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EDITORIALS

THE BRITISH EMPIRE

In connection with the attack made by Mrs. D. G. Steeves, C. C. F. member for North Vancouver in the Legislature last week, the British Empire needs no defenders, especially in this country, which is a part of that Empire which the lady attacked and in which she lives. At the same time it may not be out of place to draw attention to a few facts.

No one claimed that the Empire is infallible or that British statesmen are infallible. The most rabid imperialist will have to admit that many mistakes have been made and many things done of which we are not at all proud. That must be said of any nation during its stages of development and especially of a virile people like the British.

What British people claim and believe to be true is that under the British flag there is a far greater amount of freedom for the individual than under any other, not even excepting the United States or Holland or Russia. Individual freedom has been built up over a series of centuries and, in the treatment of subject races, people have been gradually trained to become self-governing.

India is an outstanding example of this. While today there is a tremendous amount of superstition and ignorance found among the people of India and religious intolerance has not been overcome, it is true that most of the leaders of the present liberty movement are men who have been educated in English universities and inoculated with British ideals.

British set the model for free Parliaments, free education, free speech and freedom of worship or religious education. Naturally with the development along these lines has come industrial freedom the "bete noir" of Mrs. Steeves and other C.C.F. members. It is doubtful if freedom and regimentation can go together.

Mrs. Steeves objects to the word "Empire" in connection with the British commonwealth of nations. It may not be the correct word but it seems to be the only one available. There are so many stages of development to be considered in connection with the various nations and colonies. Newfoundland was at one time wholly self-governing but it made a mess of things and asked the British to take the country back as a crown colony. There are colonies consisting largely of negro races and others consisting of Malays. One reason why the Africans of Dutch origin object to British connection is because the British insist on the negro majority getting improved conditions and education. The Dutch Boers, relatives of Mrs. Steeves, would allow them no privileges leading to eventual self-government.

We are mentioning these few things just to give a little idea of what the British Empire is fighting for. It is for the preservation and continuation of that liberty which has been handed down to us. The British have ideals which they are however imperfectly, trying to put into practice. The German ideal is very largely selfish. Hitler's world vision can envisage only that in which the German people are predominant and all others subject.

BRIGHTEN Will Observe CENOTAPH Armistice Day

Painting of Flag Pole is Ticklish Job—Boy Scouts Give Stone Thorough Scrubbing

Surroundings of the cenotaph on the Court House grounds are being brightened up in readiness for the observance of Armistice Day which will centre there on Saturday of this week.

This morning a man scaled the big flag pole to make preparation for it to be painted from top to bottom. Four gallons of white paint will be required in this ticklish job.

On Saturday afternoon Boy Scouts, under the leadership of Scoutmaster (Rev.) Roy Durnford of Seal Cove, turned out and washed off the cenotaph, scrubbing it with soap and water.

Largest Wheat Crop Is Claimed

Soviet Russia Believes its Volume is Exceeded By No Other Country

MOSCOW, Nov. 6.—Soviet Russia claims to have the largest wheat crop of any nation in the world this year.

Turkish Assembly Considering Bill To Ratify Treaty

ANKHARA, Turkey, Nov. 6.—A bill to ratify the mutual assistance pact recently negotiated by Turkey with Great Britain and France was introduced in the Turkish Assembly yesterday.

Refugees For San Domingo

Two Hundred May Be Settled There Immediately

NEW YORK, November 6:—The International Refugee Commission has been advised that 500 European refugees may be immediately settled in the republic of San Domingo in the West Indies.

Veterans From Various Parts Of District To Gather In Smithers

SMITHERS, November 6.—Preparations have been completed by the Bulkley Valley branch of the Canadian Legion for the annual observance of Remembrance Day in the customary manner.

Poppies are already on hand to supply the demand which is expected to be greater this year than it has been in any previous year owing to the present situation which has reminded all so forcibly of those who laid down their lives in the Great War.

The veterans of the district will gather at the Legion Hall in the morning and march to the United Church where service will be held under the joint auspices of the United Church and the Anglican Church conducted by Rev. J. T. Burchill and Rev. J. E. Birchall. A choir of more than twenty voices has been assembled for this occasion and an orchestra of six pieces under the leadership of J. S. Gray, the well known local musician and bandmaster, will provide the music for this service.

The regular Armistice dance will also be held in connection with this anniversary.

Bulkley Valley Branch No. 63 embraces in its membership nearly 100 veterans from Cedarvale to Burns Lake and it is expected that there will be a good representation of these members in attendance on that day.

War Conditions More Favorable

General McNaughton Observes That Time Has Been On Dominion's Side With No Need For Haste

MONTREAL, Nov. 4: (CP)—Canada entered the present war "under somewhat more advantageous circumstances than 1914 with time on our side and no need for haste," Major General A. G. L. McNaughton, commander-in-chief of the first Canadian Overseas division, said today.

Hockey Scores

Saturday
Boston 0, Toronto 5.
Sunday
Chicago 2, Canadians 8.
Rangers 1, Detroit 1 (overtime tie).

LINING UP HOOP PLAY

Standard Oilers Are In Readiness For Opposition

The Standard Oil basketball team is now swinging into full practice schedule and is rapidly getting into shape for any opposition that may come their way during the coming winter.

Ernie Santerbane, the boy who nearly carried the Northern British Columbia championship back to Premier last season after the local boys had their eyes on it all through the season, has now joined the Oilers and is a decided acquisition to the fast stepping forward line of MacPhee, Morgan, Beynon, Dominato and Campbell.

Bob Houston looks better than ever but, as he is in the service of his country, he cannot be depended upon for full participation in games away from home. As a result of this Morgan and Dominato may see considerable duty at guard where both of them have showed considerable prowess in the past. This switch is found necessary as only Jim Currie will be left from last year's guard line, Art Murray having turned in his strips. Art cannot find enough time for practice and without practice it's a tough job to hold a place.

As the boys are not really in shape as yet no games have been scheduled for the time being. The Army and Navy have a formidable looking squad on paper and they are also rather sure of a victory should they meet the champions. It is hoped the two teams will get together soon so that sport will not die after such a successful season in 1938-39.

City Commissioner W. J. Alder is to be approached with regard to the use of the Exhibition Building for practice as the Catholic Hall Gymnasium now being used is too small for proper floor work.



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Moratorium For Soldiers

EDMONTON, November 6:—The Alberta government has declared a moratorium on all debts of soldiers enlisting for war service as well as exemption of their homes from taxation for the period of the war and two years after.

NO CASES IN COURT
November is again a quiet month in County Court here. No civil actions are listed and, at the regular monthly sitting this morning, the Hon. Mr. Justice W. E. Phillips consisted only of the hearing of a few naturalization applications.



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