

## EDITORIAL

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## A Cheery Note . . .

It was a cheerful sound that was heard on the British radio yesterday when London played "Rule Britannia" at various times and told the world that there was no depression in Britain over the fall of Singapore but just a note of determination in all parts of the empire that the war would continue until it ended successfully. As Prime Minister Churchill said in his speech the Allies are in a better position today than they were a year ago.

## Effect of Singapore Here . . .

The effect of Singapore's fall on this coast is that we must be fully prepared for anything that may happen. It seems a pity that the construction of the highway had not already been started. Surely now there is no good reason for delay in the commencement of this important work, very important not only for the people of Prince Rupert but also for Alaska and for Canada as a whole and especially the west.

## Another Effect . . .

Another effect the fall of Singapore should have on us is that the people here should subscribe to the loan to the fullest extent of their ability. We cannot expect the government to spend a lot of money here if we do not do our full share toward the carrying out of the work. We feel quite confident Prince Rupert will do a complete part. She has done so in the past and the indications point to a repetition. We are asked to invest our money wisely so that we may benefit directly and indirectly, directly by securing a good rate of interest and indirectly by enabling Ottawa to look favorably upon the projects that interest us particularly.

DRY DOCK  
HAS A.R.P.

Meeting Held Sunday Afternoon

A general meeting of the Dry Dock section of Air Raid Precaution organization was held in the Canadian Legion Rooms on Sunday afternoon with approximately one hundred and twenty-five members in attendance.

J. J. Little, chief protection officer, was in the chair and expressed his pleasure at seeing such a large turnout. He outlined the purpose and work of the executive committee and the need for every available member of the community doing his or her share of this very important work. Herebefore it had been very difficult to get people to take a serious view of the danger from air raids, the majority feeling that it just could not happen here. Complacency, he felt, was one of the first enemies it was necessary to overcome. No time should be lost in doing so as events of the past week had brought the foe virtually to the doorstep. This meeting, however, gave him renewed confidence that much would yet be accomplished. He concluded his remarks with an appeal to all present to get behind the second Victory Loan drive and support it to the limit of their resources.

J. S. Wilson, chief warden, was the next speaker and gave a resume of the work in detail, explaining fully what had been accomplished and what remained yet to be done. Much of the work remaining was due to lack of volunteers. Like the chairman, he felt that there were too many who were willing "to let George do it," and "George" had just not been able to do it all. He outlined

some of the difficulties that had to be met with, many of which were due to the general public not taking the trouble to familiarize themselves with regulations and instructions published in both the local and Vancouver papers which fact was regrettable, as they had been published with the intention that every one would study them and acquaint themselves with the requirements. Under the circumstances, it might be necessary to reprint the regulations in which case he hoped everyone would save them for ready reference when necessary.

H. T. Lock, assistant chief protection officer, explained the duties and functions of his particular branch of the work but pointed out that practical demonstration was much more effective than a lecture and promised to give such a demonstration as soon as the necessary equipment and facilities were available.

J. A. Frew was called upon to explain what had been done towards organizing an A. R. P. unit at the Dry Dock. He also stressed the necessity of all volunteers promptly returning registration forms in order that they might be adequately protected in case of accident, either at practice or in actual emergency.

T. J. Boulter, assistant manager, on being called upon, explained the object of this meeting and the benefits to be derived from efficient organization in case of emergency. He informed the meeting

of how it was proposed to divide the yard into areas or districts with units of the various branches of the A. R. P. work assigned to each. When volunteers had been assigned to their branch and area, meetings would be called by their chiefs for organization practice and instruction. Mr. Boulter hoped that everyone would co-operate to the best of their ability towards making a success of the work.

Several questions were asked after which the meeting adjourned.

Quietly Wedded  
Here Saturday

Miss Vera McKenzie of Saskatchewan Becomes Bride of John Parish of This City.

At First United Church Marston on Saturday the marriage took place of Miss Vera Lillian McKenzie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McKenzie of Lussland, Saskatchewan, to John Samuel Parish, 215 Seventh Avenue West, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Parish. The ceremony was very quiet with Rev. James A. Donnell officiating.

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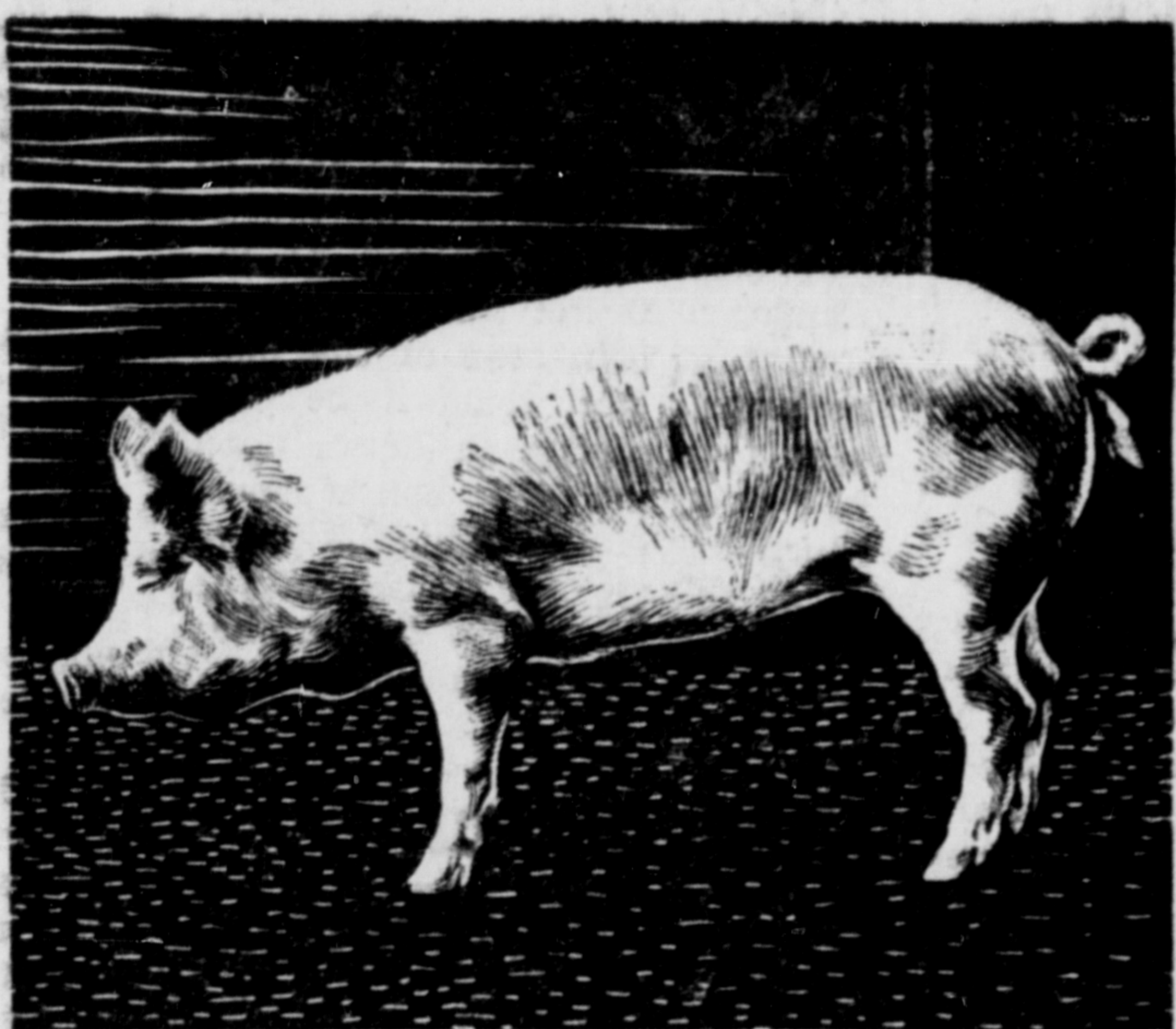
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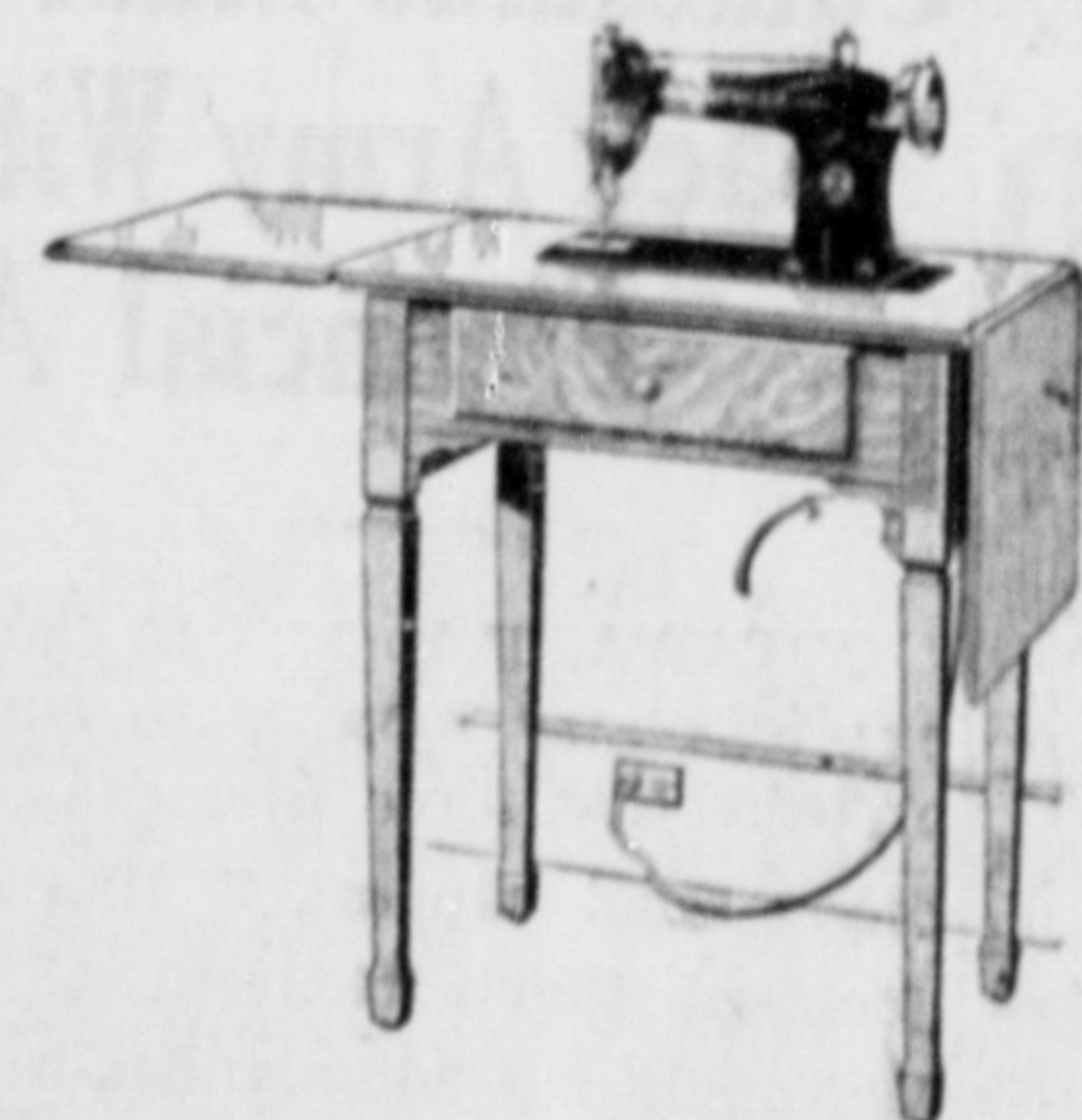
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