

**U.S. THANKSGIVING ON WHEELS**



WENDELL WILLKIE, number one civilian traveller in the United States, and Mrs. Willkie had their American Thanksgiving "on wheels" when returning to New York from Toronto on their special railroad car with their host, R. C. Vaughan, chairman and president, Canadian National Railways, with whom the Willkies are shown above. Mr. Willkie spoke in Toronto on Wednesday night in launching Canada's dominion-wide "Aid to Russia Fund."

**"As We See It"**

By J. A. Strang

IF EVER A word was over-worked we think that the word "morale" must belong to that description surely. We understand that the spelling of the word isn't correct and that it should be spelled "moral". However, we usually notice it is spelled with the ending "e". The dictionary gives its meaning as a state of mind as regards courage, hope, zeal, confidence and the like. It is interesting to notice the number of commodities that are required to keep up that state of morality we civilians here in Canada. There is, as you know, a shortage of sugar and as a result certain goods that use sugar in their manufacture are restricted as to the amount of sugar the maker of these goods are allowed. The question came up in regard to the making of soft drinks, commonly called pop. The ruling was that those goods were necessary to keep up the morale and the making of those drinks is to be continued. Another question arose as to the importance of the manufacture of Christmas cards and the decision this time was that Christmas cards are essential to keep up the morale. Then you will recall the question as to whether hockey was to be played in the NHL this season and the ruling was that it was to be carried on, and was to be broadcast also in order to keep up that same morale. Further our morale hasn't much backbone to it or perhaps somebody was just peeing the back in some of these instances at least. We are not trying to state that the three commodities mentioned should be cut for the duration, not at all. Soft drinks are necessary, no doubt, Christmas cards have become a habit that would be difficult to replace and we all enjoy hockey and the hockey broadcaster's, but we think that surely some other reason for their continuance could be found other than this "in order to keep up the morale" stuff.

It is just a matter of opinion whether some of the items mentioned are necessary for morale anyway. Take Christmas cards for instance. They are awfully handy, all one has to do is to write the usual "from Beth and Bob" and address the envelope and "well that's over for another year. Of course we like to hear from Beth and Bob but if they had taken time out to have written a letter instead of just sending that Christmas card it would have suited us much better and would have kept up our morale even more so than the card would be doing. The air-rails over Britain last year did more to keep up the morale over there than all the letters that they might like to have ever could. Maybe we are a little weak along the morale line here in Canada.

THERE HAS BEEN considerable criticism in the press recently in regard to the question of giving free rice to India. It is a big question and one that can only be discussed intelligently by some one with a thorough knowledge of the affairs of that thickly populated country. Some writers blame the Empire for not giving the people of India their freedom right away, while others seem to think the Empire has been very lenient with its colonies' affairs. The other day we noticed a statement that we thought summed up the situation very well. The writer had been discussing the freedom given their colonies by the British Empire and also the freedom given their colonies by the United States, and this is the quotation we thought was a standout. "In fact in the case of Canada, to judge by the kind of Government we have given ourselves recently, we were granted complete self-government before we had sufficient intelligence to exercise it properly." When we take into consideration the small percentage that take the trouble to poll their votes on election day, we wonder if perhaps the writer quoted above didn't have something there.

EVENTS ARE moving so rapidly these days overseas that it isn't safe to miss a newscast. The favorable news though, does cheer us up, and we hope that it may continue. The scuttling of the French Fleet, which was tied up in Toulon, last Friday rings down the curtain on another phase of the part the French have taken in this war. While many of the actions of the French have not been any credit to them, yet we have to take our hats off to the officers and men of those scuttled ships, who preferred to go down with their ships rather than surrender them to the Axis. At the moment it is difficult to imagine why some of them at least didn't attempt to escape to sea as no doubt some of them could have made it, surely.

If it is avoidable. Corporal punishment if applied at home at the right time will do more than any curfew law to keep the children off the street at late hours. In the words of Chief Justice Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, New Brunswick, "No boy is much of a hero with his pants down. In other words parental authority enforced at the right time will relieve most of the burden upon enforcing curfew laws. The idea of keeping children off the street at night is to prevent them getting into mischief and for a solution of such a problem more interesting pastimes could and might be provided which would bring about a very healthy condition. Provide a child with good clean amusement and rarely will he give any cause for trouble. All too often the idea is to enforce the law rather than to provide an alternative for the child-recreation.



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the by-law. The whole thing needs the co-operation of the child and parent along with police enforcement. The majority of parents co-operate very closely with the police in warning children they must be home. There are other parents who take the part of the child and refuse to give parental correction to the child which persists in staying out. The remedy is still primarily in the home. The police can check up and inform parents of a delinquency on the part of the child to delinquency, yet it is the parent that has the final say. It is not the best method to haul the child and parent into court



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