

FORECAST—Temperature unchanged.

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Final Bulletins

Gas Ration Less Than Gallon a Day

OTTAWA (CP)—Based on a mileage system, gasoline rationing after April 1 will allow a motorist less than a gallon a day, the Ottawa Journal said in a newspaper story today.

"The ration plan," the Journal said it was informed, "will limit a motorist's travel to 5,000 miles a year on a quarterly basis of 1,250 miles.

"Ration ticket books will be issued every three months for use only in the four periods. Unused tickets will be valueless if carried over from one quarter to the next."

Red Envoy Sick

LONDON (CP)—The Russian embassy disclosed today that Ivan M. Maisky, Soviet ambassador to Britain, is ill with malaria.

Breaks With Axis

LA PAZ, Bolivia (AP)—Bolivia severed relations with the Axis this afternoon.

(Her decision to break with Germany, Italy and Japan was announced Tuesday at the Rio de Janeiro Pan-American Conference by her foreign minister.)

Would Defend U.S.

OTTAWA (CP)—Units of the 6th Canadian Division would be available for service in the United States in case of attack on that country if it were considered desirable to send them, Defence Minister Ralston told the House of Commons this afternoon.

Jap Boats Damaged

Several Japanese fish boats, units of the fleet of more than 1,000 seized in British Columbia following the entry of Japan into the war, were damaged recently as the result of ice conditions in the Fraser River.

The damaged vessels, it was stated by naval authorities here, will be repaired by the government at no cost to the owners.

Bomb Enemy Trucks

CAIRO (AP)—The R.A.F. in a Middle East communique tonight announced intensive attacks by fighter aircraft on enemy motorized units in the Misus-Antelat and Misus-Sheleidima areas. Many enemy transport vehicles were destroyed, set on fire or severely damaged.

Pours Death on Nazis

WASHINGTON (AP)—The story of how a munitions worker named Vacek in German-occupied Czechoslovakia killed 14 German army officers by dumping molten metal on them from a crane, and then committed suicide by jumping to the ground, was related today by Vladimir Hurban, Czech Minister to the U.S.

The incident occurred recently in the big Skoda works in Iplsen, the minister said.

For Fishing Only

VANCOUVER (CP)—A committee of civic officials and members of the Vancouver Waterfront Protective Association, which had two big Japanese seiners

Smoke Signals



Conscription Crisis Grave, Warns Leacock

By STEPHEN LEACOCK
Noted author, lecturer, for years professor of economics at McGill University.

MONTREAL—I think that there is a very grave danger in a conscription plebiscite. It is quite probable that it will show all the people of British birth and descent overwhelmingly in favor of conscription; and it is quite possible that it will show a majority of French Canadians against it. If this happens the French would be compelled to overseas service by the British vote. That might have very grave consequences.

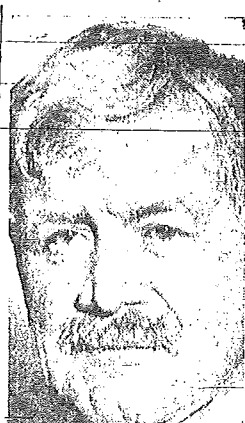
On the other hand, if conscription is voted down it will seem to mean to our fellow British, and to our American and other allies, that we are, as it were, voting ourselves out of the war.

It is equally dangerous to institute conscription by a general election. That means delay, anger, fierce speeches, disunion. It is also difficult to institute it by an uninstructed vote of Parliament. The word of the government has been pledged against this.

UNFAIR TO YOUNG MEN

But I think there is no need to raise the question: With army pay put up to factory pay we can have all the men we want.

The present alternative set before young men is unfair. Here are two brothers. One enlists. He gets \$1.35 a day, his board and clothes. Then he trains, trains endlessly, slogging up and down in the mud. There are men who have been there at Camp Borden over a year. This we can



Stephen Leacock . . . "I Say What I Think."

washing \$40 a month. Clothes are too small an item to count; he lives in 6'ovals. If he is industrious, and if the war lasts three more years, he is established for life. His brother in the army in three years will be dead, or dead broke.

HERO TALK

Now comes the speech-maker and tells the factory worker that he is just as big a hero as the soldier. If he said this to a munitions worker over in England it would be truth. The plants where the men and women work in England on munitions are the first target for their enemies. An

telling a well-paid well-fed Canadian munition worker, working in perfect safety, that he, too, is a hero? This is an insult to the men who died at Hongkong, to the men who patrol the sea. Such a worker for high pay is no more a hero than the girl who teaches school for low. Neither is the farmer a hero when he makes a good profit by raising a hog for the army to eat. He is no more a hero than the hog is; perhaps less.

This false doctrine is put like a virus into the blood of our people. We must have the truth.

DEFERRED PAY IN BONDS

Nor need it be said that the country cannot afford the increased pay. Economically there is no difference between the man who makes a bomb and the man who drops it on a German. Yet we pay \$5 for the making; and only \$1.35 for the dropping.

Any financial objection is nonsense. From the economic point of view it is the country, the community that pays \$5 to the factory man. I am glad to think he gets it; I hope he never gets less. The country can equally well pay it to the soldier. It is only a domestic national debt. We all owe it to one another.

Nor need we pay it in cash. We can give the soldier what he needs as pocket money, as support for dependents, and the rest in government bonds for his return. When he comes back his future is all ready for him. If he never comes back what would have been his shall go to those for whose sake he went.

But even if it looks too great a financial burden we must pick

Sugar Bowls Vanish From Cafe Tables

War-time Prices and Trade Board ruled today that hotels, restaurants and other catering establishments must remove all sugar bowls from their tables "and serve sugar only in reasonable quantities when asked for by their clients."

"They will, of course, under no circumstances sell sugar to employees or the public and may serve it only with meals," the order says.

RULING COMES FAST

The ruling was in rapid-fire sequence to the board's order Sunday restricting general consumer purchasing of sugar to three-quarters of a pound per person each week.

The new ruling appeared today in the form of a newspaper



The new weekly sugar quota of three-quarters of a pound per person is the pile on the left. It contains 60 teaspoonfuls like the little white mound on the right. In drinking language it means 60 cups of tea, coffee a week if used for sweetening beverages only. You can now have eight level teaspoons of sugar a day and 12 on Sunday. In lump sugar 120 lumps would make the weekly ration.

advertisement to "hotels, restaurants, boarding houses, institutions, etc." signed by S. R. Noble, sugar administrator for the War-time Prices and Trade Board.

Board spokesmen said restaurants generally will be expected to comply with the notice "as soon as they hear about it."

Specifically, the order applies to hotels, restaurants, cafes, tea shops, inns, drugstores, coffee shops, staff dining-rooms, clubs regularly serving meals, school feeding centres, canteens and "other places of refreshment open to the public."

QUANTITY UNSTATED

The board did not stipulate what it would consider "reasonable quantities" which might be served to customers requesting sugar with their meals.

Residential establishments and institutions were warned they must follow the provisions of the general rationing order. It designated residential establishments as boarding houses, apartment houses serving meals, nursing

71 Caribbean

Canada Sunk 230

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico. I—The Canadian Nation ships, liner Lady Hav

been torpedoed and sunk Indies waters, Capt. He the steamship Coamo re his arrival here today survivors.

He said the Lady Hav 200 passengers aboard, Marines and construct

ers, when she was struck torpedoes last Friday, survivors were taken. Lifeboat. It had a ca 63 persons, but 76 cro it and five perished d five days adrift.

The torpedoing was c out warning. The first struck opposite No. 2 the port side, just fo

Conscription Deepens Faces Q

By BRUCE HUTCH
OTTAWA—The co issue deepened and da day as the King go found itself attacked b tremes of its party in ous plebiscite movement.

On one side it was de Ross Gray of Ontario, Liberal whip, an outar scriptionist; and on the by Edouard Lacroix, manded in Parliament Mackenzie King should pose overseas conscrip

Meanwhile, in press' lishment there arose a mand that Mr. King (conscription and state whether he will eve overseas conscription, e plebiscite receives an a vote.

DILEMMA

Mr. King today is in difficult position occupi Canadian Prime Minis' modern history of the n say he will impose ove scription might bring a his Quebec followers. will not impose ove scription would certal many English-speaking out of his cabinet, bring the government.

AVOID RACIAL SPLT

Yet to go through t mentary debate and campaign without sa thing, with no commit almost impossible feat.

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