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Something to Be Expected . . .

Serious internal disorders such as those reported from Greece and Belgium following the liberation of these countries need not be the cause of too much alarm. In fact they are inevitable. It would have been but wishful thinking to expect that all the Allies had to do was to march into the countries which had been under the Nazi yoke these several years and that all would be peaceful and serene.

Disagreeable internal conditions may indeed be anticipated in country after country as they are liberated. It will probably take years of effort but it is to be hoped that a minimum of (outside) force will have to be exercised to keep order and control in the freed countries.

Last Long Mile . . .

Recent headlines should have a sobering effect on those whose hopes had soared to too dizzy heights after the great naval victory in Philippine waters. Japanese defenders on Leyte are reinforced to the extent that units, at least, of five divisions are now in action. The enemy shows signs of striking back in the Pacific islands.

Except, perhaps, for the reverses in China, these events do not mean

that the war against Japan is going counter to the calculations of the Allied command; much of it is probably ahead of schedule. But it is another reminder that the last mile is still the long one.

Keep It Clean . . .

We are about to start upon an election campaign which, though short, gives promise of being snappy. Full and free discussion of civic issues along clean and healthy lines is much to be desired. It is to be hoped that statements will be kept within bounds and that no bitterness will develop to hamper everybody getting together after the campaign is over next week to work for the betterment of the city.

The newspapers, in their advertising and news columns, will be only too glad to give vent to healthy exposition and discussion of the issues but we may naturally be expected to draw a line should the campaign develop to a point of undue factional or personal recrimination. Sometimes, in heat or enthusiasm, statements are made that may later be regretted.

Bread Beats Beer

Brewers who have been insulting the intelligence of those who knew better, and possibly fooling others who didn't, with their billboards, newspaper, and streetcar ads declaring "beer is comparable to or the equivalent of bread in nutritional value," must stop the mendacious practice, says the Christian Science Monitor. Uncle Sam says it isn't so. Specifically, the Federal Trade Commission has handed down the ruling in the case of the Minnesota Brewers' Association, and its 13 members have agreed to desist.

Bread has more nutritional value than beer any day, says Uncle Sam. To quote the Commission: "It is necessary to ingest relatively large amounts of beer to obtain the nutrients and calories obtained by what would to a working man be a relatively small amount of white bread."

Funny, isn't it, what John Barleycorn will try to get away with?

DISBANDING COMMANDOS

Home Defence Men Withdrawn From Both Coasts of Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—The Defence Department announces that Atlantic Command is going to be disbanded because of what it calls "the general improvement in the strategic situation." Atlantic Command comprises an area extending from the West Indies to Labrador, and embraces the Maritimes, Gaspe Peninsula and Newfoundland.

It is understood that Pacific Command may also be disbanded or curtailed because of the possibility of attack by the enemy against that coast is considered to have almost entirely disappeared.

Home Defence infantry drafts are being withdrawn from both Atlantic and Pacific commands and sent to concentration areas in eastern Canada for dispatch overseas.

"PRINCE RUPERT" FAVORED NAME

Subject to confirmation by an expression of opinion from the Associated Boards of Trade of Central British Columbia, the publicity committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, in a report to the Chamber at Monday night's meeting, recorded itself as favoring retaining of the name "Prince Rupert Highway" for the newly completed road from the coast through the central interior. The fact that this was the name which was already used for the road by the federal authorities was a factor in actuating the recommendation of the committee.

LETTERBOX

THE BUS QUESTION

Editor, Daily News:

Correspondence in your paper of December 5 under the heading "Bus Deal Explained" fails to explain anything that will enable anyone to understand the situation better.

We can assume that the transportation committee has conscientiously made their investigation and recommendation but what the voters want to find out before they can vote intelligently is briefly summed up in the following:

1. We have been led to believe that borrowing could not be considered to assist our present run-down utilities. Just how badly must these things get before something is done to improve them? Or is it smart to take on improving something else because it looks easier?

2. The pro and con of municipal ownership is not the question at issue. Municipal ownership of utilities is a legitimate and laudable objective but the result of any such move should be Improved Service. How is it proposed to render Improved Service? More buses will relieve crowding but borrowed money has to be repaid and more buses will not materially increase the revenue over crowded buses (a wartime condition) while they will increase operating costs.

3. What about depreciation? It is obvious that the buses have taken 5 years of abuse in 3 year's running. Their normal life with proper upkeep is rated at 10 years. Allowing the \$10,000 reconditioning expenditure they are still only good for another three years on our present roads. What then? It looks like higher taxes in the end and one more run-down utility to encourage our citizens to move elsewhere if they can.

It is not presumptuous to state that the committee's first job is to get our roads in shape so as to encourage existing transportation interests to render improved service—which is the ultimate objective of any self-respecting business. Also there are some alternatives that could be tried before shouldering citizens with additional burden in these admittedly abnormal times.

The foregoing are only a few of the pertinent points I would like to see cleared up. The voters should know the answers and will then be able to decide what they want. It is hardly fair on a bus line for any council to operate with as few really constructive suggestions as have so far appeared.

Thanking you for valuable space. CLIFFORD C. HAM.

Gaming Charges Against Chinese Are Dismissed

Charges of keeping a gaming house laid against two Chinamen were dismissed by Magistrate W. D. Vance in city police court Tuesday after a hearing which dragged through a series of adjournments since November 27.

The men were Chung Chin Wong and Jong Tong Yeau arrested at 608 Third Ave. W. on November 25 and later released on \$200 bail.

Charges against 20 other Chinese, alleged to have been inmates, were also dismissed. They were out on bail of \$10 each.

T. W. Brown, defence counsel, argued successfully that since it could not be proven that the two alleged keepers had taken rake-off from the games, they were not liable as keepers.

Pail money was ordered returned in all cases, as was an assortment of fan-tan markers, playing cards, poker chips and other paraphernalia which had been brought into court.

Lethbridge Wants Many New Houses

LETHBRIDGE, Dec. 6.—The Lethbridge city council is concerned over the housing shortage and has asked for an extension of National Housing here to provide at least one hundred new houses.

ROUTED CONVOY During the nights of August 17 and 18 three Royal Navy motor gunboats commanded by Canadians, sank five ships and routed an entire convoy off the Yugoslavian coast.

Buy War Savings Stamps.

MINE WORKERS IN CONVENTION

Wages and Working Conditions Principal Subject of Discussion

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6.—Representing all metal mining regions in British Columbia and Yukon, about 40 hard rock men are attending a two-day convention here of the International Union of Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers (I.M.S.W.).

The major objective of the gathering is preparation and approval of a brief to the Dominion government asking for an inquiry into the wage structure and examination of working conditions throughout the Dominion.

The principal speaker is Chase Powers, international board member from San Francisco.

Briefs From Britain

By the Canadian Press NORTHMOOR GREEN, Eng. —Residents of this Somersetshire village recently ate up a 70-pound cake—an exact model of their church which commemorated its 100th birthday.

MANCHESTER, Eng.—To take advantage of Anglo-Russian trade relations after the war, the Chamber of Commerce has set up a Russian trade section for which there has been widespread support.

KILLED IN NORMANDY PRETORIA, South Africa. —G. S. W. Talbot, 22-year old son of the late Bishop Neville Talbot, founder of T. C. H. and former Bishop of Pretoria, has been killed in Normandy.

THIS AND THAT



"Ran into a bit of luck on my trip East . . . the train I was on, hit a cow."

"I've Been Shopping at Annette's"



They have the largest assortment of ladies' gifts in town. —If it is a gift for Mother, Sister or "Old Aunt Min," they have it. —Drop in and see what they have. —You'll be pleased. —I was.

ANNETTE'S LADIES' WEAR

530 THIRD AVENUE

Queen Elizabeth Visited Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Dec. 6.—The Queen Elizabeth, largest ship afloat, was in Vancouver harbor three years ago. It was disclosed with relaxation of censorship regulations in connection with the visit. The 85,000-ton ship loaded supplies in Vancouver and went to Esquimalt for a and went to Esquimalt where she was remodelled as a troop-

ship. The Queen Elizabeth having been converted troop carrier in 1940, had previously carried troops to waters. The big Esquimalt dock was one of the few in Empire large enough to accommodate the ship.

SPEED OF LIGHT The fact that light has a finite speed was brought out by Roemer at Paris in 1676.



All through this winter you must strive To save one shovelful in five.

DEPARTMENT OF MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY Hon. C. D. Howe - Minister

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Men's Silk Scarfs—All kinds to choose—Special \$1.00 to \$1.50
Men's Dress and Work Shoes—Good assortment—all sizes and styles—Real values—\$4.00 to \$9.00
Men's Leather Slippers—All sizes—Black and brown—Special \$2.75 to \$3.50
Men's Sweaters—All-wool and cotton and wool—buttons and zipper styles—All sizes—Special \$1.95 to \$6.00
Men's Fine Dress Gloves—Lined & unlined—all sizes—Special \$1.95 to \$2.95
Men's Leather Belts—All sizes—Special 75c to \$1.25
Men's Rain Coats—All sizes—Special, now \$6.50
Men's Gabardine Coats—Fully lined—all sizes—Special, now \$14.00
Men's Fine Wool Worsted Suits—Blue and brown stripe—all sizes—Special \$32.50
Men's Winter Overcoats—Good selection—all-wool; some are semi-ready made good sizes—Real Bargain \$22.50 to \$35.00
Men's Coveralls—Full cut—all sizes—Now, Suit \$3.75
Men's Work Shirts—Big assortment—Prices \$1.45 to \$3.00

GIFTS FOR THE LADIES . . .

- Ladies' Silk Hose—Sub-standards—all sizes—Special, pair 50c
Ladies' Bath Robes—Good weight, nicely trimmed—all sizes \$6.49

GIFTS FOR THE BOYS . . .

- Boys' Sweaters—All-wool, also cotton mixture—all sizes 65c to \$2.75
Boys' Pants—Well made with cuffs and belt loops—all sizes—Pair \$2.25 to \$3.25
Boys' Shoes—All leather—sizes 11 to 4 1/2 \$3.50 to \$4.25
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Boys' All-Wool Overcoats—Some full-lined—Real value—Now \$11.95
Young Men's Sport Coats—All-wool—latest styles—Reg. \$25—Now \$20.00

GIFTS FOR THE HOME . . .

- All-Wool Blankets—Grey only—Regular \$6.75—Now \$5.95
Blankets—White, all-wool—Regular \$20, Now, Pair \$17.00

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