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EDITORIAL

No Dishonorable Peace - - -

It is only in a democracy that a scene such as that which took place yesterday in the British House of Commons could have occurred. In the face of general but silent disapproval, six Socialist members suggested that a peace move be started, but they were solemnly and sedately voted down. Later they filed out to the lobby, the whole House recording opposition to any such move.

The British have been subjected to very great suffering. They have seen their women and children blown to pieces and their homes destroyed. But the attitude of the people is that there is something much greater than death. They are prepared to fight for the right no matter what may befal. It seems evident that the people of Britain are behind the House of Commons in the attitude they have taken. They want no dishonorable peace.

Pity The Poor Railroads - - -

The railroads of the world are having a bad time. Not only are they competing unfairly against trucks that pay almost nothing for their right of way and against an industry that has no labor union to protect its employees and see that they work only reasonable hours. Now they are beginning to feel the pressure of competition from airplanes. So far this competition has been not very important but it is only beginning. It is claimed that planes can be built now that will carry passengers at about two cents a mile and freight at such a rate as to compare favorably with many of the present railway rates. Progress along these lines is held up by the war restrictions but once the war is over, planes will be used much more than they are today. Yet we cannot very well get along without the railways. They are necessary for the long hauls and especially for the handling of heavy shipments. Halibut could not very well be taken to the Atlantic coast without the railways unless it was carried by huge refrigeration planes.

Crippling The Enemy - - -

The Royal Air Force activities have severely crippled the enemy and, if the British get enough airplanes and trained men, they will be able to smash all the synthetic oil plants in the Reich and also tie up transportation and destroy oil stores so that the enemy activities which are all based on a proper oil supply will be completely paralyzed. That will mark the end of the German resistance. They cannot possibly fight without oil any more than they can fight without shells.

Just now the British have had to divert many of their bombing planes to help Greece drive the Italians out of Albania. This part of the war will not last indefinitely. Some people think Italy will sue for peace and others feel sure they will soon lose their African possessions. The Italian army has been bogged down on the Egyptian border for many months. Once this part of the war is settled, fewer British planes will be needed there. More will be available for use in carrying the war into Germany. This is not the time for the British to talk peace. Rather it is a good time for Hitler to try to have the fighting stopped.

It's interesting to know when reading the Daily News that the people of the whole district are doing the same.

Clocks Uniting Wartorn Family

Peter's Mother In England Knows Where Her Son In Canada Is Dining

REGINA, Dec. 6: (CP)— Peter Findlay, 11, is far from home, but he has received some reminders of war from his Middlesex home where his parents have a map of Saskatchewan and a clock on the mantel set at Regina time.

When it is 11 p.m. Middlesex time, Peter's mother can visualize him eating supper at 5 o'clock in Regina.

Peter's parents sent him a tin box filled with a jagged piece of copper shrapnel, a piece of braided parachute cord and a stout piece of greenish German parachute cloth which was found in the garden of his home. A delayed action landmine floated to the garden with the parachute and was detonated by an engineers' precaution squad.

Peter is in Regina for the duration, staying with his great-aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Findlay.

Man in the Moon

If you are a nut, do not let that worry you. The mighty oak started from a similar source.

The pale moon has been responsible for many happy honeymoons.

The pen may be mightier than the sword but not every pen.

"I say, Pete, your girl looked quite tempting in that sort of Biblical gown she was wearing last night."

"What do you mean, Biblical gown?"

"Oh, you known, sort of low and behold."

There should be turkey for Christmas now that London and Ankara have made another trade treaty.

Some people get depressed in this kind of weather but Jake says he gets exhilirated. He has time to make a call at the spirit shop.

We got talking, and I asked him what his line was.

"Entertainment business," he said. "But I lost my show when things started going to the dogs."

"Was it a musical show?"

"No. A flea circus."

A bit later I heard one chap say to another, "He'd like to live a loose life, but he can't poor chap."

"Why?" I butted in. "What's the matter with him?"

"He's in jail."

The following paragraph is from a down east U.S. paper:

"Upon the return from her wedding trip the bride will begin housekeeping with her broom in the new home, a gift from her father."

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Show Boys How To Fix Motors

Women's Service Corps Invades U. S. Camps Getting Practice In Mechanics

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 6: (CP)— Lug wrenches and pliers are replacing powder puffs as the American silk stocking army goes on the march.

Throughout the United States young women, eager to aid in national defence, are joining the National Service League Motor Corps, a volunteer organization that would drive ambulances and act as mechanics in case of war or a dire emergency.

The Tacoma unit was the first to get actual experience. While soldiers, shocked at seeing young, attractive women in overseas caps in their camp, watched bug-eyed, corps members worked on army ambulances at Camp Murray where the National Guard's 41st Division is having a year's training.

The idea of training Uncle Sam's young women to drive ambulances and be ready for non-combatant service orginated with Miss Harriet Virginia of California, who was an ambulance driver overseas during the First Great War.

Although the girls will be prepared for overseas or hemispheric service, Miss Virginia—ranked as "Lieutenant-Colonel" in the motor corps—states this as the organization's aim:

"In times of national emergency or local stress, earthquake or fire, invasion or bombing attack, the members of the corps will jump into their uniforms and go to their stations. They will be trained and disciplined, and they will hold the respect of the local police and military forces, and the public at large.

General Schmedlin Is Visitor Here

Quartermaster General for Canada is Paying an Inspection Visit to Prince Rupert

Major General E. J. C. Schmedlin, Quarter Master General of the Canadian Army, is a visitor here on official inspection duties. He arrived on last night's train from Ottawa and will proceed from this city to Vancouver. General Schmedlin is no stranger to Prince Rupert. A few years ago he visited here frequently in connection with the organization of local defences, then being with the Royal Canadian Engineers.

SAY SALONIKA

ATHENS, Dec. 6: (CP)—Talking of Greek war names the correct pronunciation of Salonika is Sal own'j ka ("I" as in "it").

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LAND ARMY FOR WOMEN

Leader Of Groups Finds No Prejudice Against Girl Farmhands

OTTAWA, Dec. 6: (CP)—A goodly number of Canadian women want a national women's land army in the belief that before this war is over women trained to handle farm duties are going to be needed as never before, says Mrs. Dorothy Walcot of Toronto.

"They want to be prepared before the call comes," Mrs. Walcot said here in an interview. "There's going to be a labor shortage which may bring this call sooner than we expect."

In Ottawa to interview government officials Mrs. Walcot said she had 175 girls in Toronto organized to form the nucleus of a land army. "The women are eager and there's absolutely no prejudice among farmers against female farmhands," said the Toronto woman, an instructress in the Women's Land Army in England during the First Great War.

One official had told her that women could only be used in a very limited capacity. Bristling but smart in her khaki Canadian Women's Service Force uniform, Mrs. Walcot asked how. The official said "Do you think any of your girls would be prepared to clean out a stable and haul manure?"

"I answered 'Yes, indeed,'" said Mrs. Walcot.

Busy In Britain

Mrs. Walcot claims to have handled every sort of a job a farm can produce. Today, she said, there are nearly 10,000 British girls running tractors and managing farms and doing every sort of agricultural labor.

"If they can, we can," said Mrs. Walcot. "Think of the jobs the women did who lived on the early Canadian homesteads?"

Not discouraged by lack of official recognition, Mrs. Walcot made a tour of some Ontario farms and discovered "men wanted" signs in many places. Farmers told her no men had applied so she gathered eight members of the C. W. S. F. and took them to a farmer to pick tomatoes. The farmer next door asked her for 15 pickers and another came to her for 10 more.

Her little force of 175 girls in the summer and fall was divided into two groups. Some lived in Toronto and the others near Clarkson, Ont., about 18 miles from Toronto. The city girls were picked up by truck every day at 7:15 a.m. and taken to the country to work on farms. They returned home at 6 p.m.

Those living at Clarkson were quartered in a large house that was loaned them. Twenty girls were under a "non-commissioned officer" and had a soldier's wife as a voluntary housekeeper.

Routine began with morning bell at 6:30. Girls went out to farms, picking, doing domestic work and helping in any way possible. In the evening they had drill, route march or recreation and lights out was sounded at 10:30 p.m.

Drawn mostly from the unemployed Mrs. Walcot said her girls were formerly waitresses, stenographers, domestic servants, clerks, manicurists and even models. They were nearly all city-bred but are delighted to work and live in the country.

For work the girls wore dark blue overhalls with shoulder straps, white shirts, blue kerchiefs on their heads and red C.W.S.F. armbands.

"The work is given dignity and the girls feel in addition to earning a living they are doing a national service," said Mrs. Walcitt.

EYES ACROSS BALTIC

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6: (CP)— In Sweden's effort to regain trade lost by war in the North Sea "much hope is placed in Soviet Union" said G. Hagglof of the Swedish Foreign Office.

SWEDEN'S SHIPS

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 6: (CP)—Including October, Sweden's merchant marine losses in the war total 49 vessels, totalling 195,000 tons.

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