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EDITORIAL

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The War News . . .

Yesterday, for a while at least until the news about the disaster to the Japanese fleet off the Aleutians started to come in, was another of those blue days in the war news. Once again it seemed that nothing was going right for our side. There was little cheering in any of it for us. Every reason there appeared to be to think of worse things that might ensue.

We have been warned time and time again to expect more bad news before the turn of the tide in our favor becomes unmistakable as surely it will one of these days. Meanwhile, we must steel ourselves to take not only bad news but accept sacrifices and, possibly, meet the actual unpleasantnesses of conflict.

We might not overlook some encouraging remarks which were made amid the bad news yesterday both by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. The President, in his United Nations Day message, declared, "We have the men and we have the power to win."

The clouds have not cleared yet. We know it will be a long struggle. But who of us does not know that our cause will prevail, providing, of course, that all of us play our part?

The war has already brushed up our geography on Europe, Africa and Asia. Now we are hearing about some places closer home that we didn't know so much about before.

Co-operation Best . . .

We are seeing a lot of changes around Prince Rupert these days as the activities of war proceed. Some of our institutions even are becoming involved. There is no need, however, for civilians to feel they have no rights. The defence authorities do not take over until martial law is declared although, of course, the government, to whom these authorities submit recommendations and are still responsible, may take action which seems arbitrary should the exigencies of a situation seem to warrant it.

Recently the Chamber of Commerce saw fit to suggest that there might be a greater degree of co-operation between the defence authorities and the civilian interests. No doubt it would be very satisfactory all around if consultation at least was arranged speedily. It would tend to prevent resentment and misunderstandings.

Prince Rupert people, we are sure, will always be willing to fall in line with everything reasonable, providing they are satisfied it is reasonable. But they are not going to be satisfied with being abruptly asked if they express an opinion: "Don't you know there is a war on?"—an expression that is becoming a chestnut if ever one did.

The people of Prince Rupert—the responsible, established ones at least—are just as keenly realistic of the fact that there is a war on as are itinerant officials who may be here today and gone tomorrow. Even the service officers are not a law unto themselves.

And, in the end, no matter what happens, even if Prince Rupert should be wiped off the map, civilians and service people alike, it will be the civilians who have the final say.

Meantime what everybody wants is co-operation and the best way to get that is to be calm and reasonable one with another which goes for those in the services as well as those who are not.

Evidently the Japanese fleet did stick its neck out a little too far in venturing to the Aleutian Islands. Maybe the little brown men will now stay a little closer to Tokyo. Or maybe they do want a fight.

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Editor, Daily News:
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What Mr. Hanson has really done is to put into personal practice what the government should do and for that he is to be congratulated.

He has turned over to the government \$40,000 in non-interest bearing notes for non-interest bearing bonds. It seems to me that a whole lot of paper, time and book-keeping could be saved.

CANUCK.

SMITHERS

Sergt. J. C. McKenzie of the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, put on a very fine show of war pictures in the Reo Theatre at Smithers on Thursday evening, following five reels of new and very interesting films. One reel entitled "Churchill's Island" was extremely good as was also the pictures of the floating forts that guard Britain's coasts. Some of the views shown were of German origin. The theatre was filled to capacity by an appreciative audience. On Friday afternoon a special show was put on for the benefit of the school children of Smithers and vicinity when the same pictures were repeated.

Bulkley Valley Branch of the Canadian Legion will hold its annual meeting in the Round Lake Hall, at Round Lake, Wednesday evening for the benefit of many members of Telkwa and Guik areas who do not find it convenient to get to meetings in Smithers. These meetings have been an annual feature for several years and they are always well attended and much enjoyed by the veterans of those districts. It is expected that this meeting will be no exception to those of previous years in that respect.

STEWART HOUSING

STEWART, June 16 — Considerable discussion was given by the Municipal Commissioners at a meeting last Tuesday to the fact that there is in Stewart housing accommodation for nearly five hundred persons which is not now in use. This includes some furnished premises. It is the intention of the Board of Commissioners to draw this situation to the attention of the people of Prince Rupert, as it is understood that housing is very scarce there at the present time and it is hoped that some way may be found whereby some of the people now desiring accommodation at Prince Rupert might make use of that available at Stewart. It is known that these could be rented at reasonable rates.

The commissioners had a particularly busy session at the regular meeting. Besides a considerable amount of routine matters, several unusual factors entered into the commissioners' discussions. The official report of Stewart's Rubber Salvage Week showed that the school children, with some assistance from adults where needed, had collected 243 tires, 34 sacksful of small rubber articles and 10 bundles of inner tubes, bicycles and individuals would cycle tires and hose. The estimate weight of the shipment sent forward to the Canadian Red Cross Salvage Depot was five tons. This was carried south freight free by the courtesy of Canadian National Steamships. The commissioners re-

Mrs. Fred Scott Is Laid At Rest

Many Friends Gathered Yesterday To Pay Final Tributes At Funeral

Many friends gathered at the chapel of the B.C. Undertakers yesterday afternoon for the funeral of Mrs. Fred Scott, the former Miss Dorothy Whitlow of Usk, whose death occurred at the end of last week. Very Rev. James B. Gibson, dean of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, officiated and Peter Lien presided at the organ to accompany the hymns which were "Abide With Me" and "Lead Kindly Light."

Following the service, interment was made in Fairview Cemetery. Pallbearers were P. L. Peterson, Eric Christlan, L. Branche, R. Branche, T. Walsh and H. Varner. corded their appreciation of the work and enthusiasm of the school pupils.

Army Week was also fully discussed and it was felt that the people of Stewart would certainly wish to honor this occasion but, as no military body is stationed here, an invitation is being extended to the Officer Commanding at Prince Rupert to send a party of some 30 or 35 soldiers into Stewart for the week or a part of it. Organizations and individuals would vie with each other to make their stay a pleasant one and it is felt that, with public support as great as it would be, Stewart would be an ideal spot for a few of the "boys" to get a little recreation and home entertainment.

THIS ONE WON'T BOMB MURMANSK



Although overshadowed now by the great battle of Sebastopol, fighting continues in the Murmansk sector on the Russian northern front, where British and U.S. supply lines to Russia are at stake. This German bomber was brought down by Soviet anti-aircraft fire on the shore of the Barents Sea.

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