

# How Great Britain Keeps Down Food Prices in These Days of Warfare

This Article Refutes the Allegation That There is Any Food Shortage in Great Britain, or That Prices are Unduly High. Supports Accounts Given in Letters Received in Town and District.

(By ELLISOVA SAYERS)  
Most of Great Britain's essential foodstuffs and raw materials are now controlled by the Government. The result is that food in Great Britain is cheap and abundant.

Controlled foodstuffs include bacon and ham, butter and cheese, imported eggs, condensed milk, cereals and cereal products, fish and meat, canned fish, livestock, all animal feeding stuffs, oil and fats, potatoes, sugar, tea and dried fruits.

Since the outbreak of war the British Government has become the largest food importer in the world. Business men who previously dealt in these products are giving their services to the British Government as expert advisers, many of them without remuneration.

The British Government, fully alive to the problems of wartime shipping, lost no time in placing food contracts in the British Dominions and Colonies on the outbreak of war.

The entire West African cocoa crop, for instance, was bought up by the British Government, and wheat was purchased at the lowest price for 300 years.

The whole exportable butter surplus of New Zealand and Australia was bought in advance at pre-war prices.

Thanks to the efficiency with which the British Navy protects the world's trade routes, 99 per cent of all the food supplies shipped to Great Britain from other countries have reached these shores safely.

## Manse of United Church the Scene of Charming Wedding

Miss Taimi Forsberg and Mr. Harold McGillis Married Yesterday.

A quiet yet charming marriage was solemnized at the Timmings United Church manse on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when the Rev. W. M. Mustard officiated at the marriage of Miss Taimi Forsberg, daughter of Mrs. Forsberg, of 23 Hollinger Avenue, and the late Mr. Walter Forsberg, to Mr. Harold McGillis, eldest son of Mrs. B. McGillis of 44 1/2 Kirby Avenue, and the late Mr. McGillis.

Attired in Heavenly Blue wool crepe, the bride made a lovely picture. Her street-length ensemble was simply cut, with bolero effect bodice, high neckline, bracelet length sleeves and full flared skirt, and with it she wore a grey "possum fur jacket, and grey suede accessories. A small hat, made of blue cornflowers and a corsage of pink Briarcliffe roses and lily-of-the-valley completed her ensemble.

Miss Margaret Latimer was the bridesmaid, choosing for the occasion a steel grey tailored suit, with a blue silk blouse and matching accessories, and a corsage of mixed sweetpeas.

Mr. Russell McGillis, brother of the groom, acted as groomsman.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of the bride's mother for close friends and relatives. Mrs. Forsberg was becomingly attired in an ensemble of navy blue crepe, with matching accessories. She was assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. McGillis, mother of the groom, who also wore navy blue crepe with matching accessories, and by Miss Joy McGillis, sister of the groom, who was attractively attired for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. McGillis will take up residence, for the present, at 23 Hollinger Avenue, rear.

Prior to her marriage the popular bride was entertained at a shower held at the home of Mrs. T. Young, who was hostess with Misses Nelma Johnson and Tonni Laakso.

## Pension Minister Will Attend Legion Convention

Ottawa, May 15—Hon. Ian A. MacKenzie, Minister of Pensions and National Health, will attend the Canadian Legion's sessions on unemployment and rehabilitation to be held in conjunction with the Legion's eighth annual Dominion convention in Montreal, May 27 to 30, it was announced today by J. R. Bowler, M.B.E., general secretary. It is expected that the Minister will also address the convention.

Upwards of 500 delegates representing the Legion's 1,200 branches in Canada and the United States are expected to join in what may be the most important gathering in the history of the Dominion's largest ex-service men's organization. Representatives of the Tuberculosis and Imperial Veterans divisions of the Legion will convene simultaneously.

During the four-day meeting, arrangements for which are now completed, various activities of the Legion in the interests of veterans of the first Great War will be discussed. Among the major problems to be dealt with will be that of unemployment among ex-service men of the last war and the eventual rehabilitation of those serving in the present struggle.

The convention will be attended by Brigadier W. W. Foster, Dominion President, and will be presided over by A. E. Moore, of Winnipeg, Dominion chairman. The last Dominion convention was held at Fort William in 1938.

## Father Sent to Jail for Encouraging Boy to Steal

A man named William Sheffield at Cobalt was sentenced to serve six months in jail on a charge of illegal possession of stolen goods. The articles in question were not of any considerable value, being a bag of oats and three chickens, but evidence at the trial suggested that the man had encouraged his own twelve-year-old son and another boy to thefts of this kind. The police in tracing clues in connection with a number of petty robberies struck the trail of the two boys, and the story came out apparently in full regard to the two cases against Sheffield. The boys were given a stern lecture and allowed to go on suspended sentence for one year.

## Allege One Hit Woman With Jug Other Beat Wife

Two Men Face Charges of Beating Women, in Police Court Tuesday.

Two men were charged with assaulting women last night. They were George Walla and James B. Gallagher. In the first case police were called to referee in a quarrel between George Walla, who lives at the Consumers' Co-operative boarding house, and Rose Nikumaa. Walla was alleged to have picked up a heavy jug during the altercation and to have rapped Rose smartly over the elbow putting her temporarily out of action.

In the second case James B. Gallagher, of Pine street north, is alleged to have severely beaten his wife, Violet Gallagher. He is alleged to have used his fists on her with telling effect. Police stated that when they saw the woman her blouse was well stained with blood.

## SIFTING THE NEWS

By Hugh Murphy

Hapsburg pretender to the throne of Austria, Archduke Otto, was asked after his return to Paris, what he thought of the U.S. presidential campaign. Said Otto: "No petty wrangling and no personal rivalries. The National interest dominates all."

Otto ought to have observed more closely. Surely this sound and fury we in Canada can hear, even distantly removed as we are, is not harmonious. The chords are two sharply contrasted; the off-key notes too frequent and dissonant.

And too, Otto was judging prematurely. The campaign is just getting under way. As yet the main figures have not been more than plattitudinous in their remarks—but they will, Otto, they will. Dewey's youth, Garner's age, Farley's girth and Roosevelt's mirth all will come under fire.

And it is good, perhaps, that they should. It at least indicates healthy rivalry. In Canada, Britain and in the United States there are few punches pulled around election time. As yet we do not have to choke our ridicule back into our throats when we feel like laughing.

When Canadians and Americans and Britons lose sight of the ridiculous in the antics of their public men they will have gone a long way toward decay. One of the outstanding features of democracies, or at least democracies as they are typified by the Dominions of the British Empire and the United States, is a healthy, and at times perhaps, slightly vicious, sense of humour. We like to stick pins in the pomposity of public men. The occasional deflating does them no harm and it gives us the feeling that they still, after all, are our servants.

No aggressively virile, broad shouldered bully, moving picture reporter was Webb Miller, famous United Press correspondent, who was killed in England in a railroad accident last week. He was, rather, a soft-spoken man of medium height and slight construction, forty-eight years of age.

He had, in his colourful career from police reporter to foreign correspondent covered four major conflicts, in Ethiopia, in Spain, in Finland and on the western front in the present war.

He did not die in the heat of battle while rushing to a telephone to "scoop" the world, but at Clapham Junction, four miles out of Charing Cross. He stepped off a train before it stopped moving and fractured his skull on the tracks.

Because he was world famous the German propaganda mills began to grind out stories to use his death as fuel for their own burning cause. Last Wednesday the D.B.N., official German news agency, claimed he had been murdered by the British Secret Service, "because he wrote stories unfavourable to the Chamberlain government."

On the same day, William L. White, another U.S. newspaperman who just had travelled through Germany and England, wrote: "The only place where I found foreign correspondents really free was England. The reporter is free to report any disaffection without the necessity of covering the source of information so that the secret police will not look him up and shoot him, as would be the case—in Germany."

Rumania's King Carol must fear that war soon will strike his country inasmuch as he has moved his most prized possession from the scene of potential danger. His mistress, red-headed Magda Lupescu, has been quietly shipped to London from whence she will embark for America.

Ah! l'amour, l'amour.

## WORKER LOSES HIS LIFE IN ACCIDENT AT QUINZE DAM

Angliers, May 15—A tragedy occurred the very week that the work on the reconstruction of the Quinze Dam was completed. Leslie Ready was in company with Donald Winer in a boat, which capsized, throwing them into the icy waters of the lake. Winer was able to swim to shore, but Ready was carried away by the swift current. His body was not recovered until next day. He was an employee of the Dominion Construction Company.

Exchange:—The average man might be a little rusty on his arithmetic, but he always knows how to figure in his favour.

## Gets Outstanding Award



Major M. A. Seymour, president of the Canadian Flying Clubs association, has been awarded the McKee trophy, outstanding aviation award bestowed as a tribute to the leadership he gave the clubs in 1939. Major Seymour is also head of the St. Catharines Flying Club.

## Only Two Births Registered Since Monday of This Week

Born—on April 15th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Hermidas Lauzon of 28 Wende avenue—a son.

Born—on April 5th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Ladouceur, of 20A Southern avenue—a son.

## Appointed Deputy Head of Provincial Police

Toronto, May 15—Appointment of Herbert S. McCready, sergeant of detectives in the Toronto Police Force, as deputy commissioner of the Ontario Provincial Police, was announced yesterday by Attorney-General Gordon Conant. His services will commence on June 1, or as soon thereafter as his present association can be conveniently terminated.

Mr. Conant said the police had been without a deputy commissioner since the retirement of Alfred Cuddy in 1933. "Major-General Victor Williams retired from the position of commissioner in September, 1939, and was succeeded by William H. Stringer. The force under Commissioner Stringer, has attained a high standard of efficiency," said Mr. Conant, in announcing the new appointment. "In view of present war conditions and the fact that we now have a total force of more than 800 men, including special police and veterans engaged in guard duties, spread over the Province from the Manitoba boundary to the Ottawa River and north to Hudson Bay, I feel very strongly that there should be a deputy commissioner to assist Commissioner Stringer in his onerous duties and to act in his place when he is not available. The Provincial Police and a commanding officer are on duty twenty-four hours of every day of the year. From what I know of Sergeant McCready, I am confident that he will be a valuable addition to a splendid police force."

The deputy commissioner served at one time with the Royal Irish Constabulary and during the last twenty-eight years on the Toronto force. He joined the force as a constable and is forty-nine.

## New R. A. F. Mystery Plane is Bomber, Fighter and Scout

Unleashed Against Nazis This Week for First Time.

London, May 15—Britain battled Nazi air strength with a new mystery plane yesterday.

British authorities disclosed for the first time last night that the Empire had unleashed against Germany the Bristol Beaufort, a "jack-of-all-trades" aircraft capable of bombing, fighting and reconnaissance work. The machine is armed with four guns forward and a power operated "blister" amidships, allowing it to fire broadside, something no other bomber can do.

An Air Ministry communique last night said the Royal Air Force shot down 40 or more German planes in battles over the low countries and bombed German troop columns in Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg. This brought the number of German planes reported shot down by the British since the start of the German invasion last Friday to approximately 135.

It was British communique that revealed that the R.A.F. had been using secret types of planes.

Until the war spread to Holland and Belgium, the British Spitfires, Hurricanes, Wellingtons and Blenheims bore the brunt of the war in the air.

A Bristol Beaufort took part in the attack on the German-occupied Wallhaven Airfield near Rotterdam. The Beaufort is said to be capable of "300 miles per hour plus."

The new bomber carries a crew of four—pilot, navigator, gunner and radio operator.

Britain's "mystery" fighter plane, the Boulton-Paul Defiant, is reported also to have got in deadly work against German bombers in operations over Holland and Belgium.

Equipped with a power-operated multi-gun turret aft and an unknown number of machine guns forward, the Defiant is expected to be a valuable defense weapon if the Germans launch mass bombing raids on England. Its after turret is designed to swing easily at high speeds, thus permitting a broadside attack on a formation of enemy planes.

## Porcupine District Girl Guide Summer Camp, July 2 to 27

Two Camps to be Held. One from July 2nd to 14th, and the Other from July 15th to 27th.

South Porcupine, May 15—(Special to The Advance)—Porcupine District Girl Guide Summer Camp will be open at Night Hawk Lake during July.

It is expected that there will be two camp periods of twelve days each—tentative dates July 2nd, 14th and July 15th, 27th.

Camp fee is unchanged—8 dollars for twelve days—transportation by train is included in the fee.

Camp will be under direction of Camp Advisor Mrs. D. M. Letterman, Dome Mines.

Staff will be Guide leaders from South Porcupine, Timmings and Dome Mines, and a camp chef.

Instruction in Royal Life Saving work toward bronze and silver awards will be given. Sports will include basketball, volleyball and swimming. Handicraft is planned to include basket weaving, raffia work and clay modelling and bead work.

Guide badges and tests will be included in their work. Any Guide or Ranger is eligible to attend. Application should be made to the Guide or Ranger Leader of the Company.

## Queen of Holland Safe at Buckingham Palace

London, May 14—While refugees from Holland and Belgium streamed into the United Kingdom King George and Queen Elizabeth set an example of hospitality by turning Buckingham Palace over to the 58-year-old Dutch Queen who had crossed the North Sea in a British warship to escape German attempts to bomb or kidnap her and her family.

The King met Wilhelmina last night at dingy Liverpool street station, kissed her sun-tanned, ruddy cheeks and asked her to stay at the palace while he and Queen Elizabeth went to Dorsetshire on a visit.

Wilhelmina stepped off the train wearing a plain blue suit and carrying a service respirator slung over her shoulder. With her characteristic firmness she fought back tears that threatened to roll down her cheeks when she greeted her daughter Crown Prince Juliana, and her son-in-law, Prince Bernhard, who had arrived a few hours earlier with their two baby princesses.

"The Dutch military intelligence learned that the German armies were undertaking an encircling movement around the seat of Wilhelmina's government with the intention of capturing her," an official said. "It was necessary that this be prevented at all costs."

"The Queen intended to go to Zealand, which is strongly defended, and establish a government there. But while she was aboard ship her destination became known to the Germans and a German bombardment was feared."



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## Fascists Burn Union Jack and the French Tricolor

Reports this week from Rome told of demonstrations by students and others there where various British and French state emblems were burned in effigy and mock funerals held. On Tuesday students burned British and French flags on a mock coffin before the British embassy. Mussolini is said to have passed by the crowd without paying attention to their insults to other nations.

Troops stood guard before a huge throng in front of the French embassy after about 5,000 others had massed under Premier Mussolini's balcony and clamored for a speech.

The French Government was reported in political circles to have sent a formal note to Italy, but the contents were not disclosed.

Besides Italian flags, the students had one big swastika banner and another with the legend, "Down with the French Republic."

A protest was expected over the slapping of Viscount Royston, at a fashionable night club last night by an Italian distributing anti-British leaflets.

Reports of organized student and young Fascist demonstrations came from virtually every city.

It is not clear whether or not the demonstrations are organized in the

hopes of rousing warlike spirit in the people, or whether they are designed to create no more than annoyance and uncertainty as to the future action of Italy.

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