CANADA'S YOUNGEST HONORARY COLONEL

To four-year-old "Teddy" Cartwright life in Cobourg these days is pretty dull. And sad. Honorary colonel of a hospital unit stationed at Cobourg, he said his good-byes bravely when he inspected the unit for the last time. Arrival of the unit overseas has been announced. "Colonel" Cartwright is pictured above. With Col. C. F. Abbott, officer commanding the unit, he is seen at right making a final inspection of the unit. The best pals he ever had have now gone off to war and he has been left behind with nothing to console him but memories of the happiest days of his short life.

Teddy "joined" the Canadian Army several months ago when the unit took up headquarters in the Cobourg armories for the period of its mobilization and training. Living practically next door to the armories, Teddy began paying daily visits to all ranks and so popular did he become that the lads had a regulation battle dress made for him. In recognition of his then three years of life, Colonel C. F. Abbott, officer commanding the unit, made him a sergeant and gave him three service stripes for his sleeve.

Because he took his soldiering seriously and was on hand for parade every day, Teddy was later promoted to the rank of honorary lieutenant-colonel. He is undoubtedly the youngest person in all Canada to hold that rank.

THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Record Of Four Years Of War Is Full Of German Mistakes

The Nazis seemed to have good reason to believe that the war, which is now about to enter its fifth year, could be brought to a conclusion satisfactory to them within perhaps the first twelve months, says the New York Times. For more than twelve months, indeed, everything turned out even better than they had expected. In Poland the weather smiled on them and the roads and fields remained conveniently dry for their tanks. The French were more divided and even less well prepared than early reports had indicated. The British were unready, except at sea and in the little matter of fighting aircraft. In fact, the very weakness of Germany's enemies in 1940 was perhaps responsible for throwing the Nazi machine out of gear. With a determined effort the Nazis might have effected a landing in Britain in July or August, 1940. Unfortunately for them, the blueprints for this operation were not completed. The invasion was transferred to the air, and in the air Germany was repulsed.

The Wisest Course

Yet the situation was still hopeful for the Nazis. If they could not invade Britain it was still less possible for Britain and her dominion allies to invade the Continent. At the beginning of 1941 any calculation of material war strength would have suggested that a Nazi victory was only a matter of time. On the basis of previous experience, it seemed unlikely that either Russia or the United States would enter the war unless attacked. Germany's wisest course, one would have thought, would have been to take North Africa, Suez and the Near East, with some assistance from the Italians, batter or starve Britain into submission, and then inquire of the United States and Russia what they proposed to do about it.

On The Defensive

But by this time the Nazis were either too confident or too apprehensive, it is hard to tell which. To forestall a two-front war they started one. They opened against Russia a "battle of annihilation." Then they added Japan to their active allies and the United States to their active enemies. They killed a great many people during 1941, but they ended the year with about 300,000,000 more antagonists than they had had at its beginning.

Every spring since 1941 it has been customary to say that if the Nazis did not win that summer they would not win. They failed of a conclusive victory in 1941 and again in 1942. This summer, except for a limited and futile offensive in the neighborhood of Kursk, they have not even tried for victory. They have been too busy staving off defeat.

Nazi Mistakes

The record of the four years is full of Nazi mistakes. Most of them were due to their inability to understand other people. To their savage cruelty in Norway, the Low Lands and France they added wholesale pilfering, alienating millions who might otherwise have become resigned to their rule. They were humorless and corrupt abroad as at home. They stirred up hatred and disgust among their own allies, notably in Italy but also, beyond doubt, in Rumania, Bulgaria, Hungary and Austria. They misjudged America's fighting qualities. They grossly underestimated Russia's strength.

Lesson For Axis

These things help to explain why Germany cannot now win. They also point the moral that no nation, however well prepared, however ruthless, can be master of the whole world. The enemies of such a nation increase faster than they can be disarmed or slain. Their courage, ingenuity and persistence are sharpened by peril. The aggressor nation stirs up forces against which it cannot stand, and which will be satiated with nothing less than its military destruction. Mankind simply will not endure Nazi rule, or any rule resembling it. This is a lesson for the Axis, and for any future aggressors.

Back To Burma

Appointment of Lord Louis Mountbatten to be supreme Allied commander in Southeast Asia puts all but the finishing touches on plans for a Burma campaign. Evidently Burma is to be the objective of operations designed to reconnect China with its Allies. Naturally the time for the attack is not announced, but the monsoons will last until October.

To reasons for the selection of Lord Mountbatten for this assignment are immediately obvious: (1) In that theater of war, the Allies need to wipe out memories of old defeats; a commander with the Mountbatten record will help to instill confidence where it is needed. (2) The character of the operations in Burma will call for exactly the type of experience Lord Mountbatten has had as head of the famed Commandos; the Allies must approach Burma in force in a combined sea, air and land operation.

The knowledge of these plans must have been heartening to China's foreign minister, T. V. Soong, who attended the Quebec conference. Their disclosure is heartening to all who have been wondering how long it would be before the United Nations could amass power enough to contemplate strategic as well as tactical offensives in the Far East.

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OTTAWA REPORTS

That New Ration Order Will Effect a More Equitable Allocation of Jams, Syrups, etc.

The new ration allowances for jams, jellies, syrups, canned fruit and similar products, with the permission to obtain as an alternative one-half pound of sugar for each coupon, is really a big and important concession to the rural folk of Canada.

The news behind the news of that order is that the Wartime Prices and Trade Board realized that inasmuch as rural folk for the most part do their own preserving of these tasty commodities and country stores are rarely stocked with them in any event, the old situation worked inequality.

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The country people claimed that any more or less even distribution of sugar for home canning was unfair to them, and the new order was issued in recognition of that claim, and to effect a more nearly equitable allocation of sweetspreads in the light of real circumstances.

The new order means, in effect, sugar for the rural folk for their fall apple sauce and more particularly sugar with which to sweeten those preserves which they put down earlier without sugar. The new order means that when they open those jars of unsweetened fruits they will have ample sugar with which to sweeten them. At the same time the urban folk have their permission to use their coupons to obtain their jam rations at the city stores.

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Two "D" coupons from the new ration book become good each month and for each coupon the purchaser has the choice of:

1. Six fluid ounces of jam, jelly, marmalade, extracted honey, apple butter, maple butter or honey butter, or;
2. Ten fluid ounces of molasses or maple syrup, or;
3. Ten fluid ounces of canned fruit, or;
4. Twelve fluid ounces of corn syrup, cane syrup or any blended table syrup, or;
5. One-half pound of maple sugar or comb honey in squares.

As an alternative to any of these commodities the consumer may obtain for his "D" coupon one-half pound of sugar.

SCOUTING . . .

A recent census of the Boy Scout Movement in Great Britain shows an average increase of 21 percent.

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Hundreds of Canadian Boy Scouts will shortly be assisting in a nation wide drive for milkweed which is urgently needed for experimental work on synthetic rubber. Instructions will shortly go out to all Scout leaders in Canada on the method of collecting and drying the leaves.

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Oldest delegate to attend the recent National Scout Conference in Ottawa was Chief Justice J. B. M. Baxter of New Brunswick. The Chief Justice is 75 years old and was billetted with other Scout leaders at Elmwood school where he made his own bed each morning. The Chief Justice has been for many years president of the New Brunswick Boy Scouts Association.

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One of the highlights of a recent National Conference of Boy Scout Presidents, Commissioners and Secretaries in Ottawa was a visit to the Conference by Wing Commander Guy Gibson, V.C., D.S.O. and bar, D.F.C. and bar, the Dam Busting Royal Air Force Pilot. Gibson is a Rover Scout and is the 6th British Boy Scout to be awarded the Victoria Cross in the present war.

Crocodiles look terrible, but they are too small-brained and sluggish to be really formidable. Since they swallow their prey whole, only a "croc" more than 15 feet long would be likely to consider a man as a candidate for a meal.

WISE INVESTORS PREFER STOCKS TO CASH

It is beginning to dawn on many investors, that hoarded capital and unproductive bank accounts are pretty poor aids in meeting increased taxes and the high cost of living. Particularly now, when it is possible to buy many sound common stocks, at bargain prices, which possess substantial market appreciation possibilities.

Nevertheless, this is no time to just buy stocks blindly. Most investors are in possession of such meagre information on security values, that it is purely a matter of luck if they happen to make any profits at all. Not only is it important to know what to BUY but that which is more important is to know when to HOLD or SELL.

PREDICTING THE TREND

In March of this year we went on record that a Bull market of major proportions was in the making, and we further predict that this powerful Bull market should carry through to the year end. Right now American buying of Canadian securities is at a new peak and "good buys" are becoming increasingly scarce. This is one of the many reasons why we are continuously on the lookout for low-priced issues that have unusual profit-making possibilities.

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