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Hallowe'en

Warning has been given by the civic authorities that no acts of vandalism or rowdiness will be tolerated on this Hallowe'en, and it is to be hoped that all concerned will govern themselves accordingly. Primarily, the responsibility rests with parents to see that their children keep Hallowe'en fun-making within reasonable bounds.

Premier Bracken's Example

An example which it is hoped will not be lost on the Mackenzie King Government has been set by Premier Bracken of Manitoba, who has proposed the formation of a non-partisan administration. The reason is based on Mr. Bracken's conviction that such a government "could serve best in the war, and prepare the way for meeting post-war problems."

The Cost Of War

From financial returns for the first thirteen months of war an Ottawa correspondent has made an analysis which is of special interest for two reasons. The speed at which our war program is gathering momentum is revealed; also, the prospects for the coming year are foreshadowed: The actual cash expenditures on war, month by month, were as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Year, Month, Amount, and another column. Rows include 1939 (Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec) and 1940 (Jan, Feb).

In contrast, it is pointed out that between August 4, 1914, and March 31, 1915, we spent \$60,000,000 on war. Between Sept. 1, 1939, and March 31, 1940, expenditures were \$118,000,000. In the full year April 1, 1915, to March 31, 1916, war costs were \$170,000,000.

proximately 12 millions, and our national income has more than doubled. It is of interest to recall that the estimate of the cost of the war from the outbreak to March 31 (as given late in 1939 by Mr. Ralston) was 100 million dollars. This was exceeded by 18 millions. During the election campaign and later, a series of estimates for the fiscal year 1940-41 were given. The first was 600 millions; the second 700 millions; the third 800 millions. In the budget on June 24, Mr. Ralston said, frankly, that as the war then stood, it was impossible to make a reliable estimate.

By their action in Norway the Germans have abandoned all pretence that they are not engaged in a world-wide struggle. The King and his councillors are safe in London working for the first aim of the nation, which is to regain its freedom. What they are doing is to free their countrymen from the yoke of any Nazi compulsion. Not one of their elected members of the Storting could be taken back to Germany or bribed to back Quisling's "corporate state". The war goes on. The Germans stiff stand on hostile soil. The tide cannot be turned. The land is conquered but the people are not subdued. — New York Times.

Dictator Stalin has discarded the system of free education, once the proudest accomplishment of the Soviet Union. Under the present system just announced, any child over the age of seven must go to school. Pupils above the age of grade will have to pay tuition or go without further education. This is a return to the old "dual system" under which public and half-private, which were common in Europe in the early 19th century. Under that system, higher education was reserved for the children of prosperous parents. The new system, under the impact of democracy, free education was expanded to include high school in every State in the Union. That expansion is still going on. — New York Post.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There will be no students' parade tonight. St. Eleanora has always the consolation of knowing that a rose by any other name smells as sweet.

Let boys and girls remember we are at war, and avoid wanton destructiveness on our own account. This is Hallowe'en, or All Hallowe'en, vigil of the Feast of All Saints, otherwise All Hallow's; it is devoted to merrymaking and feasting in Scotland and England, and where'er Anglo-Saxons are to be found.

It surely is unkind, unspontaneous and impolitic of the Liberal candidates in the West River district to leave it to the Premier to tell the electors how they should run the affairs of the District.

Mayor Houde of Montreal, is not to be allowed to profit by his alleged "martyrdom" in an enemy internment camp, the Federal Government having amended the Defence of Canada Regulations to make him ineligible for reelection.

It is unnecessary for us to agree with the C. C. F. in offering our congratulations to a successful Islander abroad, in the person of Mr. Angus MacInnes, late of Glen William, upon his unanimous election as Vice-National Chairman of that Party. Mr. MacInnes is well known here, where he has frequently revisited, and during the 1935 addressed several meetings in the interests of the political policies he espouses.

Former Premier Maurice Duplessis is likely to contest the by-election in Terrebonne and Megantic, Quebec, caused by the promotion of Provincial Secretary Hon. Athanase David to the Senate. The Senator's law partner, Mr. Hector Perrier, has been appointed Provincial Secretary in his place and will be the candidate for his vacant seat as well.

It happened in a Maritime Military Hospital. It was nearly time for the soldier to leave but he was too comfortable to want to go. So when the nurse wasn't looking, he dipped the thermometer in a cup of hot tea. Then, later when the nurse said he must get ready to move out, he protested: "But I was worse this morning. My temperature was up." "Yes, I know," she replied, gently, "to 130. You're dead. That's why we're moving you."

His Grace Cosmo Gordon Lang, Archbishop of Canterbury, was born this date, 1864; son of Very Rev. Dr. John Marshall Lang, Principal of Aberdeen University; brother of Very Rev. Marshall B. Lang, D.D., minister of Whittingehome and past Moderator of the Church of Scotland; one of the ablest prelates in his Church's record; will go down in history with Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin as the prime mover in substituting George VI for Edward VIII as King of Great Britain and the Dominions overseas at a critical time in the Empire's history.

At Santiniketan in Bengal, the centre of learning associated with his name, Dr. Rabindranath Tagore, world-famous man of letters, has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) of Oxford University. It was stated that this was the first time that the University had arranged for a special convocation in a distant land. Sir Maurice Gwyer, Chief Justice of India, and Sir S. Radhakrishnan were authorized by the University to confer the degree. Mr. Justice Henderson of the Calcutta High Court in the role of Public Orator read a Latin address to which Dr. Tagore replied in Sanskrit.

NOTES BY THE WAY

An eclipse of the sun was visible over some areas of the southern world. The eclipse of Germany, however, will be visible everywhere. — Ottawa Journal.

A radio is now made especially for bicycles. It is compact, light weight, and low priced. The batteries are mounted on the frame, the set itself has a shockproof mounting on a handle bar. — Canadian Business.

When the London dispatches a few days ago and said that the Nazi bombs had wrought destruction in one of the most beautiful of the city's historic areas, many people wondered if it was the Temple. The Temple is not as universally familiar to American ears as Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's. The Temple is a group of buildings, the great men and streets that constitute the Temple sums up for the American visitor more of London's history and charm than any other spot in the British capital.

Two Inns of court—corresponding to American law schools—make up the Temple, and great names in the history of English law are among those who lived and studied there. The men who lived and studied there were not lawyers and judges, but the men who neglected their law studies to write books and plays—Samuel Johnson, Oliver Goldsmith, Charles Dickens, and many others.

The whole German military machine has been built around the ideas of offense and not defense. The Germans have a large domain proper to their own land, and England and Greater Germany are times that of Great Britain. More compact England may be a better place for the German bombers but it is likewise easier to defend. With the Germans forced to be on the defensive as well as the offensive, residents of Berlin may do better than they are doing. The same may play the same game as the Nazi war is not so onerous as the Nazi ruling clique would have German will believe. — Watertown, N.Y. Times.

A journalist friend of Warren Irvin's, Scotch-American who fought with the Canadian Army in the last war was driving through an industrial quarter of London the other day when an air-raid siren sounded and the planes appeared overhead. "Soon bombs began to fall," said Mr. Irvin. "One of the landed in the roadway some yards behind the taxi in which we were riding. The driver of the cab was a grey-haired cockney. My friend looked at the glass. 'If you want to stop and get into an air-raid shelter, you're right ahead. I'll pay you off and try to find another taxi.' The cabbie wheeled round in his seat. 'Guv'ny said, raising a finger in the direction of the planes, 'they's up there doing three hundred miles an hour. I'm down here in my taxi. If he can hit me, he's entitled to it.' — London Listener.

The Nazi puppet government of France, by a decree, has permitted Robert Lacour-Gayet, financial expert, is on his way to this country, gives fair warning to those who believe the Nazis must not be allowed to drain French resources abroad. Although M. Lacour-Gayet's resignation is not revealed, it is logical to assume that he will attempt to bring about the release to the present French government of the \$1,000,000,000 of assets now frozen by President Roosevelt's order. The subservience of the Petain government to the Nazis but to their philosophy is such that the release of these assets would amount to giving them over to Hitler. They should be kept until the last Nazi soldier is withdrawn from French soil and a government genuinely representative of the French people has been brought into power. M. Lacour-Gayet should be sent back to Vichy empty-handed. — New York Post.

Aircraft loaded with mines can make the way into narrow roadsteads, shoal channels, and into harbors where no surface vessel could possibly penetrate in the face of enemy defenses, and within the past five months the British Bomber Command alone have laid more than 30 separate minefields. One advantage of mine laying by air is the speed with which a minefield can be sown. They were used to mine a certain enemy channel 600 miles away from our base without delay. We received the order at 10 o'clock one evening. By midnight, mine-laying had been laid. Mine-laying has to be dead accurate. If you don't put the mine exactly

PUBLIC FORUM

"A WARNING TO ALL"
Sir:—I read with keen interest the verdict given by the Coroner's Jury in Kensington re the death of David Mann—'Death by accident but not avoidable.' I think it was the best possible under the circumstances and according to the evidence. They might have said carelessness but that would have given the unfortunate driver into the hands of hungry wolves and no doubt few of us drivers could cast the first stone. According to the report in your paper the operator of this car could see the four children about one hundred yards away. If he had reduced his speed say to five miles the child no doubt would have been saved. He might have lost five minutes but how much would have been gained. Think what these five minutes cost. A bright lad of five years dead, the driver's mother in the hospital, the driver himself going about with his arm in a sling, and all this for a few seconds of time. I am, Sir, etc.

A CITIZEN

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De-Gaussing

(New York Herald Tribune)
The argot of war, as we have previously remarked, has its fascination; the more formal terminology invented for new weapons of methods sometimes has its surprises. The "stick" of bombs which a British aviator lays down across Nazi military headquarters, whatever its technical derivation, has had vivid aptness, rather like "tank"—a word so right that it is forever embedded in the English language, though it was originally adopted as a means of concealing the nature of the unlovely thing to which it referred. But it is with a real shock that one reads, in an American military periodical, that 16 United States Coast Guard vessels are about to be "de-gaussed." It turns out that this is not misprint for "de-loused," and that the operation of de-gaussing a vessel means merely providing her with the belt of electric cable which renders magnetic mines inoperative.

Yet, this only leads one further to reflect upon the strange fates that await words and men. That old Karl Friedrich Gauss, the peaceful German mathematician and physicist, and one of the great gifts of German scientific and philosophical imagination to the world, should have his name perpetuated as a peculiarly fiendish menace, of which merchant ships and men-of-war a century later would be divesting themselves by special equipment, has a certain symbolism. It was because of Gauss's fundamental researches into magnetism that the unit of magnetic force gained his name; now, because of his countrymen's application of the great fund of Western scientific knowledge to the barbarous business of destruction, ships must demagnetize or de-gauss themselves. There, in a phrase, is a compression of the civilization's strange iron in Western gift to all that is greatest in it; their enormous capacity to pervert that gift to baseness.

THOSE HATS AGAIN

NORWALK, O. (CP)—Women's wide hats are a frequent cause of automobile accidents, traffic officers were told at a district meeting here. In a shipping channel it will be practically useless. International law too, apart from the risk to our own ships, requires that mines should be laid only within the limits of a clearly defined area. Each man is given a pin-point on the chart and that point is where he has got to plant his mines, or bring them back. "Pilot" in the London Listener.

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Woodlot Management

THINNING
By H. D. Long
The importance of thinning cannot be stressed too strongly. Thinning brings about a marvellous change in the condition of a stand. It speeds up the growth rate of the trees, brings wood volume per acre up to the maximum, improves the quality of the lumber, keeps the stand in a healthy disease and insect resistant condition and prevents the loss of many cords of good wood. A comparison of a well-managed stand that has been thinned properly and a stand that has been allowed to grow up without attention would show the following set of conditions:—

Table comparing Thinned Stand and Unthinned Stand. Columns include Diameter Growth, Volume Growth per acre, and Yrs to reach a volume of 50 cords.

No fixed rules are followed in thinning a stand of timber. It is largely a matter of judgment. The spacing of trees depends upon: the species of tree, its size, form and rate of growth; the ground conditions, whether dry, rocky or boggy; the local climate, the danger of windthrow and sunscald; the plan of operation, whether the stand is to be thinned every year or every five years. Hardwoods require wider spacing than softwoods. Intolerant trees wider than tolerant broad-crowned trees wider than narrow-crowned trees, fast growing trees wider than slow growing trees, windfirm trees, trees on dry and rocky ground wider than those on wet boggy ground.

DONT THROW AWAY EARS

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—If an ear is torn off in an automobile accident, the American College of Surgeons was advised, it should be saved because weeks or months later it can be put back on and will make a perfectly good new ear. The report was made recently by Dr. H. D. Kirkham of Houston, Texas, who said that even if it were not found until 24 hours after the accident, it still could be preserved. Any dead person's ear, if preserved, can be used to take a good ear, he said. The "dead" ear does not exactly live again. But its cartilage, which forms the bulk of the ear and virtually all of its contour, would be a skeleton on which a plastic surgeon could mold skin from the victim's own body to make a new ear.

NEW ANAESTHESIA TECHNIQUE STYLED TO PATIENT'S NEED

A new medical science, anaesthesia to fit each individual patient during a surgical operation, was described to the American College of Surgeons recently. In some of the nation's most progressive institutions, it was shown, the anaesthetic may even be changed from time to time during a single operation, to fit the patient's response, or the surgeon's momentary need for more complete immobility of organs near his instruments. Some of the new techniques were discussed at a joint meeting of surgeons and anaesthetists conducted by Dr. Eugene Schramm, University of Wisconsin; Dr. Virginia Agar, New York; Dr. Charles J. Bellach, Chicago, and Dr. F. W. Hartmann, Ford hospital, Detroit. Dr. Agar said that her group is trying out what is known as continuous spinal anaesthesia. This is feeling in part of the body, but leaves the patient conscious. The anaesthetists are using a continuous drip of small amounts of the anaesthetic into the spine all through the operation. This prevents the lack of feeling indefinitely. Dr. Agar said that in more than 50 cases, no bad effects have been noticed, but that more trials would be necessary.

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NUMBER ON RELIEF DROPS
OTTAWA, Oct. 29.—(CP)—In the first year of the war, the number of persons on relief in Canada dropped 53.7 per cent, according to statistics published in the Labor Gazette today. Unemployed but fully employable on relief at the end of August, 1939, numbered 212,244, a decrease of 21.2 per cent from the revised July total, 44 per cent below the August 1938 figure and 74 per cent below March 1940, the peak for this calendar year.

EAST-WEST FOOTBALL GAME
TORONTO, Oct. 30.—(Wednesday)—(CP)—Vern DeGreer, sports editor of the Toronto Globe and Mail, says in a sport page story today that Controller Fred Hamilton, President of the Sports Service League, has announced his organization is prepared to sponsor a East-West football game at Toronto on Dec. 7 with financial backing from the undertaking supplied by the Globe and Mail.

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