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## DRASTIC MEASURES NEEDED

At the present time Canadian newspapers are somewhat excited over a story coming from Washington, D.C. This is a tale to the effect that some time ago the Standard Oil Company agreed to detailed plans to hold working connections with a great German chemical trust, even in the event of the United States entering the war against the Nazis, and the the Standard Oil corporation also handed over to the Germans an exclusive synthetic rubber process, while at the same time this substitute for rubber was withheld from the United States. According to the evidence presented to the United States Senate, the Standard Oil Company turned over its synthetic rubber process to the Germans in return for patent concessions on oil and synthetic gasoline. The result of these policies of the Standard Oil has been to seriously handicap and delay the war effort of the United States. All thoughtful people will agree that, if the facts are as stated, the United States should take the most drastic measures to remedy the situation. There are people who are ready to accept the formula that "corporations have no souls," but this war is a matter of life and death for the free peoples of the world and no one should be willing to concur to the thought that incorporated companies have no loyalty. The war has seen a great many of the largest corporations in Britain, the United States and Canada display a cheering patriotism. If there are any companies that lack this loyalty, then the plan should be to see that such companies are not allowed to continue. Neither occasional corporations nor a few individuals should be permitted to endanger or curtail the national defence.

While all this is true, Canadian newspapers should not worry too much about it. That might well be left to the press of the United States. Canada has its own problems much nearer home. It will be recalled that at the time of the first reports of a possible gasoline shortage an independent oil company came forward with a plan whereby a part of that shortage would be avoided. The independent oil company asked no favours and no assistance. All the independent oil company required was permission to bring in the oil. It agreed to see about the supply and the securing of the transportation. At first permission for import to Canada was given, but later this was cancelled. So far there has been no proper explanation of the final attitude of the government in this matter. The people have been left to imagine reasons and causes, and those that have been presented have been no more complimentary than the case stated against the Standard Oil Company in the United States. With such a chance for worry where worry might do some good if it were loud enough and strong enough, it is difficult to understand the need for worry about the affair across the line. It is true that some United States newspapers devoted much space to the discussion of the case of the independent Canadian oil concern. But that fact is not particularly helpful. Indeed, on the contrary, it is only the more disquieting. If United States newspapers do all their worrying about an independent Canadian oil company, and Canadian newspapers display all their anxiety in regard to the Standard Oil Company in the United States, the war effort gets little benefit. The lesson in both cases, however, is the same, namely, that the most drastic measures should be insisted upon to see to it that neither enemies at home or abroad, nor the friends of enemies at home or elsewhere, should be permitted to delay or handicap the war effort when men are fighting a life and death struggle for all that real men hold dear.

## "GOLD FOR THE RED CROSS"

The Ontario Prospectors' and Developers' Association has a clever and original plan for helping the Red Cross. This idea has been sent out on small circulars to literally thousands of prospectors, mining men, newspapers and others. The circular is headed "Gold for the Red Cross," and that is exactly what it is, literally, as well as figuratively. It would be difficult to put the idea more clearly or concisely than the circular does, so here are the exact words of the circular:—"This is an appeal to all mining men for samples of gold as a contribution towards the comfort and physical welfare of the men of the merchant marine, the Royal Canadian Navy, the Canadian Active Service Forces and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

"Scattered throughout the offices and homes of members of the mining profession are countless high grade specimens which can be easily translated into money for the relief of suffering and the provision of comforts. Leave your gold samples with your nearest mining recorder or send them direct to this office. Every cent recovered from them will go to the Canadian Red Cross."

There are few prospectors who do not have a number of rich samples of gold ore, picked up here and there, not only throughout the province, but, in some cases, throughout the world. One old-time prospector in the Porcupine some years ago had gold samples from Porcupine, Red Lake, Northwestern Quebec, British Columbia, the Yukon, Alaska, Australia and South Africa. He often expressed the wonder he felt on some occasions as to why he carted round with him all these weighty samples. This gentleman was a loyal Britisher, with the sort of heart that would appreciate the great work of the Red Cross. The idea of the Ontario Prospectors' and Developers' Association would certainly appeal to him. There are scores of prospectors to-day who, upon occasion, feel themselves fairly burdened with samples for which they have no particular use. Many mining engineers and others connected with the mining industry are in similar position. And gold ore samples are by no means confined to those actively connected with mining. There is for example that wide group of people who at one time or another were interested in some mining venture or in some gold prospector. Perhaps they were given samples of gold ore from what they considered at the time to be their property at least in part. Or it may be the gold samples were presented to them with the purpose of tempting them to risk their money to be among the owners of the riches that had thus been sampled. At one time there were few people in this part of the North who did not possess a few samples of gold-bearing ore. In many cases the samples had little value, but in other instances the small piece of ore represented a value of many dollars. In general, it would appear to be an excellent idea to have all these gold ore samples "salvaged" for so worthy a purpose as that indicated.

Here, again, there may be some who have valuable gold ore specimens that were not acquired so legitimately as the others referred to. Perhaps, a man working at one of the mines could not resist the temptation to take home a few samples of rich gold ore. After the gold ore had been taken, the man may have realized that he had been guilty of a crime in appropriating what did not belong to him, but there did not seem to be anything to do about the matter except keep the gold ore samples hidden. There are more than a few samples of rich gold ore hidden in cellars and attics and buried in backyards. Here is a chance to remove all danger from the illegally-held gold ore. Why not ship it to the Ontario Prospectors' and Developers' Association, 1706 Royal Bank Building, Toronto? That would be an ideal way to free a conscience and help a most worthy cause. Even the high-graders might take advantage of this plan—"Gold for the Red Cross". It would be the sort of joke that the officers of the law would enjoy, if they knew the facts, if high-grade gold were shipped away in the manner suggested and so when they raided the dwelling place of some suspect, they could find no evidence to substantiate their suspicions. In the event of rich gold ore being shipped to Toronto, it is not likely anyone would make too close enquiries in the matter, if the Red Cross were to benefit and no one else were to suffer from the transaction. Let the mining men, the prospectors, the promoters, the general public, ship all the rich gold ore samples that are kept without any particular valuable advantage to anyone, and that most worthy of causes—the Red Cross—would have a considerable amount of "new money" to carry on the work that it is doing with such skill and success.

## ARE WHISKERS TO BE RATIONED?

In Great Britain practically everything is rationed everywhere, and everybody is satisfied and everything is satisfactory for the duration of the war. In Britain they are playing no favourites either in places or persons. From royalty down the game is fairly played. Indeed, the King and Queen set the example in observing the rationing restrictions—regulations from which they could be exempt if they but wished. And London—the heart of the Empire—has felt the force of rationing and all the other burdens of the war—more than the humbler places. But in Britain there is a National government—there is equality of sacrifice, equality of responsibility. There is no ground for the suspicion that one part of the country or one part of the people suffer for the advantage of a part of a party machine.

In Canada there is a desire for equality of service, but there is no such assurance of equality of sacrifice. There are all sorts of inconveniences and burdens and ration cards on all sorts of things and in all sorts of places, but it looks like Christmas cheer in Ottawa and some other favoured places. Canada has given a lead and an example in rationing and regulating on this continent. It would all be accepted with the greatest cheerfulness if it were not for the fact that the burdens have not been fairly apportioned. Sugar has been rationed here, the tires have been swiped from the baby's buggy, the frills taken from the ladies' frocks and poor man will soon only have only the one pair of pants to his name and no cuffs on that one pair of pants. During the glorious spring days of this week one local man was tempted to exclaim:—"Thank the Lord, Ottawa can't ration the weather." That lad spoke out of turn. Ottawa already has changed the clock. With the complacent and subservient majority at Ottawa, the part of a party of a party can ration anything except the salaries and perquisites of the members of parliament. That would be too much even at Ottawa where everything appears to be swallowed, except petty politics.

There seems to be one point, however, on which the United States is one up on Canada in the matter of rationing. The United States appears to be threatening to ration whiskers. Just as Ottawa saw a way to economize on rubber by taking the erasers off lead pencils, and saving cloth by making a man buy two suits to have enough pants to go round—the United States suggests the conserving of steel by rationing the hair on a man's face. The United States is estimating the amount of steel that is used for razor blades and in the fashionable logic of the day this means in effect the rationing of whiskers. It is true that the whisker ration card will permit a man all the whiskers he can sport. That is the trouble. He is rationed in reverse, as it were. After its usual fashion, it will take Ottawa some time to appreciate the fact that whiskers can be rationed. Once that seeps through the Ottawa mentality, if Ottawa runs true to form, whiskers will not only be rationed but there will be a defence tax on every hair to be levied at its source and collected by the whisker-bearer, who will have to get a license to grow whiskers. A logical corollary will be the establishment of a War Time Whisker Board. If this thing goes on, seventy-nine per cent. of the people will be working as government inspectors, and the other twenty-one per cent. will be too poor, too burdened, too busy scratching to have energy or ambition enough to grow whiskers.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The war is liable to affect even the tall tales of the fishermen. For instance, there is the man who used to go fishing and all he would pull out of the water would be a few pitiful little fish, a pair of old boots, the end of a sunken log, and, perhaps, a discarded coat or two, caught on his hook while he fished with more patience than skill. But he would come home with tall tales of the 10-pound trout or the 20-pound pike that he landed, to say nothing of the immense lunge that got away. This year the same fisherman will go to the same fav-

## Railway Service Control Explained to Kiwanis by Head of T. & N. O.

A. H. Cavanagh, General Manager of the T. & N. O. Railway, Gives Interesting and Informative Address on Railway Service, Touched with Much Humour and Story. Other Kiwanis Club Matters.

The big feature at the Timmins Kiwanis Club luncheon on Monday was the address by the guest speaker, Mr. A. H. Cavanagh, general manager of the T. & N. O. Railway. Mr. Cavanagh is not only an able speaker with an unusually wide knowledge of his subject, but he has the gift of humour to add to the effectiveness of his address. The result was one of the most informative and attention-holding addresses on the long list of Kiwanis successes in this regard. The only fault that anyone found with the address by Mr. Cavanagh was that it was not long enough; his audience would have been glad to stay twice the length of time he took up. For several years Mr. Cavanagh has been at the head of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway, and previous to that he spent 25 years with the C.N.R. His advancement and success in railway management are proof of his knowledge of "Railroad Control." The address dealt in very interesting way with trains, train service and signals. He explained in very clear way the extended silent language of the railroad in the matter of signals, such as lanterns, switch lamps, bulletin boards, etc. The time table of railway employees and the classification of railroads into districts and sub-divisions were also explained. There is no snobbishness about the railroad business, but there is a regular "class" system, nevertheless, trains of certain classes having precedence over what are classed as inferior trains. Each train, Mr. Cavanagh said, must clear the next train by at least five minutes. Mr. Cavanagh's explanation of how trains operate and are kept safe and secure was so clear as to increase the general regard for the ability and loyalty of the men who operate the railways. "There cannot be any such word as "forget" for train men," Mr. Cavanagh said, "for if anyone forgets anything there is danger of accident, of tragedy. Carefulness has to be the motto of each and all."

The speaker for the day was introduced by Kiwanian R. P. Kinkel, while Past President Bill Langdon tendered the thanks of the club to Mr. Cavanagh for his interesting and valuable address.

President Fred Burt was in the chair for Monday's luncheon, and the singing was led by Kiwanian Lyman Murray, with Kiwanian W. H. Wilson at the piano.

The visitors for the day were:—R. Richardson, Timmins, and A. H. Cavanagh, North Bay.

Kiwanians Geo. N. Ross and Frank Feldman were winners of the War Savings Certificate draw.

There was a 77 per cent attendance for the day.

Kiwanian P. T. Moisey reported that the Boys "K" Club had delivered over 11,000 salvage circulars some days ago. He also noted that these school salvage collections were extremely good, being far beyond expectations.

Kiwanian Bill Doran announced that the Kiwanis District Convention will be held at Bigwin Inn, Huntsville, on Sept. 6th, 7th and 8th.

The organization of a Civilian Recruiting Committee to help recruiting in this district was announced by the Kiwanian Austin Neame. He also reported on the organization of a reserve regiment here. The Reserves will be men from 17 to 19 years and from 35 to 50 years.

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urite fishing spot, and come home with tall tales, but different ones. "The very first day out," he will say, "I felt a tug on my line and by skilful work I brought safely to the boat the finest pair of long rubber boots you ever saw. They were almost new—probably thrown away by a burglar too closely pursued. And next day, I hooked a couple of large aluminum pans that will be a great help to the war effort. But you should have seen the one that got away. Apparently last season a Ford car had crashed into the river and been abandoned. My hook caught in the top, and I had the beauty almost to shore. The rubber tires hadn't run more than a hundred miles. After playing the catch for nearly two hours, the cursed line broke."

A certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper tells in a recent issue of a young lady poet "joining the civil surface." "Civil service" may be a misnomer, for there's not so much service in it, but "civil surface" is no great improvement, as the civility isn't evident on the surface.

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

One of the best topical jokes of the moment was in a moving picture shown here last week. A Hollywood director started out with a dime as his only money and a disreputable old suit as his main item of apparel. The idea was to "tramp" the country and see life as it is. Soon he runs into difficulty with the law, and to save himself, he discloses his real identity to the police. A sarcastic police sergeant looks over his dilapidated suit and his old worn shoes. "If you are a rich motion picture director," he asks, "why the old clothes?" "I have just paid my income tax for this year!" was the reply.

## Gifts For Men in the Services are Varied

Mark Bowie's Features Nice Line of Easter Gifts.

Mark Bowie's Men's Wear announces that it still has a large stock of ready-made clothing for men, including suits with double-breasted coats and all the work that will not be put into the newer tailored-to-fit suits. You will also find a large selection of materials from which you may have made-to-measure clothes by Fashioncraft, Society Brand, Warren K. Cook, and other well-known firms.

Adams hats, are a special feature at the men's wear store, while a large stock of new shirts, ties, socks, and other accessories is carried. Men in services have also been looked after by the management, with a large supply of articles for men in the army, navy, or air force.

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But if you like sports clothes, the Olive Thomson Shoppe will provide a complete ensemble—coat, suit, (or perhaps odd jackets and skirts), tailored blouses, soft felt hats, box coats, and the numerous other articles that make you feel that spring 1942 is the best spring. Everything from a dainty handkerchief to a reversible coat is featured in the large stock at the popular ladies' wear, and you will enjoy a shopping session there.

GONE! GONE!  
"Oh, darling, I'm sure junior is going to be an auctioneer when he grows up."  
Hubby: "What makes you so sure?"  
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