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East Front Preliminaries . . .

While the West Front offensive gains power and momentum as it rolls toward the Rhine and beyond, the Russians continue to clear the long flanks of their lines before Berlin. The forces of Marshal Rokossovsky having halted all traffic on the Danzig-to-Stettin coastal railroad with artillery fire, a sizable portion of this job has been done. For this is the last east-west rail line left to the Germans along this northern flank and the Russians have cut it a good 100 miles west of Danzig.

This effectively blocks off two thirds of the front from which the Germans could well launch a counter-attack against Marshal Zhukov's central armies. It means that the Russians are confident that the enemy forces east of this point of severance are now too weak to constitute a threat, or that Rokossovsky's men are now engaged in rendering them so. There still remains some of the northern flank to be rolled back to the Baltic and the Oder before its hazard is completely removed.

Now a new Red offensive has been launched on the Silesian flank. It is logical for Marshal Konev to strike toward the Sudeten Mountains at this point. Should he succeed, he would anchor the left flank of the Russian lines facing both Dresden and Berlin, and cut off the German forces still left in Silesia, except for what communication they could maintain southward over the mountains into Czechoslovakia. Thus the securing of the southern flank is also under way.

Prince Rupert's Fighting Padre

Prince Rupert, which produced two Victoria Cross winners in the First Great War, and at least on D.S.O., will receive with gratification the announcement that Major Roy C. H. Durnford of Seal Cove has received the Distinguished Service Order which is the Empire's second highest award for valor. With Major Durnford's many friends and admirers, and they are many too although he had not been long in Prince Rupert before the outbreak of the war at the very outset of which he enlisted in the chaplaincy service, we join in extending our congratulations.

We do not know the details of Major Durnford's citation but, acquainted with him as we are, we can be sure that neither shot nor shell, difficulty or danger, would deter him in the carrying out of his especial ministrations and functions in the line of duty. One might not associate at first thought the work of the chaplaincy as of first line nature but such an assumption is quite mistaken for they are under fire on the front lines as much as any other. We have no doubt that the high award Padre Durnford has received is richly deserved and we shall await with interest to hear the story attached thereto.

Meanwhile Prince Rupert can feel justly proud of its fighting padre and well satisfied that such high recognition has been accorded to his deeds.

THIS AND THAT

"The chief says there was a murder up on 12th Street. He wants us to hop over there and see if the apartment's been rented yet."

Letters to the Editor

TERRACE HOSPITAL

Editor, Daily News:

We are of the opinion that we have a situation here in Terrace that should be brought to the attention of the public. The federal government saw fit to erect a very well built, planned and equipped hospital here. This hospital has now been stripped of its equipment and we are informed that it is now closed. In view of the fact that the nation is suffering from the lack of hospitals, we are at a loss to account for this action. We are informed that another large hospital is being built in the southern part of British Columbia to help take care of the above mentioned shortage.

I have a daughter in Tranquille Sanatorium who is making a recovery. If we had a hospital here where she could continue to take the necessary treatments she could return here at any time to live at home. This would release a very much needed bed at Tranquille Sanatorium. May I add that she is in no way a danger to others from contagion.

We also know of a young man who is in a similar condition. The people of this district feel that, as this building has been built with public funds collected by taxation, they have a right to an explanation of their government's action.

We know that our hospital can be turned over to private interests and run as a sanatorium and general hospital. We feel that this would be preferable to closing the building and making no use of it.

We wish to say that it is understandable that, in wartime, expensive military camps must be built and perhaps later abandoned, a distinct loss to the taxpayers, but this does not apply to this well built hospital. We hear so much about the Utopia that our Democratic system of government is going to bring about after the war, why not make a start now?

There are, I am informed, a maximum of 709 beds for tuberculosis in B. C., also that there are 7,000 cases awaiting hospitalization. It seems strange that, where a hospital exists and patients await hospitalization, the two cannot be brought together.

This would seem to be a matter for urgent action by the provincial government.

GEOFFREY LAMBLY.

PINS EXPENSIVE THEN

The expression "pin money" refers to the allowance men gave their wives in the 16th century for pins, which were a luxury.

Canadian-Japanese Question

Editor, Daily News:

The burning question of the disposal after the war of the Canadian Japanese is perhaps the greatest challenge Canada has ever had to face. It is a vital question, far more important than appears from a mere cursory view of it.

Actually, I believe there is only one fair solution at all worthy of Canadians but it is a solution which puts the whole nation, so to speak, "on the spot."

First, before any proper decision can be made, we must act as the Christian nation we pretent to be. Then, when we have put our own house in order and decided upon the Christian standard we intend to try, with God's help, to follow, we must submit that same standard to the Canadian Japanese for their approval. If they decide to accept our Christ and our Christian standard for life then we can accept them into citizenship. Otherwise, they should be returned without rancor or ill-will to their own ancestral home where they can live according to the standard of life they desire.

E. W. ABRAHAM.

Victoria.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The arrangement of the flowers were in good taste."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "consomme?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Massachusets. Tennessee, Mississippi.
4. What does the word "disparage" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with il that means "uneducated; unable to read?"

Answers

1. Say "was in good taste." Arrangement is the singular subject. 2. Pronounce kon-so-ma, first o as in on, second o as in so, a as in may, principal accent on last syllable. 3. Massachusetts. 4. To bring discredit upon; to speak slightingly of. "I do not wish to disparage his good deeds." 5. Illiterate.

FOUR YEARS AGO IN THIS WAR

By the Canadian Press

March 23, 1941—R.A.F. rained 10,000 incendiary bombs on Berlin and attacked Kiel, Hanover and other German targets. Lord Beaverbrook announced Britain had a record store of planes secreted all over the United Kingdom. A day of prayer was held throughout the British Empire.

I hear that . . .

(By BROWNIE)

M. LOUIS DOLIVET, leading member of the French Underground, stated that the underground's "railway" saved more than 6,000 airmen, of which more than 4,000 were English and Canadian during the German occupation of France. Many of the escaping fliers travelled over the mysterious routes of the underground as rapidly as 25 miles a day. The underground itself, meanwhile, is emerging as a political force, likely to weld together all the French political parties of the left and centre. Thanks to France's undying resistance, many of our boys "came back to fight again." Some of them dropped a few of those 11 ton bombs on Germany the other day!

WILLIAM STEPHENSON, British World War ace, who, during the day of the London blitz reported to the White House that England's arsenals are empty, "but she will come through because Englishmen do not kneel easily," knelt in the presence of the girl he married. He knelt to be knighted by his king. Stephenson, one of the most active and silent principals of this war, is known to the High Command as "Little Bill." He is a member of the "Two Bills" team, the other being Wild Bill Donovan. This team is credited with the Balkan strategy which, by upsetting Hitler's time table, probably saved Moscow . . . Honors to this man, and I think that "Little Bill" should now be called, "Big Bill."

ENTERTAINMENT WAS DIVERTING

Piano and Violin Artists From Air Force Provide Service Club With Delightful Program

Entertainment as unusual as it was delightful was afforded the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at luncheon Wednesday when Leading Aircraftsman Angelo Russo, violinist, and Leading Aircraftsman Bob Fleming, pianist, both of the Royal Canadian Air Force, combined their exceptionally versatile musical talents in a program of music which soared into the heights of Bach fugues and plunged into the modernity of boogie-woogie and paused on the way with snatches of grand opera—both instrumental and vocal—old time ballads and even reels. Some of it was of the spontaneous, impromptu type, the thing culminating in an ovation for the two happy and versatile entertainers.

President John Gibson was in the chair and Pete Collins, YMCA war services supervisor at Seal Cove, introduced the artists.

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But do we realize that we cannot have unity **between** the nations without unity **within** them?

Unity does not mean that we must all think alike. It does mean that we must respect the thoughts and rights of others, and that we must be prepared to stick together.

Unity, like charity, begins at home!

What you and I say over the back fence multiplied by what all Canadians like us are saying—that is public opinion.

Are we personally building or breaking down unity? Do we like to pick holes in our fellow citizens who go to different churches, belong to different races, believe in different political creeds?

Do we like to repeat funny (but malicious) stories about the British, the Americans, the Russians and our other allies?

Ottawa, Washington, London, Moscow cannot make us united unless we truly want to be. Nations are groups of people—you and me multiplied. We are a democracy. It's up to us. Unity begins with "U."

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