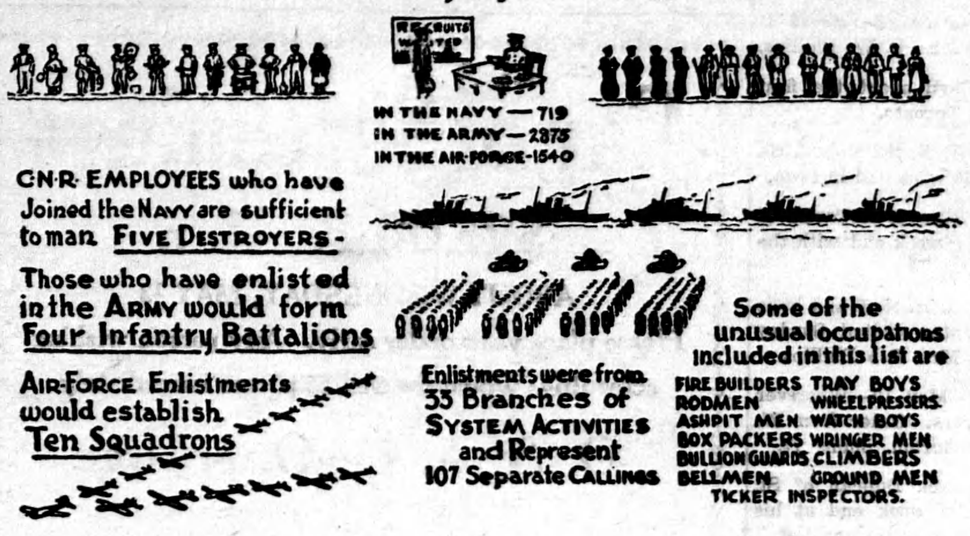
THE RAILWAY AND THE WAR . . . *By Thurstan Topham*

Canadian Railwaymen were quick to respond to the Call to Arms..5134 Employees of the Canadian National Railway System Have Enlisted for Active Service



What Science Is Doing

BAMBOO

Grasses that are real trees are a common feature of the part of the world where war rages most fiercely at present. These grasses, of course, are the bamboos, says Science Service. We of the Temperate regions commonly think of bamboo in terms of fish-poles, or at most of the slightly stouter vaulting poles used in track and field meets; but these are only the middle-sized members of the tribe. The giants are of real tree size, and are as much entitled to be called trees as the palms are.

Bamboos might fairly compete with palms for the title of most useful plants. Like palms, they are used in a thousand ways by dwellers in the tropics and sub-tropics, where they grow most luxuriantly. They supply housing materials, tools and weapons and food. Bamboo-built houses are common in all the warm lands. The framework, walls and floors (if floors are considered necessary), are likely to be built of bamboo, whole or split, lashed together with tough natural ropes that are the stems of twining bamboo vines. There is likely to be a fence of bamboo poles, to keep children, poultry and small livestock from straying, or perhaps cages of bamboo under the stilted house.

Bamboo-shafted spears may serve for hunting and fishing; bamboo-handled tools for agriculture; bamboo-fibre snares and nooses for trapping. The hard glassy edges of split bamboo sometimes serve as primitive knives. The big hollow joints of giant bamboo stems, cut off to suitable length, do very well for water pails, baskets for grain or other dry material, household containers of all sorts so long as heating isn't required. In the Philippines, the music-loving natives contrive whole bands out of bamboo instruments.

Bamboo shoots, cut very young like asparagus, are a favorite Oriental vegetable. And the seeds, borne in crops at intervals of several years, are rated as the tastiest of grain.

Oxen Being Used To Replace Engine

"Gee", "Haw" and "Whutt" are commands now being heard on roads and in fields as more and more farmers and lumbermen turn to the faithful ox to take over the problems of transport now that the private motor vehicle is becoming a war casualty. Oxen were much used in the early days on the south shore of Nova Scotia as a beast of burden and survived here and there throughout the years, according to J. M. Nickerson, Canadian National Railways agent at Shelburne, N.S. In recent years they afforded a tourist diversion when seen on the roads, but now the oxen have a practical use. Old time farmers assert that oxen are steadier with the plow in hilly fields.

Didn't Know There Was A Canada

A Nazi airman, captured on British soil, was truculently loyal to his master.

When interrogated, this is all he would say: "The Fuehrer saved me from Poland . . . The Fuehrer saved me from France . . . the Fuehrer will save me from England."

"He'd better be quick," remarked the examining officer, "You're off to Canada tomorrow."

The Simple Life

We used to think that the livery stable was gone forever. We are not sure about that any more, says The Trenton Courier-Advocate. If there are no tires until three years after the war, and the war lasts indefinitely, there may be livery stables, many livery stables, throughout the land. And there may be harness shops and harness makers, and advertisements in the papers for circingles and hame straps and breeching. And the sweet young thing of the family circle may know without asking that a martingale is not a song bird, but a wide strap that runs from a horse's belly-band between its front legs to the neck-yoke.

And what about the blacksmith? We vision the blacksmith lugging his anvil and his bellows out of the corner behind the pile of unsaleable auto parts. We vision him gathering up his hammers and his long-handled tongs and his sledge and his clinching iron, and putting in an order for some horse-shoe nails and some angle iron. And the garage sign over his front door will come down and there will be another to take its place, a sign that will tell the world that "horse-shoeing" is his specialty.

And the children will come to the smithie's door, just as their dads used to come in the days of yore; and the sparks will fly as busy hands turn out the things that time demands; and the smithie, too busy to talk of strife, will lead us back to the simple life.

NAZIS GIVE HIM KEY PARIS POST

Prince Josias of Waldeck and Pyrmont, above, commander of the Nazi Elite Guard Corps, has reportedly been named new high commissioner of police in occupied France and sent to Paris with orders to crush anti-German groups in France and Belgium.

Science

"In the hands of evil men science is being used to destroy all that is good in order to dominate and enslave."—Rt. Hon. Anthony Eden.

HOW CAN I?

Q. How can I be sure of a brown crust when baking sponge cake?

A. Granulated sugar, sifted over the top of sponge cake before putting it into the oven, gives it a rich brown crust when baked.

Q. How can I utilize leftover coffee?

A. Do not warm up leftover coffee for drinking purposes, as the delicately fine flavor departs soon after being made. Leftover coffee may be used for mixing ginger bread or gelatine desserts. It also may be used in the rinse for tinting curtains or doilies.

Q. How can I pierce a hole in the sewing machine belt?

A. A new hole can be pierced very easily in the tough sewing machine belt by heating a hat pin very hot and then thrusting it through the leather. It will work like magic.

Q. How can I remove all the sand from spinach?

A. When it is the intention to cook spinach immediately, wash it several times in hot water instead of cold. The hot water is more effective in removing the sand and dirt.

Q. How should chamois leather be washed?

A. Wash chamois leather in warm soapy water to which a pinch of baking soda has been added.

Rain And Oysters

Though they spend their lives on the bottom of the sea, well protected from rain, oysters grow plump in rainy seasons, lean in droughts, so claimed the New Jersey Agricultural Experimental Station last week. Reason: rain washes minerals from the soil into sounds and ocean bays, where they fertilize the microscopic plants which oysters eat.—Time.

Bicycles were first used for military purposes by the British Army in 1887.

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Have You Heard?

"They say that Jones is devoted to golf and that his wife is equally fond of auction sales."

"Yes, and the funny thing about it is that they both talk in their sleep. The other night the people in the next flat heard him shout 'Fore!' and immediately after his wife yelled 'Five'!"

Softe: "I don't know anything worse than letting the wife find a letter you've forgotten to post."

Hardt: "Oh, I do."

Softe: "What is it?"

Hardt: "Letting her find one you forgot to burn.

A Scot was engaged in an argument with a conductor as to whether the fare was 25 or 30 cents. Finally the disgusted conductor picked up the Scot's suitcase and tossed it off the train just as they passed over a bridge.

"Mon!" screamed the Scot. "It isn't enough to try to overcharge me, but now you try to drown my little boy!"

For his gallantry a Scottish soldier was given a decoration. A week or so later a pal asked him:

"And what does the wife think of your medal, Sandy?"

"She doesna' ken yet," was the reply. "It's no' my turn to write."

"I'm discouraged," a pretty stenographer complained to her girl friend. "Every time I meet a chap who tells me how nice I am it turns out he's broke."

"Yeah, I know," sighed her companion. "He peppers you for dates, hands out a lot of sugar, but can't earn his salt."

Husband: "Come back for something you've forgotten as usual?"

Wife (brightly): "No, I've come back for something I've remembered."

Johnny heard in class one morning an explanation of the dogmas of Communism, Fascism and Nazism, and seemed interested. "Now, Johnny," said the teacher, when his exposition had ended, "what would you do with all these isms?"

"I'd make them into wasms," was his prompt and wise reply.

Customer: "Come, John, we are ready to go."

Saleslady: "Pardon, madam, here's the hat you bought; that't the box you're wearing."

Traffic Cop: "Use your noodle, lady! Use your noodle!"

Lady: "My goodness. Where is it? I've pushed and pulled everything in the car."

Best place for a radiator is under a windiw, worst place up under a window, according to the University of Illinois.

A Sound Idea

There is quite a story about Elmer Torn, the fat man who "dieted for defence" and lost 54 pounds and seven inches of waistline. Mr. Torn, agricultural director of the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, now down to 170 pounds, finds his energy has increased, his disposition improved; and he has become a better citizen.

"There are at least 5,000,000 overweight persons in the nation," he says, "who would profit by working out a defence diet. Self-rationing of food would conserve annually about 130,000,000 dozen eggs, 130,000,000 gallons of milk, 130,000,000 pounds of cheese, 195,000,000 pounds of sweets, 195,000,000 pounds of pork, and 260,000,000 pounds of beef."

Modern Etiquette

1. Is it proper for a young woman to refuse to dance with someone she dislikes?

2. How may one recall invitations to small informal affairs?

3. How should one eat hot bread?

4. When one's partner has unwittingly given information about his hand during a bridge game, what should he do?

5. Should a servant always knock on the door of a room before entering?

6. Where do the relatives of the deceased sit during the funeral service at the church?

ANSWERS

1. Yes, she may make some polite excuse; but she must not accept someone else's invitation at the very next moment. This would be exceedingly rude.

2. The invitations may be recalled by brief notes, or by telephone.

3. Hot bread should be broken, or torn apart, with the fingers; never cut.

4. He must disregard it. Under no circumstances must he take advantage of such information, as this would be not only bad manners but poor sportsmanship.

5. Yes, and he or she should wait to be told to enter.

6. The relatives occupy the front pews on the right of the centre aisle, while the pallbearers sit in the opposite pews on the left side.

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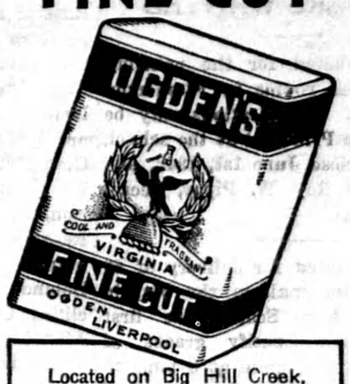

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