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Toward a Partnership . . .

The potential grand alliance of the United Nations' Big Three cannot yet be called a partnership but there is a much closer association and even the promise of a final partnership agreement in San Francisco in April—a happy and enduring partnership after the impulsions of common and pressing military aims are removed.

But long-range co-operation usually implies compromise. The soundest undertakings are not those in which one party has everything his own way. They are those in which common interests, co-operation and mutual forebearance cement a helpful partnership. Whether those qualities exist in sufficient strength among the Big Three or the Big Five has yet to be proven. But we can be grateful for the clear evidence of progress both in the spirit and the practice of co-operation resulting from Yalta.

The Far East . . .

Events of the past week or so mark a new height in the scale and intensity of the war in the Far East. While the American attacks against the Tokyo area by great forces of carrier-born aircraft, and the landings by U.S. Marines on Iwo Jima, south of the Bonins, are highlights in the Pacific theatres, these events have been made possible by the growing naval control of the Western Pacific exercised by the Allies. The most notable test of that naval control was in the landings on the Philippine Islands, and the defeat of the Japanese naval attempt to interfere there. Now, though much fighting remains to be done, the strategic culmination of that campaign has been reached with the opening of the naval base at Manila to the use of the Allies, by the capture of Cavite and of the Island Fortress of Corregidor at the mouth of the Bay.

Canadians Play Part . . .

Solid and important achievements are being made by the British-Canadian Forces in their drive from Nijmegen at the north end of the western front. They have pushed the Germans back for fifteen miles, they have occupied a ten-mile stretch on the Rhine bank, they have inflicted at least sixteen thousand casualties, whereof eight thousand are prisoners, and they have forced the enemy to draw in elements of eight or nine divisions to meet the attack. This last achievement, it is felt by observers, is perhaps the most important of all, for it comes at a time when the Germans, holding the Western Front, are dangerously thin on the ground. After the withdrawal of the Sixth Panzer Army, which incidentally, is still not engaged on any front, the Germans made feverish attempts to build up a fresh strategic reserve in the West but a large proportion of the Divisions which they managed to withdraw for building up this reserve has now had to be re-engaged to try to hold the British-Canadian drive. Thus we are playing an important part in the new offensive.

Hitler's Message . . .

Without National Socialist reconstruction there would be neither a German Reich or a German people today, says Adolf Hitler as the house of cards falls down about him, his Reich and his ambitions to make his Germans the master race. It is to be wondered if the Fuehrer does not realize that doom for him and his Nazo credo is close impending and that it is his very National Socialism that is about to extinguish the Reich after having nearly brought disaster to all civilization. Possibly Hitler's message to the Nazi Old Guard wherein he asserts that "Germany is an unshakable community of people" is but dying bravado. Of course, he may be fanatical enough to still think there is a possibility of staging a come-back at this late date. The resistance that his followers continue to put up in support of an obviously lost cause is indicative of the character of the race. One wonders how badly they must be beaten before the concede to surrender. It is bad enough to lose our men as we are doing in a winning fight. How much worse it is to go on sacrificing for a lost and hopeless cause as the enemy is doing.

THIS AND THAT

"He's just a beginner here!"

YUKON NEVER LOOKED BETTER

Renewed Interest in Mining, Alaska Highway and Aircraft Factors

(By O. NORDLING)

The future of the Yukon never looked better since the Gold Rush days when over 40,000 people from all over the world rushed to the Klondike to make their "stake." Renewed interest in mining, the Alaska Highway and the airplane have brought the north country into the limelight and its possibilities are no longer controlled by a few large corporations. The placer mining field offers opportuntiies for the individual. With a small grubstake and the spirit of adventure there are worlds to conquer.

The construction of the Alaska Highway from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks, Alaska, entailed the building of approximately 570 miles of road in the Yukon Territory, and the Canol Project have done much to open up the Yukon. Construction of the Highway through what has hithertó been almost inaccessible country attracted the attention of mining companies in the Southern Yukon, and the area bordering the highway between Teslin Lake and Watson Lake and was examined by a number of mining companies during 1943-44. Many applications were received by the goverment for mineral locations in many parts of the territory.

The Yukon has today at its service every known means of modern communication and transportation which after the war will be used to the full extent in the role of opening up the vast north country which is today playing its role in the world war. After the war the Yukon will be a land of opportunity for young Canadians—young veterans of the war seeking new fields to conquer.

In the Mayo district individual operators continue on reduced scale with the price of silver-lead ore being far from favorable. This district has great ore reserves in sight and when the price of silver comes back greater and renewed activity will follow.

The year 1939 reached an all-time high for mineral production in the Yukon being valued at $4,961,321. The increase was due mainly to increased placer gold production in the Klondike district by the Yukon Cons Gold Company Limited, and also substantial increases in silver and lead production and a substantial contribution from lode gold mining.

The estimated normal population of the Yukon is 5,000 and covers an area of 207,076 square miles which is 5.6% of Canada's total area.

Total value of all mineral resources to the end of 1943 exceeded $230,000,000 — with gold alone about $200,000,000.

The B.C. Chamber of Mines opened branches in Whitehorse and Dawson a year and a half ago and has been in no little way instrumental in bringing the Yukon to the fore and is now known as the British Columbia Yukon Chamber of Mines. The Chamber of Mines at Dawson has taken over the local Board of Trade and Business Men's Association.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence: "It is very handy to live near the city."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of :"abyss?"
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Peninsula, Pinnacle, parashoot.
4. What does the word "buoyant" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with exc that means "abnormal growth or increase?"

Answers

1. Say, "It is very convenient to live near the city." 2. Pronounce a-bis, a as in ask unstressed, i as in it, accent last syllable. 3. Parachute. 4. Light-hearted. "His cheeks are rosy, his steps buoyant." 5. Excresence.

Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. When taking one's place at the table should it be done at the right or left of the chair?

A. Either side is correct, though a right-handed person will naturally pull the chair back with the right hand and enter the seat from the left.

Q. What would be a proper way for a girl to introduce a young man to her father and mother?

A. "Father, this is Robert Jones." "Mother, this is Robert Jones." or, she may say "Mr. Jones."

Q. Is it obligatory to answer an invitation to a home wedding?

A. Yes.

GENEROUS HONDURANS

BELIZE, (AP)—British Honduras which has a population of approximately 60,000 people has contributed $48,360 to the British Red Cross and St. John Fund since the outbreak of the war.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

LOST — Young black cocker spaniel, very long ears, no collar, stubby tail. Phone Green 59. (49)

EMPLYOMENT FIGURES

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ing inducements for many to come from distant points.

The following year, however, while the condition was still tense, it had eased to a point where the weekly average of unfilled jobs was 151.

Applicants for jobs who were listed as unplaced at the end of the weekly periods averaged only 89 per week for 1943, while in 1944 the weekly average had risen to 148.

Only Unemployable Are Without Jobs

Commenting on the condition in 1943, Selective Service officer E. V. Whiting said that anyone who remained unplaced over a long period at that time did so because he was unemployable.

"There weren't many of them either," he said. "There were jobs for anyone who could get around."

The trend of female employment, while on a reduced scale, was similar in two instances to the male employment figures in those two years. Percentages of change, however, were not so extreme. The averages of unplaced applicants was reversed to the averages for males, being higher in 1943 than in 1944.

Total number of women placed in jobs in 1943 was 2,259, while in 1944 the number had dropped to 1,670.

Weekly average of unfilled vacancies in 1943 was 77, while in 1944 it was 55.

However, for some unaccountable reason, the number of unplaced applicants in 1943 was also higher than in 1944 in spite of the fact that during the earlier period there was also a greater number of unfilled vacancies.

Weekly average of unplaced applicants in 1943 was 65, while in the less active year that followed, it was 54.

Contributing cause to this may have been a flood of inexperienced women seeking employment at the height of the boom.

THREE SOLDIERS, AIRMAN LISTED

Three northern soldiers and one airman are listed in late army and air force casualty lists.

Listed as prisoner of war is Pte. Widar Asbjorn Sandhals, 22, of Prince Rupert, who was missing after an action in France on July 25. His relatives were later informed that he was a prisoner of war. Pte. Sandhals was brought up in Prince Rupert, enlisting here in July, 1942. He went overseas in January, 1943, and served for a period with the Calgary Highlanders. He was with a B. C. regiment when captured. His mother, four sisters and two brothers live in Prince Rupert.

Also listed as missing while serving with a B.C. regiment is Pte. Benoit LeSieur, whose wife Mrs. Martha Lesieur, lives in Prince Rupert.

Listed as wounded while serving with an Alberta regiment is Pte. Forrest Albert Thacker whose wife, Mrs. Armen B. Thacker, lives at Prince George.

A northern airman is now presumed dead after having been listed previously as missing on active service. He is Pilot Officer Eugene Niles, whose father, R. B. Niles, lives at Dawson Creek.

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MARCH

COUPON VALUES
BUTTER - ½ pound
SUGAR - 1 pound
CANNING SUGAR - ½ pound

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURSDAY	FRI	SAT
				1 • • •	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Butter Coupon 98 Valid	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Butter Coupon 99 Valid; Preserves Coupons 41 to 44; Sugar Coupons 54, 55	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Butter Coupon 100 Valid	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 • • •	30	31