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**EDITORIAL**

**Without the Red Cross Parcels**

A young Canadian warrant officer in the R.C.A.F. has just come home from Casablanca. Outwardly, there is little to set him apart from the thousands of other clear-eyed, stalwart young Canadians wearing Air Force blue on the streets to-day, but there the similarity ceases. This lad is suffering from malnutrition.

His impressions of Casablanca were gained long before that historic conference which made the name a byword the world over, but that town will always stand out in his memory for two other reasons. It was at Casablanca that he was shot down by anti-aircraft fire and it was there that he got his first real meal after five months in a German prison camp, 200 miles deep into French Africa.

Soon after the landing of American troops at Oran; this young Canadian flyer was released, along with other Canadian and British servicemen, and made his way back to Canada via Gibraltar, England and New York. One of the first things this lad did on his return was to visit the Toronto packing centre of the Canadian Red Cross so that he could personally express his thanks for the prisoner of war food parcels which, he claims, saved the lives of the 900 prisoners at that particular camp.

To use his own words: "Our daily diet of lentils, soup and black bread wasn't very nourishing. Without the Canadian Red Cross food parcels, we would certainly have starved to death."

Providing food parcels for prisoners of war has become the greatest and most appreciated function of the Canadian Red Cross to-day and, at the same time, the most extensive. Already, over 2,000,000 of these parcels have been shipped from Canada and it will be necessary for every Canadian to give generously to the Red Cross Campaign if the present production of 100,000 each week is to be maintained. —Smith Falls Record-News.

**Under Government?**

Just as long as Mitchell Hepburn remains in the Provincial Government the liquor interests can be sure their cause will be championed to the last ditch. Provincial revenues may be encroached upon and the one-time leader has his ire mildly aroused, but just let there be any encroachment on the provincial jurisdiction of the sale of liquor and Mr. Hepburn's tongue runs loose at both ends and his abuse flows like the spring floods all over those who have dared to get across his path.—Other than leaving a dirty accumulation it however does little harm.

To many of us it seems that Mr. Hepburn's resignation as Premier is rather uncertain. While he may have thrown the mantle that designates power to another, it was only a gesture and in the interests of the free flow of liquor in the Province of Ontario he intends to remain where he can be of real service to the cause. Canada may require every cent for war purposes. All other industries and civilians must change their mode of business and living to war conditions. Canadians are well aware of the enormous finances required for successful prosecution of the war. The province has a surplus of funds, but just one encroachment on the liquor revenues or one move to curtail sales in the war interests and Mr. Hepburn jumps to the rescue. For a man who rose to power using as stepping stones the failure of others he scatters a fine trail for those who want to follow.

There was a time when Mr. Hepburn's speeches and attacks drew attention. And while these speeches are so vulnerable for an opposition it is almost re-

markable how little opportunity is taken of them by the opposition. Can it be that all provincial affairs have one viewpoint?

**Timely Warning**

The Financial Post last week made the following apt comment on the manner in which Prime Minister Mackenzie King dealt with the Quebec isolationist group: "Canadians generally will applaud Prime Minister King's warning to Mr. Cardin and his isolationist-minded followers that the government will tolerate no easing of military draft laws. As the Prime Minister rightly pointed out the passing of the Cardin motion to suspend the military draft pending a manpower investigation, would blacken Canada's name among our allies. Correctly, they would interpret such a move as one designed to delay our war effort."

"Mr. King has been patient, most Canadians believe much too patient, with this dangerous and unashamed isolationist movement which Mr. Cardin apparently would like to lead. Isolationism never had any sound foundation even in the old days, before the airplane and submarine brought the menace of actual war to our very shores. To-day it would simply be courting national suicide even to consider such a policy. Its development might easily lead to civil war at a time when all our energies are needed to fight a deadly foreign foe."

"Mr. King did well to remind his listeners in and out of parliament of the deadly parallel between post-war France and the recent attempts to stir up highly discordant political parties in certain sections of Canada. Such a policy led directly to France's tragic and sudden downfall, he warned Mr. Cardin. Such will certainly prove a boomerang to any minority sponsoring them if even more serious consequences are avoided."

**The Shortest Distance Between Two Points**

It comes as good news not only to the residents of that section of the community but also to those who make deliveries that the bridge over the railway siding on Maria Street is ready for traffic again. True there has been access to this section, but if such were to be made the permanent route quite a few changes would be necessary.

The distance between the two points connected by the bridge are very short, but failure to be in condition makes many additional steps necessary. It is also fortunate that the matter has been settled amicably.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

A man of principle is one who can say no when asked to sign a petition. — Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

March came in with a lot of the characteristics of the lion even if the roaring and blustering weren't long.

If you print a little of it, money will buy much. If you print a lot of it, much money will be required to buy a little.—Sir Norman Angell.

"Individuals alone are gifted with the faculty of reason; individuals alone possess that priceless thing called conscience."—William H. Moore, M.P.

Every new front opened, every new offensive action multiplies the work of mercy of the Red Cross. They can carry on only if you help in the drive this month.

This week came notice that newsprint advances four dollars a ton. It was the one item in this business which had remained unchanged since the period before the war.

"We must disarm Japan on the sea after the war. To keep her disarmed for a long time afterwards, we must have the bases from which to operate."—U. S. Navy Secretary, Frank Knox.

If these editorial columns this week have more re-printed articles than usual, the reason can be found in the fact that three nights of minstrel show have taken most of our leisure time in preparation during the week previous.

In the interests of a more tidy community it might be advisable to decided on the days garbage was going to be collected. Those cans aren't improved by remaining out for two days and the dogs make the most of their opportunities.

In the Red Cross appeal this month remember that only the Red Cross can send parcels to prisoners of war and if you want to know how they are appreciated just ask any of the relatives who correspond with the prisoners.

The Kelowna Courier has this to say to businesses which are considering cancellation of advertising because they are supposedly overold: "Do you drop your life insurance just because you feel too healthy? After-all, advertising is the priceless ingredient in that immeasurable commodity known as 'good will,' and if you don't believe good will has a monetary value, try to buy a going business and see what you will pay for this good will."

**WAR 25 Years Ago**

Central Powers Signed Peace Terms on Russia in Treaty of Brest-Litovsk Signed March 3rd, 1918

BY M. M. GORDON Canadian Press Staff Writer

Extracted peace negotiations between the Central Powers and Russia ended 25 years ago with the signing of the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk March 3, 1918. Germany imposed terms that meant the virtual enslavement of Russia, but they were nullified by the victory of the Allies eight months later.

Russia's complete surrender to Germany's severe demands came a little more than three months after the opening of negotiations at which Soviet representatives boldly declared for a peace without annexations and without indemnities. It was then that Leon Trotsky declared: "We did not overthrow the Czar in order to fall on our knees before the Kaiser and beg for peace. We summon all to a holy war against imperialism in every country."

The Central Powers announced their readiness to accept a peace without annexations or indemnities provided the Allies pledged themselves to these principles and agreed to join in the negotiations. This was on Christmas Day, 1917, and proposals were adjourned until January 4, 1918 to give the Allies time to consider the proposal. In the meantime qualifications were introduced into the German proposals by which the position of the border provinces of Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the Ukraine was to be referred to a special commission. In all of those territories movements for independence had made rapid headway since the fall of the Russian Czarist government.

The government of the Ukraine strongly resented the Soviet movement and demanded representation at Brest-Litovsk as a sovereign state. Separatist movements were also growing in the Caucasus and in various parts of Siberia.

Germany claimed the border provinces desired German protection and was willing to see this preference nullified by a plebiscite conducted without military pressure. Soviet delegates at Brest-Litovsk strongly opposed the proposal.

On January 4, no reply being forthcoming from the Allies regarding the peace suggestions, negotiations were resumed. The Central Powers stiffened their demands as they envisioned peace with the Ukraine, now admitted to the peace table, and Lithuania which would permit access to the coast.

Trotsky made one more appeal against the separation of the Ukraine and German policy regarding the border provinces, meanwhile, German troops had advanced into the Ukraine and in Baltic territory, German demands were hardened, and the Soviet representatives finally surrendered.

The Brest-Litovsk treaty called upon Russia to pay \$1,500,000,000 in money and \$250,000,000 in goods to the Central Powers. Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the Ukraine were ordered to be evacuated by the Russians and the Anatolian districts of Adrahan, Kars and Batum handed over to the Turks. Economic clauses in the treaty placed the whole of Russian commerce and production under control of Germany.

**For War-Winning By Farm Families**

U. S. Agriculture Department Gives Its Booklet Readers Some Pointers

WASHINGTON, (CP) — Addressed largely to farm families the U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued a spring booklet emphasizing "you have the important job of raising the food that will win the war" and advising: "Raise food, manage time, manage money, keep fit, fight waste and work together." The department indicates some ways to do it, including the following:

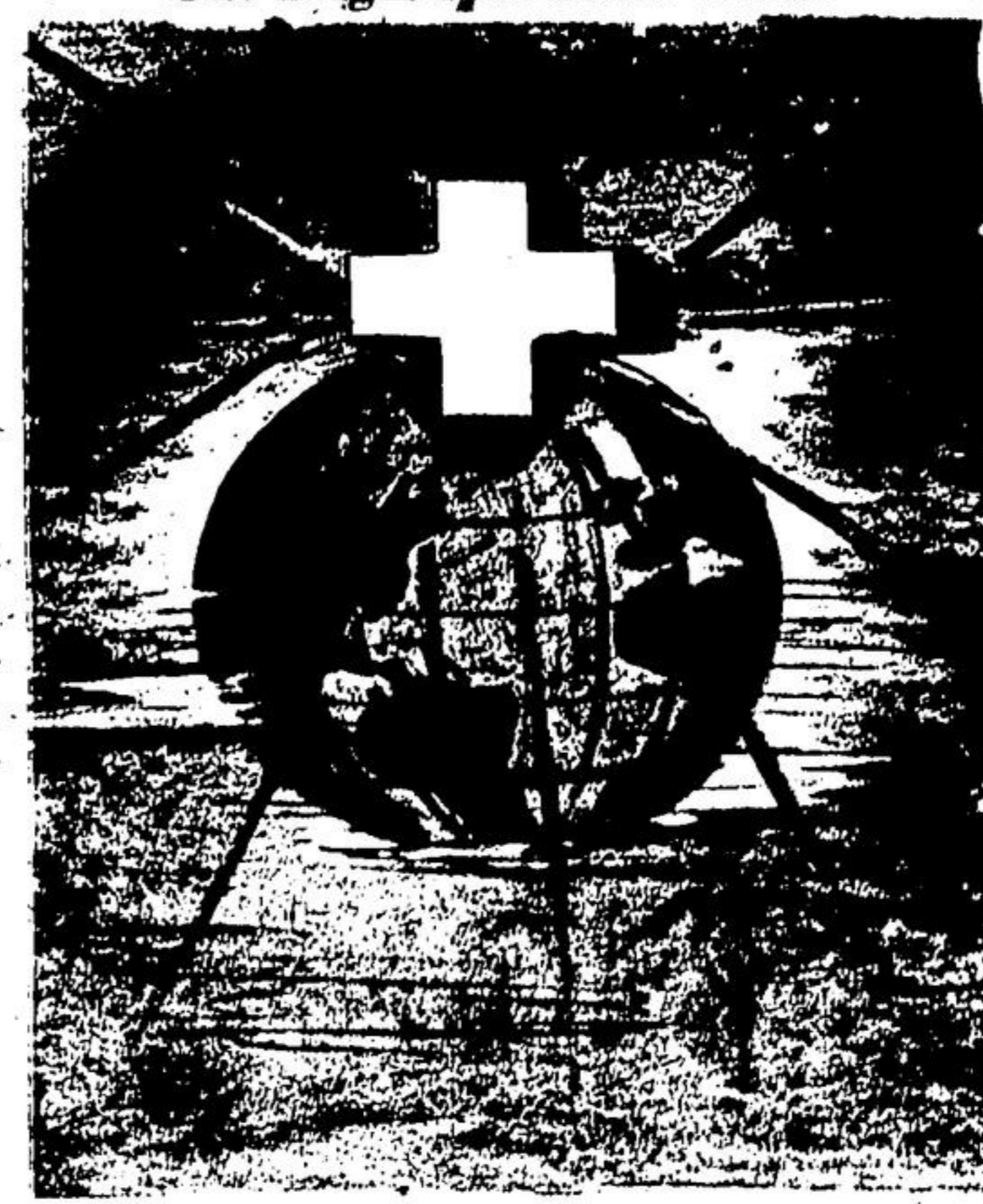
Do first the tasks that help to win the war. Streamline your house-keeping. Use short cuts. Allow some time for church, school and neighborhood wartime services. Plan for good times now and then.

Share Work Around. Plan work as far ahead as possible; plan for family to share work; arrange furniture and equipment to save steps; have meals that are easily prepared; put away things seldom used and ornaments that take time to clean.

Eat enough of the right foods. Be sure your drinking water is safe. Get enough rest and sleep. Plan for needed medical and dental care.

Work out a plan with your neighbors for selling farm products and for buying together equipment and supplies. Exchange labor, discuss problems.

**One Bright Spot in the World**



**Just Imagine! Even Daffodills Make "Smugglers"**

In Britain It's Illegal to Freight Flowers from the Country but Who's to Look Into That? Private Suitcase?

BY ALAN RANDALL Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, (CP) — You'd never think a pretty yellow daffodill-dilly could be illegal but it can. In fact there are daffodills here and there in London that are about the latest thing in wartime illegality.

It comes about this way: On Nov. 1 the government introduced a ban on the transport of flowers by rail in order to save shipping space for more important goods needed for the war effort. But the flowers are still travelling. Men and women go from London to the West Country where flowers

grow in profusion, buy them cheaply, pack them in suitcases and bring them back to London as personal luggage. As many as 4,000 suitcases can be packed into a suitcase and they would not transgress the 100-pound weight limit for personal baggage.

Flower hunters say the more tightly such fragile flowers are packed the better they keep and at the present price of flowers in London the "flower smugglers" can make as much as 400 per cent profit. The return fare from London to Penzance in Cornwall is roughly \$15, an amount easily taken care of by flower sales at \$7 for a dozen bunches of Narcissus.

Then there are the more thrifty flower smugglers who work with an agent in the flower country who boards the train in the "post zone" with a suit case full of blooms, accompanies it for one station, and then leaves it with a fellow traveller to be picked up on arrival in London by the man operating the London end of the deal.

**Help The Red Cross**

**"SALADA" TEA**

NATIONAL SELECTIVE SERVICE

**MOBILIZATION OF SINGLE MEN**

A recent Proclamation, issued by His Excellency the Governor General in Council, provides that certain single men must register immediately for the Military Call-up under National Selective Service Mobilization Regulations.

Single Men who must now register are those who were born in any year from 1902 to 1923 inclusive, and who did not previously undergo medical examination under the Military Call-up.

Men actually in the Armed Services are exempt under this order, but men discharged from the Services, not previously medically examined under the Military Call-up, must now register.

"Single Men," referred to, now required to register include any man—  
born in any one of the years mentioned, who has not previously been medically examined for the military call-up, and described as follows:—  
"who was on the 15th day of July, 1940, unmarried or a widower without child or children or, has since the said day been divorced or judicially separated or become a widower without child or children."

It is pointed out that any man unmarried at July 15th, 1940, even if married since that date, is still classed as a "single man."

Registration is to be made on forms available with Postmasters, National Selective Service Offices, or Registrars of Mobilization Boards.

Penalties are provided for failure to register

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**CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS**

*Going East*

Daily, except Sunday	6:49 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	6:38 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	9:49 a.m.
Sunday only	8:19 p.m.
Flyer, at Georgetown	9:24 p.m.
Flyer, at Guelph	8:52 p.m.

*Going West*

Daily, except Sunday	1:06 a.m.
Daily, except Sunday	8:50 a.m.
Saturday only	2:29 p.m.
Daily, except Sunday	7:24 p.m.
Sunday Only	11:54 p.m.

**GRAY COACH LINES**

CHANGE OF TIME TABLE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24

**COACHES LEAVE ACTON**

*Eastbound*

6:46 a.m.	9:16 a.m.	2:06 p.m.	6:26 p.m.
9:16 p.m.	11:41 p.m.		

*Westbound*

11:53 a.m.	12:38 p.m.	4:56 p.m.	7:33 p.m.
9:28 p.m.	11:53 p.m.		

a—To London.  
b—Sundays and Holidays only.  
c—To Guelph daily, to Kitchener, Sunday and Holidays.  
d—To Kitchener.  
e—To Stratford

**MISS "SIR WALTER"**

GLASGOW, (CP) — Shades of Sir Walter Raleigh? While a Merchant Marine officer, rescued after being adrift several days on wreckage, was walking to hospital here an unknown girl handed him her coat and scarf and then disappeared.