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Notes and Comments

Unemployment Insurance Books

Many workers are careless about the keeping of their unemployment Insurance Books, says Mr. Edmunds, an official of the government department. "Nobody with a bank account," says Mr. Edmunds "is careless of his pass book, and this is much the same."

Trouble is it is not quite so simple to draw on that unemployment book. There are twists and turns, and too many employees are made to carry that book who will never benefit because they have steady employment all the time. Not high wages, mind you, but steady employment. There are other groups with fantastic wages, but only for a few months of the year. These employees will draw the insurance, but the steady medium-wage earner will have to pay for it. Employers, such as banks, who guarantee steady work should be relieved of Unemployment Insurance.

"We Always Have a Crop."

It is an old tradition to say that there is never a crop failure in the district surrounding Stouffville. Somehow the locality manages to escape the extremes of drought and storm, and so no one ever is able to say that the farmers are cleaned out of everything. Aside from the favorable weather we always enjoy, there is another element that helps to evade any failure here. It is the adopted custom of mixed farming. Sometimes the hay crop is light, sometimes the grain crop, or perhaps the root acreage, but never have all of them failed in the one year.

Just now some sections of Ontario are mighty forlorn looking because the farmers couldn't get in their crops last spring owning to incessant rain. Stouffville district managed to get dry spells that enabled the farmers to crop their lands, and some of the finest grain fields you wish to set eyes on are to be seen all around us. Roots too, are most promising. Indeed there is danger of cabbage, cauliflower and potatoes growing too large.

We are living in the midst of a wonderful garden country. Look north, south, east and west and the same luxuriant crops may be seen. However, as great riches bring great responsibilities, heavy crops bring hard work, toil and sweat. The grain crop in many fields is a backbreaker where it is snarled, lodged, and twisted with the recent storms.

But we are thankful for it!

Sane Analysis on Second Front (The Boston Monitor)

Remembering that the urging of a second front in Western Europe goes back to the summer of 1941, it is easy to understand the impatience of the layman in Britain and America as he sees the Nazis driving to Stalingrad. Yet we may be sure that United Nations strategy has not overlooked the importance of keeping the Russian front alive. We must hope that Mr. Churchill and Mr. Roosevelt will give the order for invasion in the West before the Germans can split Russia.

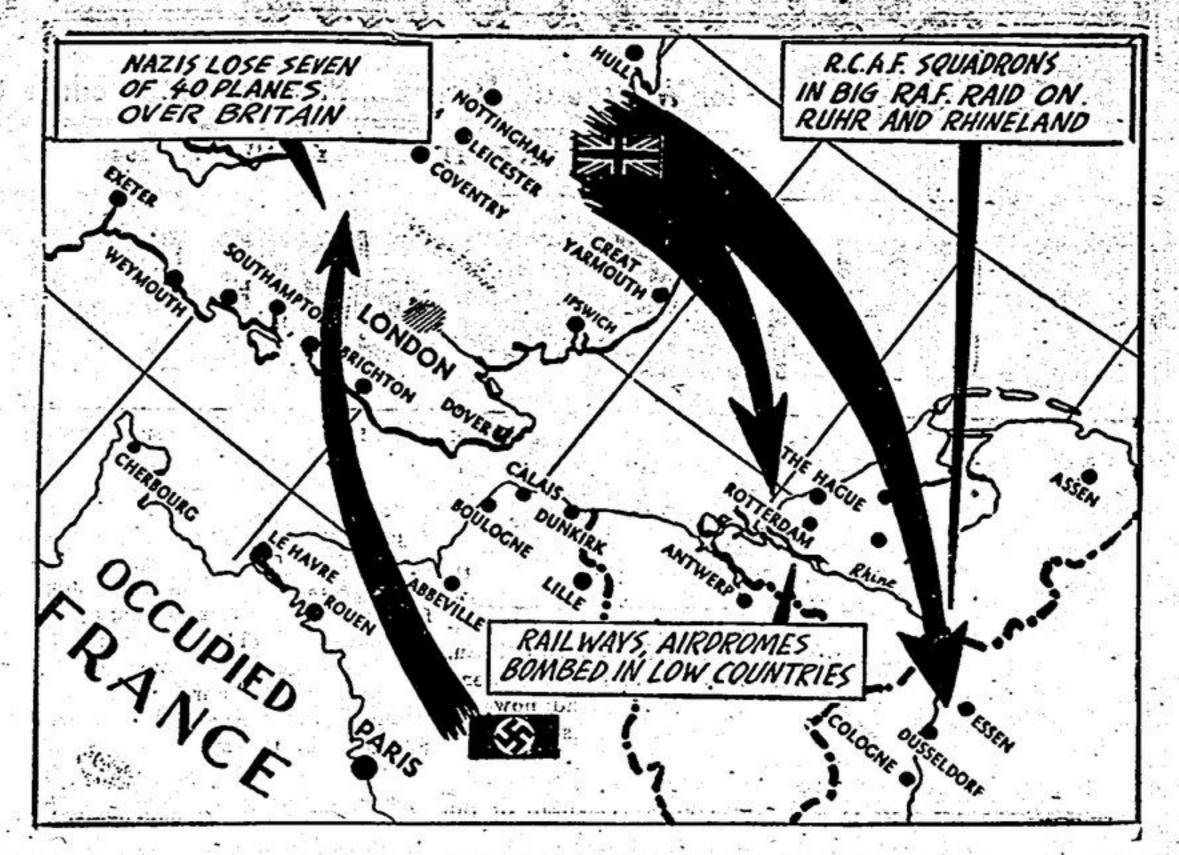
Undoubtedly, the risks of landing a British-American force in France or Norway have been carefully calculated. One key to them is in the air, literally and figuratively. For the clearest prerequite of any invasion attempt is an umbrella of air power. How far over the Continent the air front can be maintained is the most vital question. Britain couldn't hold Norway because her short-range fighter planes based in England couldn't protect her land and sea forces there, while the Germans, with short-hop land communications could base both bombers and fighters in Norway. One secret of Dunkirk was that there the RAF controlled the air.

It is such control that British-American forces need for crossing the Channel and opening a second front on the Continuent. The R.A.F. and the American air force of still undisclosed size now organizing at Irish and English bases probably would be able to place an umbrella over a crossing and even extend it inland for fifty to a hundred miles under present conditions. But would they be able to hold it and dist German mechanized forces moving up to asecond front should Nazi air power be concentrated in the West ?

That is the big question in Washington and London when the risks are calculated. Clearly, the longer British-American air power is built up and the farther East the Nazis are drawn, the smaller are the risks in the West. We trust equal attention is being given to the risks of waiting too long. To realize how important it is to keep the Russian front alive, one only needs to try to estimate the situation with that 2,000-mile sapper of Nazi strength immobilized. That danger might come quickly. Military experts are agreed that Japan is only waiting for the most favorable moment to give a second front.

We trust, too, that London and Washington are thinking not only of risks but of potential advantages from a second front. It has always been Berlin's nightmare. It would help not only the Russians, who undoubtedly would counterattack simultaneously if Nazi air power moved West, but the Allies in Egypt. And visible evidence of help near at hand should double and redouble the strength of revolt and sabotage on the Continent. Calculations are necessary to avoid raising falsehopes, or making futile sacrifices, but wars are won by imagination.

Map of Last Week's Big Raids



Lesson

Lesson for August 2 ABRAM: A PIONEER IN FAITH Golden Text-'Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward." Gen. 15:1. No one person, apart from the

pies so striking a place in human history as Abram the Hebrew (Gen. 14:13) or, as he was later known Abraham, the father of the faithful. A member of an idolatrous family when God first revealed Himself to him (Josh. 24:2) the young man of Ur of the Chaldees caught the vision of faith and gave himself up one true and living God, at a time (Heb. 11:13). when the knowledge of the Lord a king, the ruler of the city of Salem, identical with Jerusalem of a later day (Gen. 14:17, 19). Here large part of the world.

In the life of this man we see with a sacrifice. what great things God can do when Verse 8-"He removed .. pitch- tion. great nations, and specially of the nation of Israel, but he is even today the recognized spiritual sire of untold millions who throughout the centuries since have, like him, dared to believe God. "All who have faith "are blessed with faithful Abraham" (Gal. 3:7, 9) and are reckoned by God as "Abraham's seed" (Gal. 3:29). He is the patexample of one who believed God. Verse by Verse

Gen. 12:1-"The Lord had said." This was said to Abram while he still communicated the message he had received to his father, Terah determand so he took the initiative and emigrated from Ur to Haran in Syria, where the family remained until his ionce which afterward characteriz- inheritance.

great nation." Such, indeed, has been the nation of Israel, and its history is not yet finished. It will be greater in the not far-distant future, when restored to God and the land of Palestine, than ever it has been in the past. "I will bless thee, and make thy name great." This promise has been fulfilled to the letter. No greater name shines on history's page than that of the man who was content to be a stranger and a pilgrim for the sake of the God who had revealed Himself to his soul. "Thou shalt be a blessing." Through his example and the promised Seed, Jesus Christ, the too, has been and is being fulfilled.

bless thee, and curse him that curs- dead ... as the stars ... and as eth thee." This promise has never the sand ... innumerable." God is been abrogated. There is blessing the God of resurrection, who destill for those who show kindness lights to manifest His power when to Abraham's seed and the curse of all natural expectation is at an end. God abides upon those who perse- So Abraham and Sarah became the cute Israel. "In thee shall all fam- progenitors of a mighty host, numilles of the earth be blessed." Not berless as the stars, or the sands. until Christ returns and the king- Thus God fulfilled His word.

Sunday School doms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and His The Editor's Mail import of these words be realized. But even now all the world is under Dear Sir: obligation to Abraham for the Saviour born of his line after the paper to make an appeal for free

Abraham's nephew Lot was a follower, but never seemed to realize his personal responsibility. See Chapter 11:27, 31 Like many today Lot kept company with the man of faith, and was actually a righteous man (2 Pet. 2:7,8), but there was blessed Son of God Himself, occu- very little evidence of the activity Their salaries are so little. Why of faith seen in him.

Verse 5-"Into the land of .Canaan they came." This was after the death of Terah, when Abraham, in large each year for their transporresponse to the call of God, acted on tation they get. I think the best his own initiative, leaving Haran and going on to the land of God's choice. The journey begun so long before had ended at last, though for Abram there was never to be any unreservedly to the worship of the settled habitation in this world.

had almost vanished from the earth. Moreh." This was about in the grounds that the services make it In Canaan there was still a priest center of Palestine. There, sur- their business to see to it that it is of the most high God who was also rounded by the Canaanites, whose not used for any other means than land he was to inherit, Abram in the visiting of the homes and dwelt as a stranger.

and there amid the darkness of give this land." This, like the rest means should be punished. paganism a few other discerning of the covenant, was unconditional souls might be found who knew and promise and admits of no repeal, worshiped the Eternal Creator of for God's gifts and callings are never to be repented of (Rom. 11:29). all things. But it was to Abram that The land of Canaan belongs to Is-God revealed Himself in a new way, rael and they shall yet be in possand through him and his seed the ession of it. "There builded an true monotheistic religion (use the altar unto the Lord." The altar word in its colloquial sense) was speaks of worship. Wherever Abrarevived and spread throughout a ham went, as he journeyed throughout the land, he drew near to God

He finds a man who is content to be ed his tent .. and .. he builded an subject to His will and who values altar.' Between Bethel (the house His truth above all else. Abraham of God) and Hai (ruins, speaking became not only the father of many of this ruined world) Abraham is found with a tent and an altar. He is a worshipping pilgrim, with no continuing city.

Verse 9-"Going on still." From place to place he went, as it were, surveying the land promised to him and to his seed, but which he was never to possess actually, during his own lifetime.

Heb. 11:8-"By faith Abraham ... went out, not knowing whithtern man of faith, the outstanding er." It was enough for him to know that God had commanded him to go. In faith he went forth content to let the Lord lead the way. It is noticeable that in the Honor Roll dwelt in Ur, as Stephen tells us in of this eleventh chapter of Hebrews Acts 7:2. Evidently, when Abram more space is given to this great hero of faith than to any other person whose name is recorded.

ined to leave idolatrous associations Verse 9-"Dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob." Though all were "heirs of the same primes," they were content to dwell death. In this we do not see, on in pilgrims' tents as became men! the part of Abram, that full obed- whose hopes were set on a better

Verse 10-"A city which hath Verse 2-"I will make of thee a foundations." Abraham looked forward to a place in the city which John saw long afterward, coming down from God out of Heaven; the eternal home of the redeemed, and the capital of the Kingdom to be set up when Christ returns.

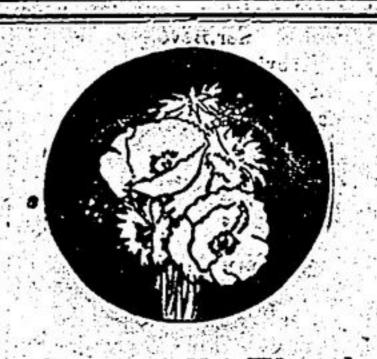
Verse 11-"Sara ... judged him faithful who had promised." Abraham's wife Sarah shared with him in the hope of the promised Seed. Though natural conditions seemed to make the fulfillment of God's word altogether unlikely, they both knew that with God all things are possible, and so their faith was rewarded in due time, and Isaac was born, that through him the son of Abraham (Matt. 1:1); this, covenant-line might be carried on. ·Verse 12 - "Therefore spring Verse 3-"I will bless them that there even of one ... as good as

May I be permitted space in your transportation for our soldiers, Verse 4-"Lot' went with him.' sailors and airmen, whom I feel sure are entitled to it since they are expected to risk their lives in order that these methods of transportation will be secure for us. Many of our fighting forces are hundreds of miles from their respective homes. should they be expected to pay transportation? The Government Ministers' bills to the country are contribution any Cabinet Minister could make, would be to pay his way and let army, navy, and air-force travel free of course. Such a privilege can be abused and taken advantage of. The Government could Verse 6-"The plain (or oak) of permit transportation free on the parents of the aforementioned for Verse 7-"Unto thy seed will I ces. Any found using it for any other

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The Canadian Bandmasters' Assocition will hold a convention at Newmarket on August 8 and 9. Seeing who they are there should be no discordant notes sounded.



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