NEWS PARADE...

When Joseph P. Kennedy, U. S. Ambassador to Great Britain, said in Washington last week that "all hell is liable to break loose in Europe this spring," he voiced the opinion of dozens of political observers, military experts, who see the current conflict between Germany and the Allies spreading to new fronts in the Balkans and the Caucasus, away from the stalemate on the Western Front . . .

THUNDER IN NEAR EAST

Evidence to support this view continued to pile up during the war's twenty-third week . . . Landing of a large contingent of Australian and New Zealand troops at Suez was reported to have brought the total strength of British, French and Turkish forces in the Near East to 1,000,000 men (with a potential strength of 3,000,000) . . . . Authorities close to the Allied military missions in Istanbul said that France planned to have 700,000 more men in Syria before long, and that Britain was preparing to mobilize 100,000 Arabs and 40,000 Jews in Palestine . . . Turkey, ally of Great Britain and France, dismissed German technicians from the shipyards near Istanbul for plotting sabotage; a reliable Turkish source commented subtly, "Spring is coming" . . . In Greece, Premier John Metaxas spoke of "the storm that is coming," and a Greek cabinet minister flew to Egypt on an important mission . . . German troops moved eastward into the Bohemia-Moravia protectorate, against the Hungarian frontier . . . the little neutral countries of southeastern Europe prepared to have their conscript armies on a full war footing by mid-March . . . Rumania took steps to have her army reach a strength of 1,600,000 by March . . . Informed military sources in Turkey said that Soviet Russia was pushing construction of fortifications on the Caucasian frontier with Turkey, to defend her rich oil fields against possible Allied - Turkish attack . . . So, on March 1, then, the real war may begin.

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The sudden death of Baron Tweedsmuir, beloved Governor-General of Canada, plunged this country into mourning . . . That same week news came of the third Canadian contingent's safe arrival in Britain . . . the people of Ontario wondered just how big the provincial deficit would be when Premier Hepburn brought down the 1939 budget report . . .

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In a week full of fast-moving events, the following stood out as perhaps the most significant: the signing of a new trade pact between Germany and Russia, heralding an exchange of goods between the two countries valued at $400,000,000 annually; the commencement of talks between representatives of neutral nations and the U.S., and the dispatching to European capitals of Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State, to sound out officials of Italy, Germany, France and Great Britain; the speeding up and intensification of the Russian drive on Finland; threatened Republican uprisings in Eire and Ulster.

Wartime Fish Board Named

Eleven Members Will Advise Fisheries' Minister on Orderly Supply of Canadian Fish To British Market

Hon. J. E. Michaud, Fisheries Minister, has announced formation of a Wartime Fisheries Advisory Board.

The 11-member Board will advise the Minister of formulation of plans whereby the fishing industry will arrange the orderly supply of fish to the British market and at the same time reasonably maintain existing market contacts, the announcement said.

F. W. Wallace, editor of the Canadian Fisherman and supervisor of the Fish Division of the Canada Food Board during the first Great War, is secretary of the Board.

Satisfied Employe

Charles Rogers, tax collector for Nelson Township, Halton County, is a conscientious employe. At the council meeting in February when his re-appointment was being considered and the question of salary came up, the collector said that earlier in the year he decided to ask for an increase when new books were given him entailing extra work.

"When I used the new books I found that it saved me much time in keeping my records and also made the work easier, so I am quite satisfied with my present salary," said the collector.

Canadian Tanks and Infantry Undergo Winter Manoeuvres

Discarding their kilts in favor of heavy khaki pants and puttees and wearing fur-lined caps, men of the Toronto Irish Regiment, supported by tanks from the Canadian Armored Fighting Vehicles training centre, engaged in a mock battle under winter conditions at Camp Borden. Operating in below zero weather, the tanks led the attack across a stretch of open ground. The battle carried out under the direction of Capt. G. C. Smith chief instructor for the Canadian Armored Fighting Vehicles Training Centre, was made under instructions of Col. F. F. Worthington, O. C., of the C.A.F.V. corps.

$2,761,207 Still Lies Unclaimed

In the Dominion Treasury — Canadian Investors Have Failed to Present Their Government Holdings for Redemption on Date of Security

A fortune of close to $3,000,000 lies in the Dominion treasury awaiting claim by investors who, for one reason or another, have failed to present their government holdings for redemption on the date of security.

Public accounts, made available to the press, show matured and outstanding securities to the value of $2,761,207.

ISSUED DURING GREAT WAR

Bulk of these bonds are those issued during the first Great War when the idea of public investment in government securities was something new and a great educational and patriotic campaign was waged to induce people to buy war bonds.

In many instances it has been learned that those who bought war bonds thought they were giving their money to the cause. One instance has been reported of a couple framing their bond and hanging it in a conspicuous place to prove they had done their bit, with no idea of cashing interest coupons or presenting the bond for redemption at maturity.

THOUGHT IT GIVEN AWAY

There are cases outstanding in which subscribers to war loan issues obtained their interim certificates but never returned to exchange their certificates for the coupon-bearing bond.

Forgotten hiding places, deaths and bondholders who have not revealed their holdings or place of deposit, destruction by fire, and patriotism or philanthropy toward the government, account for much of this volume of outstanding matured securities.

For The Cook

3 teaspoons	1 tablespoon	
4 tablespoons	¼ cup	
16 tablespoons	1 cup	
1 cup	½ pint	
2 cups	1 pint	
4 cups	1 quart	
16 ounces	1 pound	
4 cups pastry flour	1 pound	
2 cups gran. sugar	1 pound	
2 cups butter	1 pound	
4 tablespoons cocoa	1 ounce	
1 square chocolate	1 ounce	
2 tablespoons liquid	1 ounce	
2 tablespoons butter	1 ounce	
2 tablespoons sugar	1 ounce	
4 tablespoons flour	1 ounce	
1 gill flour	½ cup	

Getting Ready For Spring In Victoria's Inner Harbour

Yachting is a favorite hobby for the good folks of Victoria, B. C., and right now with the spring in full swing, members of the Royal Victoria Yacht Club are getting ready for sea. Here is Roy Murdock doing a job of work on the 42 foot yawl Minerva in Victoria's Inner Harbor, while pretty blonde-haired Elaine Beeston gets in a job of work on her own. It's the Empress Hotel in the background.

VOICE of the PRESS

IS UNIVERSE SAFE?

A California scientist says that the universe is safe and will not blow up. We doubt, however, if its neutrality is going to be respected. — Hamilton Spectator.

WINTERS GO MODERN

Oh, well! we might as well give up the idea of enjoying a good old-fashioned winter. Radio, telephone and snow ploughs keep everything rasping along just the same. — The Farmer's Advocate.

A CUTE COUNTRY

Here is a note for Canadian travel agencies: H. M. Gousha of Chicago went into a Toronto hotel for breakfast. He put down an American $10 bill in payment, and got $10.20 in Canadian money for his change. Said Mr. Gousha: "You may say I think you have a great country here. It's screwy, but kind of cute." — Victoria Times.

RAYON HELPS NORTH

One development which may mean a great deal to the forest industries of Algoma and of Northern Ontario generally is the increasing use of rayon.

In the United States, for instance the consumption of rayon last year was 41 per cent. greater than it was in 1938, and it is pointed out that in comparison to a consumption of wool in 1937 amounting to 353,300,000 pounds the United States last year used 462,300,000 pounds of rayon. So it is becoming a very great business.

The variety of uses to which it is being put is being rapidly extended, too, and that probably points to a still greater market. — Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Makes Men Liars, All Women Idiots

Vancouver Physician Says That's What Love Does to You

Men are liars and women are idiots — where love is concerned, Dr. D. J. Millar, a physician, has been telling a "premarital clinic" under the auspices of the Vancouver Y.M.C.A.

He urged prospective brides and grooms to "use their heads" even though they be swooning with romantic love. The psychology of marriage was most important and should be given serious thought by men and women seeking mates.

"All men are liars where love is concerned, and all women are idiots," he said. "After all, you have to eat—and that is only one of the many factors which enter into the problem of marriage.

ONLY 50% MARRIAGES GO

"You are all running a big chance in getting married, and I venture to say that not more than 50 per cent of marriages, are successful.

"If I were a girl I would fall for the man who is hard to shift in any direction, but sticks to the straight and narrow and steady path," he declared.

Such a man was not likely to be a neurotic, he told the girls.

"It seems to me that the woman is usually the one who suffers. Women can't get along without affection."

Indian Sees Signs Of Early Spring

Spring will come early. The husk on the corn last fall was thin. The willows are showing light orange and full buds. Hickory nuts were left on the trees by the squirrels before snow fell. Raspberries ripened again last October. There is no doubt about it. Spring will come early.

This is the prophecy of Chief Jerry Blueyes, 74-year-old Cayuga Indian of the Six Nations near Brantford, Ont.

"Nobody can fool nature, and nature gives the Indian the signs of the seasons," he said. "These things tell me the snow will disappear early. The warm weather will follow quickly. It will be an early spring and a good spring for the Indian pepole."

ONTARIO OUTDOORS

By VIC BAKER

WILDLIFE WHISPERINGS

What do you think of the story about the rough and tough rabbit of the wilds that routed the bewildered St. Bernard dog the other day at Orillia. Gordon Bartlett, a young Orillia district farmer, tells the tale this way . . . It seems the oversized, white rabbit has been hanging around Bartlett's wood-lot for some time and only recently it ventured out and bit the young farmer's hand. Then the other day it chased his large St. Bernard out of the bush near the woodpile. "The poor dog ran as if a timber wolf were after him instead of a mere rabbit, one tenth his size," said Gordon. "He howled and ran with his tail between his legs while the equally startled rabbit stopped at the edge of the clearing as I came in sight." This story has caused a lot of amusement in Orillia . . . And then there is the story about the trout which stunned itself into unconsciousness when it bumped its head into a tree stump. Fisherman Ronald Nichols, of St. John, N.B., tells how he pulled a whopper out of a trout stream and swears by every item of the fisherman's creed that his story of the capture is gilt-edged. Nichols said he was walking along the river bank, after some unsuccessful angling, and startled a large trout which dashed for the deeper water. The fish bumped into a tree root, was stunned and it floated to the surface. Nichols retrieved it and swears it weighed five and a half pounds exactly . . . And to finish up, here is a little tip about keeping fish fresh. By dipping fresh fish fillets in a 0.3 per cent solution of hydrogen peroxide before re-packing in ice, an increase in the keeping period of as much as three to six days has been realized. No change in the appearance, odour, or flavour of the fish is caused by the treatment. We suggest you try it sometime.

Barefoot Boy? Not Advisable

American Experts Agree Shoeless Child Raising is a "Foolish Fad"

Katherine Lenroot, head of the children's bureau of the U. S. department of labor, who ordered torn from the report of a White House conference on children a cover illustrating a shoeless lad, has found a supporter in Dr. Charles F. Pabst, chairman of the press reference committee of the Kings County Medical Society.

Dr. Pabst, in support of Miss Lenroot's decision which provoked editorial comment in Washington and in New York, declared that permitting one's children to walk barefoot is one of the "foolish fads."

"A HEALTH MENACE"

"Like the old oaken bucket, science reveals the barefoot boy as a health menace and a spreader of disease," Dr. Pabst said. "From a medical viewpoint Miss Lenroot did right in banning the picture.

"From a health point of view alone the barefoot boy should be relegated to the limbo of foolish fads."

Dr. Pabst has written a paraphrase of John Greenleaf Whittier's "Barefoot Boy," entitled "Banish the Barefoot Boy." It reads as follows:

"Blessings on thee, little man,
Barefoot boy with cheeks of tan,
Germs will get you, it is true,
Ringworm, hookworm, lockjaw, too."

New Senate Appointee

SALTER A. HAYDEN
Toronto, Ont.

Litter of 18 Sets A Record

Toronto St. Bernard Gives Birth to Dozen And A Half Pups in Dog Food Factory

Sophie, a purebred St. Bernard dog, is a thoughtful mother. She gave birth last week to 18 (count 'em) puppies in a Toronto dog food factory.

"What am I going to call them?" said Vasso Criss, the owner. "I just can't think up enough names to go around. I'll have to hire a bookkeeper and maybe buy an adding machine to keep track of their pedigree."

CANADIAN RECORD

"And how are we going to feed them all?" asked Betty Parker, secretary at the dog food plant. She volunteered to feed the pups with a bottle after nine had arrived. "But I didn't think there would be so many," she said.

Dr. Alan Secord, Toronto veterinary thinks the litter sets a Canadian record.

"I think the world record for one litter is 27 but I've never heard of a litter of that size in Canada," he said.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"You're On Your Own This Round, Slats. . . . The Fourth Chapter is Missing!"

REG'LAR FELLERS—Getting Pinhead's Goat — By GENE BYRNES