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#### A VETERAN PROTESTS

Editor, Daily News:

I would like to pass my opinion and that of at least some of the Public at large on the present state of affairs in Prince Rupert and the plight in which they have put some of our good citizens and pioneers in these trying times. Two months ago they put the alien Japs out of here but they found a place for them before they were evacuated. But what about the old age pensioners and the useful pioneers who developed the country and the city of Prince Rupert? They could find a place for our enemies and pay them 45c an hour before the war they had our loyal citizens working in camps at 29c a day. Now they do not seem to care whether or not he has a home but tell him to get out.

I read the local papers and see about the great things the Chamber of Commerce is doing but I do not see or hear of them doing anything in this case of necessity. It does not look very good in this great democratic country for which I myself spent two or three years of the best part of my life fighting.

What are the workers and younger set doing today? Telling us veterans of the last war to get out of our homes with the shortest notice they can find.

I wonder what our comrades of the last war who gave their lives and everything they held dear would think if they could see the plight today of some of those who came home? They were good and faithful servants and served their country well but they are getting little thanks for it.

DUGALD PARKS,  
A veteran of the last war.

#### SHOULD BE CAREFUL

Editor, Daily News:

As a member of the A.R.P., and a veteran of three campaigns, I would like to ask a few questions

of whoever is responsible for the safety of this city.

Why are the oil companies allowed to keep their oil storage tanks in the prominent position in which they are? Why is it, after two years of war, these tanks are not at least camouflaged?

Why doesn't someone in authority move them out of there and set them up across the bay.

At the present time we are short of rubber and gas and all possible methods of conservation are recommended and used. Yet any motor vehicle travelling from the C.N.R. depot to the C.P.R. wharf, a matter of a few hundred feet, must go up town and all around via Cow Bay to reach its destination when a small amount of planking along the railway tracks would cut 90 percent of the trip saving time, gas and rubber.

There still seems to be a lot of foolish people here who have the idea "It can't happen here" but anything can happen.

What's the matter with the Board of Trade, the Canadian Legion and a few more getting together and telling the government to get those oil tanks out before it is too late?

G. V. HANLEY.

### Girl Starts Fund; Killed Next Raid


ENGLAND, June 12:—The day after the first air raid on Bath, Violet Hayden took a shilling (about 23 cents) to a local office and asked to start a fund for bombed-out people. The contribution, a thank offering for their safety from the girl and her 89-year old mother, began a fund which stands now at more than £25,000 (about \$112,500) but the donors did not live to see the fruits of their gift. Both were killed the next night in another raid.

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### Quietly Wedded Here Last Night

Miss Alma Eva Wilson Becomes Bride of John Hewick At Ceremony In Ahm Cottage

A quiet but very pretty wedding took place last night at Ahm Cottage, Overlook Street, Rev. Canon W. F. Rushbrook officiating, when Miss Alma Eva Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wilson of Vancouver, became the bride of John Hewick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hewick of North Portal, Saskatchewan.

The bride was charming in an ensemble of brown gabardine with olive green accessories and corsage of talisman roses. The matron of honor was Mrs. P. E. Phillipson who wore navy blue with matching accessories and a corsage of pink carnations. P. E. Phillipson was groomsmen. The young couple, who have many friends to wish them happiness and prosperity, will spend the summer at Squadaree where the groom is a fish buyer for the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-operative.

### Graduates At Dinner-Dance

Another Event In Connection With Conclusion of High School Work

The annual graduating banquet and dance of Booth Memorial High School was held last night in the Boston Cafe with some sixty-five young people, mostly members of the graduating class, in attendance. The toast to the King was proposed by William Bond, president of the Students' Council, and

observed in customary manner. The toast to the graduating class was proposed by C. H. Leights and responded to by Oliver Santerbank. W. W. C. O'Neill, principal of the school, was in the chair. The evening concluded with dancing, music being by Bobby Woods Orchestra.

**MALES PREDOMINATE**  
Males still outnumber females among foreign-born white people in the United States.

Mrs. Alex Mitchell is leaving tonight for Vancouver to attend sessions of the British Columbia Grand of the Eastern Star.

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## EDITORIAL

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### Some Reassurance . . .

The case of jitters in Prince Rupert and elsewhere along this coast which started with the air raid on Dutch Harbor and reached its peak with the "false alarm" imminent danger alert this week most certainly cannot be ascribed to our situation here being any more perilous than it was before these events happened. To the contrary, there is good reason to believe that our position is more secure — a good deal more so — than it was six months ago when we were all so complacent.

Our latest nervousness has been the result of a final awakening to some facts of which a few realistic thinkers had long since been appreciative and a sense of realization of what might quite possibly happen here under the circumstances of war against an unpredictable enemy. It will not in the long run hurt to waken a lot of us up even if the ring of the alarm clock may have been something of a shock.

While there is no intention on our part to lull anybody back to sleep again, there is probably no harm in mentioning amidst all these alarms a few things that may well reassure us. Midway Island and Dutch Harbor incidents have served to test our defences and, the Japanese propaganda mill notwithstanding, there is every evidence that they have stood firm.

When we think about the "imminent danger" alarm we had, we may derive some comfort from the fact that the cause of it was friendly and not enemy planes, not sightseers or anything like that but no doubt fighting birdmen of the Allies heading forward to engage the enemy if they can find him.

And another reassuring thing for us is that the defence authorities at long last are beginning to waken up to our position out here and are taking long delayed measures. The fact that they are being taken is no reason whatever that we should become alarmed. The only thing we might feel chagrined about is that some of these things were not done long ago.

Like the mill of the Gods, the defence machinery of the democracies grinds exceedingly slow but there is increasing reason to suppose that it will grind exceedingly hard and fine as our enemy will find once he sticks his neck out just far enough.

Meanwhile, we here in Prince Rupert would do well to keep on in the spirit of realistic preparedness. If we do, we will be in a better position to meet come what may calmly and effectively.

We are on the front line here, true enough, and that is no catch word either. But our position is no more serious than it was six months ago although it is such that we have every justification to think seriously about it.

As far as the Terrace road is concerned, a few months of war is evidently going to accomplish what years of peace could not do. Oddly enough, the men needed the work and could not get it before. Now there may be difficulty in getting the men for the work.

### Missionary Tea

#### At Mrs. Bremner's

Affair On Wednesday Afternoon By Women of Presbyterian Church

The Women's Missionary Society of First Presbyterian Church held a very enjoyable tea on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John Bremner. The rooms were tastefully decorated with beautiful flowers.

The guests were received by Mrs. Bremner and Mrs. D. C. Stuart, president of the society.

Mrs. J. A. Teng was in charge of the tea room. Mrs. J. W. McKinley and Mrs. M. J. Keays poured, the serviteurs being Mrs. M. M. Lamb, Mrs. Gordon Daniels and Mrs. G. C. Mitchell.

Mrs. James Clark and Mrs. H. Calderwood were at the home cooking table and Mrs. D. C. McRae acted as cashier.

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