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Taking the Bad News . . .

Prime Minister Winston Churchill told us at the first of the week that there had been a great deal of bad news and that there would probably be a great deal more. The last few days have borne him out. It has been a week of bad news and we around the newspaper offices can tell you that we would like to be writing more cheerful headlines than we have had to do in the last few days. We have been having some of the black days that must necessarily attend war. But we shall have our turn of cheerful news yet. In these days of lightning conflict and sudden surprises—who knows what tomorrow will bring—more gloom or real good tidings? Here in British Columbia and Prince Rupert in particular responsible people are viewing the possible implications with serious attention. That is why people of the services and the civilians are becoming increasingly on the alert.

The war news now centres around Singapore, the great British stronghold of the Far East-the stronghold which is now under direct siege after the withdrawal down Malay Peninsula of the past few weeks and the final withdrawal to the island fortress under cover of darkness during last Friday night. Prince Rupert in the northeast Pacific has a very definite interest in how the battle goes at Singapore in the southwest Pacific.

The War in Russia . . .

Public opinion is being swayed indiscriminately by news of victories emanating from Russia and, incidentally, by news of defeats put out by Berlin. Of course the Germans are retreating under pressure and of course they would have preferred to have taken Moscow before digging in for the winter. Of course the German losses in Libya have been heavy, even though the major British objective—that of wiping out entirely the German armored forces—has not yet been achieved. Of course the assumption of the high command by Hitler himself reflects inner trouble between the army and the Nazi party. Of course the German people have been on war rations since several years before the war began and of course morale has not been improved by the latest interruptions of the Nazi time table. And finally, and most important, it is true in all probability that the end of the war,—when it comes—will involve a breakdown of German morale. But in the meantime, there is some risk of public opinion being right and wrong at the same time: being right about the way in which the war wll end but being overoptimistic about the time at which it will end.

Very Mobile War . . .

In this extremely mobile war of the North African desert, comparatively light forces can move back and forth over great distances in relatively short time. Bengasi has now been occupied and reoccupied no less than four times. Today at least the fighting continues in enemy territory—that is in Libya instead of in Egypt.

Conscription Or No Conscription . . .

Conscription everywhere is a topic of much discussion these days. Late in March we will vote on the matter-the vote to be on whether or not the government is to be released from a promise that it says was made in the last election campaign not to impose conscription. No matter how the question may be put, the issue in a nutshell is-conscription or no conscription. Critics of the government are protesting at the government not taking the bull by the horns by adopting a policy one way or the other itself and putting it into effect forthwith. That may be something to talk about but the issue on which we will vote is, we repeat, conscription or no conscription.

AFFAIR WAS

Queen Mary Chapter, I.O.D.E., Tea and Sale as Well as Display.

On Saturday the Canadian Legion rooms presented a charming patience of the members.

pervision the affair was held.

E. Gammon had charge of the cluded the following: home-cooking table and Mrs. H. V. Tattersal and Mrs. Leo Doiron looked after the raffles. Mrs. Adcock and Mrs. Peterson had charge of refreshments.

During the afternoon a short and colorful appearance when musical program delighted the audience. It included two songs by Queen Mary Chapter, Imperial Mrs. T. Dixon, rendered with her Order, Daughters of the Empire, usual charm and sweetness and held a very successful and well- sung to her own accompaniment patronized tea and sale of home- These were: "God Remembers cooking in aid of the Queen Mary When the World Forgets" and Refugee Club whose work of the "Little Brown Owl." Ronald Bridpast few months on display bore gett, singing "Sons of the Empire," witness to the untiring zeal and written by Winifred O. Brass, with musical composition by Frances Receiving the many guests who Moore, A.T.C.M., was accompanied called during the afternoon was by Mr. Bridgett on the piano. This Mrs. D. C. Stuart, regent of the was enthusiastically received and chapter, under whose general su- later repeated by Mr. Bridgett on request.

Pouring at a table centred with In charge of the display of sew- 6 handy bags, containing: 1 whence she will returned here tospring flowers on a beautiful cut- ing and knitted garments for the towel, I face cloth, I tooth brush, morrow on her way back to Van-

and Mrs. A. T. Parkin, relieved by Mesdames R. Anderson, H. Cap- 1 card safety pins, 1 baby powder. Mrs. C. E. Cullin and Mrs. J. E. stick, A. Croxford, A. Garlick, Da-Boddie. Serviteurs were Mrs. C. vidson, Halcrow, Hanley, Leighton, There were three raffles, result-Oland, Mrs. C. V. Evitt, Mrs. M. Keays and Moorehouse. The ar- ing as follows: M. Lamb and Mrs. S. Maughan. | ticles on display, soon to be for- | Satin cushion, made and donat-

- Soldiers' Comforts 17 air force sweaters
- 12 navy sweaters
- 28 scarves
- 40 pair socks
- 30 pair mitts 20 helmets
- 9 turtle neck scarves 1 khaki sweater.
- Clothing for Bombed Refugees 26 caps, bonnets and parkas
- 32 pair mitts and gloves
- 65 child's sweaters 11 child's wool dress sets
- 10 petticoats
- 3 women's nightgowns
- 3 full baby sets 17 dresses
- 16 pair pyjamas 5 knitted crib covers
- 7 skirts
- 2 blouses

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Mrs. S. D. Macdonald and Mrs. warded to provincial chapter, in- ed by Miss Margaret Lamb, won by Mrs. S. D. MacDonald with Ticket No. 13.

Knitted suit, made and donated by Mrs. James Campbell and Mrs. D. C. Stuart, won by Mrs. C. Oland, Ticket No. 2.

Chicken, donated by Sunrise Grocery, won by Mrs. J. Teng Ticket No. 16.

Mrs. William Brass was general convener.

From The Waterfront

Union steamer Cardena, Capt. Ernest Sheppard, arrived in port at 4:30 this morning from the south and sailed at 10 a.m. for Stewart and other northern points

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TIRE CONSERVATION

is of Vital Importance to Every Canadian

Our rubber supplies are in jeopardy. Canada and her Allies must have rubber for the armed forces, for factories, for ships. Already drastic steps have been taken by your Government to conserve existing stocks. Tire sales have been prohibited except for essential needs. But Government action is not the whole answer. Every Canadian must do his part. The necessity is imperative. This day and in the days to come Canada expects every citizen to do his duty.

HERE ARE THE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT

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Question: How serious is the rubber situation? Answer: Because facts of value to our enemies cannot be revealed, published reports have been conflicting and sometimes inaccurate. The shortage is so grave it can truly be said that anyone hoarding rubber or using it unnecessarily is committing an act of disloyalty.

Question: Can we obtain more crude rubber? Answer: Not at present, except from our Allies who need it as badly as we do.

Question: What about sources other than the

Answer: All other sources, including U.S. synthetic production, represent only a very small percentage of our needs.

Question: What is rubber needed for in the war Answer: For thousands of articles. Here are only

> Gas masks Tank tracks Fire hose

Insulation Life preservers Surgical supplies Telephone lines

Question: Who is now permitted to buy new tires? Answer: Only doctors, visiting nurses, police and fire departments, certain other public services, owners of farm and factory trucks, and certain others. A list of 'eligible" vehicles is posted in every garage in Canada or it can be obtained from the Controller of Supplies, Department of Munitions and Supply, Ottawa.

Question: What can I do to help? Answer: Whenever you contemplate using your car ask yourself, "In fairness to our fighting services can I really say this trip is necessary?" If you must use your car, drive carefully and keep your tires in good condition.

Question: How else can I help? Answer: When you buy anything, carry it with you. All retail suppliers, including bread, milk, coal, and ice dealers, are denied new tires for transporting goods to your home.

Question: What happens to my worn-out tires? Answer: Before discarding a tire, try to get it repaired or retreaded. If it is beyond repair it can be "reclaimed" to make new rubber articles. The law provides heavy penalties for burning, cutting, or destroying any tire or tube, including bicycle tires and tubes. If you have old tires it is your patriotic duty to turn them over to a garage man or scrap dealer. If you own any "eligible" vehicle you must turn in your old tire or tube before you can purchase a new one. No turn-in allowance will be given.

Question: What about the guarantee on my tires? Answer: Your dealer will give you details, but broadly speaking, all guarantees on tires sold up to December 11, 1941, are replaced by limited guarantees of not more than 90 days. All new guarantees are for 90 days.

Question: How can I save my tires? Answer: Above all, by not using your car, by sharing trips with neighbours, by employing other means of transportation, including your own good legs. Here are eight rules for tire preservation:

- 1. Maintain recommended air pressure at all
- 2. Shift tires from wheel to wheel every few thousand miles.
- 3. Never take corners at high speed.
- 4. Never slam on the brakes-except to avoid an
- -5. Have wheel alignments checked regularly. 6. Drive slowly.
- 7. Start gently. Never spin the wheels. 8. Keep the tires away from curbs.

Question: Can I buy used or retreaded tires? Answer: Yes, but only if you prove your need.

Question: What happens to anyone who illegally buys or sells a tire, or otherwise contravenes any of the regulations regarding tires, casings and tubes? Answer: Penalties for infractions of Order C.S. 4F may be as high as a \$5,000 fine, or five years' imprisonment, or both. Copies of the order are posted in every garage, or may be obtained from the Controller of Supplies.

Department of Munitions and Supply

HONOURABLE C. D. HOWE, MINISTER, OTTAWA

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