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CONFOUND THE CYNIC

"Merry Christmas, indeed!" said the cynic, of Christmas 1940.

He had in mind a world flouting the principals of Christianity, a blood-smeared race exploding metal among innocent women and children, an established regime of lawlessness and disorder, the recent sucecsses of men who sneer at the softies who pray for "Peace on Earth and Goodwill to all Men."

Lauch that synic out of ear-shot! Can a puffing, self-satisfied Hitler, king for a day, even peek around the edge of a picture of the King of Kings, who has ruled the hearts of millions for two thousand years? Can a strutting Mussolini look anything more than a comic against a background of the steadfast progress of human happiness down through the centuries? Is there any reason to believe that the godlessness of communism is more armor proof against the Beatitudes than was the godlessness of the Roman Emipre?

While the spirit of Christmas lives in the hearts of but a handful of men, there is no scope for the cynic. That was true when the Disciples of Christ were ploughing their lonely paths. It is much more true today, when millions are harboring that spirit, even under the noses of the Gestapo in Norway, Belgium, Holland, Denmark and Czecho-Slovakia.

It isn't far wrong to state that the British Empire is fighting for one thing — a Merry Christmas. Our boys are risking their lives to preserve freedom for the individual. They battle for the right to worship as we please, to maintain the happiness of home life, to secure an economy that enables all citizens to gather around a festive board in an atmosphere of brotherly love and share the joy of children, the pleasure of giving. And after all, isn't that what a Merry Christmas means?

So we confound the cynic when we bent our hearts toward making Christmas 1940 a merry one. That's the way those who are away from home this Christmas would have had it. It's the right way.

BUTTER PRICE PEGGED

The announcement on Friday of the decision of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to peg the price of butter at the highest whoesale price prevailing on December 12th in each locality across the Dominion, was received by the farmers with various degrees of indignation. Many considered that the pegged price of 35 cents at Flesherton was very fair, but if butter took a big drop in the summer the farmer was being discriminated against once again. The farmers would like, now that the highest price has been set, for the Board to see that the price of butter does not go below a certain limit during the summer, a price of 25 cents per pound being estimated as satisfactory. The Board is attempting to keep down the cost of living, as in the government's bacon contract, but it appears as if the farmer was taking the dirty end of the stick with the cost of articles he has to buy advancing rapidly in price.

KEEP DOLLARS AT HOME

The Canadian government is putting more guards on the exits from Canada to the United States. To most people in Ontario, the move only means that another step has been taken to make the country's financial position as sound as possible under war conditions. But it is going to mean to a few that they will no longer be able to boast about the way they obtained permits to leave Canada and how they got their hands on United States currency.

Since every Canadian dollar that is squandered on pleasure in the United States strike a blow at Canada's ability to buy war material from the United States, none will feel sorry for the few who will be denied permits to leave the country after January first. The move will stop the practise of those who have contrived to get into the States and there borrow from friendsin that country. Borrowing in this way represents a foreign exchange obligation and is at present illegal.

ARE WE DOING OUR BIT?

Are we in Canada, so far untouched by the grim realities of warfare and its daily bombings as in England, just as conscious of the effort we must put into preparation to bring this war to a successful conclusion as we should be? Are we not riding along enjoying most serenly the good fortune that provided an ocean between us and warfare's dreadful reality? It is more than possible we haven't yet become conscious that we will have our part to play.

We, here in comparative comfort and ease, are not sacrificing as are those in our mother country. True, we are facing higher taxation, but voluntarily are we sacrificing—patriotic and sincerely?

Are we lending our dollars to the Dominion as we might? True, some of us have bought war bonds on the two occasions in which they were sold, but, are we buying regularly those smaller issues of War Savings Stamps?

Everyone, man, woman and child my help in this way with a minimum of sacrifice. If four million men, women and children would buy a War Savings Stamp a week, it would provide $1,000,000 a week for our government to use in equipping and providing for our armed forces. Think of that. Just 25 cents each per week and what it will do. Go out and buy a War Savings Stamp a week. And if you want to be even more generous and patriotic tear it up and make your quarter a gift to win the war.

URGES OPEN MARKET PRICES

Hon. P. M. Dewan, Ontario Minister of Agriculture, has warned the Federal Minister of Agriculture that in view of Ontario cheese and bacon being sold at pegged values, in face of rising production costs, the farmer will require some definite and material assistance to meet the situation. In Mr. Dewan's opinion, the farmers should be given the price they would ordinarily receive in the open market on the basis of the current demand. The Dominion Government could purchase bacon and cheese on the open market and where the current prices were higher than the levels pegged by the United Kingdom agreements, the diference would be fair as a subsidy to the producers.

VISITED NATIVE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Well. Whittaker and Family Spent Christmas With Former's Mother and Brother

For the first time since 1914, Mr. Welilngton Whittaker was able to spend Christmas Day with his mother, Mrs. Rchard Whittaker, and brother, Mr. I. B.Whittaker, and family, and was accompanied by his wife, son and daughter. It was the first visit by the young people to the home of their father. Mr. Whittaker had to return to his work with the Ford Motor Company at Windsor on Thursday, but his family remained to visit during the holiday season. They were glad to have at last reached Canada from their home at Paris, France, from which they were forced to flee last June, the story of which has apeared in former issues of The Advance. The above picture is of the Whittaker family, with Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker at the left and the children at the right.

Flares Might Have Prevented Accident

(Shelburne F. P. & E.)

The fatal truck accident last week near Flesherton, in which two men lost theirlives, is said to have happened because the men had not been seen by the driver of the truck which hit them while they were putting chains on their own machine before entering a farm lane. When trucks are faced with the necessity of stopping on the highway the operators are expected to place flares on the road to warn approaching traffic, but this regulation is generally only observed when a machine is stopped for some length of time. Last week's accident shows that drivers cannot be too careful not to stand in front of any light had had their flares placed — even though they expected to be stopped only a short time, the accident would not likely have happened. The driver of the truck running into them claimed he was not aware of the men being on the road until a companion drew his attention and they went back to investigate. Autoists can also take a lesson from this. When stoping at night on the road, be careful not to stand in front ofany light on your car—tail lights included—especially if there is any other traffic on the road . A little extra care will keep one in this world and in better physical condition than if such things are left to chance.

St. Colcmba Priceville

(Too Late for Last Week)

St. Columba W.M.S. and W.A. met Wednesday afternoon att he church. Th president, Mrs. E. Ritchie, was in the chair, and the meeting was of a special Christmas character. Several of the members read Christmas scripture, Sadie Oliver read a Christmas message, and the president spoke about the fellowship of Christians around the world in spite of war. Illustrated Christmas hymns were sung from the screen. The January meeting will be at the home of Mrs. F. G. Karstedt on Jan. 15th. Election of officers for 1941 was held, resulting as follows: President, Mrs. E. G. Ritchie; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. A. R. Muir and Mrs. F. G. Karstedt; Secretary, Anna Shortreed; Treasurer, Edith James; Missionary Monthly Secretary, Mrs. G. Whyte; Supply Secretary, Mrs. J. C. Harrison; Baby Band, Mrs. Wm. Meads.

Rev. A. R. Muir acted for Mrs. A. R. Muir, vice-president, and conducted the W. A. meeting. Pending partial re-organization of the Society, Sadie Oliver was appointed acting-president, until the next meeting. A sum was voted to the church treasurer.

St. Columba Sunday School Christmas tree and entertainment was held Friday evening. A good crowd turned out and a fine program was given under the supervision of Mrs. J. C. Harrison, assisted by Mrs. Jas. McDougall and Mrs. Gary Whyte. Bob Whittaker was chairman. Santa made a brief appearance at the close of the concert. Illustrted carols were sung from the screen, followed by the chairman's address, duet by Reta McDougall and Jean Mather; recitation, Emma Meads "Christmas Cookies"; piano solo, Jane Karstedt; humorous dialogue, Reta McDougall, Carman Whyte; solo "I Dream of Jeannie", Isabel Weir; dialogue and song, "There'll Always be an England," Reta McDougall and Reta Whyte; readings, Mrs. A. R. Muir; girls' chorus, "All Through the Night"; recitation, "Entertaining the Minister,,; duet, Isabel and Sheila Weir; "Umbrella Song" by six children; Girls' Flag Drill; song by Sunday School, "Some Folks"; God Save the King.

Special Christmas services were held in St. Columba church morning and evening on Sunday. Two numbers were rendered by a children's choir at the morning service, and a carol service was held in the evening. The minister's text at the morning service was Luke 11: "This shall be a song unto you . . . ye shall find a babe." At the evening service Mr. John McKechine played a violin solo, "Adeste Fideles."

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New Year's Greeting

After Christmas comes the New Year. What does it hold in store for us? Our destiny is in our own hands. Forgetting these things that are behind, let us press forward with that courage that will surmount all difficulties in the coming year of 1941.

We wish you and yours

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