News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

JAPAN AND US: We are willing to wager that if a poll were taken of Canadian public opinion it would be found that 90 per cent. of the people of the Dominion are dead against Japan in its "undeclared" war on China, and have the utmost sympathy for the harried Chinese. What do we do about it, though?

Speaking in Toronto last week, Pearl Teh-wei Liu, daughter of a colonel in the Tenth Chinese Army, charged that Japan got 90 per cent. of its nickel from Canada in 1938; that 17 per cent. of all her war materials were imported from Great Britain and 81 per cent. came from the democratic nations of the world.

And now Japan goes and sends us shaving brushes infected with anthrax germs! A nice return for our help . . .

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"POLITICAL VICTORY": David Lloyd George said in London last week that Italo-German forces will remain in Spain until Great Britain and France have granted demands of Germany and Italy.

Almost simultaneously with his words came a declaration from Mussolini's mouthpiece Virginio Gayda, at Rome, that Italian troops will not leave Spain until a "political" as well as a "military" victory has been assured General Franco —in other words till Spain has definitely been made into a Fascist state; until France has been blackmailed into surrendering pieces of her territory to Italy.

The Fascist position: Italy occupies lock, stock and barrel the strategic island of Majorca in the Mediterranean. German guns back of Algeciras dominate Gibraltar, are able at any time to threaten Britain's Mediterranean "life-line". Four German submarine bases have been established on Spain's northwest coast. German submarine bases on the Canary Islands could threaten Britain's route to the East around Africa. Italian and German airdromes are located only a few miles from the Franco-Spanish frontier.

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TRIAL BALLOON: Why did President Roosevelt allow three days to elapse before denying that he had said "America's frontier is in France?" There is more in it than meets the eye, we opine.

It is our idea that even though the President may not have uttered such words at all, those are his sentiments nevertheless. But he has first to educate and prepare public opinion in the U. S. to accept a new foreign policy when the time comes to announce it. (His denial, later, left his opponents with little to stand on.)

In the meantime, too, the ruse served to shut Mussolini up, whose scheduled speech (demanding something from the democratic nations, no doubt) did not come off.

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RUMOR DEPARTMENT (not to be depended on, of course): It is whispered in some circles that former Prime Minister of Canada, R. B. Bennett, may shortly seek election to the British House of Commons, later to be taken into the Chamberlain Cabinet as Secretary for the Dominions.

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THE WEEK'S QUESTION: Why will Lloyd's no longer insure against war? Answer: The British Government frowns upon it, since, if people insured heavily against war, they would stand to win big sums if a war came, and therefore they might agitate for and foment war in order to get this money.

Keep Your Canary Singing, Active

If You Wish Him to Remain Healthy and Happy — Suitable Position For Cage Is Important.

If you have a canary bird, it is very important for the health of your pet to keep it in a suitable position. The outward signs of health in song birds are activity and song. A mopey bird is a silent, miserable pet.

It is a great mistake to hang a cage at a window where the inmate is subjected to draughts and violent changes of temperature.

A cosy recess away from the window—not in a direct line between the window and door—should be chosen, and the cage should be placed on a table within a few feet of the floor. Do not hang the cage near the ceiling of the room, as in this position the bird is subjected to excessive heat and a vitiated atmosphere.

The proper feeding of birds is also of importance if they are to remain healthy and to give of their best with their sweet song. Few people take the trouble to inquire about feeding when purchasing a new bird.

Do not kill your birds with kindness by giving them slices of cake, sugar, bananas and other indigestible foods.

Hordes of Spanish Refugees Poured Over the Border Into France

A pitiful scene which was reproduced at least five-thousandfold, showing women and children refugees of Catalonia, arriving in the French border town of Le Perthus. It was the first point of safety for these civil war non-combatants, since they fled Catalonia Province, which had been taken by the victorious armies of General Francisco Franco.

Advantages Of Electric Fence

This Type of Fence Is Being Adopted More Widely In Canada Because of Its General Range of Usefulness.

The introduction of the electric fence into Canada has been received with much interest and it is gradually becoming more widely adopted for fencing pastures. This type of fence has many advantages, but at the same time caution is necessary in establishing the equipment. Research and further investigation will, no doubt, improve the safety features, its efficiency and general range of usefulness. The advantages of an electric fence are briefly enumerated as follows:

1. Reduces the cost of erecting temporary fences.
2. Reduces expenditures for wire, posts and gates.
3. Reduces injury to live stock.
4. Especially adapted to winding coulees or temporary pasture aeas otherwise impractical to fence.
5. Enables the use of untillable land in fields that otherwise might be wasted.

Aluminum Foil Butter Wrappers

Canadian Butter Exporters Are Given Advice On How to Compete Successfully With New Zealand In The British Market.

Canadian butter exporters who wish to compete successfully in the British market with New Zealand exporters should wrap butter in aluminum foils, with parchment on both sides of the foils, Dr. F. R. Hood of Ottawa told a meeting of the Manitoba Dairy Association convention. Dr. Hood is chief of the Dairy Research division, Science Service, Manitoba Department of Agriculture.

Such foils are a sure protection against surface deterioration, which in the case of some 56-pound cubes examined by the department, had been found to penetrate to a depth of ¼ inch, he said.

Should Not Store The Surplus

W. C. Cameron, Ottawa, associate chief of the Grading and Dairy Products Inspection Service, reported a total of 265,839,599 pounds of creamery butter was produced in Canada during 1938. This figure was the largest in the history of the industry, he said.

Canadian producers should not store quantities of butter during the season of heavy production with the hope of exporting to Britain at a profit in the fall, warned J. F. Singltton, Ottawa, associate director of Marketing Service, Dairy Products division, Department of Agriculture.

Spray Controls Potato Sprouts

Prevents The Growth of Buds On Tubers In Your Cellar

Farmers who have spent many long hours in the potato cellar in the spring, pulling the sprouts from potato tubers no longer dormant, can breathe a sigh of relief.

Potassium naphthaleneacetate will end all this. Dr. John Gunthrie of the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research, Boston, says that chemical prevents the growth of buds and no sprouts are produced. It causes the old potato to act just as though it were dormant or freshly harvested.

If the tubers that have been so treated are again sprayed with another chemical, ethylene chlorohydrin, the "dormancy" is broken and the sprouting of the buds is again possible. Obviously these findings will mean much to the farmer who wants to control bud growth in the winter and stimulate it to renewed activity at planting time.

Central Ontario Exhibition Dates

F. Wessels of Wooler was elected president of the Central Ontario Fairs' Association at the annual meeting in Belleville last month.

Fair dates chosen by the directors were: Campbellford, Sept. 26-27; Mountain View, Sept. 23; Madoc, Oct. 3-4; Brighton, Sept. 13-14; Picton, Sept. 28-29; Tweed, Sept. 21-22; Bancroft, Sept. 14-15; Stirling, Sept. 19-20; Marmora, Oct. 16-17; Coehill, Sept. 20-21; Centreville, Sept. 15-16; Belleville, Aug. 29-Sept. 1; Wooler, Sept. 28-29; Warkworth, Oct. 5-6; Napanee, Sept. 6-8; Roseneath Oct. 12-13; Mohawk (Deseronto) Sept. 13; Shannonville, Sept. 16.

Highland Orphanage in Inverness, Scotland, has offered to place several German refugee children with its 60 Highland orphans.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

FREE SPEECH

In Canada you can say anything you desire and not be arrested for it! and in your home you can say anything you wish and no one will pay any attention to it.—Brandon Sun.

THE FARMER'S FRONT DOOR

A never-ending puzzle is why some farmers bother about placing front doors in their houses when they are never opened and when, indeed, no steps lead to them.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

MINISTERS' WORRIES

This is the season of annual church meetings when ministers find out how really difficult it is to get all of the people coming and giving all of the time, instead of some people coming and giving some of the time. — Fort Erie Times-Review.

MOST PEA-CULIAR

As an authority on anatomy in a noted agricultural district the Chatham News is hard to beat. It says that cabbages have heads, corn has ears, celery has a heart, grapes have skins, potatoes have eyes and squashes have necks. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

DOWN WITH DIPHTHERIA!

A doctor points out that, due to the use of vaccination, many physicians (he himself included) have never seen a case of smallpox. The time will probably come when, thanks to toxoid, many members of the profession will be able to say the same thing of diphtheria. —Brockville Recorder and Times.

DO WE WANT NATIONAL UNITY?

Whatever political and other leaders may do, it is possible for individual citizens to accomplish much in the way of strengthening Canadian unity. They can learn the language of their fellow-Canadians, or at least visit them in their native province. They can forget prejudices and drop ancient grudges. Above all they can subscribe to the idea of a nationalism which is no longer racial in its basis, but which is based on a devotion to Canada as intense as that which our neighbours to the south feel towards the United States.—London Free Press.

The chairman replied in a few appropriated words.

Knitting First Was Denounced

In England As a Scottish Importation — First Became Popular In Reign of Good Queen Bess.

The origin of knitting has often been disputed. In mediaeval days all hose was made of cloth or skins of animals, and it is generally believed that knitting was invented in Scotland during the fifteenth century. Certain it is that knitted stockings found their way to France from Scotland about that time, and became so popular with the fashionable French ladies that in 1504 a Guild of Stocking Knitters was established in Paris, who chose for their patron the saint Fiacre of Scotland.

Knitted Hose, Curiously Wrought

In England knitting was viewed with disfavor, probably on account of its Scottish origin, and it was not until the reign of Queen Elizabeth that it became popular. The Virgin Queen was presented one Christmas with a pair of hand-knitted black silk stockings, the handiwork of her wardrobe woman, who had learned the art from a Scottish friend. Her royal mistress was so pleased with these novel stockings that from that time she wore no other kind, and her Court ladies followed suit.

The fashion must have spread rapidly through all classes, for less than twenty years later, when a foreigner was visiting London during the reign of James the Second, he was amazed at the craze for knitted stockings, "so curiously wrought, with open seams down the legs, and clocks about the ankles, and sometimes interwoven with gold and silver thread as is gorgeous to behold."

Knitting ranked in importance almost equal to sewing in the education of girls, and right up to the end of the last century every little girl was taught as a matter of routine to knit her own stockings.

Electric power used by the gold mining industry in Canada during 1937 was valued at $4,517,217.

Total production in the wood-using industries in 1936 reached a value of $74,728,115, an increase of almost $10,000,000 over the preceding year.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"That butler's been in his family for forty years."

WONDERLAND OF OZ — By L. Frank Baum

Guph spoke out as the First and Foremost had commanded. He tried not to pay any attention to a strange rustling sound that he heard as of an unseen multitude drawing near to listen to his words. His eyes could see only the fierce bear-man and to him he addressed his speech. First he told of his plan to conquer the Land of Oz and plunder the country of its riches and enslave its people, who, being fairies, could not be killed.

Then he told them of the tunnel the Gnome King was building, and said he had come to ask the First and Foremost to join the gnomes with his band of warriors and help them to defeat the Oz people. The General spoke very earnestly and impdessively, but when he had finished the bear-man began to laugh as if much amused, and his laughter seemed to be echoed by a chorus of merriment by an unseen multitude. Guph began to feel a trifle worried.

you?" asked the First and Foremost. "The Whimsies," replied the General. "Any others?" "The Growleywogs," said Guph. This set the bear-man laughing anew. "What share of the spoils am I to have?" was the next question. "Anything you like except the magic belt," replied Guph. "Oh, these foolish gnomes," laughed the bear-man. "How small they really are." Suddenly he seized Guph's neck with his hairy paws and dragged him out into the open.

Here he gave a curious wailing cry and, as if in answer from all the rock huts on the mountain tops came flocking a hoard of Phanfasms, all with hairy bodies, wearing the heads of various animals, birds and reptiles. All were ferocious and repulsive looking to the deceived eyes of the gnome, and Guph could not repress a shudder of disgust as he looked upon them. The First and Foremost slowly raised his arms and an astounding thing happened.