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EDITORIAL

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Warning From 'Frisco . . .

The warning of the civilian protection authorities at San Francisco of the very real possibility of an attack by the enemy on the Pacific Coast should bear no element of surprise. The fact that the warning has been issued merely substantiates the general expectation of those who should be in a position to know that, in the nature of present circumstances, some move of this kind is fairly likely. A realistic appraisal of the whole situation would seem to indicate it. The only thing that might prevent it would be the cost that would be involved in making the attack as measured against the value of the results which might be obtained.

The warning makes it appropriate to reiterate the suggestion that we have offered a good deal of late as to the advisability of keeping our protective measures in good shape and in readiness for such an eventuality. This applies to the civilian as well as the military defences which, as long as the war lasts, no matter how well it might be going generally in our favor, may be called upon at any time to prove themselves in some sort of a real test.

There is nothing new in the situation as a result of the San Francisco warning but the effect of it may be of value in keeping us on our toes.

In connection with the local situation, it is gratifying to know that arrangements have been made for a conference of heads of the local military reserve and civilian protection (A.R.P.) organizations with a view to straightening out certain misunderstandings and effecting a more perfected co-ordination of function in the light of circumstances which war might bring to Prince Rupert—the reserve as an actual fighting body and the A.R.P. for civilian protection. One of the purposes of the conference will be to reach a clarification of how and in which body men may most effectively function.

Germany's Situation . . .

"During the first years of the war the neutrals were often told by the Germans that they had better hurry lest they miss the train, but this propaganda phrase has now fallen into disuse," says an editorial in the Stockholm newspaper Dagens Nyheter. "Nobody is anxious to board the train, and those aboard seem rather to want to jump off, even though this proves difficult. The Germans themselves realize this. At present their propaganda is aimed at endeavoring to convince those aboard the necessity of continuing their journey whether they wish to do so or not, and the idea of seeking new passengers evidently has been given up. For what reason? The reply is known by all who follow the war's development.

"The myth of an invincible, ever-conquering Germany has been replaced by a true picture in which the German fight for life is the most prominent feature. What the result inside Germany may be it is too early to judge, although the sudden, radical change in propaganda cannot fail to shake the people's confidence in official announcements. People cannot be shunted on to a new track of thought like a railway engine. The reaction in the occupied countries is certain, however. The people there will not be disheartened but encouraged. What are famine, humiliations and penalties compared with a future that is bright for all true patriots? The time of waiting becomes shorter, and the sufferings easier, when the final issue appears certain.

"It is now the others who fear. Everyone knows it. Even the Germans realize they have suffered defeats in the war of nerves which could hardly have been greater. Finnish newspapers now give a much truer picture of the war situation than they did a few weeks ago. Why suppress unfavorable reports when Germany herself admits how difficult the situation is?"

Amendment was made by the city council last night to a recently introduced bylaw covering sale of a number of tax sale properties whereby A. Otto Olsen should purchase lots 21 and 22, block 27, section 8, for \$130 instead of lots 25 and 26, block 27, section 8. Mr. Olsen had made application originally for the latter-mentioned property but this had been by mistake. The bylaw was then given its third reading.

Ald. McKay, chairman of the board of works, advised the city council last night that, as instructed at the previous week's meeting of the council, work of filling in a hole at the corner of Sixth Avenue and Ambrose Avenue, where an army car recently went off the road with fatal result, was proceeding. Lumber for a culvert which it was found necessary to install had been obtained from the army.

LETTERBOX

Editor, Daily News:

I think it is about time the citizens came to realize what our Merchant Navy seaman is doing for the country in the struggle we have ahead of us. We know what the Navy, Air Force and Army are doing but not the Merchant Navy.

Here is a point in question. A new crew came to take over a vessel. They came all the way from Glasgow and spent two nights here but there was nobody to give them a welcome or do anything for them in the way of entertainment. They have gone away now with a very poor impression.

I was down to the vessel in question and was asked by the seamen if there was any place they could go to the same as they have in Vancouver. I told them the only place was the Y.M.C.A. I do not know if they went there or not.

Don't forget, people of Prince Rupert, it is no use the fisherman of this city going out fishing salmon and getting a good price for same if the product is not carried overseas to Britain to help feed Canadian sons who are at present in the fighting line even if they are in England. These same Merchant seamen carry relief to the besieged and sustenance to the hungry, man the hospital ships that carry home the wounded, carry the weapons of supply to our brave allies the Russians, go through the dangerous waters of the Mediterranean to carry supplies to the fighting forces of North Africa and brave the perils of the Atlantic. They come up smiling to join another vessel even if they have been torpedoed six times the same as two of the crew were that came to join the new vessel.

Don't think that we in Canada are sitting pretty because we are so far away from the seat of actual war. The very food we have is brought here by the Merchant Navy seamen. Let our coast vessels fail to arrive for just one week and see what effect it would have on you getting your fresh vegetables and other commodities. I should like the people to get together and try to do something worthwhile for these seamen. They are worth all we can do for them and we have to thank God for the spirit of our brave men of the Merchant Navy.

—CAPT. S. C. BROWN.

LOCALS

On recommendation of the finance committee, the city council decided last night to renew C. O. Svedmark for a period of two years a lease on a lot on Third Avenue near Cow Bay, the rate to be \$4 per year.

A request from Mayor A. W. van Stocken, on behalf of the United States Army engineering department, to build a sidewalk on the south side of Summit Avenue from Taylor Street to the United States barracks on Acropolis Hill was granted by the city council at last night's meeting.

At last night's meeting of the city council there was a letter from the district engineer of the United States Corps of Engineers in connection with the putting in of a new sidewalk for a distance of 200 feet westward on Second Avenue from Eighth Street. It was left in the hands of the Board of Works.

An application from the Department of National Defence for a reserve on lots 1 and 2, block 25, section 1, corner of First Avenue and Ninth Street, was received at last night's meeting of the city council and referred to the finance committee. The purpose for which the lots were required was not given.

The question of continuing the policy of overtime pay for members of the clerical staff of the utilities committee was referred to at last night's meeting of the city council. There had been 112 hours of such overtime. Last year a man had been employed for two full months for such work, costing the city \$300. The matter will be given further attention. Possibly some changes may be made.

The city council last night authorized the granting of a deed to Victor Johnson for a Soldiers' Housing property on Eleventh Avenue which he had taken over in 1921 on an agreement to purchase for \$750 at \$15 per month plus taxes. By this time the amount due the city, it was estimated, would be \$956.50 whereas, \$950.50 had been paid. The original figure of \$2,600 for a house on the property has been written off.

G. Woodery, organizer of a petition which has been sent to Ottawa in regard to housing here, had a letter before the city council last night asking, on behalf of A. M. Nicholson, a C.C.F. member of Parliament at Ottawa, for information on the subject. The mayor and Ald. Brett felt that it was inadvisable for the council to become involved in the matter and, accordingly, the letter was filed.

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MRS. MOORE IS REGENT

The annual meeting of Municipal Chapter, Imperial Order, Daughters of the Empire, was held in First Presbyterian Church Hall on Monday evening, with the Regent, Mrs. J. A. Teng, in the chair, and a good attendance of members from all the local Chapters.

Annual reports were received from the officers of Municipal Chapter, as well as from Queen Mary Chapter, Hill Sixty Chapter and Cambri Chapter. These showed that much had been accomplished during the year, particularly in war work activities.

During the evening a delightful musical program was presented. Sgt. Scarvie of the U.S. Army, accompanied by Sgt. Gronnier at the piano, sang "The Desert Song" and "Old Man River." Mrs. Martin, accompanied by Mrs. E. J. Smith, rendered a sacred solo and Sgt. Carson sang a humorous sea chanty, accompanied by Mrs. C. Cullin.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

Honorary Regent — Mrs. J. A. Teng.
Regent — Mrs. G. E. Moore.
First Vice Regent — Mrs. C. S. Elkins.
Second Vice Regent — Mrs. C. Oland.
Secretary — Miss Helen Valentine.
Assistant Secretary — Mrs. Wm. McLeod.
Treasurer — Mrs. Allan Landals.
"Echoes" Secretary — Mrs. William Brass.
Organizing Secretary — Mrs. James Stewart.

Standard Bearer — Mrs. S. V. Cox. Before leaving the chair, Mrs. Teng, the retiring Regent, made a presentation of Mrs. S. V. Cox of a jeweled brooch in the form of a Union Jack in appreciation of her services as standard bearer for a period of twenty-five years.

LEGION IS IN SESSION

SMITHERS, March 2 — Bulkley Valley branch of Canadian Legion held its annual meeting on Thursday evening when a large number of members from points in the Bulkley Valley gathered at the Legion Hall to elect officers for the ensuing year.

President J. W. Turner greeted the members and welcomed them to the meeting. During the course of the meeting he gave them an account of the activities and the progress of the club during the past year and those present were well satisfied with his report and complimented the president on the progress made under his direction.

Before proceeding with election of new officers for the coming year the president called on Past President K. G. Houghton to come forward and he was presented with the Past President's badge for his services as president during the year 1941.

The election of officers for 1943 resulted as follows:

President, J. W. Turner.
First Vice-President, J. H. Byrne.
Second Vice-President, K. MacBean.

Executive Committee — Robert Elliott, Frank Newbery, N. H. Kilpatrick, H. B. Campbell, Ernest Hoops and H. F. Noel.

Rev. C. E. Motte was appointed chaplain and the president also appointed several other committees to look after the activities of the branch in connection with the executive committee.

The branch had suffered a misfortune last December when the building had a narrow escape from destruction by fire, considerable damage being done.

The membership has remained about as it has been and is close to

the 100 mark, consisting of veterans from Francois Lake district to Woodcock on the Skeena River. Many recruits for the Army and the Air Force have been assisted in getting signed up with the force through the branch during the past year.

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More money for the Red Cross? Yes! Suffering was bad enough last year. This year the war is on a wider and grimmer scale — and more is yet to come.

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