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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 one of these affairs at Knox Presbyterian last Friday. The Plunkett idea was the brain-child of a Mr. and Mrs. Plunkett who, some thirty years ago, conceived this novel advertising scheme. A number of interested manufacturers allow their products to be used in the meal, and afterwards coloured movies show the manufacture of the different foodstuffs.

Among the manufacturers represented at the Plunkett dinner were Kraft, Schneider's, Ogflvie, Blue Ribbon Coffee, Vico, Canada Bread and Bee Hive Syrup. The Plunkett organization brought its own cooks, and -its own Master of Ceremonies, who introduced the various dishes as they appeared, and provided a running-fire commentary for the movies after

With assurances of a return visit next year, if the people wish it, the Plunkett evening came to an end.

"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 twirling the radio dial I caught a wisp of an interview beween some radio commentator and a woman. It was gone when I twirld the dial back so I know neither who, how, when or where. But the ew words I had been able to catch were enough. They were spoken by he woman. Said she, "Oh, no-I was only bombed-not 'parachuted'." Tep, that's all I heard-a woman saying she was "only bombed." Only bombed. "Only." By putting in the word "only" that woman showed her "stuff," as it were and showed it was the right stuff, too. And she showed us how to look at things-in the right perspective. How "to take it." Why, pish tush, she was only bombed. Proof there was nothing to it." Nothing at all. Of course, she might have been "parachuted" too-but with her it would have been "only parachuted"-and, pish, tush, that's nothing either. At least nothing it, like her, you believe it's nothing. So .let's try her way. Like this-instead of saying, "Gee-gosh-they got Norway and Denmark"-and thus getting yourself all in a dither-try saying, "They go: only Norway and Denmark." Doesn't that sound better -doesn't it make you think of all the places "they" haven't got? And the same happens no matter where you put that "only"-try it and seesee for yourself how it makes things look better-and brighter. And the more we think things are better, the more we will make them betterbecause it will strengthen our will to win-and a people who won't be beaten can't be beaten. So, though we may be losing a battle now-we are losing only a battle now-(and only now)-and battles will swing in our favour-because the spirit of the lady who was "only bombed" is also the spirit of another great lady-Britannia."

POETRY

The children laugh and shout,

And school--yes school is out.

For some it's grandpa's farm,

For some it means a summer home

For some it means the city streets

With ball games in the alley,

On weed grown lots to rally.

What matter if a rumbling truck

The slums are filled with children

But oh! How many could be saved

To romp and play and swim and sail

week or two in summer camps

For them no smell of piney woods

For some it means a splendid camp

With burning days and stuffy nights

The holidays are here again

Protected from all harm.

No quiet northern lakes,

Another young life takes.

So some must surely die.

If we would only try ..

Can do a lot of good,

With proper sort of food.

It really doesn't cost a lot

To send one child away.

So ask your local Fresh Aid Fund

These dollars that you wisely give

And help you have a lot more fun

When you take your vacation.

A kindly deed can lift a load

I don't.

May prove some child's salvation,

LITTLE THINGS

That mean so much, as we go our

From weary shoulders, on the road,

May soothe some heart and banish

Or a gentle word, like summer rain,

What joy or sadness often springs

From just the simple, little things!

Just what you have to pay.

FRESH AIR IS CHEAP The school house doors are open wide

LIFE - LOVE

Our Weekly Poem

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

When we'd wander down the pathway Leading to the little stream. Where we'd sit and watch it running, And of life we'd talk and dream.

And we'd say those little nothings, That meant much to you and me, And we'd peer into the future And our life-love we would see;

There we'd wait until the twilight Bettled o'er that sylvan scene, 'Then I'd kiss you, kiss you, darling, While of love we'd talk and dream.

Then we'd wander back so slowly, While the nighthawks whirled o'er-

And the years slipped by so quickly. To the day when we were wed. As we've lived down from those love-Oft I've held your hand again,

Maybe I've no need to wonder If you love me now as then. You've no need, my dear, to wonder

If I love you now we're old, As I did in days "back yonder." And my hand you'd gently hold When we'd wander down the pathway

Leading to the little stream. Which now's dried-but not my love,

For our Life-Love's been no dream. RALPH GORDON 628 Crawford St., Toronto.

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 gilds the gray. Something will happen. God works in My parents told me not to smokethis way.

Bomething will happen. Invisible hands Move in the silence and do His com- They made it clear I mustn't wink mands:

Thus prayers are answered, though About Intoxicating drinkdark is the day. Bomething will happen if, trusting,

Do not lose faith when the big mom-Though neath the blow you are brok-

en and dumb. God intervenes when the last hope has

Bornething will happen. Be brave and -Patience Strong, in her "Collected Poems."

What do the letters S.D.S.M. stand for? Every Canadian ought to know. shoulder and exclaimed: "Tut, tut, world." Answer: SDSM is the Prench | tut!" equivalent of O.H.M.S. and appears The third man jumped to his feet. "I hope it is in full bloom." on millions of pieces of government | -"If you two fellows are going to talk

WHAT OTHER PAPERS

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 (cur political leaders and our governments is one thing, but disloyal- talk is another. In this case every Hitler victory was halled with delight and the youth is apparently imbued with some strange political beliefs. His arrest will be a lesson to others. . The authorities are coping

subversive talk. 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. Malicious falsehoods must be checked before they are bandied carelessly about, damaging the reputations loyal citizens. The perpetrators such stories should be severely dealt

quickly with any persons guilty of

should immediately be notified. Don't as a source of supply of airplanes, these historic actions were not wholly tell your friends and be responsible tanks, guns, food, and armoured cars, unforeseen by statesmen not only on for starting what may prove to be Since there is no limit to the Brit- this side of the Atlantic but appar-

with, if caught.

should be locked 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 Gob: 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. one every day, he swallowed the whole numerous subversive societies or orboxful 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 sets of one such organization now un-

"All right, all right," he grumbled "I'll get up. But I won't go to school!" \$3,000,000.

Ottawa Week by Week



CANADA'S ROLE MORE

IMPORTANT

With the collapse of France, the aggressive action, and a proper reco- cular and dramatic mobilization of this gnition of the gravity of the whole nation's total human and material resituation by the United States where sources on the home front as a direct more and more attention is being giv- result of the serious pressure en now to matters of home defense, events overseas, yet this veteran ob-If you have any idea that "fifth Canada is certain to play a much more server behind the scenes along Parcolumn" activities exist. the police important role in this war, especially liament Hill can report to readers that ish requirements and since several ently also in the Motherland, parti-Undoubtedly, there are enemy aliens vital changes have had to be made in cularly by those who recognized the in this country who bear watching, the types of armaments, based on the urgent need of unusual speed in ef-You can assist the police in advising experiences gained in the tactics em- fecting an immediate total mobilizathem if you think such individuals ployed so far in battles, the materials tion in order to outmatch the crafty to be made in Canada will be doubly organization and long preparation of important. In fact, one of Canada's the war-loving enemies. best informed authorities on armaments has stated that "this war has ed and they have even bewildered the got to be won in the factories."

NO NATURALIZATION

CERTIFICATES

thorities are checking up carefully on they are interning many of them, even the past ten years. Furthermore, much alien property has been taken ganizations which have been outlawwith one report stating that the asder the control of the Government reaches the surprising figure of about

BASIS OF MOBILIZATION

ACTIONS

In face of the sensational headlines widespread agitation for much more announcing the Government's specta-

These dramatic moves have surprisaverage 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 know what was being done or planned For the time being, the Government in Ottawa, there has been a general has been refusing to issue any new! reticence for weeks and even today naturalization papers. This is at there is being revealed as little as measure which has been taken as an possible ir. official circles for justified essential precaution because the au- | : casons, but in private interviews, in quiet conferences, in party caucus and s great many aliens in Canada and in committee rooms, it is known that some earlier or initial plans of camthose who have been naturalized in paign are being discarded and jettlsoned in favour of new ideas and actions which are aimed to smash the bought a box, but instead of taking over, including financial holdings of gigantic war machine of the enemy. It is essential in the public interest that the man in the street should be ed by special order of the officials, 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 wo-

man in Camada. Second, on the economic front which s a vital factor in this war of machines, notwithstanding the recordbreaking 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 unemployables. dependents, and those on 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 \$46,937,205, the largest number, namely, 119,346 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 63,572 persons in the \$2,-000 - \$3,000 class paid only \$1,324,663; 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 \$17,289,363, 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 percent, food about 4.9 percent, and clothing about

7.8 percent. 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 ascientific 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 under-

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Georgetown Herald.

Mr. Editor: Upon reading your interesting newspaper last week. I certainly enjoyed the column of "What Other Papers

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-Re-

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

> 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 cor.tributor 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 dissention 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 tt. 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 broadminded 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 a "professional cook" than an "amateur cook."

NATHAN BILVER

We need disciplined emotions, healthy, tender, responsive. We are to weep with them that weep and to rejoice with them that rejoice.-- I

DENTAL SURGEON X-RAY Nor listen to a naughty joke-Georgotown

At pretty girls or even think ********************* I don't. FRANK PETCH

—Contributed.

-Willa Hoey.

Wild youth choose women, wine and I don't

kiss no girls, not even one, do not know how it is done. You wouldn't think I had much fun,

I don't.

Skeptics Three men were sitting in a cafe in dictator-governed country. The first was reading a newspaper. Suddenly he pointed to an article, shook attractions the city offered. his head and exclaimed: "Tut, tut!"

politics I'm going home."

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