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## A SPECIALLY MEAN CRIMINAL

There are degrees and differences even to the same forms of criminality. The public, with considerable support of logic, have some admiration and sympathy for the Robin Hood type of robber. The robbers of this type undoubtedly have courage and resource and breadth of sympathy and human kindness. They are doing wrong, but they are without pettiness or lack of human kindness. On the other hand there is little sympathy with the man who "steals candy from a baby," or robs the blind. Very rightly they are esteemed low as well as lawless. It is not the amount of the theft that makes it glamorous or the smallness of the robbery that makes it mean. The degree of evil might well be said to centre in the injury suffered by others. Among the lowest forms of criminal life is the thief who steals or destroys flowers and gardens. The thief may profit little or nothing to the robber, but the victim suffers severely in many ways. The chief injury lies in the fact that there can be no replacement of the loss. The care, the work, the attention and the heart interest given to flowers and gardens can not be counted in dollars and cents. Stealing or destroying flowers is a robbery that implies not only the loss of hard labour and effort, but it means the useless frustration of hopes and ambitions. There is widespread disapproval and disgust for Hitler and Mussolini and their fellow criminals who have wantonly destroyed so much beauty in the world. Is it not time that the little Hitlers and minute Mussolinis who wantonly rob people—not only of their money and their labour—but of the beauty and the charm on which they had inoffensively set their hearts—should be set down in public opinion for the contemptible cheats that they are. It is possible to have some understanding of the attitude of the bold fellow who robs a bank, but there should be only scorn for the miserable, mean and heartless animal that wantonly destroys a garden.

At this time of year there are always pathetic complaints from gardeners who find their love's labour lost through the work of the contemptible sneak thief who robs gardens. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a poem by one of the local victims of this form of sneak thievery. The injury is not so much in the robbery as in the damage done. There is a particular type of meanness in the theft of what can not be replaced—the theft of things about which sentiment and affection and hope have grown. The local poet refers to the thief of flowers as a "human cut-worm." It is an apt term. Perhaps, human progress will some day find a way to rid the world of such pests. If all the thinking world placed these "worms" in their proper category, it might do something to reduce the number of this low form of human insect life.

## ARE YOU GULLIBLE, AGAIN?

It was an unesteemed contemptibility that naively admitted some months ago that one of its editorial articles was "written specially for the gullible," to quote its own exact words. At the time there was question as to whether it were modesty or lack of it that made that contemptibility confine the suggestion to the one editorial. In any event the same organ played the same kind of tune two weeks ago, when it howled to high heaven because it was not given the Entrance and High School, Lower School Examinations in advance of other newspapers. Again this week there is another exhibition of the opinion of the paper's belief in the gullibility of its readers. The latest editorial written specially for the gullible asks all to imagine that the walls of the gullible newspaper prompted the school authorities to publish the Middle School examinations earlier than would otherwise have been the case. The truth is that all examination results have been published this year as early as could be expected by any reasonable person, and exactly the same plan was followed in regard to the Middle School results as was the case in reference to the Entrance and High School examinations. In recent years the authorities have shown a very commendable promptness in publishing these school examination results. The authorities deserve praise, not muted threats or noisy whining. The latest editorial to the gullible proves the point made by The Advance as to the dangers from cultivating delusions of grandeur along with the hysterical assumption of a persecution complex.

Editorials written specially for the gullible are liable to end with the writers themselves being the only gullible folks in sight. The newspaper that glories in gullibility last week gave an amusing exhibition of its own gullibility. It solemnly accepted the old superstition about St. Swithin's

Day as being miraculously fulfilled. There was a long outdated tradition that if it rained on St. Swithin's Day, it would rain on each and every day for forty days thereafter. The story was to the effect that the Saint objected to an attempt some hundreds of years ago to move his bones and when the workmen arrived to rob the grave, Saint Swithin negotiated so heavy a downpour of rain that all efforts to move the body had to be postponed. For forty days attempt was made to move the Saint, but in modern phrase he impressed on the workmen that they were "all wet." After forty days the men who planned to move the body gave it up for good. But as a memorial to Saint Swithin it was alleged to be decreed that when it rained on St. Swithin's Day, it would rain more or less for forty days. That was years before rain checks or umbrellas. Syd Wheeler says he has had no instruction in the matter. He foretells the weather, irrespective of Saint Swithin—and sometimes, perhaps, irrespective of the weather. It takes a high degree of gullibility to swallow that Saint Swithin story forty days on end. It has been disproven times without number. Sometimes, it looks as if it always rains on St. Swithin's Day, but never after for forty days on end. A gullible fellow suggests that the only time it ever rained for forty days there was no rain at all on St. Swithin's Day. But gullible newspapers can swallow St. Swithin superstitions as easily as Quebec liquor. A few days ago the gullible newspaper had only a few days to come to prove the legend effective this year. The only trouble was that it set St. Swithin's Day on June 15th, instead of July 15th. But what's a month between friends, if any. Gullible folks need thirty days handicap, or thirty days some way or another.

## WHEN THE WAR WILL END

A recent remark by Prime Minister Winston Churchill that the war may end sooner than expected has given rise to many suggestions of the very early approach of peace. Since the Allies have been meeting such pronounced success on all fronts there is a decided tendency to over-optimism. It is too bad that those who are so jubilant now over what they think is the early termination of the war had not had some of this optimism in the dark days of this world conflict. It is not so long ago that the people who now are prophesying the immediate arrival of victory were gloomy and pessimistic in their fears that the war would last a long, long time, and even then might not end in the right way. There is the one answer to those who are too optimistic in days of victory and to those who are too gloomy when disasters crowd each other. That answer is contained in the noble words of King George VI, words that have been repeated in these columns week after week and year after year since His Majesty pronounced them. His Majesty's appeal to each and all was to do the work at hand with all possible diligence and enthusiasm, to go forward to the appointed task with heads held high and a smile on the lips, and "with God's help," he concluded, "we shall not fail."

A famous United States business man once said that the right time to advertise was when business was bad to make it better, and when business was good, to keep it so. The same principle applies to the successful conduct of the war. The right time to fight with all the might possible is when the prospects are depressing—to make them better—and again, when all looks rosy—to keep them so. There should be no slackening of effort, no complacency, no letting down of enthusiasm for real victory. It is true that conditions in Germany suggest special trouble for the Nazis. It seems to be a fact that there was some rebellion against Hitler and his satellites. Apparently scores of Germans, many of them in high places, have been purged in the putting down of the revolt. It seems on the other hand, that Hitler and the Gestapo are still in active control of affairs, and that the Nazi spirit still prevails in Germany. It would be a mistake to expect any immediate surrender of the German forces. There does not appear to be much doubt but that victory can only be assured through the actual invasion of Germany itself. The chances are that the Nazis still have much fight left in them, and nothing less than a complete submission of the German people as a whole is probable to lead to any victory for the Allied cause. It may well be that Germany will suddenly collapse as it did in the last war. No sensible person desires any such ending of the present war. It would be folly to agree to an armistice now to allow Germany to prepare for another war in the next fifteen or twenty years. There can be no real victory until Germany is completely crushed and the German people made to understand that they are on the wrong road and that they must change their philosophy of life or perish. Prime Minister Churchill spoke not long ago to the effect that the war might last three or four more years. He may have had this in mind when he suggested that the war may be over "sooner than expected." In any event it would be well to continue on the idea that the Allies are ready to continue to fight indefinitely to win the boon of world peace.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

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 unshak-

en. 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."

Some years ago employees often prefaced their signatures on letters with the words, "Your Humble Servant." Now, it is the employers who are humble.

For many years it has been the boast of the North Land that there are no potato bugs in this country. Last week word from New Liskeard was to the effect that potato bugs are exceptionally numerous in the Central Temiskaming area. One

Casey township farmer says that he finds the potato bugs exceptionally pestiferous. Those are not his exact words. This is a family newspaper. However, there is this comfort, that there is a tradition that seems to be well founded that potato bugs are unable to survive the usual North Land winter. All the potato bugs, and most of the other bugs of all kinds in this North come from the South. There have been potato bugs numerous enough in this North, brought in with potatoes shipped from the South. It would look in the autumn as if the potato bug had at last established itself here. Then along would come the winter, and in the spring there would not be a potato bug left to tell the tale.

## Rev. David Mitchell Writes of Life at Ruperts House

Archdeacon Woodall Given Touching Reception by Indian Friends.

Rev. David Mitchell, (who recently went with his wife to Rupert's House, Hudson Bay area, as missionaries to the Indians there) has written a most interesting letter in regard to his work in the North. He thinks the Indians are a particularly fine people, and he is so busy that he has not time to be lonely. Rev. Mr. Mitchell, who was ordained some weeks ago at Moose Factory Church, was stationed at Timmins and Schumacher for a couple of years as in charge of the Church Army work here. For a month or two previous to leaving here to be married at Ottawa, Capt. Mitchell was in charge of the Church services of St. Matthew's Church, Timmins. Capt. Mitchell made a host of friends in town and district by his rare combination of geniality and earnestness. There was general regret at his leaving here, but all believe that he will prove unusually valuable and useful as a missionary in the far north.

One of the first cases to come to the attention of Capt. Mitchell was that of an Indian baby that had died. Capt. Mitchell found a bottle of quinine beside the baby and made close enquiry as to how this drug had been obtained. When he learned the source of the quinine he gave strict warning as to such carelessness or worse. Capt. Mitchell made arrangements for the burial of the baby and conducted the necessary services.

The letter by Rev. David Mitchell follows, in part:

"We received the copies of The Advance while we were staying at the Bishop Horden Memorial School, Moose Factory. . . . Bishop Renison arrived there by plane from Fort Albany accompanied by his wife, on Sunday, July 2, and I was ordained by him at St. Thomas' Church, Moose Factory, on Tuesday, July 4th at 7 a.m. The preacher was Canon L. A. Dixon, General Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, who was also staying at the school en route to Fort George, with the Bishop of the Arctic, Dr. Flemming. I was presented for ordination by the Archdeacon, and the Litany was said by Rev. Gilbert Thompson, Principal of the school and Rural Dean of Moose.

"In the afternoon of the same day my wife and I climaxed our honeymoon with a plane ride to Rupert's House. I wish you would have seen the Indians on the shore when we arrived—hundreds of them! and what a fine bunch of people they are! the best on the Bay!

"The next day the Bishop and the Archdeacon arrived, and it was a very touching sight to see the Archdeacon meeting some of his old friends for the first time in thirty years, and to hear him speak to them at the service. The Bishop speaks very fluently in the Cree and confirmed forty-seven people while he was here.

"The Roman Catholics are building a large house here, though they haven't one Indian, and no whites now since Jimmy Watt died. He was the Hudson Bay Co. manager and his wife was a French Roman-Catholic. The new manager is expected to arrive here anytime. His name is Michelle, but they say he and his wife are both English. I hope she is good company for my wife, as there is no other white women here.

"My wife has taken charge of the Day school and she is quite happy in her work. She also plays the organ at the church services.

"Tonight I read part of the service in Cree for the first time. I have an interpreter for my sermons and a lay-reader on Sunday evenings. Sunday morning they have an English service and many of them can join in it and sing very well.

"There is a possibility that there will be regular plane service in here this winter which will be a great blessing to us, though we are too busy to get lonely.

"I am kept quite busy dispensing medicines to the people and I am also preparing to build a larger house next year. The church was built by John Horden, first Bishop of Moosonee, about 1871. . . .

"Kindest regards to all the Fern Cottage 'Dining Club'."

## PERHAPS INTUITION

Workmen were building a concrete tank to hold water for emergency use during air raids, and an old lady stopped to watch them.

Presently she turned to one of the men and asked, innocently:

"But how do you know that the incendiaries will fall just here?"—Exchange.

## Red Shield Plans to Collect 1,500,000 Garments for O'seas

To Help Clothe People of Europe in Post-War Period

This week The Advance received a letter from the Salvation Army headquarters at Toronto, saying that the Salvation Army Red Shield Women of Canada are planning to collect one and a half million garments which are to be shipped to England to help clothe Europeans after the war when these unfortunate people will be in great need. Enclosed with the letter is a copy of an editorial from The Toronto Globe and Mail. "If you can possibly print all or part of this editorial, you would be helping us considerably to realize our objective," says the S. A. letter.

Well, there is only one answer to that letter. Anything that the Salvation Army undertakes is sure to be worthy and to be well done. The Advance is ready to do nearly anything the Salvation Army might ask. So here is that editorial from that worthy paper, The Globe and Mail:—

**An Opportunity for Women**  
The Salvation Army Red Shield Women's Auxiliary, which has done a magnificent job since the outbreak of the war in bringing warmth and comfort to our fighting forces and to thousands of "bombed-outers" in England, is now planning an expansion of its activities. No organization connected with the Salvation Army ever does anything by halves, and it is to be hoped that Canadians will respond wholeheartedly to the national appeal which will be made by the Red Shield Women's Auxiliary for clothing to be used after the war for the relief of destitute Europeans.

The plan is far reaching. Preparations will be intensified and accelerated now that the liberation of millions of war victims is in sight. The immediate objective is to form 1,000 new sewing and knitting groups. In every district in Canada women are needed to assume the leadership of a Red Shield group. There are 1,400 groups already

in existence. This number must be increased to 2,000 or more, with a total membership of 100,000.

The reason for such a membership is obvious: The Red Shield Women's Auxiliary needs more than a million and a half articles of clothing by the end of this year. It is conservatively estimated that 1,366,000 articles of clothing and comforts are required for destitute victims of Nazi terror. The Salvation Army, in its work of mercy, has given its pledge that necessities will be forthcoming. These include clothing for men, women and children, bedding and hospital supplies.

Could anything be more important than this humanitarian work? That it will be done successfully is assured by the leadership of Mrs. George W. Peacock, national president of the Salvation Army Red Shield Auxiliary. Mrs. Peacock points the way: let each community do its part. If three or four women will meet in some one's home, in a church parlor or elsewhere, a group can be started. The idea will spread like wildfire.

The policy of the Red Shield Auxiliary is never to send overseas anything the members would not wear themselves. Care is taken to make the clothing attractive as well as serviceable, and ingenuity is shown in "making over" or "making do." Red Shield groups are glad to receive contributions of heavier outer garments which can be made over into children's coats, ski suits, and other wearing apparel.

Women anxious to do something toward the relief of the millions in Eur-

## Schumacher Red Cross Report for Recent Shipment

This is the shipment from the Schumacher Branch of the Red Cross for the past two months:

- British Civilian Sewing
  - 80 prs. women's knickers
  - 40 women's nightgowns
  - 20 babies' nightgowns
  - 20 men's shirts, 16 neck
  - 5 patchwork quilts
- Hospital Supplies
  - 30 prs. men's pyjamas
- Knitting—Navy
  - 50 prs. leather faced mitts
  - 4 Turtle neck sweaters
  - 5 prs. 18" ribbed socks
  - 5 prs. 26" ribbed stockings
  - 5 prs. mitts
- Army & Air Force
  - 6 Turtle neck sweaters
  - 80 prs. socks
  - 18 prs. gloves
  - 3 ribbed helmets
  - 4 turtle neck tuck-ins
  - 2 toques
  - 1 steel helmet cap
- Women's Auxiliary
  - 2 sleeveless sweaters
  - 7 pairs gloves
  - 17 pairs socks
  - 26 toques

This makes a total of 195 sewn articles and 245 knitted articles totalling 440.

The workroom of the Schumacher Red Cross will be closed for the month of August. Anyone wishing to get supplies or wool may do so on Fridays, when the workroom will be open, or telephone Mrs. Robson 2155.

ope have a splendid opportunity under the auspices of the Salvation Army Red Shield Auxiliary. They can spread good-will by helping the unfortunate people of war-torn lands to get a fresh start.

Windsor Daily Star:—Because he has been named to undertake a special mission, Flight Lieutenant John Harton has declined to be the Progressive Conservative candidate in a Saskatchewan riding. Does he have the strange idea that winning the war is more important than winning an election?

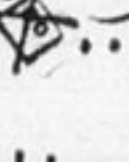
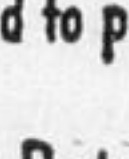
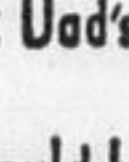
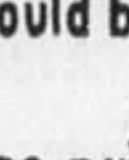
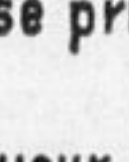
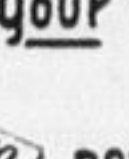
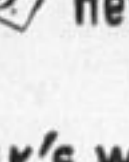
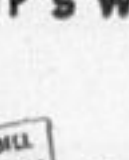
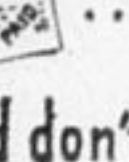

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## When is a Dollar Not a Dollar?

When it won't buy a dollar's worth of goods! For instance, compared to present-day standards, your dollar of the last war was worth, not a dollar ... but sometimes less than . Housewives, who went marketing in 1917, had to part with  for a four-pound jar of jam which you buy to-day for . Dad's winter underwear set him back  then, as compared to the  he could buy it for to-day. You get a lot more for your money NOW ... because price ceilings and other anti-inflationary measures have kept the value of your dollar HIGH! That's why it will pay you to see that selfish spending  never undermines price control in Canada. Remember, you protect your dollar's worth when you use your money wisely  when you pay off debts ... refuse to buy needless luxuries... give black markets a wide berth... and don't hoard goods.

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