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**Democracies And War...**

Democracies always begin wars unprepared because free men do not want war. Often democracies win wars—not always. When they do, it is because men love liberty enough to accept minor interference with it, for the major purpose of preserving it. We must try to work and save for the nation rather than try to find how much each of us can get out of the nation. Are we the sort of free men who are ready to make the sacrifices needed to win wars? That we still have to prove.

Those of us who think that the Americans are taking some liberties around here might realize that they did something at Midway to really help us.

**The "Conscription" Wrangle...**

There is no doubt that the conscription bill will pass at Ottawa. Even if all possible Liberal bolters teamed up with the Opposition, they could not outvote the amendment supporters. At the moment, most of the 64 French members are against the amendment. It is expected that some English-speaking private members may follow suit because of feeling in their constituencies. If this insurgency is marked, will Prime Minister King resign? No. While the insurgency may be embarrassing and uncomfortable, it will not be politically unmanageable.

What will be the length and nature of the debate? If all the usually silent French M.P.'s speak, they alone will take more than a week. Conservatives may try to amend the motion but how word an amendment asking for conscription to a motion striking out a restrictive clause? The C.C.F. has proposed an amendment on conscription of wealth.

This topic has some interest, since two public statements have already been made by Government members. The first was during a plebiscite radio speech in the West but it went unnoticed. The second was by Hon. Ian MacKenzie at Winnipeg. He said that if he had his way "the first conscript in Canada would be money." There will be lively reference to this in the debate.

There seems little doubt of the subsequent pattern of events. After Clause 3 has been removed, there will be no immediate action of compulsory overseas service. According to Maj-Gen. H. F. Letson, voluntary recruiting is improving; according to Hon. J. T. Thorson, selective service requirements are being met. Some 40 per cent of the selectees volunteer for overseas and these, plus the men who enlist voluntarily, are ample for present needs. Therefore the government will wait to say how and when compulsory overseas service will be undertaken.

**Letter Box**

**FLOUTING BLACKOUT**

Editor, Daily News:  
Reading G. V. Hanley's letter in Friday's edition of your paper has induced me to write this also.  
I wish to complain about the way some people are flouting the blackout regulations. I live in Rushbrook Heights. The first two or three nights the blackout was pretty effective but after that more and more people were carelessly letting their lights blaze forth without even pulling down the window shades. I realize the A. R. P. wardens have numberless duties but surely something can be done to make people, who evidently don't understand plain black and white in the newspapers or advice they hear given over various radio stations, realize they must obey the blackout regulations.

MRS. M. M.  
**COMPULSORY SAVINGS**

Editor, Daily News:  
In reply to the article in the issue of June 2, regarding the proposal for compulsory savings sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. While on the surface this may appear to be a rational plan, such is actually not the case as will be seen by taking into consideration the following facts:

First, while wages have been frozen at the 1940 standard the prices of most food commodities have steadily increased, such as fresh and frozen meats and fish, fresh and canned fruits and vegetables; in fact the majority of the foodstuffs which constitute our daily diet.

Second, after the present deductions have been made for taxation the amount of actual money left is only sufficient for a living, a very little above the amount required to continue existing.

Third, further this move is a direct curtailment of those same Democratic rights and privileges for which the people of this nation are asked to give their life's blood and labor.

Fourth, it would be very well to bear in mind the fact that the people who are sponsoring this move are for the most part earning salaries far in excess of the people from whom they wish to extract these compulsory savings. In Germany the same type of people proposed and had enacted legislation for these very things without bothering to conceal their motives behind such names as "Compulsory Savings." Are we, therefore, to institute the means of government as is in force in the Fascist countries at a time when we send the youth of our country to fight this same Fascism?

R. TUBB,  
Recording Secretary,  
Boilermakers' and Iron  
Shipbuilders' Union

**MISS R. M. DAVIES O.B.E.**

Editor, Daily News:  
You are probably aware that Miss R. M. Davies O.B.E. is leaving Prince Rupert shortly to make her home in the south. She is leaving behind her here a very permanent social and moral influence that must continue to modify this district for good for many years to come.

Because of her outstanding work for the unfortunate young, His Majesty the King was pleased to confer upon her the O.B.E.

For many years Miss Davies has been the matron and the enthusiastic moving spirit behind the Ridley Home, now of this city, formerly located at Metlakatla. The Home is now filled to capacity and is capably managed by Miss N. L. Bird.

The Home which is under the auspices of the Anglican Church, is absolutely non-sectarian in its acceptance of children. It is a provincial registered institution and is at all times open for inspection.

The children, orphans or those from districts where there are no school facilities, are cared for at a minimum cost, so low, indeed, that, even when supplemented by the generous aid of grocery shoppers and other donations, the books show a rather disturbing balance on the wrong side. This deficit is caused largely by the increased cost of living, higher wages paid and the failure of parents or guardians to fully meet their financial obligations to the institution.

At a recent executive meeting held in the Home, it was reluctantly moved, seconded and carried that there should be an increase of 10 per cent in "care charges."

**MINERAL LECTURE**

Smithers Interested In Fluorescent Lamp For Locating Tungsten.

SMITHERS, June 15.—Dr. J. R. Stevenson of the Department of Mines at Victoria gave a very interesting lecture to a good gathering of miners and prospectors in the Municipal Hall at Smithers on Wednesday evening on the subject of important war minerals.

**Substantial Sum For Sea Cadets**

Annual Tag Day Held Recently Resulted In \$312.19 being Raised

The substantial sum of \$312.19 was realized as a result of the recent tag day of the Prince Rupert branch of the Navy League of Canada in support of the work of the Sea Cadet Corps. Boys of the corps carried out the tagging and met with generous support on the part of the public.

The boys who engaged in the tagging were J. Deagon, H. Husoy, A. Edgar, W. Longwood, H. Menzie, B. Mc Chesney, T. Caine, A. Peachey, T. Boulter, D. Murray, G. Paul, G. Rothwell, G. James, L. Hankinson, O. Pfeifer, S. Hougan, J. Forman, O. Eyoilfen, D. Lawson, R. Mc Arthur, J. Flaten, N. Thompson, J. Franks, R. Martin, G. Good, J. Ladicos, D. Woods, H. Kane, P. Wilson, K. Brocklesby, F. Hingston, R. Scully, H. Yule, R. Stacey and B. Lett.

Alex McRae and C. C. Mills were in charge of the tag day.

**Heart Stopped; She Recovered**

Remarkable Case of a Mother Supposed Dead and Later Lives

LONDON, June 15.—The "death" of a 25-year-old mother who recovered and ate breakfast in bed the following day is reported.

Dr. Alan M. Easton, who attended her, said the woman's pulse and respiration suddenly and completely ceased after she gave birth. He immediately made an incision and grasped the heart.

Rhythmic compressions and relaxation produced an almost immediate response, and for the first time in a period of between five and six minutes the pulse was again easily palpable at the wrists.

By morning she had recovered completely.

FOR QUICK RESULTS TRY A NEWS WANT ADD.

**Terrace**

G. W. Cripps, returned to Prince Rupert on Thursday after putting in several days here at his work as Provincial Assessor.

Practically all the new work in recent days has been in connection with the increased effort. Work of various kinds has begun in Terrace and district and that the place is in process of being completely transformed and the old slow easy going village days appear to be a thing of the past.

A large number of workmen are engaged in clearing away brush and second growth lands and building various structures to accommodate a large camp for the contractors who are about to start work on the highway to the coast is to be started immediately.

Like Prince Rupert Terrace has doubled in population since the new work began. There was a local boom in building until the authorities placed an embargo on lumber for ordinary civil work.

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