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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.-Watson.

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### Is Europe Worth Saving?

We had a man in our office the other day who said, in speaking of the war in Europe, and the fighting and bickerings going on in the liberated countries, that he doubted very much if Europe was worth saving. Would it not be better to let them go ahead and butcher themselves off, this Western Hemisphere of ours arming for self-protection! We thought so, too. And then we started to think!

Why Europe? Why go so far afield in our search for "bickerings and unrest"? Why not analyse ourselves right at home?

A research for bickerings and petty politics would reveal that Canada is not too "hot" herself. Here we are, part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, boasting of our love of democracy, velling our heads off for "the flag that braved a thousand years the battle and the breeze," and our politicians at Ottawa quibbling over whether or not, or how, we should back up the soldiers overseas.

When one thinks the matter over, it is to wonder what conditions would pertain in this great cradle of democracy if we had for four or five years back been ground under the heel of an invading force, been run over by quislings and collaborators with the enemy, suspicious of everybody, half-starved and with no future outlook in life, despite the fact the Allied army had finally rescued us from enemy hands, but could not yet do very much in the way of supplying food, or clothing now that the winter is here! What would we be under these conditions? Judging from what we are now, we might be almost anything.

We are quibbling over every little thing that comes up. Some of us favor conscription, some of us don't. Some back the government's Victory Loan campaign, and it has gone over the top every time. Yet there are people right in and around Durham who have as yet not invested one cent for victory. They are coasting along with the hope that George will do it and that somehow or over we shall come out all right. We have citizens who back our campaigns for War Services such as the Red Cross, the Legion, the Knights of Columbus, the Salvation Army and others. All these campaigns have gone over the top, too, but we have far too many whose donations for liberty, victory, democracy, and the sending of aid to wounded soldiers amounts to a "gift" of anything from a quarter to the enormous sum of five dollars. And, mind you, we are not referring to those who have not got it. Despite our wartime prosperity, we have many poor people, people whose sacrifice of one dollar is a real sacrifice; but we have others who can afford it who are not pulling their share of the load.

Our blood donor clinics are getting smaller we are told, and for no more apparent reason than interest in this necessary war service has waned. Surely it cannot be because the people think the war is over!

Yes, we wonder! What would WE be were we in the same position as people who had been ground down under the iron heel of German despots. If we cannot get along better than we are now, with a full granary, prosperity and a country free from foreign invasion, it is likely our state, too, would be most deplorable under European war conditions.

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### Britain's Grecian Stand Seems Satisfactory.

In spite of the statements of Prime Minister Churchill of Britain that every liberated European country will have a say as to what kind of government it wants to live under after the war, there seems to be quite a lot of complaint of her stand in Greece, where leftists are trying to oust the Royalist government and take over the country, now that it has been liberated from the German yoke.

It has been claimed that Britain, having a certain monetary investment in Greece, seeks to place the Royalists in power for this reason alone. We can't believe this to be the reason. Britain is merely trying to preserve the condi-

tions that existed before the war, and which the parliamentarians would refer to as the status quo ante bellum. To us this seems a very good idea, for the government that existed at the time of the German occupation should be better able to carry on for the present than an entirely new government. After the war is over we have no doubt Greece will have the opportunity of deciding what she wants to be -Royalist, Communist or Democratic. It is as simple as that. Unfortunately, France cannot be treated in the same way, because she has none of her pre-war government to fall back on, and as the champion of French freedom all through the war, it seemed natural that Gen. de Gaulle would be selected, although he, too, has been not too easy to deal with now that the Germans have been replaced in most of France and will soon be ousted from the country.

It is natural that at the present time the Allied liberators have too much to do to squabble over temporary governments, and in the case of Greece have had to resort to armed conflict to clear the air.

, While the United States was one of the Allies to complain, we believe she acted a bit too hastily, and will not press her objections. Britain wants to get the Grecian argument settled in order that the war can be gone ahead with.

It has been mooted before that Germany's only hope for a stalemated peace is to get the Allies quarreling among themselves, and she seems to be succeeding rather well. As an old saying has it: "A house divided against itself must fall." The Germans must feel better now that the Allies seem not to know exactly what they want, or how to go about it to get it. It is regrettable at the present time that such bickerings seem necessary, but we suppose this is democracy.

## Editors Hard -hearted? Listen To This.

Editors do have hearts, despite all assertions to the contrary by reporting gentlemen of the press, says a current issue of Christian Science Monitor. The Monitor admits that editors "cut" and "kill" without compunction, but the milk of human kindness flows when a good "human interest" story comes along.

This excellent Boston newspaper then tells of the New York policement who held up traffic in that busy city while the traffic lights flashed three times from red to green. The reason? A little white cat was lapping his fill of milk, spilled from a 30-gallon can, and traffic was held up until he had been filled and retired to the sidewalk to lick his paws.

Another feline to get newspaper space was watching letters falling down a hotel mailing chute, and trying to swat them as they went by.

A lonesome pup looking for his missing family in New Orleans, stood on a busy intersection for 48 hours, and "made" the newspapers by standing on his hind legs to view occupants of passing cars.

In Toronto a short time ago we saw a policeman on busy Yonge street hold up the traffic while he rescued a kernel of corn from the right-of-way which a pigeon had been vainly trying to salvage.

It is peculiar that most of these stories come from the cities, but perhaps there is a reason. We saw another pigeon on Bloor street walking along the sidewalk between the rows of traffic, apparently unconcerned. Nor need he have been, for nobody molested him. The thought ran in our mind that had this incident occurred in a small town somebody would have had to take a swat at him.

There are towns where pheasants are a common sight, black and gray squirrels play in the parks. And there are towns where there is nothing tame. Perhaps it is the humans who are wild, and where these wild fellows live there is little friendliness from the wild life of the country.

Reeve S. M. Patterson of Egremont is in the race for the Grey County Wardenship. We don't know how much of that necessary "pull" Sam has with the big boys on the council, but if elected we predict he will make a good Warden.

One of the most convincing arguments to us that we are winning the war is the fact that once in a while we learn that our troops have had a harder battle, or have failed to advance on some front. An army that can admit the occasional defeat or hold-back is seldom lying when it announces a victory.

Canada's new Minister of Defence, General A. G. L. McNaughton, former commander of Canada's overseas army in Britain, is to run as Liberal candidate in Grey North some time in January. He succeeds the former member, W. P. Telford, who has resigned. Will Mr. Telford be in line for a seat in the Senate for making way for General McNaughton?

Specially written for The Chronicle Canadian Press Staff Writer By DOUGLAS GREEN

Commons passed last week by 143 vo- commended. tes to 70 climaxed a 13-day special house sitting which began Nov. 22 and because of its tension was dubbed the "crisis session."

that a majority in Commons would support the maintenance of a "vigorous war effort", and, too, the dispatch overseas of 16,000 home defence army draftees under an order-in-council authorizing Defence Minister Mc-Naughton to send them.

---x--Mr. King had said earlier that unless he had adequate support from his own followers in the House he would not seek to carry on. Divisions show that enough government members backed the administration to exceed any combined opposition. porting my daughter, but you'll have

The calling of the special sitting stemmed from the suggestion made by It will pay you to Advertise in the Col. J. L. Ralston, former defence min- Chronicle. ister, Ooc. 19 after his return from an i overseas tour that the 60,000 effectives in the home defence army be made available for overseas service in light of the need for additional infantry reinforcements.

When Col. Ralston's recommendation for overseas conscription was turned down by the cabinet he resigned Nov. 1 and was succeeded by Gen. A.G.L. McNaughton, who upon taking office stated he believed the need for reinforcements could be met through voluntary enlistments.

However, on Nov. 22 the cabinet approved an order-in-council authorizing the defence minister to send overseas 16,000 men who had been called for compulsory military ser-

The submission by Col. Ralston of his recommendation that draftees be made available for overseas service brought about a vigorous public controversy regarding the pros and cons of conscription ,with Progressive Con-Conservatives calling for total conscription, and C. C. F. members moving that all distinction between draftees and volunteers be eliminated. The Progressive Conservative amendment to the confidence motion was defeated and the C. C. F. motion declared out of order. \_\_x\_\_

**Agriculture Conference** 

Deliberations of delegates to the 12th Dominion-Provincial Conference of Agriculture, held in Ottawa, were significant in that the agriculture program suggested for 1945 was geared to assured markets.

In opening the conference, Agriculture Minister Gardiner said that contracts with the United Kingdom for the export of beef and bacon had been extended a year to include 1946, thus enabling livestock producers to plan their production programs for two years ahead. Contracts covering cheese and eggs for 1945 are already in effect.

Delegates devoted considerable discussion to the question of a desirable acreage for wheat, and it was brought out that while there was evidence of a "fair demand" for wheat in the next production be curtailed in Canada.

that wheat acreage be cut from a pre- expects 40,000,000 motorcar owners liminary estimate of 23,284,000 acres after the war. Fancy meeting 36,000. OTTAWA, Dec. 13—(CP)—Granting in 1944 to 21,500,000 acres in 1945. 000 of these on the highway on a nice of the mandate sought by Prime Min- In seed crops an increase of 500 per Sunday afternoon.—Grit. ister MacKenzie King through a vote cent in alsike clover seed over the 1944 of confidence which the House of output of 1,400,000 pounds was re-

The conference agreed generally, however, that agriculture now was working in the Public Library... approaching maximum output because of the rapid increase in production in The vote of confidence received by recent years, and recommended that the administration assured Mr. King production of most farm products in 1945 be maintained.

> Products for which increases in output are sought include oil-bearing crops such as flax, sunflower, rapeseed and soybeans, and tobacco, corn, beans and many of the seed crops.

Young Man: "I think two can live as cheap as one." Future Father-in-law: "You can't edge in on my family on that theory, young man. I'm willing to keep sup-

to pay board."

Almost everything is possible, to be year, the ease with which output may sure. "All children should be noisy," be increased in European countries gravely remarks Bernard Shaw, as if made it necessary to emphasize that he had found some who weren't. Ryan in Boston Herald.

It was accordingly recommended Postwar Perils: Henry Ford says he

A Chicago citizen, retiring after 38 years on the job, plans to catch up on her reading. It sounded perfectly plausible until we discovered she had been

Wife: "How can we estimate our cost of lying?"

Husband: "That's simple. Take our income and add 30 per cent." Frank Friend: "Tell me, Jane, just why did you marry such a homely in-

Jane: "He asked me." A little boy's life was saved by an alert mother, and he lived to become a

great liberator and leader. But this happened in Bible times. "I have lost an ear-ring," said Mar-

"That is too bad, dear' Were they

good ones?" inquired her mother. "I don't know," replied Marjorie. "they were a pair of yours."

dividual?"

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to-coast runs of hospital trains are Jean Napoleon Maurice, Montreal, wounded at Dieppe and in Italy; James E. Thompson, Montreal, casualty of the London Blitz; R. Winslow, Montreal, wounded at Vimy right the four who have the bond of a veteran of this war and the last one, Ridge and Amiens; Sam Morgan, Verdun, common experience with the wounded wounded at Second Ypres and Dieppe.

WITH THE CHUR

PRESBYTERIAN Y.

The Young Women's A the Presbyterian Church home of Miss Mabel Sha annual meeting, with Miss

Comb in the chair. Miss Mabel Sharp gave a esting talk on the Soong China, Mrs. Clifford Howel

for the election of officer presentation of reports. The has been reached. The following officers we President, Miss L. McCor president, Mrs. Arthur treasurer, Miss Julia Weir; Miss Mabel Sharp; birthday surer, Mrs. J. Grierson; we

BAPTIST CHURCH T. O.

welfare, Mrs. Clarence Bar

ply secretary, Mrs. E. S. Mr

The December meeting of club of the Baptist Church at the home of Mrs. Alber worth on Thursday eveni Beulah Burnett presided over Christmas programme which arranged by Mrs. J. M. War ings were given by Mrs. R. man, Miss Eva Redford and 1 ry Diebel. A number of car

The following are the off 1945: Honorary President, M Ward; president, Mrs. C. D. 1st Vice-president, Mrs. Albe son; 2nd vice-president, Mrs Bayley; secretary, Miss Beul nett; treasurer, Mrs. Harry pianist, Mrs. R. C. Eastman.

KNOX CHURCH W. A

The December meeting of Church Women's Associatio held Wednesday evening at the of Mrs. T. F. House with thir bers present and the first vie dent, Mrs. J. Mather presidi hymn "Joy to the World" ope meeting, followed by prayer R. Twamley, Mrs. S. T. C read psalm 27. Mrs. A. Hay i that the visiting committee ha twenty-two calls in November Mrs. Charles Moore and Mrs. Whitmore were named a non

committee to bring in a rethe January meeting. The m as in past years, will rememb and shut-in members at Chris About thirty dollars was r from birthday envelopes. The of "It Came Upon the Midnight and "O Come all ye Faithful" the business meeting.

For the programme Mrs. March gave an especially fine tion of Henry Van Dyke's "The Wise Man". Mrs. Bert Stor Mrs. M. H. Knechtel and Mrs. V Barbour rendered a lovely Chr trio "The Angels' Song". The m closed with the Lord's Prayer. was served by Mrs. Roy Lav and her committee.

ST. PAUL'S LADIES GUILI

The Ladies Guild of St.

Church, Egremont, met on Deer 1st at the home of Mrs. Wallace thews with an attendance of 18 scripture was chosen from St. I gospel and was read by Mrs. thews. The minutes of the last ing were read by the secretary, Gordon and the financial report the past year was given by Mr Tucker, Mrs. Jones, birthday box vener, gave an encouraging repot roll call was answered with a bi donation and the topic "Christ was ably given by Rev. P. S. J. who also presided for the election officers for the ensuing year as lows: Hon. Pres., Mrs. R. S. J. President, Mrs. J. C. Queen, president, Mrs. J. Hargrave; s tary, Mrs. W. Gordon; treasurer, W. Matthews; pianist, Mrs. M Work Conveners, Mrs. C. Hargi Mrs. W. Atcheson and Mrs. W. lock; Friendship Conveners, Mrs Lawrence, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. M. J. thews; auditors, Mrs. R. Wilson Mrs. C. Hargrave, A vote of the was moved thanking the ladies. their prosperous work during the year. Blest Be the Tie that Bir closed the meeting. Lunch was

PRESBYTERIAN Y. P. S.

The weekly meeting of the Pres

terian Y. P. S. was held in the chu basement on Monday night with president, Douglas Donnelly in chair. A Christmas carol "O Lif Town of Bethlehem' opened the me ing, followed by prayer by Mr. M. Innes, Matthew 5: 1-16 was read the scripture lesson by Robert W. meeting were read by the seere and were adopted by Campbell ! ther of your favourite book toboggan party early in the year, Frances Cluckey was appoint convener of the social evening. copper contest was won by Tho Cluchey's side.

The special speaker of the eveniwas Mr. R. W. Christie, who gave address Mr. Christie mentioned the there are three kinds of renders -t simple reader, one who reads just if something to do-the intellectu reader, one who reads for knowledg -the happy reader, one who reads broaden his intellectual and spiritu life. The speaker proceeded to outlin very vividly the life of Charles Die

ens, giving many sidelights on the life of this famous author. Miss Mabel Sharp moved a hear vote of thanks to Mr. Christie for his enlightening talk. The can "While Shepherds Watched The Flocks" closed the meeting, follower

by the Mizpah benediction in unison

BAPTIST MISSION CIRCLE AND LADIES' AID

The Baptist Mission Circle and La