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Eighth Victory Loan . . .

The news from the battlefronts is good. Germany is defeated, although it may take a lot more bitter fighting to make her admit it. The Pacific war is going a lot better than most authorities would have cared to forecast a year or two ago.

The news just might be good enough to make some of us let up in our efforts; seriously than before, to think that for instance, to take the call for support of the Eighth Victory Loan less when the shooting stops, our savings stops.

The news isn't that good. It is doubt-

ful if it sounds that good to the million-odd Canadians in the armed forces, many of whom haven't seen their homes and families for over five years, and who are counting on us to get them home as quickly as possible and see them re-established in civilian life.

The news can't be that good to the 8,000 Canadians in prison camps, or to the 45,000 wounded. No matter how good the news is, it must be shadowed with grief for the dependents of the 37,000 Canadians who have lost their lives or who are missing already in the war.

We must look behind the headlines during this Eighth Victory Loan. We must see clearly the need for money to bring our forces home; to look after the sick and wounded; to care for the disabled; to re-establish them in civilian life and find them jobs; to protect those left without support.

The news that will sound good to them is the report of a record over-subscription in the Eighth Victory Loan, the public offering of which commences on Monday.

NOISY GHOST APOLOGIZES, THEN DEPARTS

Troublesome Spook in Sussex Town Promises to Behave

CRAWLEY, Eng., April 21 (P)—A noisy ghost apologized and promised never again to practise weirdness on the living after eight spiritists (and mind you, this is their story) visited a haunted house near this Sussex town.

The eight believe that as a result of their faint they not only relieved fears of the living occupants of the house but freed the spirit of a person who committed suicide there "several hundred years ago."

A Sanderson of Chichester, one of the eight Sussex spiritists, said that for some time the house occupiers, "who are most grateful for what we have been able to do," were terrified through furniture being moved and ghostly footsteps in the dead of night.

Sanderson and his fellows first heard of the trouble during a seance held some miles from the spot.

"A strange voice told the circle it was earthbound and wanted to be freed," he said. "Inquiries led us to believe the voice was

responsible for the manifestations at the Crawley house."

The occupants agreed to the holding of a seance in the house, Sanderson said, and "about half an hour after we had turned out the lights I was conscious of the spirit's presence."

"My body tingled with vibrations and the other persons present experienced the same thing. There was, however, nothing frightening. Presently the vibrations faded and later the medium said the spirit had apologized for causing trouble to the people at the house but had done so only to attract attention of living contacts."

"It wanted to progress in other spheres and volunteered never to trouble the living again."

LAUNDRY'S LONG TRIP
LONDON (P)—London's laundry problem is so acute that one man sends his laundry each week to a northern town—a round trip for shirts and collars of some 400 miles.

CHEMICAL WARFARE
Although chemical warfare is as old as history, it did not come into general use until the First Great War, when Germany initiated the use of toxic gas, flame-throwers and aerial incendiaries.

Questions but no Answers In East; Uncertainty as to War End, Election Result

Reflections of Trip East
By G. A. HUNTER

Eastern Canada is a great big question mark as far as the post-war period is concerned. Everybody is wondering what is going to happen but no one I met seems to have much of an idea what may. Everyone is asking questions but no one is giving any answers. There is plenty of uncertainty and speculation. One

idea seems to be prevalent, however. That is that, if the war could bring the greatest prosperity this country ever had, there should be some way of continuing that prosperity in peace and assuring permanent happiness and security for a greater and more progressive nation than Canada has ever been. How Canada is to effect a compromise of national organization, which appears a reasonable necessity, with the principles of free and personal enterprise for which the people by thought and action manifest their desire, is the largest question which this situation poses.

No Diminution In War Effort

The imminence of a termination of organized warfare in Europe following the crushing of Nazi Germany seems to have brought no tendency as yet to ease up on the war effort. It appears to be tacitly expected that there is still a considerable job to be done in removing the Jap influence from the Pacific. Then will come the big activity of meeting the needs of the liberated countries for food and goods and the filling of the country's own civilian demands.

There appears to be little diminution of the problems of shortage of goods and materials, especially for domestic use and consumption. Many businesses and industries still profess a shortage of manpower. Some are, however, adopting a policy of not adding to staff at this time so as not to be embarrassed in a short time by the return of men from the wars to their peacetime jobs.

"No, we are not taking any new men on," said one typical executive of a Toronto department, running 21 short of a staff of 62, "because we expect our boys home soon and we feel we can carry on until then."

There is a growing interest in the East in the Pacific Coast and Prince Rupert. The important part Prince Rupert is playing in the prosecution of the war as a shipbuilding centre and shipping port seems to be generally known. "What will happen to Prince Rupert after the war?" is the question that everyone asks.

"If your port and coast is not used to good advantage after the war, it is because we lack enterprise," commented one prominent prairie man. He agreed that if Canada could not use her own great country, there were others who might want to.

verdict. The present government will concentrate its appeal in a lightning campaign on the basis of its record of making a maximum contribution towards the winning of the war and at the same time maintaining fiscal stability and national unity. The principal weak spot in the government armor is, of course, the reinforcement issue and much will be made of this.

I was in Toronto a week ago Thursday afternoon when the news of the sudden death of President Roosevelt came. It stunned a gathering of many of Canada's leading newspaper figures in the Royal York Hotel. Premier George Drew of Ontario was there as a guest and he described it as a "terrible misfortune." Roosevelt's death could have been no more genuinely mourned in his own United States than it was in Canada. There is no doubt of the anxiety about what effect internal political action within the United States may have on the determination of future American foreign policy in the crucial days to come after the war.

An experience of this Eastern trip was to attend for the first time a "big time" hockey game at the great Maple Leaf Gardens — last Saturday night's Stanley Cup game when Detroit Red Wings staged a three-goal rally in the third period to defeat the paralyzed Toronto Maple Leafs who, with three shut-out victories behind them, needed but that one victory to win.

Reflections after a trip across Canada are never complete, of course, without a report on what Mother Nature is doing on the prairies in regard to the crops. The season is a little late this year for two reasons—excessive rainfall and flood conditions in Southern Manitoba where the low land is covered with an excess of unabsorbed moisture which will require a good spell of warm sunny weather to remedy, and a late cold spell during the last couple of weeks throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. This week twenty degrees of frost was recorded around Winnipeg where there was new snow. Saskatchewan and Alberta had the cold without snow. While the starting of ploughing and seeding may now be a little late, it is still too early to be pessimistic about the 1945 crop which will contribute greatly to the feeding of a liberated world.

After its exceptionally heavy snows of the past winter, Toronto and southern Ontario has been basking in a warm and early spring equally as exceptional.

LETTERBOX

Editor, Daily News:
I am a married woman with two children and have a husband who is in the Army overseas, my family and I have lived in Prince Rupert for 21 years. Some time ago I was given a reasonable notice to move from my landlord and have no reason to kick as far as he is concerned. So I have tried to get a house here and have seen three or four empty houses but for some reason or other have not been able to get one. Way should it be that I cannot get a house for my family and myself when other people who have only been here a year or so or even less have got a house. It can not only be because their husbands have important position, because I think my husband's job is as important as any. I think that there should be an investigation started on this housing problem.
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