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EDITORIAL

KEEP STREETS CLEAN

Let's show pride in our city by refraining from littering the streets and sidewalks with paper, cigarette packages and wrappings.

A little consideration and thought by each individual will cost nothing and will be reflected in cleaner and more attractive streets.

TYPICALLY GERMAN

Brutal execution of 19 Canadian soldiers by the Germans after they had been captured and disarmed is shocking to the civilized world but should not surprise those who have for years read of the Reich's slaughtering of defenceless people of Europe.

Germany was guilty of atrocities in the First Great War but the Democracies quickly forgot about them when the fighting ceased. Only a handful of German officials were brought to court to answer for these violations of international law—and then they were let off with minimum penalties.

Those who live by the sword know only the rule of the sword. Twice in a quarter century Germany has launched the world into bloody war. She must be reduced and guarded to assure that she does not thrust still another reign of terror on the world.

POPULAR HOSTESS

A cheery, energetic worker among men and women of the armed services today is saying "so long for awhile" to Prince Rupert. She is Mrs. Dorothy Garbutt, Y.W.C.A. hostess here for the last two years, who is now leaving for a similar post in Winnipeg.

The Daily News also will miss the services of Mrs. Garbutt. For many months she has written a daily column on the members of armed services who frequent the Y.W.C.A. Hostess House on Third Avenue, and she has given a day-to-day insight into activities of that popular recreation centre.

By her bright disposition and thoughtfulness, Mrs. Garbutt won many friends in the services who regret to see her leave.

Have authorities taken any action on the dangerous condition that exists on cliff-side of Rushbrook Heights? Delay might mean the death of a child.

THE FINGER POINTS

A hunter is never sure of his game until he has skinned it. Nor should we allow ourselves to be swept away with wishful thinking concerning an early end to the war in Europe, in the Pacific and the Far East.

However, there are several indications that the big struggle is being wound up. A few of them include:

Foremost, the repeated successes and advances of the Allied Nations on all fronts;

The admission by Prime Minister Churchill that he felt the end of the war would come much sooner than he once had expected;

Anthony Eden's remarks intimating a military collapse was possible by mid-September;

Turkey's break with Germany and the strong possibility of the Turks turning on the Reich;

Finland's entertainment of a Russian proposal for an honorable armistice;

The approving by the War Labor Lord of retroactive wage increases for Canadian railway workers that will swell the buying power in the dominion by millions;

Canada's cancellation of compulsory saving legislation that was a source for war material money;

Drastic cut-back in submarine construction in the United States;

Removal of restrictions on import of luxury goods into Canada from the United States;

United States announcement that government boards will begin a program of selling surplus war materials to avert a market glut such as followed the First World War;

Adoption now by the dominion government of a bill to stabilize farm produce prices in the post-war period;

Prime Minister King's plans for an early election;

King's announcement of the government's decision to pay the United States \$120,000,000 to reimburse that country for outlay on air routes and other wartime installations in Canada. When the United States entered the war and joined hands with Canada it was said the payment for that country's contributions in this dominion would not come up for consideration until victory was won.

May peace return soon.

It Pays to Advertise in The Daily News

V. C. WINNER IN DAMAGED PLANE

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of emergency rations. With a 46-foot swell, however, we soon decided to throw the ration box away, since it had sharp corners and could have punctured the dinghy.

We hung to the water bottle, drinking out of it sparingly, and had it until we got tipped over about 12 hours later. Then we lost our water supply. At the same time we lost our rubber bailing pail—there's one with every dinghy—and had to rely on the shoes, hats and Hornell's pants which he had been using up till then.

Sometime before noon the cold became too much for St. Laurent and he died. We had to lift him overboard to make room in the dinghy for one of the others out in the water. About three or four hours later we passed a body—I think it was a German—and then right after that came a plank. Flying Officer Denomy thought it came from the sub.

Just about that time an aircraft appeared above us. We shot off a red distress flare and the aircraft, circling at 300 feet, told us by Aldis lamp that help was on the way and that we had definitely sunk the sub. Our spirits really started to climb.

That aircraft stuck with us for 14 hours, dropping smoke floats all the time to indicate our position. Then, when their gas started to run low, along came a Liberator, which indicated our position to a Warwick. The Warwick flew over and dropped an airborne lifeboat, which would have been fine, but for the fact that they dropped it too far away for us to reach in the gale and we never got a chance to use it.

Finally, around two o'clock in the afternoon a Sunderland flying boat swooped in at no more than 100 feet and guided an Air-Sea Rescue Service launch right to our position. The launch had been searching for us for sometime, but hadn't been able to locate us because of the heavy sea.

The sailors did their best for Dave. They worked over him for about five hours, but it was no use. The exposure had been too much for him. The rest of us reached shore in 14 hours and were in the hospital for four days. Everyone's fingers and feet were swollen, I noticed. That might have been a touch of frostbite, but I'm not sure. At any rate, we had been adrift for 21 hours and every one of us was mighty cold.

Dave Hornell was tops as far as I'm concerned as a pilot and a man. His men always came first with him. He was a regular guy.

Oddities—

It Really Did Happen . . .

By ALLAN NICKLESON

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Behind the German lines in Normandy—so goes this "sports" yarn reaching London—the golfer took a stance and swung. He strode along, stopped, putted.

High overhead pilots of an Australian Spitfire squadron gazed down, equally intent. They noticed the golfer never moved from the one fairway. They zoomed down to investigate.

They found the "golf course" was the roof of a German headquarters, camouflaged with wire netting and sacking. The "golfer" was a German soldier, hitting at an imaginary ball.

Not many minutes later the headquarters was a shambles. Bombers ended the game of bluff. The Spitfire squadron leader, Don Smith of Victoria, told the story on his return to base.

RETURN WHEN EMPTY

LONDON.—A British brewery sent 2,000 casks of beer free to the troops in Normandy with this message on each cask: "If this cask is returned we will refill and send back to you."

CLOSE SHAVE

The huge Halifax was droning into its bombing run when the flak started to come. Down went the bombs and as the bomber turned for home chunks of flak splattered about inside the aircraft. A piece even scratched the cheek of PO. Bill MacKay, the gunner, of (894 Queen St. E.) Toronto. Back at base, the crew inspected their aircraft. Embedded in the instrument panel was a familiar looking object of sharp steel.

Jerry had found a use for old razor blades.

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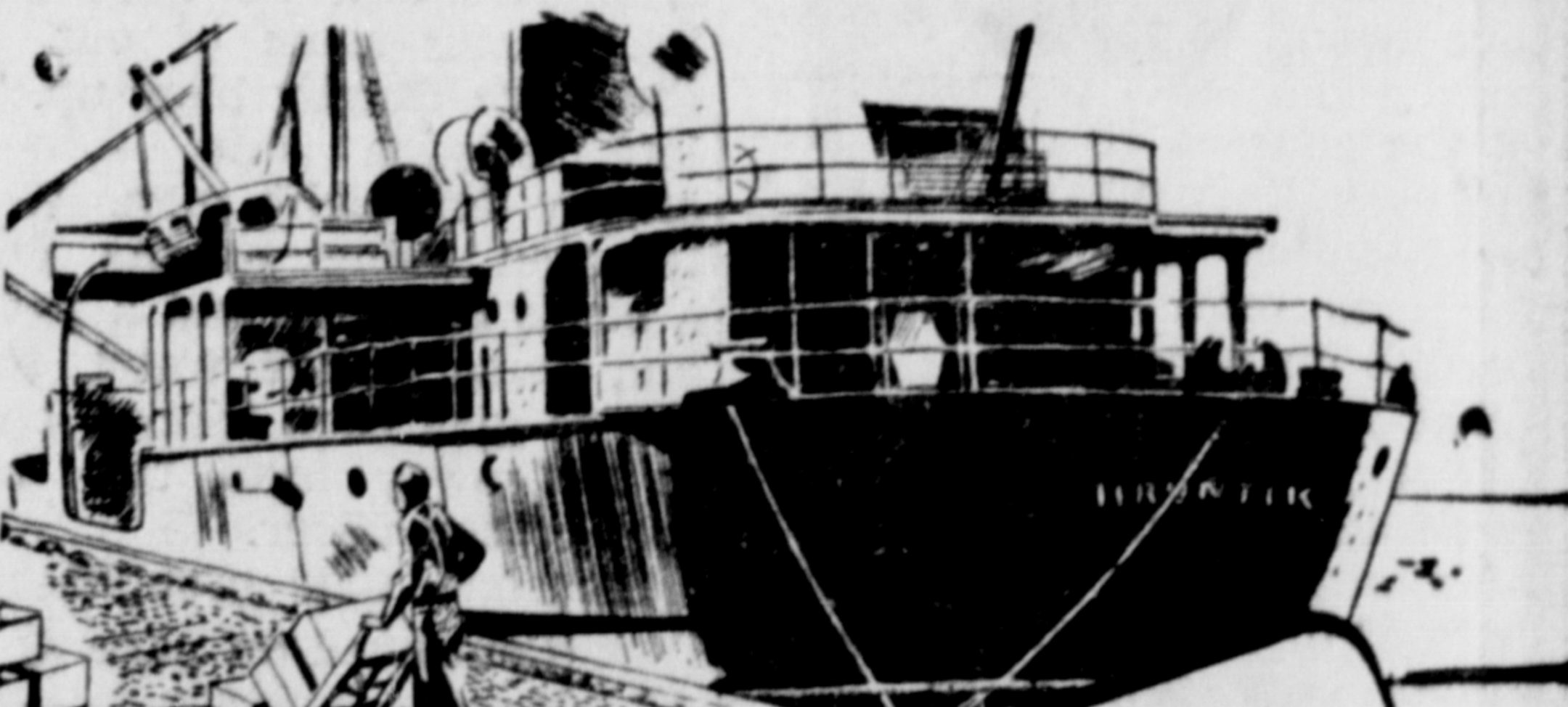
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Working on Program To Restock Libraries

LONDON, Aug. 3.—The British Council is working out plans to restock Europe's libraries after the war. A committee will be appointed as soon as possible after hostilities cease to bring the war-damaged libraries of Europe up to something approaching their 1939 strength.

The Inter-Allied Book Centre already has received promises for a million and a half volumes. It is impossible as yet to say how these books will be allocated or what proportion will remain to help the blitzed British libraries. Books on technical subjects are particularly desired as the coverage of these subjects is less thorough than the interest in them. The Centre is also building up a store of new books but British publishers have not been able to make definite post-war plans for satisfying the European market because of present paper shortages. The home front demand for books will have to be satisfied before new books for the continent can be produced in quantity.

Fred Watson Of Smithers Missing

SMITHERS—Information was received here Tuesday by Mrs. Fred Watson that her son, Fred Watson, was missing in a recent raid over enemy territory.

It is only a short time ago that young Watson and his crew mates had a narrow escape when their plane crashed in England after a bombing raid over Germany.

Fred had been in some 30 raids on Germany since he arrived overseas about two years ago, and it was hoped by his family that he might soon be given leave home on account of the service that he had seen.

He was born and raised in Smithers and graduated from the Smithers high school. He was one of the prominent athletes of the town, excelling in hockey and baseball.

Hopes are held that he landed safely somewhere within enemy lines.

SPORT FLASHBACKS

By the Canadian Press
REMEMBER WHEN Larry O'Connor of Toronto's West End Y.M.C.A. track club flashed over the 110-yard hurdles to new Canadian record at the Ontario Track and Field Championships five years ago last night. He broke the tape at 14.8, cutting two-fifths of a second from the mark held by Pearl Thompson.

FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

Aug. 3, 1940—Announced Britain had purchased 100,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat; Prime Minister Churchill invited Lord Beaverbrook, Canadian-born publisher and minister of aircraft production, to join war cabinet; arrival of Second C.A. S.F. Division in England announced.

WAS NOTED VIOLINIST

LONDON.—Eda Kersey, prominent violinist who learned to play by listening to great artists and orchestral concerts followed by seven hours of daily practice, has died.

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