

TRIPOLI NOW NEAR ITS FALL

INDIA MAY GET GRAIN

Move on Foot in Britain to Ship Wheat From Canada

LONDON, Jan. 22—Rt. Hon. L. C. M. S. Amery, Secretary of State for India, announced yesterday that the government is considering sending Canadian wheat to India to tide over that country until the spring crop. (In Ottawa Hon. J. G. Gardiner, minister of agriculture, no word had been heard of the British suggestion to ship Canadian wheat to India but, no doubt, this would be favored.)

UNION HEAD UNDER FIRE

Prime Minister Mackenzie King Makes Public Letter to Steel Workers' Official

OTTAWA, Jan. 22—Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King last night made public a letter he had written to C. H. Miller, national director of the United Mine Workers' Union of America. The Prime Minister said he could not understand why Mr. Miller was not doing all in his power to urge the striking steel miners return to work and declared that Mr. Miller had lack of understanding of the efforts of the government to meet the situation. Mr. Miller said it would only cost two or three million dollars to meet all the miners' demands but Mr. King said it would mean hundreds of millions. The Prime Minister made no statement in regard to future negotiations.

AUTHORITY QUESTIONED

School Board Unable to Find Who Permitted Lumber Piles and Truck Traffic at Booth School

A special committee consisting of Trustees Jack Deane and Mrs. George Hill has been unable to find who, if anybody, authorized a War-time Housing contracting concern to pile lumber on the grounds of Booth School and use the grounds for traffic of large trucks, the result of which now is that the grounds have been ruined and the lumber piles are, furthermore, a menace to the safety of the children of the school. The committee was delegated to attend a conference on Saturday night of this week of civic authorities with War-time Housing officials. Mayor W. M. Watts has suggested that the present condition of the school grounds is the responsibility of the contractors.

It was mentioned at the meeting of the board of school trustees Wednesday night that the city is receiving \$150 each in revenue from eleven staff houses that have been erected for War-time Housing on the school grounds.

Reports On Structures

City Engineer Reports on Schools And Grounds and Makes Repair Suggestions

A report from City Engineer F. N. Good on the structural condition of the city schools as well as on the school grounds has been made to the board of school trustees. After consideration of the report, the board has decided to ask Mr. Good to submit an estimate of the cost of work that he suggests should be carried out.

As for Booth Memorial School, Mr. Good found that the structural condition was now fairly good with minor repairs to roof and coping required. As for the grounds, which were in bad shape, it was felt that this was up to the contractors or War-time Housing.

King Edward School, the engineer stated, was in fairly good shape with some minor repairs needed. The ground were in fair condition.

Except for a leak in the roof which should be repaired, Borden Street School was in good structural condition and the grounds were fair.

Minor repairs were also needed to the structure of Seal Cove School where the grounds were in bad shape. Miss Eileen Gibson, principal of Seal Cove School, in a report to the board recommended installation of new lavatories, re-graveling of grounds, putting up of storm windows, painting of the building, new desks and new fire-boxes. These recommendations will be considered in connection with the estimates. As for the grounds, this will be taken up with the War-time Housing which has been using them.

Objectives In Burma Hit By British Bombs

NEW DELHI, Jan. 22—Three more bombing raids were made yesterday by the Royal Air Force on objectives in Burma including Akyab. Ground forces of the Japanese were among the targets. All Royal Air Force planes returned safely.

FLATEN IS PRESIDENT

Succeeds W. R. McAfee as President of Red Cross in Prince Rupert

Annual Reports

Extensive Work Carried on by Local Branch During Year

Arnold Flaten was elected president of the Prince Rupert Branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society at the annual meeting last night. He succeeds W. R. McAfee who declined to stand for re-election because he will be busy now with the newly organized Prince Rupert Gun Regiment. Mr. Flaten has been treasurer of the Red Cross here since the war reorganization.

The complete list of officers for 1943 is as follows:

Honorary President—T. D. Pattullo, M.L.A.

Honorary Vice-president—Very Rev. James B. Gibson, D.D., dean of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral.

President—Arnold Flaten.

First vice-president—George C. Mitchell.

Second vice-president—Mrs. J. D. Fraser.

Secretary—H. A. Breen.

Treasurer—R. E. Mortimer.

Executive—Mrs. C. H. Elkins.

Mrs. E. J. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. J. J. Little, Mrs. J. B. Gibson, Mrs. T. J. Boulter and P. C. Miller.

Delegates to Provincial Council in Vancouver February 18 and 19—Arnold Flaten, H. A. Breen, Shelford Darton or Mrs. C. H. Elkins.

In taking over the office of president, Mr. Flaten acknowledged with appreciation the fine work which had been done by Mr. McAfee. There were others who spoke similarly and a vote of thanks was tendered to the retiring president and executive.

Mr. McAfee presided over the early part of the meeting and, after the election of officers, Mr. Flaten took the chair.

An outstanding feature of the meeting was the presidential report of W. R. McAfee, a document which comprehensively reviewed the extensive activities and work of the branch in various ways during the year.

The treasurer's report, presented by Arnold Flaten, showed money raised during the year by the branch as amounting to a total of \$20,360.59 with expenditures of only \$142.77. There were 2,862 members.

The workroom committee report of Mrs. C. H. Elkins gave details of the large amount of work carried out by women both within and outside of the workroom, many thousands of articles being turned out.

Mrs. J. D. Fraser's report for the Junior Red Cross showed 366 school pupils enrolled and described the work they were carrying out. Other reports were those of the entertainment committee, Mrs. Shelford Darton, chairman; sick visiting committee, Mrs. J. B. Gibson, chairman; salvage committee, Percy Miller, chairman; and secretary, H. A. Breen.

Special mention was made of the work which had been carried out by P. C. Miller in connection with salvage.

Those present at the meeting were Mr. McAfee, Mr. Flaten, Mr. Breen, Mrs. Elkins, Mrs. Fraser, Mr. Miller, Mr. Mortimer, Mrs. R. J. D. Smith, Mrs. S. D. Johnston, Mrs. Shelford Darton, Jack Judge, Neil Cameron and Thorndyke Graham.

VARIED JUVENILES

The "juvenile" age limit for offenders varies in the United States from the age of 16 to 21.

SALSK HAS BEEN TAKEN

Plight of Nazi Armies in Russia Is Becoming More Serious

MOSCOW, Jan. 22 (CP)—The important railway centre of Salsk was taken by the Red Army today following the capture of Vorozhilovsk in the northern Caucasus last night.

Rostov and the Caucasus oil region is now being ringed by an army extending up through the Don and Donets River basins into the Voronezh sector from where the Russian High Command has pointed its offensives south and southwest toward Kharkov and other vital points.

Berlin admits today that the Nazi siege army west of Stalingrad is now "tightly encircled" by the enemy. That army, only a few weeks ago estimated at 200,000, is now placed at a mere tens of thousands.

Since the new Russian winter offensive started, the Germans have had 700,000 casualties, 500,000 having been killed.

MAKING OF OFFICERS

New System for Selection and Development is Announced by Department of National Defence

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (CP)—The Department of National Defence announces a new system for the selection and development of potential officers for the Canadian Army.

Officers' selection centres will be set up in eastern and western Canada and any soldier who thinks he has officer's qualities can apply to a superior officer for permission to be sent to one of these centres.

The applicant will be entitled to have his application sent forward for consideration whether or not the commanding officer himself favors it.

NEW G. O. C.

LONDON, Jan. 22 (CP)—Maj.-Gen. G. C. Kemp has been succeeded as General Officer Commanding, Orkney and Shetland defences, by Maj.-Gen. J. N. Slater.

Main Axis Defences Of Important North African City Taken

NEW RULES FOR WORK

Changes in Selective Service Regulations Are Announced by Minister

OTTAWA, Jan. 22 (CP)—Persons in age groups subject to military call-up may be compulsorily required to accept alternative employment if they are to remain civilians under new selective service regulations announced today by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, minister of labor.

The new regulations are a revision and consolidation of existing regulations dealing with civilian employment and are effective immediately.

Another change is that only those persons between the ages of 16 and 65 must register for work if not gainfully employed for seven consecutive days. Students, housewives and clergymen are exempted from this registration.

Regulations formerly required all persons regardless of age to register for work if unemployed. The minister announced a tightening up of regulations regarding work outside the agricultural industry by Canadian farmers who now may work only sixty days in a year at other occupations without selective service permit.

Construction workers have been exempted from national service regulations requiring seven days' notice by employer and employee before employment is terminated, Mr. Mitchell said.

TRANSPORT FOR WORKERS

LONDON, Jan. 22 (CP)—Seven thousand trains are run every week in Britain for the benefit of war workers going to and from their jobs.

Greater Part of Port is in Flames—Rommel's Army in Retreat Westward—Tunisian Battle Tempo Increasing

LONDON, Jan. 22 (CP)—The main defences of Tripoli have already fallen as the British forces enter the outskirts of the capital city of Tunisia, it was reported here today. Being systematically smashed by aerial bombs and long range artillery, a large portion of the city is already on fire. Marshal Erwin Rommel's forces are in retreat toward Tunisia.

A Cairo communique said that, by last evening, the British Eighth Army, in steady pursuit of Rommel, was engaging the enemy "west of Homs and south of Tripoli" but the Italians reported British forces southwest of the city, intimating that it was being bypassed as well as attacked.

On the central Tunisian front, General Henri Giraud's hard-pressed French troops were reported beating off intensified Nazi attacks which the Germans supported with tanks and planes in a spreading battle southwest of Pont du Fahs.

Big Disaster In Aviation

WASHINGTON, D.C., Jan. 22 (CP)—The largest disaster in the history of American commercial aviation is announced. A United States transport plane crashed on Dutch Guiana coast and all thirty-five persons on board were killed. Among the victims was Eric Knight, noted British author.

Civic Centre Meet. Draws No Quorum

Annual Gathering is Accordingly Postponed for Another Week When Business Will be Proceeded With

There not being sufficient members in attendance to form a quorum, the annual meeting of the Civic Centre Association of Prince Rupert, called for last night, was postponed until Thursday night of next week when those persons will have the authority to elect an executive for the coming year.

A general discussion took place at last night's meeting and one view expressed was that it might be well to postpone the civic centre project until after the war, keeping the funds securely in bonds until such time as it is found possible to proceed with the undertaking.

Those present last night were Dr. R. G. Large, C. G. Ham, Robert Gordon, Oscar Haveroy and A. R. Nichols.

Funeral Notice

An emergent communication of Tyee Lodge, No. 66, A. F. & A. M. B.C.C.R., will be held Saturday, January 23, 1943, at 2 p.m., from the Masonic Temple, 6th Ave. East, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of our late Bro. George M. Fraser. Public service B.C. Undertakers' (Second Street and Second Avenue Chapel) 2:30 p.m.

SCOTSMEN AS VIKINGS

GLASGOW, Jan. 22 (CP)—The British Council's Monthly Science News says Scotsmen are the true descendants of the Vikings and the racial purity of the modern Scandinavians is open to doubt.

Hockey Scores

New York 4, Toronto 7.
Boston 2, Detroit 3.
Canadiens 4, Chicago 4 (tie).

AID TO RUSSIA

Previously acknowledged	\$2,459.15
"Anonymous"	5.00
"Anonymous"	5.00
Cpl. and Mrs. F. E. Parsons	5.00
Max Hellbroner	50.00
Theo. Collart	10.00
Mrs. C. Collart	5.00
Northern B.C. Power Coy.	100.00
Dr. R. C. Bamford	5.00
"Anonymous"	20.00
G. P. Tinker & Coy.	10.00
Dr. L. W. Kergin	25.00
A. Delidai	10.00
Mussallem's Economy Store	25.00
Axel Nelson (Atlin)	10.00
R. L. McIntosh	25.00
"Anonymous"	10.00
Frank Davies	5.00
F. E. Hunt Ltd.	10.00
S. E. Parker Ltd.	25.00
W. R. Love Electric Co.	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Bartlett	7.00
"Anonymous"	5.00
F. R. Boor	5.00
Geo. Hill, the Shoeman	10.00
Benny Goldman	10.00
Jack McNulty	20.00
Fashion Footwear	5.00
Dr. R. G. Large	25.00
K. Slatta	5.00
H. Lund	5.00
L. Arrol	5.00
Ivar Johansen	10.00
Variety Store	25.00
Arrow Bus Lines	25.00
Watts & Nickerson	40.00
William Watts	20.00
H. S. Nickerson	10.00
Acme Clothing Store	25.00
7 sundry donations under \$5.00	11.00
Total as at noon this date	\$3,092.15

The public are advised that every authorized collector carries official credentials in the Receipt Book.

CANADA BIGGER

Brazil is surpassed in size only three countries: the U.S.S.R., China and Canada.