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## IT'S STARTED AGAIN

The old German game has started again. The old wheezes are being erupted once more. It is urged that the United Nations must take great care not to be too harsh on Germany once that enemy is defeated. Two reasons are put forward for the desired leniency. One is that all the German people are not bad. The twisted quotation credited to Edmund Burke is once more brought forward. "You cannot indict a whole nation," it is claimed that Burke said. Burke did not say that. What he said was:—"I do not know the method of drawing up an indictment against a whole people." If Burke did not know the procedure, that is not to say that such a method is not possible, practical and imperative. The old shop worn gag about all the Germans not being bad was worked to death at the time of the last war. There may have been some decent, honorable and humane Germans at the time of the last war, but it would be difficult to find traces of them now. The truth is that the Nazis have followed the plan of "liquidating" all those who failed to agree with them. The inevitable result has been that there is only one kind of German left. The very kindest thing that can be said about any of the German people of to-day is that they are at least "accessories after the fact."

The other suggested reason why the German should be kindly used is that any other treatment will make them bitter and anti-social. This was one of the big suggestions in the interest of the Germans at the time of the last war. It is true enough that the same sort of agreement is properly used in reference to the treatment of ordinary criminals. Most thoughtful people will agree that such a contention should have great weight in reference to first offenders, and minor crimes particularly. But Germany is not a first offender, but a confirmed law-breaker, a persistent and determined thug, thief and blackguard. To-day, with defeat staring it in the face, Germany, with the naive assurance of the professional criminal, is planning for the next war and the next series of crimes. Experience has shown that in the matter of confirmed criminals, persistent and determined offenders against common law, leniency is not only useless, but it is uneconomic and foolish.

Instead of being led astray by specious arguments about the attitude of the German people, or sentimental nonsense about criminals being confirmed in their sins through harsh treatment, it might be well to look the facts in the face. There was enough silly sentimental twaddle at the time of the last war, and it was the heeding of such nonsensical sentimentality that landed the world in general in its present position. Had sufficient firmness and common sense been used in dealing with the Germans after the last war, they would not have been in position to hatch out the present hell on earth.

The record shows Germany as no more than a nation of gangsters, with all the qualities and attributes of gangsters, and doing all the things that gangsters do—threatening, blackmailing, robbing, kidnapping, murdering, raping. How are gangsters dealt with by sensible nations? Is it argued that they are not bad people? Do their leaders escape the penalty for torture and murder and rave on the plea that they are not altogether vicious? Is the illegal liquor returned to the bootlegger with the warning that he should not be anti-social? Do the courts pass back the high-grade to the criminal caught in the very act and with his villainy proven to the hilt? Belgium, Holland, France, Norway, Denmark, Greece and other lands can bear full witness to the vicious, sadistic evil of the enemy—to the horrible crimes perpetrated by these gangsters. The answer to the German whinings for leniency and kindness should be the same as given to the lesser gangsters when they are caught and convicted by a nation that observes justice and fair play to the decent and the law-abiding. If there is any practical way to do it, not only should the lives of all leaders of these gangsters-by-wholesale be forfeited, but all their ill-gotten gains should be taken away from them and everything they may have should be confiscated. The authorities that treat with the ordinary gangsters make a vital mistake. The world will make a greater error if it fails to deal with the gangster nations with all the harshness and severity that the occasion demands. These murderous scoundrels should be stripped of everything they possess, with lives, property and rights all confiscated for the general safety. The Advance believes that Germany and the Germans should be completely wiped off the face of the earth. This, and this alone, would teach them in a way they can understand, that crime does not pay. It would insure against future wars of similar kind. In the interests of the world at large,

the gangster nations should be left without the possibility of power to repeat their crimes against humanity.

## SECRET WEAPONS

A couple of weeks ago The Advance quoted one of the members of Canada's sacrosanct army as saying that the Zombies are Mackenzie King's secret weapon. A local gentleman contradicts this flatly, holding that Warlike Willie (you know what Sherman said!) has a more outstanding secret weapon to use against the enemy (if the enemy be Canada itself). That secret weapon is the Bonus for Busy Fathers, so often called improperly the "Baby Bonus". No baby under eighteen is likely ever to see a cent of that bonus. It will go chiefly to the Busy Fathers and their other babies. Some of it is patently to be applied to help father with his income tax, and no doubt he will get the extra odd beer out of it as well.

The local gentleman has some grounds for his argument. Baby bonuses were among the earliest secret weapons used by both Mussolini and Hitler. The present deplorable condition of the world can be traced to great extent to this form of secret weapon. Under Hitler and Mussolini the nefarious scheme did have the effect of producing a lot of babies—two nations of problem children. Surely, by this time, Canadians are not foolish enough to believe that "it could not happen here." The same foolish legislation will produce the same foolish result in this country as in any other. What is needed is not more babies but better babies. Canada should be a land of homes, not a mere breeding ground. The very fact that the "baby bonus" was one of the enemy's secret weapons against the world should condemn the scheme to all decent people. In addition, it is uneconomic and opens up so vast a field for evil results as to be simply appalling. It may indeed prove to be a secret weapon that may do very serious harm to Canada. It is unthinkable that any plan of bonus should be mothered by any government without restrictions and regulation. Think along that line for a minute and see what a vista appears before the thoughtful. It is easy to conjure up visions of rationing babies, and bootlegging babies, quotas for babies, permits for babies and penalties for having babies while on the interdicted list. It is difficult to consider a fascist plan like this with seriousness in a democratic country like Canada is supposed to be. But to those who think they see in such a political bribe any help to struggling families, one question may be seriously asked:—"Would it not be the logical way to assure the right kind of families—to bring the cost of babies within the reach of all, to put it another way—to raise the general living standards to a point where all the comforts of home (and that assuredly includes babies) may be available to all industrious and honest men, irrespective of their political leanings?"

## THERE'S FUN IN THE PUN

Writing in "Good Housekeeping," Louis Untermyer gives valiant defence to the pun—not the Hun. The dictionary defines a pun as "a play on words," but a great many people appear to delight in giving a far lower meaning, and a still lower standing to the word. Mr. Louis Untermyer explains this difference of outlook by pointing out that in most cases the condemnation of the pun comes from fellows who are simply jealous because they did not have the happy thought themselves. Mr. Untermyer whose article is headed, "He who puns may read," rejects completely the theory that the pun is the lowest form of humour. He shows that the real pun requires much talent and inspiration. Shakespeare, Hood and others classic writers have used the pun ably and well. To prove his point the author quotes a number of happy puns. He quotes Franklin P. Adams as saying that "Spain is merely a snare Andalusian Thomas Hood's reply to the question as to why he did not write more serious poetry is given—"If I would earn my livelihood, I have to be a lively Hood." Another quotation is Eugene Field's ridicule of the actor, McCulloch in the role of King Richard III. "He played the King," said Field, "as if he were afraid that somebody else would play the ace." Artemus Ward's classic pun is also noted. "Pretty girls in Utah," said that humorous gentleman, "mostly marry Young." Mention is also made of the girl who "never had her ears pierced but often had them bored," and of the court jester, condemned to be hanged for punning, but with the noose around his neck given a last minute pardon, and responding to this graciousness with the expression, "No noose is good news."

Probably some of the most outstanding of puns have been overlooked by Mr. Untermyer. For example there is Augusta Tucker's reference to a historical novel. "A historical novel," she wrote, "like a bustle is a fictitious tale covering up a stern reality." Another favourite pun relates to the pronunciation of the word "either." One man said it should be pronounced "ee-ther." Another insisted on "i-ther." An Irishman, called in to decide the matter, simply said:—"Oh, ayether will do."

Probably the prince of punsters was Thomas Hood. He wrote a complete poem of several verses on the fate of a love-sick sailor who lost his sweetheart, and "his head was turned, and so he chewed his pigtail till he died." There was close

to one pun in every line. The last verse typical of the others, reads:—

"His death which happened in his berth  
"At forty-odd befell.  
"They went and told the sexton,  
"And the sexton tolled the bell."

## 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 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."

A local Scotsman is accused of going to the Christmas Kiwanis meeting with four cigars in his pocket and then sitting at a table where none

of the three others were smokers. He gladly offered his fellow members at the table a cigar each, but when those at nearby tables suggested that they would enjoy a cigar very much, he replied:—"I'm vera sorry, lads, but I've just enough cigars for those at my own table."

These days employers are advised to handle employees with kid gloves, when often they feel more like using their kid boots on them.

"That's the meanest guy I know," a local character said on Sunday night on Third Avenue. "He actually wished me a sober New Year."

A modern humorist explains the difference between an old-fashioned wife and a modern wife. He says an old-fashioned wife is one who darns her husband's socks, while a modern wife is one who socks her darn husband.

## Dropped Between Stitches

**Hope's Vitamins**  
Spinach has lots of vitamins, and cabbage too, I'm told. And lettuce and fresh green beans and all the green stuff sold. Yes, all are rich in vitamins—oh! milk has such a store, and in a pat of butter are vitamins galore. At least, I presuppose there are, I've never been quite clear just what they are, and when they are, and where they will appear!

Of this, though, I am certain—in Hope are vitamins, more valuable than any in fresh fruit or in the Hope's brimming over with them; preventative are they against diseases of the mind when Good Luck's gone astray. More wholesome far than spinach, a dish of Hope, my friend—so keep on hoping bravely and you'll turn that awkward bend.

—Wilhelmina Stitch

funds for libraries for service men. Cash donations and good used books for this purpose may be sent to Mrs. A. Booker or Mrs. Sid Wheeler. The fees of the chapter were raised to include the subscription price of the magazine of the Order so that each member will automatically receive a copy of "Echoes" in the future. It was moved that letters of appreciation be sent to the local newspapers for all the courtesies extended to the Chapter and Publicity Convener during the past year. Mrs. Delahunt, a special service worker, solicited financial aid to place a child in a convent and a monthly donation was moved. Nominations followed and the meeting closed with Mrs. Pozzetti presenting the flag. Prize winners at the weekly Whist

her long veil of tulle. Her flowers will be a cascade of white roses, botanica and chrysanthemum petals. Miss Catherine Wylie, maid of honour for her sister, will be frocked in Chinese red crepe, and Miss Marilyn Warren, sister of the bridegroom, will wear gold shade. Their hats will match their frocks, and they will carry miniature cascades of Queen Mary Roses and sweet peas. The groomsmen will be Lieut. Robert Hamilton, RCME, and the ushers are William Wylie, RC AF; Vandewater, Lieut. Glen Hewitson, Glen Hewitson, RCNVR.

After the reception at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. C. G. Williams, Rosemary Rd., the couple will leave for New York.

### REAL OPPORTUNITY

The not-very-successful heavy-weight boxer walked into the artist's studio.

"I say," he said, "I'd like you to paint a full-length picture of me on canvas."

"Certainly," said the artist. "When is your next fight?" —Exchange.

Drive by the ladies auxiliary of the Canadian Legion were: Ladies—Mrs. E. Beaulne and Mrs. E. Vaccina. Gentlemen—Mrs. D. Forrester and Mr. G. Lloyd. Yesterday afternoon the ladies resumed their regular weekly afternoon tea and those present for the first tea of the year were: Mrs. R. Hardy, Mrs. L. Nicholson, Mrs. F. Curtis, Mrs. M. Boyd, Mrs. H. J. McGarry, Mrs. T. Gay, Mrs. J. Singleton, Mrs. A. Kettle, Mrs. B. Richards, Mrs. W. Wilkinson, Mrs. B. Hinds, Miss Margaret McGarry, Mrs. R. Sibley and Mrs. L. Phillips. The monthly general meeting will be held in the Legion Hall on Monday January 15th at 8:15 p.m.

### Marriage at Toronto of Miss Eileen M. Wylie

The following from The Globe and Mail last week will be of interest to many in Timmins, and district, former early resident of Timmins being concerned:—

**Warren—Wylie**  
Christ Church, Deer Park, will be the setting this afternoon for the marriage of Miss Eileen Muriel Wylie, daughter of Mrs. Wylie, and the late William H. Wylie, to Lieut. Donald Cameron Warren, RCNVR, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Warren, Canon H. F. D. Woodcock is to officiate, assisted by Dr. Stanley Russell.

Mr. C. G. Williams will give his niece in marriage. Her graceful gown of white satin will be made on classic lines and a halo of Honiton lace will hold

Another engagement of local interest which has just been announced is that of Miss Patricia Legris, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Legris, 16 Hollinger Avenue, and Mr. Alex. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of Swatka, formerly of the McIntyre Patricia's ring is a large solitaire diamond in Tiffany setting, flanked on either side by two small diamonds. Wedding plans are, as yet, indefinite. Miss Patricia Legris is the charming young lady on the staff of the Northern Ontario Telephone Co. and Mr. Alex. Miller is in the exploration department of the McIntyre Mine. Congratulations! And best of good wishes.

Timmins Gold Chapter of the I.O.D.E. held their regular monthly meeting in the Municipal Building with the Regent Mrs. Carriere presiding.

After extending the season's greetings to the members Mrs. Carriere expressed the hope that the members would undertake the chapter work of 1945 with renewed strength and vigor. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted as read as was also the treasurer's report. An attractive I. O.D.E. card conveying the season's greetings was received from the National Regent, Mrs. Ryland New. The war work convener, Mrs. Booker, reported that the monthly parcel of work was forwarded to headquarters. A letter was received from the Commanding Officer of the corvette "Timmins" expressing appreciation of the men for the 10,000 cigarettes sent to them at Christmas. Letters of thanks were also received from sons and daughters of the members who are serving in the forces for the parcels received from the Chapter.

During January a national I.O. D.E. campaign takes place to raise

**IMMEDIATE CHOICE**  
The lady of the house suspected one of her sons was paying attention to the attractive maid. Anxious to find out which one, she asked the girl: "Nora, suppose you had the opportunity to go to the movies with one of my sons which one would you choose?"  
"Well," replied the girl, "it's hard to say, I've had grand times with both of them, but for a real frolicking spree, give me the boss!"—Nothing Serious.

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Timmins, Ontario,  
December 27th, 1944  
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A. L. SHAW, Treasurer,  
E. B. MARTIN, Collector

**Wishing You the Best for 1945**

To the executives, to the miners, to the staffs of the Companies he has been privileged to serve go the wishes of "Canada's Biggest Cook" for a Happy New Year. May Victory and Peace be ours in the year that is now upon us and in the light of a new day, may Canada march on to new success and prosperity.

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