HERO OF BATAAN IN MELBOURNE

Still looking a bit tired from the combined effects of the gruelling days on Bataan and the 4000-mile boat-plane-train trip to Australia, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, now commander of the Allied forces in the Southwest Pacific, makes his first public appearance since his arrival in Australia, at Melbourne. Stating his "every confidence in the ultimate success of our joint cause," he called for sufficient troops and material to whip Japan.

HOW CAN I?

Q. How can I preserve soft rubber goods?

A. Suspend the articles, or rest them on a rack, several inches from the bottom of an enclosure, in which place a small quantity of kerosene. The vapor arising will prevent cracking without injuring the goods.

Q. What is the proper way to cut a large onion when only a part of it is to be used?

A. Cut the onion so that the remaining portion contains the root. This will keep the onion from drying out so soon, and it may be saved for later use.

Q. How can I eliminate a damp, musty odor in a coat closet?

A. Place a piece of gum camphor on the floor at the back of the closet and it will soon do away with any unpleasant smell.

Q. How can I mend broken marble?

A. Make a very stiff paste by mixing Portland cement with water. Clean the edges of the marble thoroughly, then put the cement on both edges, press together very tightly and tie together until the cement has set.

Q. How can I cause the kernels of pecans to come out whole?

A. The kernels will come out whole if boiling water is poured over them and they are allowed to stand for about halt an hour before cracking.

Scrap Iron

It is estimated that there are between a million and one and a half million tons of scrap iron lying useless on American farms, says Pathfinder. If collected and properly mixed with other metals, it would furnish material for one hundred and thirty-nine battleships or 156,250 light tanks.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

1. What should one take into consideration when planning the centrepiece of the dinner table?

2. How long before the scheduled time of the wedding should the ushers appear at the church?

3. Is it permissible to use business or office stationery for social correspondence?

4. What are some things that a well-bred person never does while playing bridge?

5. When you are talking with someone whose name you cannot remember readily, and a friend joins you, should you attempt an introduction?

6. Is it necessary that a chaperon be a married woman?

ANSWERS

1. That tall ornaments which obstruct the view are not in good taste, as the guests naturally like to see each other across the table. It is far better to have a simple flat bowl of flowers or fruit, flanked perhaps by a pair of candlesticks.

2. They should be on hand at least an hour beforehand. It is part of their duty to welcome the guests and conduct them to their places.

3. No. Neither the man nor the woman of good taste is ever guilty of this breach of etiquette.

4. He does not argue with his opponents about the rules, does not attempt to inform a partner how his hand should have been played, does not talk incessantly, drum on the table, snap the cards, hum nor whistle.

5 Yes. Say "I am very sorry, but for the moment I cannot remember your name."

6. No. Any woman of mature years may serve in this capacity.

M.P.'s were, in former days, paid for each attendance at the House of Commons.

INSPECTS WAR PLANT

During a visit to the Canadian Pacific Ogden Shops at Calgary, Alberta, Sir Edward Beatty, C.B.E., K.C., LL.D., Chairman and President, Canadian Pacific Railway, inspects the rifling set in the barrel of a naval gun being constructed in the plant. At the right is W. M. Neal, Vice-President, Western Lines and in centre, J. L. Cubbins, Works Manager of the shops.

—Canadian Pacific Photograph.

HOW CAN I?

A friend of ours in the Defence-Housing Registry at Washington is pretty busy these days trying to find rooms for the hundreds of new Government employees arriving daily.

Recently the inspector, looking over a proposed property, asked the landlady: "How many share the bath?"

"Well," admitted the prospective recipient of a Government bounty, "things are a mite crowded—but we still take our baths separately."

"In a Midwestern town, an eccentric was found who had not left an attic in twenty years."

"That's the danger in starting a long serial in a pile of old magazines."

While on patrol duty, a member of the Home Guard came across a watchman asleep in his hut.

The sirens had just previously sounded. Shaking the old man, he shouted: "Wake up, don't you know the siren's gone?"

Sleepily, he murmured: "Well, I'm not surprised. The people round here'll take anything."

"Why are you wearing spectacles, old chap?"

"Well, through crossword puzzles, I've contracted an optical defect. One eye travels vertically and the the other horizontally."

A man telephoned the doctor: "Come over quick, Doc. My wife has appendicitis."

"Nonsense," snorted the doctor, "I removed your wife's appendix three years ago. How can anyone have a second appendix?"

"Listen," cried the husband, "did you ever hear of anyone having a second wife?"

There had been an accident, and the sympathetic old lady had stopped and stroked his forehead. "My poor fellow," she crooned, "tell me your name, and I will tell your mother."

"Thank you," gasped the victim, "but my mother knows my name."

Boss: "You want a raise? Why don't you live within your means?"

Employee: "I do, sir, but you don't realize how I am crowded for space".

"Say, pa."

"Well, my son."

"I took a walk through the cemetery today and I read the inscriptions on the tombstones."

"Well, what about it?"

"Where are all the wicked people buried?"

Motorist: "How far to the next town?"

Native: "About three miles in a bee line."

Motorist: "Well, how far is it if the bee has to walk and roll a flat tire along?"

"That pretty girl seems to be having a good time!"

"H'm, yes—her fiance, a young medical officer in India, is coming home to marry her next month."

"Well, she certainly seems to have solved the problem of what to do till the doctor comes!"

Father: "The man who marries my daughter will get a prize!"

Ardent Suitor: "May I see it?"

Fight For Existence Devil Take Hindmost

Three months after Pearl Harbor! Is there any American so deluded as to suppose that he can sit this one out? There are many, we gather, and we pity them. If you do not like the way this war is being prosecuted, it is your privilege and your duty to use all lawful pressure on your representatives to correct it. But if it is merely that you do not like this war, then you can lump it. Every last one of the 130,000,000 of us is in this up to his neck. Your way of life, your life itself, all you own or hope to own, your job, your freedom, your self-respect is at stake. No one is sitting this one out . . . the British, the Germans, the Russians, the Japanese have no illusions. They know they are fighting for self-existence, and the devil take the hindmost. So are you.—Saturday Evening Post.

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C. N. R. Has Best Year In History

Government-Owned Railway Reports Surplus of $4,016,000 in 1941

The Canadian National Railways had the most successful financial year of its history in 1941 with a cash surplus of $4,016,000, the annual report of the system, tabled in the House of Commons last week by the Minister of Transport, said.

Net revenue, after the payment of all operating expenses, was $66,608,341, an increase of $21,600,929 over the previous year. The cash surplus of $4,016,000, after payment of taxes, interest to the public and certain interest payments to the government for capital purposes, showed an improvement of $21,000,000 over 1940. Payment of this surplus will be made to the government before the close of the fiscal year ending March 31, the report said.

Sharp increases in both passenger and freight traffic were reported, with the freight tonnage the highest in the railway's history.

"When the need for efficient transportation reached new high levels during 1941, the National Railway system was found capable and competent to meet all demands," the report said. "The demands in 1942 will be still more challenging but with the co-operation of shippers, passengers and government agencies, they will be met."

1942 Outlook Bright

"The outlook for 1942 is for a further substantial increase in traffic. The directors expect the railway will again earn a moderate surplus over and above its fixed charges. It is difficult to estimate how much that surplus will be. The outlook must be viewed in the light of war conditions and with the realization that abrupt and far-reaching disturbances occur with startling rapidity.

"Both management and employees realize fully the need for economy and every effort will be made to secure the most favorable financial results consistent with the primary duty of furnishing prompt and efficient transportation service in the national war effort.

"There is some shortage of labor, more particuarly among the shop crafts. Shortages of material are bound to occur as the normal supplies are cut off or the available supplies are diverted to the fabrication of the munitions of war but these difficulties should not be insurmountable. The relations between management and the employees are excellent and the railway and its equipment have been well maintained."

Operating Revenue

Operating revenues in 1941 totalled $304,376,000 or 28 per cent over the preceding year. The amount was approximately equal to that of 1928, and was more than double that of 1933. Only two other railway systems on the continent had larger gross revenues.

Freight revenue increased $45,030,000 or 23 per cent. In 1941 the railway moved the largest tonnage of freight in its history. It moved the equivalent of 27,199,000,000 tons one mile, an effort 20 per cent greater than in the previous peak year of 1928. The increased freight revenue over 1928, however, was only five per cent.

Passenger Revenue

Passenger revenue increased $10,191,000 or 47 per cent. Measured by pasenger miles, passenger traffic increased 57 per cent but the increase in revenue was not proportionate to the increase in volume because of the low fares for members of the armed forces and special rates for workmen's trains serving munition plants. The average revenue per passenger mile was 1.8 cents, an all-time low.

The increased activity in rail transortation was reflected in other accounts, such as mail, sleeping car, chair car, dining car, and commercial telegraphs. Express revenue, however, was less than in 1940 due to the diminution of movements of gold bullion.

The cost of protecting the company's property against possible sabotage was $552,000. The number of employees increased by 6,705 to 89,536.

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