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What We Can Do . . .

Our position in the Far East is increasingly serious. The enemy is still gaining. Where he will be stopped, as stopped he will be, is a matter of speculation. Combat may spread much farther afield before it ends.

We should not give up hope even if danger should be imminent. What we must do is steel our courage and, not fearfully but realistically, face the future and consider very carefully what may come our way.

Here in Prince Rupert there are two things which we can do and do at once. They are two things which are very easy to do and not unpleasant.

One thing we can do is to invest in Victory Bonds—providing our government with the wherewithal to finance the sinews of the war and helping to insure our own security.

Another thing we can do is to assist in some way in bolstering our own local defences such as finding a place in the A.R.P. organization.

Some of us, of course, may participate even more actively in the war effort.

One or the other or both of the two things we mention here can be done practically by all of us and we suggest that they are sensible things, in view of the situation, for us to do.

Agnes Joins Peace Movement . . .

Perhaps no stranger phenomenon has appeared as a consequence of the movement for total war than the sight of Miss Agnes Macphail among its supporters.

As the movement for total war gains more adherents from those who held Miss Macphail's pre-war opinions, they will come to realize that they are not in uncongenial company. Our cause is still directed by a love of peace, but the method of pacifism has been proved ineffective.

Japan's Air Force . . .

According to one authority Japan has today approximately three thousand planes with 33,000 trained men. There are supposed to be twenty coastal units attached to the navy. The force also includes a reserve of 850 second line machines, but this second line possibly numbers one thousand of all types.

Effect on Churchill . . .

How will the present situation in the Far East affect Churchill? Some think he, as the responsible party, will have to go to who is to take his place? There was quite a storm of criticism of his policies just about the time he arrived home from Washington and it seems quite likely that these may be revived.

Baxter tells something of the situation in an article in Maclean's, and then adds: "Churchill has given us inspired leadership and has shown extraordinary sanity in the face of ill-informed clamor and Sunday journalists who know all the secrets and all the answers. Every man in public life must be a critic of the administration in power but that is different from joining in the mad cacophony of sound that breaks out when all the dogs in the neighborhood start barking because they hear others doing it."

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IS FRIDAY THIRTEENTH

It's Coming Again March 13 and November 13, First Triple Appearance in 11 Years

Yes, today is Friday the 13th. And that's not all. The old bogey turns up again four weeks from tomorrow—March 13—and makes another appearance this year on November 13.

Now there's one thing you can't pin on Hitler or the war. It's the calendar. And you have to go back 11 years to 1931 to get another twelve-month when Friday the 13th bobbed up three times, likewise in February, March and November. Once we are safely through 1942, however, it will be another eleven years before he makes a triple appearance again.

But don't worry, it has never been proven that anything unfortunate really happened to anybody simply because Friday was dated up with the 13th. And there's no more significance to the combination now than there was centuries ago when some humorist of the period announced the Gregorian calendar would present this combination ten times every five years till the end of time—or the calendar.

Talk of More Incidentally, modern calendar reformers promote a "proposed

world calendar" that would give us Friday the 13th every January, April, July and October. Four times every year—oh my!

There are various origins of the superstition about a double dose of ill-luck from the goddess of trouble for Friday the 13th. The astrologers of Babylon declared 13 an unlucky number. Mythologists of old Scandinavia gave it the curse of sages because Balder, their sun-god, had to die when 13 were found in the circle of Valhalla.

Some say the superstition came with the Christian era—there were 13 at the Last Supper, including Judas Iscariot, who next day, traditionally a Friday, betrayed Jesus Christ for crucifixion.

Mrs. Thompson's Sister Is Dead

Mrs. W. S. Wilbur Passes Away at Home in Nova Scotia.

Mrs. James H. Thompson, Graham Avenue, has received a telegram announcing the death of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Wilbur in Elmsdale, Nova Scotia, on February 10. Mrs. Wilbur was never in Prince Rupert but visited Montana several years ago for a family reunion.

HAIRPINS TO ENGINES

MANCHESTER, Feb. 13:—A peacetime hairpin factory now makes airplane engine parts.

Served in Last War; Was Also With Railway

The late Daniel Roche, who died in the Prince Rupert General Hospital Thursday morning, was born in Fort Keagh, Montana, in 1875. He served with the Canadian Engineers in the last Great War. For many years he was an employee of the Canadian National Railways but for some time was unable to work. Recently he was handicapped by increasing deterioration of eyesight and had been in poor health for some time.

Mr. Roche was a member of the Prince Rupert branch of the Canadian Legion and funeral arrangements are being carried out in conjunction with the organization. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning from the Church of the Annunciation.

D. S. O. FOR GIANT TEDDY

LONDON, Feb. 13:—Lt.-Cmdr. "Teddy" Tomkinson, six-foot five-inch commander of one of Britain's smallest submarines, the Uge, has been awarded the D. S. O. and bar for "outstanding bravery, skill and resolution."

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