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## EDITORIAL

### Letting George Do It . . .

We are letting George do it instead of doing it ourselves. The government has been selling war savings certificates to the amount of two and a half million dollars a month. But they are needing ten million a month from the people who are earning wages. People who are not earning wages but are getting their incomes from dividends will get theirs next month when their tax notices arrive. There is to be a levy of 75 per cent on all incomes that are higher this year than in the past.

In this matter of saving for the war, the government must have the money. They are not saying so yet but it is inevitable that if they do not get it from savings they must get it from taxes. The rate of interest payable is large enough to make saving worth while. Anyone buying enough of these certificates will be rich after the war.

As has been stated already, the people of Britain, from one end of the country to the other are making regular purchases of war savings stamps and certificates in addition to the many other calls on them in the way of taxes and donations, making the donations systematically and regularly.

### Don't Worry Over Future . . .

Evidently there are some people who are worrying over what the future of the country will be like. If the Germans win, we have a pretty good idea what it will be like but, if the Germans do not win, something of which we feel confident, then we are quite willing to leave it to the good sense of the people to decide what the future will be like. In this country the people are reasonable. They are not Bolsheviks. They are not satisfied with present conditions but they do not want to cause any violent upheaval which would cause untold suffering such as happened in Russia. We shall be the same sort of people in 1942 as we were in 1939 except that a few of our best young men will be missing. If we can keep the Germans out there is nothing to fear for the future, even if we all have to start again from scratch.

### United States Coming Along . . .

The United States is coming along. The people of the country are gradually getting to be war minded—not to the extent of declaring war but to the extent of putting all their material energies into it. Britain is to have all the ships she needs, also the airplanes and all the other paraphernalia of war.

### Crossing The Ocean . . .

Just a few years ago it was considered to be a wonderful feat to fly across the Atlantic. Today we are told that forty pilots are regularly engaged in flying American-built planes across and delivering them to the British war department. Pretty soon there will be one hundred doing the same and many of them cross the ocean in ten hours. We hope a few of these drop bombs on Berchtesgaden.

### Christmas For The Men . . .

Last year, when the holiday season came around the people of Prince Rupert opened their doors quite freely to the men in uniform. Most of them were entertained to dinner and in most cases they enjoyed the occasion very much. Doubtless, Prince Rupert people will do the same this year but what is to be remembered is that this year there are a great many more men in the city than last and, if we do our part properly, even greater hospitality will be necessary than last year. If any people are not able to get in touch with men of the various units, Padre Durnford would be a good man to contact and make arrangements in advance.

Dozens of people have been inviting lads to their homes and they know who they want to invite. Others would like to do something but do not quite know how to go about it. We are not sure how many men will be here for Christmas but it undoubtedly will be a large number.

## AIRMEN OF CANADA IN READINESS

New Flyers to Meet Germans Organized in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG, Dec. 5. (CP)—Airmen who prepared for war in peacetime are ready to take their place in the Battle of Britain. They are members of Canada's No. 2 Fighter Squadron of the Royal Canadian Air Force, and most of the personnel is made up of Winnipeg and Manitoba flyers.

Men who fought against the Germans in the skies of France in the First Great War, organized and prepared the squadron for battle service overseas. It left Canada in May, after an intensive period of training in Winnipeg and Ottawa, at No. 112 (City of Winnipeg) Co-operation Squadron.

Stationed in Southern England, the squadron, first detailed as an "army eye," now will take its place with No. 1 Fighter Squadron which has written a new page of valor in the history of the R.C.A.F.

Organized in 1934, No. 112 Army Co-operation Squadron was organized in Winnipeg in 1934. Many of its pilots got their wings at the Winnipeg Flying Club, training under direction of Great War flyers, and with Sgt.-Ldr. J. A. Sully of Winnipeg as first commander. Later, Sgt.-Ldr. F. H. Crabb, now a wing commander at R.C.A.F. headquarters in Ottawa, took charge, and when the squadron moved out of Winnipeg last February it was under the command of Sgt.-Ldr. R. H. Little, the present officer in charge of the air school at Calgary.

When the unit embarked from an Eastern Canadian port late in May, the squadron was under the command of Sgt.-Ldr. S. L. Hanna of Winnipeg. It carried overseas a battle flag presented by the city of Winnipeg, and recently honored when Air Marshal W. A. Bishop V.C., visiting headquarters in England, unfurled its new R.C.A.F. flag.

There have been promotions, and changes in personnel overseas. The squadron members have made valuable reconnaissance flights. It also has served as a pool reinforcing squadron for No. 1 Fighter Squadron and No. 10 (City of Toronto) Army Co-operation Squadron.

When No. 2 Fighter Squadron left the Dominion, its personnel included airmen from many sections of Eastern and Western Canada. Its officers came from eight provinces in the Dominion, representing 20 cities and towns, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The larger centres in the Dominion, Halifax, Montreal, Toronto, Regina, Saskatoon, Edmonton and Victoria, were all represented. From the far west was P.O. E. L. Murgrove of Victoria B.C. From the eastern provinces was P.O. S. A. Bushel of Canso, N.S.

## Man in the Moon

A judge, a real estate broker and a labor union official. That's not bad for a rental commission. Send your appeals to them and you can get genuine judgment.

If Anyox comes to life again it will be a real resurrection from the dead.

Usually it takes only one committee to bury a troublesome question but the Prince Rupert housing question is now going to its third Chamber of Commerce committee.

Joe Kennedy has resigned. He had to. The British do not want any weak partner on that side of the Atlantic.

Next to having a door knob come off in your hand, the emptiest feeling is stepping on a running board that isn't there.

A Chinese opened a laundry between a drug store and a restaurant. The druggist had a sign: "We Never Close." The restaurant announced "Open at All Hours." So within a few days the laundry exhibited this sign: "Me No Sleepers Too."

"I want some squad halt in my looping-the-loop" is the modern way of asking for salt in your soup.

Think of it. Some members of the B. C. Legislature fear skulduggery, scandal and allegations of corruption in connection with the taking of the soldier vote in the next provincial election. If they were the pure minded citizens we had been led to believe they would have had no such thoughts.

A man named Dearthie was being tried before Mr. Justice Darling in England.

"Does your wife call you Dearthie when she throws teapots at you?" asked the judge, glancing towards the press table, for he loved publicity.

"No, Darling," answered the culprit.

"Three months," snapped Mr. Justice Darling.

A pair in the Home Counties had a 10-acre field where his cows grazed, but which was less useful than it might have been because it was waterless. A few days ago the Germans dropped a bomb there which conveniently brought to light a hidden spring. It's easy to get a spring by dropping a bomb.

TRINITY'S NEW MASTER  
CAMBRIDGE, Eng., Dec. 5. (CP)—The King has approved the appointment of Professor George Masanally Trevelyan to the Mastership of Trinity College in succession to the late Sir Joseph John Thomson.

## MEN AND ONE GIRL ESCAPE

Get Away From Island of Jersey in Night Because They Do Not Like Germans

LONDON, Dec. 5.—A Londoner who has just escaped to England from Jersey with seven other men and a girl disguised as a boy likes life in bombed London better than that under the Germans.

George Turner, a bachelor of 58, grew tomatoes and potatoes in Jersey and decided to stay on when the Germans came. For many weeks he listened to their boasting until he could stand it no longer. He made the break for England.

"About 300 Germans were the first to arrive," said Mr. Turner.

"I went on working until two Germans came and wanted to know whether my house was my property. They went in, opened drawers and took 163, saying I would get a receipt and would be given marks to that value. When I went to an office in town I got nothing.

"The Germans were quite nice and courteous and did not lay a finger on me but the next morning three more arrived, picked all my fruit and tomatoes and took them away."

"I asked them about the money and they said: 'That will be all right.' I never received anything. I cannot say that they looted. It was all done by the officials in a very courteous way.

Seized All Flour  
"They took all the flour in the island and commandeered the hotels, billeted themselves there and emptied the cellars.

"They went straight to the town hall and interviewed John Pinel, the police magistrate. They appointed about 40 town guards who patrolled the streets in couples, surrounding the police force.

"Although they are what might be termed tolerant they let you know that they are the bosses. If anyone carries a case he is stopped and made to show what is inside.

"There is nothing Prussian about their manner but they said to us: 'You will all be Prussians from now on and the Channel Islands belong to Germany forever. The boats will come here now from Hamburg instead of from England and, if you want to go away, you will go to Germany because you are German subjects now. Germany is a very good place and England does not know how to govern.'

Ribbentrop for Us  
"They also told us that Ribbentrop would be the boss for Germany in England. They took the food from the boarding houses, went into the largest grocer's warehouse and packed great crates and sent them away.

"From the large drapers they sent all the women's lingerie away and

helped themselves from the jewelers. "Wireless is not allowed and there is a curfew at 10 p.m.

"The bread we had was dark brown. We had no sweetstuffs, no sugar, no butter but a bit of margarine. When the German soldiers came they were ravenous and the first thing they did was to have a good feed. Strangely, they never took the tobacco."

Mr. Turner said that life in the Channel Islands was monotonous but not dangerous. The people are not allowed to receive news and no letters had arrived through Lisbon despite the arrangements made.

"The islanders are frightened," he declared, "because they do not know what is going on or what is to happen.

### Planned to Escape

"If the Germans see anyone hanging about they put them to work on the fields. The banks are closed and there are no cinemas. They keep up a service with St. Malo, by means of an old cargo boat."

Mr. Turner added that the people were kept away from the quay.

"One day," he said, "four of us met in a hotel and one man said: 'I am going to make a bolt for it. There is a boat in the harbor.'

"This boat was captained by an Irishman. He had been there a long time. He was not allowed to move but he had coal in his bunkers. He said he would take us to England for £3 5s a head. Eventually nine of us, including a girl, made our



way to the boat at nine o'clock one night.

"We all went to the quay by different routes and I had a small suitcase under my coat whenever I passed German soldiers.

"About 4 a.m. the ship slid around the headland and we were away. It took us three days to reach England.

"I had just my fare to London and when I arrived had to pawn my boots and a spare suit. I walked to London for a job and by great luck I have found one."

### WARTIME SHOPS CLOSED

LONDON, Dec. 5. (CP)—On March 2 the normal time of closing for shops in England, Scotland and Wales will be 6 p.m. with an extension to 7.30 p.m. one evening a week.

### WIGAN, Eng., Dec. 5. (CP)—Ald.

J. H. Banks, deputy leader of the Labor Party in Town Council here, will be next mayor of the Lancashire seaboard town.

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