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

Canadian Railwaymen were quick to respond to the Call to Arms...5154 Employees of the Canadian National Railway System Have Enlisted for Active Service

IN THE NAVY — 719
IN THE ARMY — 2529
IN THE AIR FORCE — 1540

C.N.R. EMPLOYEES who have Joined the Navy are sufficient to man FIVE DESTROYERS.

Those who have enlisted in the ARMY would form Four Infantry Battalions

AIR-FORCE Enlistments would establish Ten Squadrons

Enlistments were from 55 Branches of SYSTEM ACTIVITIES and Represent 107 Separate CALLINGS

Some of the unusual occupations included in this list are
FIRE BUILDERS TRAY BOYS DOBMEN WHEELBARROWS ASPHALT MEN MATCH BOYS BOX PACKERS WRINGER MEN BULLION CLEANERS CLIMBERS BELLMEN GROUND MEN TICKER INSPECTORS.

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 will 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 breechings. 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 smithy'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 smithy, too busy to talk of strife, will lead us back to the simple life.

Pharmacists Need Medicinal Plants

Women who have been growing herbs for their own pleasure in recent years seem to have had a good hunch, says The Peoria, Ill., Journal Transcript. They may soon add to this the serious cultivation in their gardens of plants that are still considered weeds.

There is a war-caused shortage of drugs which has sent the experts scouring woods and fields for foxglove, jimson weed, nightshade and poison hemlock. In various medicinal forms their juices, dried leaves or roots are needed by the pharmacists of the nation.

The Federal government has been trying in a small way to interest farmers in cultivation of these plants, not only to increase the supply but to add a profitable crop in sections where soil and weather handicap other agriculture. It is a part of the diversified farming effort. The whole demand and good prices are likely to continue for some time, at any rate as long as war disrupts the normal sources of supply and increases the need.

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

C.N.R. Announces Higher Net Revenue

Canadian National Railways announce increase of $1,491,552 in net revenue of $6,423,606 for March as compared with net of $4,922,055 in the similar month in 1941.

Operating revenues rose $5,172,394 to $25,706,002; from $23,528,006 and operating expenses $3,686,442 to $22,282,394 from $18,595,951.

Aggregate net revenue for the first three months of 1941 was $4,533,593 higher at $15,225,159 operating revenue up $14,924,533 at $79,622,000 and operating expenses $10,390,940 higher at $64,397,841.

What Science Is Doing

BAMBOO

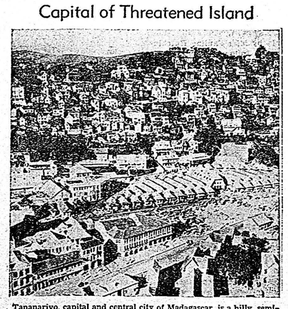
Grasses that are real trees are a common feature of the part of the world where war rages most fiercely at present. These grasses, of course, are the bamboos, says Science Service. We of the Temperate regions commonly think of bamboo in terms of fishpoles, or at most of the slightly stouter vaulting poles used in track and field events; 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 subtropics, 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.

Capital of Threatened Island



Tananarivo, capital and central city of Madagascar, is a hilly, semi-modern settlement of 70,000. Axis activity at this fourth largest island in the world may hub from here.

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.

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.

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 pow in hilly fields.

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Have You Heard?

The famous Dr. Mary Walker was among the first professional women to adopt masculine attire. One day, dressed in frock coat and neat well pressed trousers, she was strolling along the road to Wareham, a Massachusetts town near Buzzard's Bay, when she met an old fisherman.

"Tell me," she said, "is this the way to Wareham?"

"Well, blessed if I know," the old man replied. "This is the first time I've ever seen any on a lady."

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

Hardt: "Oh, I do."

Sofie: "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 22 or 23 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 best 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."

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

Satisfaction: "Pardon, madam, here's the hat you bought; that's the box you're wearing."

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.

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

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

"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 she talks golf in their sleep. The other night the people in the next flat heard him shout 'Fore!' and immediately after his wife yelled 'Five!'"

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

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

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 120,000,000 dozen eggs, 130,000,000 gallons of milk, 130,000,000 pounds of cheese, 195,000,000 pounds of steak, 195,000,000 pounds of pork, and 260,000,000 pounds of beef."

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U.S. Clay Pigeons Working For War

American clay pigeon and skeet targets are helping make it hot for Axis airmen. They've enlisted to improve the marksmanship of United States Air Force personnel. Instead of being used for sport, clay pigeons and skeet targets are now being employed in increasing quantities at American air schools.

The Air Corps has discovered that following a clay pigeon or a skeet target through the air with a shotgun is excellent training for prospective air-gunners, markedly improving their aim. If a man learns to keep his shotgun on a clay pigeon, he will be just that much better at keeping his machine gun trained on enemy aircraft.

Clay pigeon traps have been built at all advanced pilot training schools and at the Air Corps' three large gunnery bases. Airmen are given intensive training with 12-gauge shotguns mounted on a pivot and equipped with machine gun sights.

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.

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."

10,000 Enemy Planes Torn Out Of Skies

Viscount Halifax said recently the Royal Air Force had "torn out of the skies 10,000 enemy planes" since the start of the war and that 80 per cent of all British war production is being sent out of Britain.

Speaking at a dinner sponsored by Dallas civic organizations, the British ambassador to the United States added that every British soldier for whom shipping space is available is being sent outside the British Isles to strategic battlegrounds around the world.

He said that Britain constantly has on duty no less than 600 naval vessels, patrolling and fighting the Axis in all the world's waters, and declared:

"Britain has never lost a war —except to the United States—so with the United States' and Britain fighting on the same side the eventual outcome ought to be plain even to the most thick-headed German."

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.

Briefest Message

When Lord Napier was conducting a campaign in British India against the natives of the State of Sesinie, pronounced "Sinie," he sent a message from the field to England's War Office which perhaps has no counterpart for brevity.

The message came, a single Latin word:

"Peccavi."

Translated, it became: "I have sinned."

And the War Office knew, with its tongue in its cheek, that Lord Napier had taken Sesinie.

Canadians In U.S. Can Shift Armies

Canadians subject to the draft in the United States will be permitted to serve in their own armed services, if they so elect, the State Department has disclosed.

It is emphasized that no threat or compulsion will be exercised by any co-belligerent in the forces of a foreign government.

The memorandum on line with an arrangement announced March 18 last, whereby Americans now serving in the armed forces of the Allies, may elect to be transferred to units of the United States Army or Navy.

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Overseas Forces To Get Own Newspaper

Canada's soldiers, airmen and sailors overseas soon will have a weekly newspaper of their own, packed with cabled items from Canada, Army Newspaper Press News," a four-page tabloid printed in London, will be distributed free each week-end to every unit of the Canadian forces in Britain.

The Canadian Press will exercise full control of the selection and presentation of items used. Representatives of the government were as insistent on this point as C. P. executives. The government will pay the cost of editorial work, cable tolls and printing. The C. P. will prepare the paper on a non-profit basis and will make no charge for its news.

The news content—which will be solely Canadian—will be selected by C. P. editors in Canada and cabled to London, where the paper will be printed. It will be distributed by the service. First issue is expected to appear early in May.

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

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Mass Production Of Army Uniforms

British Factory Turns Out One Garment Every Three Seconds

Army greatcoats use up 40 miles of cloth and lining a week in a single London factory where one garment is completed every three seconds. This workshop and another which has turned out 20,000 battledresses a week are using every week enough cotton to go three times round the equator.

These are only two of the 250 tailoring firms who were given the largest single clothing order ever placed — for 5,000,000 battledress blouses and 4,000,000 trousers. That meant 9,000 miles of cloth, absorbing 10,000 tons of wool; 2,000 miles of lining, and 200,000,000 brass buttons. A week later, 1,150,000 army greatcoats were ordered, calling for 7,000,000 yards of the heavy milled waterproofed cloth specially produced for the purpose by the Yorkshire mills, who blend six different colors of wool to make the perfect khaki. In six months the overcoats produced from Yorkshire cloth would have provided 25 years' supply in normal times.

These huge mass-producing factories can undertake gigantic contracts like a million battledresses or overcoats because they are equipped with the most modern of labor-saving machines and in peace time produce huge quantities of men's suits and coats. Little adaptation is required to turn the machines over to war production, which includes not only the standard army uniform but tropical kit of drill for troops serving overseas, heavy woollen socks in Royal NAvy and Air Force blue, as well as slacks, tunics and skirts for the girls on gun sites and bomber stations.

All this war work means that quite a fraction of the British clothing industry can work on "civvy" wear, now standardized as utility suits.

AMERICAN CHIEF IN NEW ZEALAND

Vice Admiral Robert L. Ghormley of the U. S. Navy will organize a new South Pacific naval unit of United States and New Zealand forces.

Chicago Stages Bicycle Parade

American Wheelmen's First National Convention Since 1900.

Three hundred bicyclists rolled down Michigan Boulevard recently in a parade which they jubilantly warned bewildered motorists may herald a swing in two-wheeled traffic for the duration.

The post-pedaling cavalcade, which had precedence over automobiles on a thoroughfare famed for thick and swift-moving traffic, was a feature of the League of American Wheelmen's first national convention since 1900. Its van was 72-year-old Louis Pierron of Milwaukee whose handlebar moustache recalled the gaslees era which the wheelmen believe as on the way back despite government restrictions on bicycle manufacture.

"Cycling is the best thing in the world to keep people fit for wartime work," said Noble O. Tarbell, 55, who rode 50 miles from Kenosha, Wis. to attend the convention.

"Look at me," he added in testimony, thumping a barrel chest as he posed for newspaper photographers. Tarbell, a leading cyclist almost half a century ago, claims he has ridden 275,000 miles in 50 years.

As the parade wound through downtown traffic, Mrs. Dorothy Specht, who handled arrangements for the convention, explained that bicycle suits throughout the country are being organized for war work.

"They are being organized to work with the Red Cross in case of disasters, and to carry messages for civilian defence workers," she said. "Most of them are taking first adr courses. And they're learning to ride in blackouts."

Canada To Enlist Sable Island Ponies

Wild ponies of Sable Island are to be harnessed to Canada's war effort. The ponies, which have had free rein on the tiny island off Nova Scotia for many years, are to be caught, and brought to the mainland where they will be used to relieve some of the transportation difficulties.

The ponies are tough and shaggy, weighing about 700 pounds. They are descendants of a shipload of French horses wrecked on Sable Island centuries ago.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

LESSON 19

MONDAY—THE DAY OF AUTHORITY—Matthew 21:12-22. (Matt. 21:18-22 followed by Matt. 21:23-17.)

GOLDEN TEXT—"*My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.*"—Isaiah 56:7.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

TIME—Monday, April 3, A.D. 30.

PLACE—The cursing of the fig tree occurred on the Mount of Olives, as Jesus was on His way from Bethany to Jerusalem, while the cleansing of the temple occurred, of course, in the temple area in Jerusalem.

The Natural Hunger

18. "Now in the morning as he returned to the city, he hungered." Our Lord appears as a true man, for such He was. At times, He was weary; He walked from place to place, as other men did; He labored with His hands; He became hungry; His soul was sometimes troubled; He had compassion, and exceeding great sympathy.

Unnatural Barrenness

19. "And seeing a fig tree by the wayside, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only; and he saith unto it, 'Let there be no fruit from thee henceforward forever.' And immediately the fig tree withered away." In thinking of the symbolic significance of this act, we must not lose sight of the fact that this was distinctly a miracle, an act by which Jesus Christ illustrated His authority over the natural and inanimate world. He was proving Himself to be not less the Lord of nature than the Lord of men.

As Thou Wilt

20. "And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, 'How did the fig tree immediately wither away?' 21. And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done. 22. And all things whatsoever ye shall ask, in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." The removing of mountains must be regarded as an exaggerated statement for 'the removing of obstacles', and the large promise of verse 22 must be qualified in reference to the answering of prayer. The supplicant must have faith in God and the nature of things requested must be in harmony with the will and wisdom of God. Above all, we ought to remember that the undertone of every true prayer is "Nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt."

Abominal Conditions

12. "And Jesus entered into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves." To make the temple of Jehovah a market place for the buying and selling of animals, and haggling over money, was to destroy the very purpose of the temple. The men who were occupied in this traffic were not only not there for worship, but they had no desire for worship. They had lost the sight of God by focusing their attention upon gold and the means for attracting wealth.

Cleansing The Temple

13. "And he saith unto them It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer: but ye make it a den of robbers." These men did not know God. They named His name but violated His law but all the while they knew nothing of God. Because they did not know God they were corresponding failure in their relationship to their fellow-men. They were robbers of God.

Healing The Afflicted

14. "And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and He healed them. 15. But when the chief priest and the scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children that were crying in the temple and saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they were moved with indignation." Many afflicted persons were doubtless to be seen in the temple courts, asking alms or seeking consolation in worship. The miraculous healings, then and there, served to Christ's authority to cleanse the temple, and in the same sense reconsecrated the courts which had been profaned. The scribes and the Pharisees ought to have been led to earnest inquiry here. He who thus asserted authority and wrought miracles and allowed himself to be hailed as the Son of David was indeed the Messiah. They rejected the idea without inquiry, and were indignant at the apparent claim.

Jesus' Final Word

16. "And said unto him, Hearest thou what these are saying? And Jesus saith unto them, 'Yea: did you never read, Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?' 17. And He left them, and went forth out of the city of Bethany, and lodged there." The quotation here is found in Psalm 8:2. We should never miss the significance of the fact that Jesus was able to quote Scriptures upon every occasion. What He did He did in the light of the Old Testament. He seemed, not only by His life, but by His very acts and utterance, to fulfil the pronouncements of the Old Testament Scriptures. The Son of God rose up in their midst and condemned them all for their barrenness in the place of fruitfulness and for a mission for money displacing a love for God. It was a needed rebuke then. It is a needed rebuke today.

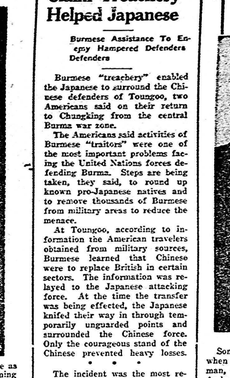
Protecting Armies Against Mosquitoes

Millions of yards of mosquito netting for Allied troops in Libya are being made in a British factory which in peacetime supplied artificial silk in delicate pastel shades for ladies' lingerie.

When the Libyan campaign began, the British government called for 20,000,000 yards of this netting to protect the troops against the malaria-carrying mosquito, sand-fly and other pests. The material had, of course, been produced in Britain for many years by' the lace machines of Nottingham, but more than 11,000 miles of it, required "at once or sooner" was a tough proposition.

Owners of warp-knitting machines in Britain met and undertook to adapt their machinery to the job. The alterations called for careful work by expert machinists and many impromptu ideas, but one of the first factories to announce its readiness was that of a South Wales firm whose name in peacetime was a household word in artificial silk.

WOMEN JOIN INDUSTRIAL PARADE



Not long ago this attractive Canadian girl looked upon a file as something used solely to manicure her nails. Today, after joining thousands of other girls in war industries, she can handle a file as deftly as any man in turning out parts in an aircraft factory. It is estimated that between 50,000 and 75,000 women are now employed in industrial war work. Thousands more will be required to cope with manpower requirements as industry expands and men enlist.

The King's Pigeons Serve In R.A.F.

Pigeons from the King's loft at Sandringham, his Norfolk home, are among the 750,000 now made available by British pigeon breeders for service with the Royal Air Force.

King George is one of 15,000 owners who are members of the National Pigeon Service, a voluntary body set up under the control of the Signals Directorate of the Air Ministry to provide carrier pigeons for the Royal Air Force for taking messages, especially in an emergency.

Each member of the Service supplies a number of birds daily, to the nearest R.A.F. station and undertakes to look out for the return of the birds. When a bird flies back to its loft it alights on a specially arranged trap that sets an electric bell ringing, and the bell continues to ring until the owner retrieves the pigeon. Any messages it may be carrying are reported immediately by telephone to the C.O. of the station.

Pigeons can be released from aircraft while actually in flight, and one thousand birds weekly are already engaged on active service with general reconnaissance planes.

The King has accepted the badge worn by members of the Service and he has asked that a fortnightly report on the activities of his own birds should be submitted to him.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD — By William Ferguson

ANSWER: Musical instrument. A small wind instrument made of terra-cotta, giving off soft flute-like tones . . . and popularly known as a "sweet potato."

NEXT: How many natural bridges are there in the United States?

Claim Treachery Helped Japanese

Burmese Assistance To Enemy Hampered Defenders

Burmese "treachery" enabled the Japanese to surround the Chinese defenders of Toungoo, two Americans said on their return to Chungking from the central Burma war zone.

The Americans said activities of Burmese "traitors" were one of the most important problems facing the United Nations forces defending Burma. Steps are being taken, they said, to round up known pro-Japanese natives and to remove thousands of Burmese from military areas to reduce the menace.

At Toungoo, according to information the American travelers obtained from military sources, Burmese learned that Chinese were to replace British in certain sectors. The information was relayed to the Japanese attacking force. At the time the transfer was being effected, the Japanese knifed their way in through temporarily unguarded points and surrounded the Chinese force. Only the courageous stand of the Chinese prevented heavy losses.

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The incident was the most recent of the many which have been related of Burmese "treachery" since the war entered the British controlled state.

On the other hand, units such as the "Burmese Rifles" fought for the Allies along the Sittang river and in the defence of Rangoon before the Allied withdrawal.

Japan spent years propagandizing Burma, using agents and fascists to cultivate the natives and establish pro-Japanese centres in the nation.

After the fall of Singapore and the opening of the Burma campaign, Allied intelligence officers found Burmese guiding Japanese patrols, sheltering Japanese advance parties, and giving what aid they could to the enemy. Burmese even joined the Japanese army.

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As the invaders advanced north, Burmese guided them through the mountain passes. Other natives told the enemy of location of secret jungle airdromes. American volunteer Group fliers reported Burmese signalled the Japanese bombers to show them the location of strategic installations in raids.

British attempts to destroy oil lines along the Burma road were handicapped by armed Burmese resistance.

There also was one instance in which several regiments of Burmese troops, serving in the Allied army, took off their uniforms and went over en masse to the Japanese.

Ladies Of Leisure In War Industries

Clad in her oldest clothes, Mrs. Martineau, wife of Birmingham's Deputy Mayor, "clocked" in one Monday morning for a full week's shift in a munitions factory, and was provided with overalls, gloves and clogs, just as all her fellow workers were. She did not find the noise disturbing once she got down to work, she says; and the really "oily" jobs she did one day counteracted the effect of the "grimy" ones she did on another occasion—as far as her hands were concerned.

She volunteered to do her share of lunch-hour canteen work and duly appreciated her weekend ration of sweet biscuits and chocolates, not to mention a lunch hour film show.

Much has been written about the fine spirit shown by the housewife and mother of the small home who turns out each day to help to make the much-needed munitions of war, but next to nothing about the work which her supposedly "leisured" sister may be doing at the next machine.

R.A.F. Russian

An amusing story is told of the method by which R.A.F. men overcame the language difficulty while serving in Russia. Few of them could speak even a word of Russian, and the local telephone operator knew no English. When it was necessary for them to ring up the headquarters of No 151 Wing, R.A.F., they had to improvise. Believing that any word ending in "ski" sounded Russian, they coined the words Englski Aeroplanski" and the operator got so used to hearing them that soon she knew that it meant that R.A.F. men wanted to be put in touch with their headquarters.

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