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WHYS AND WHEREFORES

Editor, Daily News:

Your editorial in Friday night's Daily News is to be commended for its eulogy of Premier Pattullo and s only what one would expect from a presumably Liberal newspaper about sitting member of its constituency. No one, not even the editorial writer of The Daily News, can commend Premier Pattullo too highly, as succeeding generations will agree. It is not every generation that produces a can of the calibre of Thomas Dufferin Pattullo.

Now just let that sink in! But when your editorial writer

atuously says that "there is no point to be gained, no purpose to be served in discussing the whys nd wherefores of his retirement," disagree. In Premier Pattullo's home town every Liberal voter has been expecting to hear just these whys and wherefores from the allegedly Liberal newspaper. But the Liberal newspaper has been

Maybe Premier Pattullo hasn't taken The Daily News into his confidence, but a Liberal newspaper doesn't require even that.

SEWARD IS mier Pattullo's record and from Special Bargains that tell the people why the official Liberals have not remained Liberal but, instead have joined their hereditary enemies, the political enemies of the common people, the Tories!

It's not to win the war. The poor 10 or 12 Tories, lucky enough to be elected, were they sufficiently patriotic, could with an easy conscience have supported Premier Pattullo and his largest group elected, the alleged Liberals. But no! They wouldn't be so patriotic except at a price. Their patriotism had a price—even in war

But please, Mr. Editor, tell the people who depend upon your largest circulation, just these 'whys and wherefores" of Mr. Pattullo's retirement. As the Liberal newspaper the Liberal voters are entitled to know and cannot look elsewhere except to your columns. Maybe you don't know at first hand, but just recollect how Premier Pattullo cracked down on the oil companies who were overcharging the common people for the hundreds made homeless as mother promptly wrapped her sidi Rezegh, South of Tobruk, Is gas. Tell the people, Mr. Editor | well as the hundreds normally two babies in blankets. A fire-Pattullo's own doctrine was "Trust

the People." ers find themselves in the ranks council and representatives of the One of the burned out restaurof their enemies, the Tories, and army and Red Cross to formulate ants was about to be sold, every- burning building and threw in the look for guidance whether to fol- plans for rebuilding. All are an- thing agreed upon for the trans- charge with his bare hands, runlow the official Liberals, which vious to get started but local fi- fer except signing the formal ning great risk. God forbid.

and tell the truth and all the for immediate priorities on ship- was gone.

ROBERT STEWART. (Like many other supporters of materials.

service and clean coal. why he was ousted, but it is not ing sites are being prepared. G. B. CASEY, Mgr. Phone 755 or Green 527 thing, that is up to him.—Ed.) ed and denote denote denote den denote den denote den denote den denote den denote den den den den den den den

PREPAREDNESS IN NETHERLANDS EAST INDIES



Although Holland, their mother country, is occupied by Ger man troops, these soldiers are still loyal to their exiled Queen, Planes fly overhead constantly to patrol the long coastline of the Netherlands East Indies, and these marines, part of the combined sea-land forces, keep themselves in constant trim. Their nearest Axis enemy is Japan. The marines of the Royal Netherlands navy are pictured here crossing a river fully dressed during training manoeuvres.

REBUILDING

Red Cross Takes Over; Army Helps Clear Sites-Bulldozers Being Used.

bitter northeast gale blasting across the Russell Painters, who lived in the bleak burned-over area of the Arcade, lost many wedding Seward finds catmen and bulldoz- presents. ers muffled to the ears, clearing away debris in readiness for re- resident now Third division U. building following the big fire a attorney, was completely burned

Dining cars and railway kitchens on the waterfront track of the own. Alaska railroad are doing a rushing business—supplanting the restaurants destroyed in the fire.

The medical situation is well in hand. The big problem is that of housing people who are still ocsupying lodge rooms, hallways, a the need for emergency feeding of selves and their families. One eating in the restaurants.

For now bewildered Liberal vot
were burned out met with the city blazing building. ment of materials. Plans were made to transport a full cargo of Edward T. Leary, Butte, Mon-

relief to the homeless. At the same time, an effort was launched to discourage others from coming to Seward at this time. Transportation has not been in- Civil Protection and A. R. P.

terrupted by the fire as there was no damage to the railroad or steamer facilities.

Lost Everything.

With few exceptions, apartment dwellers lost everything in the SEWARD, Alaska, Dec. 8: - A fire. One newly-married couple

J. W. Kehoe, former Ketchikan out. He and Mrs. Kehoe lost collection of paintings, many his

Bob Trotter, hardware man, at the first intimation the Arcade might go, backed up a launcry car and threw his household effects into it, saving everything.

Top floor dwellers, however, had 3ymnasium. With that is coupled to concentrate on saving themman seized the precious bundles

nances are inadequate. RFC aid papers, which was put off until Seward is still under martial But you tell them, Mr. Editor, was sought along with a request Monday the restaurant was gone. control.

Soldier Hero

tana, enlisted man, was the sol-Mr. Pattullo we think we know Meanwhile, with army aid, build- dier hero who assisted three officers in planting dynamite to wise to publish conjectures. If The present water system is to stem the fire at the Northern bar. Mr. Pattullo wishes to tell every- be supplemented with a salt water He found a fourth charge had been left outside, rushed to the

The Red Cross formally took over the matter of administering PR. RUPERT

Workers Called To Alert In State Of Emergency

In view of a state of emergency being declared to exist, all cilivian protection and A. R. P. from the Libyan desert front. workers in Prince Rupert are requested to be on the alert and ready to report to their stations in case of an alarm.

The feeling appears to be that Prince Rupert may be more subject to sabotage than to direct attack for the time being at least.

Precautions are being taken in every quarter against any eventuality.

AXIS IS ON

Recaptured by British.

LONDON, Dec. 8: - A British

authority declared today that Em-

All bars are closed, a situation that may last some days.

pire troops in Libya were attack-

Reports of a heavy artillery duel

ing from three directions against major Axis armored forces be-PREPARES tween El Gobi and El Adam and pore, indicating a sudden no said that Nazi African divisions amorganay. A Priving a sudden no said that Nazi African divisions said that Nazi African divisions emergency. A British Broades were "definitely on the defensive." ing Corporation broadcast repor The British have recaptured Sidi ed that Australia has arranged

> on the road south of Tobruk was the feature o fthe latest news

Final Peace Effort

As War Clouds Lowered To B ing Point in Far East,

WASHINGTON, D.C., Do President Franklin D. Roor sent a personal message Satur night to Emperor Hirohito of pan in an eleventh hour and to Japan to maintain peace in Pacific-a peace which had come menaced by Japanesa pansionist policy and military tivity. The Department of made announcement of the ing of the message by the dent which step was then rem ed as a last resort.

With 125,000 Japanese troops French Indo-China, two hear convoys were sighted late Sat day, evidently on the way the The Tokyo press even then s that Japan "may abandon effo to maintain peace by diplomar

As the Far East crisis still he in a delicate balance Saturd a British order recalled all figh send tank troops to help defe the Netherlands East Indies case of war.

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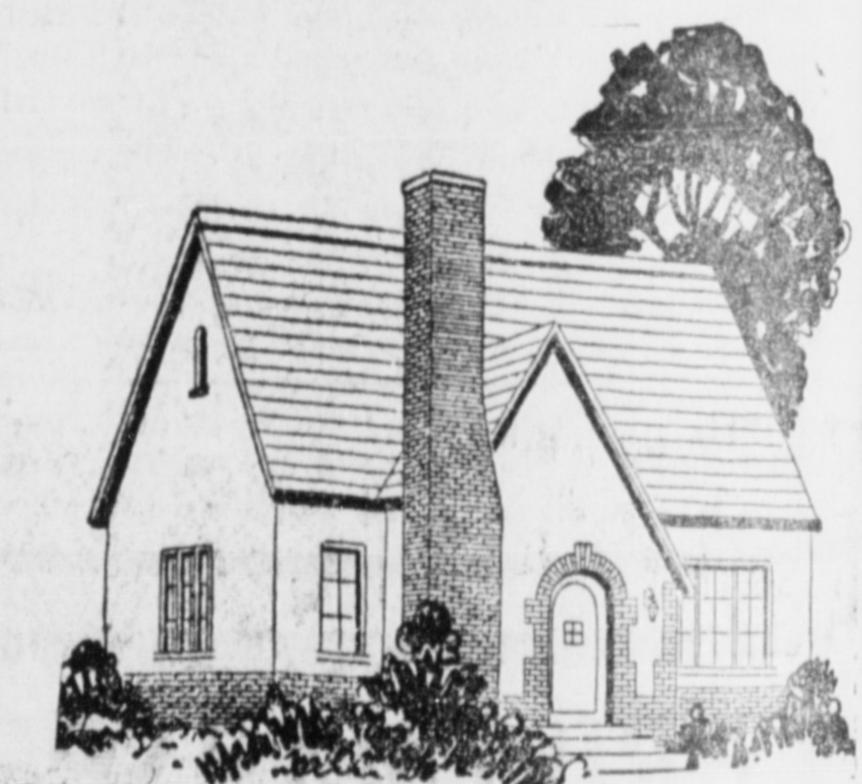
The Moscow caption on this photo radioed from the Soviet capital says Red Army men are aiding a wounded Finn in Sulo Salmelajnen. This is the first photo from the Finnish sector to reach this continent from the Russian side of the line.

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