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Farewell Entertainment For Mr. James E. Nelson

Popular Citizen Sells Yesterday For Panama After Years Of Faithful Service

FAREWELL entertainment was held last Sunday night for Mr. James E. Nelson, Founder of the Loyal Hope Lodge No. 9, I.U.O. of M., which he founded on Nov. 4th 1927. The entertainment was held in their Lodge Hall, opposite the Salvation Army, over which Mr. James F. Barrett, District Grand Master, and Past Illustrative Grand, presided.

There was a large concourse of members of the Order present to show, for the last time, their appreciation and to bid farewell to their founder — a man who has, without the shadow of a doubt, laboured among them faithfully for a period of over 14 years!

After the preliminary and the discourse of the presiding officer for the occasion, characteristically, the party was declared open and the opportunity was embraced by members to express their sincere appreciation for the good work done by the founder and simultaneously to wish him God's richest blessing.

A sumptuous repass, was subsequently given and in due course, following the remarks of Mr. James Barrett, a purse was delivered to Mr. Nelson by Mr. Arthur

Footo on behalf of the Loyal Hope Lodge.

In fitting words, in replying to all the good things said and done of him, Mr. Nelson punctuated his remarks with expressions of gratitude to the entire Lodge.

We know Mr. Nelson as a true friend of everybody. If he had enemies they were the consequence of envy, for he sought to make none, avoided making any. He had a deep shrewd insight into human nature, understood men far more perhaps than they imagined.

We have known how singularly free from vindictiveness he was, forgiving freely where other men might have harboured resentment in their hearts and have plotted revenge. This spirit of forgiveness, this lack of vindictiveness, has seemed to us, indeed, one of the most outstanding trails of his character, and one of the most commendable. He himself made nothing of it. But it was far more than the little or nothing he counted it for.

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press, on behalf of the coloured community, wishes Mr. Nelson, (who sails today) God's richest blessing in his new adventure.

Increase On Freight

The United Fruit Co has notified the public that on account of the existing abnormal situation, and in accordance with the Maritime Commission of the United States, it is found necessary to increase 22 per cent on all movements of freight between Port Limon, Cristobal, the Carribean ports and those of the Atlantic.

For the same reason, an increase of 26 per cent is established on all movements of freight from the Atlantic ports of the United States to those

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Thought For The Week

It is the cause and not merely the death
that makes the martyr.

— Napoleon

Hitler's Reverses

IT was the French, who in the days of Napoleon, coined the phrase "to lie like an army bulletin." Napoleon, of course, like Hitler, was a considerable artist in, shall we say, the re-adjustment of facts. It was only in Napoleon's later and disastrous days, after he had been to Moscow, for example, that Napoleon's bulletins got a very bad name as with Hitler. When things were going well, there was no need to lie. Some time ago, things ceased to be going so well for our friend Hitler. He continued, however, to annihilate the Russian armies with his tongue, to claim that all was over on the Eastern Front and that there would be a happy Hitler Christmas in Moscow. This went on for some time until the German communiques no longer commanded any serious respect with the rest of the world. Hitler still boasts today. He adds naughts to the figures of the Russian prisoners which he claims.

However, there is a new and grim aspect to this game. The Russians mark their prisoners down in the book only with a cross. Henceforth the world may add to the figure of the German dead in Russia, the figure of the German prisoners.

This was the war of extermination that Hitler asked for when he invaded Russia. Now, as Stalin says: "He is getting it."

But the full effect in Germany is the German disaster in Russia, has not as yet been realized by the rest of the world. Of the conflicting figures of casualties offered by the Germans and the Russians, it is hard to decide which is the wisest to accept. American sources say that two million Germans are dead and that two million more are wounded.

Bravo! Argentina, Chile

(By CYRIL CORNIFFE)

WITH Argentina and Chile severing diplomatic relations this week with the Axis Powers, the formation of a mighty hemispheric military and economic bloc against these nations is now complete. That the first emergency session of the 1942 conference of the Pan-American Union was well timed and placed is amply proved by this result. And if Argentina's and Chile's procrastination in lining up with the other American States was due to their own sense of the weakness of their defensive systems, as well as of their vulnerability to attacks from Axis Atlantic and Pacific operational bases, if and when those attacks should come, they must now have been given very definite assurances by the United States of the big part they will have in the defence

programme of their big sister, Rich Argentina and her western neighbour, Chile, constitute the narrowest part of the South American continent; they are furthest away, too, from U. S. territory proper and from existing U. S. air and naval bases. The possibility, therefore, is that they would be the worst off of all the South American countries in any aerial and naval assaults by the enemy, if they were not very strongly defended. Meantime, all this, added to the most recent Axis reverses in Russia and in North Africa, must make Hitler rave with madness and oblige him to say and do a few more foolish things. Even now is he celebrating Rommel's "victorious defence," which, strangely enough, has set him and his troopers scurrying over the Libyan desert in quest of a hiding-place, while he, as Commander-in-Chief on the Eastern front, is there organizing and directing the glorious retreat, "according to plan," of his badly beaten armies in Russia!

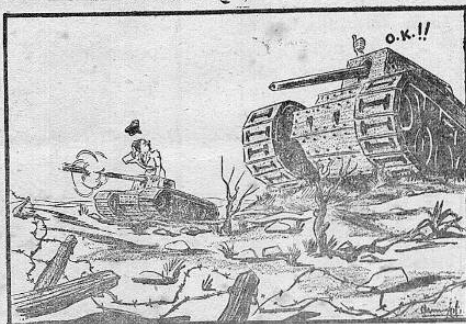
Have A Smile

During a history lesson, the teacher pointed out to the class that a surname often indicated the trade of the ancestors of those who bore the name. He gave the obviously simple examples of Smith, Taylor, Baker, and others.

Then he questioned one of the boys: "What were your ancestors, Webb?"

«Spiders, sir!»

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A GRANDES MALES, GRANDES REMEDIOS

Between You And Me

(Edwin Hords, M)

I KNOW that the peacemakers are blessed; but they don't seem to get their blessing on this earth. Many persons have made peace between two people, or two groups, only to feel sorry afterwards that they ever interfered, and soon they feel that it would have been better for them to have endeavoured to stir up more trouble between the two, or at least, left them alone to fight out their own battle!

Only last week I had the pleasure of seeing two women fighting. I say *pleasure* because I feel that there is something unusual to witness two women fighting out their own battle. I take it that the ladies had been friends: having once been friends, they were now in a murderous frame of mind!

In any battle for supremacy, each party expects to be victorious at the end, and if victory is not achieved then almost anything can happen. The ladies

in question started to murder each other. Prior to the battle, the two ladies looked one another over with microscopic carelessness, and their mouths went without saying; their waists like an Equator, resembled an imaginary line.

This was more than an onlooker could stand, so, he stepped in with a view of acting as a peacemaker. He stepped between the two women and held them apart and tried to discontinue the battle!

With pride in his strength, he kept them apart. But immediately one of the women launched a "blitzkrieg" offensive against the peacemaker which damaged his forehead!

Now the two women are friends again. They buried the hatcher, but in a shallow, well-marked grave.

This is what came to him for trying to do a good deed, and this is a good warning to all peacemakers. The way of the peacemaker is hard! In the end the peacemakers

become bitterly hated. Those who act on the wisdom of experience and never endeavour to become peacemakers, keep their skins whole and their minds undisturbed!

Blow For Blow

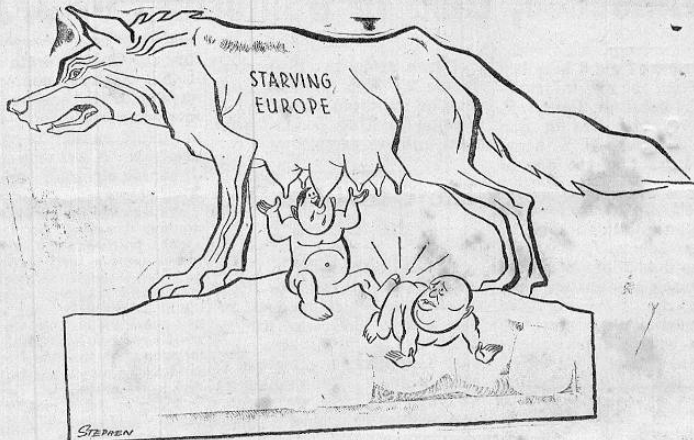
SINGAPORE — The Imperial forces fighting in southern Malay are contesting blow for blow with the forces of Japan in the northern section of the province of Johore. The artillery batteries of both armies maintain a duel throughout the day in the sector 100 miles north of Singapore, while the British troops and air force attack the recent landing of Japanese on the western coast before they could unite with their comrades in the interior.

Laugh This Off

A man informed the Cleveland Press that it was wrong when it listed his name in the marriage license applications as Mieczyslaw Dzesiodox. The correct spelling, he said, is Mieczyslaw Dziadok. Said he: "my friends are asking me if I have changed my name."

Germans On The Run In Russia

A report from London said that Russian troops are piercing the Germans in their occupied territories on the Moscow front. The Germans are said to be retreating rapidly.



TWO BATALIONS Will Be Recruited In Jamaica

Last week, in the hastily called meeting of the Legislative Council the Hon. C. A. Little, asked the following question:—

"In view of the present war situation, will Government consider it advisable to approach the home Government and seek permission to recruit and train two or more

battalions of Infantry in Jamaica so that if it becomes necessary the man power of Jamaica might be able to assist more effectively in the defence of the empire?"

In reply, the Hon. Colonial Secretary said:—

"This question is already receiving consideration with the Government of the United Kingdom."

The Express sincerely hopes that the recruiting of Jamaica will not be a mere gesture, but a reality, as there are thousands of loyal Jamaicans who are willing to do their bit in this World War, for their King and country.

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"Judge" Rutherford, Chief Of Jehovah's Witnesses, Died In California, U. S. A.

News received here last week carried the sad information of the death of Joseph F. Rutherford, who died in San Diego, California, U. S. A. on the 11th instant at the age of 72.

"Judge" Rutherford was leader of an estimated total of 2,000,000 "Jehovah's Witnesses." The death of the well known leader was not announced until the following day when a mortician said that the body was being held awaiting burial instructions.

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Death came to Rutherford in the 20-room Spanish mansion he built ten years ago as a home for King David "when he returns to earth."

The Unfinished War In China

The unfinished war in China is said to have taken four-fifths of the able-bodied men of Japan, and to have sent back 1,600,000 either killed or wounded. The Chinese losses are 3,500,000 dead. The number of wounded may never be known. The war has continued so long

that the Chinese seem to treat it as a matter of course and to have adapted themselves to an intolerable situation with a cheerfulness that beggars description. A writer who saw a Japanese air raid on Chungking says:

We watched the people scurrying around, boarding up their little shops, putting away their rickshaws, leaving their tea-houses and scurrying through the streets entirely unafraid, laughing, talking, joking as if they were going to a football game instead of an air-raid shelter and possible death. Fifteen minutes after the raid the people are back, opening their shops, efficiently putting out fires, often facing complete disaster with smiles.

Excursion From Limon To Colon In April

Competition For One Free Ticket

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The Express is pleased to be in a position to release the information that an Excursion trip is scheduled to leave Port Limon, Costa Rica, for Colon in April of this year. All arrangements have already been made and we expect to announce the date of sailing, prices, etc. in the near future.

We understand that passenger numbers are limited and that adver-

tising posters will not be issued. All announcements will be made through this newspaper and our readers are asked to look out for further announcements in these columns.

An interesting feature to mention is a Popularity Contest to be started sometime next month which will enable the winner to obtain a FREE ticket for the trip. Only females will be eligible to enter the Contest which will close two weeks prior to sailing.

The winner will be the special guest of outstanding

Negroes in Colon and Panama and she will be crowned in one of Colon's spacious ClubHouses as Queen Limon 1st.

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Jamaica Defence Regulations

In the House of Commons recently, in answer to a question, it was explained that the present Defence Regulations in Jamaica, which have been amended so as to conform exactly with the provisions of the United Kingdom Regulation 18b, will allow any person detained between March 16, 1941, and the date on which the amendment came into force, to have his case considered in accordance with the new procedure. It is the duty of the chairman of the advisory committee to inform the objector of the grounds on which the order has been made against him, and to furnish him with such particulars as are in the chairman's opinion sufficient to enable him to present his case.

The Secretary of State is not of opinion that all Defence Regulations in Jamaica, or in any other Colony, should be amended to the form adopted in the United Kingdom, and in particular, he considers that the amendment of the regulations to conform with the United Kingdom Regulation 39b is a matter to be left to the discretion of the Governor, who has not recommended any change.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, speaking in the House of Commons, Monday, said that he is confident, more than ever, of complete victory in the Pacific.

Money-Orders For 70 Costa Rican Workers

We have information from San José that money-orders were recently received in San José as balance due to 70 Costa Rican workers who recently returned from the Canal Zone.

We understand further that a good number of them are willing and ready to renew their contract to return to the Canal Zone to continue their original work.

Occidental Reasoning Makes No Sense

Lin Yutang, writing for the North American Newspaper Alliance, thinks that Americans do not reason any too well. He says:

You know, the Americans have been saying that the Orientals have an incomprehensible way of thinking, but there are funny things that the West does that are very incomprehensible to us. Years ago the white man used to send gunboats to shoot Chinese, having previously sent missionaries to make sure that their souls would go to Heaven when they were shot. That ought to make it about even, according to the Occidental way of thinking, but it does not make sense to an Oriental.

Laugh This Off

"Yes," said the old man to his visitor, "I am proud of my girls, and would like to see them all comfortably married. As I have made a little money, they will not go penniless to their husbands. There is Mary, twenty-five years old, and a really good girl. I shall give her a hundred pounds when she marries. Then comes Betty, who won't see thirty-five again. I will have a thousand pounds with her."

The young man thought a moment, and then asked:

"You haven't got a daughter about fifty, have you?"

Nazi Bombers Over England

LONDON — The Home Minister said a German bombing plane discharged several bombs on a town East of England, destroying houses and causing death of many civilians last Wednesday.



Argentina Will Accept Resolution Made At Rio

BUENOS AIRES — Authorized diplomatic circles inform that Argentina will accept the resolution presented to the Conference at Rio de Janeiro to sever relationship with the Axis nations, providing that all the governments are allowed the liberty of fixing the date of rupture.

120 Nazi Planes Destroyed

MOSCOW — From the 10th to the 16th January, the Aerial

forces of the enemy lost 120 planes; of this number 55 were destroyed in aerial combats, 33 by anti-air-craft fire, and 42 on the ground. Our losses amounted for that period to 39 planes.

LONDON — Prime Minister Winston Churchill, who faces an opposition from some members of Parliament for British reverses in Malay, will make an early declaration to Parliament on the war, leaving for a future date a declaration on the aspects of the war based on the recent conferences at Washington with President Roosevelt. Edgar Granville will ask for a Parliamentary debate on the reverses north of Singapore.

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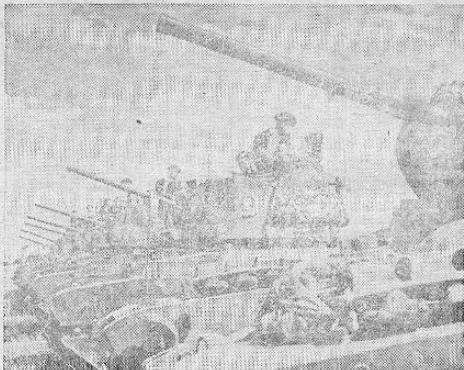
British Aerial Attack

CAIRO — British air force attacked with aerial torpedoes an Italian destroyer and one transport of troops, making sure hits in a tempestuous sea. In Malta, another raid from the Nazi caused damages to property and a few deaths. One bomber was brought down and others damaged by the R. A. F.

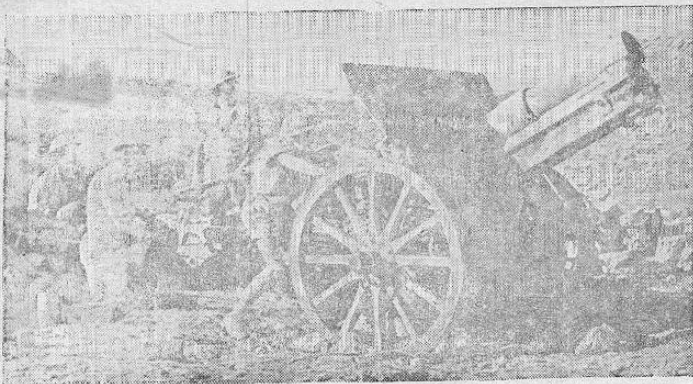
Violent Battle Waging By River Don

MOSCOW — Radio informs that a violent battle is now being waged by the river Don in which the Italian forces are participating. The report says: "In the first part of the battle the Italians lost one whole brigade of tanks with all its effectives."

Canadian Tank Corps Awaits Orders



In line abreast ... some of the Canadian Tank Brigade in training in Britain with their new «Matilda» tanks, eagerly await more active operations.



This Italian 149 mm, howitzer, captured at Tobruk, is now being used by the British garrison holding this Libyan stronghold. But, though there is plenty of captured ammunition, the howitzer is somewhat "temperamental." In case of "temper," the gun is fired by means of a 30 foot rope taken to a safe position behind rocks!

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Veterans In The Fight For World Liberty

(By O. M. Green, Far Eastern Editor of Reuter, on the War In China)

The arrival of Chinese troops in Burma, the appointment of General Chiang Kai Shek as Commander in Chief for future operations in Thailand and Indo-China as well as in China, the recent great Chinese victory of Changsha, naturally turn one's thoughts to the part that China can play, the part indeed that she has already played in the war in the Far East. For this is certain, whatever reserves of men, oil, and raw materials Japan may have accumulated they would be much greater but for the past four and a half years of exhausting war in China which has cost Japan at least a million casualties and has led her down with debts and privations.

We have not perhaps been altogether fair to what the Chinese have been doing. China seemed so far away, the difficulty of her geographic place names is so great, and the war has been going on so long that altogether we rather took it for granted as one of the normal phenomena of the general world disturbance but not having any particular meaning for us.

Yet the Chinese have never ceased to contend that they were fighting our battles as much as their own. When Madame Chiang Kai Shek complained in her remarkable book "China shall rise again" of the help that we and America continued to give to the Japanese, she was as much surprised by our shortsightedness as by our want of practical sympathy with China. Today we see this is true.

No country has suffered so frightfully as China. Hundreds of defenseless cities and villages have been razed to the ground. Sixty million people, the greatest exodus in history, have been driven from Eastern China to seek asylum in the West — hundreds of thousands of them die on the way. The

tale of Japanese atrocities, committed in the name of the New Order in East Asia, is beyond belief.

One merely has to accept China's statement that she has five million men in arms and another two million in training though they may not all be of equal value. They got a good supply of light weapons from their own arsenals, and they make particularly good use of hand grenades and short swords which the Japanese especially dislike.

Chinese soldiers are distinguished by their high mobility, hardihood, ability to live and fight on the most slender diet, coolness and resourcefulness in tight places and indifference to danger. The improvement in Chinese leadership, tactics, and the synchronization of movements is sufficiently proved by their three great victories of Chang Sha. It might also be mentioned that of six major engagements in 1940, the Chinese won five.

Since the Burma Road has been put under the management of American traffic experts its carrying capacity has been quadrupled and it is now regularly patrolled by American aviators to keep off Japanese bombers. By the latest authentic reports, the Japanese have suffered the biggest defeat in their history at Chang Sha, and now the Chinese are reaching out to attack them in other vital points. It is too much to anticipate when the right moment comes for an air drive against Japan all over China. Every hamlet

will rise as in Russia to help the soldiers to heap vengeance on the hated invader and such an offensive in China might combine with the simultaneous drive of the rest of the AB'D Allies in the South to break the Japanese tyrant's.

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in the North Pacific,

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