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Budget Anticipations

Interest at Ottawa is now being focused on the budget which Finance Minister Ilsley is likely to bring down within the next couple of weeks. An early estimate of three and one-half billions as the total amount of the expenditure to be budgeted for, is now said to appear too low.

The current figure is placed nearer the \$3.8 billion mark. Of this, Mr. Ilsley may try to raise as much as \$1.8 billions by taxation—an increase of about \$500 millions from the record total collected in the past year.

How will the money be raised? The most probable tax increases, says an Ottawa correspondent of the Financial Post, are these:
1. Revision of the EPT on corporations to a sliding scale of 40 to 90 or 100%, compared with the present 40 to 75%.

Wholesale Nazi Murders

The American newspapermen who have been released from Nazi concentration camps in exchange for Axis prisoners, bring some astounding stories from Germany to the outside world. None, however, is so harrowing in its ghastly details as the record of the "execution" murders, perpetrated by Hitler's firing squads in German-occupied countries, as related by Glen M. Stadler, Associated Press correspondent, who has cabled his story from Lisbon.

Adolf Hitler's firing squads, Mr. Stadler writes, have killed nearly 400,000 Europeans, in the process of looting conquered areas of \$36,000,000,000 in cash and goods. This sum, European officials and private sources estimate, is equal to the entire cost of Germany's 7 years of rearmament.

Nor is this the whole story. Under the infamous Nazi "hostage" system, 175,000,000 more persons in occupied countries are at present subject to the death "penalty" for anti-German deeds with which they need not necessarily have the slightest connection.

The wholesale use of firing squads alone proves that Hitler's "new order" for Europe is not functioning as he desired. According to Richard Massock, who for five years represented the A. P. in Rome, Italy is in a worse way than Germany, but the Fascist regime is secure for "some time to come."

The Rationing

Undoubtedly, rationing of motor vehicles are divided into "A," "B," and "C" classes. "A" class vehicles, like cars driven by doctors and nurses, some clergymen, ambulance operators, firemen, policemen, some mail delivermen, buses and certain trucks, some trailers, farm equipment and industrial, mining and construction equipment may obtain new tires, new retreaded tires, retreading services, used tires and tubes. "B" class vehicles, including those used mainly to trans-

port war workers to and from work, private cars used principally by federal or provincial government employees for essential purposes. Red Cross workers, British Commonwealth Air Training plan employees, ministers of foreign countries, taxi operators and farmers who own no truck, garage tow trucks and other trucks, not especially provided for—such as trucks used for delivery to homes—may obtain retreaded tires and retreading services, used tires and tubes, providing special permission is obtained. "C" class vehicles, including horse-drawn vehicles or farm implements for which tires are essential, industrial mining and construction equipment for which used tires are adequate, foreign cars in Canada for more than a week, cars operated mainly for the professional duties of government employees, and such persons as newspaper reporters, incapacitated persons, life insurance salesmen and rural school teachers, may buy only used tires and tubes. Persons not listed in one of the three categories are not permitted to buy any type or tire or tube. It is estimated 1,000,000 or more motorists whose driving is considered non-essential fall into the no-tire class.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Business income tax must be paid by the end of this month, or—
With both the Mayor and City Clerk absent from the City Hall, everything goes on as usual at that busy hive of civic industry.

The people who count for most in a community are not necessarily, or even usually, those considered indispensable.

The city is now beginning to look its loveliest with its green lawns, and leafy trees overhanging the footpaths. No painted picture can do justice to its beauty.

Hear the Prince Edward Island Hospital directorate are sending Doctor Wendell MacDonald away for a two years' post-graduate course on radiology to keep the institution in the forefront of medical and surgical progress.

All organized spectacular sport in England is now confined to the week-end. This new regulation means that, when the Derby is run on June 13, it will be the first time in the long history of this classic event that it will have been held on a Saturday. And the Derby was first run as far back as 1780—162 years ago.

The tremendous strain on the War Ministers of the Crown at Ottawa is showing its effects in querulous replies to interrogation in the House, and, especially in the case of Mr. Howe, in the confused and conflicting answers successively given. It is about time the House rose to give the Ministers a reprieve.

It cannot be laid to the charge of the City Council that they are extravagant so far as the lower rung of their employees are concerned. One street sweeper, who has got a 20c increase, has had six blocks belonging to a deceased colleague, tacked on to his beat.

General MacArthur, Supreme Commander in the Australian region, replying to a message from the rector of the Church of Christ, Little Rock, Arkansas, where the General was baptized, said (Reuter reports):—"At the altar where I first joined the sanctuary of God, I ask that you will seek divine guidance for me in the great struggle looming ahead."

In Verdun, Que., children are being given instruction in street manners. Under the direction of their teachers they are taken to the auditorium where Miss Joan Adams, N. V. R. C. demonstrates to them how to carry out civil regulations and avoid accidents to themselves and others. Miss Adams says that children, as citizens of the community, should realize their civic responsibilities and act accordingly.

"A North American" broadcasting over B. B. his experience said inter alia: "I want to tell you of an experience I had a few days ago when I was travelling through the Rhonda Valley, in the heart of the Welsh coal region. I had been invited to hear a Welsh choir in the Baptist Tabernacle in Cardiff. There were about 1,500 people filling every seat in the church which swelled with the full melodious voices of the singers. And at the end the leader of the singing called for the usual "signature." From every throat in that auditorium there rose in chorus which seemed as if it must reach Heaven itself. "We still shall sing." It was a promise and a challenge to all the dictators of the earth. "A singing people is an unbeatable people, that is why singing always plays such an important part in Christian church ritual."

Sydney Smith, clergyman, author and wit, died this date, 1845; settled in Edinburgh and founded, along with Jeffrey and Brougham the famous Edinburgh Review which roasted friend and foe alike in the literary and political world of that day; removing to London, he won wider reputation, then became Canon of Bristol Cathedral and later of St. Paul's London; as a man of letters he had little critical ability, but his wit was unique and his style brilliant; his collected published works consist largely of sermons and essays: "I do not mean to be disrespectful but the attempt of the Lords to stop the progress of reform, reminds me very forcibly of the great storm of Sidmouth, and of the conduct of the excellent Mrs. Partington on that occasion. In the winter of 1824, there set in a great flood upon that town—the tide rose to an incredible height: the waves rushed in upon the houses, and everything was threatened with destruction. In the midst of this sublime and terrible storm, Dame Partington, who lived upon the beach, was seen at the door of her house with mop and patters, trundling her mop, squeezing out the sea water, and vigorously pushing away the Atlantic Ocean. The Atlantic was roused. Mrs. Partington's spirit was up; but I need not tell you that the conquest was unequal. The Atlantic Ocean beat Mrs. Partington. She was excellent at a slop or puddle, but she should not have meddled with a tempest."

NOTES BY THE WAY

It would be the height of foolishness to imagine that Government controls which have been instituted as war measures will be relinquished immediately and in their entirety after the war has been won. Government organizations develop voting power and voting power is always respected by the political parties out of which governments are formed. But if what we are fighting for is worth fighting for, war-time regulations which restrict individual initiative and private enterprise should be revised, or at least modified, as soon as possible after the emergency to meet which they were inspired, has passed. — Montreal Financial Times.

Before this war is very much older, many Canadians are going to have to revise their eating habits. There will have to be less lavish use of meats and fats, and a greater reliance on cereals. Provided the authorities take the public and food producers into their confidence and make a full explanation of the changes necessary, there should be neither criticism nor hardship. Our standard of living, probably the highest in the world so far as food is concerned is easily able to stand revision without any real sacrifice. We are among the world's largest per capita consumers of eggs, butter, fruits, milk and meat. — Financial Post.

A pompous-looking individual got up briskly out of the barber's chair and shaved his head. "Bay rum, shaving soap, or anything else, sir?" the assistant inquired. "No time," he answered brusquely. "Must dash off at once. Don't know which thing to be first. Good job some of us jump to it, or the war would last for ever. Ought to have a hair-cut really, but—" and he made his way to the door with a lofty glance at the waiting customers. "That's all right, sir," the assistant said loudly. "If you remember, you had a hair-cut yesterday!" — Birmingham Mail.

The cattle quota to the United States is now fixed. That quota to mean a bigger beef ration on the home table. The good old T-bone should come into its own again. — St. Catharines Standard.

Colonel Auberon Godfrey Isaac, D.S.O., M.C., of Midway Manor, Bath was fined the maximum of £100 at Bradford-on-Avon for not complying with the Land Cultivation Order issued by the Wiltsire War Agriculture Committee. Colonel Isaac said he had a large number of milking cattle and maintained that he was contributing to the food production effort just as much as if his land were plowed. — London Times.

I hear that the Italian Government has given notice to the ex-Queen of Spain that she must leave Italy within a week. She has been in Italy for about two years. Her husband died in Rome last year, and she has not left the city since in Rome and the rest in Lausanne in Switzerland. Probably she will now go to Lausanne, as it will be difficult to return to England. Queen Ena had a house in Portchester Terrace, London, and her mother, the Princess of Wales, lived in the house in Sussex, the home of Princess Alice of Athlone. Queen Ena lives in a hotel in Rome and has a daughter married to an Italian. — Manchester Guardian.

One passage in Hitler's speech on Sunday to the Reichstag has an interesting background. He said: Churchill began this air war in May, 1940. I warned him for months and waited. My waiting was not weakness. I shall now on retaliate, blow for blow, until this criminal falls to pieces. But just a year ago this very week another speech to the Reichstag Hitler said: Again and again I uttered warnings against aerial warfare and I did not so for over three and a half months. So now Churchill has set his air war. We are determined to continue to retaliate a hundred times for every one of his and to go on doing so until the British nation at last gets rid of the criminal and his methods. Wherever Hitler is now promising only to give us a hundred bombs for every one. — New York Times.

The Italians have lost the war already. Even Mussolini's place as Hitler's gaudier in the Mediterranean is a military prisoner of Germany. But how completely it is also coming Germany's industrial and financial power. A recent broadcast, Radio Italia, the Italian freedom station, described how Germany is putting Italy ever deeper into its debt. According to Radio Italia, the Italians must pay for the upkeep of the German air forces and garrisons in Sicily and other regions. All supplies which Germany uses as well as Italian, are charged to Italy. These include not only food and clothing but tanks, airplanes, explosives, etc. And the Italian Government should realize the cost of transporting these supplies. Also, according to Radio Italia, Italy must pay for the goods which Italy gets from occupied Europe. With the credits thus built up, Germany, according to Radio Italia, is acquiring valuable properties in Italy. Chiefly, particularly is the buying of Italian ships and the ordering of more from Italian shipyards. Radio Italia sees Germany aiming at a complete monopoly of transportation in the Mediterranean, which Mussolini set out to make "an Italian lake." Whether or not Radio Italia's report is accurate in its methods described are in complete harmony with those Germany has used elsewhere. Any of this, there can be no doubt: Germany is not fighting in Libya to help Italy, any more than it invaded the Balkan peninsula to encroach the Italian army which the Greeks had beaten back into Albania. Italy has lost both its empire and its independence and if Germany wins the war, Italy will recover neither. — From the British Industries Bulletin.

We waved, farewell recently to a body of men many of whom had been the instructions of their governments, have betrayed them. They have endeavored, in order to forward their government's designs upon the life and liberty of this nation, to foment discord and disturbance within our own borders. They have employed and subverted spies and saboteurs and have sought to undermine the loyalty of American citizens of

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"The hour is dark, the way is long. Peace may be far off. But we are sure, we are certain, we are filled with absolute conviction that victory awaits us at the end of our journey." — Lord Beaverbrook.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

BOVINE TB TESTS

Sir,—Regarding the test for bovine tuberculosis commencing at East Point, the veterinary profession of Prince Edward Island protest against it. We have men here just as well qualified to do this work as the men from Ontario or elsewhere, and as a profession very little to do. Why are men being brought here from Ontario when we have seven or eight good qualified men here? As one, I claim that you all test without using a thermometer or taking an animal's temperature was only a farce. The tuberculin test should be taken as follows: A day previous to applying the test take the temperature normal; animals to be tested to be kept in, not allowed large drinks of cold water. Choose a point on the neck, wash clean; inject fifty minims tuberculin under the skin. Follow this by taking the temperature three times on the ninth, twelfth and fifteen hours. Should the temperature rise to 104 you have tuberculosis. As high as 102 or below 103, doubtful. This disease may be communicated to human beings through milk of diseased animals. Let us have a thorough tuberculin test this time. I am, Sir, etc. DR. J. A. McEWEN, V.S. Rollo Bay, P. E. I.

Is The Enemy Fooled?

(Globe and Mail) The Minister for Naval Affairs destroys public confidence when he declares that future sinkings in the St. Lawrence River will not be made public because of the need to withhold information from the Canadian enemy. If the Minister had said that he would postpone the announcement for a few days, it would have been understandable. It does not seem to happen that a submarine fires torpedoes at night or in foggy weather and is uncertain as to the results. Generally speaking, the enemy is well aware of the results of his attacks, and there can be no point in concealing the information. During the worst phases of the Battle of the Atlantic, when attacks on convoy resulted in the disclosure of enemy submarine positions and the submarines themselves were attacked with depth charges by the escort vessels, it was sound strategy to keep detailed information quiet. In the first place, when large convoys are carrying troops and supplies to a specific destination in the war area, the destruction or safe arrival of a large proportion of the ships alters the military factors, and the enemy may be guided in timing his attacks by knowledge of the losses sustained. Moreover, escorted convoys take their toll of submarines, and after an enemy attack, the enemy may destroy the attacker, and so deprive the enemy of his source of information. But these considerations do not enter into hit-and-run attacks on unescorted merchant vessels in the St. Lawrence River, and the Minister's statement hardly carries conviction. On the contrary, it raises apprehension. Let many vessels be sunk in the St. Lawrence without our knowledge, and that tipping from Great Lakes ports may effectively be barred from access to the sea before we know anything about it. In the present instance, the enemy birth These things have been done under the protection of long-established international laws of diplomatic intercourse. One of the most fruitful things we can do in making the peace that is to come is to see that those laws are amended so as to render such practices impossible in the future. — New York Sun.

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envy knows all about where the two ships were sunk in the St. Lawrence River, and has broadcast the details from short-wave stations in Europe. The only comfort which the enemy has gained is from the confirmation he has provoked and from the fact that the Canadian Government, instead of being defiant, has promised to withhold information from the Canadian public, which is an evidence of

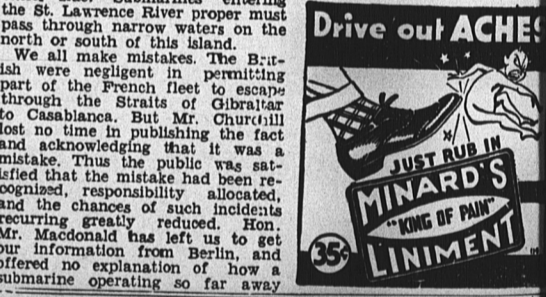
weakness rather than strength. Apparently we have been caught napping and have failed to install nets and gateghips equipped with acoustic gear in the straits which separate Anticosti from the mainland on the St. Lawrence River proper must pass through narrow waters on the north or south of this island. We all make mistakes. The British were negligent in permitting through the Straits of Gibraltar to Casablanca. But Mr. Churchill lost no time in publishing the fact and acknowledging that it was a mistake. Thus the public was satisfied that the mistake had been recognized, responsibility allocated and the chances of such incidents recurring greatly reduced. Hon. Mr. Macdonald has left us to get our information from Berlin, and offered no explanation of how a submarine operating so far away

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