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EDITORIAL

"In the Field"

Eye-witness stories from the battlefronts—and death on duty of British, Canadian and United States war correspondents—have pointed up a fact of more than incidental importance in the history of our day. It is this: the urge in some men to use their years in telling people the day-to-day story of their own communities and far-away fields is a deeper thing, in the best of them, than the mere business of making a living by recording fact and rumor. It is the urge to search for truth and publish it to all.

Perhaps only in wartime it becomes clear that for a newspaperman to report what he is told about, or what he has seen, is not the whole story. The whole story comes only when he has lived with what he writes about.

But it is equally true in years of peace. There is a growing tendency in newspapermen to wish to know more from first hand experience of conditions about which they write. It is not unusual—and it is certainly commendable—for the editor of a farm page to have practical experience as a farmer; or for an aviation editor to be a flier. And the weekly newspaper editor has long been a man familiar with virtually every aspect of living in the community he serves.

A thought grows out of this that may be worth preserving. Perhaps in the years after the war this tendency to live with what one writes about will affect international reporting so that news from foreign countries will reflect more of ordinary people's living and thinking than it has done in the past.

It is interesting to conjecture that a greater knowledge of each other, and thus a closer understanding could develop in this way between the people of different nations. The surest way to bring it about is for the people themselves to feel and to express an interest in their international neighbors' ways of living. For, while newspapers must give a lead in the long pathway of human progress, they must also fulfill a popular necessity. It is an interesting thought—reporters "in the field" as actively in peace as in war.

And Crime Grows

We hear a good deal these days about the delinquency of juveniles and young folks, and we have written on several occasions that we believe the blame should be shared by the parents. We have on occasion too pointed out that the courts often dealt too leniently with the culprits and placed too heavy a burden on enforcement officers.

Looking at some recent cases which have come under our notice we are more convinced that too often the police officer is placed more on trial than the accused, and quite frequently the sentences or lack of any sentence is not in keeping with the crime. In our connection with the courts as a justice of the peace some years ago we never found an enforcement officer attempting to make cases against any individual, but only a desire to bring law breakers to justice and suppress crime. We had however numerous incidents of leniency toward the accused which were not in our opinion justified and were certainly discouraging and unfair to enforcement officers.

It would appear that this same procedure continues and as such this attitude must take a large share of the blame for the increase in crime and our present juvenile delinquency. We contend that a point of law is not nearly as important as the just punishment and correction of an individual who is headed for a life of crime unless corrected so severely that there will be no repetition.

If this present attitude continues we will find it more and more difficult to secure good enforcement officers and an incentive for crime to increase.

Annual Boy Scouts Week Next Week

Once again Canada's 90,000 Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs are observing their annual Boy Scout Week, from February 20 to 26. The purpose of this yearly observance is to bring to public attention the work the Boy Scouts Association is endeavoring to do in raising up amongst us a group of citizens who are morally, spiritually and physically virile.

Perhaps never before in Canada's eventful history was the task of building good citizenship more pregnant with meaning. The young people of this generation will have to face the tremendous problems of reconstruction when the drums of war have ceased to beat. Theirs will be the duty to carry forward the peace and to implement the ideals of the new world laid down in the Atlantic Charter. It will be their task to maintain a peace which is in reality a peace, and not just the uneasy quiet before the dawn of another world conflagration. Faced with these tasks it is a paramount concern of Canada that its youth be imbued with the ideals which make for peace and progress.

Scouting here in Canada, in every part of the Empire and in more than 40 other countries is doing more perhaps than any group outside of the Christian church, to extend the ideal of international goodwill and fellowship.

The boyish mind harbors no resentment because another boy has a different racial origin, a different religion, or a different colored skin. Scouts correspond with Scouts around the world. They learn of the problems and peculiarities of other lands, and what is more important they learn on just how wide a front the peoples of all lands agree on the fundamentals which make for peace and progress.

Boy Scout Week is not a money raising event. It is simply a week for Boy Scouts, with the aid of their good friends in the newspaper world, to parade their purposes and program before the country so that people might have an opportunity to see and learn what the movement is and what it stands for. Summed up in the promise a Scout makes on his investiture into the movement is a simple philosophy which transcends mere nationalism or narrow denominationalism. "On my honor, I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and the King, to help other people at all times, to obey the Scout law."

Since Scouting "broke out" in Canada back in 1908 (the same year as in England) some 710,000 boys have passed through the movement. There can be little doubt that their Scout philosophy of life, their Scout daily good turn, their loyalty to God and country, has played a proud part in the development of this country as a sovereign nation in the great Commonwealth of British nations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Germans can't be underestimated. It's a great mistake to do so."—General Montgomery.

Ash Wednesday next week and the start of the Lenten season.

With all the relaxation from duty that the snow shovels have had this season it would seem that sidewalks should be diligently kept clean for the short period that winter can have.

It is the wish of most citizens, and especially the young folks, that the arenas may have completed their wartime jobs this season and be turned back again to the purposes for which they were intended.

Last week we wrote of the unusual weather for winter this year. This week it isn't so unusual. You can put it down in the records that winter did not come this year until February 11th, and it's still coming.

Expert predictions of an early end of the war this year are now just as plentiful as they were a little while back that Germany would overrun Russia in short order. The only thing to do is to keep on plugging until the unconditional surrender is officially announced.

"It is time there was some plain speaking about alcohol and its effect on venereal diseases. Alcohol has perhaps more to do with illicit love-making and more to do with venereal diseases than any other agency. It is the greatest of the health problems we have to face to-day. It is not a food, it is not a stimulant. It is a depressant and a poison."—Dr. Charles Hill, B.B.C. Radio Doctor.

Through larger volume of low-priced goods and services, business and its 15 million investors must seek adequate return on capital—not by making a large profit on each item, and selling only a few, but on making a small profit on each item and selling a vast quantity. Under this principle everyone benefits—the consumer, the worker, the investor, the enterpriser.—Clarence Francis, Chairman General Foods Corp.

Recently Ontario Liquor Commissioner Hon. St. Clair Gordon is reported to have told the Hotelmen's Association that, while there is still as much beer as in 1942 there is so much drinking that the supply will not go around. In addition, he added, former moderate drinkers have become beverage room "sitters" or "gulpers." Surely a sufficiently sorry comment on these places that might well arouse authorities to discourage, rather than encourage, their operation. Unfortunate indeed, must be the cities and towns with such "joints," adds the Collingwood Enterprise.

The Week at OTTAWA

By DOUGLAS GREEN
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Finance Minister Ilsley has told Canadians their government intends to spend \$4,352,369,059 in the 1944-45 fiscal year and of the amount \$3,650,000,000 will be for war purposes—\$240,000,000 less than was voted by parliament for the same purpose last year. Last year's all-purpose estimates were \$4,500,880,494.

In addition, parliament must make allowance for any mutual-aid allotment which, however, is expected to be less than the \$1,000,000,000 voted last year. The reason for the pacing of the war estimates, the finance minister said, was because the United Nations have reached, or nearly reached, the end of the process of catching up with the enemy in total war preparations.

Navy estimates were down \$79,000,000 to \$410,000,000, the army down \$229,000,000 to \$1,535,000,000 and the air force down \$130,000,000 to \$1,090,000,000. The munitions department estimates, however, are up \$17,000,000 to \$183,000,000.

Major increases in the war budget are shown for other departments, however, including a gain of \$59,000,000 for agriculture, \$47,000,000 for finance and \$5,000,000 for pensions and health.

Estimates for non-war expenditures are up more than \$91,000,000.

Labor Requests Survey

No indication has yet been given of the extent to which the federal government is prepared to act upon the Canadian Congress of Labor's request that a complete survey of Canadian industry, agriculture and potential markets be undertaken as the basis for a full-employment policy.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King told officials of the C. C. L. when they met him and a group of 14 cabinet members here that labor should adopt an attitude of "co-operation and understanding" toward the government rather than one of "criticism."

The labor representatives said in reply that the government's failure to co-operate with labor had been "definitely harmful" to war production. A brief presented by the C. C. L. attacked the government's labor policy, and particularly the new wage control order, as "freezing low wages" and said that until sub-standard wages were corrected no consideration should be given the question of

family allowance in the government's social security program.

Labor organizations have for some time registered opposition to the government's wage policy, under which national and regional war labor boards are empowered to authorize increases only where "gross inequality or injustice" is shown, and forbids the calling of strikes to obtain increases under the order.

Presentation of the C. C. L. brief followed closely a speech given at Quebec in which William L. Batt, vice chairman of the United States War Production Board, said before the 58th annual meeting of the Engineering Institute of Canada that maximum employment can be achieved only through freedom of labor and encouragement of capital.

He said both labor and capital want an opportunity to work, an opportunity to earn more, in return for effort and initiative and some reasonable security, and that how both interests are to obtain them is the challenge before management, labor and government.

Predicts Greater Denials

The prediction that "greater denials" are in store for Canada's civilian population if the Dominion is to play her part in meeting the requirements of the armed forces and the peoples of the occupied countries when they are freed from enemy domination was made by Dr. G. S. H. Barton, deputy minister of agriculture, in addressing the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies annual convention at Toronto.

Demands of war industry and the armed forces have drawn agricultural workers to urban centres to the detriment of Canada's food output, and Dr. Barton warned that the countryside "will have to be reinforced" if it is to maintain its institutions and services and if agriculture is to be fully manned.

He also advanced the suggestion that boys brought up on farms should be the logical persons to carry them on, and that some means whereby they could meet the cash outlay required to continue on farms would enable them to stay on the land.

The federal government already has set up machinery to enable war veterans to take up land on favorable terms should they wish to farm after the war, but Dr. Barton suggested that boys brought up in rural surroundings should not be neglected.

LONDON (CP)—The Red Cross has been notified that the Germans have agreed to allow British prisoners of war in Germany to see up-to-date movies.

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LOOKS AS IF WE'LL HAVE TO STAND-AND AM I EVER TIRED!

Ladies . . . please do your travelling between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. to avoid rush hours when war workers have to be carried. Leave children at home to make room for essential travellers. Avoid Friday, Saturday and week-end travel. Do everything you can to ease war-time travel congestion and avoid inconvenience and discomfort.

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