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EDITORIALS

COMPULSORY REGISTRATION

Something that is sure to come pretty soon is compulsory registration of all persons—citizens or not citizens—who happen to be living in the country. This would enable the government to find out what possible material they might call upon for any special duties, military, naval or in any other capacity.

Just now there is a voluntary registration in progress which has already proved valuable. Discoveries have been made of men employed in very humble capacities who might have been doing very valuable work elsewhere. A government compulsory registration might be even better. It will have to come sooner or later, so why wait? The government of the country should have the history of every citizen at a time like this.

SPLENDID RESITANCE

The planned retreat of the French army in France keeping up a steady retreat from an overwhelming enemy without breaking and holding them all the time and taking a heavy toll at every big engagement, is a historic strategic move. It is a form of battle that requires courage and endurance and evidently the French people have that. They are fighting for their own country in their own land and there is no weakening. Fighting against machines and bombs and with heavily armed forces outnumbering them all the time, they have been the wonder of the world. We shall always remember that stubborn resistance as one of the outstanding features of the war.

BOMBING OF GERMANY

So far in the air battles the British have had much the best of it. German military objectives in numerous cities have been bombed. Even Berlin has not escaped. Troop transports, munitions factories, oil bases and troops have all be subjected to effective attacks by the Royal Air Force and by French planes. All this time Britain has suffered very little, the enemy contenting himself with a few scattered bombs most of which have fallen wide of their mark. The British Isles have so far escaped almost wholly.

HELP FROM UNITED STATES

Already help from the United States is beginning to arrive. American planes have been active, flying from British and French bases and doing effective work. American airmen are enlisting in the Canadian and British forces and some of these are flying their planes across the Atlantic. Day after day we find the power of resistance to Nazi forces increasing. We can beat them man for man but they had the advantage of numbers, both of planes, men and ammunition. Gradually this is being rectified. Up to this time the Germans have been able to carry out their plans but they are nearing the end. Their extended lines are weakening and we should soon see a change in the situation. It is a righteous war and we cannot be beaten. We may lose a battle but we cannot lose the war if we all do our part.

WOMEN AT WORK NOW

Wives Of Ministers Among Those Taking Over Husbands' Duties

By DILYS THOMAS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, June 14: (CP)—Business as usual" is no mere slogan for a great many wives in this country. Increasing numbers are carrying on their husbands' jobs when the men are called up for service.

Many wives are found taking charge of small retail businesses but some operate service stations, hairdressing salons, bakehouses or even act as commercial travellers.

Two women have become Baptist ministers. One is Mrs. Ian R. Henderson, wife of the minister of Blonfield Memorial Baptist Church, Benwell, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Her husband is a chaplain in the Royal Air Force.

Members of Blonfield Church decided unanimously to ask Mrs. Henderson to carry on in her husband's absence. She preaches on Sunday and holds wedding or funeral services as required.

Mrs. Wiles, wife of the minister of Burlington Baptist Church, Ipswich, already has conducted her first marriage service. It was a double wedding, the brides being the daughters of the choirmaster.

When Albert Stringer, boot repairer of Andover, Hants, joined up, he left behind a wife and five children. But that did not worry Mrs. Stringer. As well as doing the housework and looking after the children she finds time to repair between 40 and 60 pairs of boots and shoes a week.

The only training she had was watching her husband who, when he came home on leave, complimented his wife on the "professional finish" to her work.

Had Passengers, Valuable Cargo

In Spite of This Italian Liner Was Scuttled on Being Intercepted By British Ship

SYDNEY, Australia, June 13: (CP)—The Italian liner Romolo, which was set afire by her crew in mid-Pacific when intercepted by an Australian merchant cruiser, carried passengers and valuable cargo. At an Indian port the steamship Calabria was seized by the Indian government.

D'YE KEN JOHN PEEL?

INGARSBY, Eng., June 14: (CP)—Major John Ellis Viccars, 58, of Ingarsby Old Hall, shot himself when told he must give up hunting because of his health.

NO, NOT IN SCOTLAND

BILSINGTON, Eng., June 14: (CP)—Bilsington Parish Council has been using the same check book for 45 years, the secretary has announced. During that time only 57 checks have been issued. Bilsington is in Kent.

ITALIANS ARE BACK OF ALLIES

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operate in anything that would tend to make a happier Canada, Empire and world. Local Italian people it was true found themselves in an embarrassing situation. He believed this was not merely because they thought of themselves but because they disagreed with Mussolini's declaration of war and events leading up to it. If the people at this meeting were not at heart opposed to the ideals of Mussolini they should not be at the meeting. The cardinal principle of Mussolini philosophy was that the individual should be sacrificed for the state. Such was diametrically opposed to the British democratic philosophy. Britons also prided themselves on playing the game fairly but this could not be allowed to "let the other fellow make a fool of us." The Speaker could hardly believe that Mussolini could have gone so far unless the majority of the people of Italy approved of his principles. Apparently, Mussolini represented the spirit of the Italy of today although his philosophy was difficult indeed to reconcile with the traditions and historic ideals of the nation.

The Italians in Canada had come here, the speaker believed, to enjoy freedom of action and religion, economic security and peace. Many Italians had proven this and had made their contribution to this country. There was no good reason why those of Italian origin could not continue to live peacefully and harmoniously with Canadians. But the time had come when they must decide whether they were for or against Canada. There could be no middle course. Nor were mere words enough. Those words must be backed up by sympathies, ideals and possible action. If the impossible happened and Hitler and Mussolini won the war, would the Italians now here "fight with them or with us?" Canadians, and many of them knew the horrors of war, considered that to live under Hitler would be worse than to endure the horrors of war.

Mr. Wilson referred to statements that local Italians had been known to have made in the past expressing favor for Mussolini and his policies. Canadians remembered those statements and, naturally, wondered if the same views were still held—secretely if not openly. If local Italians renounced such views and had common ideals with Canada and the British Empire, all could work together for a better world. "If not, we should put them where they ought to be put."

Inspector Barber

Inspector C. G. Barber expressed some disappointment at the number present. The large majority of those present, he believed, could be relied upon but there was an element not present which should have been. He requested that each and every one of those present at the meeting give their own history sheet and also co-operate in advising the authorities of all Italians who were not present. The inspector asked that all unnaturalized Italians call at his office without delay. It was required that all unnaturalized persons turn in any firearms they might have.

After hearing Mr. Wilson and Inspector Barber, the resolution of allegiance and fealty was moved by Fred Lanza, seconded by Angelo Astori, and carried unanimously by the standing assembly.

After the collection for the Red Cross had been taken up, the meeting closed with the hearty singing of "God Save the King."

Bright Yellow For R.A.F. S.O.S.

Contrast With Green Of Sea Makes It Valuable For Rescues

LONDON, June 14: (CP)—Because bright yellow is the most striking of all colors the Royal Air Force is using it more widely than ever, especially to facilitate search for R. A. F. crews forced down at sea. It has been used for a long time to distinguish R. A. F. trainer aircraft.

Inflatable dinghies carried by all service aircraft operating over water have been painted bright yellow and skull caps of a similar striking shade are supplied flying crews. The R. A. F. is experimenting with a chemical substance which will create a large yellow patch on the sea around a dinghy to guide searching aircraft.

BANKERS GO UNION

LONDON, June 14: (CP)—The Bank Officers' Guild will apply for affiliation with the Trades Union Congress, following a resolution at its annual conference here which was passed with only two dissentients.

Hunt Wolves By Airplane

Alaskan Pilot Suggests It As Giving Hunter A Break

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, June 14: (CP)—Wolf hunting by airplane to protect Alaska's big game is advocated by Pilot Don Glass.

He declared that because hunters have to obtain the left front foot of a wolf to collect their $20 bounty, they are not likely to hunt in inaccessible areas because of the expense.

Don said he has seen wolves in ever-growing numbers during cross-country flights and that moose never travel singly any more because of the wolves, but are seen in bands of at least eight or more.

He suggested game commission officials might go along with the hunter-pilot to testify as to the number of wolves killed.

Will Encourage Low Grade Ores

Australia May Relieve Small Production Properties from Some Taxation

CANBERRA, June 14: (CP)—Australia's gold tax act may shortly be amended to exempt gold produced in low-grade mining enterprises from taxation. The move is designed to encourage gold production to improve the overseas exchange position. Treasurer Spender said there was no intention of remitting the tax in the case of ordinary profitable gold mining enterprises.

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