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COMFORT FOR HITLER

In the sure knowledge that all the censors are so busy cutting off all parts of political speeches that might possibly do harm to the chances of success of their master, Mr. King, The Advance herewith offers solace and comfort to Adolph Hitler. Adolph will be cheered to know that a little boy, a baby 18 months old, was burned to death near Kapuskasing last week, without even the cost of a bomb for the work, and that nothing will be done about it. Hitler will be further pleased to know that this is by no means the first case of its kind in this part of the North. It happens several times every winter. Sometimes there are two or three or four youngsters burned together. Often a mother will be burned to death along with her children. Not infrequently a whole family will be burned to death. Of course, the toll of death of innocent people is not on the grand scale adopted by Hitler and Stalin. Compared to their slaughter of the innocent it is a mere bagatelle. But it is the kind of thing that would bring joy to the heart of a Hitler, and sorrow to all human beings.

The story from Kapuskasing is a sad one. The settler's wife was busy preparing dinner for the family, and when this was done she started to get her little baby boy from the bedroom that adjoined the kitchen. As she opened the bedroom door, there was a burst of flame that drove her back and out of the house. Within a matter of a few minutes the humble home was burned to the ground. There was nothing the poor mother could do but wring her hands and weep for her little baby burned to death. It seems that the stove in the bedroom had been installed in defective way. The pipes had become overheated and had set fire to the woodwork of the room. A little change in the arrangement of the heating apparatus and its position in the room would have made for safety, but the settler did not realize this. The settlers have their own struggles to erect their humble homes to protect their families from the elements. They have no fire brigades to advise and assist them — no skilled housebuilders to supervise and direct.

There have been scores of cases like this one near Kapuskasing. Years ago when The Advance called attention to this pitiful and unnecessary loss of life, the answer of the authorities was that the cost of inspection of settlers' homes to assure against such tragedies would be prohibitive. Magistrate E. R. Tucker, chief coroner for the North Cochrane district, had the sad task of enquiring into literally scores of these tragic fires in settlers' homes. He found that if the settlers had the benefit of one quarter of the assistance in such matters that is the more fortunate lot of those living in organized communities, practically all of these tragic fires might be avoided. Proper arrangement of stovepipes—inexpensive guards around pipes passing through light partitions—care in the location of stoves—the providing of windows and doors that would give safe access to rooms—these were matters that Coroner Tucker felt would reduce the fires at settlers' homes to a minimum. None of these things would be costly; all would be well within the power of the settler. As to the cost to the government, Coroner Tucker had a plan for that too. He advised that in effect fire rangers should act as fire wardens for settlers' homes. For years, they have been inspecting settlers' farms and outbuildings for fire risks, but have been instructed not to carry this inspection to the settlers' homes. Coroner Tucker urged that the fire rangers be empowered to inspect the homes as well, and to make recommendations and assist the settlers to remove unnecessary fire risks in their residences. All the newspapers of the North joined Coroner Tucker in urging this plan on the government. Some months ago The Advance understood that the proposal was to be adopted. Apparently, however, like so many other governmental affairs the question has been shelved. If this is the case, then the Government should explain why it is necessary to continue this Hitler game of burning children to death. If the plan has been actually put into effect by the government, explanation seems to be due either from the fire ranger concerned or the settler. With the co-operation of the government, the fire rangers and the settlers, the roll of death through fires at the homes of settlers in isolated places may be eliminated. It seems to be a matter that would be well worth while from every standpoint but that of the deranged mentality of the Hitlers and the Stalins.

A TIMELY WORD

At the banquet on Friday night in honour of St. David, the patron saint of Wales, Mr. Austin Neame took occasion to emphasize a matter that requires serious thought at the present time. Mr. Neame referred to the number of appeals to the public — appeals for funds for the Canadian Red Cross, the Finnish Red Cross, the Polish Red

Cross, the Legion War Services, the Salvation Army Red Shield, and many others. He said he had heard men refer to these many appeals as if they considered there were too frequent requests for assistance. "There are many appeals," said Mr. Neame, "and there will be more, and all of them should be supported to the very limit." He explained that this was a time of war and all must do their part. Men were giving their lives overseas for the safety of the people here, and it seemed little enough that the people of Canada, of Timmins, who were remaining at home, should do their part by supporting all the many worthy patriotic causes that were doing such notable work. Mr. Neame pointed out that not only were those who contributed in money and work having the easiest part of the bargain, in contrast to those who risked all in the battle line, but people in Canada were immeasurably better off than those in Britain and France and other countries nearer to the war. In Wales, for example, he said, the people were giving to even more patriotic causes than made appeal in Canada. In addition, they had to endure rationing, blackouts and other hardships unknown in this land. "We are fortunate indeed in this country," said Mr. Neame. "Let us realize our good fortune. Let us give to all good causes to the limit. Let us give gladly, cheerfully. With all our giving we will be giving much less than others in this Empire to uphold freedom and the right."

FROM THE WAR FRONTS

The news from the various war fronts last week was of rather mixed nature, but in the main was favourable to the forces fighting for freedom and the right. While a certain measure of success was claimed for the Russian gangsters in their invasion of Finland, the successes are evidently more apparent than real. The heavy losses sustained by the Soviet forces to gain a comparatively small amount of territory are appallingly out of proportion to the advantage achieved. Finnish communiques admit slight withdrawals in front of Viipuri, but maintain that the chief Russian attack has been repulsed with staggering losses for the invaders. In any event, the most pessimistic must admit that the Finnish forces are still holding firm and appear cool and confident in their ability to continue the successful defence of their country. Already they have received assistance from other nations and still more help is on the way. Their chief need must be men, but there is reason to believe that men in large numbers are being added to the Finnish soldiers. Some of these are men of Finland returning from all parts of the world to help in the defence of the country, and others are battalions of volunteers from many other lands anxious to assist in this gallant battle in the name of freedom.

Among the more hopeful items of news from the Finnish front is the official report from Helsinki that Finnish troops northeast of Ladoga have not only completely annihilated the 18th Russian Division but that they have wiped out in similar fashion the 34th Moscow Tank Brigade, capturing 100 tanks and killing over 2,000 of the invaders. Both the commander of the Tank Brigade and the chief of the Division are listed among the Russian casualties.

French communiques report little activity on the Western Front, but suggest unusual preparations behind the lines. There appears to be a general feeling that "something big" is going to be attempted on the Western Front. The closing by Germany of the borders between that country and Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, adds to the belief that Germany is preparing for some form of offensive. Fear is renewed that the Nazis intend to invade Holland and Belgium in effort to reach France and Britain. All signs seem to point to an early offensive on a large scale, but it would be a mistake to take it too much for granted that all moves forward will be made first by Germany. Those who like to marshal isolated facts and form their own conclusions as to the ultimate happenings have a great supply of information to work upon these days. British naval activity in the North, itself opens a wide field for conjecture. The massing of Allied troops in the Far East is another item that allows much chance for play of the imagination. The persistent "pamphlet raids" over German territory also may not appear as useless as many have considered them. The attacks by German planes on Belgian and Dutch airships over neutral territory will appeal to many of the amateur strategists as something with its own lessons and implications. All in all, the news reaching this country does give full colour to the popular theory that "something" unusual is in the offing. It is pleasant to remember that the Allies appear to be ready for anything, and that the Secret Service of Britain and France seems to be so efficient that nothing imaginable is likely to prove a complete surprise.

Germany is now reported as having sold the hulk of the pocket battleship, the Graf Spee, to an Argentine metal concern as "scrap iron." The Graf Spee might have been considered as "scrap iron" at one time but it ended up as only "scuttled iron."

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

In all the prisons of British Columbia there is only one Finnish prisoner, and soon there will not be even that many. This lone Finnish prisoner has been importuning the authorities to allow him

LOCALS

Miss Pauline Emard left on Friday to spend some time in Toronto.

Mrs. W. P. Wilson left on Friday to spend a week in Toronto.

Miss Anne Sullivan, of Sudbury, was a visitor in town during the week-end.

Miss Viola Boucher returned on Sunday from a five weeks' trip to points in the United States.

Mrs. W. F. Lawry and son, Lee, of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff, are on a holiday visit to Toronto this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Dunn (nee Irene Salley) returned on Thursday after a honeymoon trip to Toronto and points south.

Miss Connie Francis left on Sunday to spend a few weeks in Toronto, where she will take a special course at the Helena Rubinstein firm.

Miss Joy Wookey, student at Toronto University, spent a few days at her home at the McIntyre Property, Schumacher, during the week-end.

Mr. Fred Darling has returned to town after acting as radio station manager at Val d'Or for the past few months.

Mr. Moser, superintendent of the S. S. Kreuze company, Toronto, was in town last week to visit the branch store here.

The engagements are announced of Miss Nadine Malouin to Mr. Victor McClure, and Miss Geraldine Beaudoin, to Mr. Theo. Lauzon, the marriages to take place at a double wedding ceremony on June 1st.

Mrs. I. Tyrkko, left on Friday for Toronto after spending several months visiting friends in town. From Toronto she will travel to New York, where she will join her daughter to take up residence.

The local and personal column of The Northern Tribune of Kapuskasing had the following paragraph of local interest last Thursday—"Mr. Gus McManus of Hearst was in town on Wednesday looking after his mining interests. He has now assumed the vice-presidency of McManus Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd., of which C. V. Gallagher, M.L.A. is president. Mr. McManus now spends much of his time in South Porcupine where his company has important holdings. He was one of the first discoverers of the Red Lake gold area, and one of the first stakers there."

Six Births Registered During Past Week-End

- Born—on January 28th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Antheine Bouley of Delnite Property, at St. Mary's hospital — a daughter.
Born—on February 2nd, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Turner, of 220 Elm street north, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.
Born—on February 15th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Adam, of 209 Elm street south, at St. Mary's hospital—a daughter.
Born—on February 24th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Ross Alexander Forsyth, of 108 Rea street south—a daughter.
Born—on February 16th, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Humphrey Sheridan, of North 1/2 Lot Concession 2 township of Mountjoy—a son.
Born—on February 22nd, 1940, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Peter Boschuk, (nee Nellie Storoski) of 39 Montgomery avenue—a daughter.

Up In The Air

Student: "I'm handling this plane pretty well." Instructor: "Yeah, just keep it up."—Exchange.

his freedom so that he might go overseas to fight for his native land and for the freedom of all mankind. The prisoner's request has been endorsed by the Finnish Consul at Vancouver, and the Dominion Government has agreed to the release of this particular prisoner for the worthy purpose suggested. Accordingly, he will join what is described as a "large number of other Finnish and Canadian volunteers" soon to leave Canada to join in the defence of Finland.

The latest German excuse for starting the present world war is that the Nazis were determined to break Britain's "stranglehold on world trade." So that is why Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland were invaded and the people of those lands plundered and murdered?

Judith Robinson, one of the columnists of The Globe and Mail, recently described by J. V. McAre, another Globe and Mail writer, as a "defenceless woman," was forward on Saturday with a proposal to do something about the shameless abuse of radio censorship for political party purposes. The "defenceless woman" suggested that Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, in the name of British liberty, defy the partisan abuse of censorship, and either by the use of United States stations, or by private radio of his own, put on the air the passages deleted from addresses by the subservient radio managers. She points out that Germans, Austrians, Czechoslovaks, Poles and others defend liberty to-day at the peril of their lives. G. Howard can do it at the risk of no more than a \$5,000 fine and six months in jail, she says. "The one effective way of dealing with incipient

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High School Pupils at South Porcupine to Present Operetta

Other News from South Porcupine and the Dome.

South Porcupine, March 2—(Special to The Advance)—The High School operetta, "The Bells of Beaujolais," to be produced next Thursday and Friday in the auditorium, is coming along very nicely. The music is good, the dancing is better, and we hear, the acting is better still. The operetta is, we are given to understand, a charming play. The scenes are laid in Normandy, opening with a Spring Festival. The plot involves an American yachting party, Normandy girls, American youths, and a French duke. Also an American Aunt Sarah and a love affair. The plot is involved, but the denouement is a happy one. Included in the cast are Bud Evans as the duke, playing opposite Joan Maxwell-Smith as Aunt Sarah. Louise Kellow as a countess and Dick Christie, Betty Cummings, Joyce Eames and Elsa Macdonnell make the chief characters in the play. If you have not already been approached to buy a ticket you will be; so make up your mind to go to the High School on Thursday or Friday evening next week and enjoy yourself!

Congratulations to our South Porcupine youngsters who gained honors in the Lions Club skating contest in Schumacher on Thursday night. To Bob Pearce and Ted Romanick who brought back the coveted trophy and medal for first and second places in the sixteen year old skaters' contest. To Pat Laforest who took the prize for lady skaters. To Pete Babando and Lawrence McKay of the Public School who came first in their respective classes for skating.

Mrs. Bert Hocking and family of Dome Extension, moved in to Timmins this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Millions are now living at Dome Extension in the house formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Stringer.

The second son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gagnon, of Lakeview, seven years old, is in hospital having his nose repaired. While playing hockey with some other boys on the road near his home he was struck by a truck which caused him to fall on his face, breaking his nose and otherwise cutting his face.

Mr. M. Rosenbloom left on the excursion on Thursday for Toronto.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Hopkins, of Porcupine, in the Porcupine General hospital on March 1st—a son.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Campbell of 107 First Avenue, Schumacher, a daughter, on Feb. 28th, in the Porcupine General Hospital.

Mrs. Miller and son Arden motored up from Sudbury on Sunday to visit the former's daughter, Mrs. Magnusson, at the Preston East Dome. They left on Wednesday taking Mrs. Magnusson back for a week's visit.

Mrs. Wallace Clement left on Friday for Toronto for a few days' visit; after which she will visit her mother, Mrs. Mills at Fergus, Ont.

We are glad to know that Mrs. Ray-

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MISCELLANEOUS

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IN MEMORIAM

SHEPPARD—In loving memory of Mary Jane Sheppard, who passed away March 7th, 1927, at South Porcupine.

Two dear bright eyes, a tender smile, A loving heart that knew no guile. Deep trust in God that all was right. Her joy to make some others bright. If sick or suffering ones she knew Some gentle act of love she'd do. No thought of self, but of others. I know she'd say "Well done"—Dear Mother! —Lovingly remembered by Verner, Manley and Rupert. -18

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Company Orders "D" Co. the Algonquin Regiment

"D" Company, The Algonquin Regiment, Company Orders issued by Major W. F. Morgan, Officer Commanding—Timmins, 4th March 1940 Part 1 Monday, 4th March—1930 hrs.—Regimental School of Instruction. Review of syllabus covered in preparation for March examinations. Tuesday, 5th March—1915 hrs.—Recruit training. Lectures by Lieut. L. J. Charlebois. Thursday, 7th March—1930 hrs.—Regimental School of Instruction. Review of syllabus covered in preparation for March examinations. Part 2—Nil.

Harper's Magazine:—Those who attach a high importance to their own opinions should stay at home.



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tyranny, Judith says, "is to make it look silly. That's why this reporter wants to see Hon. George Howard Ferguson chosen as the man to get arrested for bootlegging truths to the people of Canada. There's nobody could make tyranny look sillier than Mr. Ferguson on his way to jail for speaking freely." The Advance doesn't believe that Hon. G. Howard Ferguson would be fined if he did what Judith Robinson suggests, or that there is any jail in Ontario that would hold him for any six months. But why pick on the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson? He has done enough for his country and for British freedom in a long life of service. Indeed, why pick on anybody to defy a mean and unprincipled abuse of law? Why not a popular demand that this unjust and completely crooked law be discarded at once?

President Roosevelt recently sent Sumner Welles to Europe as his special envoy. It has been carefully explained that President Roosevelt was not concerned in offering premature peace proposals or interfering in war affairs in Europe. Instead it was emphasized, it was information that was sought. The visit was designed with the idea of learning the purposes, plans, ideas and ideals of the countries visited. If this is the fact of the case, then the President is receiving the proverbial "earful." Hitler is reported as telling Sumner Welles that Germany's purpose is to rule all Europe, smash Britain, take Gibraltar, Malta, Singapore, have all German colonies returned, and so on. In short, Germany plans to extend its methods of plunder and murder and glorify its role as gangster nation. To use an American phrase, "So, what?"