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EDITORIAL

FINANCING CANADA'S WAR EFFORT
Canada's first war loan is to be issued during the next three months, and the rank and file of Canadians will have an opportunity to make a direct contribution to the great crusade.

Since the last war Canada has gone a long way in developing a fiscal system of equality in citizenship, and this has involved increased responsibilities. The Government has resolved that, so far as Canada is concerned, the present war will be financed as far as practicable on a "pay as you go" basis...

It is said that there will be no "tax free" bonds in this war, which in the last war gravitated to a few holders and enabled them to minimize their income taxes. To safeguard against abnormal profits from war materials, the Government has already provided for an Excess Profits Tax.

Conditions in Canada offer promising circumstances for the loan when it comes. War orders and the large Western wheat crop are beginning to have their effect in expanding business activity. Employment is increasing, and the volume of business is said to be approaching an all-time peak.

NEIGHBORLY NEWS ON THE RADIO

No scientific discovery of modern times has come so rapidly into public favor as the radio. It is hard to realize that this miracle of science only emerged from the laboratory some fifteen years ago while it is now a universal household institution.

Perhaps the most universally popular feature of the radio is the news broadcast. Even though people have already read the latest news in the newspapers, there is always a sense of expectancy that something new will come over the air from a remote part of the world.

Thrilling and entertaining as these distant visions are, there is a danger in our being so pre-occupied with far-off happenings as to become out of touch with the things that are going on around us. In order to make up for this deficiency and focus the ear of the radio upon the more intimate happenings at home, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has instituted a Neighborhood News broadcast from the Ontario Weekly Newspapers.

Material for this programme will be secured from the weekly newspapers of Ontario, and broadcast by Andy Clarke, whom many listeners will recall as the original news broadcaster for the late lamented Globe. Instead of his familiar "Good evening, friends" of the Globe days, Mr. Clarke now greets his radio friends with a "Good morning."

RESIGNATION OF HORE-BELISHA

The announcement of the resignation of Leslie Hore-Belisha as British Minister of War broke with such startling suddenness as to leave us wondering whether we were "hearing things."

At this time of writing, no official explanation has been given, but it would appear that there had been serious differences of

opinion in the cabinet over some phase of the conduct of the war. This conclusion may be drawn from the final words of the statement issued by Mr. Hore-Belisha, when he said: "I have no thought at the present moment but that of winning the war."

One feature worth noting in connection with the resignation was the outburst of criticism and indignation in the British press, and the general demand for "the truth and nothing but the truth." One could not imagine such outspoken protest appearing in the German press over a shake-up in the Nazi hierarchy.

TURKEYFUTURER VERSUS HOT DOG

Because of new methods of disease control and the raising of flocks of turkeys as a main crop rather than a farm sideline, the United States had more of those birds for the Thanksgiving market last year than ever before in history.

Even with two Thanksgiving Days, this was a lot of turkeys for the holiday tables. In order to prevent a glut of the turkey market, the National Sausage Casing Dealers Association came to the rescue with the proposal to use the surplus in the making of turkey sausages.

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HELPING THE NEWSPAPER

A contemporary remarks that when one stops to consider the matter, it is very plain that a newspaper can only print news items that somebody has brought, phoned or sent in, or which some member of the staff may have witnessed.

Therefore, the community paper, as well as the daily, must depend to a very great extent on the kindness of the general public to pass on interesting news items to the office. Without this help the local division of the news in any paper is seriously handicapped.

But that really is not the type of indifference to news of which we had intended to speak. We were thinking of the person who sees a very interesting and novel thing, yet never dreams of going to the first telephone and giving the newspaper the story, or at least, giving a reporter a line on it.

One might add that a newspaper is a public utility which, for the small sum of a nickel or a dime a week, gives a very important service.—Kirkland Lake News.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A layman naturally wonders how the publisher of the Globe and Mail qualifies for promotion to the rank of squadron-leader in the R.C.A.F.

Germany is said to be building seven new U-boats a month, but the trouble seems to be that, new U-boatmen cannot be turned out at the same rate.

A Toronto fancier won the grand prize for his entry of a rooster at the New York poultry show last week, and the bird has been crowing about it ever since.

People who usually go to southern resorts to escape the cold but are staying at home this season, will realize these days what a real Canadian winter feels like.

A dustless ash dump is said to be part of New York's East River drive development. But what the long suffering furnace-feeder is looking for is a dustless ash to save him from the dumps.

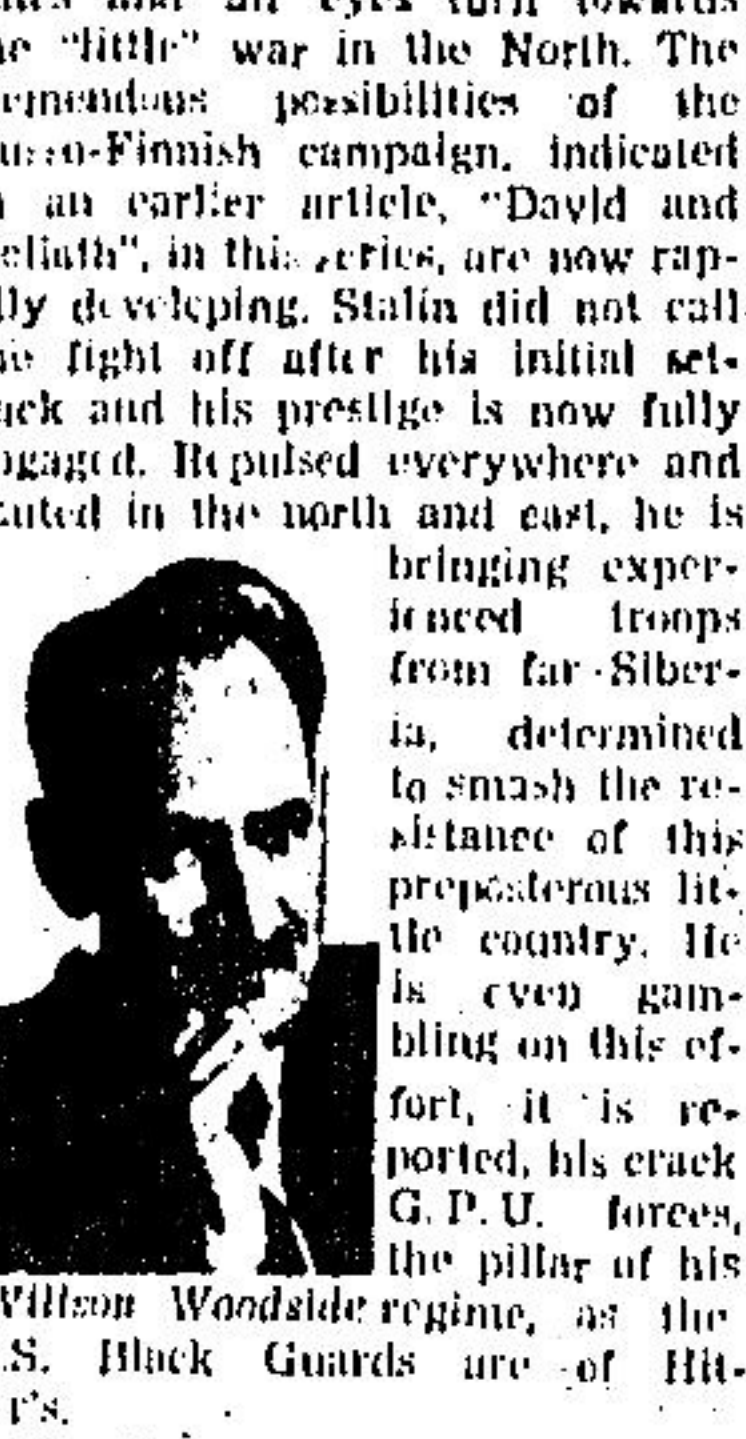
One of the jobs the 1940 Ontario Legislature should do is overhaul the Assessment Act. This is long overdue. Under present conditions there are many glaring inequalities on the assessment rolls.

Germany sent "volunteers" to Spain to prevent Russian communism from gaining a

THE WAR TURNS NORTH

Will Finland become a Second Spain, with both Germany and the Allies sending armies there? Or will Germany try to seize the whole of Scandinavia?

Wilson Woodside's Weekly War Commentary



Wilson Woodside

The "big" war in the West stages and all eyes turn towards the "little" war in the North. The tremendous possibilities of the Russo-Finnish campaign indicated in an earlier article "David and Goliath," in this series, are now rapidly developing.

None of these things will happen and the British, French and American help will not even get to the Finns, if the Russians can win an early victory.

It is true that just at this spot they are blessed with a favorable, short and heavily defended line. If they continue to be well supplied with automatic weapons and some of the Finns, as though the Finns can hold out all winter, while the snow and cold weather hamper their motor-clad opponents.

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Did he not extort from Hitler, fully occupied with France and Britain, renunciation of all German interests in the Baltic States, which Germany took from Russia in 1918 and set up as puppet duchies under Hitler's direct control?

Germany, for her part, is believed to have been the source of these fine automatic rifles we mentioned, which were rushed from Czechoslovakia, it is said, just before Stalin began his attack on the Baltic countries.

The Allies could not get by and want such a momentous improvement in the enemy's strategic and economic situation without seeing even in Norway and Sweden yielded to German hands and sent all forces and turn this peaceful paradise of man into a battlefield.

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To bring the Scandinavians to heel, they would at first try ferocious threats or say, a gigantic aerial parade over South Sweden. The Swedes have already foolishly encouraged the Germans by dropping their well known Foreign Minister, Mr. Sandler, who wanted to declare full solidarity with Finland before the fighting began and was heavily attacked by the Nazi press for being too friendly to Britain and France.

SCIENTISTS have discovered that blowflies will drop their eggs out of food that they cannot reach in the same way that war planes drop their bombs.

EVERY NIGHT is Saturday night in Uganda. In one of the town's better hotels, there is a notice which reads as follows: "Visitors are expected to take baths, which are provided at no extra charge. An additional 50 cents a day will be made if no bath is taken."

Matrimonial switches among movie stars, and the featuring of them in the news and pictures of our daily newspapers, may be good publicity for the acting profession; but the whole business is a serious reflection upon public moral standards.

Whether we are fighting against Hitlerism or against the German people is a question being freely discussed on both sides of the Atlantic. The chief difficulty in deciding the question is that the German people have no means of expressing their opinion of Hitler.

The guessing competition as to whether or not President Roosevelt intends running for a third term at the White House, is still being carried on in the American press. Meanwhile the President's colleague, John Vance Garner, has announced his candidacy and says that if Mr. Roosevelt wants the nomination for a third term he will have to fight for it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

WORDS TO PONDER

To the Editor, Barrie Examiner. Dear Sir:—I believe it was Henry W. Longfellow in "A Psalm of Life" who said: "Tell me not in mournful numbers, Life is but an empty dream! For the soul has died that slumbers. And things are not what they seem."

In the distance gleams a light: Small, but sure, but ever shining, Emblem of His love and might. We are living in perilous times, Our Empire and our own country are at war.

And tosed by storm and flood, To the fixed trust my spirit clings, I know that God is good! I know not where His standards lift Their tattered palms in air, I know not where I cannot drift Beyond His love and care."

Yours sincerely, EVANG. BENJAMIN A. GEARO, Shanty Bay, January 4, 1940.

new accepted formula, Germany would extend naval and air bases, which would place her just across the North Sea from Scapa Flow, and demand delivery on credit of all iron, timber and food-stuffs she needed.

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"Lumme! It don't all make you think of the lost war" —Hum

DOMINION DIGEST OF THE WISEST WORDS OF THE WEEK

BY JAMES J. CARLYLE

"In these days of European war, it is significant that a movement is now under way to develop commercial arbitration between the business men of the United States and Canada." Dr. A. O. Dareson.

"We must remember that if we believe in that liberty which is a guarantee against conscription, we must understand that there are people in Canada who wish to go overseas, and if they do, we must remember that they are free to assume whatever attitude they believe." Hon. P. J. A. Corbin.

"Let no one feel that ordinary service is without value at this time just because it is not spectacular." —Miss Charlotte Whitton, C.B.E.

"You can't legislate prosperity into being." Alfred P. Sloan.

"According to the ability of each Canadian, his conscience, and his capacity, Canada with England and France shall endure to the end in this war." Leonard Brockington, K.C.

"Contrary to the dire prophecies of recent years, we are not facing the end of civilization." —James Bryant Conant.

"Canadians have a solemn duty to advance their war activities, by assisting the Mother Country and all parties should stand by the government." A. L. Mottland, (Reproduction Prohibited, 1940, Educational Features Syndicate)

FATALLY INSURED COLLINGWOOD — As she was riding her bicycle home from her place of employment at the residence of W. L. Hamilton, on Highway 24, about 4:30 on Saturday evening, Miss Annie Hughes was run down by a truck and suffered terrible injuries. She was taken to the residence of J. E. Jamieson and after medical aid was summoned, removed to the General and Marine Hospital where she passed away early Sunday morning. Her death occurred on her 24th birthday.

fact one expert claims the elephant's memory is no longer than its tail. ACCORDING to bankers, rumors are not as efficient in cold weather as they are in the warmer days. MOUNTAIN lakes are now stocked with trout which are dropped from airplanes by parachute. A ROBIN flew into an English museum and built its nest in a human skull.

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From the moment a will is drawn up and signed it naturally tends to go out-of-date. Even though it may be carefully designed to take care of future eventualities, new and unforeseen situations are likely to arise with the passage of time. If you believe in the value of reviewing your will at regular intervals we suggest you will find it worthwhile to discuss your plans with our officers. This Corporation maintains a consultant service on estate planning; through this service you can avail yourself of the information and experience gained by the Corporation during fifty-eight years devoted to the practical management of estates. You will incur no obligation by consulting us and we cordially invite your inquiries.

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