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EDITORIALS

WHY IT FELL THROUGH

In January of this year the Germans evidently intended to invade Belgium and many people at that time wondered why the plans were changed. The real reason was because the Belgian high command got word of it and the Germans knew they had the information.

It seems that a German officer was planning to travel by train from Berlin to Cologne with the complete plans of the proposed invasion. In order to have an extra ten hours with his newly married wife he decided to travel instead by plane and accepted a lift with an air force friend. The plane became lost and landed on Belgian soil. The German officers tried to burn the plans but were prevented from doing so by Belgian guards. The result was the Belgians learned all the details of the scheme and it was called off.

It is possible that the Germans have new plans for the invasion of Belgium or it may be that some other country will be the sufferer. At any rate Belgium has the benefit of the first failure to help her in her defense, should she need it.

SPLENDID WORK

The driving of the Germans out of Narvik on Saturday was another exploit that shows how valuable is a strong navy with brave, daring men manning it. When the news arrived Saturday it was hard to believe that there was not some mistake. We did not doubt the ability of the navy to take Narvik but we did not realize there were so many German warships bottled up there. Seven war vessels at one swoop is pretty good work. And the best of it was that there was no bragging ahead of time of what they were going to do.

The British are making good their word when they said they would come to the help of Norway. Not only have they cleaned out the Nazi nest at Narvik but also they have landed troops at several places in that country and these will be joining the Norwegians in the defence of their country and to share in the considerable task of driving out the Germans.

Another very important task which the British navy has carried out is the mining of the German and Danish coast all the way from the Skagerrack to the borders of Lithuania. This does not make it impossible for ships to leave Germany but makes it extremely difficult and dangerous. Undoubtedly, German mine sweepers are at work fishing out the mines but it is dangerous work and takes a long time. In the meantime the mine layers doubtless will continue the work of laying more mines. Nothing so well illustrates how completely Britain and France have secured command of the seas as the invasion of the Baltic by the British right up to where the Russian sphere of influence begins and the mining of most of it.

It's interesting to know when reading the Daily News that the people of the whole district are doing the same.

FROM THE SHOULDER

Players Have Much to do Themselves With Success of Football—Legion Does Its Bit

The Prince Rupert Football Association has made a good start for the 1940 season. The success of the season however depends first of all on the players themselves. They must have the determination to back up the association. There is never a year but the players complain of the lack of support of the general public. This is due to the players themselves.

How can they expect spectators to attend matches if teams turn up short of players, games are held up till half an hour after the time for starting and often teams are not wearing uniform strips.

Another usual complaint is that the refereeing is not good. Here again players and spectators are partly to blame. They do not know the rules of the game. And in any case the referee checks what he sees. He may miss what someone else sees but he is much more likely to see something that others do not see.

The request from the Association to the Canadian Legion to sponsor a team was considered by the Legion. From previous unfortunate experience over a number of years the Legion decided that it was unable to do so. But they did something which must help. It voted the sum of twenty-five dollars to the Football Association for football purposes. The "old soldiers" are alas too old to play but this substantial contribution is evidence of their support of the game and a real encouragement to the football association executive and players alike.

Old Country Soccer

South A
Mansfield 3, Notts County 5.
North A
Wrexham 3, Stockport 0.
North B
Doncaster 0, Rotherham 0.

Junior Baseball Game Was Close

McClymont Park Wins Over Fraser Street By Score Of 17 To 16

In the Junior Baseball League yesterday McClymont Park won a tight contest from Fraser Street by a score of 17 to 16. The winning run was scored in the ninth inning. Arney was on the mound for Fraser Street and Macdonald and Santerbane for McClymont Park. There were home runs by Pavlikis and Santerbane.

Teams were:
McClymont Park—Hingston, Astori, Simundsen, Santerbane, Zbura, Keays, B. Scherk, Macdonald.
Fraser Street—Vucovich, Blain, Brown, Arney, Pavlikis, Richard Long, Holkestad and Scherk.

SPORT CHAT

The 1940 season for the Major League baseball clubs opens tomorrow. Here is the list of opening games: National League—Brooklyn at Boston; Philadelphia at New York; Chicago at Cincinnati; Pittsburgh at St. Louis. American League—Cleveland at Chicago; St. Louis at Detroit; Boston at Washington; New York at Philadelphia.

Walter Johnson, veteran Washington pitcher, started his 18th season in major league baseball by shutting out Philadelphia Athletics for his 101st whitewash in big time 16 years ago today. He struck out eight A's, bringing his total to 3,000.

WAS INSPIRED CLERGY

LONDON, April 15: (CP)—The new edition of Crockford's Clerical Directory records that during the last year 590 men were ordained in Britain, the highest total for any year since 1914. Many are serving as army chaplains.

If you have something to swap try a Classified Ad.

Women's Club At Ocean Falls

Interesting Variety Program—Mrs. Turnbull Of Prince Rupert Is Guest

OCEAN FALLS, April 15:— At the Everywoman's Club on Satur-

day Mrs. P. S. Bonney gave a very interesting paper on Gilbert and Sullivan, followed by the singing of "Tit-Willow" by Mr. Gooderich and "The Moon and I" by Mrs. James Kelly. The enthusiastic applause showed that the audience appreciated both paper and songs. Mrs. Faichen's paper on "Old English Gardens" and a closing "Flow-er Fantasy" were also much enjoyed, carrying the group back to

childhood days. Mrs. Calhoun brought everyone back to the war-ringing world with her summary of current events.

In thanking the club members for their assistance at Mrs. Drumb's tea for the Crippled Children's Hospital, Mrs. Jessup announced that A. B. Martin had contributed \$58 toward the cause. A welcome guest of the Club was Mrs. Alex Turnbull of Prince

Rupert who was renewing some friendships while Mr. Turnbull inspected the Ocean Falls School.

NEGRO EDUCATION

WYNBERG, South Africa, April 15: (CP)—Efforts made by colored parents to educate their children were lauded by Dr. W. de Vos, superintendent-general of education, when he opened a school here.

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