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RUMORS FLY IN WARTIME

One of the problems of war-time is to kill rumors that ought to die through sheer absurdity, but which persist because of the faculty of many to believe anything in war-time. For example, it was said of a Canadian whose ancestry might entitle him to the name of Pinkelbaum that he was undoubtedly an enemy spy because he had in his possession a map showing in detail all the highways which might be used for military purposes in invading Montreal. Pinkelbaum cleared himself by proving that his people came to Canada from Pennsylvania in 1776. Suspicion now is fastened on the service-station attendant in Lachine who gave him the map when he was inquiring as to roads leading South from the Victoria bridge.

This incident might have happened in Richmond Hill, or any other loyal York County centre because unfortunately everywhere are people addicted to hysteria who jump to wrong conclusions, are always ready to accredit wrong motives to fellow citizens, and are happy of the opportunity to spread malicious gossip.

As The Oshawa Times aptly remarks "The old busy-body, Dame Rumor" has been having the time of her life in recent weeks. "This is all too true. She is far from idle in peacetime, but then her stories have to compete with published news, which is more accurate if less imaginative. In wartime, when some small portion of the news is suppressed in the public interest, the dear old lady does her best to satisfy a news-hungry populace.

She has a feminine scorn of technical details. Discovering the Bremen in every harbor from Cape Horn to Spitzbergen, she overlooks the fact that many of these ports could not float a ship of the Bremen's draught. Lately she discovered that the reason for the sugar shortage was that the available supplies were being commandeered by munitions manufacturers for making explosives. This is a plausible story, since the skill of organic chemists is no doubt sufficient to convert the carbon of sugar into almost any other carbon compound. The flaw in the story lies in the fact that there are thousands of cheaper sources of carbon, which is the commonest element in nature.

Such flaws do not worry Dame Rumor. She can account for the sugar shortage in other ways. She knows for a fact that such and such a firm is hoarding a secret reserve, that another firm was fined thousands of dollars for the same offence. Point out that the managers of the firms in question have been spending sleepless nights trying to cope with an abnormal demand for sugar and to devise means of limiting individual purchases so that no customer will suffer and Dame Rumor waves the facts aside. She herself has stored away as much as her pantry will hold, but it never occurs to her that this might have something to do with the situation.

The dame is a super-patriot. She has a garbled knowledge of current events and not many weeks ago was loud in her denunciations of Mr. Chamberlain. Now she delights in clamoring for the internment of anyone who repeats her own remarks. Particularly is she delighted when her victim has a Germanic name. It is quite irrelevant that most German-Canadians were here long before Hitler was heard of. Many, in fact, are descendants of U.E.L. families. Dame Rumor would intern them all, if she did not have them shot.

Sometimes kindly, often malicious, always untrustworthy, Dame Rumor will continue to thrive for the duration of the war. Her tongue will clack with the speed of her own knitting needles, producing tales as grotesque as some of the socks that she will send to the unfortunate troops. For both tales and socks, laughter is the only antidote.

LINDBERG THE FLAPDOODLER

"Colonel Lindberg should stick to his flying," observes the Midland Free Press and this comment is typical of that appearing in the Canadian press and a large number of American papers. No one questions Lindberg's ability to pilot an aeroplane but when he attempts to talk on world affairs he is a hopeless flop. When he attempts to read a lecture to Canada because we of our own free will entered the war to crash Hitlerism and preserve human freedom he not only displays abysmal ignorance of the real issues at stake, but he becomes a bit trying to Canadian tempers. If he is wise he will not visit this country as a tourist for a long time.

When he declared that "Canada had no right to draw the western hemisphere into a European war simply because it preferred the Crown of England to American independence" he was talking just plain flapdoodle. We do not know the origin of that word, but it seems to apply particularly well to the flying honorary "Colonel" who "flaps" his wings and squawks "doodle." If he knew anything about the relationship of the various countries of the British Commonwealth he would be aware that Canada owes allegiance not to the Crown of England but to the Crown of Canada. We certainly do prefer that Crown to American independence, and we are proud to associate ourselves in fighting for Polish and Czecho-Slovakian independence as well as that of other small nations. Independence and human freedom have a world wide value to the British nations. They are not a matter of concern for one hemisphere only.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Individuals and public service organizations all over the country who have volunteered their services to assist the Government in meeting emergent wartime problems, have evidenced some impatience at the delay of the Government in assigning them to some part of the national effort. It should be remembered, however, that we have been at war but little more than a month. The Government itself is still in the process of streamlining its personnel and activities on a wartime basis. When Ottawa has had time to become adequately organized and ordered, all volunteer assistance is sure to be needed and used. Meanwhile, they who would help the country most, will pursue the course of "business as usual" or even better "business more effective than usual."—Canadian Business.

**BEHIND THE HEADLINES
OTTAWA**

By Dean Wilson

Although several weeks have passed since Canada announced that this country had decided to join with the rest of the British Commonwealth of Nations in the struggle by force of arms to bring down the Swastika which has been waving high over the continent of Europe, yet it is astonishing to read reports in the press or hear comments on the air which seem to indicate that the real reason why Canada made a formal entry into this struggle was due entirely to the fact that the Motherland had decided to declare a state of war against Germany. Naturally, the people of Canada are intensely loyal to the Motherland and there is not the slightest doubt that this loyalty was one of the motives behind the Canadian declaration of war against the enemy of the Motherland. However, personal contact with the men who make some of the important decisions along Parliament Hill has convinced this observer beyond a shadow of a doubt that the representatives of the people of Canada were impelled to take this momentous action because they believed that history would repeat itself, that the wrong impression existed abroad regarding Canada's relations with the Motherland, and that this was the right time to stop all bloodthirsty aggressions. In other words, in face of all the headlines in the press of Canada or the commentators' discussions on the Canadian airwaves, particularly in the Province of Quebec, it is a fact that the representatives of the people of Canada decided to go into this struggle on a purely voluntary basis.

At this point a vital question is pertinent. Why was this historic decision made and what history did the representatives expect to be repeated?

The answer is that the people of Canada as an entity are a faithful adherent of the Motherland in a very high degree or to an extent that is not always properly appreciated and evaluated by outsiders of the British Commonwealth of Nations and once again history will repeat itself because the enemies of the Motherland had made once more this fatal mistake in underestimating this loyalty.

Furthermore, it is believed along Parliament Hill that history will repeat itself in the destruction of the German so-called "Man of Destiny", namely, Der Fuehrer Adolph Hitler, who is trying to rule the continent of Europe with a policy of blood, iron and Teutonic diplomacy.

Again and again, Europe has witnessed the arrival on the scene of such a "Man of Destiny", but each time he has played his role for a limited period only, with Great Britain providing the final instrument of destruction. This is the true story of modern Europe and it is too often forgotten by the present generation which is suffering at the moment from hysteria in its psychological outlooks.

The first time that a modern "Man of Destiny" arrived in Europe was Napoleon who was in a position to rule the Old Continent by the force of arms until 1815 when General Wellington of England ended the French general's career at the Battle of Waterloo after Napoleon had dominated the continent for 14 years.

In 1815 the cunning Count Metternich of Austria assumed the role of a "Man of Destiny," ruling supreme in Europe for 33 years with the help of a Four Power Pact with Russia, Prussia and Great Britain. However, when Count Metternich attempted to get back Spain's colonies in the New World, which plan was opposed by President Monroe of the United States, Great Britain once again stepped in and withdrew her support, with the result that Metternich's rule ended in the popular revolts of 1848.

Out of the ruins of these popular revolts arose the nephew of Napoleon, Charles Louis Napoleon Bonaparte, who gathered together the best army in Europe and proclaimed himself as Emperor Napoleon the Third. He had then wild ambitions not unlike those of Adolph Hitler of 1939, including the domination of all the world by force of arms. This "Man of Destiny" was crushed in the war with the Prussians in 1870.

The triumph of 1870 made Germany the supreme ruler of Europe, with the ruthless men at the helm, namely, Bismarck as the "Man of Destiny" in diplomacy and politics and Von Moltke in a similar role in military affairs. Though Bismarck was dropped by the Kaiser in 1890, Germany continued to dominate the continent with an iron hand until 1911 when a certain event proved the turning point. A German gun-

boat was sent to the French protectorate, Morocco, to look after German "interests" in much the same manner of Adolph Hitler of 1939, but France refused to back down with the support of Great Britain. German prestige was smashed and ended.

In 1914 Germany again attempted to dominate the continent, but how Britain once more entered upon the scene, engaged in the resultant conflict from 1914 to 1918, and once again removed this threat of a "Man of Destiny" in the person of Kaiser Wilhelm who aimed to rule the whole continent by blood and iron, where might was right, is too well-known to Canadians to require any repetition in this column.

Now a new "Man of Destiny", Adolph Hitler, has arisen with wild ambitions to dominate the whole world by force of arms, and history is repeating itself by Great Britain's arrival on the scene once again to stop this merciless and raving maniac. With all these facts in mind, the people of Canada are supporting every effort of Great Britain not only from a sense of duty and loyalty to their Crown but from their own free will as a democratic people who would rather die as free men and women than live as virtual slaves. This is the real and true story behind the headlines reporting Canada's war entry and effort as viewed along Parliament Hill by this veteran observer.

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Today's Parent

By ELLEN McLOUGHLIN
Director, Children's Institute

PARENTAL PROPAGANDA

We hear a good deal about "propaganda." It is supposed to be very, very subtle, and very, very successful and far-reaching. Nations, we are told, employ propaganda to instill in their voters' minds a favoring attitude towards this or that part of the government program. Some countries are said to have secret propaganda working for them in other lands, hoping to convince foreigners that the A idea of government is ever and ever so much better than the B government or any other. Big business also employs propaganda, we are assured, for its own commercial ends. The word has a delightfully sinister sound.

But the most successful variety—parental propaganda— isn't sinister in the least. It's just home-made, everyday managing, practised by every mother. Maybe you call it something else, but when you invite the Jones children to play with your boy or girl because they are desirable companions, you are using propaganda. When you substitute worthwhile reading for trash, suggest the right movie and tune the radio to a really interesting program—that's propaganda.

The best propaganda of all is that which subtly directs the "admiration" of young folks. All boys and girls are hero worshippers, and while under the spell of a hero-personality, try to be as much as possible like that personality. Think of the power for good or ill that hero-worship has! No wonder the modern parent is often appalled at the types that seem to win admiration from young people! A little bit of propaganda can do a world of good here. Few children will accept second best, when the best is to be had. Make your boy or girl acquainted with the really great figures of the day, and of history, and of fiction. Some such general cultural work as The Book of Knowledge should be available for their leisure hours, so that they may learn to know and love the good, the brave, the wise and the witty ones of history, the pioneers and discoverers, those whose lives have been full of adventure. When the sun comes, the little feeble lanterns of the stars go out. So with admirations. A big hero makes a little one fade into insignificance.

VALUE OF REPORT CARDS

Mrs. F. A. Q.: Are report cards valuable? No matter what the system of education, whether academic, regimented, self-expressive, general or specific, one should expect progress. The report card, as its name indicates, is a report of this progress. It is not, however, all-conclusive. It is not a perfect measure of special aptitudes, personality and character,

nor does it give reasons, correctives or other suggestive helps. New types of report cards are the subject of experiment and are attempting to go into personal and social attributes in more detail. Whatever your own child's report card form, try to get as much information from it as possible, not to hold over the child for either reward or punishment purposes, but to help the child make up his deficiencies and guide him in appropriate fields of work. Keep away from comparisons with other children. Accept the report as a fair comment without any personal reaction towards the teacher, and with helpfulness to the child in guidance and adjustment.

Ellen McLoughlin will answer questions of readers pertaining to parent-child relationships—no medical or legal advice. Address her in care of this newspaper, enclosing self-addressed, stamped envelope for a personal reply.

"Let me kiss those tears away, sweetheart," he begged tenderly. She fell into his arms, but the tears flowed on.

"Can nothing stop them?" he asked, breathlessly.

"No," she murmured, "It's hay fever, but go on with the treatment."

TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM

TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Township of Markham dated the 17th day of August 1939 and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the Ontario Gazette under the date of September 2nd, 1939, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 7th day of December 1939 proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Township Hall, Unionville.

The adjourned sale, if one is necessary, will be held on Thursday, 21st day of December, 1939, at the same hour and the same place.

Copies of said list may be had at my office.

CHARLES HOOVER,
Township Treasurer.

Dated at Unionville,
August 24th, 1939.

VILLAGE OF RICHMOND HILL

TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN ARREARS OF TAXES

By virtue of a warrant issued by the Reeve of the Village of Richmond Hill dated the 1st day of August 1939 and to me directed, commanding me to proceed with the collection of arrears of taxes, together with the fees and expenses, I hereby give notice that the list of lands liable to be sold has been prepared, and is being published in the Ontario Gazette under the date of September 3rd, and that, unless the said arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, I shall, on the 18th day of December 1939 proceed to sell the said lands to discharge the said arrears of taxes and the charges thereon.

The sale will be held on the above date at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon in the Municipal Hall in the Village of Richmond Hill.

Copies of said list may be had at my office.

A. J. HUME,
Village Treasurer.

Dated at Richmond Hill,
August 10th, 1939.

TOWNSHIP OF VAUGHAN

TAX SALE NOTICE

Copies of the list of lands for sale for arrears of taxes may be had in the Office of the Treasurer, J. M. McDonald, Maple, Ontario.

The List of lands for sale for arrears of taxes in the Township of Vaughan was published in the Ontario Gazette on the 5th day of August, 1939.

Notice is hereby given that unless the arrears of taxes and costs are sooner paid, the Treasurer will proceed to sell the lands on the day and at the place named in such List published in the Ontario Gazette. The date of sale named in said List is the 8th day of November, 1939, at 10 a.m. The sale will take place at the Township Hall, Vellore.

Dated at Maple, this 4th day of August, 1939.

J. M. McDONALD,
Treasurer.

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