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THE GREEKS HAVE A WORD FOR IT

There are many who have felt that while Adolph Hitler and his associate gangsters are a pack of thorough brutes without heart or conscience and deserving of nothing but contempt and hatred, the Italians on the other hand have a decided touch of the ridiculous over-riding at times the thought of their viciousness. The constant conceited exhibitionism of Mussolini has roused many a scornful smile in the world. Mussolini has acted most of his time like a half-wit possessed of a certain low form of cunning and obsessed with a silly mania for posing and performing. It is a fact that the glaring ingratitude and treachery of Italy to both Britain and France have earned for the Bootleg country a contempt that is akin to fierce hatred. Yet even this does not spare them from the ridicule heaped on the inefficient and inept gangster. It has been a joy to all the world to see the way the roving Italians have been manhandled by little Greece. Italy's march against Greece has not only been stopped—it has been turned. And the ridiculous pops up at each turn. The spectacle of thousands of Italians dropping their weapons and fleeing from the Greeks is the touch of the ridiculous that all expect. Italy coveted the town of Kastoria in Macedonia Greece. Attempt to take this town, however, were foiled. So it can be said that the Italians could not take Kastoria. How their stomachs will turn when they have to take their medicine from the Greeks in the natural raw and unpalatable form!

EDUCATION WEEK

The Ontario Teachers' Council and allied organizations have asked that next week, Nov. 10th to Nov. 16th, be generally observed as "Education Week." With "Newspaper Week" so recently observed, the newspapers of Ontario can scarcely do otherwise than lend their best efforts to seeing that "Education Week" is duly noted, for the more education is prized and advanced, the better for the newspapers—and, indeed, for every legitimate enterprise.

The purpose of "Education Week" is to rouse thought and interest and to inspire action in regard to education. In a letter from the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, it is said: "Of course Canada's war efforts are rightfully claiming the focus of attention and effort. On the other hand we feel that Canadian citizens should not forget the vital part played by our schools in fostering and maintaining the ideals of democracy." This is very true. It might be added that there would have been no war of the present type had education of the right sort been universal. Canada, of course, could do little to make that universality of education, but Canada must bear the responsibility for its own treatment of education, and it is a certainty that had the right type of education been fully employed in Canada in the years since the last war, at least this country would be better prepared to take its part in the conflict forced upon democracy in the world. The blame for the form of education that left this and other countries in the condition that so greatly favoured the dictators must not be placed upon the teachers, or even on the educational authorities. The people themselves must take their share of the fault. The people believed what they wished to believe—the lazy, comfortable beliefs—despite the warnings that came to them from all quarters. It may not be out of place to refer to a plan strongly sponsored a couple of years ago by the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation and other similar organizations. This plan was for greater attention to physical training and health matters among the pupils in the secondary schools. The teachers emphasized the desirability of this from a commercial, industrial and business standpoint. It was suggested that in a highly competitive age if the youth of Canada were to hold its place among the nations of the world one of its greatest assets would be health—physical, as well as mental and moral. If the teachers did not stress the fact that healthy young men and women would be the better equipped to defend themselves against aggression of the physical type, it was, no doubt, because the public was not in mood for that sort of argument. The majority of the people were determined to believe the unbelievable. They had to be educated in this particular. The teachers took the logical view that if they could induce the public to study and consider matters of this kind, the rest of the battle would be well on the way to being won. Even as it was, the able and earnest pleas of the teachers in regard to training, discipline and the best possible physical health for the pupils of the secondary schools did not meet with the general response that it deserved. But something was accomplished. The people were persuaded to consider this and other phases of the problem of education. That was the motive of "Education

Week"—that is the motive of "Education Week"—to start the people giving greater study and interest to the vital value of education and the need for its constant development and progress.

While the chief theme of "Education Week" last year centred round the thought of physical training and health development in the schools, this year the central theme of all activities of "Education Week" will be "Education for Democracy in War and Peace." It is well to remember that had the ideas suggested by the teachers in regard to physical health and training been in force years ago, Canada would have been in much better condition to face the world of to-day. This is worth noting, not to deplore the shortsightedness of the past, but to point the moral that the teachers had the long vision in their advocacy in the past, so they deserve special consideration in the plans they bring forward to-day, even though they may appear unfamiliar.

For "Education Week" to be properly observed, however, it is not necessary to discuss war, or peace, or democracy. The real idea is to inspire the people to think about education—what it is, what it can do, what it means to the nation. "Education" is defined by the dictionary as "the art or process of cultivating and disciplining the various powers of the mind." A former principal of the Timmins High School gave as its meaning, "training to enable the student to live among his fellows." A comprehensive definition might be summed up in the words, "training for life," this life being considered in more than its mere material parts, though these should by no means be neglected. "Education Week" will be a success if each and every one takes a little more interest in schools and students and teachers, and gives of his best thought to the value and the possibilities of education.

THE WAR TAKES SECOND PLACE

For over a year now the present disreputable war has been arrogantly crowding everything else off the front page. The most sensational other gangsters have to take a back page while the gangster nations of Europe use up all the banner lines. The most revolting of everyday scandals has to make way for the most indecent of humiliations in the history of the world. The most astounding of old-time murders, is far overshadowed by the stories of the wholesale butchery of the madmen overseas. There has been a popular belief that nothing could crowd the gangster warfare off the front page. That seemed to be one of the worst of the evils of the war. But this week saw the notorious war rudely consigned to an inside page. The United States presidential elections did the trick. Canadians were so delighted that their only regret is that both presidential candidates could not be elected. United States newspapers blossomed forth on Wednesday with all the headlines, all the prominence given to the presidential election. It was much the same in Canada. Even in Great Britain the tendency was much the same. And this was all fitting and proper. The presidential election results were actually of more world importance than the immediate progress of the war or the detailing of the current bombing here or there or the losses or gains on this or that front. The news, good or ill, will be duplicated in a day or two and the momentary victories or reverses will have little vital effect on the final issue. The presidential election is of more vital moment to the final victory for democracy and freedom than any of the minor issues of the war. Canadians always have taken a neighbourly interest in United States elections, but this time the concern was much more than casual. It was felt that it was not political parties that were being weighed but it was democracy itself that was on trial. It is true that popular favour in Canada, perhaps leaned towards President Roosevelt. But that was simply because he was known and esteemed. He had been tried in the fire and found to be a friend to Canada, to the Empire. Many felt that he is the first president of the United States who has boldly shown a genuine friendship for Canada. His re-election delights the people of this country. But had Mr. Willkie been elected, there would have been no regrets or depression in Canada over the matter. It would have been believed that the president of the great republic and the republic itself still remained good friends and good neighbours at a time in the world when good friends and good neighbours are beyond price. The interest here was not between candidates or parties or policies. The difference in platforms and promises of the two contending parties in the United States was so slight as not to be evident to Canadians. What Canadians were interested in—what really thrilled them—was the spirit in which the United States electorate faced the situation. There is no question but that it was the most momentous election in the history of the United States. The odd feature of the matter is that the country would be safe enough no matter which candidate became president. The issue, in other words, was not so much in the candidates or the parties, as in the attitude of the people. While Germany and Italy will not give the same headlines and prominence to the presidential election as was assured in the Empire and its Dominions, the contest was followed by the people of Hunland and the Bootleg country with the most anxious attention. The Nazis never hesitated to say that democracies are ineffective and inert. The lie was given to that thought when over 56,000,000 United States voters polled

Gift of Ambulance from Ontario Hotel Association

Toronto, Nov. 6th: Members of the Ontario Hotel Association will present the Canadian Red Cross with a fully equipped ambulance directors of the Association decided at a meeting in Toronto today. Gifts of 250,000 cigarettes to the soldiers overseas will be made during the Christmas season through the hotel's gift fund for soldiers. The Association will continue the assistance it has been giving to Citizens Committees for Troops in Training, accommodation for refugee children and support to the Sports Service League.

British Children Sang: "My Mummy Lives Over the Ocean"

Letter About British Youngsters Coming to Canada.

The following excerpts are from a letter written by Mrs. J. B. Harrington, of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada, to Miss Mildred Harrington, Baton Rouge, La. The letter refers to British children coming to Canada as guests here for the duration of the war:—

British Children Here
 I did not get this written from the school after all! I was so very, very busy looking after 24 British children that I just did not find five minutes to write and that night slept like a proverbial log.

How I wish I could give you a word picture of those youngsters. If they are a sample of the British the Germans will have their hands full! They range from 5 to 15 years—thirteen boys and twelve girls. They scarcely knew one another when they arrived—were weary and train-soiled, but there was never a tear. As quickly as we could get them up to their beds, then the baths again. Really they were amazingly clean underneath. The British are great bathers. From the littlest to the biggest, the question was: "May I have a bath, Miss?" Their Yorkshire was too much for me most of the time, but after two weeks I began to know that "me flannel" was a wash-cloth, and to get some of the more familiar words.

The first day we started for a walk the baby, Lillian (five years) started back and then said: "Oh I thought I had forgotten my gas mask!" They told many tales of air raids, as they all come from Middlesborough, a North Riding town. I think the lighted streets and houses delighted them most; they were so tired of "blackouts." But their grit was what impressed me most.

You would have been amazed as I was at the self-sufficiency of those children! Each kept his own things in his own case—no one touched the others' possessions; even the babies looked after their own bags, brushed their teeth, and asked about cleaning their boots! You never saw such boot-cleaning as went to church. The second Sunday we were at home and two of the older children planned the service themselves, chose the hymns, read the verses, and did it all alone. They chose the first 12 verses in Matthew, Chapter 5, and the Fifteenth Psalm; 1, 2 and last 2 verses. And for hymns: "Abide with me," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "O God Our Help."

We had sing-songs on several nights—they had lovely voices. One was a choir boy, but it was almost too much for me when on their own they began singing. "Home Sweet Home". One night the nurse, had been singing with the babies (five to eight years) and was called away. When she returned they were singing by themselves, "My mummy lives over the ocean—bring back my mummy to me" without a tear! They sang as they worked around usually. "There'll Always Be an England", and how they did sing it!

We brought two girls here to wait for the train and they were more impressed with the furnace than anything else—they asked to show the other children, who came to say good-bye to them, the furnace, and skates, skis and snowshoes. They could not believe that we bought peaches by the crate. But most impressive of all was their unflinching courtesy to me, and their quick obedience. I would never have dared to try to look after a similar group of Canadian or United States children!

their votes. It was a record vote for the United States—for the world, for that matter. Democracy showed that it had the power and the interest to express itself voluntarily. It is not too much to say that the vote polled on Tuesday in the United States was as close to a complete vote of all eligible as it is possible to secure in a democracy. The voluntary vote even eclipsed the enforced votes of dictator countries, with the added glory that in the United States the voter expressed his opinion without fear or favour and without compulsion or threat.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

A gentleman called up The Advance on Tuesday night to say that he had just heard over the radio that the re-election of President Roosevelt was "conceited."

The voter in Fibber McGee's radio election

Says "Bombing is Rather Interesting in a Vague Sort of Way"

Soldier's Opinion of Frenzied Fritz's Fury.

A letter received here by a friend from Douglas Martin, who will be recalled by many interested local people as one of the able rugby players often visiting Timmins from Kirkland Lake to play here, has many points of interest.

Probably the point that will rouse the most general interest is Doug's reaction to the desperate fury of the Hun bombing from the air. He was in London for one air raid. "It was rather interesting in a vague sort of way," he says. If Hitler could read that it would make him grit his teeth, if any.

Another point in the letter illustrates how small the world is. Doug has met a young lady in the Old Land whom he knew as a school girl in Kirkland Lake. This North has drawn its population from all over the earth, and the four quarters of the globe have returned the compliment.

Here are some extracts from the letter:—"Don't fall over. It's really from me. I have moved a long way since the last time I wrote to you. Here I am in Merrie Old England, or something like that. . . I had a swell trip across the pond. It was calm all the way over. We landed in Scotland and came to the south of England by train. It was a wonderful trip. . . I just got back from five days' leave. I spent much of the time with a girl I used to go to High School with in Kirkland Lake. She was pretty when she left Kirkland, but she is beautiful now. No fooling! She is really wonderful. . . What are you doing now? I wish I was playing rugby against Timmins again, so I could argue with you some more. I enjoyed that more than the games. . . I spent Monday night in London. They were bombing pretty heavy that night. It was rather interesting in a vague sort of way. . . We have been training quite a bit since we came here. We are out on manoeuvres frequently. Yesterday we were out on gas. An aeroplane came over low and sprayed us with gas. We had to protect ourselves. It was very interesting. The best part of it was that our major got drenched with the stuff. . . Give everybody my regards and get McCoy and some of those other guys to write."

Webbwood Town Clerk Has Served Forty-Five Years

Webbwood boasts the fact that he is the only woman mayor in Ontario—Mayor Barbara Hanley. It has another claim to fame in the municipal arena, the clerk of Webbwood, Mr. J. C. McMillan, having been in that office for forty-five years. This is believed to be a record in Ontario for continuous service as a municipal clerk.



They Used To Call Her "Old Witch"

Children weren't the only ones who considered her "crabby"—her adult acquaintances felt that way too. They avoided her because she was a chronic pessimist. . . because she saw the dark side of everything. They didn't know that faulty eyesight distorted her outlook. Since wearing glasses her whole personality has been transformed! She's friendly and popular with everyone now!

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Doctor Has 35 Rules for Men Trying to "Swear Off"

Any person wishing to be cured of alcoholism mustn't day-dream about favorite bars and past good times at drinking parties. This is one of 35 commandments for alcoholics seeking a cure, formulated by Dr. Robert V. Seliger, of Johns Hopkins Medical School, at the meeting of the Research Council on Problems of Alcohol, Science Service reports.

Avoid the "small glass of wine"—i.e., the apparently harmless lapse—with even more determination than the obvious slug of gin," is another of Dr. Seliger's commandments for alcoholics on cure.

Learn to disregard "the dumb advice and often dumber questions of relatives and friends" without becoming disturbed emotionally, he advises. Understand that alcoholic ancestry is an excuse not a reason for abnormal drinking, and carry chocolate bars or other candy at all times to eat between meals and whenever restless, jittery or tired.

These commandments are given to the alcoholic during the re-education which Dr. Seliger told fellow physicians is one of seven factors essential to successful rehabilitation of the alcoholic.

"Only voluntary, non-psychotic alcoholics with average or better intelligence and some degree of emotional maturity offer reasonable hope of successful rehabilitation," Dr. Seliger declared.

Omega Gold Mines Shows Increased Production

Omega Gold Mines Limited, Larder Lake, has reported production of \$222,791 from 43,839 tons of ore milled in the third quarter of 1940. This compared with \$218,297 for 43,797 tons in the second quarter. Output for the first nine months amounted to \$693,410 compared with \$657,809 for the first nine months of 1939.

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skit on Tuesday night had a touch of the prophet when he solemnly wished Fibber "many happy returns."

Whether the news of the day be good or ill, these are the words to bear in heart and mind—the words of His Majesty the King:—

"Put into your task, whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshakable. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips, and our head held high, and with God's help we shall not fail!"

The Financial Post suggests that Canada faces a possible electric power shortage. Instead of pretending that continuance of the so-called Daylight Saving Time will help conserve electric power, why not shut down some of the radio stations for a couple of hours each day—preferably during the advertising programmes.

Nazi Propaganda Active Down in South America

(From The Nation)
 The ability of Nazis' propaganda to be all things to all men is an old story. To the governing classes of Europe it talked anti-Communism; to the working classes it spoke of the evils of capitalism; and now, in Latin America, it seizes on the potent appeal of the struggle against "Yankee imperialism." We have no doubt that if Latin America heeds this siren call it will learn that Nazi methods of exploitation are more strangling than anything the "Northern Colossus" has yet contrived.

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