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Tonight's Dim-out
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7:19 p.m. to 8:31 a.m.

Solomon Island Score Is Now Out

Change Now Is Unlikely

City Council Hears from Minister Of Education and Leader of Opposition Regarding Education

Hon. H. G. Perry, minister of education, in a letter to the city council last night, expressed the belief that there could be no transfer of responsibility for the costs of education in British Columbia until after the war. The latter was in answer to a resolution recently passed by the city council endorsing a proposal of the Prince Rupert City and District Teachers' Federation that the provincial government assume the financial responsibility for education as a means of putting education in British Columbia on a more satisfactory basis.

A copy of the resolution had also been sent to Harold Winch, C.C.F. leader of the opposition in the Legisluature, who commended the council on its progressiveness in making such representations and promised that the C.C.F. would do all it could to obtain legislation improving the educational system of the province including the raising of teachers' salaries.

INSULTING OF LADIES

Ald. Norah Arnold Brings Recent Incident to Attention of City Council

Ald. Norah E. Arnold registered a complaint at last night's meeting of the city council on behalf of two well known and estimable local ladies who had been forced into the ditch one night recently by a truck of a contracting firm on Second Avenue between Eighth and Ninth Streets. When they had remonstrated, the truck driver had rudely told them they were drunk. Later at the administration office of the contracting company they had been again insulted. The licence number of the truck had been secured and it was the intention of the ladies, who were justifiably indignant, to lay an information against the driver and give evidence in police court prosecution.

Ald. Arnold thought it was high time that something was being done about "arrogant" truck drivers who were careening their vehicles around Prince Rupert regardless of any one else's rights.

Ald. Arnold also declared that the B. C. Bridge and Dredging Co. had completely destroyed the city sidewalk between Eighth and Ninth Streets and, furthermore, were using that street in such a manner as to imperil any civilian traffic. She thought the contracting company should be required to restore the sidewalk and keep its vehicles off of it.

Mayor Watts promised to take the matter up with the city police although it would be necessary for the ladies in the case complained of to lay their information.

Ald. Robert McKay, speaking of the traffic situation generally, pointed out that it was not the regular civilian drivers of the city who were having the accidents and causing the fatalities here. It was about time to find out whether the defence and contracting interests had control of the whole town in this as well as other matters. Personally, he felt they should be quite as amenable to the law as the regular civilian population.

The mayor pointed out that, although a new traffic bylaw was being drafted, the old one still existed and governed traffic on the streets of the city.

PRIMEVAL TOOTHACHE

Written records of dental disease and methods of treatment have been found dating back to 3700 B. C.

KHARKOV IS TAKEN

Great Russian City Taken For Red Army's Greatest Victory

LONDON, Feb. 16 (CP)—A special Russian communique tonight announced that Kharkov had been captured.

Kharkov is Russia's fourth largest city and its recapture is heralded as the Red Army's greatest victory so far in the war.

TAXATION STATEMENT

Taxes Would Have Been Just As High if Canada Had Sold Instead of Giving Britain Billion Dollars

OTTAWA, Feb. 16 (CP)—If Canada had sold her goods to Britain instead of giving them under the billion dollar gift of last year Canadian taxes would have been just as high and borrowing just as great as they have been, Hon. J. L. Ilsley, minister of finance, told the House of Commons.

Penalty On Tax Arrears Is Same

Reduction From Six to Five Percent Out as Council Has No Power to Change It

Having been advised by E. H. Bridgeman, deputy minister of municipal affairs, that it had no power to depart from the rate set under the Municipal Act, the city council last night, on recommendation of the finance committee, rescinded a previously passed resolution to reduce the penalty on tax arrears from six to five percent.

Canadian Destroyer Louisburg Sunk In Mediterranean; With Her 38 Members of Crew Lost

OTTAWA, Feb. 16 (CP)—For the first time in Canadian naval history a Canadian ship has been sunk in the Mediterranean and for the first time a Canadian ship has been destroyed by air attack. This is the fate of the Canadian corvette Louisburg, loss of which with thirty-eight lives was announced today by Hon. Angus Macdonald, minister of naval affairs.

Lieut. Commander William Franklin Campbell of Saskatoon, in command, is among two officers and thirty-three Canadian ratings as well as three Royal Navy ratings listed as missing and presumed killed.

The only British Columbia man lost is Stoker First Class A. F. Anderson of Vancouver.

The date of the sinking of the fifth Canadian corvette to be lost since the war began is not given and the only description was Mr. Macdonald's brief statement that she went down under "attacks of enemy dive bombers and torpedo planes while on convoy duty in Mediterranean waters."

TAXES ARE NECESSARY

The city council last night gave its approval to a letter which has been addressed by City Assessor Arthur Brooksbank to Major W. R. Ruffell, chief engineer officer of the Pacific Command for the Royal Command for the Royal Canadian Engineers, setting forth reasons why it is felt that property which has been leased in connection with defence projects here should continue to be subject to land taxation as it has been when held by the Canadian National Railways. This applies more particularly to valuable waterfront property. It had been contended that government projects should not be subject to such taxation.

The letter declares that there is no intention of levying taxes on improvements.

It is pointed out in the letter of the assessor how population has increased here from the former normal of 7,000 people to 20,000 and over. There has been no increase in the taxation resources of the city although expenses of services have mounted much higher including public works, police, etc. The situation is such that the city cannot carry on financially with any less taxation. Indeed there must be further financial assistance from the government. Therefore, exemption from taxation of land under lease cannot be considered.

REELS BACK TO NORMAL

Fire Was Still Smouldering Even Yesterday in Dawson Creek

DAWSON CREEK, Feb. 16 (CP) — Dawson Creek is reeling back towards normal after the stunning fire and explosion disaster of Saturday night and the scene of unforgettable injury and suffering. Smoke was still rising from the smouldering ruins even yesterday following the catastrophe which took a toll of five dead, at least two missing and close to 150 injured, levelling a complete city block except for a single structure.

Officials are now estimating that the damage will reach $350,000 from the fire and explosion which resulted when flames licked into a livery stable where a quantity of dynamite was stored.

Most of the spectators were unaware of the danger until there was a terrific explosion, smashing windows, caving in shop fronts, hurling scores from rooftop watching roots and flattening hundreds of others.

The dead are:

John Kazinko, Spirit River, Alberta.

A United States Army private whose name is not revealed.

A man named South employed by Melville Smith Co.

An unidentified adult.

An unidentified child about nine years old.

The names of the missing men are not revealed.

BIG FIGHT IN AFRICA

Axis is in Deady Peril Despite Capture of Gafsa from Allied Forces

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA, Feb. 16 (CP) — In southern Tunisia some sixty miles southwest of Faid Pass, the Allied line has been further bent back by the German tank forces and American and French troops have had to abandon the forward base of Gafsa, 75 miles west of the Gulf of Gabes.

A raging tank battle to the north, where Rommel has achieved a twenty-mile breakthrough, is more important, however, and an Allied victory in the contest now in progress around Sidi Bouzid, 75 miles west of Sfax, would place the Axis southern arm at Gafsa in a dangerous position.

WORLD'S URANIUM

More than half of the world's uranium ore, from which radium is derived, comes from the Belgian Congo.

WAR NEWS

REDS DEEP IN DONETS

MOSCOW—The Russian Army surged deep into the heart of the Donets Basin Monday and in the north near the Nazi bastion of Oral drove behind German lines which had been stabilized for more than a year. The battle for Kharkov still rages.

H.M.C.S. LOUISBURG SUNK

OTTAWA—The sinking of the Canadian Louisburg with loss of 38 lives as a result of enemy air attacks while on convoy duty in the Mediterranean was announced todayby Hon. Angus Macdonld, minister of the nvy. There were 47 survivors.

AMERICANS MAKE ADVANCE

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN NORTH AFRICA—American tank combat teams have smashed at Marshal Erwin Rommel's veteran armored troops under an umbrella of fighter planes and forced the Germans back six miles in the Faid area of central Tunisia in thee big Amereican armament battle of North Africa.

BRITISH BOMB GERMANY

LONDON — British bombers raided undisclosed objectives in western Germany and Nazi-occupied Belgium last night and fighter planes attacked enemy railroad targets in northern Frnnce. None of the British planes are missing.

No Freedom For Gandhi

NEW DELHI, Feb. 16 (CP)—The government has rejected demands in both houses of the Indian Legislature for release of Mahatma Gandhi from internment. Gandhi began a twenty-one day fast last Wednesday. His condition showed some deterioration yesterday.

CITY CLERK HERE NAMED

Harold D. Thain, Chief Clerk of Trail, Receives Appointment

Harold D. Thain, chief clerk of the city of Trail, has been appointed city clerk of Prince Rupert at a salary of $250 per month. He will assume his duties in Prince Rupert on April 1. The appointment was made last night by the city council, on recommendation of the finance committee, from among twenty-three applications for the position.

Mr. Thain is thirty-six years of age and came from England to Canada in 1920. He is married and has one child.

The new city clerk attended High School and business college at Nelson and his first work was as a clerk in the Imperial Bank of Canada at Nelson. Later he was with the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. and for a time was representative of the Confederation Life Assurance Co. In 1933 he joined the staff of the city of Trail as stenographer, cashier and licence collector. He also served as secretary of the school board there and since 1938 has been chief clerk of the city as well as municipal relief officer and secretary of the police commission. He has made a study of municipal statutes. Outside of his municipal duties, he was first secretary of the Junior Chamber of Commerce at Trail and was prominent in Community Chest work.

The principal reason Mr. Thain gave in his application for desiring a change was because of his wife having a heart ailment which a move to the coast, it was thought, might relieve.

Mr. Thain prefers to start here on April 1 but said he could come earlier if necessary. He has been requested to come as soon as possible.

Speaking of other applications, Mayor W. M. Watts explained that serious consideration had been given to that of John R. Wiglesworth, clerk and treasurer of the city of Penticton.

New Tax Clerk

Another appointment made by the city council last night on recommendation of the finance committee was that of A. H. Hill-Tout as tax and assessment clerk at a salary of $175 per month. There were nine other applications. Mr. Hill-Tout has been thirteen years with the taxation department of the provincial government here. He is forty-six years of age, a returned soldier and a property owner.

MILLION DOLLARS

Ald. McKay Expansive on Public Works Projects—Ald. Arnold's Solution

The city council spoke of public works last night in million dollar terms.

Widening and resurfacing of streets, $400,000.

Section 1 trunk sewer, $250,000.

Woodworth Lake to Acropolis Hill 24-inch water main, $425-000.

"I think we should apply to the governments for a million dollars," remarked the lady alderman, Mrs. Norah Arnold, "Half from the Canadian government and half from the American."

Japanese Had Fifteen Warships Either Sunk Or Damaged In Battle

United States Lost Heavy Cruiser Chicago as Well as Another Ship—Air Score Was 61 to 22

WASHINGTON, D.C. Feb .16 (CP) — Fifteen Japanese ships, including twelve destroyers, were sunk or damaged and two American warships, including the heavy cruiser Chicago, were lost in the week of furious sea-air fighting in the Solomons area beginning January 29, the United States Navy announced today. The Japanese also lost sixty or sixty-one planes destroyed to twenty-two American planes in the fighting which resulted from enemy attempts to remove some of their forces from Guadalcanal before the Americans conquered it and from American movement to reinforce the island.

The Chicago was lost as a result of two air attacks, the first while operating as a convoy escort, and the second while being towed severely damaged to a base.

The name of the destroyer lost was not disclosed.

RABAUL IS HIT AGAIN

Heavy Bombers Stage Second Successive Raid on New Britain Base, Setting Large Fires

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTRALIA, Feb. 16 (CP) — Heavy bombers struck at Rabaul on Monday night in the second successive raid that left part of the Japanese New Britain base a mass of flames.

Flying fortresses dropped thirty-eight tons of demolition bombs and more than 1,500 incendiaries to add to the ruin left Sunday night.

CIVIL WAR IS FEARED

This Would Happen in B.C. if Japs Were Allowed Back, Legislature is Told

VICTORIA, Feb. 16 (CP)—Return of the Japanese to the coast will result in civil war, James Mowat, Liberal Coalition member for Alberni, told the British Columbia Legislature yesterday. Mowat said he was alarmed because some of the province to which the Japanese have been evacuated have agreements with the Dominion government for the return of the Japs to British Columbia at the end of the war.

"I have received many letters from returned men's organizations, fishermen's associations and lumber workers on the coast stating that if the Japanese are allowed to come back it will start civil war," Mowat said.

Italians Hate Mussolini

American Writer Says Nation Holds Fascist Leader Responsible For Tragedy

By way of contrast, the reverence of the British people for their Crown finds no counterpart in the Italian mind, says Richard G. Massock in his "Italy from Within" described as the "last word of an American journalist on the mood of the Italians."

Mr. Massock was Associated Press correspondent in Rome when Pearl Harbor precipitated the United States into the conflict and made him an alien in an enemy country. For ten years he represented AP in various European capitals and one New York reviewer describes him as one of the ablest men the world-wide news organization has ever sent abroad.

The book leaves the impression of an Italy—both king and people—totally under the thumb of Mussolini and his Fascists. At least this was the situation up to the time of the author's departure from Rome about a year ago. And yet: "The Italian king lost the respect of his subjects when he fell so thoroughly under the influence of Mussolini that he was quoted as saying 'Be careful what you tell me for I must tell everything to Mussolini.'

Mr. Massock says the Italian people hold Mussolini personally responsible for Italy's tragedy. "They hate him and they loathe the Germans, as much as an amiable, industrious, easygoing, peace-loving people are capable of hatred. But that hatred has not yet reached the frenzy of armed revolution . . . Nor has hunger yet reached the stage where the gnawing despair of empty stomachs breeds armed defiance."

Leadership Needed

The military strength of Germany has overawed the Italians and stands ready to crush any rebellion among them. "Few Italians want to fight the Germans, although some do, some high-ranking officers of the armed forces."

Mr. Massock says that without aggressive anti-Fascist leadership among them, without the strength or spirit to rise against Mussolini the Italians are waiting for the United Nations to depose their despot. "The eventual occupation of Italy is a logical expectation. No doubt the Italian army will resist any incursion on Italian soil. But for the Italian people it will be a great deliverance."

The book has a revealing chapter on "private lives" as they involve Mussolini. There are glimpses, as one writer put it, of "Machiavilli's mimic as a stateman who lived too long."

BOMBING OF KISKA

Eight of Ten Japanese Interceptor Planes Are Brought Down

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 16 — American planes have bombed Kiska, Japanese base on the Aleutians. Eight of ten enemy interceptor planes were brought down.

TEMPERATURE EXTREMES

The temperature in the Sahara desert is often 130 degrees at midday, and near freezing at night.