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The Editor's Corner

PLUNKETT DINNER

Having unfortunately missed the Plunkett Dinner at Union Church last month, I had my first taste of these affairs at Knox Presbyterian last Friday. The Plunkett idea was the brain-child of Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett who, some thirty years ago, conceived this novel advertising scheme...

"ONLY BOMBED"

Writing in the Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin, J. H. Connolly gives us a good example of the "Keep your Chin up" policy which has carried the British Empire safely thru more trying times than these to-day. While listening to the radio I caught a wisp of an interview between some radio commentator and a woman...

POETRY

Our Weekly Poem

LIFE - LOVE I often sit and wonder, wonder, Now that we have both grown old, If you love me like "back yonder," As your hand I'd gently hold...

FRESH AIR IS CHEAP

The school house doors are open wide The children laugh and shout, The holidays are here again And school—yes school is out. For some it means a summer home For some it's grandpa's farm...

LITTLE THINGS

It's the little things we do and say That mean so much, as we go our way. A kindly deed can lift a load From weary shoulders, on the road...

SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN

When life is in ruins and prayer seems in vain, When fate deals a blow that you cannot explain, When things look their worst and no gold glides the gray...

QUIZ

What do the letters S.D.S.M. stand for? Every Canadian ought to know. Answer: S.D.S.M. is the French equivalent of O.H.M.S. and appears on millions of pieces of government stationery.

WHAT OTHER PAPERS SAY

KEEP YOUR MOUTH CLOSED AND YOUR CHIN UP

The war was brought closer home to residents of this village on Monday when a young man was taken into custody for subversive talk. The police are watching cases of this kind. Criticism of our political leaders and our governments is one thing, but disloyal talk is another. In this case every Hitler victory was hailed with delight...

On the other hand, there is the danger of becoming hysterical over "fifth column" members and this was clearly demonstrated a short time ago when a prominent physician of Belleville and his wife were the victims of most slanderous statements all of which were entirely untrue. During war time, the most ridiculous rumors spread like wild-fire and the majority of these are entirely without fact.

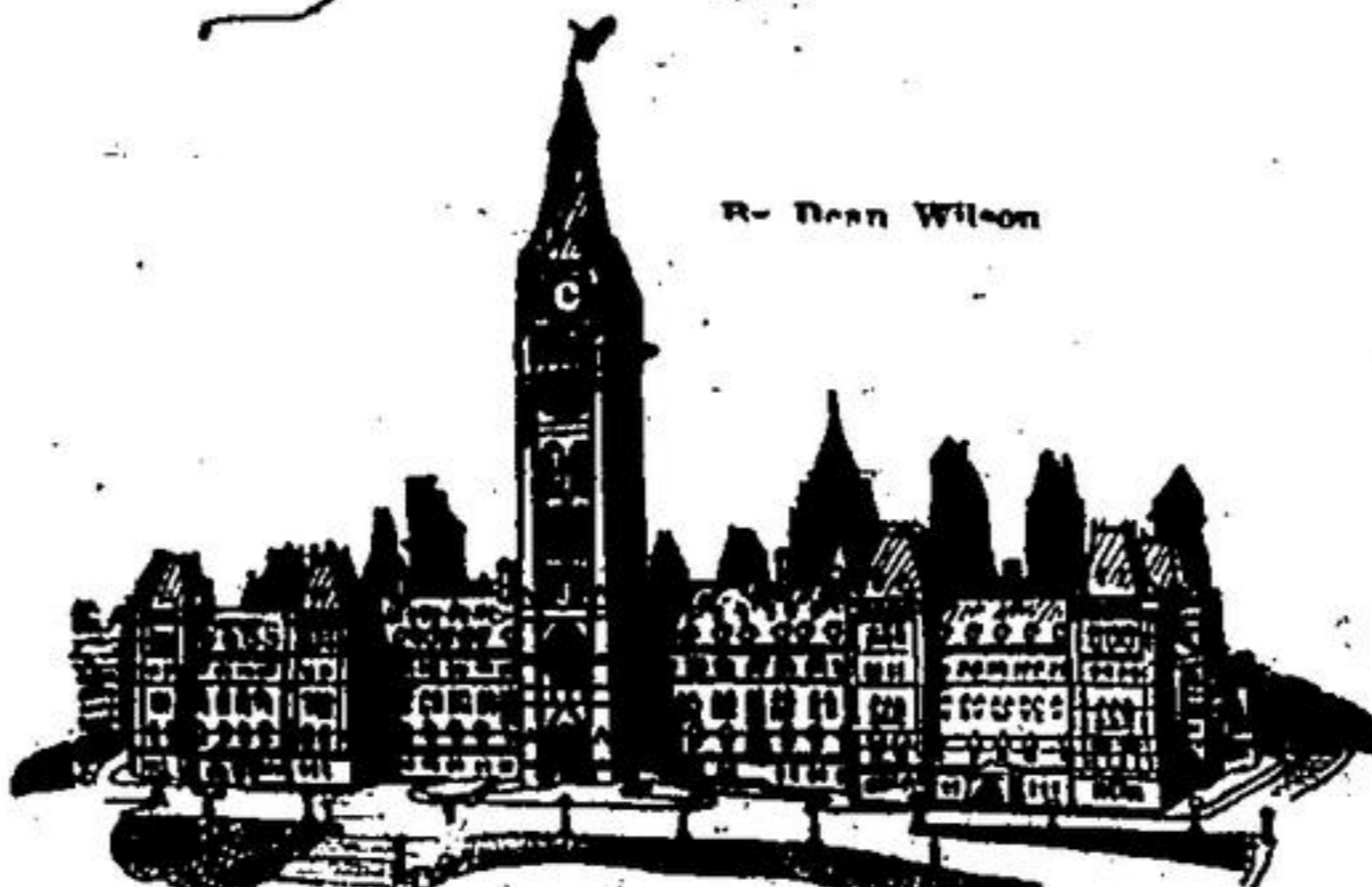
Undoubtedly, there are enemy aliens in this country who bear watching. You can assist the police in advising them if you think such individuals should be looked up. —Tweed News—

THRILLS! ADVENTURE! ROMANCE!

Facing weird perils, a millionaire and his glamorous daughter, betrayed by spies, uncover a plot to conquer the world in their exciting journey into the mysterious Gobi desert. Read this exciting story by Herbert Jensen in the first installment of "The Wings of the Dragon" in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Detroit Sunday Times.

An old man heard about some pills that would restore his youth. He bought a box, but instead of taking one every day, he swallowed the whole boxful one night before going to bed. Next morning the family had great difficulty in waking the old man. At last he rolled over and rubbed his eyes. "All right, all right," he grumbled. "I'll get up. But I won't go to school!"

Ottawa Week by Week



R. Dean Wilson

CANADA'S ROLE MORE IMPORTANT

With the collapse of France, the widespread agitation for much more aggressive action, and a proper recognition of the gravity of the whole situation by the United States where more and more attention is being given now to matters of home defense, Canada is certain to play a much more important role in this war, especially as a source of supply of airplanes, tanks, guns, food, and armoured cars.

NO NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATES

For the time being the Government has been refusing to issue any new naturalization papers. This is a measure which has been taken as a precaution because the authorities are checking up carefully on great many aliens in Canada and they are interning many of them, even those who have been naturalized in the past ten years.

BASIS OF MOBILIZATION ACTIONS

In face of the sensational headlines announcing the Government's spectacular and dramatic mobilization of this nation's total human and material resources on the home front as a direct result of the serious pressure of events overseas, yet this veteran observer behind the scenes along Parliament Hill can report to readers that these historic actions were not wholly unforeseen by statesmen not only on this side of the Atlantic but apparently also in the Motherland, particularly by those who recognized the urgent need of unusual speed in effecting an immediate total mobilization in order to outmatch the crafty organization and long preparation of the war-loving enemies.

These dramatic moves have surprised and they have even bewildered the average Canadian because since the start of this war there has been nothing ostentatious about certain angles of the Canadian war effort. In fact, despite continuous public clamor to know what was being done or planned in Ottawa, there has been a general reticence for weeks and even today there is being revealed as little as possible in official circles for justified reasons, but in private interviews, in quiet conferences, in party caucus and in committee rooms, it is known that some earlier or initial plans of campaign are being discarded and jettisoned in favour of new ideas and actions which are aimed to smash the gigantic war machine of the enemy. It is essential in the public interest that the man in the street should be able to understand why the new plans are being whipped into shape with emphasis on tremendous speed and absolute totality in the mobilization of the home front forces from both the military and the economic viewpoints.

First, the military reasons are obvious to any intelligent man and woman in Canada.

Second, on the economic front which is a vital factor in this war of machines, notwithstanding the record-breaking amounts of hundreds of millions of dollars being spent on the war effort by Canada, yet the man in the street should know that the true conditions in Canada today indicate that on an average estimate unemployment is still rife and widespread, that average earnings are still comparatively low, that the average Canadian pays very heavy taxes, and that the cost of living is increasing continually and steadily in the average case, though there is absolutely no reason for panic or pessimism. Indeed, the masses, if they are told the truth, have cause to remain calm and to offset many false and alarming rumors as well as daring assumptions, often encouraged by the lack of official news.

There are 772,542 persons in Canada who receive material aid in one form or another, including unemployed dependents, and those of relief on account of crop failure, with the latter being 183,673 persons.

Then again, amongst the Canadians who are employed full or part-time, the average earnings are not evenly balanced to suit the new requirements or exigencies of this war since out of 264,804 persons in Canada, which is the total number who paid income tax in the last fiscal year in the sum of \$48,937,205, the largest number, namely, 119,349 persons, were in the low income class under \$2,000 and they contributed the comparatively small amount of \$1,269,723 or only 2.66 per cent; those \$3,572 persons in the \$2,000 - \$3,000 class paid only \$1,224,663; those in the \$3,000 - \$4,000 class, numbering 34,392 persons, paid only \$1,462,000; those few persons, namely, 467 individuals, who earned more than \$50,000 paid \$17,289,263, that is \$37,832 of their annual income, or 6.17 per cent of the total payments received by the Government. Furthermore, the average weekly earnings of a man employed in industry was about \$20.92 and of a woman was \$12.20. At the same time, ever since the start of this war there has been a steady rise in the cost of living, with the total index price rise being about 3.1 per cent, food about 4.9 per cent, and clothing about 7.8 per cent.

What does it mean? It means that a quarter of all Canadians live in families whose total family income is less than \$950 a year, and unless the Government in Ottawa mobilizes all resources and controls them in a scientific manner for the duration of the war, as it is doing now, the average Canadian citizen would suffer severe distress, even confusing reactions that might upset the whole economic life of the nation and seriously jeopardize the war effort. It is not dictatorship, not an effort to emulate totalitarianism, but simply and honestly an endeavour to maintain normal standards of living and just balances of existence in all communities, classes or walks of life in Canada. This is the information available along Parliament Hill and which every man and woman in Canada must understand. (Reproduction prohibited, 1940, Educational Features Syndicate).

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IN OUR MAIL BAG

The Editor, Georgetown Herald. Mr. Editor: Upon reading your interesting newspaper last week, I certainly enjoyed the column of "What Other Papers Say." The pros and cons concerning the discharging of Judith Robinson as columnist for Canada's "National" newspaper were well digested by the Tweed News and the Fergus News-Record. I am willing to salute the Tweed News for its capable understanding and prepared to present a large "goose egg" to the Fergus News-Record. By proclaiming itself as Canada's National Newspaper, I am quite certain that the Toronto Globe and Mail took upon itself the duties of expressing the most common and most popular thoughts of the Canadian people as well as championing the rights of all citizens on an equal and unbiased scale. I have felt for a long time and I am sure thousands of others have as well, that the best exponent of that responsible policy has been Judith Robinson, a truly prominent and interesting contributor to a most inconsistent newspaper. But again our "National Newspaper" has shown its reactionary thought and policy by removing its most shining star. Miss Robinson wrote of things as she saw them and would not accept suppression of ideas and truths. And my dear Fergus News-Record, if she caused government dissension or "dissention in Canada" as you claim, that is what we want. Were it not for this dissention the war would pass by without us knowing anything about it. How successful have the dictatorial and reactionary policies as preached by such newspapers as Canada's National Newspaper been in helping the Government. Can they help by suppressing free expression of thought? The Globe and Mail might have become embarrassed by the numerous cancellations of subscriptions when Judith Robinson was contributing her columns. However, they may become more embarrassed when they notice how many will discontinue reading this "National Newspaper" because of her removal. You can be certain some broad-minded newspaper, in the very near future, will only be too glad to accept Judith Robinson's column again, and increase their circulation. Yours from one who would sooner eat from "professional cook" than an "amateur cook." NATHAN SILVER. We need disciplined emotions, healthy, tender, responsive. We are to weep with them that weep and to rejoice with them that rejoice.—J. H. Jowett.

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