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Britain's Crisis

REAT BRITAIN appears to be in a similar pickle now economically as she was militarily in 1940. Once again there are people all over the world prophesying that Britain, as a world power, as a great industrial and trading power this time, is going to "take the count." But it is hard to imagine how the English would settle down to becoming a second, third or fourth class power. In fact, even if it might seem contrary to reason, it is a situation that just cannot be accepted.

Nevertheless, the position of Great Britain tois extremely serious. She has in the past seven years deliberately distorted and unbalanced her economic system. She has suffered the loss and permitted the depreciation of capital resources. She has sold at least half her external capital and gone into debt abroad, all for the purpose of enabling he country to concentrate its fullest efforts upon the war. Today she still has to import more than half her food and most of her materials she uses in industry. The only way she can pay her debts and make up for loss of income is by increasing exports and she also has to look to exports for paying for the imports she needs.

Meantime, while the British workers are clamoring in many industries for higher wages and shorter hours, Labor, as a political party and in the responsible position of government, knows there can be no higher standards of living without inereased production by the workers and knows also that, if wages rise much more or that if taxes are reduced with the present shortage of goods, the new money in circulation will result in a mad desire to spend and consequent inflation.

Unfortunately, there is not the inspiration in the economic crisis that there was when the old nation appeared to be on the brink of military disaster, in 1940 when Winston Churchill made his "blood, toil, tears and sweat" speech. However, Britain has not lost heart, she never loses heart. There is still that obstinate faith in Britons which makes it impossible for them to think of themselves as anything other than a first-class power. That conviction is most deeply rooted, not in the people at the top, but in the common people of the country. When they realize fully, and they must be nearly doing so now, that their prestige is threatened and their capabilities doubted, the beacons will burn again on the English hills and Britain, difficulties and desperation notwithstanding, will come through.

We are singing again "There'll Always be an

tiers of the Dominion, the

continuation of an extensive

program of aid to veterans,

which includes the operation

of Lodges at veterans' hos-

pitals across Canada, main-

tenance of the Red Cross dis-

aster relief organization and

other projects for the saving

of life and the conservation

the major Red Cross peace-

time undertakings is about to

be established at Terrace in

the form of an outpost hos-

pital - a 10-bed institution

which will serve the district

between Prince Rupert and

Hazelton, filling a long-felt

need at Terrace for local hos-

pitalization facilities. A simi-

lar outpost hospital of the Red

Cross has been in operation

for years at McBride in the

RICH OIL SITE?

Two gold miners claim to have

riscovered prospects of a rich

oil field near Junee in southern

New South Wales. One says oil

will be found at less than 1,000

feet. Gravel taken from the site

could not be used for building

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The Red Cross

TODAY sees the opening of an appeal across Canada for \$5,000,000 (\$5000 in Prince Rupert) for the Canadian Red Cross Society's peacetime work in the Dominion. The Daily News unhesitatingly supports this most worthy campaign and bespeaks the generous support of this community for the

The people of Canada did magnificent job in supporting the wartime work of the Red Cross. It is appropriate that they should rally to the cause of the peacetime pro-

This is a vital campaign, as it will set the scale of Red Cross work for years to come. e all realize that peace is more important than war and the peacetime work of the Canadian Red Cross will be of more real and lasting value to the people than were our var activities.

Before the war, the Canadian Red Cross was engaged on a program of developing home services. When hostilities came, the Society put its major effort into war work. The peacetime activities were because of its oil content. continued but the expansion plans were deferred.

The time has now arrived to throw the great organization and the war-ripened experience of the Canadian Red Gross into peacetime humanitarian undertakings at home here in Canada.

As in war, so in peace, the Red Cross must carry on. By its work in peacetime a great contribution can be made to a better Canada.

Canadian Red Cross home projects include the operation of a Canada-wide free blood transfusion service for all in need of life-saving plasma; mainteance and further expansion of the present chain of 54 outpost hospitals and rtursing stations on the fron-



announcement that nylon is now being used in the manufacture of men's socks. Using nylon for the toes and heels will mean that socks will now have far fewer holes, it is said. If so, Oscar, above, won't have to yell at his wife about a hole in the toe and accuse her of delaying and preventing him from getting to the office on time.

CO-OP POLICY IS DISCUSSED

Was Principal Business at Annual Meeting Here During Past Week

Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co- be directed toward a revision past week with President A. islation. Martinusen in the chair, outlined the general policies to be were elected at the meetingfollowed by the Co-operative in Leon Sandvar, Johnny Morrithe coming year's operations.

Among the visitors to the meeting were Russell Love of Edmonton, who is president of the Interprovincial Co-operative Wholesale and a director of the Co-operative Union of Canada; Gordon Holtby, accountant for the Fishermen's Co-operative Federation, and Doug Clark of the University Extension Department. Gordon Crane, Doug Bentley and Matt Neilsen took part in the meetings as dele- -A. G. Leonard left 200 guineas gates of the United Fishermen's in his will be Sir William G. Ball Co-operative Association, Van- because the latter, a surgeon,

progress being made in co-oper- ceased him by a year.

Ninety-five years

have passed since the

Bank of Montreal first

came to the Tele-

phone City, to work

with Brantford citi-

zens, as in hundreds of

other Canadian com-

munities, in meeting

their day-to-day finan-

cial problems, help-

ing them transform

dreams into reality.

Today, on Bell's 100th

Anniversary, the

B of M is proud to

ford's famous son.

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pay tribute to Brant-

ative wholesaling activity. He stated that the war had prevented expansion during the past few years but that in 1947 great strides will be made.

Mr. Clark presented a brief report on behalf of the B.C Co-operative Union, stating that the chief effort of the co-opera-The annual meeting of the tive at the present time should operative, held here during the of the existing income tax leg-

> Seven new board members son, Axel Petersen, Harry Hansen. Sam Haugen, Barney Roald and Ivor Eidsvick.

> One of the highlights of the meeting was the decision to contribute the sum of \$500 to C. D. Clark, former educational director of the Prince Rupert Fishermen's Co-op, who is at present seriously ill in Vancouver.

> > WHO GETS GIFT?

once refused to remove his ap-Mr. Love gave the meeting a pendix when so urged by phy- feathers topped one clocke-a very interesting report on the sicians. But Sir William prede- Breton had a three-tiered brim

In another room, his assist-

ant, Mr. Watson, waited at the

receiver . . . waited for words

that came through only as a dis-

Suddenly-just as he once

more adjusted the test transmit-

ter-Bell's over-anxious arm

upset a beaker of sulphuric acid.

In an instant the burning liquid

spattered his clothes. Dismayed,

he cried out: "Mr. Watson,

His excited assistant, unaware

room. "Mr. Bell! I heard every the Queen!"

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of the accident, rushed into the

come here, I want you!"

appointing noise.

QUEUESSTILL

BRITAIN HAS

Clothing Needs Real Problem For British Women Though Smart Styles Are Seon At Fashion Shows

By HELEN ADAMS FRAME

LONDON (Reuters)—Fashion here these days is initialled with a queue for two questions-how long is that queue outside the store? and how many coupons have I got?

Understandingly, then, British women read with a pained exin a flurry of "high style" fash-

New coupons don't come in pon free-brings yelps of glee until the end of March and the 30 per person have been stretched to cover clothing needs since last September. Those 30, mind you, have to cover sheets, dish towels and any material used in brightening up the home.

for spring" may cost a blunt mother too. Babies and toddlers eight coupons and even if, with a soul-wrench emotion you decide to spend them, you'll be up a tree for shoes, blouse and gloves to go with it.

are basically feminine after all and they couldn't help sighing | first time since the war. over pictures of a graceful suit in soft wool with a chaste highcollared neckline.

Hats are not rationed and they are in the shops in the gayest of colors-and the gayest of prices. A snitch of velour a swirl of feathers and a bit of ribbon can come as high if not higher than any swank New York Fifth Avenue salon.

FASCINATING HATS SHOWN

The preview by 31 London milliners fascinated but frightened a bit, the conservative English woman. One fashion critic said of a hat which stood a foot up on one side with nest of roses caught inside the inverted brim-"it's altogether too exaggerated for me to recommend to anyone." Admittedly, the hats shown needed BICKLEY, Kent, England-O spanking new clothes, a sleek hairline and sharp clean features—as well as an understanding male.

Chinchilla shaded ostrich in three blended shades. Since

BILLION ECHOES

Alone in his room, weary in spirit, Alex-

ander Graham Bell again poured a sul-

phuric acid solution into his transmitter.

Just three days before, on March 7th, 1876,

he had received the first patent on his tele-

phone . . . but his experimental model was

still carrying only muffled, indistinct sounds.

the one-way line.

word you said-distinctly!"

The sulphuric acid dripped

unnoticed on the floor as Bell

ran into the other room to test

"How do you do!" At the re-

ceiver his listening ear caught

Mr. Watson's clear-spoken

words-and the telephone had

Only one other message trans-

mitted that day is recorded in

Bell's diary. It was a cry of

grateful jubilation-"God save

......

carried its first greeting.

the main problem of British milliners seems to be to persuade the austerity-minded woman here to wear hats again, perhaps they shouldn't have in ef. fect "dared" them to wear these models, for undoubtedly they are a little too much for the simple tailored "utility" suit.

Underwear-on coupons, too, of course—has been a problem these long rationing years. Fully fashioned stockings, including nylons when you can wheedle them out of your department store, nick three out of your coupon book. Slips, panties, girdles also dwindle your hoard by leaps and bounds. No wonder, then, that adverpression of whimsical new styles disements occurring new and aga'n of "slightly soiled" paraion shows here recently occa- chutes of white nylon containsioned by the royal tour of South | irg about 36 square vards at about five guineas (\$21)—cou-

> and a mad rush to join a queue. Mothers welcomed the news, for obvious reasons, that babies' rubber nants are slipping back on the market-sheets, bibs and high-chair frayeloths, too.

Reports of more color for kid-A svelte new suit "just right dies' spring clothes reached here are more or less by tradition dressed in white. However, manufacturers are breaking over the traces a bit and showing pastels and brighter colors. But British women's hearts Pure silk and lawn frocks for youngsters are premised for the



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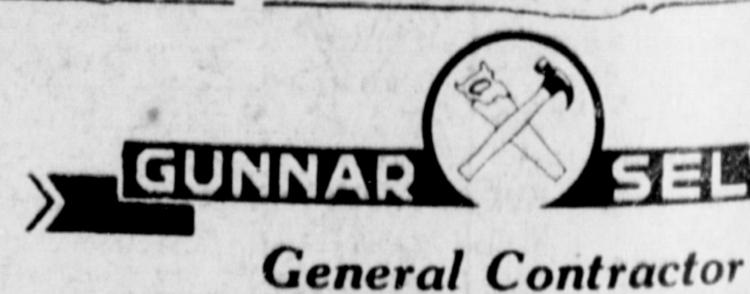
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