THE CANADIAN PRESS NEWS

Hard at training in England, Canadian soldiers of an armored unit gather around their Bren carrier for a glance through the first edition of The Canadian Press News, a four-page weekly tabloid cabled from Toronto and printed in London for free distribution to the Canadian services. Above, left to right, are Tprs. D. S. Styan and F. J. McGregor and Cpl. A. H. Williams of Winnipeg.
—Canadian Military Photograph.

Modern Etiquette

1. Is it correct to cut fish with the knife?

2. When a woman is introducing her husband to a person of equal social position, should she call her husband "Mr. Martin"?

3. Is thirty minutes a long enough period for a guest to remain at a reception?

4. If a stag dinner is given at a man's home, should his wife help him welcome the guests?

5. When a bridegroom's relatives live in a distant city, should the bride's family send them wedding invitations?

6. When a friend wishes to introduce you to someone in whom you haven't the least interest, should one show this indifference?

Answers

1. No; it should never be necessary to cut fish with the knife. The fork is used for this. However, it may be necessary at times to use the knife to slip back a piece of refractory skin. 2. No; it is better to say, "my husband." 3. Yes. 4. No; it is bad form for the host's women folk to be seen at any time during the affair. 5. Certainly; it would be extremely thoughtless not to do so. 6. Never. One should acknowledge the introduction graciously. It is not necessary to form a friendship merely because one has been introduced to another person.

Science Finds World Is Growing Colder

The world is growing cooler. Dr. Chas. G. Abbot, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and two of his fellow workers, L. B. Aldrich and W. H. Hoover, say that the sun, from which the earth derives all its heat and on which life depends, is approaching another winter in its output of heat.

The cycle of heat and cold, which appears to vary through a 23-year period, is due to reach its coolest point in about 1945.

Thus, they declare, the summers of the next three years are due to be cooler and the winters will be colder with heavier snowfall. They suggested that last winter, which in Russia was the severest winter in many years and which turned the tide of the German advance, may be a foretaste of the weather to come.

From day to day, and sometimes from hour to hour, scientists sent out on the institution's expeditions have measured the sun's heat with instruments capable of detecting a variation of a millionth of a degree change of temperature. They made their observations through deep tunnels hewn out of the solid rock where the earth's temperature remains constant and does not affect the solar measurements.

Better No Cuffs Than No Pants

Alvin J. Steinkopf, Associated Press writer repatriated from Germany, was swapping frigid pleasantries with a German national for whom he was being exchanged.

"The United States is going to pot," said the German. "It's a place where you can't get cuffs with pants—an intolerable situation undoubtedly breeding revolution."

"In Germany," retorted Mr. Steinkopf, "a citizen not only can't get cuffs with his pants—he can't get pants."

The island of Malta has a network of underground passages and air-raid shelters that have been cut 100 feet deep in solid rock.

Britain Expands War Production

Output Of War Industries Greatest In Nation's History

Britain's war production is at the highest point in history and will continue to expand until the limit of manpower and resources has been reached.

It is reliably understood that the output of guns, shells, bombs and other weapons of war for the air force and army in the first quarter of 1942 was twice as great as in the third quarter of 1940—the Dunkirk period when Britain went "flat out" in preparation for an expected invasion.

Production will continue to expand throughout this year, it is confidently predicted. The extent of the expansion will be limited by the supply of labor, raw materials and machine tools, but the flood has not reached its peak.

55 Per Cent for War

The story of British production, which in relation to size of population is greater than that of any country in the world, is one of revolution from pre-war unpreparedness to the present position in which some 55 per cent of the country's resources are being devoted directly to work for the Government.

It is a story in which every man, woman and child in Britain figures directly or indirectly, for what was turned over to production was taken from the people.

Articles considered necessities in peacetime—automobiles, radios, kettles, saucepans, refrigerators, greeting cards, electric heaters, to mention only a few—no longer are being manufactured or are being turned out in such small quantities that they are almost unobtainable.

Quality Stressed

More and more the country is being geared to the war effort. Less than nine per cent of Britain's total import of raw materials in 1941, exclusive of articles for food production, was for civilian use. The percentage will be even lower in 1942.

Keeping pace with the increase in quantity has been the quality of the goods produced and Britain's weapons of war have been recognized as among the best in the world.

The output might have been greater had not Britain adopted the policy of "quality first," but the results have borne out the Government's decision in that respect.

Germany's Messerschmitts were mass produced and thrown into the Battle of Britain by the thousands. They were met and defeated by far fewer numbers of superior Spitfires and Hurricanes. And just as the air war over Britain brought improvements in aircraft, so has the fighting in the Middle East brought improvements in tanks.

Train More British Pilots In Canada

More British pilots will be trained in Canada as trained squadrons become available to use flying accommodation in the United Kingdom, Air Marshal A. G. Garrod, British air member for training, told newspapermen on his arrival with the British mission to the Ottawa air training conference.

Canada could expect to see more British pilots coming here for training, he said.

"Great Britain is the fortress, the front line and the battlefield," he said. "As more and more squadrons are formed we will find it necessary to do more and more of our training outside."

"Great Britain now is one mass of airdromes packed as tightly as they can be," he said.

Few Tires Available In Next Two Years

Fewer than one out of every 16 passenger cars in Canada will be permitted new tires and tubes during the next two years, according to Alan H. Williamson, supplies controller.

He said that no new civilian passenger tires are being manufactured, and that even with strict control existing stock piles will probably be exhausted by this time in 1944.

"During these next two years only about 75,000 essential passenger cars can be supplied," Mr. Williamson said in a statement. "Of the remaining 1,175,000 cars in Canada about 800,000 will not be allowed tires of any kind.

"The balance of 375,000 passenger cars are those in class 'B' or class C.' The higher of these two groups may be able to buy some retreaded tires or have some of their tires retreaded. The lowest eligible group will have to get along with any used tires that may still be available."

Scope of the regulation making it an offence to destroy tires has been broadened to include all scrap rubber, it was announced by the Department of Munitions and Supply.

What Science Is Doing

OYSTERS

Oysters, like cattle, depend on the rain. They grow sleek and fat in rainy seasons, are lean and make poor eating in drought years.

The reason, explains Science Service, is that oysters, like cattle, are animals and depend on plants for their food. The "pastures" on which oysters feed are minute one-celled plants that swarm in uncountable millions in the sea, as grass-blades pack meadows on the land. As pastures of the land depend on soil fertility, this microscopic "grass of the sea" depends on mineral nutrients in solution in the water. Most of these mineral salts are washed down from the land. When rains are copious and rivers are full, the inshore waters where oysters live are well fertilized; in droughty years they receive little of these necessary washings from the land, the micro-plants dwindle accordingly and the oysters go hungry.

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SILKWORMS

In spinning the cocoon, the silkworm emits a single continuous thread in a manner forming a figure 8. This filament is so fine that several of them are grouped together for reeling or unwinding in order to have a thread large enough to handle. Only part of the total material in the cocoon can be reeled, and the length and thickness of the filament varies with the breed and condition of the silkworm, so exact figures on the length of thread produced are difficult to obtain. It has been estimated, however, that a single cocoon may contain from 3,000 to 3,500 or more feet of thread, of which something like 2,500 feet of continuous filament may be reelable.

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Have You Heard?

Members of the village women's institute were discussing the program. It was thought that a glove-making class would be interesting.

"Do you think that's really necessary—at our age, I mean?" asked one old lady, looking rather alarmed.

"What, glove-making?" she was asked.

"Oh!" she said, and looked greatly relieved. "I thought you said love-making."

He was reading to his wife an account of a great naturalist's accident.

"Reaching for a rare plant, he slipped over the cliff, and as he fell he gathered momentum."

"Oh, George," she interrupted, "the poor man! What an enthusiast he must have been. Fancy picking flowers even as he fell."

License was issued for the marriage of Ebenezer Sweet and Jane Lemon.

The inquiring reporter who got hold of the copy had a rhyming as well as inquiring instinct, and wrote it up:

"Behold how great extremes do meet,
In Jane and Ebenezer;
For Jane's no longer sour but sweet,
And Eb's a lemon-squeezer."

A young private was walking through the park with his girl, when he met his sergeant.

"This is my sister," he explained bashfully.

"That's all right," the sergeant replied kindly. "She used to be mine."

As she eyed her small son more in anger, than in sorrow, Mrs. Smith said:

"Fighting again! You naughty boy! Look at the state you're in—holes in your stockings and your suit all tattered and torn. Now I'll have to buy you a new suit."

Tommy raised his innocent young eyes to hers as he replied:

"But, mummy. I think that Freddy's mother will have to buy a new boy!"

"John, I've been lying awake for hours waiting for you to come home from that wretched club."

"If that isn't just ike a woman. And I've been at the club for hours waiting for you to go to sleep."

A man slipped on the moving staircase in a tube station, and started to slide to the bottom. Hafway down he collided with a woman, knocking her over. Together the two continued to the bottom.

When they stopped, the woman, still rather dazed, continued to sit on the man's chest. He looked up at her with an air of resignation. "Madam," he said politely, "I'm sorry, but this is as far as I go."

Nervous Passenger: "What if a bridge has been hit and the train falls into the river?"

Guard: "That's all right, sir. We have plenty of trains."

20,000 acres in Panama and Costa Rica will be planted to abaca to make up for the Manila hemp shortages.

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Helicopters

Helicopters may compete more directly with automobiles than with airplanes, says Industrial Bulletin. Airplane trends are toward greater speeds, greater cruising distances, and hence larger required landing and take-off space. The helicopter is a machine of low speed, with a probable maximum of 120 to 150 miles per hour and short cruising range of perhaps 200 to 300 miles.

Bible Distribution 8,096,977 In 1941

The highest figure in Bible distribution for the last ten years—8,096,977 volumes of the Scriptures—was reported for 1941 at the 126th annual meeting of the American Bible Society, says the Christian Science Monitor. The total exceeds the number distributed during any year since 1931.

Stressing that the increased demand had arisen out of war conditions, the Society told how distribution of Scriptural volumes to the fighting forces of the United States and two war prisoners in Europe and elsewhere accounted for nearly half a million copies. The receipt of 95 per cent of these war packages has been acknowledged by the Society's Geneva office, it said.

A continuing demand from "virtually everywhere in Latin America" for the Scriptures in the common speech of the people resulted in a larger circulation in all save one of the seven agencies for these countries.

Production of a tiny New Testament that could be mailed for letter postage was the answer to difficult transportation problems in China. More than 1,500,000 copies of the Scriptures were distributed in China, truckloads amounting to thirty tons being sent up the Burma Road into Free China

HOW CAN I?

Q. How can I frost glass?

A. One method of frosting glass is to apply a solution of six ounces of magnesium sulphate, two ounces of dextrin, in twenty ounces of water.

Q. How can I make a solution for cleaning windows?

A. Vinegar and water make an excellent mixture for cleaning windows; the vinegar cuts the grease. It will also help to get off the dust that has been topped with a splashing rain. Use about one-third of a cup of vinegar to two quarts of water.

Q. How can I make a pottery flower bowl waterproof?

A. Warm the pottery with hot water, and wipe. Then pour into it a few spoonfuls of melted paraffin and turn and tip the vessel until the whole interior is coated.

Q. How can I repair broken celluloid spectacle frames?

A. By applying a drop of glacial acetic acid to the broken ends, then in a few minutes pressing them firmly together, and allowing to dry.

Q. How can I prevent a cake from falling when baking?

A. Give the cake a few bumps on the table just before putting it into the oven, and it will not fall. The reason for this is that it causes all the air bubbles to come to the top and break.

More Dogs Needed For War Service

The government is calling for more dogs for war service—to guard airdromes and factories and to carry messages.

It asked dog owners to lend their pets to the government for the duration, expressing particular interest in Alsatians, Airdales, Collies, Terriers, Mastiffs and Bulldogs or "crosses between them".

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