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A Fine Example

A fine example of patriotism is given in a statement issued by the publicity and health education division of the Department of Pensions and National Health.

Apart from these details of renewed military service, it is surprising how many amputation cases have been restored to regular employment in occupations which, as Mr. Hodgson says, "might reasonably be assumed to be closed to them on account of their handicaps."

Pensions officials believe that the survey proves, in the great majority of cases, "triumph of courage over handicap." It is explained that many of those filling useful and important places have been spurred on to achievements beyond the original roles for which they were destined.

Canada's Export Trade

Notwithstanding the unavoidable dislocation of much of Canada's trade by the British blockade of continental Europe, it is encouraging to learn, on the authority of a statement issued yesterday by an official of the Trade and Commerce department, that the Dominion's total trade prospects for the present year appear favorable.

Prior to the outbreak of war, the Dominion maintained favorable trade connections with Europe, selling \$76,100,000 worth of goods there in the fiscal year ended March 31, 1939, and buying only \$38,400,000.

The bulk of Canadian exports to continental Europe in peace times was grain and metals. Most metal exports have simply been diverted to Great Britain.

During this period continental Europe bought 21 per cent of Canada's wheat exports of 135,343,000 bushels; 60 per cent of durum wheat exports of 6,431,000 bushels; 19 per cent of oats exports of 4,551,033 bushels; 51 per cent of barley exports of 10,049,375 bushels; more than 95 per cent of rye exports of 2,674,666 bushels and all buckwheat exports of 252,114 bushels.

Principal importers of Canadian wheat and wheat flour were Belgium, taking 4.66 per cent of Canada's total exports; Denmark 1.66 per cent; Netherlands 5.64 per cent; Norway 3.80 per cent and Switzerland 2.38 per cent.

\$859,000 (\$2,003,000); Czecho-Slovakia \$2,878,000 (\$1,951,000); Italy \$1,789,000 (\$2,481,000); Denmark \$1,673,000 (\$176,000); Poland and Danzig \$1,078,000 (\$230,000); Switzerland \$774,000 (\$3,001,000); and Finland \$463,000 (\$77,000).

14 Lawyers In Cabinet

We heard a good deal about the number of lawyers who were running as Conservative candidates in the last provincial election. The Liberal press seemed to think there was something sinister in their preponderance over other aspirants.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A shower a day will do no harm, and the crops an awful lot of good.

Jane Austen, novelist, died this date, 1817: "To sit in the shade on a fine day and look upon verdure is the most perfect refreshment."

Many cars with mainland and U. S. A. number plates are to be seen about the streets and country roads, showing that vacationists cannot resist the attractions of this fair province as a holiday health resort.

Billeting allowances for British householders caring for schoolchildren under the Government's evacuation scheme have been increased. The new scales are:—Between 10 and 14 years of age, \$2.50 per week; between 14 and 16 years \$3.00; over 16 years, \$3.60.

The gross receipts from the Boy Scouts Carry-on Campaign were \$3,142.23, and the expenses \$358.70, leaving a net \$2,538.88 to finance the movement till March next.

As already announced in these columns the British War Office will resume payment of grants necessary to meet the upkeep of military bands. There has been considerable criticism of the funeral air of columns marching without the martial music which is recognized as a pepper-upper to soldiers and civilians alike.

An esteemed contributor to the Public Forum yesterday seemed to think his name-sake, Premier Campbell, had been taking a plebiscite for establishing beer parlors. Alas, as recent disclosures have shown, beer parlors have been, and are in existence, in our midst under the existing Law, notwithstanding the fact that the Attorney General possesses all the power necessary to suppress them.

Preparations are now well underway for the Dominion-wide registration of men, women and children of from 16 to 104 and over. Everybody must register, and retain their registration card on their person for production when asked for. Only those up to 45 will be liable for service in the various branches of the new army, but those above that age may be called for other specific duties.

Writing in the New Statesman a well-known literary man says: "I am one of those who never skip the astrology feature in the Saturday paper. Some times I am shocked when I consider the increasing hold that astrology is getting on modern men and women, who have given up faith in Joshua and his trumpet only to revert to faith in the Scorpion and the Bull; but none the less, I wonder whether I myself am as sceptical about the stars and their influences as I ought to be. A strong-jawed-will to disbelieve was never part of my make-up. There is 25 per cent of me that listens readily to stories about ghosts, sea-serpents, and the prediction of fortune-tellers. In the same way I cannot help quarter-believing the rosier forecasts of the astrologers. It is one of my methods of wishful thinking. I become more of a rationalist when the astrologer turns pessimist. It would be a good thing, it seems to me, if a scientific committee were set up to examine the past predictions of astrologers and their proved truth or falsity."

"Despite the assurance of Mr. Ralston that the National Resources Mobilization Act need cause no worry to people with savings, (says Canadian Business) the first reaction in some parts of Canada was to withdraw bank deposits and to tuck their paper tokens away in a sock. This action, if carried to its logical conclusion, would merely force the state to print more tokens to replace those taken out of circulation and consequently to make those hoarding depreciate in value. A more delicate problem faced by the people in this country is how far personal expenditures should be cut down. Insofar as such expenditures do not in any way hamper the production of war materials, it may be ill-advised to curtail them unnecessarily. Unfortunately we still have an unemployment problem and the slashing of personal spending at this time might only intensify and aggravate a condition which is improving. Ultimately we may reach the position where we must go without most of the comforts of life and accept sacrifices similar to those which our enemy has endured to build his war machine. Meanwhile, however, a complete disruption of peacetime business through sharp and unnecessary curtailment of private spending, might be unwise."

NOTES BY THE WAY

When the French first came to this part of North America the Indians were found to be using articles of clay made by themselves. In various parts of the province pottery remains have been found in the earth.

Nothing on the German side has been able to withstand the British fighter pilots and you can't swim the Channel in an armored column. — New York Herald Tribune.

After Sunday the Italians must do without coffee, the British blockade is making it felt. And they will have to accustom themselves to doing without a great many other things for all of which we can thank Mussolini. — American News.

Premier Aberhart is reported to have prophesied that Italy is to appear. But his prophesying as to whether there has been something inspired by his failure to produce the \$25 a month for each citizen of Alberta, which he also forecast. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

It is not a matter of depending on the United States for protection while we are in a position to give—but of doing our utmost for our own defense, and joining with the United States, if need be, in the protection of North America against attack. — Winnipeg Free Press.

It is a bitter thought for ex-servicemen that the veterans of the Old Plumer's Second Army held that ancient stronghold against all right through the last war, and at the Menin Gate stadium in Belgium a memorial to cur 58,000 missing Canadian day Lord Plumer unveiled the memorial, engraved with the names of all those British soldiers with unknown graves, the hand of a blind woman was held so that her fingers might trace the name of her own warrior boy. Not only this shrine of honor, but all those where sleep over 790,000 of our known dead, are now overrun by the Nazi hordes. No more the highly "Last Post" sighs over the "Last Post" soldier's headstones. Instead of that solemn requiem there is the shattering pandemonium of war. Never did the dying eyes of those stout-hearted soldiers of ours envisage the possibility that their own children's lifetime they would be unrelieved on martyred "Wipers" how it must irk their gallant ghosts to see the line they held broken. — Ottawa Journal.

The difference between the United States giving moral and material support to the Allies and actual participation in the war would be immense in its moral weight. Very few countries in the world, perhaps none, perhaps not even Germany, will believe that the free nations can be finally defeated if the United States is on their side and that general belief would go far to make a Nazi victory impossible. If it be the case—and it is hard to believe that any intelligent American looker-on can have doubts on the point—that the United States is already in this war by reason of her present course it would seem to be self-evident that it ought to seek battle than North America and its adjacent waters. It is quite possible that by following policies of apparent prudence at this time the United States will let itself in for a defence at no distant date of North America against a war-dominated world with no help from anyone except such assistance as Canada, already exhausted by her exertions in the Great War, can give. If it be the case, as reported from Washington, that President Roosevelt favors armed intervention these are the considerations that move him. His countrymen looking back from some day not far in the future will see how right he was. — Winnipeg Free Press.

Acting on the gangster principle of "never hit a man until he's down" Mussolini declared "war" on June 10. The Italian Navy was supposed to re-establish the Roman rule of the Mediterranean, but so Gaius Julius has sought out the Carthaginian galleys in the Adriatic. Wherever it is, the Italian Navy is like the Ancient Mariner's "idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean." Bolton Hall's crack that "Satan has work for idle ships to do" may hold good but Satan is being cheated. They are working. Maybe Mussolini sent the Italian fleet off to join the Flying Dutchman in Wagner's opera. Meanwhile, Winston Churchill has vainly invited the Italian tars to visit the Atlantic to gratify the curiosity of the British Navy, which wonders whether they are as good as they were in the war or worse. We think they are as good as they were in the war, but the Italian fleet remained locked up in port during the last war, but not so safely locked up at that, as the Italian ships kept up their habit of blowing themselves up at dock. "The boys are careless with their cigarette ashes. Anyhow, the Italian Navy has no Austrians to fight this time. The last time anybody got a fight out of an Italian fleet was about 75 years ago when the British were beaten up by a brutal Czech admiral, Tegenhoff, commanding a job lot of wooden tubs of the vintage of those old sidewheelers that used to ferry Chicagoans and their girls to Benton Harbor on a Sunday afternoon. — From the Chicago Daily News.

The invasion of Britain, if and when actually attempted, will provide the acid test of sea versus air power—the test for which every naval command in the world is anxiously awaiting. So many impossible things have happened lately that military experts are inclined to hedge in these days; they said the landing of a hostile force on British soil might be possible. But they also declare the success of such an operation is "improbable." One thing appears reasonably certain—someone is due for a headache in mind the reputation of the British for bulldog tenacity and courage, the odds would seem to be on Hitler finding himself blitzkrieged for a change, and ending that head-scratching powder. — New Republic.

Red Cross In Wartime

(Financial Post) In response to the demand of women across Canada to participate in war work, the Canadian Red Cross has now expended all but around \$450,000 of the \$5 millions donated by Canadians when war broke out. When the next appeal is made on Sept. 23, it is expected that every dollar of the money now available will have been spent.

In addition to the \$5 millions contributed in the last Red Cross campaign, an estimated \$500,000 has been contributed in ambulances and blankets. Altogether 150 ambulances have been donated at a cost of approximately \$250,000. In response to the Society's blanket appeal, 75,000 blankets (most of which are new or almost new) have been donated. These are estimated to be worth \$250,000.

The largest individual item of expenditure of the Red Cross has been \$1.8 millions for war work. The branches in providing supplies and comforts from Feb. 1 to May 30 the following shipments were made overseas: 4,961 cases of Red Cross hospital and other supplies, 680 cases of hospital equipment, 545 cases and cartons of approximately 1,000 cases of relief supplies together with other supplies. Among the latter are a number of cases for overseas units and transported through the Red Cross transportation facilities. Shipments made overseas do not represent the real results from expenditure of the \$1.8 million, however. It is estimated less than half the material has been returned from the various branches. The material will be coming in now at a most opportune time, it is felt.

The largest expenditure by the Red Cross is \$750,000 for the Tappan hospital. The \$750,000 is an estimated figure which will almost certainly be exceeded, officials feel. Due to the time it takes to get shipments from overseas, it is not known exactly how much over the \$750,000 the cost will run. The hospital has been built with a capacity of 600 beds, half of which have been ready for some time, with the other half now believed in readiness, although actual confirmation of this has not yet been received at Red Cross headquarters in Toronto.

Services of the Red Cross have not been found to slacken during the war. Absorbed \$725,000 or 14.5 cents of each dollar raised. Aside from the establishment of the Tappan hospital, work carried out by the national council of the Canadian Red Cross includes two grants of \$100,000 each to the British Red Cross. A sum of \$100,000 was made available for comforts for the Royal Navy and \$50,000 for the Polish relief. The French Red Cross has assisted with a grant of \$100,000 and \$100,000 each was made available to the Belgian and Dutch Red Crosses.

Recently \$100,000 was authorized for purchase of food supplies for prisoners of war and refugees. The first shipment of \$25,000 worth of food for prisoners of war has already gone forward to be made up into parcels in England. So far the Canadian Red Cross has been fortunate in losing only one shipment of supplies by enemy action.

The Poet's Corner

ROTATION
Even the owls are lyrical
When the moon's right,
And we have no patience with the stars
Of a dusty night.

Love is dull with the mood wrong,
And age may outstrip youth,
For there is no measuring a song,
Nor counting upon truth.

All's well, and then a flood of loss
Surges upon delight,
While the rose buds upon the cross,
And the blind have sight.

Morning wisdom vanishes,
And dusk brings dread,
That staid sleep banishes
Ere primes are said.

He who is sure, has all to learn;
Who fears, but fears in vain;
For never a day does the year turn,
But it shall turn again.

—John Drinkwater.

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During the last Great War no loss was experienced from marine, war risk or pilferage. It is anticipated that the Canadian Red Cross will participate in looking after refugees from the British Isles. Refugee children may bring a great need for proper clothing, it is felt.

The fact that Red Cross hospitals have been made military objectives by the enemy is expected to mean a great flow of sick and wounded to Canada—both soldiers and civilians. The badly injured, requiring long hospitalizations, are viewed as the most likely to be transferred here if Canada can take them. To look after these people the Canadian Red Cross already viasizes the need for convalescent hospitals in large numbers. The Government may take a part in this work, but the public will have a chance to supply these places through the Red Cross.

Canadian Red Cross officials now expect the Society's future obligations to be tremendously greater than in the last year. In fact the national executive feels very hesitant about naming any objective for its new campaign for this reason. However, it is customary to set an objective for financial campaigns and it is likely some figure will be set at a meeting of the national executive. Present indications are the objective will be not less than \$5 millions.

Daily War Survey

(By The Canadian Press) Rumors of peace proposals drifting out from the German and Italian capitals can hardly influence in shaping Great Britain's course of action towards the enemies. The stories may be another manifestation of the war of opinion in Great Britain on certain urgent defensive measures. On the other hand, they may reflect the truth and spring from a disinclination on the part of the totalitarian states to attack Great Britain now. The plans of Hitler and Mussolini may embrace a gradual reduction of British power throughout the world while the so-called new order on the European continent is being established.

The two, however, can scarcely exist long side by side. A Hitler-dominated Europe and a free Britain can reach no compromise. There can be little doubt, the German leaders are aware of this. Consequently any delay which takes place in the delivery of the threatened knock-out blow at Great Britain doubtless springs from doubts about its immediate effectiveness.

HONG KONG, July 17.—(AP)—Chinese military headquarters declared today three years of warfare had cost Japan 1,644,988 men killed, wounded or dead as a result of disease. Tokyo recently admitted that 85,800 Japanese had been killed in the war with China, and claimed China's losses totaled 3,000,000 men of whom more than half were said to have been killed in battle.

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