

Holland Peat Bog Could Supply Fuel

Canada's Peat Bogs Have Estimated Fuel Content of 113,513,000 Tons

Should a shortage of coal become acute in Canada, experts say that resort would be made to large peat deposits in Ontario, says the Christian Science Monitor.

Less than 20 miles from Toronto is one of the great deposits in the Dominion, the Holland peat bog, capable of turning out an estimated 8,000,000 tons. In all Canada has 107 peat bogs, 46 in Ontario, with an estimated fuel content of 113,513,000 tons. Workable peat bogs within shipping distance of Toronto are estimated to be of some 26,500,000 tons capacity.

Since 1860, attempts have been made from time to time to develop this potential source of fuel for heating and cooking, but with little result to date. Canadian railway engines used it decades ago as an alternative fuel, and it is again looming large on the industrial front, with a possible shortage of transportation facilities and exchange difficulties between the United States and Canada to be faced.

Peat is now almost entirely removed by machinery, but it cannot be produced in winter months. A ton of peat yields 770 pounds of peat coke, an efficient domestic fuel, and other by-products, as light and heavy oils, paraffin and methyl alcohol.

BUOY MEETS GIRL



As thousands gape, Agnes Miller ends ride in breeches buoy from third-floor window of plant at Camden, N.J., during demonstration of U.S. Coast Guard equipment.

Men Of Norway Reaching Britain

They Steal Away To Join Their Brothers In Arms

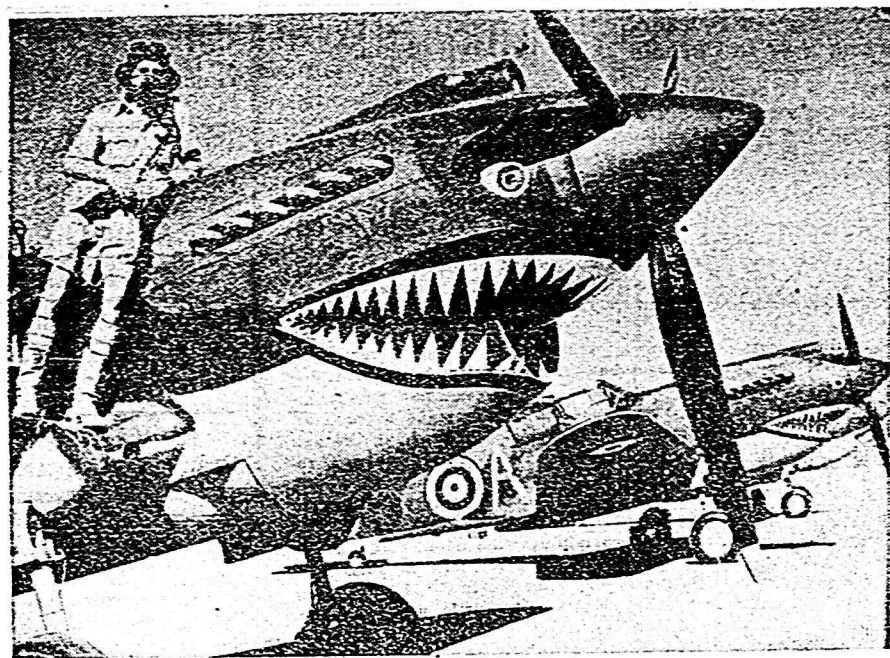
It was recently definitely reported by the British Home Office that during the present summer more than 10,000 Norwegians of military age had reached Britain in various ways from Scandinavia, and that as many more had come from other parts of the world, principally from the United States. A party of twenty recently arrived in a 22-foot motor boat flying the Norwegian flag. It took them four days to navigate the 400-mile trip from the peninsula.

A second Norwegian squadron of the R. A. F. was recently formed manning principally Blenheim bombers and Hurricane fighters. The air expert of The Times of London adds: "This is the first Norwegian fighter squadron, the other squadron being part of Coastal Command and equipped with American-built Northrop float-planes, which are claimed to be the fastest aircraft of their type in the world."

Caught 'Em With Gas Masks Down

Home-going workers were stamped last night by a test gas "attack" during the rush hours in London's Strand. Traffic stopped and hundreds of persons, mostly women and girls, caught without gas masks, fled up side streets and alleyways to shelter in shops. Thirty canisters of the gas were released in about an hour in the stiffest test so far in a program to train Londoners to carry and use their gas masks.

BRITISH PAINT SHARK TEETH ON AMERICAN PLANE



The planes with the terrifying noses, shown above, are American Tomahawks fighting for the British somewhere in Africa. A British artist painted on the shark's head.

THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Japan's Attitude Less Peaceful United States Looks For Trouble

Interest, apart from Russia's magnificent defense of Moscow, is now centred on the political upheaval in Japan and the attack on the United States destroyer Kearny by a German submarine.

Germany's advance on Moscow has no doubt called forth warlike developments in Japan. Prince Konoye and his more or less peace-wishing cabinet have resigned, and a predominantly militarist cabinet, are now in power. The first public announcement of the new premier stated that the Japanese are facing a crucial hour and that they must be prepared to sacrifice everything in order to surmount it. He called for "iron unity between all the fighting arms and the people to cope with the encirclement of Japan by foreign powers." It is threatening language and makes the situation ominous.

On the Fence Prince Konoye personally intervened with President Roosevelt to obtain some relaxation of the economic pressures which were imposed on Japan a few months ago. There appeared to be, however, no inclination on the part of Japan to give up any part of her "expansionist" program.

It is stated in Tokyo that the new government will continue the negotiations with Washington. At the same time, General Tojo said frankly that Japan maintains and will develop her membership in the Axis group. Has Japan at last slipped off the fence and joined our enemies in all but the last step toward war?

It is possible that Hitler is pushing Japan into a "hoisting" war with the United States to divert American naval strength from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Where Will Japan Strike? It is stated in Tokyo that the Japanese attack on Siberia, especially if the Russians are unable to hold a defensive line at the European end of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, will make Alaska and the North Pacific as exposed an area as is the North Atlantic. The danger might perhaps be greater because the Japanese Navy is much stronger than the German Navy.

A Japanese attack in the south by way of Indo-China and Thailand, in order to isolate China and surround Singapore, would be equally serious. Japanese occupation of Singapore would make simple the occupation of the Netherlands East Indies, would surround the Philippines and cut off Great Britain from the southern dominions and the eastern half of the Empire. It would also sever America from the source of indispensable supplies. If the Japanese get possession of Singapore the way is open to the Indian Ocean, the Red Sea, the Mediterranean and the Atlantic, where the German, Italian and Japanese navies will be able to act together.

Japanese Dilemma Is Japan in a position to risk an all-out war?

In addition to the damages which have been wrought by four years of the Chinese war, by the financial condition of Japan and by the geographical position which places it thousands of miles from its Axis allies, Japan must import most of the essentials of war-making. From the Netherlands Indies and the United States must be brought the oil that operates the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, and the fishing fleet which provides much of the food of Japan. From the United States other materials are needed for protracted military action. And between Japanese requirements of raw materials and their sources in the Southern Pacific is ranged a British fleet.

If the American Pacific fleet were added to that naval wall between Japan and fundamental war-making resources, the Japanese Navy, whatever its "itch" for war, would find a fearful barrier. It might be not necessary at first to do much more than join our fleet to America's on those seas, even if Japan should strike northward at Siberia in order to assure that the Japanese would soon run out

domination of liberty, the end of democracy.

With typical realism, Mr. Willkie declared that the U.S. "must abandon the hope of peace." His reasons are undeniable. "We Americans can no more negotiate a peace with the war lords of Tokyo than with the conquering dictator of Berlin. On any continent, in every ocean, we must help to stop these partners in piracy. They are winning now. Unless we act soon, it will be too late," warned the Republican leader.

And Mr. Willkie added his powerful plea to that of most other great Americans when he called for the ending of "the show and deception of hypocritical neutrality laws." Isolation is dead. The United States is in the war. The hope for an impossible peace is all but abandoned—and none too soon.

Plans Laid For Mass Emigration

Heavy Influx From Britain Foreseen Immediately After the War

Officials of the British Dominions Emigration Society announce that they are already laying plans for a mass wave of emigration from Britain to Canada immediately after the war.

Founded some sixty years ago as a philanthropic organization, the first purpose of the British Dominions Emigration Society was to assist settlers in Canada to reunion with their families. Though its activities have necessarily had to be suspended since the outbreak of war, it is fully expected that larger numbers than ever before will apply for passage assistance immediately after the cessation of hostilities.

It is realized that one of Canada's immediate needs after the war will be immigration from the British Isles. Many adventurous spirits will first strike out alone leaving their families temporarily in Britain, and the Emigration Society expects many calls to be made upon it to assist wives and children to join their husbands and fathers. This is the particular purpose for which the organization was originally founded and the society is now laying its plans to see that necessary assistance will be forthcoming in as many cases as possible.

Apart from the various privations and dangers that were faced by the settlers of two and three generations ago, one of their major difficulties was to establish themselves, build their new homes, support their families in England and, at the same time, save sufficient money to bring their families to the new land. The British Dominions Emigration Society was formed by a group of charitably minded citizens to assist in the reunion of these families by advancing loans without interest charges. More than 40,000 families have been assisted and hundreds of thousands of people now in Canada owe their presence to the work of this organization. Its activities have stirred the warm commiseration of many British and Canadian government officials and, most recently, for the continuance of its work and the promise of further assistance to future immigrants, the earnest congratulations of the Canadian Premier, the Rt. Hon. Mackenzie King.

The head office of the society is in London, England, and the Canadian manager is R. Gordon Burgoyne, whose office is located in Montreal.

U. S. Peace Impossible Wendell Willkie bolstered President Roosevelt's all-out stand against the Berlin-Rome-Tokyo pact by saying: "Let us stop deluding ourselves. Berlin, Rome and Tokyo are irrevocably linked by the dangerous dream of world conquest. Victory for one is victory for all. Their aim is world domination—

VOICE OF THE PRESS

FALSE ECONOMY

One of the watchwords of the day is "economy."

But there is false economy also and this is what we must guard against.

Let us put our foot down on false economy. "Going shabby" by those of us who habitually dress well and can afford it, is not going to help make more guns and ammunition. If everybody who dresses well begins to wear out old clothes, he is helping to throw thousands out of work; he is helping to bring suffering upon manufacturers and merchants, upon factory hands and store employees throughout the country. Don't be over-enthusiastic for economy.

Don't put a stick in the fly-wheel of legitimate, sure prosperity by injudicious economy. That is what the Washington Post has to say about the matter:

"Let's have economy. But let's have it with sanity, with cool judgment, with a vision that shows us clearly what the effect of this economy will be. Let's not waste products which are scarce, and replaced with difficulty."

"Let's conserve our food supply, and grow more foodstuffs than ever before."

"Let's pronounce that man a traitor who hoards and hoards supplies. Hoarding supplies has, in some instances, already increased the high cost of living."

"Industrial happiness and success depends upon the free circulation of money, not the hoarding of it."

It is not the time to put on sackcloth and ashes. "It is a time to throw out our chests, our heads up, and work valiantly, with our faces to the front, in a grand cause."

This is common sense. In the last analysis true economy, the kind that will really make us a frugal and thrifty people, better able to meet any situation that may confront us, is the far-seeing kind. In brief, the economy we need, is simply the common sense to distinguish between essentials and non-essentials.

—Guelph Mercury.

NICKNAMES

We've become accustomed to the common nickname this war has produced. Everyone knows that an airman calls his life belt his Mae West, that an evacuated child is a "vackie" and a lame duck is a damaged plane. But some less familiar ones are assembled by The Saturday Review of Literature (thereby giving them a dignified place in current usage) that strike our fancy.

To be "completely cheesed," for example, is to be fed up with it all. A "swinging kid" is a housewife; "cuckoo" loving their eggs" are German dive bombers; a "Paul Pry" is a searchlight, "hay burners" are cavalry, "fat friends" are balloons, also "flying elephants."

The power turret of a plane is a "flower pot," a beer saloon is a "gas house," and a portable radio is a "walkie-talkie."

If it does no other good, this war will brighten our language. Thought of a man excusing himself from a bridge game by saying he's completely cheesed opens up all kinds of possibilities.

—Ottawa Journal.

QUICK COMEBACK

Many odd little incidents have been occurring these past weeks at service stations. In fact the dealers themselves could be having a lot of fun were it not such an expensive pastime discouraging customers. A choice anecdote came to light the other day at a local garage where a uniformed army officer drove up in a private, obviously civilian automobile and smilingly asked for a tankful. "Sorry," came the now familiar answer, "but we can only let you have three gallons. We have to conserve our gas supply for the armed forces." That was a bit irksome to the uniformed gentleman who snapped out in best parade ground manner: "What in blazes do you think I am?" The attendant with one sweeping glance at the car asked: "And what in equally hot blazes do you think you're driving, a Bren gun carrier?"

OVER THE TELEPHONE

This story is told of a prominent and busy man, who was sending a telegram over the telephone. He had great difficulty in making the operator understand the letter "S" which she interpreted as "F." Finally she said, "F" as

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in Fred?" "No," roared the exasperated business man, "S" as in stupid." She got it!

—The Argonaut.

NO BEAUTY

"Take another good look at Hitler's picture. It is the face that will have launched 1,400 American merchant ships by the end of 1943." And it doesn't look much like Helen of Troy, either.

—The Sault Star.

ALWAYS ON A PICNIC

We can't understand how the ant acquired such a reputation for being industrious. Nearly all we ever saw were on a picnic.

—Kitchener Record.

USELESS TEST

Imagine testing Hitler out with a lie detector. You know which would choke first.

—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

WHY THEY FAIL

Some folks wonder why they don't get on, when all they're trying to do is get by.

—Ottawa Citizen.

GAMBOL OR GAMBLE

Life is either a gambol or a gamble, depending on the way you play it.

—Kitchener Record.

Deaths On Road Exceed War Toll

For every person killed in Britain by enemy action since the war began, two have lost their lives in highway accidents, says Colonel John J. Llewellyn, joint parliamentary secretary to the Ministry of War Transport. In the second year of the conflict 10,073 fatalities were reported. In 1939-40 the figure was 8,358. The peace time average was 6,500 deaths annually.

The government, anxious over this trend, opened a campaign for safety and caution throughout the United Kingdom. Of the 18,000 highway deaths since the start of the war, 10,000 persons killed were pedestrians, one-fifth of them children; 2,400 were motor cyclists, 2,800 bicyclists and the rest persons in cars.

Line Up Sunday

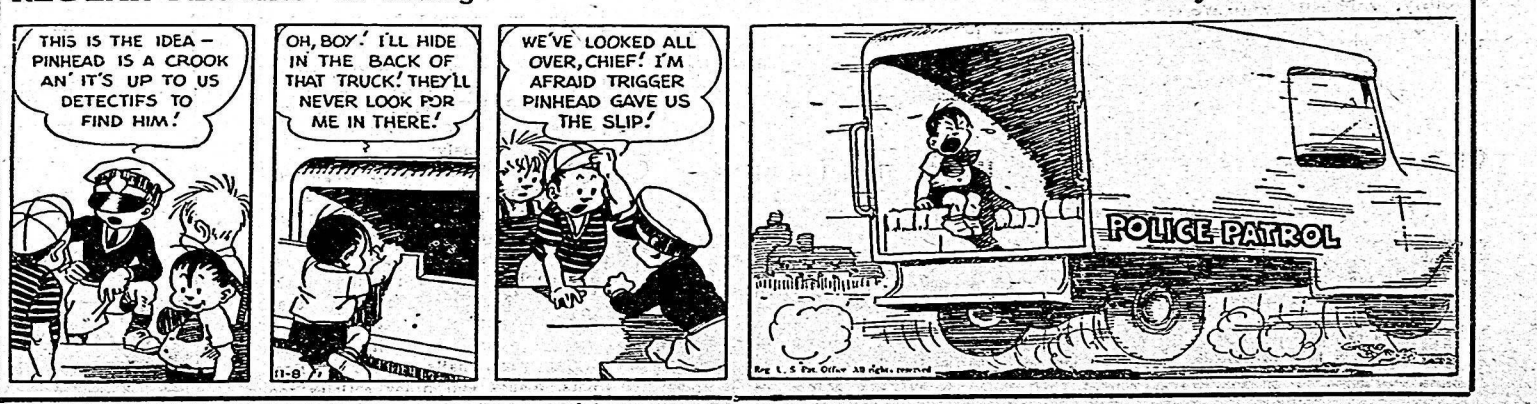
More than 300,000 have enrolled in a voluntary movement in northwest England of people prepared to give up their Sundays and go anywhere to help after an air raid.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT By Fred Neher



"When I want your advice, I'll ask for it!"

REG'LAR FELLERS—In Hiding



By GENE BYRNES