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India . . .

There is an emphatic note of urgency in the United Kingdom government's statement of policy for India made recently in both Houses of Parliament. The statement reaffirms in the clearest language the intention of the government as announced to convene a constitution-making body in India as soon as possible. But India is in the grip of an electoral campaign and insinuations are being bandied from the platform reflecting on British good faith. The burden of these suggestions is that His Majesty's government are planning postponement of the accession of India to Dominion status and that they may use the proposed discussions between the Viceroy and the related representatives of British India and representatives of the Indian States immediately after the elections as a delaying factor. In view of the suggestions the government has considered it imperative to eradicate all doubts and suspicions on this subject by a new unequivocal statement. So the government has now made it crystal clear that the setting up of a constitution-making body is a matter which will brook no delay. The government declare here and now that it regards it "as a matter of the greatest urgency." While there may be no delay on the government's part in striving to secure the wisest measures of agreement on the method of framing India's future-made constitution, it will be for the Indian Parties to see to it that their differences of aim and outlook are not allowed unduly to defer the consummation of India's self-governing aspirations.

The government has decided to send a non-partisan delegation to India. These representatives of the chief British political parties should

be able personally to contribute to the removal of misunderstandings as they will certainly testify to the earnestness of British intentions and the sincerity of British goodwill. Meanwhile the British government during the transition period which must intervene before India becomes fully self-governing could not permit any attempt to be made to break down the loyalty of the administrative services or the Indian armed forces and they will give full support to the government of India in securing that their servants are protected in the performance of their duty and that the future constitution of India shall not be called into being by force or threat of force.

India will have need of internal peace both for settling the many difficulties inherent in her constitutional problem and for tackling successfully the extensive projects for social and economic welfare which the government of India have outlined, and for the execution of which the British government is giving every encouragement. Until the new constitution comes into being the government of the country will have to be carried on with due respect for the maintenance of law and order and for those charged with their maintenance.

A Graphic War Picture . . .

Undoubtedly the most graphic and comprehensive pictorial document of the recent war to be shown to date is "The True Glory," a filmed chronology of those great events of fighting which took place between "D" Day and "V-E" Day in Western Europe. From the picture can be more fully appreciated the cast and almost miraculous co-ordinated massing of fighting power which started on June 6, 1944, with the operation of Mulberry on the beach of Normandy through Caen, Falaise, St. Lo, Rheims and the other great battles up to the final victory across the Rhine on May 7, 1945. To accomplish this is an ingenious pany the picturization of the various method of narrative in which fighting men of various nations and races from the London Cockney to the Harlem negro tell the story in sequences. The picture, which opened yesterday at the Capitol Theatre and concludes today, should be seen by all who wish to be up to date on the war story.



FLOWERS FOR "UNCLE ADOLF" — This photo was among several effects of Eva Braun, reputed to have been Hitler's mistress. The child giving the flowers to the late, unlamented Fuehrer is believed to be the daughter of a sister of Eva Braun.

IMPROVEMENTS IN BRITISH TRAINS

New Post-War Services Being Rapidly Put Into Effect
NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The British railways are off to a good start in putting into effect their promises for improved post-war services: faster schedules; more comfortable and attractive passenger cars; restoration of some restaurant cars; speedy resumption, as conditions allow, of the former convenience and luxuries so highly valued by the pre-war traveller.
The London and North Eastern Railway has reduced the time of the "Flying Scotsman" from London to Edinburgh by 50 minutes and from Edinburgh to London by 45 minutes, according to T. D. Slattery, general traffic manager of British Railways headquarters in New York. Another spectacular acceleration is the London, Midland and Scottish London (Euston)-Inverness train, which arrives 1 hour, 43 minutes earlier than formerly. This company has added 44 trains to its services.

LETTERBOX

HAS HOTEL PLAN

Editor, Daily News:
There recently appeared in your columns a letter suggesting a new hotel be built by local interests. This is a good idea and should be applied to other things as well. Unless we are ready to help ourselves and have sufficient faith in our proposals we can hardly expect outside interests to enthrone over them.

The impending lay-offs at the dry dock would seem to provide a timely opportunity. From remarks made at the industrial relations meeting last week one can assume that employees affected are for the most part carpenters, plumbers, painters, etc. and can be gainfully employed on general construction. Why not build a hotel now to take up a portion of the anticipated slack and keep these workers here a few more months at least? By then we hope a nationwide program will permit more suitable re-employment. Also this will give the C.N.R. further time they claim is necessary to reach a decision on their ship construction. As a sign of good faith the C.N.R. should be asked to grant those laid off and remaining here certain privileges during that period. No doubt also the C.N.R. could be instrumental in obtaining material that might be required to keep these men working on other construction. The supply situation might well be solved with both provincial and Dominion government co-operation and aid.

Regarding finance I believe there would be little difficulty and suggest the following:
Let us suppose we decide on a 200-room hotel. A reasonable estimate of cost would be \$1,000 per room with \$250 for furnishings etc.—total cost \$250,000. From the outstanding record of dry dock purchases we may assume that practically every em-

LOCAL MEN HOME ON ELIZABETH

The local Red Cross has been advised of the landing last week from the Queen Elizabeth at New York enroute home from overseas of Lieut. George W. Minns, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Minns, formerly of this city; Private J. A. May, next-of-kin J. May of this city; Lance Corporal Mike Montesano, son of Mrs. A. Montesano, Prince Rupert, and Private M. Larsen, next-of-kin, Mrs. J. Robertson, 113 First Avenue, Prince Rupert.

employee has some Victory Bonds and if 250 persons put up \$500 each to form a company for the undertaking half the required capital would be obtained. Surely an equal amount in shares could be subscribed by other citizens! Properly directed there should be no depreciation on investment and shares should be readily negotiable at full value for those wishing to sell after completion.

As an added encouragement to facilitate construction now I think the city might exempt the property from taxation during construction. Here's hoping some responsible group of individuals will get busy on this idea before it is too late.

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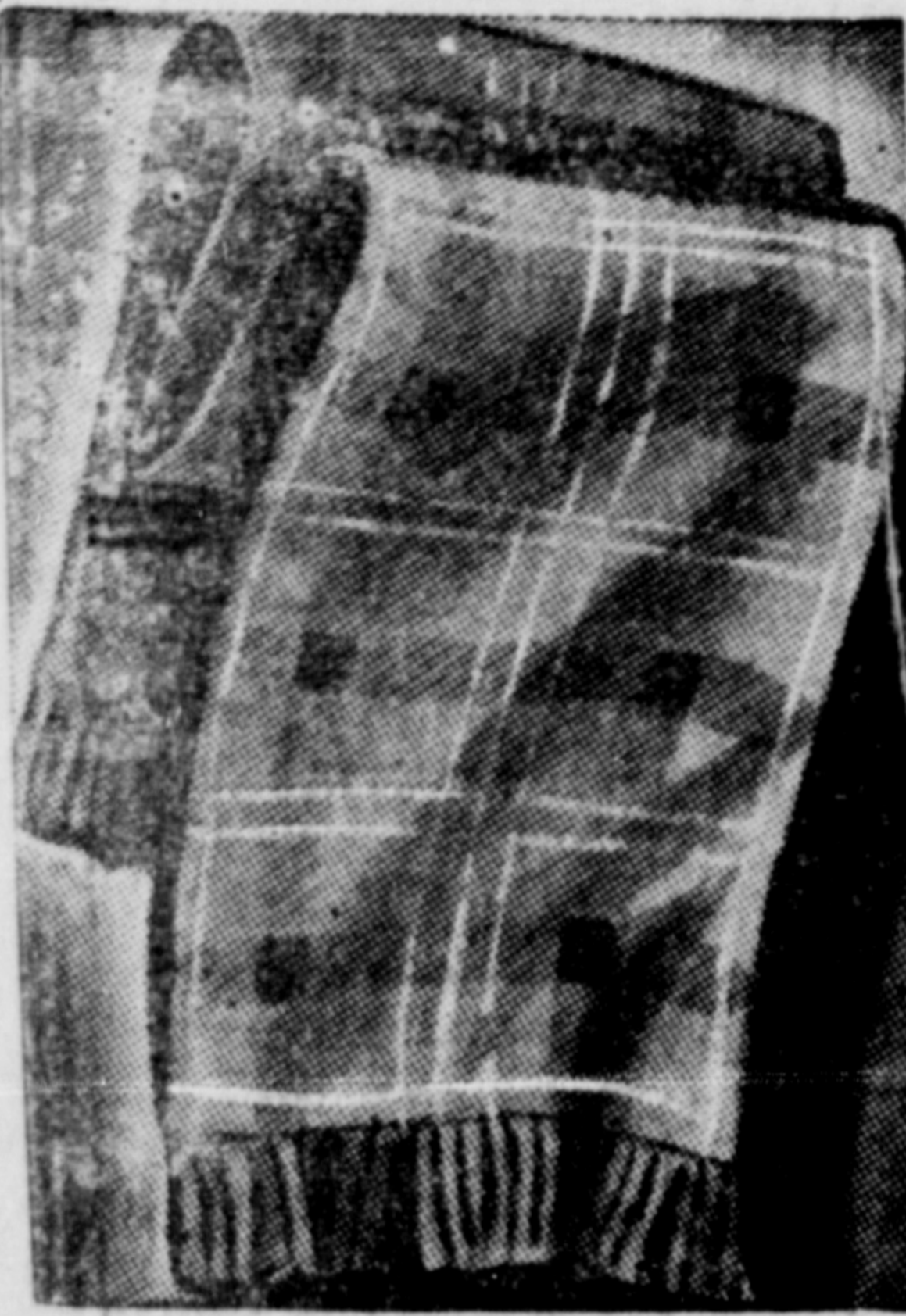
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