#### German Peace Offers . . .

We appear to be making headway as far as Adolf Hitler is concerned. According to a Stockholm dispatch he is ready to "surrender unconditionally" but, to save Germany from chaos, he holds out that he and Heinrich Himmiler should maintain power in Ger-

Of course, complete overthrow and elemination of Hitler, his cohorts and all his evil works are an essential part of any armistice. To entertain anything else is stupid even to think about.

Hitler goes so far as to admit it is time for unconditional surrender for Germany but, doomed man that he is, he is not ready to go through with the act as far as he is personally concerned. If Hitler's desire to remain in power is the last obstacle to Germany's unconditional surrender, it should not take long to remove it.

#### Not Just Political Talk . . .

Mr. Churchill, whose war leadership whelming measure whenever he chose not to ask for, but demand, a vote of confidence, has now, in his usual blunt and forthright manner, informed the British people that he also intends to guide his people through the trials of

ever, Mr. Churchill, for all his dogged origin. determination, may meet stronger peacetime general election.

Certainly none can rise to say of Mr. Churchill that he is possessed of any other motive than the conviction that his is the right way for his country and that he himself is best able to see by his own personal direction that his way is carried out. With some this might be regarded as egotism. With Mr. Churchill we will have to admit it is sincere conviction.

There is nothing equivocal about Mr. Churchill's feelings towards the Socialists and it might be remembered that in his war cabinet he has some Socialists. Mr. Churchill is all out for free enterprise after the war and he does not mince his words when he says

life of the whole of the existing sys- Snakes and toads were banished from tem and society and life and labor but Erin by the saint, according to legend, the creation and enforcement of an- and the fact remains that reptiles are other system or systems borrowed from unknown in Ireland although they are foreign lands and alien minds." In found in Scotland and England.

Canada those words coming from Lib-1 erals or Conservatives might be called insincere political talk designed as propaganda to bolster up the capitalistic system.

Mr. Churchill warns against "humbug and blandishment" and cautions his own party against bidding for votes and party popularity by promising what cannot be performed. Mr. Churchill's warnings are as applicable to the body politic in Canada as they are to that of Britain. Canada will soon be in an election campaign where there will be "humbug," "blandishments" and "promises which cannot be performed" and the words of the British Prime Minister are therefore coincidentally

#### St. Patrick's Day . . .

Canadians of Irish descent along with Irishmen all over the world tomorrow celebrate the feast day of Erin's patron saint, St. Patrick, but appropriately enough the very day of the holiday was decided after a lengthy Irish argument which according to

With their traditional propensity for disagreement on any and all subjects, one faction in Ireland claimed the Saint's birthday fell on March 8, while an opposing party claimed the birthday was really March 9. A Solomon-like Irish priest, Father Mulcahey, is said to have settled the argument by adding the eighth to the ninth to total has been so often endorsed in over- the seventeenth-the date which was set for the rest of the time.

St. Patrick's Day in Canada this he gained the rank of major in year will be celebrated quietly in the absence of so many young Irish Can- Matthews went to the Uiversity adians fighting with their fellow of Geneva, Switzerland, after countrymen overseas. But no Irishman Canada College, Toronto. in whatever clime he may find him-Of course, nobody ever even thinks self on the day, will be able to pass it of a change in the chieftainship of the by without a "top of the morning" to won his commission with the 3rd British state as long as Mr. Churchill the shade of the good saint and his Field Brigade, Royal Canadian lives in health and competence. When followers who have fanned out all over the tense days of war are over, how- the globe from the little island of their of major at the outbreak of the

In view of the saint's obscure challenges than are within the range origin argument about the birthday of any probability during the war. Such of Patrick is a futile pastime typical is the character, leadership and force- of genial Hibernians who are notorious- R.C.A., in August, 1940 and folfulness of the man, of course, that he ly "agin" accepting anything without may never be overthrown even in a a century or so of thorough discussion. 22, 1941, when he was promoted His legendary birthplace ranged from acting lieutenant-colonel and Scotland to France. Historians, on the appointed to command the 5th contrary, say Patrick was born about Medium Regimet. He held this the year 389 in Wales and carried off when he received an appoinment 5. What is a wat an early age by Irish nimited when he received an appoinment 5. What is a way at an early age by Irish pirates who to headquarters, 1st Canadian sold the young Christian into slavery Corps. as a swineherd in county Antrim.

Patrick entered the priesthood after his escape to France several years later and returned to Ireland eventually as a missionary. After a remarkably successful career in converting the pagan Irish to Christianity, Patrick died in 461 bequeathing to his converts numerous legends which became more and more elaborate as the years passed.

The shamrock, Ireland's trefoliate emblem, was chosen by Patrick in the "their (Our Socialist friends') program course of his work to explain the dog-... implies not only destruction of ma of the trinity to his listeners.

#### THIS AND THAT



## legend ended in a truly Irish com- Canada's Front Line Generals promise.

A. B. MATTHEWS

Maj.-Gen. A. B. Matthews, a peactime investment broker, served with such outstanding ability in the war that he was given command of an overseas div- on ill-tempered revenge and the ision. Son of Hon Albert Matthews, lieutenantgovernor of Ontario, he went from college to the financial field on the staff of Matthews and company

in Toronto. But in the years be- |-

Born in Ottawa Aug. 12, 1909, secondary education at Upper

On going into business he gave his spare time to the army. He Artillery in 1928.

He was mobilized with the rank war and went overseas with the 1st Canadian Divisional Artil-

He became second in command of the 1st Medium Regiment, lowing this he commanded the 7th Medium Battery until Sept.

His promotion to the rank of brigadier dates from January when he was appointed com- travene. mander of corps artillery.

Maj -. Gen. Matthews was awarded the Distinguished Ser- | Small briquets are used to abvice Order for personally recon- sorb the salt from sea water and noitring ground for the attack thus provide life boat survivors on Agira in Sicily when he went with drinking water.

Gen. Matthews was a star a non-handicap round of golf. Matthews, lives in Toronto.

#### Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

- . What is wrong with this sentence? "It was nerve to ask
- What is the correct pronunciation of "different?"
- 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Hippodrome, hilarity, hipodermic.
- 4. What does the word "inter-

5. What is a word beginning 16th century, with cont that means to go or act contrary to."

Answers

1. Say, "It was impudent to 15, 1943, when he became com- ask it." 2. Pronounce dif-ermander of artillery of the 1st ent, three syllables, not dif-rent. Division. He held this appoint- 3. Hypodermic. 4. Endless. met in the Sicily and Italian "The days and weeks of waiting campaigns until March 14, 1943. | seemed interminable." 5. Con-

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#### PRINCE GEORGE FESTIVAL OF DRAMA - MUSIC

PRINGE GEORGE, March 16-Schools as far west as Hazelton are hoping to send children to the first annual Prince George District Drama-Music Festival here May 3 and 4.

With between 300 and 400 public school children expected, the festival may well be the biggest of its kind ever held in Central British Columbia.

In the music section, competition in chorus, vocal solo, and rhythm band classes is limited to pupils of grades 7 to 8. In the drama section children and adults will compete.

Entry forms are required to be returned to the festival committee here by the end of March . All net proceeds from the festival will be equitably distributed

#### LETTERBOX

among the schools taking part.

JAPANESE QUESTION Editor, Daily News:

was present at the Liberal convention the other day and heard the discussion on the Japanese question which was given a prominence it did not deserve. The main resolution was based amendment was charged with a

high-tailed disregard of realities. The fundamentals of the question were not at all in evidence. 1. The original Japs who came

fore the war he maintained a forward with the leading in- to B. C. did not come as emikeen interest in the militia and fantry to select advanced po- grants with the idea of becoming sitions for medium and field regi- useful citizens seeking the welments of artillery under his com- fare of their adopted land. They mand. By this method, his were delegates sent, paid and citation said, he was able to sustained by the Japanese govbring effective gunfire to bear ernment with the ulterior puron enemy points, enabling the pose of laying the basis for the infantry to advance with speed, conquest of the land by the Japs.

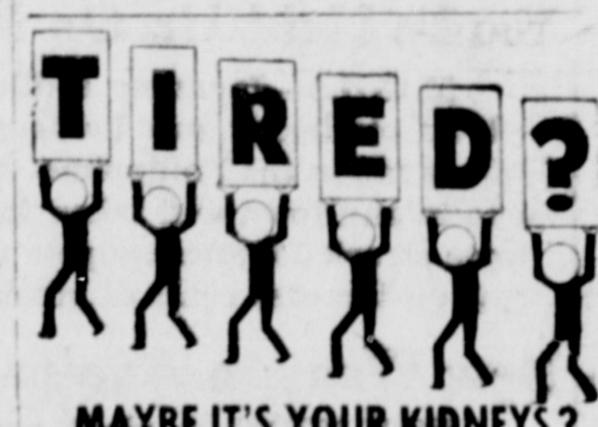
2. Their first loyalty has all' cricketer in his youth and plays along been to Japan. They have not encouraged naturalization His wife, Mrs. Victoria Thorne and even their children are registered with the Japanese council. They are unassimilable and do not intend to be Canadians.

3. They definitely undermine the economic life of the province for their standard of life is far below that of white men.

In Canada they are a form of national exzema, repugnant and irritating, only curable by the explusion of the virus. H. HALLIWELL.

LILAC FROM PERSIA

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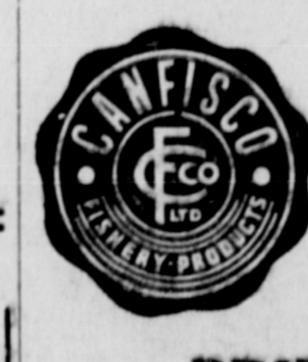
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