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Helping the Dutch . . .

The British and Americans are today helping Java defend herself against the Japanese threat to that country. Landings have been made by the Japanese at Bali, a small island, beautiful and peaceful, but many of their transports had been sunk by the American fleet. Java is thickly populated and the people are fairly well prepared for defence. The people are Dutch or of Dutch descent as well as natives and they have already shown themselves capable of putting up a good fight. Evidently, it is felt by the central allied command that, with the help of all countries concerned, they can retain Java as a fighting base for planes and supplies.

Preparing for Spring . . .

In spite of the fact that the Russians are winning great battles against the Germans, fear is felt in some quarters that when spring comes and the Nazis put on their drive they may be able to put up a successful forward move and recapture some of the winter losses, especially in the south. So Russia is preparing for the great spring defence and the central war council is using all its resources to stiffen that defence. If Russia, with the help of her allies, can continue to hold the Germans during the summer and possibly to continue to win battles the war is practically won.

Key to Alaska . . .

Judging from the speech made in the House of Commons by the prime minister Thursday evening it would seem that Prince Rupert might be the key to the defence of Alaska. In fact from a military point of view it may be considered either that Prince Rupert is a part of Canada or that Prince Rupert is a part of Alaska. If the men from either side can be moved to the other without any special orders other than military order this must be so. We shall certainly feel safer here if we feel that all the resources of Alaska are with us in helping to repel an invader and we could be very helpful in a similar way to Alaska.

Daily Changes . . .

Changes are being made almost every day in the regulations regarding the Japanese in protected areas. The latest issued yesterday applies to all Japanese no matter where born or whether naturalized or not. It is doubtless made all-inclusive because so far as Japan is concerned, there is no difference between a man who is a naturalized Canadian or one who is not. Also there is nothing in the appearance of the average European to say he is German, Italian or Austrian but no one can mistake Japanese except that he somewhat resembles the Chinese.

Two hundred Japanese have already reached the camp site where they are to be prepared to receive their countrymen.

The Victory Loan . . .

While Canada's objective of $600,000,000 has not yet been reached for Canada's Victory Loan the total is well over half billion and there is another week to go before the subscription list is closed. It is understood that some of the larger purchasers are holding back until they see what happens. At any rate the loan will be a success for money to carry on the war has been provided. All the same, it seems that the government needs all it can get so that there may be no slackening in the part this country is to play.

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HEROES OF BOMBER ATTACK ON AXIS SUBMARINE

The six-man crew of the B-25A bomber that recently attacked and very probably destroyed a German submarine off the Atlantic coast is shown giving the thumbs-up gesture after they had been honored by their superior officers at Governors Island. The six received letters of commendation for their feat, which was carried out after they first signalled location of lifeboats containing survivors of the torpedoed China Arrow. Four bombs were dropped, all of which fell in dangerous proximity to the sub. A big oil slick indicated damage to the U-boat.

WAS NOTED AS JURIST

Chief Justice Aulay Morrison Had Many Distinctions.

Nova Scotian by birth and education, one time member of the House of Commons and for many years prominent in the public life of British Columbia, Hon. Aulay MacAulay Morrison, who died suddenly in Vancouver yesterday, became chief justice of the province in 1929 after 25 years on the bench.

As a young lawyer Aulay Morrison opened an office in Halifax in 1888. Within a year, however, he decided to "go west" and the migration carried him as far as New Westminster, B.C. Called to the bar of British Columbia in 1890 he took part in various municipal activities of his adopted city, and was elected to the House of Commons in 1896, a supporter of the Liberal government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He defeated the late Sir Richard McBride who later became premier of British Columbia. The Liberal member was re-elected in 1900 and in the same year became a K.C.

Appointed a puisne judge of the British Columbia Supreme Court in 1904 his elevation to the bench predated that of all his contemporaries of recent years. He was made deputy-judge in admiralty in 1906. Promotion to the post of chief justice was announced in April, 1929.

An ex-president of the Canadian Bar Association, Chief Justice Morrison served in many other offices with distinction. In 1902 he was a member of the royal commission that investigated conditions in British Columbia fisheries. For some time he was vice-president of the Dominion Temperance Alliance. In 1929 he was honored by his alma mater, Dalhousie University, with the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Born in Baddeck, N.S., June 15, 1863, the son of Christopher and Flora MacAulay Morrison, young Aulay was educated in Sydney and Pictou Academies and Dalhousie. He was a brilliant student.

All-round athlete, his favorite sport was football and he won a berth on the college half-line in his freshman year at the university, a place which he relinquished only after his graduation as an LL.B. in 1888. Many references to his outstanding play as a footballer are found in the sport annals of his college years. In 1887 Morrison was elected captain of the Dalhousie team and its long series of triumphs on the field made history.

In 1900 he married Elizabeth Livingstone, daughter of James Livingstone, ex-M.P. of Baden, Ont. There is one son and one daughter.

UNEARTHING CITIES

MOSCOW, Feb. 28: (AP)—Evacutions on the left bank of the River Murgab in Turkmenia have revealed the ruins of an ancient city, thought to be Dedanekan, later known as Tash-Rabad, famous in the 11th century for textiles and ceramics.

MUCH WORK IN OTTAWA

Minister's Secretary Tells Good Points of Her Job.

By PATRICK CONNOLLEY
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, Feb. 28: (CP) — Isabel Gough, dark-haired and smiling, is the type of woman who might be called a right-hand man. She is just that for Air Minister Power.

As his private secretary her job fundamentally, is to save the minister for important things and, as she worked away in her House of Commons office, Miss Gough admitted her duties even included ordering the minister's meals—"and seeing that he eats them."

For 18 years she has been with Maj. Power, first as his Quebec law office stenographer and later as private secretary.

"Mr. Power eats most of his meals there when the house is sitting," she said pointing to his adjoining office. "He works, gives dictation during meals and sometimes other ministers have a conference there while eating their lunch or dinner."

Meals If Possible

Being private secretary to a minister of the Crown is full of good points, according to Miss Gough (the name is pronounced Goff—just as you would pronounce "cough" she explains) but just the same there is plenty of work attached to the job.

A day in the life of a private secretary begins at 9 a.m. and from then on its real plugging. Meals are taken when and if possible and the day ends at 7:30 p.m.—"except when you have to work at night," she says.

The minister has one special characteristic according to his private secretary—"he likes to get things done, and in a hurry. We don't leave any work lying around here.

"My job first thing when I arrive in the morning is to open and go over all secret and confidential mail," she said. "I sort it for the minister's attention or send it to the proper channels. I make all the minister's appointments, arrange his meetings and take notes on important letters he wants sent out."

Combine Duties

Miss Gough says the duties of a private secretary are manifold and can't be pigeon-holed. Combining the duties of a policeman, with tact, good humor and efficiency, the job is to save the minister for the important business of governing Canada.

"While the house is sitting we only work at our downtown office at R.C.A.F. headquarters in the Jackson Building in the morning and in the afternoon and evening the minister, myself and a stenographer occupy offices in the House of Commons," she said.

Under Miss Gough the minister has a staff of approximately 20 who care for the immediate business of the minister of air. She was employed in Mr. Power's Quebec law office as a stenographer before coming to Ottawa in 1935 when the latter was appointed minister of pensions and national health. Since then she has been private secretary to Mr. Power in his capacity as postmaster-general to which he was appointed in 1939, and as minister for air and associate minister of national defence.

Students' Council Dance Last Night

Affair Staged in Auditorium to Help Raise Funds for Trip to Ocean Falls.

To raise funds for a basketball excursion to Ocean Falls which is planned for the Easter holiday season, a dance was held by the Students' Council of Booth Memorial High School at the school auditorium last night. About seventy-five of the students were in attendance at the happy affair. Ted Arney was master of ceremonies and generally in charge. The principal, W. W. C. O'Neill, was in attendance.

Are Married Quietly Here

Miss Wanda Hamm of Victoria Becomes Bride of Telegrapher John Johnson.

The marriage took place yesterday at First United Church manse, Rev. James A. Donnell officiating, of Miss Wanda Hildegard Hamm, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hamm of Victoria, to John Cecil Johnson, telegrapher aboard H.M.C.S. "B. C. Lady." It was a quiet ceremony, witnesses of which were Flying Officer H. C. Parker and A. W. Boychuk.

CHAPLAIN 'CHUTIST

LONDON, Feb. 28: (AP)—Rev. Bernard Egan, a Jesuit chaplain, has earned his parachutist's "wings," passing the same secret tests as the men with whom he will serve so he may accompany them into action.

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TAKE NOTICE that by Letters of Administration issued out of the Supreme Court of British Columbia on the 25th day of February A. D. 1942, I was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Annie Morrison Duff, otherwise known as Anna Duff, Deceased, the wife of the late William Duff of Prince Rupert, B.C. All persons indebted to the Estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith and all persons having claims against the Estate are required to file them with me properly verified on or before the 15th day of April 1942.

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