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## DON'T YOU KNOW THE WAR WILL END?

One of the most common expressions of the day is:—"Don't you know there's a war on?" It is used as a reply for the scarcity of help, of materials, for every evil and inconvenience. If you should suggest that prices are too high, or quality too low, or the times are awry or the trains too slow, the invariable answer is "Don't you know there is a war on?" The other day a local man was complaining about the weather: another lad was protesting against the local weather forecasts: while a third man made crushing reply to both the others. "Don't you know there's a war on?" When The Advance referred recently to the gullibility of some people who think everybody else is gullible, the reply was:—"Say don't you know there is a war on?" By this time, everybody knows there's a war on—if they know anything. It might be well to go on and realize the fact that the war will be over some day, and then there will be a lot of accounts to settle in many departments of life.

There is supposed to be a scarcity of canned goods these days. ("Don't you know there's a war on?") But last week several newspapers carried on their editorial pages an article that is professionally known as a "canned editorial." This article referred to an alleged tendency on the part of business men to be slightly discourteous, or even more so. The excuse is made that there are so many anxieties and troubles these days that business people are liable to become intolerant and impolite. It becomes tiresome to keep on repeating such phrases as:—"You can't get quality these days! Don't you know there's a war on?" "There are no more of that sort of article manufactured! Don't you know there's a war on?" "We can't tell you when you can expect delivery! Don't you know there's a war on?" "If you don't like the stock, you can't do any better elsewhere! Don't you know there's a war on?" A man with two or three sons, a couple of daughters, and half a dozen brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces and grandchildren in the services and mad himself as all get out because he has been flatly rejected, may well be pardoned if he becomes a little irritable and impatient, and inclined to answer everything with those static words:—"Don't you know there's a war on?"

The Advance doubts if there is much discourtesy shown in Timmins by businessmen in general. They all seem to know there's a war on, that most normal services are disorganized and disrupted, but they try to offset this by extra courtesy and special patience and forbearance.

If there are those who have lost their tempers and their geniality because of wartime conditions and circumstances it might be well for them to remind themselves of another question—"Don't you know that there will be a time when the war is ended?" The general public is famous for its short memory, but it is well to bear in mind the thought that there will come a day when even a short memory may recall indifference or lack of service, and the reply will be very ready, "Don't you know that there is no longer a war on?"

Perhaps a little story may make the point quite clear. A local business man sent out a humorous Christmas message last December. This Christmas greeting took the form of a letter comprising questions and answers. These questions and answers went about like this:

"You don't think you are getting quality goods?"

"Don't you know there's a war on?"

"You consider prices are too high? Don't you know there's a war on?"

"You don't think you want any of the articles available? Say, fellow, you'll take what you get, and be satisfied with it? Don't you know there's a war on?"

"Price, service, goods, courtesy and patience are echoes from the past. Don't imagine you can dictate to business men these days? "Don't you know there's a war on?"

Until the very end of the greeting there was evident contempt for the customer and his patronage. "Don't you know there's a war on?"

In the concluding paragraph of the greeting there was open scorn for the petty patronage of any customer. "Don't you know there's a war on?" And then these naive words:—"But there will come a time when the war is over, and then we'll be around licking your boots for an order, as usual!"

As The Advance suggested before in these few kind words, business men here do not appear to have adopted that form of discourtesy. Instead, in general, they have been kindly, patient, courteous and always eager to give the best service. There is, however, one form of discourtesy of which many of them have been guilty. They have neglected advertising. They have said:—"We haven't anything to advertise! Don't you know there's a war on?" As a matter of fact, they had more than ever the need for the right kind of advertising. They could have explained many

things that would have made their own way and the customer's way easier to follow. They could have suggested substitutes for articles that were scarce or unavailable. There have been scores of ways in which a little judicious advertising would have helped much. Some will find it difficult to catch up on their contact with the general public when the war of conflict is followed by the war that will come when peace arrives. "Don't you know there's a war on?" Then get ready for the peace!

## FOR A UNITED CANADA

The highest ambition of the head of the part of a part of a party at Ottawa is to make Canada a united nation—at least, united enough that there will be a majority of votes for the part of a part of a party at Ottawa, so that no one with a nice job now may lose it, and that there may be other good political plums to be picked by the faithful in the days to come, world without end, amen.

There appear to be two main plans at present to secure this great unity of this vast nation. The one idea is to buy a lot of votes by paying people with their own money and other people's money for having a lot of children. Both Hitler and Mussolini used this method with advantage to themselves. Whether this babyish plan will have the result expected remains to be seen. There is a possibility that as a unifier it may develop into a flop. It may actually unite some provinces against some others.

The second plan for unity may be set down as a humdinger. Already it appears to have united every member of parliament, irrespective of race, colour or off-colour, creed, occupation or antecedents into one harmonious whole—and the people, as usual will be in the hole. The proposal is to pay every member of the Dominion parliament an extra \$1,500 per year, tax free, for living in a place like Ottawa, part of the year. Everybody else has had their salaries frozen, but it is not likely that the Wartime Prices and Trade Board will stop this proposed salary raise. The Board might prejudice its own salaries and jobs by any interfering in a case like this. In this suggestion to raise their own salaries the members of the Dominion government will reach a degree of unanimity unparalleled in the history of Canada. It is doubtful, however, if the people in general, who have to pay the shot, between buying Victory Bonds, will find any unity in the idea of paying \$1,500 a year, tax free, to the members of parliament. It may be true that it is worth that much extra to live in Ottawa, but all the members were anxious enough to get the job when the pay was only a paltry \$4,000.00 per year. Maybe people would battle to get any or every other job if they had the chance to raise their own pay when they felt like it. The argument used to advocate the raise in pay for members of parliament is that with all the calls upon them, the members are hard pressed to make ends meet. They have excessive charges to meet for board and room in Ottawa, taxation takes so large a share of the salary at present that the small balance is so tiny that it does not represent a good living. The same argument might be used with just as much warrant in regard to the salary of the average Canadian. Members of the Dominion parliament get more than twice as much as the average man in this profitable and prosperous mining camp. The burden on members of parliament is exactly the same as faces the vast majority of people on salary. It would have been a glorious thing if the trouble endured by the members of parliament had impelled them to seek a general solution. Instead, their united remedy is to propose to raise their own salaries, a plan that will make it all the harder for the common man. This will not make for unity, except in so far as it will mean the uniting of a whole lot of other men to see if they cannot slip into parliament where pay is not frozen, but is rather hot.

## SALVAGING WAISTS

The St. Thomas Times Journal and The Peterborough Examiner are having an editorial discussion as to the desirability of wearing corsets. The corset is officially described as an article of dress worn to support or give shape to the figure. It is not clear to The Advance whether either or both these small city newspapers are advocating corsets for both male and female figures or simply for circulation figures. In some cases the latter need more support than has yet been given. Indeed, some circulation claims suggest the use of that form of corset known as the strait-jacket. There is a proverb to the effect that figures never lie, but that refers only to uncorseted figures.

A certain or uncertain Toronto newspaper tries to slip into the corset discussion by the underwear suggestion that the St. Thomas and Peterborough newspapers are having a fight and that the decision will go to the paper with the best staying power, while the other will get a good lacing. This seems to be a typical boner—perhaps a whale-boner. It may actually tempt the more truly modern Globe and Mail to steal into the battle with the retort that it takes a lot of neck to bust into such a contest and that no certain or uncertain newspaper can breast the waves when the tide rises. Before the two Toronto newspapers adjust their respective corsets, the certain or uncertain one will be reaching for a suit. The bustle of the one will cut quite a figure.

Before the certain or uncertain newspaper gets dressed up, it gets dressed down by The Barrie

Examiner. An examiner is to be expected at any display of corsets. The Barrie one denies that there is any fight about corsets, but just an argument about streamlining confined within the well-rounded limits of good form.

With a hip, hip, hurrah! (just two hips and one hurrah) The Renfrew Mercury rounds out the figure of speech by the hope that the argument will not girdle The Globe. Which should remind all that in cases like this, whatever girdling The Globe may do, The Male should look the other way.

There was a time when it would be considered very poor form for mere males to attempt to deprive the ladies of their corsets. But times have changed since Hannah died. There was a time when the average man would have a fit at the thought of a sissy wearing a corset. But the modern woman is accused with some colour of right, of having stolen men's trousers. Perhaps, it is only envy, for they do fill some situations better than men.

Of corset's a fact that the war should come first these days—even before corsets. Nevertheless there is full warrant for all this discussion, for it is a fact beyond dispute that no material should go to waist these days.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

H. G. Wells, a writer who has received a lot of publicity for saying unusual things, has just got into the limelight again by urging that there should be no hanging of Hitler after the war is won. Mr. Wells argues that to hang Hitler would be to make a martyr of him. The average, thoughtful man will care little whether anybody considers

## Haileybury and Bucke Given Relief in Debt Problems

Ontario Government to Wipe Out Housing Plan Debt to Province.

Haileybury, May 24.—As the outcome of an announcement made by the Hon. George H. Dunbar recently in New Liskeard on housing loans indebtedness, the town of Haileybury and the adjoining township of Bucke stand to be forgiven rather better than a quarter of a million dollars outstanding against them on the books of the provincial treasury, according to figures available on the subject. The Minister of Municipal Affairs, in an address to the South Temiskaming Municipal Association, said the Ontario Government would take accumulated funds on hand, but would cancel the debt otherwise one hundred per cent.

Both Haileybury and Bucke councils borrowed from the provincial authorities after the fire disaster of October 1922 and it is stated that the former got approximately \$300,000 for just over 100 houses, and Bucke \$50,000. At present, and due chiefly to compound interest charges piling up, it is indicated, Bucke is in the red to the extent of \$63,000 after a payment scheduled for this year under a recent agreement is made, while Haileybury, it is reported, would still be a debtor to the extent of approximately two hundred thousand dollars, after funds on hand are turned over to the Government at Queen's Park.

Repayment of the loans had become a problem for both municipalities with the passing of the years and changing conditions due, in part, it is contended, to the decline of the Cobalt mining camp, the depression period and, for North Cobalt as part of Bucke township, the closing down of the Nipissing Central Railway over nine years ago. In Haileybury, where about \$24,000 annually was required to meet principal and interest, contracts between the municipality and the house owners, were re-written several years ago; Bucke township recently made an offer of \$2000 annually for ten years in settlement of all obligations. Four thousand dollars has been paid there in the last two years, it is said.

Reeve Thomas Fenton of Bucke township has been active in seeking to have a settlement made of the problem and has been in negotiation with the provincial authorities on different occasions, the last being an interview with Mr. Dunbar in November, 1943. The loans were to run for twenty years and bear interest at five per cent and, under the agreement made, borrowers undertook to erect buildings of a certain standard. In the interval it is reported many of the original borrowers have left the district, and payments to the Government became somewhat in arrears with both municipalities.

It is stated that, while the province has now decided to wipe out the debt so far as the municipalities are concerned—Haileybury has some money on hand and Bucke, Reeve Fenton said, will make a payment of \$2,000 this year the relations between the municipalities and the house owners will not necessarily be adjusted similarly. In the case of Haileybury, refinancing of debentures is involved in the matter, it is understood, and some definite word is expected there shortly. The original loans were arranged through J. A. Ellis, at the time chairman of the old Ontario Railway and Municipal Board and in charge of housing schemes. In the municipalities, the affairs were administered by Housing Commissions.

Financial World: The electronic detectors called Azdik, designed to locate submarines by means of sound waves can be used for finding whales and schools of fish—this is expected to take the guesswork out of deep sea fishing after the war.

Hitler a martyr or not so long as he is a dead one. Men like Hitler should be adequately punished for their crimes, and nothing less than a dishonourable death seems to fit the bill. The fate of Hitler should be left to the judgment of the men who tried to avoid the present war not those who talk about avoiding a future war. If those responsible for this war are properly dealt with, there will be less danger of future wars.

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 your 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."

The \$64.00 question:—When will the invasion commence.

An Eganville flier has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Medal for remarkable coolness and skill under most trying circumstances. With his leg broken, his plane shot nearly to pieces he carried on coolly and as a matter of course. It is easy to imagine him saying:—"Nothing to get excited about. I've been through a couple of Renfrew County elections."

Those who talk about India's position in the British Empire should note the size of the Indian Army now serving the Empire and the cause of world liberty. The Indian Army totals 2,000,000 men—the largest volunteer force in the world at any time.

## Worthy Gr. Matron, O.E.S. Honoured at New Liskeard

The following report of the official visit of Sister Violet L. Day, of Timmins, to New Liskeard Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be of general interest to readers of The Advance. The report is from The New Liskeard Speaker and reads as follows:—"Sister Violet L. Day of Timmins, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, Order of the Eastern Star, and Brother William C. Lambert of Hamilton, Worthy Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Ontario, made their official visits to Northland Chapter here on Monday of this week. They were accompanied by Mrs. Lambert, wife of the Worthy Grand Patron, and Mrs. Emma Campaigne of Hamilton, Grand Esther of the Grand Chapter of Ontario.

"In the afternoon Mrs. A. C. Farlinger opened her home for a tea in honor of the Grand Officers. The tea assistant's were Mrs. M. F. Cook, Mrs. W. N. Macdonald, Mrs. J. R. McCrea, Mrs. F. Watson and Miss Helen Sibley.

"The meeting in the evening was in charge of Miss Clara Sibley, Worthy Matron and Mr. S. W. Parliament, Worthy Patron. Mrs. Day and Mr.

Lambert gave inspiring addresses on the work of the order and stated that our aim this year is to send some 40,000 pairs of shoes to the children in Britain. This is in addition to all other branches of war work done by the various chapters.

"At the close of the meeting a social hour was enjoyed, when dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. M. F. Cook and her committee. Visitors were present from Timmins, Kirkland Lake, Cobalt, and North Bay."

## Mrs. Mary McJanet Dies at Her Home in Timmins

On Thursday May 11th, the death occurred of Mrs. Mary McJanet at the age of 58 years. The late Mrs. McJanet passed away at her home, 98 Main Ave. Funeral services were held at Mountjoy United Church Rev. Gilmour Smith, officiating, and interment was made in Timmins cemetery, Monday, May 15th. S. T. Walker was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Globe and Mail: One day's news reports 126 Jap planes and 17 war vessels destroyed. How long can Nippon stand this kind of destruction? The Allies are prepared to keep it up.

## Death Last Week Here of Mrs. Thompson, Kirby Ave.

The death occurred on Sunday, May 14th of Mrs. Brigit Thompson, at St. Mary's hospital. The late Mrs. Thompson was in her 68th year, and had resided at 82 Kirby avenue.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning, May 17th, at the church of the Nativity, funeral services being officiated by Rev. Father O'Gorman.

The late Mrs. Thompson is survived by her husband, Mr. J. P. Thompson, and three daughters, Mrs. C. Quinn, (Bertha); Mrs. C. A. Gilard (Marjory), and Mrs. H. Quinn (Jennie) of Campbell's Bay.

Funeral arrangements were under S. T. Walker.

Toronto Telegram: The average life of a passenger automobile is said to be about ten years. It seems that so many of them are running along on borrowed time.

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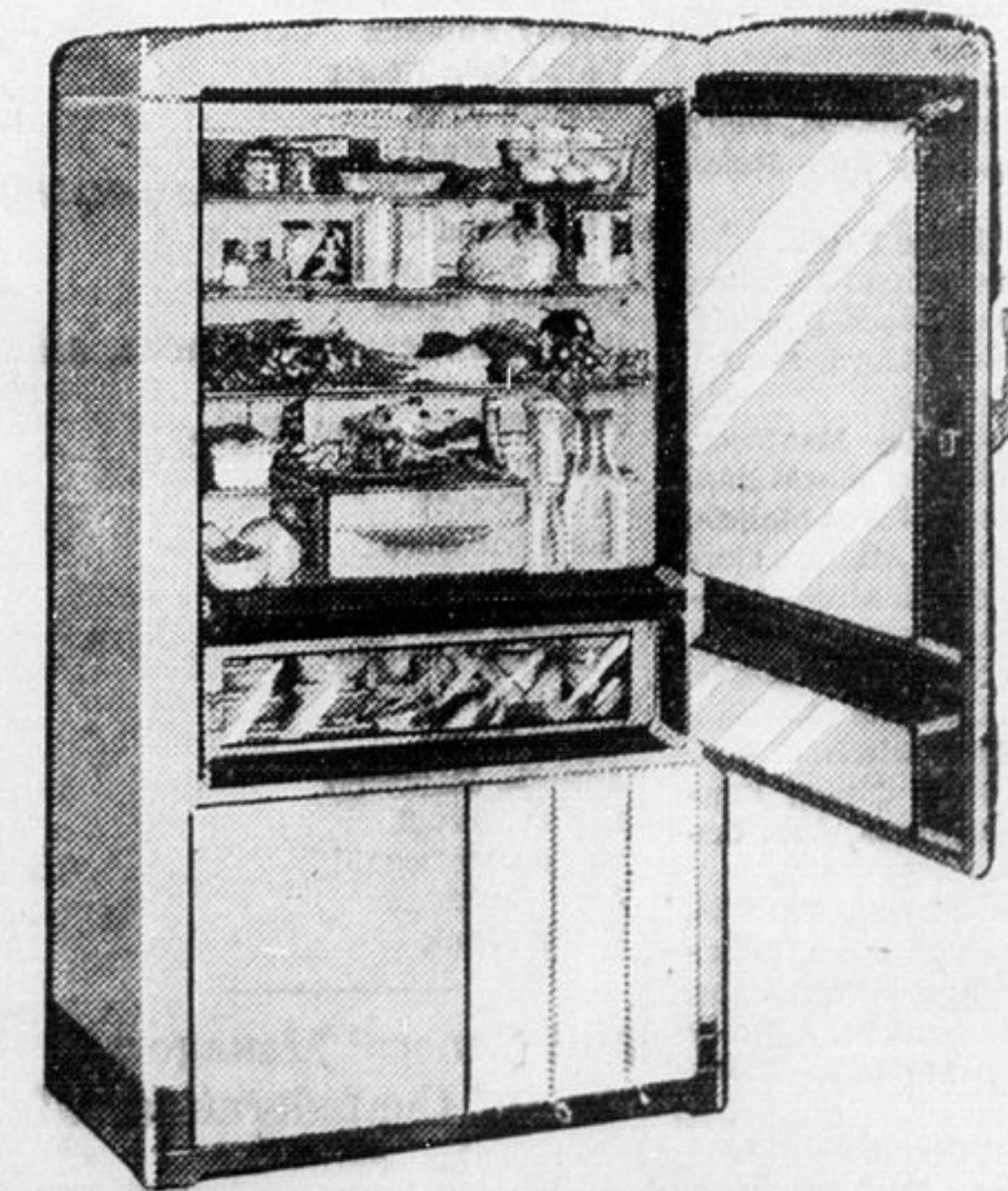
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