events have tended to modify its viewpoint...

One sign of this, he says, may be seen in an unexpected quarter. Among a school of intellectuals who once oscillated between isolationism and internationalism...

Current apprehensions in Canada, as they affect Newfoundland and Alaska, may yet be allayed. For a minor Power is prone to a psychology of fear...

The whirligig of empire, like that of time, brings strange revenges. After referring to the place economists play in formulating Canada's policies...

Yet it is vital that they should. For as a Britannic Power of middle rank Canada will have a duty in world politics not only to others but to herself.

Shortage Of Smokes
A more serious view of the growing shortage of supplies will be taken by many Canadians, of both sexes, when they learn that the demand for tobacco has now got well beyond the Canadian production...

Special measures to encourage production are desirable "from the standpoint of morale," according to the Montreal Gazette.

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labor and an adequate supply of specialized fertilizer for tobacco culture.

John Bunyan's Slough

A waterlogged valley of 2,000 acres, which John Bunyan is believed to have had in mind when he described the Slough of Despond, is being transformed into fertile fields by Bedfordshire War Agricultural Executive Committee, says the London Daily Telegraph.

The work is typical of what has been done to redeem rural England from the Slough of Despond into which it was struggling before the war.

Elstow, Bunyan's birthplace, forms part of this great tract of land reclamation. Scores of fields have already been brought into an improved state of fertility.

From Amphil, presumed to be the Hill of Difficulty in "Pilgrim's Progress," can be seen the ruins of House Beautiful.

If the inspired tinker could have looked out a few weeks ago from his old cottage window he would have seen Italian prisoners of war putting the finishing touches to the new main drainage system of land which for centuries has been a swamp at wet seasons.

The area through which the Spring of Life still flows is now growing the bread of life.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It won't be long before Lent will put an end to gaiety, and encourage rationing.

"Possibly personal religion will lead men back to the churches if the churches show themselves to be good places for men with personal religion," sagely remarks "Saturday Night" discussing Canada's future.

Congratulations are due to the Hon. Cyrus MacMillan on his prospective appointment to the new position of Assistant to the Air Ministry at an additional remuneration of \$4,000 per annum.

Sir Henry Raeburn, portrait painter, born this date, 1756; known as the "Scottish Velazquez" who was the greatest of Spanish painters (1599-1660); Raeburn began his career as a miniaturist, spent two years in Italy, then settled in his native city of Edinburgh where he painted the portraits of the leading personalities of his time, and was made King's Limner and knighted.

The Ontario Treasurer, ex-Premier Hepburn, says the Financial Post, precipitated considerable discussion over the possible effect of Dominion regulations on provincial finances. He stated that liquor restrictions mean an expected loss of revenue for Ontario of \$7.1 millions in the fiscal year ending March 31, 1944...

Over in the American capital the McCormick press and some of its echoes in Congress have been hitting at President Roosevelt over the shoulders of such men as Harry Hopkins but the blows are steadily losing their weight.

The following excerpts from letters to the London Times are illuminating and appealing to the emotions: "Country Vicar"—About a month before Christmas a company of an American infantry battalion that had come straight here from the boat some six weeks previous, left us for a military camp some 45 miles away.

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Notes By The Way

A desperate Hitler does not imply a weak Hitler. He may yet resort to gas warfare; but should he do so, he knows what will happen, for ample warnings have been given by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt.

Like many other composers, Sir Arnold Bax is a retiring rather shy person who gives very little thought to his personal appearance.

With Madame Chiang Kai-Shek to visit Canada, the words of the Chinese national anthem should have an added meaning. They follow: "San Min Chu I, our country's aim To build our land for peace on earth. Press on, comrades, people's vanguard."

So automatic have become the reflexes of the young Nazi that the first thing he does when shot down over England is throw off his parachute and try to land in the water.

Mme. Chiang Kai-shek's address to members of the United States Congress was one of the most stirring heard. Among the most beautiful passages was this one: "We in China are convinced that it is the better part of wisdom not to accept failure ignominiously, but to risk it gloriously."

When the universal carriers made by the automotive companies of Canada were given that name, it was because their uses are so varied. In their wildest dreams, we doubt if the automobile men ever thought the carriers would be used for such an unwarlike task as presenting a proper collection point.

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An End To Election Talk

The Cardin subamendment to the Speech from the Throne and suspension of the military draft while the House investigated the national manpower situation, has been dealt with.

By the same vote, 195 to 15, the House of Commons dealt with Prime Minister King's threat of an election. In defeating the Cardin amendment, which the Prime Minister refused to treat as a want-of-confidence motion, it eliminated the only pretense that Government has been able to raise for seeking a fresh and premature mandate from the people.

There is no mistaking that such a threat lay behind the Prime Minister's words of Friday last. He closed his speech on the Cardin motion with these words: "We are going to have this session open with an effort again to divide this country, to destroy the unity that we now have, the sooner the Government of the country knows the better. And I want to say to the honorable friends around me that I look to them to show where they stand in their support of me."

It seems necessary to recall that it was the Minister of Finance who faced the new session of Parliament with an appeal that nothing so mercenary as politics be allowed to interfere with fighting the war. It was the Prime Minister who, on the same occasion, chastised the Opposition parties for a tendency to divert their attention to political preparations.

Now that the threat of a serious division within the governing party has been removed; relieved of his uncertainty as to where the "honorable friends" around me stand, surely there is nothing to transcend the war in the Government's order of things. Its own Parliamentary fortunes guaranteed, if only temporarily, it is not dependent, perhaps, on the Government's success in the words of its own Leader, where duty lies.

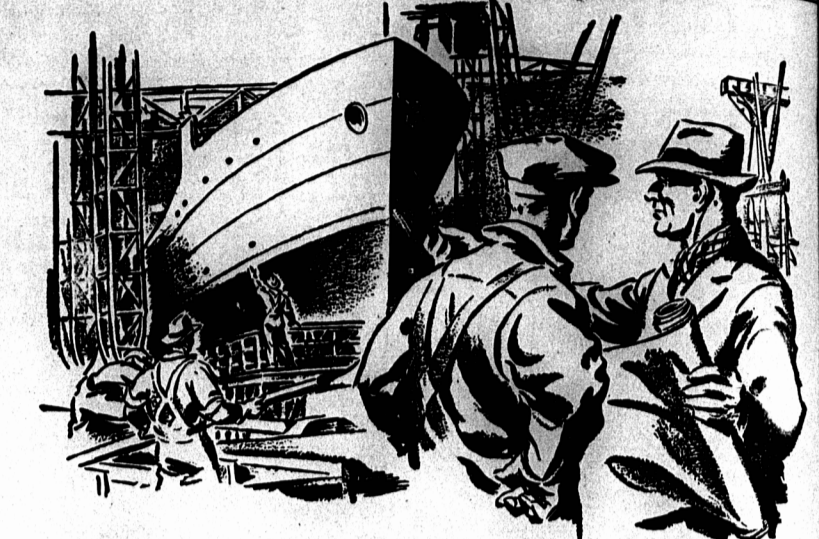
Mr. King undoubtedly spoke in full sincerity on Feb. 1. Having regard to this, having regard to his own estimate of the critical nature of the struggle, there ought to be an end to searching for election issues. But the Prime Minister ought not to be affronted if, on returning his attention to the struggle for survival, he finds the demand for a thorough inquiry into the manpower situation has survived the defeat of the Cardin amendment.

Politics First

The battle rages in North Africa. The Russians, scorning the rest that they have earned shed their lives recklessly to send the Reich's armies reeling back to the Dnieper. The Japanese deploy their yellow hordes for a final crushing of the armies of Chiang Kai-shek.

The corn lands and the grassy leas Red farmsteads and bright little streams— That youth should care to die for these It may be simpler than it seems. This golden field on the hill set, A lovely sunlight among the trees, Was leavened by a man's fierce sweat, And has been sweetened from his hands.

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Now, he's well again and doing a war job.

"MY HUSBAND'S had a nervous honest, hard-working people. breakdown—just worry. He left his In a few weeks, Fred was well job in the shipyard to go into again and working in the shipyard. logging. But his health suffered and The loan was paid back in full. the doctor says he's got to take a Because of bank accommodation his is now getting financially on a complete rest. But we haven't any ready money. How can he rest?" his feet again—and aiding Canada's war effort.

The bank manager listened to her troubles sympathetically. He knew This true story—only the name is the husband, knew the wife—both changed—illustrates how Canada's sound citizens. The bank advanced Chartered Banks, day in and day the money on personal security out, serve the human as well as the : : : on the good character of two financial needs of Canadians.

THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA

By banking during morning hours you can help the war effort, facilitate your own business, and lighten the wartime burden on the men and women in your branch bank. More than one-third of our experienced men have gone to war.

acute in Britain, the problem calls for immediate solution. Agricultural experts have warned if matters are allowed to drift, a preposterous and humiliating situation may arise in which Canada, lavishly equipped by nature to be a producer of food, may encounter actual food shortages.

THE CORN LANDS
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Soldiers As Farmers
(New Glasgow Evening News.) A dispatch from London states that American troops now in England will grow auxiliary food supplies in camp areas. The project, designed to save the Allies 85,000 tons of shipments, will not interfere with combat training but will be in the nature of "extracurricular activity."

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FLAT RIVER SCHOOL
Honor Roll for the month of February:
Grade IX—1, Angus Beaton; 2, Angus MacLean; 3, Robert Ross.
Grade VII—1, Ernest Beaton; 2, Janice Beaton; 3, Marshall MacPherson.
Grade VI—1, Viola MacDonald.
Grade IV—1, Helen Wright, Gordon MacPherson, equal; 2, Kathleen Ross.
Grade III—1, Elliott Wright; 2, Christine MacPherson; 3, Wilfred MacDonald.
Grade II—1, Gordon MacDonald; 2, Charles Compton.
Grade I—1, Scott MacPherson; 2, Billy Compton.
Perfect Attendance—Angus MacLean, Helen Wright, Wilfred MacDonald.
Average of 90% and over: Scott MacPherson, Charles Compton, Gordon MacDonald, Helen Wright, Gordon MacPherson.
Highest average—Scott MacPherson 95%.
In Spelling—Helen Wright, Elliott Wright, Gordon MacPherson, Viola MacDonald, Ernest Beaton.
Number of War Savings Stamps purchased to date is 137.
Anna M. MacDonald—Teacher.