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Oh For a Drop of Rain! . . .

We sat in our office sweltering in the afternoon sun and wondered how it ever could be that Prince Rupert and rainfall continue to be synomously associated in the minds of those who do not know this place. Here the month of May is almost gone and we have not had a decent rain fall in its merry length. We saw forest fires blazing away spectacularly across the harbor, we saw our spring gardens dry and parched, we saw the dust billow in clouds from our wartorn streets and we almost prayed for some of the good old rain which we hear so much about but have missed awhile.

The month of May with 1.71 inches of rain and fifteen days since we had even a spatter! A visit from Jupiter Pluvius with a generous spraying would be really quite refreshing in arid Prince Rupert. The old man with the watering can would be a welcome visitor any day now.

Anxious Days in Europe . . .

We look at the post-war scene in Europe and wonder. We see Russia imposing conscription on her 15 and 16-year-old boys and announcing there would be more intensive military training in the Soviet in peace than there was in war. We see the YugoSlavs endeavouring to force their will upon the Italian people around that long-troubled top of the Adriatic Sea. We see the Polish question still agitating the peace of mind between the western Allies and the Russians on the other. And now we see serious discord in Syria and Lebanon under the French rule.

The problems of peace are piling up in rapid succession and many of them are charged explosively with the elements of conflict.

The war in Europe may be over but these are still anxious days over there.

HOLLAND SUBJECT

TERRACE, May 30—On Friday afternoon last an appreciative crowd of parents and friends were at the Division V classroom of the Terrace Elementary School to see the final activity in an enterprise on Holland.

Keen interest was shown in the Grade I pupils who were attired in Dutch costumes of blue and white and in the attractively arranged classroom itself which, in every part, had something reminiscent of old Holland. Beautiful tulips were in vases around the room and bulbs were growing in boxes on the window sills. The window decorations were in keeping with the general scene. At a special table, the children's workbooks on Holland were displayed and, on the wall above, pictures with printed stories under them describing the scenes. At the front of the room, was the sandtable with a characteristic section of Dutch landscape made by the children. Above this was a cleverly finished and colorful mural. Dutch people, dykes, windmills, boats, carts drawn by dogs, cattle, storks, tulips, etc., were very much in evidence. Above the whole was a Dutch flag.

The program consisted of songs such as "Dancing Through the Tulips," "The Little Dutch Mill" and "In An Old Dutch Garden," recitations like "The Windmill," dances, plays and rhythm band selections, all featuring something Dutch. The children's performance was remarkable. Mrs. Hubble, their teacher, was the director and piano accompanist throughout.

At the close of the program, Mrs. Hubble thanked the people for coming and said it was encouraging for her and the class to have such a large audience. Then, among other things, she went on to explain how she had taught Holland by the Enterprise Method of Study, one of the newer developments in education. "We chose Halland for our study," Mrs. Hubble said, "as many of the children have relatives in the armed forces there and also because Prince Juliana of the Netherlands spent some time in Canada. Though the Holland of the present time is greatly changed due to the war we hope that, in time to come, it will once again be the pleasant land we have studied in the class."

Mrs. Hubble took her class outside and the people thronged forward to examine everything in the classroom. There was marked surprise at the quality of the work and the comments on the program were enough to make any teacher feel proud.

In spite of the fact that the past week has been particularly hard on people's pocketbooks, $13 was donated to the Junior Red Cross.

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THIS AND THAT

"We must have missed a bus."

NO MILLIONAIRES

CATERHAM, Eng., (AP)— W. J. Jordan, New Zealand High Commissioner, says the dominion is a "very happy little country." "We have no native mammals of any kind. There are plenty of birds and plenty of sunshine, but we have no snakes, scorpions or malaria—and no millionaires."

TANGANYIKA WAR EFFORT

DAR-ES-SALAAM, Tanganyika, (AP)—More than 900,000 head of cattle have passed through the Tanganyika market since 1940. The territory has played a big part in supplying the forces, refugees and prisoner-of-war camps, and labor employed in essential war industries.

TRINIDAD RUBBER

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preliminary hearing and read yesterday, Steele described how he had run out onto the street from Wilbershied's barracks on Beach place and "shouted after" Miss Matzik who, he said, had driven away in the truck without him.

Steele's statements found little corroboration in the testimony of L. L. Hawn, manager of the Beach place barracks area, who told the court that he was on the street near the T-40 barracks when the truck drove away shortly after 11 o'clock. He said that he had seen the truck drive away in a normal manner and that he had heard no shouting.

He said that he had seen someone sitting in the darkened truck a few minutes before and had thought it was a woman.

Large Bump On Accused Head

A large and presumably painful bump on the back of Miss Matzik's head, discovered the morning after Ross's death, was mentioned in court by Miss Ida Wilson, Miss Matzik's roommate, but the cause of the bruise was not brought out.

Miss Wilson said she was approached by Miss Matzik in the American civilians' club where she had been given some keys. Later, in company with two men they had gone to the front of the women's barracks, where one of the men had re-parked the truck in which Miss Matzik was said to have arrived about 11:30.

Miss Wilson said her friend had appeared to be acting strangely.

"From her condition it was apparent that something had happened," she said.

Robert Nusko, U.S. Coastguardsman who had seen Miss Matzik drive up to the women's barracks on Sixth street, said he thought the truck had both headlights burning.

Four other witnesses said that they had not noticed anything wrong with the headlights of Miss Matzik's vehicle.

The death car had one headlight knocked badly askew.

A black comb found on the running board of the death truck by police could not have been Miss Matzik's, Miss Wilson said, because the accused invariably used white combs.

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Other practical, workable measures for the security of your home are the Liberal Government's laws for Unemployment Insurance and liberal Old Age Pensions.

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Health—A National Health Plan will ensure that everybody shall be taken care of while they are sick and the best measures medical science can devise shall be employed to prevent disease.

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