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The Second Front . . .

The question of a second front in Europe, much as we would like to see one started to relieve Russia in her present straits, is something that we might as well think of realistically and dispassionately. It is simply one of those things that is easier said than done.

Those who talk impatiently about the second front wondering why it is not done without delay may not have thought very deeply of what a second front, the popular conception of which is a land invasion of Europe, would involve. Before we can start a second front we must have organized an enormous landing force amply supported by naval and air power as well as adequate supply and communication lines. Each and every one of these factors must be assured before we can essay a second front. All are essential if the attempt to set up the second front is not to be disastrous.

We have already had unhappy experiences with expeditionary forces in this war. There has been the experience of Norway and that of France. The Australians had their expeditionary force in Greece. Of lesser magnitude, but of much concern to us here in Canada, was the unfortunate affair of Hong Kong. It may or it may not have been justified. It may or it may not have been poorly conceived or planned. We do know that the great criticism that has been made of it has been towards the end that there should be no repetition of incidents of its kind.

As for the second front in Europe, the question is not whether or not there should be one. The question is whether or not we are in a position to successfully open a second front. We may have all the sympathy in the world for Russia. No doubt all of us want to do everything we can to help Russia. But it would not be helping Russia very much to start a second front which could not succeed.

As for that we already have a second front in Britain. It is just the fortunes of war that there should have been no enemy attack upon it. Even if the worst came to the worst and Russia should lose on her front, that would be better than losing on two fronts which might be very realistically conceived if there were an ill-conceived offensive from the west.

There have been attempts to stampede the Allied military leaders into opening the second front. Possibly it is to their credit that they have not been carried off their feet by the demands and appeals that have been made. Much greater, we imagine, would be the uproar and the complaint if a second front were opened and should fail with who knows what disaster.

One can generally tell the weakest side of an argument by the loudest noise of the talk.

Kidding Ourselves . . .

The Axis nations are putting everything they have into defeating and destroying us and our allies.

We can't beat them unless we put everything we have into defeating them.

We've got to stop kidding ourselves that by some good fortune we can win without using our brains and brawn to the limit. There are still too many wildcat strikes in this country, too many cocktail parties, too many head-lines exalting skirmishes into decisive actions.

We haven't yet sobered to the fact that we are engaged in the greatest war in history and that upon the issue of that war depends the survival of this nation of free men and women.

It is also well to remember that, before we start winning, we have got to make up for a lot of losing.

LEADERS WINNERS

New York Giants Displace Cincinnati Reds From Third Spot In National League

NEW YORK, July 22: — Brooklyn Dodgers, in the National, and New York Yankees, in the American, continue to set the pace with undiminished margins of leadership in the Major Leagues. Both clubs won their games yesterday, the Dodgers scoring an eight to four victory over the Cincinnati Reds while the Yankees had no difficulty in disposing of the Cleveland Indians eight to three. The Brooklyn margin is seven-and-a-half games over the second place St. Louis Cardinals while the Yanks are eleven full games ahead of the Boston Bees.

The New York Giants moved into third place in the American League yesterday by winning a close 6 to 5 verdict over Pittsburgh Pirates, the Cincinnati Reds dropping into fourth place.

Yesterday's Big League scores:

National League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
Brooklyn	63	37	.700
St. Louis	54	33	.621
Chicago	44	49	.473
Cincinnati	47	42	.528
New York	48	42	.533
Pittsburg	41	46	.471
Boston	38	56	.404
Philadelphia	24	64	.273
American League			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	62	28	.689
Boston	50	38	.568
Cleveland	51	41	.554
St. Louis	48	44	.522
Detroit	47	47	.500
Chicago	37	51	.420
Philadelphia	37	60	.381
Washington	34	57	.374

TWAS NAE SCOTCH
CHELMSFORD, Eng., July 22: — William Potter, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for selling mild ale as Scotch ale. There isn't much difference in taste but Scotch ale costs eight cents more.

The Experts Say

By MARGARET ECKER
(Canadian Press Staff Writer)
Hints for wartime living from folk who ought to know

OTTAWA, July 22 — Tips on car goes to town round up, your housewife may strategy from neighbors who might have errands to do. . . . Empty seats mean wasted gasoline and rubber in these days of stringent shortages.

WOOL — Canada at war needs every scrap of wool and Wool Administrator D. C. Dick of the War-time Prices and Trade Board has been campaigning to get housewives to take out the little bits they have tucked away in corners before they buy more. . . . Conservation is half the battle, too. . . . Retain the warmth and shape of wool fabrics by cleanliness; retain resilience by frequent brushing. . . . Rest a garment from constant wear and air it frequently. . . . Shine on wool is caused by wear and embedded dirt so minimize it by frequent cleaning or steaming through a damp cloth with light iron pressure.

BREAKFAST FOR HEALTH — Dr. L. B. Pett, head of nutrition services in the pensions and health department, urges: "Don't eat a Dagwood breakfast." . . . Too many people, he says, are falling down on their war jobs because they don't eat enough in the morning. . . . He advises something appetizing: dried, canned or fresh fruit or fruit juices. . . . And something filling for energy; oatmeal, toasted Vitamin B bread, eggs. . . . And something hot for extra vitality: cocoa, hot chocolate, coffee or tea.

SHOPPING — Byrne Hope Sanders—"Mrs. Consumer" of the prices board—wants Canadians to love their neighbors in wartime and prove it. . . . If Mrs. Jones across the street can't go shopping because there's nobody to watch her children, do her shopping. . . . It will help out with the new restrictions against delivery or orders under \$1. . . . And when the

STEWART IS PROMOTED SADDENED ON MERIT

Seniority Abolished To Give Troops of Armored Units Best Possible Leadership

By FRANK FLAHERTY

Canadian Press Staff Writer
AN EASTERN CANADA ARMY CAMP, July 22: —Special tests for candidates from the ranks and for promotion in the commissioned ranks have been introduced in the 4th (Armored) Division, commanded by Maj.-Gen. F. F. Worthington.

"Seniority in this division is abolished," said the general in an interview. Promotion is by merit. If he wants a lieutenant-colonel and doesn't find the man he wants among the majors, he looks around among the captains and finds him. When a soldier is recommended for commissioned rank the unit commander making the recommendation must express a willingness to accept the man as a commissioned officer in his unit. If the man makes the grade, that, said the general, ensures responsible recommendations.

When the recommendation comes to headquarters the soldier is transferred to another unit and set to work so that an independent report on him is obtained from the commanding officer of the second unit. If that report is favorable the man then gets a chance at the officers' training course. He has thus demonstrated his fitness in two different units. Makes Double Check

In order to test officers' qualifications for promotion they are also required to work with new men. An officer is given a group of men from a unit other than his own, men whom he does not know and asked to prepare an exercise for the men and get them to execute it. If he succeeds he has shown ability to plan, in preparing the exercise; to teach, in instructing the men in what is required of them; and to command in directing the execution of the plan.

The way to commissioned rank has been opened to the soldiers in the medical corps who cannot become officers in their own unit because they are not medical doctors. When a man in a medical unit looks good he is taken out of the unit and given perhaps six weeks with an armored regiment and later a spell with the infantry. If he still looks good for promotion after working at new jobs and in new company he is sent to officers' training centre.

Whifflets From The Waterfront

Steamers of the Canadian Pacific Railway, calling at this port, will after the end of this month berth at the Canadian National dock instead of the government wharf which is to be used for other purposes. It is some twenty years or so since the C.P.R. steamers had their regular berth at the local railway dock.

Final Departure of Steamer Prince George Causes Pang

STEWART, July 22: — With whistle and siren, Capt. Edward Mabbs of the Canadian National steamship Prince George paid the Canadian National's final salute to Stewart as he pulled away from the Stewart dock. Not a person who stood on the wharf that afternoon but felt a double pang of regret as the Prince George steamed down the Canal and away. The loss to the district of the service supplied by the Canadian National regularly since 1920 is a very real loss but more poignant is the breaking of the contact between local residents and the popular officers and crew members of the Canadian National vessels.

It is safe to say that for many years to come the names of Capt. Dan Donald, Capt. Harry Nedden, Capt. Neil MacLean, Capt. Edward Mabbs, Capt. Dan McKinnon, Alex. Munro, W. E. Baillie, Bert Robson, Jack Crawford, Norman MacLean, Jack Hartley, Johnny Walker and many many others will frequently be mentioned in Stewart homes and in the homes elsewhere of former Stewart residents.

These men, and the good ships Prince Rupert and Prince George had become part of the life of this community. The "big boats" were regarded as much as an institution as a service. All that remains now of this friendly contact is the hope—very genuinely held here—that after the war, with the return of peacetime activities these ships and their popular personnel will again be regular callers at Stewart.



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