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EDITORIAL

FINLAND'S HEROISM

The heroism of little Finland in battling against the Bolshevik giant will go down in history as one of the outstanding exploits of the century. The fact that the Finns were overwhelmed by numbers and finally had to give up the unequal contest does not affect the value of the struggle to the people themselves and to the world. They were the ones to puncture the Russian balloon and had they received a reasonable amount of support from the democracies they never would have been beaten.

LACK OF SUPPORT

In dealing with that lack of support, there seems to be a general feeling that Great Britain should have jumped in and thrown all her support to the Finns. That, of course, would have been the great opportunity for Germany. She would have used it as her excuse for attacking Britain through the low countries and possibly of marching through Finland and taking the British and French forces in the rear and wiping them out.

The only country that could have taken action without much fear of reprisal was the United States. She had the ships, the men and the money and her people were all sympathetic to the Finns. But while Finland suffered, the United States Senate talked and talked and the people of that country failed to realize that there was a crisis and they were the only people that could possibly have saved the little democarcy and turned the whole tide of affairs.

BIG FIGHT COMING

The big fight is coming soon. Germany cannot continue to hold out long without taking some more or less decisive action. Action has been promised for this spring, possibly within the next month or two. It is sure to come but in which direction only the German leaders know and even they may not know yet. That it will be a big fight with terrible slaughter on both sides is likely. The Allies will need every ounce of support possible and, before the end, both Russia and the United States will possibly be taking part. We may count on real war soon and we must not think that all the victories will be on the British side. The enemy is a formidable one and not to be despised.

POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

The arguments and discussions used in connection with the political campaign now in progress are extremely petty considered in view of the greater tragedy that is hanging over mankind just now. Premier Pattullo hit the nail on the head at the Liberal meeting last night when he said that there was only one issue today and that issue was how best to win the war.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King has been in close touch with the British government and with the governments of the other nations of the Commonwealth for the past year and more. Daily confidential communications have passed between them. Often they have been hourly. No one but the Prime Minister is fully informed of the situation and he is the natural man to carry on. Mr. Hanson is giving him his full support in this crisis. He is the logical representative for Skeena and that seems to be realized by many Conservatives and former members of the C.C.F. He can represent the views of everyone just now—the view that the war must be won and that when it is won the country must resume its ordinary course with the least possible friction. After that we can solve lesser problems.

WOMEN NOW ORGANIZED

Fire, Sword or Drought, Come What May, Gentler Sex is Regimented to Take Full Part

By DILYS THOMAS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

LONDON, Mar. 14 (CP)—Total of 893,000 in national service shows that Britain's womenfolk have answered the country's call as readily as her menfolk.

Of the women's branches of the three services the Women's Auxiliary Territorial Service, headed by Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan leads with more than 30,000. Originally the number aimed at was 20,000 but last October it was decided to double the strength.

The "ATS" uniform is khaki tunic, skirt and cap. These girls are attached to army training camps as cooks, clerks and drivers and rank from volunteer to chief commandant.

A volunteer—equivalent to a private—gets 30 cents a day pay. Section leaders—sergeants' rank—wear three stripes, are usually in charge of platoons and earn $1 a day. Company assistants, like second lieutenants, wear a seven-pointed star and receive $1.68 a day. Company commanders have two stars, are equivalent to army captains and earn $2.75 daily. Commandants correspond to lieutenant-colonels and earn $7 a day.

The Women's Royal Naval Service has a membership of 2,500 and is up to strength. Led by Mrs. Laughton Matthews, daughter of Sir John Matthews, its members wear navy blue uniforms with caps for rank and file and three-cornered hats for officers. "Wrens," as they are called, are enrolled for shore jobs only and work at naval bases as cooks, bookkeepers, cipherers and drivers.

An ordinary Wren earns $7.50 a week while Chief Wrens, who correspond to naval petty officers and wear no badge of rank, earn $10 a week. Second officers wear a blue braid stripe on the cuff and earn $20 a week. First officers wear two thick braid stripes and receive $23 weekly. Chief officers, corresponding to naval commanders, have two thick and one thin stripe and get $26.25 a week.

Popular Air Force

The Women's Auxiliary Air Force is also full up with membership of more than 8,000. The "WAAFS" have as their head Miss J. Trefusis Forbes and they don't fly. This is the most popular of the women's services, probably on account of the snappy uniforms of air force blue.

The girls are employed as cooks, drivers, teleprinter and telephone operators and fabric workers. Airwomen 2nd class earn 30 cents a day. When promoted from airwomen 2nd class to airwoman 1st class, a volunteer's rate of pay is increased to 50 cents daily. Sergeants, corresponding to R.A.F. sergeants, with three stripes on the sleeve, are paid $1 to $1.30 a day according to duties. Senior sergeants, corresponding to flight sergeants, with three stripes and a crown, receive from $1.25 to $1.50 a day.

Assistant section officers, equivalent to R.A.F. pilot officers, with one ring on the cuff, get $1.80 a day. Flight officers, equivalent to flight lieutenants, with two rings on the cuff, get $3 a day. Squadron officers, equivalent to squadron leaders, with two thick rings and one thin, earn $4.57 a day. Wing officers, corresponding to wing commanders, with three thick rings on the cuff, earn $5.60 a day. Rates of pay for controllers and air commandants have not yet been fixed.

Fire and Hospital

The Women's Auxiliary Fire Service has a membership of 5,000 in London and roughly 25,000 over the whole of England. Their uniform is navy blue with "AFS" in red on the left breast pocket and red piping on the caps. They are allowed choice of skirts or trousers and work as cooks, clerks and telephonists. Their rankings are firewoman; section officers, who have one thick red band on the sleeve; company officers, wearing one thick band and one thin; group officers, with one thick band and two thin, and deputy commandant with one thick band and three thin. All receive $10 a week irrespective of rank.

British Red Cross nurses—the Voluntary Aid Detachment — has 67,000 members. With Dame Beryl Oliver as their directress, they are under contract for the duration of the war, earn from $150 to $200 year and serve in military and naval hospitals at home and abroad. V.A.D. nurses will not have the job of looking after civilian air raid casualties. This is the work for which the Civil Nursing Reserve was recruited. There are about 20,000 trained reservists and 100,000 more have been or are being trained as auxiliaries. They earn $10 a week.

Working on Land

The Women's Land Army, pay $7 a week, uniform dungarees, gumboots and raincoats, seems to be the biggest white elephant of the war. Out of the 25,000 enlisted, only 7,000 have been placed in employment. The remainder are carrying on their civilian jobs until the Ministry of Agriculture calls on them for service.

Biggest and best achievement of women in wartime is the Women's Voluntary Service with a membership of 570,000. Organized by the Dowager Lady Reading, they receive no pay and their uniform consists of greyish-green overcoat and a chromium badge.

Both Lady Reading and Walter Elliot, Minister of Health, paid tribute to their work in evacuating women and children at the outbreak of war. Now part of their job is feeding, clothing and schooling the evacuees.

Among other tasks are such jobs as making bandages, nightshirts, stuffing mattresses, recruiting and classifying blood donors and transporting the transfusions.

Women's Voluntary Services were responsible also before the war for training 46,000 ambulance drivers now stationed at first aid posts throughout the country and paid $10 a week for standing by.

Chester Leask sailed yesterday on the Prince George for a trip to Ketchikan.

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Junior Chamber of Commerce Assisting in Drive Now in Progress

The Red Shield campaign of the Salvation Army, objective of which is to raise $1,000,000 in Canada for war services as well as the usual social services of the Army, opened this week and will continue until March 20.

The Prince Rupert Junior Chamber of Commerce is co-operating with the Army in the local drive, under the leadership of A. S. Nickerson, having undertaken to canvass the business section. The teams are as follows:

Waterfront and East of McBride Street—William Brooksbank, Robert Parker, Tommy Fraser and G. L. Rorie.

Fulton Street to McBride Street—T. J. Williams, J. C. Gilker and C. G. Ham.

Sixth Street to Fulton Street—E. C. Southby, Ross Ingram, Gordon German and A. S. Nickerson.

West of Sixth Street—S. J. Jurmain, Stanley Saville, Jack McRae and John Connell.

Northbound from Vancouver to Alaska on a regular voyage, C.P.R. steamer Princess Louise, Capt. S. K. Gray, arrived in port at 8:30 this morning from the south, sailing an hour later for Skagway. Traffic now being northward in view of impending spring, the Princess Louise had a list of 114 passengers. Three disembarked at this port and five sailed from here for the north. She will be calling here again next Monday afternoon southbound.

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