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Keep Cheerful . . .

No matter what the future has in store for us on this coast, we should keep cheerful all the time. There is nothing to be gained by seeing trouble ahead. Suppose we should lose both Singapore and Hong Kong, we must admit that we shall have received a bad slap to our prestige in the Orient. But it so happens that we know nothing about what will happen there a week from now and it is well to be cheerful and celebrate Christmas in the best way we know how, always keeping our war duties in mind.

Queen's Fund Gifts . . .

The first donation from the Queen's Canadian Fund to provide Christmas comforts for the people living in shelters in the United Kingdom was \$750, but other similar sums will have been forwarded before next week. Children and old people will be those who will benefit most but all, so far as possible, will be remembered.

War in the Pacific . . .

With shocking suddenness, war has come to the Pacific Ocean and it must be endured—and won, says the Financial Post.

At the outset Japan has the temporary advantage of surprise and she may be expected to exploit it to the full. What damage she may do before she is subdued it is impossible to guess.

The Pacific is a huge ocean and Japan's fleet is on the loose in it. She has ten or eleven small but fast aircraft carriers and their job is to carry attack to distant objectives. That makes every section of the Pacific theoretically vulnerable and in danger until reconnaissance and report discloses just where this Japanese naval strength is disposed.

Military secrecy surrounds the Pacific Coast defence of Canada but it has been stated that the present emergency has been foreseen for a long while by the Department of National Defence and that such steps as were feasible have been taken to protect Canada against attack on the west. This includes operational aircraft squadrons manned by men to whom active service against the enemy is no new affair.

Japanese naval forces have been reported off the Aleutian Islands. This is the direct route to Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Seattle and San Francisco—not a northerly excursion but a direct approach carries a Japanese fleet past the Aleutians.

The Aleutian Islands are within the aerial and naval patrol area covered by the United States and it is to be presumed that that part of the United States fleet assigned to the protection of home waters or, in other words, the eastern portion of the Pacific Ocean, will be on duty to meet this threat.

By obvious agreement with the British Navy, the United States naval strength has been concentrated in the Pacific and British strength in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

For a few raiders, including submarines, to slip through the Pacific guard is always a possibility. For a large fleet to enter eastern Pacific defense zones unnoticed and unhindered should be much more difficult.

Nevertheless, the situation is such that the military and naval authorities are fully entitled to warn the civilian population of British Columbia that an attack by Japanese forces on the Pacific Northwest is imminent. That puts the whole coast of British Columbia within the zone of possible attack.

Under the circumstances, the utmost in precautions is not only justified but is demanded.

Patriotic Christmas Gifts . . .

Not a few people are finding War Savings Certificates a convenient way of solving the Christmas gift problem. Not only is it convenient but it is patriotic and most appropriately in keeping with the spirit of these times of war effort and war thought. Incidentally, it all helps in improving Prince Rupert's showing in the matter of war savings.

It might be mentioned, too, that the objective in the local war savings campaign has not yet been completely reached. A little more now will put it over so once again we commend the value, from every way one looks at it, of systematic investment in War Savings Certificates.

\$1-A-YEAR GIRL BUSY

Business Of Selling Dominion To U. S. Tourists Gives Mrs. Basil Campbell Lively Experience

By MARGARET KERNODLE
Associated Press Staff Writer
NEW YORK, Dec. 27: (AP)—Canada's first dollar-a-year woman worker for defence probably picked the pleasantest job of any defence worker in the Dominion: Selling Canada to American tourists.

Her calling card introduces her as "Mrs. Basil B. Campbell" with "Department of National War Services" in the lower left corner, and "Ottawa, Canada," the capital and her home, in the lower right.

She likes calling cards, has 700 from famous Americans she's met in her two 1941 assignments to this country. Also she collects sugar cubes for the British and menu cards for herself.

She first pilgrimage to California because she wanted to learn from Hollywood how to glamorize Canada. She did. She proved that in her second assignment—New York.

Domestic Life
Mrs. Campbell and her husband (Lt.-Col. Basil Campbell) hope to have a scrambled egg breakfast in their own little flat in Ottawa soon on their first wedding anniversary. They don't meet very often now. In August when she left for California, he left for Iceland, in search of places for troops to stay. Because of his army job she takes no pay for her work.

Mrs. Campbell used to work with the Ontario Travel Bureau. Since she's been an international saleswoman, she's been offered radio commercials at fabulous salaries, better-paying government jobs and a Hollywood contract. Holly-

wood says she looks more like Amelia Earhart.

She spent 15 years in New York City where she earned a graduate nurse diploma. A degree from the Columbia University and excellent defence preparation experience as a social worker. She loves New York and she loves to get away from it. She has lived in Washington, D. C., too.

BOOSTING CANADA

When Mrs. Campbell comes to town, she goes to town. You'll find her chatting about beauty and Canada's business at the Battery, and at the football games.

I caught her leaving a boost-Canada-booth at a convention, talked to her in a taxi to her hotel, snatched more conversation while she primed for a dance. She's made 54 speeches since she started her travel talking.

Made Impression

Mrs. Campbell looks like a Broadway star without too much makeup, acts a little like a Junior League and a lot like a New York career woman used to getting what she goes after. Her father was English, her mother Tennessee born but likes to be considered a Canadian.

Her sparkling eyes are very blue, her teeth are perfect, she wears her lightbrown hair in a new-cropped pompadourish coiffure. Her figure is modelish-slim and her legs are lovely.

The only cash she spent here was sent her by a cousin in Detroit. Her prize spending was the five-and-ten where she bought nail polish and remover. After all, what can you do with a dollar a year but frame it.

2,000,000 BOOTS

MELBOURNE, Dec. 18: (AP)—Australia has produced her 1,000,000 pair of military boots for Imperial forces overseas, less than five months after she began to supply them.

RAILWAYS ARE BUSY

Will Be Hard-Pressed to Handle All Christmas and New Year Holiday Traffic.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 18:—As many thousands of the armed forces will move over the Canadian Railways during the period between December 22 and January 5, J. A. Brass, secretary of the Canadian Passenger Association, today issued an appeal to the public to assist the railways by endeavoring to arrange their holiday travel plans so as to avoid the days on which movement of traffic will be heaviest owing to military travel.

"The Canadian Railways will be faced with the task of transporting an unprecedented number of passengers during the coming Christmas and New Year holiday," Mr. Brass said. "In addition to an abnormally heavy civilian traffic they will have to transport a large number of the members of our armed forces between December 22 and January 5. The railways will also of course have to take care of heavy shipments of war material throughout the period."

"The traffic and operating officials of the Canadian railways are making the best possible preparation to handle this abnormal traffic but the public is requested to realize the enormous task which confronts the railways and co-operate with them in every possible way."

Special Christmas and New Year holiday fares will be available to the public for travel between December 19 and January 7 and it is urged that those who can do so arrange to schedule their Christmas travel early and assist in avoiding congestion.

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