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EDITORIAL

An Immortal Paragraph - - -

The immortal Tom Paine, a man who was brapded periodically as an athiest, a patriot, a crank and a traitor by different groups of people at different times, fought for the independence of the United States and, during a period when everything looked blue for Washington's forces, he penned the following:

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will in this crisis shrink from the service of their country but he that stands it now deserves the love and thanks of man and woman. Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered. Yet, we have this consolation with us that, the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheaply, we esteem too lightly. It is dearness only that gives every thing its value. Heaven knows how to set a proper price upon its goods and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated."

Fight Is Ours - - -

We of the British Empire can today share the sentiment penned so ably by Tom Paine. We are putting up a great fight for liberty against tyranny. Those who are young and fit are giving their services in the army, the navy or the air force. The industrial army is building ships, airplanes, war materials and equipment. Those who are able to do so are buying or about to buy Victory Bonds to enable the government to carry on the fight against the aggressor. It is our fight. We Canadians are carrying on the war under the mos favorable conditions. Our homes are not being desecrated and pillaged. We still retain liberty of movement and choice of occupation. Only in a small way have we suffered any disability as a result of the war. We have to pay more taxes and the cost of living is a little higher. Some have been able to pass the burden on to someone else but the intention of the government is that each shall bear his own burden, cutting the cost of living to meet the situation.

Time To Buy - - -

Just now all who have money are being asked to buy government bonds for the purpose of raising money to carry on our own war for liberty. Local committees have been formed for the purpose of trying to enthuse everyone with the idea of buying to the full extent of their ability. It is an easy way to help because the government will pay three per cent on the bonds whereas the banks pay only half of that amount. Also the bonds are just as safe as the banks. If the Germans win Canadian money will have no value and neither will government bonds. The banks will be rifled and people will be paid in bogus German money for whatever the invaders wish to take.

A united effort in the service of the country is what we need on this Empire Day. Those who can fight are asked to go overseas and take part in the actual fighting. Those who cannot fight but can work are asked to carry on with the shipbuilding and munitions program. Those who can pay are asked to do so and do it now. Figure, not how little can we get by with, but how much can we invest so that the fight for freedom continues.

LOADING A FISH ON TORPEDO PLANE



A British Royal Air Force ground crew is shown trundling a torpedo towards the Beaufort bomber at a coastal command station in the north. Beaufort torpedo carriers have been used extensively in raids on German shipping that hugs the coast of Norway.

Klondyke Night Is Successful

Much Bigger Patronage Than Expected for Affair at Smithers

SMITHERS, May 23.—When the committee which organized the "Klondyke Night" for Smithers first considered this project for raising funds for the Red Cross it expected it to go over big but it was not prepared for the grand rush when the doors were opened at the big hall for the occasion last Friday evening.

The Smithers Band paraded the street early in the evening. This drew a large crowd and, when the doors were opened, the place filled up so rapidly that regular plans for carrying on the show were disorganized and had to be revamped as the evening progressed.

All of the various side shows for raising money were patronized lavishly by the owners of the Klondyke money and everything saleable was sold out and replenished several times during the evening.

The old time orchestra provided a brand of music not heard locally in many years and was greatly appreciated and applauded by the dancers that crowded the hall to capacity.

Carloads of people from points as far away as Hazelton and Burns Lake attended the show and the financial results after it was all over were very satisfactory to the committee.

Bill Hanson Goes To Flying School

After seven enjoyable weeks spent in Calgary on guard duty Aircraftsman Bill Hanson, son of Olof Hanson M.P., is now in Regina attending the training school where they will be given instruction in navigation, mechanics etc. They will also be subjected to another stiff medical examination. The course they are now taking lasts from four to six weeks after which, provided they pass, they are sent to an elementary flying school where they are trained to be pilots.

Bill says he liked Calgary because of the interesting places to visit in the surrounding country. He found the people very friendly and hospitable. They were fortunate enough to get a weekend at Banff and another at Turner Valley where they were greatly intrigued by the drilling and oil production.

Patriotic Demonstrations—

EMPIRE DAY OBSERVED IN SCHOOLS

Inspiring Address Included In Programs Yesterday

With the co-operation of the principals and teachers of the various schools in the city, the Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, held the annual celebration of Empire Day yesterday.

In the morning Mrs. J. A. Teng municipal regent, the regent of primary chapters, Mrs. J. Boddie, educational secretary of Municipal Chapter, who organized the day's performances, and the four standard bearers were present at the Booth High School auditorium for the benefit of Junior High School students. The principal, W. W. C O'Neill, called the pupils to attention while W. H. Derry played the salute after which "God Save the King" was sung and the salute to the flag were given. Also "O Canada" was sung. Mrs. J. A. Teng in a short speech explained the meaning of Empire Day and the necessity of keeping the day with its message of patriotism. A solo by Miss Marie Lock "Lords of the Air," was charmingly rendered by this popular young singer, accompanied by Miss Frances Moore, who also accompanied the national anthems and delighted all with her rendering of a medley of patriotic airs. "We're Proud of Canada," was sung by Miss Yvonne Riffou, accompanied by Miss Moore and a dance was given by the Misses Flea Krauoner and Donalda Rix.

An address by Captain F. H. Allwood of the Rocky Mountain Rangers proved both humorous and inspiring. Capt. Allwood used the quotation "Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said: 'This is my own, my native land,'"—as his theme and his intensely patriotic address enthralled his listeners.

During the program the principal read two prize-winning poems by pupils of Senior and Junior High. These reflected great credit on the young composers. They were "Britain," by Miss Margaret Lamb of Senior, and "On Guard," by Miss Bernice Eastwood of Junior High. Both were received with acclaim. Concluding exercises were the regent's thanks and "God Save the King."

At Capitol Theatrre

Early in the afternoon, the Capitol Theatre, by the kindness of D. G. Borland, was the scene of a similar performance, the pupils of King Edward, Borden and Annunciation Schools taking part. Patriotic choruses, a rhythm band by the primary grades of Borden School and a choir of the higher ones in appropriate costumes and with dances were very interesting as also were a patriotic dance number by King Edward pupils and choruses by the three schools in unision with special numbers by the Annunciation pupils. An appropriate picture was shown and the address was by Capt. Rev. R. C. H. Durnford, popular padre of the area defences.

In his inimitable style, Capt. Durnford amused and interested his young audience, their teachers and the I. O. D. E. members and his words were informative and inspiring, with refernce to the lives of great and good men, notably Abraham Lincoln, who had the encouragement of his good mother in his early years.

Thanks to manager Borland, proposed by Mrs. J. A. Teng, were enthusiastically applauded by the youngsters and the National Anthem ended the performance.

Booth School

Later at Booth Memorial High School the pupils of Senior High were gathered for a program similar to that of the morning with Very Rev. Dean Gibson giving the address. Dean Gibson spoke of the Imperial nations of the world—Greece, Rome, France, etc. Unlike certain of these, Imperialism was not a set policy of Britain but it had come to her as a natural endowment. The speaker touched on the explorers of old times—Drake, Davis, Capt. Cook and many others—showing that the roving and adventurous blood of the old Viking flows in British veins. By their voyages of discovery in the far places of the earth they had proved themselves the real founders of the British Empire. "They did not set out to extend the Empire, but the Empire followed them," he declared. The Empire was a confederation of great and free nations. The five Overseas Dominions were as free as the Motherland herself. Three things may be said of the British Empire:

1. It has been the consistent defender and upholder of personal freedom.

2. The Empire stands for Justice and Fair Play. British Justice is as much a proverb as Roman Law.

3. The Empire stands for peace, desires a peaceful and co-operative world.

It is for these things Britons were proud of our Empire.

In conclusion the speaker quoted from "The White Cliffs" by Alice Duer Miller:

"The tree of Liberty grew and changed and spread,
"But the seed was English,
"I am American bred;
"I have seen much to hate here—much to forgive,
"But in a world where England is finished and dead
"I do not want to live."

During the three performances of Empire Day, the regents, Educational Secretary and Standard Bearers were present on the platforms.

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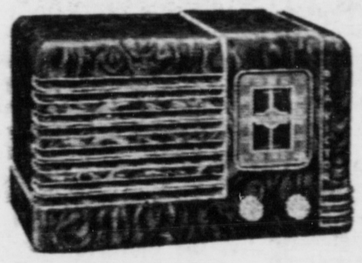
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