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## GIVE ALL THEY HAVE

"I have never received anything so touching," Lt.-Col. Fraser Hunter, Liberal member for St. Patrick's riding, Toronto, and chairman of the committee in charge of volunteers for service in Finland, said this week in referring to a donation and note received from a little girl and her little brother. Lt.-Col. Hunter recently asked the provincial government for a million dollars to equip a division of men to go to Finland to help that brave nation in its battle against aggression and worse than slavery. Premier Hepburn's reply was to the effect that the province had nothing to do with military matters. In other words he placed the responsibility on the Dominion Government, and, of course, Premier King may be depended upon to see nothing but constitutional difficulties in such a question. Sometimes it would appear, from Premier King's attitude, that the chief function of the constitution of Canada is to prevent any active war effort in Canada.

In Monday's Advance reference was made to the fact that the people of Ontario are very anxious to give prompt and effective material assistance to Finland. It is recognized that Finland, like Poland, is really fighting in the cause of the Allies—the cause of the world of decent nations—and that any assistance to Finland in special way is help to the winning of the war. The general feeling is that province or Dominion, or both, might well find some way to overcome constitutional questions and provide the necessary money for this factor in the war. No one seems to question the ability of Lt.-Col. Fraser Hunter to provide his part of the plan—the trained force, equipped and ready, and the method to get them to the scene of action. Indeed, it has been disclosed this week by Col. Hunter that Toronto alone has contributed five hundred men to the cause and that arrangements have been made to send them overseas under convoy.

Many people will feel that the money necessary for the plan could be raised by voluntary subscriptions if there were only time enough to organize such a plan. The two youngsters in Toronto apparently thought such a plan was necessary, and so was under way. In any event they sent a letter to Lt.-Col. Hunter, with two nickels glued firmly to the sheet of paper. The letter read:—"Would you please give this ten cents to the fund to help Finland. Five cents is from my brother, Terence, and five cents is from myself. I wish I had lots of money to send you. . . I hope you will use this money. It is all we have. (Signed) Angela, aged 6, and Terence, aged 4."

No doubt these youngsters have heard the whole question of the position of Finland and the need in Finland discussed at their home. With the directness of the intuition of childhood, they have gone to the very heart of the matter, and shown action. There is little question but their contribution meant real sacrifice for them. "It is all we have," they said. Surely, here is a suggestion for interested adults. The letter of those little children indicates the popular feeling in regard to Finland and the general desire to help that country. It would appear to be a great opportunity for all the Toronto papers for once to combine and co-operate in sponsoring a voluntary campaign to help the cause of the Allies and the cause of the civilized world by helping Finland. Never mind such questions as:—"Would it be possible to do anything of this sort so long as Canada is not at war with Russia?" This is a case where League of Nations gave the nice touch of international law may be twisted to some advantage. The League of Nations give the nice touch of international legality, to any procedure for assisting Finland to repel the gangsters. According to the niceties of the proceedings at Geneva help of this sort may be tendered Finland without the necessity for any formal declaration of war. As for the moral factor, let no one deceive themselves into believing that from the moment that Russia attacked Poland there was any doubt as to the Soviet's intention to wage war against all the democracies. Equally easy is it to disregard the question, "How can trained and equipped soldiers be safely landed in Finland?" That may safely be left to the capabilities of Lt.-Col. Fraser Hunter. It is also worth noting that Great Britain has given special permission for the recruiting in the British Isles of soldiers to add to the Finnish forces.

## "IT IS ALL WE HAVE"

Most people seem to have forgotten all the demands of the last war on the people of Canada. In any event they seem to see special difficulty in the number of calls in the present conflict. Of course, there are many calls—calls that seem to be imperative—the call of the Canadian Red Cross,

the Polish Red Cross, the Finnish Red Cross, the Canadian Legion War Services Incorporated, the Salvation Army Red Shield fund for war work, and the many other patriotic calls of the day. Instead of looking upon these calls as a burden, it might be well to consider how easily this country is escaping in the demands made to-day upon the nations that desire freedom and decency. In an address during the Canadian Red Cross campaign Mr. Austin Neame gave one answer to those who feel like complaining about the number of requests for money for patriotic causes. "We are fortunate, indeed," said Mr. Neame, "that so little is asked from us, in comparison to other peoples. They are asked for more than we are asked in money, and in addition they have to sacrifice their strength, their health, their lives, their all."

Still another answer is given by the children who sent ten cents to Lt.-Col. Hunter to help the Finnish people. "I hope you will use this money," a little girl of six years of age wrote, "It is all we have." The Polish people have given all they have. The Finnish people are giving all they have. The people of Canada are not asked for all they have. But simply for a little—a little that may surely be spared—even if it means the sacrifice of an occasional luxury, the odd pleasure.

The gallant soldiers who have gone from Canada and other parts of the British Empire to fight the gangster nations, the men and women of the Allied nations, the people of Poland, the population of Finland, these may truly say of what they are offering—"It is all we have." There have been many calls. There are many calls to-day. There will be many calls in the days to come. It would be well, however, to hold the right perspective on all these calls. Compared to what others face, they are little indeed. It seems a distant day before Canada will be forced to say, with the people of Poland, Finland, France, Britain—and with those two dear little youngsters in Toronto—"It is all we have."

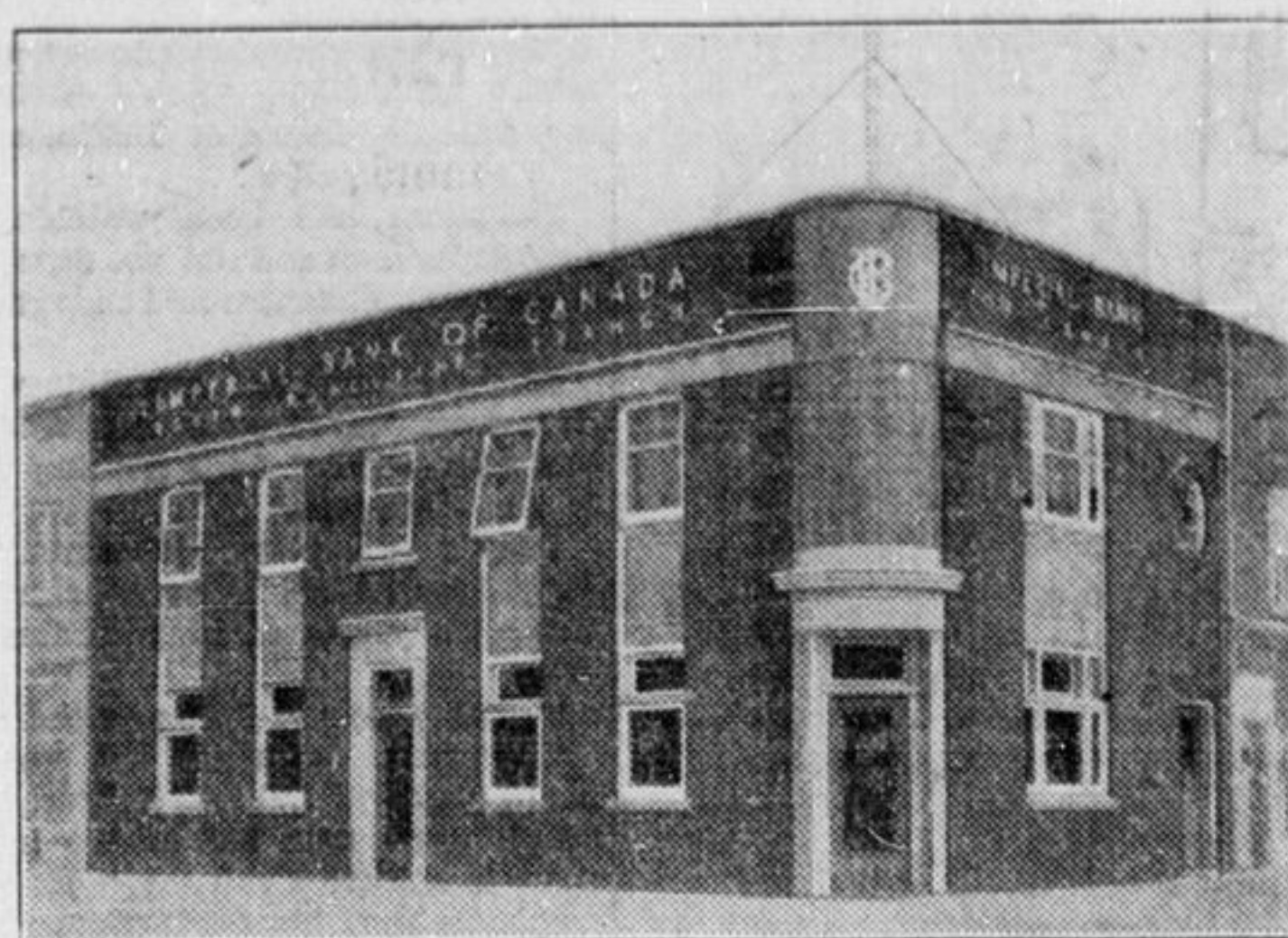
## THE ALTMARK INCIDENT

Probably no other incident in the present war has given such general pleasure to the people of the British Empire, the Allied Nations, and many a neutral, than the case of the rescue of 326 British seamen from the vermin-infested war auxiliary ship, the German Altmark. With the pleasure, there is also a considerable amount of quiet amusement at the discussion that has arisen from the incident. Britain has protested to Norway against the irregularities that appeared to be permitted by that nation in not only permitting the use of its territorial waters by a belligerent ship but actually giving apparent convoy to what was the worst type of slave-ship. Norway has protested against what it considers a violation by Britain of Norway's neutrality. Germany has made hysterical protest, censuring Norway and completely damning Great Britain. With all the flagrant violations of neutrality that have been permitted to Germany during the present war, it seems absurd to be making so much fuss over technicalities and legal niceties in this particular case. The British people are quite content that the episode followed the strictest code of honour, decency and common sense, and so are not much exercised as to the possibilities of technical breaches of international law. There is a general belief, growing stronger each day, that in view of the absolute scorn shown by Germany for any kind of law or decency, the British have unnecessarily handicapped themselves by observing a code of decency and consideration that was completely beyond the comprehension of gangster nations.

Natural sense of humour is stirred by the attitude of the Nazis. "The Altmark crime tops all the crimes of which Britain has been guilty in world history," says the official German statement from Berlin. It may be that by sheer accident the Berlin statement approximates the truth, and if the Altmark case is the worst crime in the history of Britain, then the Empire has an even cleaner record than British people would claim for it, for the Altmark incident was not a crime at all. Indeed, there is question whether it was an international misdemeanor, or even a technical violation of any of the rules and regulations of nations. Britain's protest to Norway in the matter not only shows that the Empire followed the strict letter of international law in regard to the Altmark, but that Norway itself broke international law in the incident by giving improper assistance to a belligerent vessel. Further the British statement points out that Norway has been actually making a practice of this unfair and unneutral attitude, and that this illegal assistance to the Nazis will not be tolerated in the future.

The touch of comedy is given to the situation by the ravings of Goebbels, who, in this case, shows himself just as hysterical and unbalanced as the head gangster who was formerly an incompetent paperhanger. There is a rare irony in the idea of Nazi Germany referring to the Altmark case as a "crime" to be condemned in screeching-tones, while the world has in such close and painful memory the brutalities of Germany, the utter disregard of that nation for law of any kind, or decency, or humanity. Fresh from its murder and plunder of literally millions, the beastialities in Czechoslovakia, Austria, Poland, to say nothing of its inhumanities within its own borders, with the dead bodies of innocent men, women and children in defenceless towns bombed by the

## NEW IMPERIAL BANK BUILDING, SOUTH PORCUPINE



Imperial Bank of Canada has just moved into its handsome new brick building in South Porcupine, Northern Ontario. This branch was first established March 8, 1911. Since that date South Porcupine has become a busy centre in one of the world's richest mining districts. The Bank recognizes the fact in the well appointed banking facilities provided by the new office.

## Music, Might, Sight Rats, Fuss, Flakes Kilts, Slips, So On

### Form and Substance and a Ballad.

Writing in The Toronto Telegram, Thomas Richard Henry has the following thoughts to offer:—

#### Music

It's music to the allied ears to hear the Scuttlers squeal.

#### Might

"Might," says the German fountain head, "is the only deciding factor in international affairs."

"Britain violated international law in attacking the Altmark," screamed the German commentator on station DJD last night.

"And they did it without the slightest pretext that it was not ordered by the British Admiralty."

No wonder the Nazis felt justified in referring to "The stupid Englishman." As a matter of fact, we think Germany has a perfect right to feel highly indignant over the Altmark incident.

Any violation of neutrality by anybody but Germany is certainly a violation of German copyright. It is a high handed way of stealing German methods without German consent.

But the larceny was not the worst of it. Not satisfied with stealing the German stuff, Winston Churchill abruptly departed from the German technique in a most insulting manner.

He did not immediately issue a statement (after the German fashion) that the Altmark was attacked by a German cruiser, disguised as a British destroyer with the object of dragging Japan into war with Russia.

Mr. Churchill announced that the Altmark was taken by the orders of the Admiralty. Stealing German technique and then deliberately twisting it into simple directness must be interpreted by the Nazi navy as heaping insult upon injury.

And so with the British prisoners rescued, Mr. Churchill is able to lean back in a "So what?" attitude, probably feeling as complacent as a Christian who is holding four aces (apologies to Mark Twain).

The delightful humor in the situation is the German threat to punish England for the affair.

No doubt Germany had no desire to harm England up to this moment—but now she is going to punish her.

War would be dull if it were not so sad.

Nazis crying to Heaven for justice, the thought of Germany even mentioning the word crime is enough to make gods and men alike laugh in derision.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Writing in one of the leading French newspapers Genevieve Tabous, a noted French journalist, predicts that the Swedish and Norwegian governments will shortly be forced by public opinion in those countries not only to extend direct military aid to Finland, but also to cut both Russia and Germany off from Scandinavian iron supplies. This opinion is in line with ideas expressed some time ago by local people of Scandinavian origin. These local citizens suggested that the people in general of Norway and Sweden were altogether with the Allies and particularly in favour of the Finnish people, but that those in some high places, many of them with German connections, were not carrying out the desires of the people in general. The incident of the Altmark seems to indicate the truth of this thought.

What a difference a little election makes! Just a few short days ago members of the Ontario Cabinet were on the platform with Premier Hepburn to denounce the shortcomings of the King government in the matter of the present war. Today these same Liberal Cabinet Ministers are on the platform with Premier King to laud the King Government to the skies for its wonderful work in the war. A few days ago it seemed that Premier King was the only man who wasn't doing anything to win the war! Now it appears that Premier King is the only man who will win the war and that he'll do it all by himself if given the chance!

#### Head in Sand

It was a little strange to have the German broadcaster ignore the fact that there were British prisoners on the Altmark.

If he was talking primarily to the United States he must have realized that his audience knew all about the prisoners through their own news facilities and were curious to learn how he would treat that aspect of the affair.

But like the ostrich, he shoved his head into a maze of international law. Incidentally, he closed with "Good-bye, North America, and good luck."

It's nice of him to include the Canadians.

#### Brother Rats

We always preserve our amiability in listening to this bird up to a point—and then we get sore.

The point that annoyed us last night was the pious pronouncement that the Finns appeared to be in retreat—and apparently they had attempted too much.

In effect it sounded like "brother Rat has been impeded by the perfidious Finns—but the aggressors will inherit the earth."

The brother Rat might even arrange a composite flag with a sickle and a scuttle as a main motif.

#### Fuss

Quite a fuss was made over equipping the sailors of a British destroyer with warm clothing when they arrived in a Canadian port wearing sun helmets and shorts recently.

A navy man tells us that the British sailors always carry three uniforms on board ship.

If the order of dress for zero weather is sun helmets and shorts, we wonder what the other two uniforms are like.

#### Snow Flakes

The snow flakes were quite large this morning.

They reminded us of the old days up country when we used to spread a couple of snow flakes over the garden in the spring to save it from a late frost.

#### The Kilt

The heavens are rent by Scotsmen lamenting their cootie pleats.

To listen to them you would think that these lads were losing something that was their heritage from birth—and the impression is implied that they may even have been born wearing kilts.

The chances are that few of them ever saw their knees in the daytime until they joined the army.

#### Form and Substance

We started quite a controversy when we discussed the "slips that pass in the night," as one paper calls those

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little errors that creep upon us unaware.

Apparently in appreciation of the written word all people are divided into two groups with one group worshipping form and another worshipping substance.

This group prevails even in the halls of learning.

A young student at the University of Toronto once wrote an essay for Professor Malcolm Wallace.

Professor Wallace gave him 98 per cent with the comment: "You wrote something that was really interesting—there were mistakes but I overlooked them in marking the essay because it was interesting."

The same student wrote an essay for Professor Alexander—and received 10 per cent.

Professor Alexander said: "I should really have marked the essay zero because of the construction, the lack of continuity and irregularities in grammar and English. The content of the essay may have had some merit but it was more than offset by grammatical indiscretions."

So there you are.

#### There'll Always Be—

Royal Scot revises an English favourite to:

There'll always be an England  
 So long as Scotland stands,  
 For it's due to dear old Scotland  
 That England's wealth expands.  
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 We always will defend.  
 We'll help to fight her battles,  
 Her broken ships we'll mend.  
 And when the war is over  
 And victory is won,  
 We'll sing of England's glory  
 And the wonders she has done.

Kitchener Record:—Granddad was satisfied with a gig and a gal; Dad wanted a flivver and a flapper; son

thinks he should have a plane and a Jane. Wot next!



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## Air Marshal to Address Chartered Accountants

Toronto, Feb. 21.—Air Marshal W. A. Bishop, V.C., will address the 67th annual dinner of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario at the Royal York Hotel Friday evening March 1, J. W. Taylor, F.C.A., president of the Institute announced to-day. The air marshal, in his first speech since accepting his present post, will discuss "Canada's War Effort," Mr. Taylor said.

Mr. Taylor will present diplomas to the 31 students who successfully passed final examinations set by the Institute, bringing the membership to a total of 887. W. G. H. Jephcott, F.C.A., first vice president of the Institute, will award prizes and medals to candidates of exceptionally high standing. R. C. Cowie, London, receives the Institute gold medal; Martin W. Burns, Toronto, the George Edwards prize; S. G. Hennessey, Toronto, the W. T. Kernahan prize; and L. G. Arnold, Toronto, the E. R. C. Clarkson gold medal. James Simpson, Windsor, a student of the Ontario Institute, this year won the silver medal given by the Dominion Association of Chartered Accountants given for highest standing in Canada in accounting and auditing papers in the intermediate examination.

An official reception will be tendered the guest speaker by the Fellows of the Institute, of whom there are 63. And the executive committee of the Dominion Association will be guests at the dinner. In addition, 500 registered students of accountancy have been invited to attend.

Globe and Mail:—With the Duke of Montrose and General Sir Ian Hamilton (the latter in full highland garb) among those demanding of the War Office of the kilt for Scottish soldiers, on service or on leave, capitulation by the authorities may be looked for any moment.

To every lover of freedom, of gallantry, of right, there is joy in the news this week from Finland that the Finnish soldiers have annihilated still another division of Soviet soldiers, with 18,000 killed or taken prisoners, and the capture of twenty tanks, 36 guns of various kinds, seventeen tractors, thirty-two field kitchens, twenty-five automobiles, and two hundred other vehicles. To this good news is added the fact that the Finnish armies have received relief forces to allow rest for the men who have been pressed so hard for weeks, and that the new lines of defence set up by the Finns have been able to disperse enemy columns and halt the advances made in recent days. On the successful defence of Finland rests much of the defence of the world of civilized nations, and it is no wonder that the sympathy of all is with the Finnish people. It is not well, however, to forget even for a moment that sympathy without accompanying material aid is of little value.

During the last war, the "Old Contemptibles" had a jest that held particular irritation for the Huns. After the comparatively small force of British soldiers would yield inch by inch at bitter cost to the German hordes, they would taunt the invading forces with the words, "And then there's the bleeding nivy!" It was the sort of joke that the boastful invaders could not understand. If the Huns had any imagination they might easily to-day picture the 326 British seamen rescued from the Hell-ship Altmark singing together, "And then there's the bleeding nivy!"

It still holds true what the Finnish workman told a Finnish lady:—"The Finns still have God and Mannerheim! And Russia has neither!"