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EDITORIAL

A Horrible War - - -

This is a horrible war. Under the present system of savagery women and children are in as great danger as those in the fighting ranks. Possibly we may some day learn how many civilians have been killed in the air raids in the different countries. Bombing is almost wholly confined to congested centres and mortality among women and children is bound to be large.

Middle Of Winter - - -

The last day of this week is the shortest day of the year. From that day forward the days will gradually lengthen and the hours of darkness shorten. When we get into January the lighter mornings and evenings will become noticeable.

Christmas Presents - - -

Judging by what we see in the local stores there is to be a big avalanche of Christmas presents for a good many people. There will be all the old reliable kinds of presents and a considerable number of new ones. It is rumored that, in view of the present day situation, there will be bags of bachelor buttons to enable the men to keep their breeches in the correct place. There will be a lot of those jolly old smoking jackets that spend so much time in the clothes closets. That is an advantage because it keeps green in the memories of the recipients the names of the donors, often girls, who otherwise would have been forgotten. Useful articles are the most acceptable this year. Furniture, men's wear, women's wear, electrical goods, household articles, most of these things are acceptable.

Many people like flowers, candies, bottled refreshments and such like. Much depends on the people and their likes and dislikes. Tact is required to pick the right things. We know a number of people who say nothing gives them a headache like picking out Christmas presents.

Looking Backward - - -

Benito Mussolini, he of the outstanding chin and the loud boast, once made a public statement of policy. He said:

"I solemnly declare that Italy does not intend to drag other peoples who are her neighbors by sea and by land into the conflict. Let Switzerland, Jugoslavia, Turkey, Egypt and Greece take note of these words of mine."

Today we know how much the word of Mussolini is worth. It has just about the same value as that of his bosom friend, Adolf Hitler. Now the Duce tries in vain to cheer up his countrymen who fret under their losses. Not a victory of any moment have they won so far. They marched an army into Egypt and immediately bogged down at Sidi Barrani. In other words the British bogged them down. They were allowed to advance to the place where the British wanted them and there they stuck until the British, with the aid of the Free French and others, proceeded to drive them helter skelter back into Libya. They will do well now if they hold that country. Possibly they will be driven out of Africa.

Man in the Moon

Those British and French forces in Egypt were rather slow getting started but when they did start they fought like devils.

In this war against Italy it was the Greeks who led the way, assisted by the British. Good stuff!

Fascism seems to be a game of bluff rather than a real fighting force.

If anyone wants to give me a Christmas present, I suggest they give me a few evenings toasting my toes before the fire.

Jake says all he needs is a dozen bottles of ginger ale to mix with his Scotch and a bottle or two of Scotch to mix with the ginger ale. It takes very little to make Jake happy.

Talking of happiness reminds me of the Eskimos in the Arctic. Father Stephen Bazin says the Eskimos are the happiest people on earth. They spend hours laughing and talking and never have any worries. Let's trade jobs with the Eskimos.

But after all, why shouldn't we all be happy in this part of the world? We have wonderful climate, wonderful city, wonderful neighbors and we are all a wonderful collection of people. Now, aren't we?

A wealthy Irishman was proud of the opportunity to "show off" on the occasion of a visit to London of a compatriot. To dazzle him he invited him to dine at a fashionable restaurant.

"Now, me bhoy," he said, "just you follow my lead and I'll order everything of the best."

Seated at table the host led off with—"Waiter, a couple of cocktails."

His friend gave himself away, however, when he whispered, audibly, "Waiter, if ye don't mind, I'd rather have a wing."

There are numbers of competitors in various walks of life who might fairly claim to represent the Spirit of London. But none has a better right to it than the flower-seller who greeted the air raid warning with "Them dratted wasps again!" as she handed over a bunch of roses with undisturbed composure.

Two Britons, bound for New York, had sat side by side on deck chairs without exchanging a word. On the third day one of them fell asleep and his book hit the deck with a thud.

That broke the ice. The other man picked up the book and the following dialogue took place.

"Thanks very much. Going across?"
"Yes."
"So am I."

I heard two girls talking in the bus. The conversation got on to the subject of kissing and one said:

"By the way, Elsie, do you kiss strange men?"

"Of course not," the other one giggled, "I wait till they get familiar."

Then the first one started talking about a chap called George.

"His kisses," she said, "are just like clockwork."

"How do you mean?"
"Well, he always winds up the evening with them."

"GOVERNMENT LIQUOR ACT"

(Section 28)

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Bill Williscroft Visiting Coast

Pioneer Local Boy, Who Went Through Dunkerque, is Home in Vancouver

Capt. W. E. Williscroft, well known pioneer of Prince Rupert, here today from Vancouver aboard the Home Oil tanker Dinamac, reports that his son, Sergeant William Williscroft, arrived home in Vancouver last night from Camp Borden where he is an instructor with the Royal Canadian Air Force. Bill Williscroft Jr. returned to Canada earlier in the year to take up this instructional work after having been in England and France, having gone through the evacuation of Dunkerque. Capt. and Mrs. Williscroft have another son, Frank, at Aldershot, England, with the Calgary Highlanders.

The Dinamac arrived this morning from Vancouver and will leave tonight on her return south via Queen Charlotte Islands.

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PRINCE GEORGE

Sponsored by the Prince George Board of Trade and the Junior Chamber of Commerce, a novel undertaking for the local retail store community was a Christmas preview of gift goods by the merchants of Prince George. Stores were specially decorated and the goods attractively displayed. The preview took place on Wednesday evening and attracted much interest. Many stores had registrations of more than 350 visitors. In window dressing displays, winners were Miss Eva Jenkins of Hughes & Drake and Geoff Mortimer of Prince George Drug Co. Many attendance prizes were offered to visitors by the various stores.

The Prince George district log scale for the present year to date, according to figures released by R. D. Gregor, district forester totals 71,238,143 board feet as compared with 52,631,528 board feet in the corresponding period of last year.

Robert Fisk and two sons, Bryan and Travis, have arrived in Prince George to take up residence for the duration of the war with Mr. Fisk's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Fisk.

A Penny Carnival put on by the Red Cross Club of Baron Byng High School here resulted in no less than \$300 being realized.

Mrs. Gordon Hunter has left for Prince Rupert to join Mr. Hunter who has been transferred there in the accounting department of the Canadian National Railways.

Mrs. David Perkins left last week for the coast. She will visit at Ashcroft with her niece, Mrs. Terry Johnson, before proceeding to Vancouver to spend the winter.

The objective of Prince George for war savings certificates is \$1000 a month. A local committee headed by W. J. Pitman is now at work endeavouring to realize the objective.

D. C. Schubert, district manager of Government Telegraphs with headquarters at Ashcroft, was a visitor here last week on official inspection duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ball have returned from Vancouver to their new home at Pinchi Lake.

THE Variety Store

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

December 17, 1915

Sir Richard McBride has resigned as Premier of British Columbia. The new Premier is Hon. W. J. Bowser, Attorney General.

An alleged anarchist gang under Edward Krause is said to be operating around Ketchikan.

The newstand on the G. T. P. wharf, of which C. L. Youngman is in charge, was broken into during the night and a quantity of cigars, tobacco and candy taken.

Open Up Another No-Women's Land

Long Standing Tradition Being Broken At Annapolis

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 17 (CP)—A long-standing masculine tradition at United States Naval Academy is going by the boards. This season, for the first time, women will be allowed to take part in a play presented by the midshipmen's Masqueraders Club. Heretofore, middies have played feminine roles.

If the presence of women in the play proves successful, said Professor Royal S. Pease, in charge of production, the practice may be continued.

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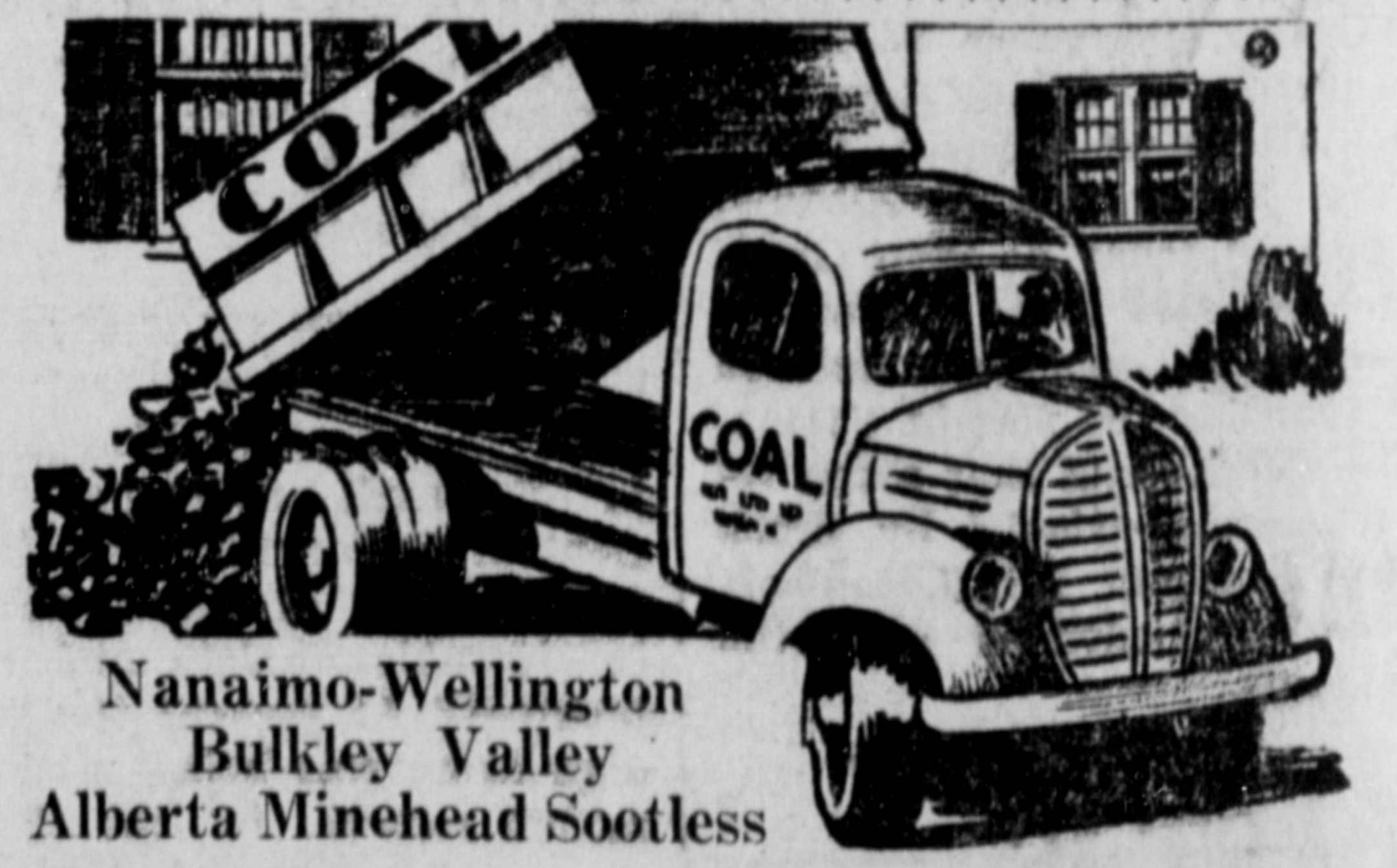
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