"HE BROUGHT A UNITED CANADA INTO THE WAR, AND IN SPITE OF THE STRAINS IMPOSED ON HER, CONTINUED TO PRESERVE HER UNITY." Canada's most noted Statesman, the late William Lyon Mackenzie King, is seen here with Governor General Alexander and Louis L. St. Laurent on the occasion of the latter's being sworn in as Prime Minister.

Have They No Seoul?

Now that we have to keep an ear glued to the radio again—this time to keep up with what's going on in Korea — we have become acutely conscious that military, political and ideological matters are not the only problems concerning Seoul.

Now Seoul is a nice word for writing—short, snappy, fine for headlines, easy to produce on a typewriter and generally not in the same league with a word like Pyongyang. But saying Seoul is something else again, and in the brief time thus far in which radio announcers have had to wrestle with it, it has come out See-ule, Sole, Sule, and no doubt several other things. . . .

Extensive research—in three dictionaries—only confirms our previous opinion that lexicographers aren't as authoritative as they're cracked up to be. The American College Dictionary (handy desk, or paper weight, size) recommends Sah-ool, with the oo as in book. Or, alternatively, Syoeool, which monstrosity it claims is the Korean way of pronouncing it.

However, Webster's New International (Second Ed. Unabr., Regular Style, Weight 16½ lbs.) holds out from its authoritative eminence for Se-ool, with the e as in end and the oo as in either fool or book. But proving that Webster's right hand knows not what its left is doing, Webster's Geographical Dictionary righteously advises Sole, or still another, Sah-ule, and makes no mention at all of Se-ool.

That makes six approved versions so far, and leaves the poor radio announcer with nothing to do except try to duck the issue, which is what Webster's Geographical Dictionary does anyway by hiding the whole thing under Keijo (Kajo). It adds, however, that Kyongsong is perfectly all right, too.

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"Since that time, he has never mentioned any of these things!

"Except for these outbursts, he never fusses. He is easy to get along with, and is kind. I just don't understand him.

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War Canoe, Maybe?

The Ontario Department of Lands and Forests says that a question often put to its rangers is: "Is there such a thing as an ideal list of groceries adequate for a two week canoe trip?"

There are so many complications that the rangers, accustomed to making long wilderness treks, hesitate to answer it. But the department says that one list suggested for two persons on a two week canoe trip—provided that fish will provide the bulk of at least one of each three meals a day—is:

"Flour, 20 pounds; baking powder half pound; cereals, 10 pounds; granulated sugar, 10 pounds; table salt, two pounds; pepper, one can; whole milk powder, three pounds; white navy beans, seven pounds; bacon, seven pounds; tea, one pound; coffee (concentrated), two jars; dried fruit, 10 pounds; shortening or lard, three pounds; canned butter, three pounds; sweet chocolate, three pounds; maple syrup, one quart; potatoes, onions or fresh fruit, as desired."

Essential cooking utensils are: "Medium sized double boiler; frying pan; coffee pot; saucepan; light wire broiler; can opener; folding reflecting baker; large spoon; cake or egg turner; butcher knife; kettle; deep pot with swinging wire handle; plates, cups, cutlery, etc."

Did you say two people?

Did you say a canoe?

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SPORTS & by A SIXBIT CRITIC

This is a world of disillusion, and somebody is always coming along and kicking the living whey out of our pet beliefs. First thing we know we're going to lose faith in Santa Claus.

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We knew, on the evidence of James L. Sutherland and other residents of the beautiful Limestone City, that Kingston was the birthplace of hockey, and the only fitting place for a shrine dedicated to the world's fastest sport. Then, somebody ups and proves that the sport was invented in some entirely different spot—the leading contestants for the honor, at present writing being Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Nijni Novgorod, Russia, with several polling-places still to be heard from.

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That Abner Doubleday and his playmates down in Cooperstown, N.Y. were responsible for the boon of the world's greatest sport—to wit, baseball (as if you had to be told). But, as reported here recently, some iconoclast has gone and discovered that the beastly English were even CALLING it "baseball" long before we folks on this side of the pond had any sport outside of trying to save our scalps.

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And so it goes. Up to a week or so ago we innocently thought that gambling was gambling, no matter whether it was shooting crap in an alley or plunging on the Red at Monte Carlo, or if you did it at nine a.m. or 11 p.m. But live and learn; so we discover, on the authority of Mr. George McCullagh's esteemed Globe and Mail that the Pari Mutuel machines, that are quite O.K. at Woodbine, Dufferin and other tracks where Mr. McC. races his Thoroughbreds, would turn into "iron pickpockets" if they were in operation under floodlights at Thorncliffe Raceway. (Railway claims agents used to say the quickest way to improve the breed of cattle was to cross a common cow with a C.P.R. freight. Some sort of reverse action seems to be the case here—the quickest way to turn The Sport of Kings into a "sucker game" is to cross a Mutuel Machine with a Trotter or Pacer.)

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All of which is a lead-up to our latest piece of disillusionment, and it is, if we may be pardoned for using such an expression, a honey. In all probability everybody in the English-speaking world that can read words of more than two letters knows that, back on an October afternoon in 1932, the great Babe Ruth, in a World Series game vs. the Chicago Cubs, pointed to the exact spot on the outfield fence where he was going to park a four-bagger, and then did just exactly that very thing.

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In fact there's a High School history book entitled THE MAKING OF MODERN AMERICA that has already been adopted as a basic textbook in certain Academies of Learning south of the border. And as the students avidly pore through the textbook, accepting it as Gospel we hope, one of the "historic" pictures shows The Babe making that gesture, before gaping thousands.

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But, according to a certain Mr. Root, the only drawback to this pretty tale is that it didn't happen. And Charley Root should know, if anybody living does, because he was the Chicago pitcher off whose servings The Bambino took his helping. From now on the tale is Charley Root's, as reported by Bill Bryson in the Des Moines Register.

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Charley gritted his teeth so hard you could hear them grating upon his cigar holder.

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"All right," he snapped. "I'll answer that once more — just once. But the next time anybody asks me about it, I'm going to turn and walk away. I'm sick and tired of it.

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"So, once and for all—Ruth did not point at the fence before he swung. If he'd made a gesture like that—well, anybody who knows me knows that Babe would have wound up on his posterior.

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"Sure, he was making gestures at our bench. We were really riding the Yankees that series—and they were digging the spurs into us, too. We called each other everything we could think of.

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"With Babe up, our bench was giving him the business. They razzed him about that first strike and then about the second.

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"He held up one finger and then two to show 'em he knew what the count was.

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"You know, Babe had a habit of swinging his bat out at full length with his right hand before every pitch. He'd pull it back and take his two-handed grip.

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"Maybe that's what gave somebody the idea he'd motioned toward the fence. But he certainly didn't point.

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"There wasn't a single newspaper account next day saying Ruth had pointed. The legend didn't get started till sometime later. And it's sure got twisted around.

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"Another thing — if Babe had 'called' that shot, they certainly would have used it in the movie of his life. But they couldn't find anybody to verify it—not even Ruth—and they didn't dare use it."

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Charley removed the ash from his cigar with a vicious jab.

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"And that," he said grimly, "is the last time I'm going through that. The book is closed."

Parting Shot

The steps up to the railway platform were steep, and this, added to the weight of the bag, caused the fat man to pant.

"Carry your bag, sir?" asked a small boy.

"No; get out of my way," came the answer, between gasps.

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