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DANGER IN "THE WILDS"

The fact that two prisoners have been able to escape from internment camps in Ontario has roused excitement and discussion out of all proportion to the importance of the matter. With thousands detained in internment camps hurriedly established, it is no cause for alarm that two should make their escape. Hundreds of prisoners escaped from Germany during the last war. Numbers escaped from Canadian and other British internment camps. No doubt the same condition applies today. It is true that even one escape is too many. In view of the fact of Hitler's Fifth Column activity, it is particularly desirable that no escapes be permitted. At the same time it does appear as if the importance of the two escapes was being unduly magnified. If it has the effect of inducing greater carelessness and watchfulness at the internment camps, the hubalaloo will not be without its uses. Certainly there was rank carelessness or worse when prisoners were able to move tons of earth in constructing a tunnel for escape, and all this activity escaped the attention of the hundreds of men supposed to be on guard.

The publicity given the escapes, however, threatens one serious danger. Some of the newspapers that have taken up the question are urging that internment camps be opened in "the wilds of Northern Ontario", where escape would mean no more than death in the bush from starvation and exposure. One or two of these newspapers favour the establishment of internment camps in what they term the Hudson Bay area. They argue that if the internment camps were built in isolated areas far from highways or railways, the safety of the prisoners would be automatically assured. Apart from the fact that the very isolation and difficulty of access of such camps would make them very burdensome and inconvenient to establish and maintain, there is a more serious reason why no camps should be established in the Hudson Bay area. To suggest that there is danger of an invasion of Canada from Hudson Bay may, perhaps, rouse the scorn of some complacent people. The same sort of smug folk scorned what they termed "ridiculous" and "absurd" and "impossible" in Norway, Belgium, Holland and other places. They paid a bitter price for their trustfulness and failure to realize that this is a war where the unexpected and the apparently impossible are not only attempted, but secure most of their success from the fact that people persist in weighing the plans of gangsters and maniacs by the rules of law and reason. It is common knowledge that an invasion of Canada is among the proposed schemes of the Nazis. The whole Hudson Bay country has been carefully mapped and photographed by German agents. Airplane landing places are available for them there. There are radio stations to be taken over at will. There is an ideal submarine base possible of use in at least one of the inlets of Hudson's Bay. It is not known just how much preparation has been made in the far north in the interests of a Nazi invasion from that quarter. Enough is known, however, to make the Nazi story of an invasion from that quarter for less unreasonable than it might appear at first sight. There are facts not generally known that doom any such attempt to serious disaster for the Nazis, but in the meantime considerable injury might be done to Canada. Flights from Hudson Bay air fields to the gold mining country of the North Land are too practical to be dismissed with scorn. Such flights, in peace time, have been accomplished with ease, and there are Nazi pilots with all the necessary maps and knowledge and experience to make such trips—even with bombs—a far from difficult performance. It would be the height of folly to assist the work of the Hun by establishing internment camps in isolated places in the far north where supplies could be raided, prisoners freed to add to the invading forces, and general assistance given to the mad project. The last place in the country that internment camps should be established is the Hudson's Bay area.

Those who may be inclined to laugh at the possibility of attack from the far north should consider a few facts. One of these is that the same form of unbelief contributed to the destruction of several European nations in the past few months. Another is the truth that the German knowledge of the Hudson's Bay district is much more complete than that of the average Canadian. It is doubtful, indeed, if the Canadian authorities are in possession of as detailed maps, as extensive photographs, and as comprehensive data on the whole area as is in the possession of the Nazi gangsters.

A little attention to better control of interned persons in Canada might not be out of place. It might be well to establish new camps at places distant from the present locations. But whatever

may be done in this line, no consideration whatever should be given to the idea of transporting prisoners of war where they may be helpful to any of the mad schemes of the gangster nations. The scornful ones who bubble with questions like:—"How on earth could the enemy get to the Hudson Bay area?" "How could airplanes reach the far north from Germany?" "How could German ships or submarines hope to make their way to Hudson's Bay?" should note a few facts very recently disclosed. Over the radio Sunday night it was stated that some nights ago the city of New York was blackened out because a Nazi submarine was known to be nearby, and because there was danger from the air as well as from the water. It is known that enemy submarines have been sighted more than once off the coast of Canada since the war began. There is a current belief that more than one enemy craft has met its doom at the hands of the effective and alert Canadian navy. When the war is won and the full story may be told, Canadians will have full reason for pride in the authentic record of the wonderful work of the Canadian Navy in averting dangers that the average man would scorn to even believe existed today, but there will not be the same reason for anyone to be proud of the superior persons who ridicule the idea of threats from the enemy because these threats do not appear reasonable to those who do not know all the facts.

DOERS NOT WAITERS

Recently The Financial Post told of a story in which it was suggested that the editor of The Bowmanville Statesman on one occasion mistook Hon. Angus Macdonald, then premier of Nova Scotia, and now head of Canada's naval defence, for the head waiter in a Halifax hotel. The Advance took objection to the story, pointing out that while it might be possible for an editor to mistake a head waiter for a Cabinet minister, it was not believable that Hon. Angus Macdonald should be mistaken for any head waiter no matter how distinguished. In this The Advance was supported by every single son of Nova Scotia in this mining country—and there are thousands of them. It was the consensus of opinion that none of the very numerous Macdonald boys in Nova Scotia are waiters. As one gallant Nova Scotian phrased it, "Waiting is an honourable calling, but Hon. Angus Macdonald doesn't wait—he keeps on doing things."

In the last issue of The Financial Post that gentle journal returns to the subject, suggesting that the veracity of the editor of The Bowmanville Statesman can scarcely be called in question. The Advance does not question the Bowmanville editor's veracity. All that is suggested is that he made a bad mistake in his story. Support for the idea of the Bowmanville editor making a mistake in the waiter case is given by another mistake he made in another recent issue. Some weeks ago The Advance told of a local gentleman who under pressure of business and war worry found his health impaired. His doctor advised a holiday with absolute rest and quiet. The Advance concluded the story this way:—"Now the local man is making wonderful progress to recovery now. . . yet he has never left the town. He has simply shut off the radio, and he is finding absolute surcease from business, spending most of his time around the stock exchanges where everything is quiet these days, and visiting business places that do not advertise in The Advance." In last week's Bowmanville Statesman exactly the same story (in the same words) is told of a Bowmanville citizen but the story concludes by saying that he has found absolute quiet and rest by "visiting places of business that advertise in The Statesman." Surely, that's a mistake. The up-to-date and thriving business places that advertise in The Statesman would surely be too lively for a man who wanted absolute rest and quiet.

Accordingly, it is not too much to conclude that in thinking he mistook Hon. Angus Macdonald for a waiter, the editor of The Bowmanville Statesman made a mistake. Or else, like the story of the worried business man, it was a strange coincidence.

KEEP THE CHIN UP!

It may be that the censor is the most unpopular man in Canada so far as newspaper people are concerned, but one pronouncement by one of the chief censors, Mr. W. Eggleston, should be accepted very gladly and wholeheartedly. Speaking to a gathering of newspapermen and others at Toronto last week, Mr. Eggleston said that the chief service the newspapers in Canada could give to the people at this time was the constant upholding of the highest morale of all. It must be admitted that the great majority of newspapers in Canada have been doing this very thing from the commencement of the war. This is particularly true of the leading weekly and semi-weekly newspapers. These have recognized that one of the enemy's most effective weapons has been the use of the Fifth Column to spread defeatism and depression and fear. There have been many crying out:—"Face the facts!" and then holding up only the sad facts that suggest the superiority of the enemy or the success of the gangsters. The newspapers, as a class, have given the facts whatever they may be, but have added the background necessary to place them in their right proportions. The facts that in resources, wealth, men, power and courage, the British Common-

Resignation of Zone Commander Accepted at Meeting

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As he felt no other course was open, and the decision taken was in his opinion the correct one. Other delegates also voiced similar expressions and the above statement was voted to be released for issuance. Two other very important matters were discussed and voted upon. One dealt with the taxing of Soldiers' Pensions and Widows' Allowances under the new Defence Tax. The zone delegates are petitioning that this be stopped, and Provincial Command will be notified of this action.

The other topic dealt with delay in C.A.S.F. dependants' allowances and a resolution was passed that the Dept. of National Defence speed up this situation.

Comrade Grummitt, of Ansonville, accepted the position of acting zone commander until such time as a permanent representative is elected. Comrade Leo Nicholson, secretary of the zone, very capably filled his office and a vote of thanks was passed to Comrade T. Faught for his presence at the meeting.

Routine matters pertaining to Legion work took up the remainder of the meeting which closed with the National Anthem.

Kapuskasing Church the Scene of Pretty Wedding

Kapuskasing, Aug. 24—Standards of gladiolus, sweet peas and ferns decorated St. Mark's Anglican Church on Saturday, Aug. 17th for the marriage of Miss Kathleen Mildred Pearl Bower, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Bower, Kapuskasing, to Mr. Gordon Richard Kraby, son of Mrs. Antoine Groulx and the late Thomas Kraby. Rev. J. H. Atkinson officiated. The wedding music was played by Mr. Clement Saville, and Master Bobbie Griffin sang "Oh Promise Me" during the signing of the register.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of ivory corded taffeta, made with fitted bodice, sweetheart neckline and bouffant skirt extending into a train, and well arranged with an off-the-face heart shaped headdress trimmed with pearls. She carried a bouquet of bridal roses and baby breath, and wore a necklace of three strands of pearls, a gift of the groom.

Her attendants were Miss Pamela Bower, sister of the bride, maid of honor, and Miss Betty Kraby, niece of the groom, bridesmaid, gowned alike in turquoise corded taffeta with bouffant skirts, carrying bouquets of sweetheart roses and baby breath, with headdress matching and wearing heart-shaped lockets, gifts from the bride. The bridegroom's brother Mr. Christie Kraby, Kapuskasing, was groomsmen; the ushers were Messrs. Vernon and Billy Bower, brothers of the bride.

Receiving with the bridal party at the reception in the Community club were Mrs. A. B. Bower wearing silver grey and blue taffeta with matching accessories and Mrs. Antoine Groulx, wearing black velvet and black and white accessories, both with corsage of Johanna Hill roses.

For their wedding trip by motor to Toronto, Prescott and other points, the bride wore a navy and white sheer suit with matching accessories, and corsage of white bouvardia. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Kraby will reside in Kapuskasing.

wealth of Nations can face the whole world of gangster nations unafraid has also been emphasized. There has been no mere "whistling to keep up courage," but a presentation of all the facts to show that victory must come, will come, despite occasional reverses.

The press censor is right in emphasizing the fact that the present war is being fought more distinctly on the matter of the morale of peoples than any other war in the history of the world. The nation that maintains the highest morale will be the victor. That is Great Britain. In the midst of the most vicious bombing from the air, the people of Britain can write to relatives on this continent, as noted in The Advance last week:—"Things are not as bad as you think over here. . . If you just saw the morale of the people you would be proud of them. . . Jerry is up against it and he is going to get whacked. . . You all think we are having a terrible time, but if you were in Motherwell to-night you would hardly think there was a war on, people going about as usual." There should be no exaggeration here of the damage done by the Huns overseas when the people in the homeland are taking it all in their stride. Every piece of ill news should stir to greater effort and more cheerful determination. That is the spirit.

Mention has been made before in these columns of The Legamington Post and News carrying in challenging type on top of the title of the paper:—"Keep your chin up! There'll Always be an England!" As for The Advance it has carried in every issue, and will continue to carry in succeeding issues, the inspiring words of His Majesty the King:—"Put into your task, whatever it may be, all the courage and purpose of which you are capable. Keep your hearts proud and your resolve unshaken. Let us go forward to that task as one man, a smile on our lips, and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail."

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. A. Groulx of Timmins, Mr. and Mrs. Foley of Iroquois Falls, Miss Zeta Sloan of Campbell's Bay and Miss Gwen MacMillan, Iroquois Falls.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The press censors are now being blamed for the

WANT Ads

ARTICLES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Rangette, washing machine, tubs, congoleum, lady's clothes size 14. Apply Herman, 82 Seventh. —65

FOR SALE—Baby carriage, grey, in good condition. Apply 56 Patricia Blvd. —65-66

FOR SALE—Complete soda fountain with equipment for immediate delivery, purchaser to dismantle same. Phone 317. —66-67

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APARTMENT FOR RENT—Four-room apartment to let; all conveniences. Apply 12 Third Ave. 65-66-67-68p

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MISCELLANEOUS

WANTED, by the Childrens Aid Society, families willing to give homes on a boarding basis to Protestant children 10 to 14 years of age. If interested, phone 855, or call at Room 4, Municipal Building, Timmins. 60-62cf

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ing Timmins he has been Chief of Police at Renfrew and has made a name for himself in Eastern Ontario by his talent as a police officer and his good qualities as a citizen.

To Observe Sunday, Sept. 8 as Day of Prayer in Empire

Ottawa, Aug. 24—At the request of His Majesty the King, Canada and the United Kingdom will observe a day of national prayer on Sunday, Sept. 8, anniversary of the outbreak of war. It was announced last night by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

Text of the Prime Minister's statement follows:

His Majesty the King has expressed the desire that Sunday, Sept. 8, being the first Sunday of the anniversary of the outbreak of war, should be observed in the United Kingdom as a day of national prayer. His Majesty's Government in Canada believes that Canadians generally will desire to associate themselves with the people of the United Kingdom in this observance. The Government, therefore, requests the clergy of all churches in Canada to arrange, in preparing for services on Sunday, Sept. 8, that the day shall be observed by their congregations as a day of national prayer and intercession.

Appoint Food and Dairy Inspector for Town Timmins

Market Building to be Open Every Day Except Wednesdays and Sundays.

Dr. L. H. Durkin was appointed Food and Dairy Inspector for the Town of Timmins at a meeting of Council on Friday.

Dr. Durkin, who will serve in the same capacity for the townships of Tisdale and Whitney, will receive \$70 monthly from the Town of Timmins. \$30 will be contributed by Tisdale and Whitney.

The inspector will be required to make a monthly report to the council here. His appointment was made for an indefinite probationary period.

May Refund Poll Tax
"I have had about a dozen phone calls about refunding poll tax to men who have joined the army," Councillor Roberts said. "I think we should discuss the matter."

The Mayor: "I understand some municipalities in the eastern and southern parts of the province are doing that."

The matter was left in abeyance to be taken under consideration.

Market Days
A by-law was passed during council regulating the days and hours the new market building, at the corner of Mountjoy Street and Second Avenue, will be open. Under the terms of the by-law it will be open on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Friday and Saturdays. On ordinary days it will be open between the hours of eight in the morning and six o'clock at night. On Saturdays and pay days it will remain open from eight in the morning until nine at night.

Fee for stalls will be \$1 a day. E. Gauthier was appointed caretaker at a salary of \$4 a day.

Band Grant
A grant of \$200 was ordered paid the Porcupine District Pipe Band.

St. Mary's Hospital authorities wrote asking the council to pave that section of road on Fifth Avenue in front of the hospital.

The resignation of Mrs. Francis Stirling, nee Miss Frances Foote, was accepted, effective September 30.

In reply to a query Fire Chief Alex

NOTICE

Please take notice that the public schools of School Section No. 1 of the Township of Tisdale will re-open for the fall term on Sept. 3rd, 1940.

J. J. Gallagher,
—65. Sec.-Treas., S.S. No. 1, Tisdale.

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Borland said that he would be attending the convention of the Dominion Association of Fire Chiefs, to be held in Brantford on August 27 to 30, inclusive.

Former Chief of Police Visiting in the District

During the past few days Mr. and Mrs. M. Greer, of Pembroke, have been visiting their sons in the district, and have been warmly welcomed to this camp which they helped to pioneer in its earlier days. Mr. Greer, who is now Chief of Police at Renfrew, was for many years Chief of Police in Timmins, and previous to that was on the police force of the township of Tisdale. His ability and geniality won him many friends in this district and he is always given sincere and hearty greeting on his visits here. Since leav-

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THE FALL TERM

Timmins Business College

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Arrangements for enrollment or reservation should be made at the College Office in the Hamilton Block immediately.

ELLEN M. TERRY, Principal.

fact that news of the escaped prisoners from internment camps was kept from the public for several hours. In this case, as in many others, the censors are unjustly blamed. This news was kept from the censors themselves. It was hours, indeed, before the police were informed of the escapes.

In the Madawaska news in The Pembroke Observer last week appeared the following item:—"In the local column of a recent issue of The Standard-Observer there was an item stating that Misses (names deleted out of courtesy to the libel law) had motored to Pembroke. We wish to correct this item as these young ladies were not in Pembroke. The news item was received in this office through the mail and was published in good faith. The editor regrets any inconvenience that may have been caused by its publication." Apparently, it is not only in Timmins that it is inadvisable to accuse people of visiting in Pembroke.

In several newspapers recently there have been complaints about the amount of material being received in the line of war propaganda, and the suggestion is made that the authorities are wasting money, time, paper and ink. If the oblique references are to the material furnished by the Director of Public Information, then the references are distinctly unfair, unwarranted and ungrateful. The Director of Public Information sends out large quantities of very helpful material for the newspapers. Most of the articles would not be available to the average newspaper in any other way. Some of the articles referred to have been featured in The Advance and in other newspapers. It is true that more material is sent then could possibly be used, but this allows room for choice and selection, and many of the articles not used are kept for reference. The service is a valuable one to the people, and editors would appear to do well to use what they are able and be grateful for the excellent service.

Sudbury Theatre Owner Arrested in D. of C. Case

Robt. T. Stevens, well-known theatre owner, was arrested on Saturday on charges under the Defence of Canada regulations arising from alleged remarks made by him. He is being held without bail until Aug. 31st when his trial will proceed. He was born in Italy and came to Canada thirty years ago, being brought here by an uncle. He is a naturalized Canadian citizen.



"School opens soon"

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