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Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

WHAT CANADA IS DOING UNLIKE the United States, Canada has no system of compulsory selective service for duty overseas. Such a draft in Canada is politically too hot, for the war is not so popular in Quebec as it is in the other provinces. However, Canada is doing a great deal to help out Britain—the motherland whose imperials at continental affairs has exacted so heavy a toll. (We are paying, too!)

Thousands in England Canada now has 80,000 servicemen in the British Isles; she has 170,000 more men, enlisted for the duration, still in Canada, or the total 250,000 men in active service is 250,000. The Dominion is a huge land geographically, but sparsely populated. Taking the population factor of Canada and the United States into consideration, Canada's 250,000 would be comparable to a force of 2,500,000 here—a total Uncle Sam will soon have to consider.

Consider the pocketbook. In the present fiscal year, the Canadians will spend about 40 per cent of the total national income for war—that would be the equivalent of 30 billion dollars here. Canada is helping Britain in many ways, twice as much as she did in 1939. That is why they are hoping for a big British dollar this summer, so they can get more of those American products needed to buy American products.

Battle of the Atlantic The announcement in London that the submarine is being held in the North Atlantic is not surprising to this commentator. I predicted that some time ago, not on general principles, and not because I had superior sources of information, that the same victors and losers to the same eyes on the radio that you do.

I figured that as long as Britain possessed enough big guns to check surface raiders; enough smaller vessels to search for depth bombing and long-range air craft to assist generally, that the German threat could be taken care of, and that is just what is being done.

I suspect very strongly that earlier losses in the North Atlantic and present losses off South Amer-

A Teacher's Influence

The fine influence of a school teacher over her charges was illustrated in the Eccentric last week in the story about Mrs. Mabel V. Roy, of 455 South Bates street, who taught Governor Murray D. Van Wagoner in grade and high school when "Pat" lived in Pontiac. The Governor keeps a picture of her in his executive office in Lansing, and often sees her during the year. Mrs. Roy is one of those teachers who, while agreeing that academic knowledge is necessary, also leans her teaching with a wholesome practical philosophy: it was the who crystallized in "Pat" a "diffidence of the spirit"—a quality that is one of the Governor's strong assets; she also aided in developing "Pat's" natural tendency for fair play. Verily, verily, blessed are the teachers like Mrs. Mabel V. Roy.

For Readers, "Tired of War"

Every one in a while we hear from a subscriber who says that he is tired of war, rumors of war, explanations of warfare and prophecies as to the spread of war. In short, there are individuals who respectfully request copies on other subjects besides the war. We are nothing, if not anxious to please. Consequently, we intend to shift from the subject of war as far as possible and naturally we take up the subject of peace. As near as we can make out the present situation is in the outlook now. Peace, like the weather, is the subject of many conversations, but nobody seems able to do anything in its behalf. A cursory glance at the activity of the well-known human race, scattered all over the globe, discloses that there is little peace to be found anywhere on the earth.

Peace is not to be found in Europe, where the normal social structure has been shattered and shocked people find it difficult to get on their feet. Peace is not to be found in Asia, now writhing in the throes of an effort to establish a "New Order" designed, according to its protagonists, to promote and preserve peace. No reliable observer can be found to report that peace dwells in Africa and even in North America, peace is trampled under the feet of marching men. It may be in South America, but, if so, it is not heard over the hubbub of prophets foretelling dire events that threaten the Western Hemisphere.

Peace may be remembered in the great dream of many men, women and children, and the victim of those who profess to love it most. These lovers of peace stand idly by, strangely silent and submissive, while the enemies of peace forged the links in the chain which now binds us to death.

Happily for the race of men, we are encouraged to look ahead to a better day, when hopes of peace shall again stir the souls of men. When that glad morning dawns upon a wounded world, let us not forget that peace, like art, can be won only by the sacrifice of all. The race of man may have learned, by that time, that peace has its price, which all men must be willing to pay, if we intend to preserve it.

New Treaty With Mexico

It is interesting to report that the Mexican and American governments have unanimously ratified a treaty between their countries providing for the reciprocal use of air bases by military airplanes. While the agreement is in terms of mutually beneficial to the United States and Mexico, our airplanes, anxious to get to Panama, if necessary, can fly over Mexican territory, stop at Mexican airports and get supplies of gasoline.

The President, in submitting the pact to the Senate, declared that in view of the exceptional circumstances which have arisen from the present European conflict, both countries realized the necessity of insuring conditions of maximum speed for movements of planes in connection with defense of the American continent.

Practically Every Penny Spent on our Defense Program

insofar as natural production of wealth is concerned, is a waste of human energy. The money to pay for it must come, as the years go on, from taxes upon people who want to spend all their earnings on the necessities, and some luxuries, of life; but they will not be able to spend all of their earnings, for the tax collector will come along and extract money to pay for the cost of defense. We are mentioning this as a reminder in spite of the fact that, of course, we must spend this money now for defense against European dictator threats.

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Eccentricities

A pat on the back develops character, if administered rough enough, often enough, and low enough.—Russell Conwell, Am. New.

Blessed are they who have no credit; they won't spend the rest of their lives paying for something they no longer have.—Dobsonham.

From Washington comes word that staggered pay days may be adopted for federal employes in the next city. Will not. The federal payroll is already staggering.—New York Sun.

Some neighbors are "hateful," and others are "friendly" to her house because a nuisance.—Portland, Me. Express.

Contribute Scrap Aluminum

After checking the results obtained in four states of Virginia and Wisconsin, the Office of Production Management will soon appeal to the people of the United States to make 20,000,000 pounds of aluminum from kitchen pots and pans and various pieces of scrap metal. In this respect, the program is completed at Richmond, Va., and Madison, Wis., some 80,000 pounds of aluminum, about four times the amount expected, were collected. This is enough, according to officials, to build nearly three long-range bombers. The people of America, we feel sure, will enthusiastically cooperate with the people of other sections in this salvage enterprise which will mean much to the defense program of the United States. They will provide the needed metal for more than a hundred giant flying fortresses which will help to keep this country free and independent.

Rural Electrification Important

The rural electrification program, providing for the lighting of farmers throughout the nation, according to the Rural Electrification Administration, which recently reported that ingenious farmers have found more than 320 ways of putting electricity to work. Space is not available to recount the diversified uses of electricity in connection with agricultural work, but rural electrification did nothing more than make available to the homes of farmers the same conveniences that make living more enjoyable for city families, when the program is properly installed.

Farmers throughout the United States should insist upon the continued extension of electricity to rural areas. Life on the farms must be made attractive as compared with the urban centers, if the nation is to expect progress and high productive agriculture. The amazing fact about rural electrification is not the recent extension of electricity to many farm homes, gratifying as this is, but the absence of electricity in rural areas, for 64 million rural farm homes have been without it since 1935.

Company Returns Half of Profits

The Navy Department announced that the Associated Shipbuilders of Seattle, Washington, has notified that the company will return about fifty per cent of its original estimated profits on a contract for constructing a passenger liner to the Government.

Ralph Bard, acting secretary of the Navy, thinks that this cooperative patriotic action should be lauded to the attention of the American public. He points out that this is the first time during the present emergency that a company has voluntarily offered to refund profits. He stressed the fact that the company acted voluntarily and on its own initiative, with fair business standards in the interest of the country.

It seems that the Seattle company undertook to construct a passenger liner and a troop transport for \$22,000,000. The work began last November and while it was under way, the company was awarded a contract for the building of four seaplane tenders. This is interesting because the work was decreased, and the company, according to the Navy, will reach the point where they are overpaid.

In calling attention to this remarkable action, the Associated Shipbuilders of Seattle, Washington, said that it is proud to be the first time that the organization is the joint venture of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Company and the Lake Union Shipyards, both in Seattle.

On congratulating the management of the organization, the Navy said that it is proud of the industrial companies of the United States now engaged in production under the defense program.

Paderewski is a man that has probably will be associated with the greatest music of his time. First for a virtuoso, as expressed in music, and second, for patriotic devotion to one's own country. Paderewski was undoubtedly the world's greatest pianist, as well as a composer of fine high quality. He lived in Poland and he is known to the world. He lived to a ripe old age, he much, did much, endured much, and he died as an inspiration to millions of men, and to tens of millions of women.

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PALS



Happenings of Long Ago

July 2, 1891

Will South's boat, which was built by a man named Brown, was the first of its kind. It was built in New York City and was the first of its kind.

All other boats of this kind in Michigan were built by Henry Ford in 1913. He built the first of its kind in Michigan and was the first of its kind.

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Congressional Comment

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THE ECCENTRIC'S Camera Corner

Why not take your camera to the Merchants' big fireworks show Friday night at the City's south-side street, Lincoln and Cranbrook? Some good fireworks pictures will make an interesting addition to your collection.

As a subject for pictorial photographic activity, fireworks are rather well known, and the method of picturing them is generally understood. The practice is to place the camera on a tripod or have firm support, turn the lens toward the portion of the scene where fireworks are being displayed, open the shutter and leave it open until the rocket has burst and the last spark has died.

Note the picture above. To get the full effect of a rocket, Brown says that it is necessary to stand some distance back from the point where the fireworks are being discharged. If you stand too close, he points out, the top burst may not be included in your camera's field of view. It is quite possible, he adds, to stand near the firing point, and aim the camera toward the object of interest. This method of picturing them is generally understood. The practice is to place the camera on a tripod or have firm support, turn the lens toward the portion of the scene where fireworks are being displayed, open the shutter and leave it open until the rocket has burst and the last spark has died.

Other Suggestions Hold up a few of the other camera suggestions gleaned from the fireworks section of Brown's book:

1. A boy or girl holding a Roman candle at dusk, while there is still enough light to illuminate the face, will provide an interesting subject. From the figure's hand there will emanate long streaks of light, such as those produced by tracer bullets.

2. By taking a large sparkler and bending the wire so it can be held in the hand and twisted in a circle as it burns, you can get the effect of a wheel of fire. The same effect, on a grander scale, is obtained by tying the sparkler several times to a piece of cord and having the subject whirl it in a wide circle about him.

3. Set pieces can be photographed with snaphot exposures. And close-up details of various ornamental fireworks, such as fountain and pinwheel, can be interesting.

Pointing out that much more pleasing results may be obtained by opening the lens for only one or two or three bursts are fired. Brown explains that the duration of exposure required for such pictures also permits considerable ground detail to register, if you want it, and if the camera is aimed for it. Remember, however, that generally the main object of photographing fireworks is to capture an attractive picture of light streaks against a dark background.

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