

Conservative Meetings

With partisan governments both provincial and federal, it is necessary even in wartime for Opposition members to keep on the alert. The interest and enthusiasm shown at last night's Conservative meeting in the Empire Theatre indicated that the Conservative, while too per cent behind every effort to further Canada's war objectives, is by no means uncritical of the manner in which it is being conducted.

A Free Press Indispensable

"The position of the daily newspaper press in a country at war is beset with special problems and difficulties," says the Globe and Mail. "Newspapers have abnormal demands upon their space for the daily flood of war news arriving from every corner of the world; they are bereft of the services of competent members of their staffs who have gone on war services; they discover that governmental regulation of commerce and industry tends to curtail advertising, and they have to cope with other minor troubles."

Postal Information

The increase in the volume of domestic, overseas and military mails has been tremendous in recent years, 1941-42 postal revenues reaching a new peak of over \$55,477,159. Unfortunately, there has been a corresponding increase in another direction. Last year some 2,000,000 items of mail reached the Dead Letter Office, due to failure on the part of senders to address correctly, to provide a return address, etc.

useful information on post office services and a brief section on mail for the armed forces, which should prove very helpful. It can be obtained on application to the Post Office Department, Ottawa.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is most gratifying to be able to report outstanding successes of our arms at sea, on land and in the air.

Local potato exporters are denied the right of delay, free of charge, for shipment of potatoes by rail in zero weather, because consent by the Board of Transport Commission might open the door for other similar applications.

Movie programmes are likely to be considerably curtailed. The U.S.A. National Board of Review of Motion Pictures urges the movie industry to suspend double features for the duration "as a saving of time, critical materials and manpower needed for winning the war."

Is it possible under our present system of jurisdiction for an innocent man to be convicted? Two 16-year-old boys, one of whom confessed after an innocent man had been sentenced for the crime were sent to jail in Montreal for five months each for assault and robbery.

General Bernard Law Montgomery, the hero of the Egyptian campaign, is an abstemious, Godly and implacable man. With the zeal of the Godly he went to work. Hour after hour, for twelve days, his Eighth Army had surged against every foot of Rommel's defense, punning the Axis Army with artillery and aircraft, clawing a way forward through barbed wire, minefield and booby trap.

Religion in the army. General Douglas MacArthur, a dour Presbyterian says: "By profession I am a soldier, and take pride in that fact, but I am prouder, infinitely prouder to be a father. A soldier destroys in order to build; a father only builds, never destroys. The one has the potentialities of death; the other embodies creation and life; and while the hordes of death are mighty, the battalions of life are mightier still."

Sir Stanley Maude, British soldier, died this date, 1917; son of General Sir Frederick Maude, V.C.; educated at Eton and Sandhurst; joined the Coldstream Guards; fought in the Sudan; severely wounded in South Africa, 1899; military secretary to Governor General of Canada 1901-4; assistant director of Territorial forces, War Office, 1914; went to France on staff of 5th Division in command of 14th Brigade; severely wounded, on recovery sent to Gallipoli in command 13th Division, being primarily responsible for the successful evacuation of Serbia and of Helles; transferred to Mesopotamia where he became by rapid steps commander-in-chief, and organized and executed the brilliant campaign leading up to the capture of Bagdad with which his name will ever be connected; died in Bagdad of cholera.

Prime Minister MacKenzie King, former isolationist has now got a new and self-satisfying alibi when sorely pressed by critics—"it wasn't me, it was Churchill!" It was Churchill who asked that Canadians be sent to Hong Kong. It was Churchill who advised our maintaining diplomatic relations with Vichy when all but we had quit. Now it appears on the broad shoulders of Churchill is laid the responsibility of shipping "a train of box-cars of Canadian beer fifty miles long" to Egypt.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Proud Mother—They promoted my son Jerry for gallantry in a Court Martial.—Exchange

Gandhi at one time wore a silk hat, morning coat and spats. Some one must have stolen them when he was taking his morning tub, and left him with only a guest towel.—Hamilton Spectator.

A German correspondent, at the front in Russia, complains in a broadcast: "What we have gained one day, we must fight for all over again the next day." Now, isn't that just too bad!—Hamilton Spectator.

Our philosophy is that we must take things as they are and live with a high consciousness of duty that we report the hanging upside down of a painting by the Museum of Modern Art. The composition involved is an abstraction by John Ferren, and it is upside down—er was last Friday—and no two ways about it. The artist had the irrational whim of signing it upside down in the upper left-hand corner.

When Bainsfather's Old Bill introduced, of his comrade, a paragon of his kind, "Erbert?" he was guilty of a breach of discipline, discipline appears to be understood in a sphere within the jurisdiction of that stern militarist, Mr. Morrison, Minister of Home Security. Reports from Birmingham have it that after an inspection of a unit of the National Fire Service by two of Mr. Morrison's officials, an order was issued to the effect that "Members of the N. F. S. firemen and firewomen, are not to use Christian names when addressing one another but must use surnames only, preceded by the appropriate rank."

Australia's racing men cheerfully parted up when the call went out for binoculars for the army in answer to the Supply Department's plea for binoculars for the army. The particulars of all binoculars many returned soldiers of the last war gave answers of refreshing honesty.

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How fast can an Algoma moose look over his shoulder? An ungainly looking creature in a red coat, though with a fine set of antlers he presents something of a majestic appearance. He can cover the ground in a short time when he is put to it.

The Poet's Corner

CHRIST IN FLANDERS (1915) We had forgotten You, or very nearly. You did not seem to touch us very nearly. Of course we thought about You in religion, in any time of trouble, But we are very ordinary men.

And there were always other things to think of, There's lots of things a man has got to think of, His work, his home, his pleasure and his wife; And so we only thought of You on a Sunday, Because we're always lots to fill in our lives.

And all the while, in street, or lane, or by-way, In country lane, in city street, or by-way, You walked among us and we did not see, Your feet were bleeding as You walked our pavements, How did we miss Your footsteps on our pavements? Can there be other folk as blind as we?

On Sending Beer To Egypt

(Montreal Gazette) Described by Rev. E. J. Muchmor, Secretary of the United Church Board of Evangelism and Social Service, as "a scandal and a disgrace," the shipment of Canadian beer to Egypt is a matter for which the British Government has been wholly responsible.

The Mackinnon answer disposes of everything except the unwelcome fact of speaking in ignorance. As reported in the Regina Leader-Post, Mr. Muchmor elaborated his thesis. He gave his audience a picture of a brewery shipping enough beer to fill a train of box-cars fifty miles long. He denoted "to men in Egypt having beer," but emphasized the distance. This would be a sounder better but for the general attitude expressed in the sentence: "The liquor business is so aggressive and profitable in Canada today that it has secured from the Federal Government permission to ship beer to Egypt and has been shipping this since the beginning of the year."

Now that the tide of actual war appears to be turning in some degree in favor of the United Nations, it will probably be our next step to pay more attention than ever to the psychological front, and to attack, where possible, to widen breaches in the ranks of those nations who are allied with the Axis, either by choice or through lack of will.

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Danubian Futures

Whether a restoration of the Hapsburgs, at the end of the present war, could ever hope to meet with success, is doubtful, to our mind. But some stable reconstruction of the Danubian situation will be achieved if we are to hope for European peace in the future.

But there have always been elements in Germany itself which have been opposed to Prussia. Well into the nineteenth century such states as Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg and Baden always felt that their outlook coincided more with that of France than of Prussia.

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