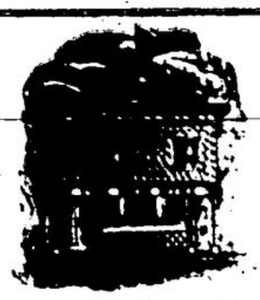

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EDITORIAL

War Souvenirs

Canadians returning home from overseas are bringing many very interesting souvenirs. They include a wide variety. But one of the most thought-provoking ones we have seen was loaned us by a friend from Toronto the other day. The soldier who picked it up found it in a German home among the possessions of the former owner. It is a letter written in 1915 and posted in Boston, Mass., at 7 p.m. on July 24th. It was addressed to Mr. Kase Rennetz Reutenberg, Province Hanover, Germany. Here is the letter and remember it was written in 1915 and retained by the German until this war.

Dear Cousin

Your nice long letter, with the letter from Dr. Suedekum enclosed, was received with pleasure. It is a matter for regret that I cannot be in Germany to do my share toward the assured success of the Fatherland. We are now hearing of the march on Warsaw, but nearly everything we get is from the English sources and we are compelled to accept this as true. Of course I can very easily pick out the good from the bad for I have had years of experience with English duplicity, and am having experience with it now, but we should have the truth here instead of the colored English dispatches. But we are learning of the general confusion and discouragement in Great Britain.

The statesmen and men of letters and even the material scientists of that arch enemy of Germany have been accustomed for so many years to boom their country at the expense of the rest of the world that they can no longer tell the truth. From the highest statesman to the least the rule is mistatement, mendacity. They lie to the world they lie to themselves, and this atmosphere of deceit permeates the whole social and political and military fabric of the nation called British. They have been outdone by a nation (Germany) that has practised honesty and they cannot reconcile themselves to that fact. And this country, the United States, has for many years taken its information regarding Europe and the rest of the world from British sources. I used to have some respect for England for some of the men of letters there but since men like Bryce signed the false statement about alleged German atrocity in Belgium I cannot longer believe that there is a grain of honesty in the whole British empire. When men because of their nationality prostitute themselves as Bryce did there is something rotten in the very heart of people. I am every day more thankful than the day before that I am in all ways a Teuton. My birth here makes no difference. We have fallen in behind the British staggering on to their sure fall and [illegible] humiliation and I shall not permit myself to be [illegible] with a nation servile to a bitter enemy [illegible] thought bad in a nation, bad in its every movement. You know a Germany flourish, cannot forever [illegible] Great Britain in the [illegible] nationalized.

Tell me [illegible] all are. And also let me all you possibly can [illegible] the newspapers here. We get so little that is authentic [illegible] the lies that have to pass through British hands and have garbled to suit the purposes of that nation. I have started a plan here to arouse the Teutonic thought [illegible] of the world. We are a little [illegible] representative of good [illegible] Give my warmest remembrances to my cousin Anna [illegible] and to Frederick.

Your affectionate cousin

(Sd) HARRY

That's what American born Germans thought in 1915. We hope such evidence of hatred of the British will have a bearing in the terms of settlement under which Germany emerges. If it's going to be a lasting peace, it will require to have effects that will long be remembered by the German people—remembered for more than twenty-five years.

"Gimme" Canadians

We are hearing a great deal about demands of labor, financial help for western farmers, shorter hours, higher pay, more booze, social security for all ages and assistance to well-paid workers in war industries over the re-conversion period.

Unfortunately we belong in that class who didn't share any of the war contracts and cost plus percentage arrangements necessitated by war. Like thousands of other folks we were in the class that had prices frozen and supplies curtailed and extra labor enticed to war production enterprizes and members of the staff who enlisted in the services. There was a war to win and the procedure however undemocratic it was, was swallowed by many folks like ourselves, squeezed from all sides.

Well the war is over, for which most of us are truly thankful. We find the men coming back from war service and starting in businesses or quietly getting back to old or new jobs. We also find many workers who were in the high paid war industries, making unreasonable demands both from employers and governments—it doesn't matter to them which ofle they get it from. They don't want to return to the wage scale upon which thousands of people in Canada went through the six years of war on. They haven't saved any money and they want to be paid for months until they find the job at the pay that suits them.

There are a lot of Canadians who failed to profiteer on the war business, but who bought bonds paid taxes and supported war charities, who cannot understand the attitude of the delegations besieging provincial and dominion governments, asking a continuance of being kept on at the public trough now that the war is over. Such Canadians don't organize delegations to governments, they're too busy reconverting. They have something better to do than go on strike. The attitude the governments take with this small group of discontents is going to have a distinct bearing on the success or failure of government financing. It's unreasonable to expect that one group is going to do all the paying while another group does nothing but moan and wring their hands.

Labor and labor unions have a duty to perform as well as other Canadians, whether it is in peace time or time of war.

Canada's Shipping

Canadian merchant navy tonnage, five times larger than in 1939, raises the question of the future of Canadian shipping and seamen. The record of these ships and men in the war years has been magnificent and has proved that Canadians are quite capable of running an efficient merchant marine.

Canada now ranks fourth among the ocean carriers, surpassed only by the United States, Britain and Norway. Practically all Canadian ships now on ocean routes were built in the Dominion during the war. Owned by the Park Steamship Company, a Crown company and operated by various private shipping firms for a management fee, 112 "Park" dry-cargo ships of 10,000 tons, 16 of 4,700 tons and some 25 Park tankers of up to 10,000 tons make up by far the greater part of the merchant navy.

To provide officers and crews during the war, a branch of the department of transport directed men to new merchant vessels, manning pools were established at Halifax, Saint John, Montreal and Vancouver and training centres in Nova Scotia and Ontario taught inexperienced young men the rudiments of seamanship and engine room duties.

With this set-up the post-war period of the Canadian mercantile marine poses certain problems. If the service is to operate successfully in peace-time it must do so in competition with long-established sea-going nations. Not only are these nations experienced in shipping business, they are also customers of Canadian exports. Operation costs present another difficulty. The cost of operating a "Park" 10,000 tonner is considerably more than operational costs for its British equivalent. Finding officers still remains a manpower problem.

The position of Canada in the world has changed so radically in the past six years, that the war-won position of her mercantile marine demands wise direction for the future.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada's Thanksgiving Day is on October 8th this year. Just two weeks from next Monday.

The last of Daylight Saving for awhile comes the end of this month. We're gradually getting back to normal.

There's a chill in the air these days that's an unpleasant reminder that the coal bins are not as full as one would wish.

Another fair has come and gone in Acton. Before another event rolls around the arena should be available again for its extra attractions.

It's estimated that if strikes can be avoided all non priority users of tires will be able to secure two new tires next year, and essential drivers will have their needs fully met.

The Canadian Champion of Milton won the trophy for the best all-round weekly newspaper in Class III this year. For obvious reason we do not make further embellishment of the news item.

An item from Ottawa says "that by the end of 1944, there were 35,856 women in Canada's armed forces." Why not tell what the number is to-day and why they are not being demobilized? enquires the Renfrew Mercury.

Evidence keeps accumulating that the largest part of our social problems, delinquency of parents and juveniles, thefts, robberies, etc. could be greatly reduced if some effort were made to control the sale of intoxicating liquor.

Mr. Hugh Templin, of Fergus, newly elected president of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association which has a membership of nearly 600 papers, comes to his high position with a splendid background of experience to fit him for his new duties. The Association is to be congratulated as well as Mr. Templin in the choice that has been made.

News Spotlight

By FRED KEENER
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Premier Higashi Kuni made a remarkable statement last week-end in an interview with newspapermen in which he promised that if the Allies will "forget Pearl Harbor" the sneak attack on the United States Pacific base that plunged the war into a global scale, the Japanese people will "forget the picture of devastation wrought by the atomic bomb."

To that he added that the Japanese people will start out anew as a "peace-loving nation." If the Allies do the forgetting and the Japanese war leaders do the promising, the bargain will be a good one for the defeated oriental empire!

The proper answer to Prince Higashi Kuni is apparently to be made. We now have Gen. MacArthur's assurance that the surrender terms are not "soft and won't be applied in kid glove fashion." Arrests of war criminals have begun, many of them being rounded up during the weekend. The situation in Korea has been improved by the removal of Gen. Nobuyuki Abe and police director Tadao Nishihiro.

A Defeated Enemy

"Japan is a defeated enemy which has not yet demonstrated her right to a place among civilized nations," Gen. MacArthur told the heads of Japan's radio and press, emphasizing that their distorted stories of the Allied occupation must cease immediately.

Russia in Mediterranean

From the Big Five council tables in London come hints that the major powers are considering Russian requests for a voice in Mediterranean rule. Diplomatic sources have disclosed that the Soviet Union has put forth feelers to this effect during the current discussions of Italy's colonies by the council of foreign ministers.

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EDMUNSTON, N.B. (CP)—John Marks Stevens, K.C., 82, died at his home here after a long illness. He was one of the first lawyers to be appointed King's Counsel after the death of Queen Victoria.

VARY OLD BEQUEST TO MEET WAR NEED

PLYMSTOCK, Devonshire, England (CP)—Rev. Vincent Warren didn't know anything about the problems of inflation when he asked in his will that the interest on 2,000 pounds (about $9,000) be spent annually to cloth 10 poor boys and 10 poor girls.

Mr. Warren, then vicar of Plymstock, died in 1930 and a condition to his bequest was that one of the garments for the girls must be a "shift" better known to Canadians as an undershirt.

Trustees of the fund, because of rationing and the shortage of "shifts" were forced to deviate from the instructions in the will. Instead of buying the clothes, they gave the recipients vouchers and instructed them to use their own clothing coupons.

HUBBY FOUGHT JAPS WIFE OPERATED FARM

ST. FRANCIS, MINN., (CP) While her husband, Capt. Gordon Anderson was fighting Japs from a B29, Marian Anderson is busy making sure that his post war dream of farm life will come true.

A few weeks ago Mrs. Anderson, a 29-year old University of Minnesota graduate, acquired the old family homestead a 280 acre farm near here.

Now with a single horse, a tractor and a flock of chickens, she is busy trying to make the place look like a farm again. The place was abandoned about 10 years ago but she is still convinced that it still has possibilities.

The Andersons were married in September 1942, after Captain Anderson had completed his airforce training.

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Daily, except Sunday	9.56 a.m.
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