

Greater Love Hath No Man . . .



A Guest Editorial
 by Rev. Basil S. Prockter,
 St. Andrew's Cathedral

WHATEVER fancy ideas we may have deluded ourselves into believing about the value of human life, we shall never be able to take from the glory of those who counting not their lives dear unto themselves expended them, saving us and our world from ruthless domination by force and militarism. I can think of nothing so cheap as a word from the mouth of a living person which would in any way minimize the glory of those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice.

If we didn't get all that we wanted as a result of the First World War and if all the dreams concerning this post war period do not come true, we must still revere the fallen, for certainly they gave all they had and no man or woman living can ever say they have done that.

If the struggle which is now terminating is to avail us anything it will have to shake us right out of the notion that it is a supreme value just to be alive and to enjoy the fruits of earth. There may be nobler things to die for than King and Country. And certainly King and Country meant to the great majority of our war dead the Christian home and the Christian way of living—a far greater thing than national boundaries and Imperial Supremacy. But even a Nazi who is willing to die in order that Germany shall rule the world is worthy of more respect than those who are willing to die for nothing or nobody but are just out to save their own skins.

Wars are a supreme and bitter test of the faith that is in us and the victory is ultimately with those who have the strongest faith. Those who just believe in living lose their lives and their freedom by being pushed around according to the will of those who believe in something beyond just living. "He that seeketh to save his life shall lose it." There was a pit prepared for us all and how nearly we all went the way of France, we shall never know.

Kindness is a virtue, but divorced from courage and faith, it is simply softness. Softness is not a virtue. We should be thankful that, in spite of the predominance of the material point of view in our generation, our youth were not soft, but still had some glimmering of the glory of freedom and the enormity of tyranny.

"May we hope that we do not again return to the lazy tolerance of 1918-39? We face whole nations of people who have beliefs which are stronger than their love of life and which will not be beaten out of them by force of arms. Wicked as those beliefs are, they can still undermine our very existence if the only opposition we have is that of the sword.

The question we should be asking ourselves as we salute our war dead is are we ready to fight and die for that which we believe to be right and true and good and honest? For if we are not ready we shall once again show ourselves unworthy of the great sacrifice which has been made in order that we might go forward and build worthily. Our dead have saved us from our enemies. We have to possess the courage and faith to make use of their gift of freedom to us.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

ON THE EVE of the arrival of the company's latest new ship in port, the business people of Prince Rupert, the travelling public and the citizens generally will join with the Daily News in appreciatively congratulating Union Steamships Ltd. on their sustained progressiveness, enterprise and readiness to serve this part of the coast. It is the occasion for a sort of a double congratulation too—first upon the introduction of the new ship into service on the Vancouver-Prince Rupert-Stewart service, in which the company has operated so faithfully and well these many years, and, second on the institution later this month of an altogether new run—that from Vancouver through to Ketchikan.

The latter departure is of double importance to Prince Rupert. It not only provides a much needed weekend service between Prince Rupert and Vancouver but it gives a new sailing between Prince Rupert and southeastern Alaska, something which is especially propitious at this time when we are endeavouring to further promote the traffic between this port and the territory.

Pioneers recall how nearly forty years ago now the old passenger liner Camosun and the little freighters Coquitlam and Capilano gave such yeoman service in their day, how Union Steamships introduced such luxury liners in their time as the Cheloshin and the Venture, then the up-to-date Cardena and Catala. Nor should we forget the good freighters Chilliwack and Chilkoat. Now comes the Coquitlam, which we welcome in Prince Rupert tomorrow, and later in the month the new Camosun.

It has been said of the Union Company that it would stop its ships anywhere along the coast to even deliver or pick up a fisherman's or logger's letter. That may be stretching

a point but it is a remark that typifies the unique kind of local good samaritan service that this company has rendered with ships and men that have become an institution as popular as they are appreciated.

Keeping up with the times and the needs, the "Union" becomes a little bigger, a little more high-class and a little more luxurious and efficient now with its new ships but the company's friends know that the standard of service designed to meet local requirements with thorough-going care and meticulous courtesy will be maintained by the new ships as they were by the old. In that spirit we will greet the new Coquitlam and later the new Camosun.

Again, a hand to Union Steamships Ltd!

OUR VILLAGE IDIOTS

THE PROVINCE of Vancouver, where Hallowe'en deprecations somewhat exceeded those of Prince Rupert, writes editorially as follows:

"As usual, a group of pathetic, teenage morons succeeded in spoiling Vancouver's Hallowe'en festivity Thursday night.

"Under the pitiful impression they were gay young blades, having fun, these empty-headed vandals embarked on a spree of destructive irresponsibility that would have shamed a cage of apes.

"Their flair for fun was expressed in smashing hundreds of street lights, tearing up miles of fences, overturning automobiles, breaking windows, dragging a trailer from its parking lot and burning it on the street car tracks and, in one instance, firing a shot through a window.

"This is the sort of thing Vancouver's young people should be ashamed of, not only because it is lawless but also because it is idiotic. It is hard to believe that any intelligent youngsters can find much fun in destroying property.

"Most of us were guilty of such old Hallowe'en pranks as stealing a gate and roping it up a tree, where the owner could reclaim it with a stint of agility and profanity. But it is another thing to tear the gate to pieces.

"This latterday stunt seems to be the prerogative of the village idiots."

WHAT OF THE MORROW?

War's alarms are here again—and fear reigns in the hearts of men. Let us get things in perspective—where the world is headed for. Have the nations gone lunatic—sadistic, or fanatic. That the only God they worship is the god of hate and war?

Can we not learn in season—that for neither cause nor reason, The dogs of war are loosed upon the world. Will they never stop declaring with trumpets loudly blaring, The doves of peace or fable—the flag of wars unfurled?

Why can't nations get together—brother shaking hand of brother, And form an honest international brotherhood of man. Then the earth will give its bounty—in each and every country; Starvation and privation then we can forever ban.

It takes no prophet, takes no sage—this modern atomic age, To scrutinize and visualize the world as it would be. Earth's beauty torn asunder—Death and rapine, theft and plunder, And pain and anguish—stretching sea to sea.

So beware, sirs, ye statesmen—strive for peace—do not be hated men!

For if again war's curse arise—if ye allow this sin, The gates of Hell are open—(and these words have been spoken), "Abandon hope, all ye who enter in."

—ALEXANDER McEWAN.

REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVED

Impressive Meeting Yesterday at Borden Street School

Observance of Remembrance Day was carried out at Borden Street School on Friday morning when the various grades assembled before 11 o'clock to take part in the service.

The program began with the singing of "O Canada," followed by "O God, Our Help in Ages Past." J. S. Wilson spoke briefly on the subject of Remembrance. He said that there were two thoughts each should have in his mind. One was to remember what men had done in the past to save the world from evil. The other thing to remember was what each should do now for the future. The children then sang "The Children's Song."

Bugler Rance sounded "Last Post" and, after the silence, "Reveille." The school choir sang "In Flanders Fields." The children were much impressed by the sounding of the bugle calls by Mr. Rance and showed their appreciation by hearty applause. They were much interested to learn that both Mr. Rance and Mr. Wilson had served overseas in the same battalion which had fought in the "Flanders Fields" of the famous poem.

The hall was appropriately decorated for the service with poppies and poppy designs bordering an ornamental sign.

NO OPEN DAY ON SS COQUITLAM

There will be no open day tomorrow afternoon aboard the new steamer Coquitlam following her arrival from Vancouver. In the evening members of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce and certain other invited officials will be received for an inspection of the vessel.

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 TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honour W. E. Fisher, made on the 31st day of October, A.D. 1946, I was appointed Executrix of the Estate of Arthur Melville Williams, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified to me on or before the 15th day of December, A.D. 1946, and all parties indebted to the estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith.
 DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 31st day of October, A.D. 1946.
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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT
 Union Steamships Limited are pleased to announce the first Northbound sailing of S.S. "Coquitlam" will leave Prince Rupert Sunday, November 10 at midnight for Stewart and southbound will leave Prince Rupert on Tuesday, November 12 at 1:30 p.m. for Vancouver.
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