

## NEWS PARADE...

Wars used to be comparatively simple affairs in the old days when two countries got mad at each other, went to war with tangible weapons, fought on actual fields of battle, in those days you could tell which side had won which engagement, and who was likely to come out on top in the end. But in the twentieth century, with the introduction of the economic battle-ground and high-powered propaganda weapons, warfare has become a thing of infinite complexity, fought with ideas, threats, diplomatic coups — and few can understand and interpret the course it takes.

Small wonder then, that, as the Second World War came to the close of the fourth month, nobody knew which side — Germany or the Allies — was winning.

To many, however, it seemed during the sixteenth week that Germany was losing out on the sea. The scuttling of the *Columbus* and the *Grifone*, the sinking of a large number of submarines, undoubtedly weakened Germany as a sea power. But let us look at the situation in the light of the belligerents' naval objectives: The Allies are working for the complete domination of the seas, cutting off all traffic by sea, to and from Germany — an ambitious undertaking; Germany's naval objective — the crippling of the British mercantile marine and the interdiction of neutral ships to the end that supplies reaching Great Britain by sea may be seriously curtailed — is more modest, but its attainment would be no less damaging to the Allies than attainment of the Allied objective would be to Germany, because of the greater dependence of the British Isles on seaborne traffic.

In the air, too, nothing conclusive has been proven up to the end of 1939. Air operations on both sides have been defensive; or used as an aid in obtaining naval objectives; or in reconnaissance.

How long would the war last? Highly-placed staff officers of the French army ventured a prediction that it would continue another 18 months, the Germans, they said, must make some spectacular move, probably in the spring, to keep up the Nazi morale. "They will make some blunder and the war will be over." On the Western Front, perhaps, yes, but should the conflict become wider, assume new shape and end, who could guess when it might end?

"On Christmas Day in the morning," King George spoke to the Empire... Helsingfors was bombed again... Canadian troops were up in London... British households... Prime Minister de Valera of Eire urged a peace conference now, instead of at the end of an exhausting war... all leaves were cancelled from the Norwegian army... Italians throughout Italy thought of giving thanks for peace in their own country... Pope Pius XII read a letter from President Roosevelt, pleading his aid in early peace moves... Stalin formally thanked Hitler for birthday congratulations received...

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## Small Number Actual Fliers

Many More Technicians Are Necessary

There's more to the flying game than pilots. This is being well illustrated as intensive training of men in the Royal Canadian Air Force swings into high gear. As a matter of fact, the number of actual fliers in the force is a definite minority.

The R. C. A. F., to put men in fighting planes, needs hundreds of skilled tradesmen. Just a few of the types that go to make up the force are aero engine mechanics, airplane mechanics, armament artificers, clerks, cooks, disciplinarians, electricians, fabric workers and tailors.

Many Never Off Ground Many of these men never will fly. It is the job of the pilot. Their work is to make this job possible. These men are being drilled, put into fine physical shape, given elementary training and then moved to air bases in other Ontario centres for instruction that will bring them to a high point of efficiency.

## Stalwarts of Canada's First Division Land in England



Arriving at an unnamed port in the British Isles, soldiers of Canada's first division are shown as they stepped ashore. The ships that carried them slipped into their docks and the Canucks disembarked before news of their arrival was made public.

## Thinking Lags Behind Science

McGill Expert Urges The World to Catch Up With New Scientific Developments Hope for Civilization Lies in Knowledge

"One of the reasons for the troubles of the world today is that we are living in a scientific civilization and we don't live or think scientifically in it," Prof. C. Leonard Haskins, head of the department of genetics at McGill University, last week told a Montreal audience.

He urged that there should be a more general adoption of the scientific attitude and a wider appreciation of the value of pure science as a method of training, a means of obtaining knowledge, and as an end to the development of a balanced philosophy of life.

Implications Clear Quoting Sir Richard Gregory, Professor Haskins said that "the view that the sole function of science is the discovery and study of natural facts and principles without regard to the social implications of the knowledge gained, can no longer be maintained. It is being widely recognized that science cannot be divorced from ethics, or rightly absolve itself from the human responsibilities in the application of its discoveries."

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## Army's Biggest Feet Located In Montreal

Man Should Know Himself Whatever hope there is for the future of civilization, he said, lies in knowledge, the scientific method of getting it, and particularly in biological science which will ultimately teach man to know himself.

A claim of having the soldier with the biggest feet in the Canadian army has passed from Toronto to Montreal.

The new record holder is Cpl. C. A. Mallette of the Canadian Dental Corps. He has been in the army nearly two months, and a uniform to fit him has yet to be found. He was especially measured for his boots—size 15. Sapper Robert Barnes of the Royal Canadian Engineers, at Toronto, took a mere 14½.

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## VOICE of the PRESS

### New Radium Mine In Ontario Is Rich

Will Soon Be Producing In The Wilberforce Area

Canada is soon to have another economic producing mine. Definite information that a mine in the Wilberforce area of Ontario, will soon be producing the world's richest element was given in Toronto last week.

Construction of a 100-ton mill building is completed and the balance of the crushing equipment is being installed with the least possible delay. The company has been informed that the separation unit, which employs the electro-chemical process for breaking down the ore and extracting the various metals and oxides in commercial form, is rapidly nearing completion.

Other Rare Elements Laboratory tests and analyses on samples from the property it is reported reveal the presence of tellurium, beryllium, gold, tungsten, and some of the other rare elements, as well as uranium, the maternal ancestor of radium.

## The Book Shelf

By Agnes Newton Keith

"Land Below the Wind" by Agnes Newton Keith is the American wife of an English official in one of the furthest outposts of the British Empire. The story of her life in that Far Country, Borneo, is told in her prize-winning autobiography, "Land Below the Wind." She has lived in Sandakan, the capital, she has accompanied her husband on his expeditions deep into the jungle and far up the rivers. In this book she makes her readers enjoy the timeless days, the exotic nights of Borneo, we see her house in the heart of a tropical moonlight and also when it is drenched and leaking in a monsoon. We see her surrounded with its Chinese cooks, its Murut houseboys, and its assortment of monkeys and mongooses. We see what the jungle can do to a woman who is both curious and courageous.

Nora Wain (famous author of "Reaching for the Stars," "House of Exile") says: "Land Below the Wind" is one of those happenings that make life worth while."

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## Have You Heard

### SECOND-HAND BUREAUS

With all these bureaus being established at Ottawa it looks as though the Government will have a second-hand furniture on its hands at the end of the war—*Evening Gazette*.

WHAT THE TOURIST WANTS Pleasant eating and sleeping places, offering service at reasonable rates, are as important to traveling tourists as interesting country and good roads—*Evening Journal*.

ELOQUENT TRAFFIC SIGN Something new in road signs has a deep significance, one that is found in a small Ontario town. The sign reads: "No Hospital." Not a bad sign at that—*Port Erie Times*.

RAISE MORE SHEEP When the Hon. P. M. Doherty spoke recently in Brantford, he pointed out that farmers could make no mistake in raising more sheep. Now the Canadian wool administrator declares that Canada is 8,000,000 pounds short of wool to fill her requirements at the present time. The need of wool was offer a fine opportunity to develop the sheep raising industry in Canada—*Brantford Express*.

## GET YOUR COPY

Time for copy of "Who's Who" in Canada. This year's edition of "Who's Who" is now on sale. It contains the names and addresses of 100,000 of the leading men and women of Canada. It is a valuable reference work for all who are interested in the lives of the great men and women of Canada. It is a must for every library and a valuable addition to every home.

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## Spaniel's Potions

Mighty Expensive

Sparky, a Cocker spaniel, got a mighty expensive drink of water from his master, Thomas J. Hounihan, of Richmond, Va., last week. Mrs. Hounihan, occupied with baking, put her diamond ring and wedding band into a glass tumbler, and gave the pup water to drink from the glass. Something clinked against the pup's teeth.

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## Classified Advertisements

CHESTERFIELDS \$1 WEEKLY

SPICED CHESTERFIELD SUITES in velvet and heavy damask, reconditioned, originally set, now new one, 3 pieces complete, including bed, dresser, chest, and wardrobe, \$150.00. Also 2-piece complete, \$100.00. All new, never used, in excellent condition. Call for details.

OFFER TO INVESTORS AN OFFER TO EVERY INVESTOR. List of investments and full information sent free. The Ramsey Corp., Registered, Bank of America, Bank Street, Ottawa, Canada.

## Prisoners of War

Bureau Set Up

The Prisoners of War Information Bureau (Canada) is now functioning under the direction of Col. G. H. Steffen of Ottawa. The new bureau is receiving information concerning Canadian prisoners of war in Germany. Canadian nationals interned in Germany, Canadian members of the United Kingdom forces who are prisoners of war in Germany, and Canadian soldiers interned or Canadian civilian refugees stranded in neutral countries.

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6. Is it necessary to answer a wedding invitation that includes an invitation to the reception?

Answers

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A. Cover the hat with a mixture of one quart of cornmeal, one cup of salt, and one cup of flour, and allow to remain for 24 hours; then brush off. This treatment will remove only the soft spots.

Q. How can I cause croquet to keep their shape better?

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## THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

General Statement, 30th November, 1939

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid up	\$ 35,000,000.00
Reserve fund	\$ 2,000,000.00
Balance of profit and loss account	\$ 2,000,000.00
Dividends unpaid	\$ 2,000,000.00
Deposits by and balances due to Dominion Government	\$ 1,000,000.00
Deposits by and balances due to Provincial Governments	\$ 1,000,000.00
Deposits by and balances due to other chartered banks in Canada	\$ 1,000,000.00
Deposits by and balances due to banks and banking corporations in the United Kingdom and foreign countries	\$ 1,000,000.00
Notes of the bank in circulation	\$ 1,000,000.00
Acceptances and letters of credit outstanding	\$ 1,000,000.00
Liabilities to the public not included under the foregoing heads	\$ 1,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$101,700,745.00</b>

ASSETS	
Gold held in Canada	\$ 1,000,000.00
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1939: \$ 2,000,000.00

Profit for the year ended 30th November, 1939: \$ 2,000,000.00

Profit for the year ended 30th November, 1938: \$ 2,000,000.00

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:

Dividend No. 206 at 5% per annum: \$ 1,750,000.00

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Dividend No. 199 at 5% per annum: \$ 1,750,000.00

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Dividend No. 170