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Make Victory Loan Outstanding . . .

Because Prince Rupert has achieved its quota of $485,000 in the Second Victory Loan and is within a few thousand dollars of its objective of $600,000 is no reason why those who have not already bought and those who have not bought to the fullest possible capacity should now sit back and fail to make or increase their purchases. The fact that some parts of the country are lagging and are not doing their share is all the more reason why Prince Rupert's achievement should be outstanding. Prince Rupert's record has been splendid so far. Let us make it something notable.

Incidentally, Prince Rupert's Victory Loan accomplishment is not something with which we should feel too smugly satisfied. We have been able to do well because the war so happens to have brought the community generally a greater measure of prosperity than it has ever had before. It is but fitting that those who have benefitted should put some of the benefit back into those very fine securities which are as good as cash and a fine form of insurance for future security.

Too Complacent . . .

Seeing the complacency with which British Columbia people are viewing the present situation, Lieut. GovernorW. C. Woodward has issued a warning that sooner or later the province is pretty sure to be attacked and, at anyrate, we must be prepared for anything. This is especially true where there are big works going on such as we have in Prince Rupert. The lieutenant governor said it was quite possible we might lose the war unless we prepared to meet the enemy. What has happened elsewhere might easily happen here.

Bikes for Boys . . .

It has been announced that very soon the manufacture of bicycles for boys will be stopped. So far the number allowed to be purchased by local dealers has been limited but we suggest those wishing bicycles this summer take some steps to secure them. With fewer cars on the road bicycles will be in demand to a greater extent than ever as horses will be more difficult to secure.

Oil Policy . . .

The British Columbia government under Premier Hart is continuing drilling for oil in the Peace River country but has made it possible to leave oil land there if they think it desirable. The policy of drilling was that of former Premier Pattullo and was supported by the C.C.F. members but criticized by Attorney General Maitland when in opposition.

Defective Children . . .

There are over ninety thousand medically defective children in the public schools of this province, according to Dr. G. F. Amyot, the provincial health officer, in his report to his minister. Many of the defects are dental but there are not enough dentists to deal with all cases and dental treatment, being costly, many patients find it difficult to have proper attention given their children. Health is just as important as education. While the state takes over the duty of educating children and compelling them to go to school, little is done to relieve the parents or to properly care for their children.

Railway to Yukon . . .

Now that consideration is being given to the possible construction of a highway to the Yukon and Alaska, it is being recalled that forty years ago a railway was planned and even commenced to run from Vancouver to Dawson, the record of the transaction follows.

"Seattle was taking the cream of the business to Yukon, partly because ports of entry for goods at Skagway and Dyea were in United States hands. The government of Canada thereupon planned a railway to extend from the Stikine River through Atlin to Whitehorse. Goods from Vancouver would then travel to Dawson without entering American territory. Canada could impose any restrictions it wished against U.S. imports.

"Sir Donald Mann, then in his prime—a huge figure, beetling brows setting off a magnificent black beard—came to Vancouver, organized construction gangs, sent surveyors and engineers into the Teslin country, made ready for an invasion of the iron horse. Sir Donald and Sir William Mackenzie had built much mileage already and were destined to construct much more; but this was one railway that was to exist on paper only. The senate of Canada got in its work and canceled the contract. Traffic to the Yukon continued to enter that part of Canada by way of Skagway, St. Michael and other U.S. ports.

"Mackenzie and Mann were reimbursed by the Canadian government $302,717 for out-of-pocket expenses. The incident was closed—and Seattle continued to get much of the business of Canada's Klondike."

AUSTRALIAN NATIVES PREPARE

This photo was made in Australian territory where the threat of Japanese invasion has become acute. It shows a native being introduced to the gas mask. This modern device blends incongruously with the warrior's tribal paint.

NEWS OF NORWAY

Paper shoes will soon be on sale in Norway. The soles are of wood and tops of paper. Prices will range upwards from 15 kroner a pair. The seriousness of the shoe shortage is indicated by the announcement that strong boots are now limited to four pairs per 1000 inhabitants in country districts and one pair monthly in cities or towns. Of ordinary walking boots 15 pairs are allowed in the country and 10 pairs in towns.

A new flood of arrests has been made recently by the Gestapo. Among the recent victims are Shipowner Rudolf Olsen, manager for Fred Olsen & Co., Major Krag, Lawyer Aage Schou and also a large number of newspaper editors and journalists as well as Lawyer Finn Aanonsen, Oslo, and Pastor Karl O. Petersen, Vardo. In Kristionsand, two policemen, Einar Mjaaland and Erling Sunnver, have been sent to a German concentration camp. It is reported from Oslo that Lawyer J. B. Hjorth has been at Grini concentration camp near Oslo for some time but has now been moved to Akershus, no doubt to be sent to a German concentration camp. At present there are over 600 inmates in the concentration camp at Grini and even the church has been converted into sleeping quarters.

A number of fires have broken out recently all over the country including the two railway stations in Oslo, Askin Rubberware Fabrik, and an industrial plant near Drammen. The National Theatre, the university and other prominent public buildings have suffered from explosions. Frydenbo Dock & Shipbuilding Yard near Bergen, Kristiania Spikerverk, Glommens Mekaniske Verksted, near Fredrikstad, and Sagen's large property in Trondheim, have all suffered from fires.

A Norwegian, recently escaped from Norway, states that twice he saw Russian prisoners of war being shot because they refused to work for the Germans. This took place in the vicinity of Trondheim.

The Swedish press reports that Journalists Erling Pedersen, Drammen, and Henry Kristiansen, Oslo, have died in the German jail at Mollergaten 19. In Norway it is the general belief that these two men and Henry Kristiansen, Oslo, by the Gestapo.

Three young men have been condemned to death by a German court martial for having tried to escape to England. They were Johan M. Hansen, of Gravdal, Bergen; Aage Johansen, Bergen, and Hjalmar Molver Aalesund. The execution by shooting took place at Bergen.

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DINNER WAS INTERESTING

Chamber of Commerce Event Well Attended Last Evening

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting last night with a good attendance of members and the president, Arnold Flaten, in the chair. There was considerable correspondence read dealing with such matters as the Japanese removal and the proposed construction of the highway up the Skeena River and also a report on the Seal Cove Highway but no action was taken on any of these important subjects until more information was forthcoming.

There was also discussion of matters relating to the defence of the port which was held in camera.

It was also reported that a meeting of the council of the Chamber had been held within the month which had made a recommendation to the government in regard to removing the Japanese from coastal areas as a defence measure.

PAY AS YOU ENTER

LONDON, March 3: (CP)—It was suggested at a Chelsea council meeting that persons using air raid shelters should pay about five cents a night with a guarantee of mony returned if there is an alert. It costs about $45,000 a year to keep Chelsea's shelters open.

DRESSING UP ARMY

Local Recruiting Committee Gets Information From District Officer—Favorable Conditions

The Canadian army is being issued with a new dress uniform which will be available for issue about the middle of March, Alex MacKenzie, chairman of the local civilian recruiting committee, has been advised in a letter from Lieut. Col. H. E. Goodman, recruiting officer for Military District No. 11.

Col. Goodman also advises the local committee that soldiers proceeding on duty necessitating travelling by train overnight are now provided with sleeping car accommodation as are members of the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The information on these points was given to the local committee in reply to a communication it had sent to Col. Goodman.

"Actually," says Col. Goodman's letter "the conditions in the three services (army, navy and air force) vary very little with regard to pay, quarters and rations. The army scale (of pay) compares quite favorably with the other two. The quarters are the same although they vary greatly in different districts. Soldiers, generally speaking, live in permanent barracks which are constructed in the same way as those of the navy and the air force but hardships are occasionally encountered at outlying coast defence points. These are being improved and I do not think they are worse than under similar circumstances in the other services. The ration issue is the same and is on a very generous scale. Canada prides itself on having the best fed army in the world."

Twenty-Five Years Ago

March 3, 1917

E. F. Duby announced last night that the contract would be let immediately for the foundation of the new sawmill to be erected at Seal Cove. By late summer or early fall it is expected to be sawing lumber.

Munitions made in Vancouver are being brought up the coast by ship now to Prince Rupert and forwarded to Toronto over the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway.

Charles McIntosh of Hazelton has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. He went into "No Man's Land" between the trenches and brought in a wounded soldier.

COVERED MIRRORS

LONDON, March 3: (CP)—Production in a war factory here has increased since the manager, who believed women's vanity was curtailing output, ordered all mirrors to be covered during working hours.

DINNER IS ENJOYABLE

Representative Citizens Get Sample Meals That Will Be Provided at Dry Dock Staff House.

Representative citizens of Prince Rupert in quite considerable number were entertained last night by the Sunrise Grocery, caterers, to a splendid dinner at the dining hall of the new Wartime Housing staff houses with Earl Mah as host for the evening. A splendid seven-course meal of fruit cocktail, salad, soup, fish, turkey, ice cream and coffee was served in excellent style on tables attractive with spotless new linen and shining cutlery. If this meal is to be taken as a criterion of those which are to be provided for the dry dock workers for whom the establishment has been started there should be no complaint from them. Tonight there will be another such meal complimentary to the dry dock workers themselves and the dining hall will go into regular operation as from tomorrow.

After full justice had been done to the meal last night, many favorable comments having been heard on all sides, there was a brief but acceptable program with W. P. Eve, local Wartime Housing administrator, as chairman.

Rev. J. A. Donnell, pastor of First United Church, spoke on behalf of Earl Mah to welcome the guests and express appreciation at their attendance. Mr. Donnell spoke along humorous lines in happy vein.

T. W. Boulter, dry dock superintendent, expressed the satisfaction that both employees and management of the dry dock would have at the establishment of the eating house facilities, the men because of the comfort and convenience and the management because it would permit of more men being brought in to speed up the important work of the yard. Mr. Boulter paid tribute to the Sunrise Co. for its service generally and the good deeds it had done in the past years. Conditions in shipbuilding work were such as to make meals hungry and, if this meal was an indication as to the catering of the dining hall, there would be no dissatisfaction. He wished the caterers every success in their important work of providing food for hungry and hard working men.

Mr. Eve pointed out that the dining hall was solely for the use of dry dock workers who would be given a similar complimentary meal by the Sunrise Company, regular operations to start on Wednesday.

An acceptable feature of the program was a vocal solo by Mr. Thomas Dixon. Miss Eileen Hamlin presided at the piano to accompany the singing of "God Save the King" at the opening of the program when the toast to the King was duly honored. At the close there was singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

Rt. Rev. G. A. Rix, Bishop of Caledonia, pronounced the benediction before the commencement of the meal.

BUTTER FOR GERMANY

STOCKHOLM, March 3: (CP)—In Denmark the butter ration has been reduced by 10 percent. More than half of the annual production of 130,000 tons goes to Germany.

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