

Blackouts Affect M.P.'s Attendance

Only Handful Sometimes During Important Debates in The British House of Commons

The London Daily Mail tast week administered an editorial rebuke to British members of Pernumbers-to remain in the House of Commons during important de-

Several times, the newspaper have thought it worth while to at-

early departure. It is a poor ev- | region. cuse. What would the M.P.'s think if their constituents blamed the blackout for neglect of duty? Something should be done to remove the deplorable impression that M.P.'s are bored, tired or | ripe with dramatic interest. In the

had turned down a similar pro- | nation long neutral, squirming on posal that the House meet earl- | the horns of a dilemma. As the ier and adjourn before darkness, because of the blackout.

Veteran Skier At 15



Elernor Boyle of Lake Louise, Alta., and only 15, caught by the camera as she prepares to take off over the mountains and hills for a practice run for the Dominion Ski Championships meet coming up at Mount Norquay, February 28th to March 3, Miss Royle, who skils to school, is such an expert that she is in the sensation class, and will test the mettle of all contenders in the women's events. She started to ski when only four years of age. -C.P.R. Photo

Dog Proverbs

There are good dogs of all sizes .- French. The dog understands his master's mood .- Chinese, A dog has no aversion to a poor

family. - Chinese. An old dog does not grow used to the collar,-Italian.

Beiter have a dog for a friend han your enemy .- Dutch, The dog's kennel is not a place o keep a sausage. - Danish.

When the dog is awake the shepherd may sleep,-German. Who has no bread to share should not keep a dog.-Spanish. When two dogs fight for a bone

the third runs away with it,-The dog in his kennel barks at his fleas, the dog that hunts does not feel them .- Chinese.

Sudetens Find Happy Haven

German Refugees Enjoy Peace in Western Canada

Several hundred families of the Sudeten Germans are living quietly northwest of Edmonton while their old homeland is involved in

the European war, ARE ADAPTING THEMSELVES The Sudetens have migrated to Canada within the last eight months under a refugee settlement program drawn up after the German annexation of Czechoslovakia, Although they speak only German, the refugees say they are happy to be in Ca-

nada. Establishment of the Sudeten families on land in western Canada was supervised and each family was given \$1,500.

The refugees rapidly adapted themselves and gardens will supply them with vegetables for the win-

NEWS

The inspired Turkish newspaper "Son Telegraf" last week sounded a warning note: "Toward the end liament who neglected—in large of March or the beginning of April events are going to precipitate themselves." At the same time the entire Turkish press turned its attention to Russia's rich Caucasian said, "only a handful of M.P.'s oil fields across the border, openly hinting thta the British-Frenchtend throughout important de- Turk armies in the Near East, numbering nearly 1,000,000, might "The blackout is one excuse for | be considering an attack on that

TWIXT DEVIL AND DEEP

But while the world audience waited for the curtain to go up on the war in the Near East, significant events in other quarters were twenty-fourth week after the Al-The Daily Mail suggested again | lies' declaration of war on Germalthough Premier Chamberlain | any, we saw Sweden, a powerful Russian campaign in Finland entered a new and more successful phase, the Swedes appeared to be in peril whichever course they would choose to pursue. In an extraordinary message, King Gustav V declared that Sweden must refuse to send military aid to Finland because of the danger of being drawn into both the Pinnish-Russian war and the western European conflict. (In addition, passage was refused to foreign troops who wished to cross Sweden on their way to Finland). Sweden's choice lay between accepting a Russian-dominated Baltic; or daring all,-to be attacked then by Germany, or Germany and Russia both.

A verbal war broke out in the same week between Great Britain and Norway over the "Altmark" incident - when 326 British sailors were taken off a German "slave ship" in a Norwegian fjord . . . Britain announced the marine since the war started . . . tivity . . . the Bulgarian Cabinet Premier was seen to be more favorable to Russia than his predecessor . . Britain received a note of assurance from Bucharest that Rumania had no intention of increasing its supply of oil to Germany . . . Italy's supreme defense council met for seven successive days, showing concern over the mission of British-French military

forces in the Near East . . . IT COSTS MONEY

In Canada, Dominion Finance Minister Raiston warned that i is going to be a long and costly war, defense contributions for the next fiscal year to total half a billion dollars. In Ontario, the deficit for the fiscal year ending next March 31 was revealed as \$4,444,929 . . . the surplus forecast for the next fiscal year is \$356,239, to be achieved in the main by reducing the provincial subsidy to municipalities; by cutting unemployment relief by 40 per cent, and Department of Education costs by \$1,000,000 (Middle School examinations to be abolished); and by undertaking a minimum of road construction in the

Winter

Winter has more disguises than any April:

Today he is a bright-cloaked knave with bells, Tomorrow an old man crouched in some dim corner

While the wind a sorry tale of dead days tells,

MICKIE SAYS—

IF YA KIN SELL ANY MORE GODDS BY NOT TELLIN' FOLKS 'BOUT, THEM, THEN IT DON'T PAY TO ADVERTISE!



Canadian Scout Flag Presented to Polish Consul-General



Mr. Victor Podoski, Polish Consul-General in Canada, receives a Canadian Scout flag from Mr. J. F. M. Stewart of Toronto, Vice-President of the Canadian General Council of the Boy Scouts' Association, Earlier presentation of the flag from the Boy Scouts of Canada to those of Poland was deferred by the coming of the war. It will now go to Poland when that country has been restored.

BY VIC BAKER

FISH WITH GOITRE

While we're not ceratin as yel whether members of the finny tribe suffer from gout and similar sinking of the 50th German sub- | ailments, we have it on good autaority that fish, in common with intense cold on the Western Front | many human beings, are sufferparalyzed almost all military ac- ers from the ravages of goitre. So next time you make a catch that underwent a shake-up; the new is wearing a good-sized bump under its chin, don't forget it might not be something it ate but just the visible effects of goitre.

The medicos blame this condition on lodine deficiency and for treatment prescribe this liquid as medicine. It seems that the agriculture experts have also discovered this condition of goitre in cattle, sheep and hogs as well with the result that icdine is now recommended in the food as a preventive measure. The salt licks contain quantities of icdine which remedy this condition.

THEY FLY HIGH

In answer to an inquiry about how high birds fly, we have this to say, it all depends entirely upon the bird, of course, Storks and connes have been seen flying some 20,000 feet above sea level over the Himalayas in India. A valture has been seen 25,000 feet above sea level around Mount Everest, which is also in the Himalayas.

Rat Bites Baby Then Gets Father

Pierre Englehart of Ellis Bay, Que, was bitted to a victors rat when he fell asie ; while watching for the rodent, which had bitten the face of his 8-months-old daughter the previous night. Mrs. Englehart was awakened

by the cries of the infant and she saw the rat in the baby's cradle. Tho child's face was bitten severely in several places. Ellis Bay is on Anticosti Island and salt mixed in the animal's food | in the Gulf of Lawrence.

He Was Responsible For The Altmark Incident



This photo of Winston Churchill, First Lord of the British Admiralty, is the most recent one of the man on whose shoulders rests the responsibility for the politics of the British navy. The spectacular invasion of Norwegian waters by British warcraft to rescue 300 British seamen from aboard the German prison ship, Altmark, is the latest and greatest of these responsibilities. The admiralty announced frankly that it gave the orders for the British destroyers to rescue the Altmark's captives the orders for the British destroyers to rescue the Altmark's captives even if it meant going into Norwegian territory to do so.

VOICE PRESS

EASIER TO PREDICT The difference between a movie plot and a garden plot is that in the former, one can usually tell what is going to come up.

-Edmonton Journal.

A WINDY CAMPAIGN Says an Ottawa despatch "Whirlwind" campaign will be

launched by all major parties with-

in a fortnight." With the accent

on the "wind," no doubt.

-Owen Sound Sun-Times AMPLE MACHINERY Lord Riverdale says Canada "can easily do with 40,000,000 people." At any rate this country would have enough governmental

machinery and railways to take

-Kitchener Record.

NO INCREASE NEEDED The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reports a net operating surplus of \$357,454 for the fiscal year. Owners of radios will see in the profit an assurance that their licenses will not again be increas-

-Montreal Gazette.

SMALL TOWN LIFE One hears, "What do you people do living in a small town?" There's plenty to do in a small town if one wants to do it, and if a city resident became actively interested in the many forms of activities that are at his or her dis-

posal we'll wager that it would keep them so busy that there would be no time whatever left to even think about what a tough break life has handed them, or something, "What do you people do living in a small town?" Next time you hear that kind of supercilious talk open up with both barrels and convince the city speaker they're just kidding themselves but not others. Although we have had Huntingdon in mind when writing the answer to this ques-

tion, all the other towns are alike. Humingdon (Que.) Gleaner,

Spring may not really start with the first day of March next week but, regardless of the weather, the real gardener is already planning what is going to be done this season. Experts admit that it is possible to make some sort of a garden without a plan, in fact they usually point scornfully to many examples. But for real satisfaction, actual results and fun, they strongly advocate a little planning before field operations begin There are seed catalogues and builetins to be pored over, flower beds to be sketched on paper, varleties new and old to be selected.

Dreams In Packets When we buy a packet of seeds

we are literally buying a dream which will come true. Unlike almost any other purchase this is only the beginning of our pleasure but the end of the expense. It is something that will grow into beauty or usefulness, Sweet Peas Soon

Sweet Peas must be planted early. This plant develops its extensive root growth and upper vine structure when the weather is cool. If it does not get its feet well down into the soil then, when the days turn hot, it is liable to wither and cease furnishing its daily quota of color and frag-

Planting directions are simple but important. Successful gardeners advise a trench, dug at least a foot deep, filled within two inches of the top with rich soll mixed with well rotted manure or old leaves. Seed is planted about an inch or two deep and just as soon as the soil can be worked. Rains will wash more soil into the trench filling it up gradually and thus adding further to root growth.

Oil Shortage Is Envisaged

Expert Says Curtailment in Canada May Be Dictated By War -Rationing May Come

Householders with oil-burning furnaces may have to go back t coal if the war lasts long enough. Oil-burning locomotives may be replaced by coal burners and other oil-burning devices may likewise be affected. Gas for motor fuel may be rationed, and some buses and trucks stop running.

These radical changes were envisioned in a paper by G. A. Gaherty, M.E.I.C., president of the Montreal Engineering Company, dealing with the Dominion's economic wartime front, and presented before the Engineering Institute of Canada assembled in convention at Toronto.

FOR MECHANIZED WARFARE "The need of exchange for war purposes may make it desirable to curtail domestic consumption of petroleum products as the war proceeds," stated Mr. Gaberty.

"As we become adjusted to a war basis gasoline for private automobiles may have to be rationed as in England, and the use of buses and trucks may have to be stopped altogether where passengers and goods can be transported by rail. This all would reduce the pressure on the sources of supply and release tanker capacity for transport of oil from North and South America ports to the theatre of war, and so make available additional supplies of oil and gasaline vital to the successful con-

Probe Grouches Of Customers

duct of mechanized warfare."

Faults Found by Householders Are Analyzed - Discourteous Clerks Top List

Elmer P. Resseguie, of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, told a recent meeting of the Toronto Advertising and Sales Club the results of a recent home inventory conducted by Scripps-Howard, deivered a ponetrating enalysis of the buying trends of the average man and woman.

RETAIL FAILINGS About the only "constant factor" in the grocury business, said Mr Ressegule, was the finding that Saturday was by far the best sales day. An analysis of retail failingrevealed that fanks were divided nto the following percentages: Discourteous clerks, 36 per cent.

poor values, 9; insufficient help, 8 misrepresentation, S: poor store arrangement, 6; afteration and exchange trouble, 4; credit practices. 4; out-of-date, 3; and delays in delivery, 2.

These, said Mr. Resseguie, were the pet grouches of householders questioned during the survey, that was made in 52,000 homes of 16 cit

More Home Loans Made In Ontario

\$19,320,774 Total! January Increase In Dominion 12 Per Cent. Above 1939

Home improvement loans, for January totaling \$514,578 are shown in figures released by the Hon. J. L. Raision, minister of finance,

This represents an increase of 12 per cent, over the volume reported to the department during the corresponding month last year. The number of loans in January, 1946, was 1,356, against 1,173 in January 1939.

An increase of \$272,029 in Out ario brings loans in this province to \$19,320,774; Quebec is second with an increase of \$77,010, and Atberta and British Columbia share third place, Alberta showing the larger increase in volume of loans. and British Columbia the larger number of abw advances

Men Can Change Their Minds Too

Women seldom exercise their traditional privilege "to change their minds," according to Karl Robinson, director of debate at Northern University, Chicago,

Robinson, who completed a twoyear study to determine whether or not there was any relationship between sex and willingness to change opinions, discovered that "women tend to cling tenaciously to their attitudes and opinions."

"Personal factors," Robinson said, "seem to be of greater importance to women than facts in solving problems."



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LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher



"She's Slipping . . . , the Men Are Beginning to Count Their Change,"

REG'LAR FELLERS-Pinhead's Broke





