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## TRANSPORTATION FOR SOLDIERS

Since early in the war The Advance has been urging the government to play fairly with the soldiers by providing them with transportation to their homes while on long leave. The longer the war continues the more iniquitous appears the governmental attitude in this matter. The government suggests that there is not money enough to pay the necessary transportation costs, but the government apparently can provide several millions dollars for an unnecessary railway station at Montreal, just to quote one example. The money frittered away in health trips to the Old Country by members of the government and their staffs would also do much to provide the wherewithal to pay for the soldiers' transportation on their long leaves. The people are ready to provide the necessary money for this war expense just as they are ready to give the price of all other needed war costs. Under present conditions to expect the soldiers to beg or steal rides, pay their own way on leave, or take the money from hard-pressed relatives or friends is unfair and deplorable.

The Advance knows of one recent incident in Timmins that shows the evil of the present system. Three young men—the finest of young fellows—managed to hitch-hike home while on long leave. They had nothing but their soldiers' pay to depend upon, and from the \$1.40 a day due them they had to pay for shaving soap, tooth paste, laces, incidentals of several kinds. They could not afford to pay their fares home, so they made the trip on the scanty balance paid them before their leaves. After reaching here the weather turned cold and there were no chances for free rides on the return trip. The consequence was that they overstayed their leaves. In their dilemma they visited the police station, and the authorities there had no recourse but to detain them. After some days an escort was sent from their regiment and they were taken back to camp in custody. The information given out is to the effect that these three young men were given detention for being absent without leave, they were charged with the cost of their own fares and that of their escort, and fines were also added. It will take the three young soldiers many months to square the account thus run up against them. If this is a fair deal, then there is no justice in the world any more. If the government favours any such methods, the people certainly do not.

While the soldiers do little talking themselves about the matter—after the manner of good soldiers—it is not difficult to learn many unpleasant truths about the recent Christmas and New Year's leaves of soldiers from this part of the North. Some of the soldiers had to forego the privilege of coming home at all, because they felt that neither they nor their relatives or friends could stand the strain. Others managed to make the trip. In one series of cases, soldiers drew their pay at one table, only to step across to another table where tickets were on sale for the railway trip. In most cases the soldiers had fifty cents or a dollar or two after paying the railway charges.

The Canadian Legion has taken a kindly interest in as many of the cases as were known or could be handled. Many a soldier has escaped the cost and severity of being marked A.W.O.L., through the help of the Legion. Firms and individuals have also been kind in the matter. But all this is the work of the government authorities. In view of the fact that the government is responsible for the conditions arising, there seems to be no other conclusion but that the government should see to it that transportation for soldiers on leave should be provided automatically, just as uniforms, boots and caps are furnished as a matter of course.

## THE PEOPLE ARE WILLING TO PAY

There is a growing resentment against the attitude of some members of the government in the matter of the purchase of war savings bonds and certificates. The suggestion is made that the people in general are not doing their part in the purchase of the war savings bonds and certificates and that if they don't do better they will be forced to pay in straight forms of taxation. It would appear that the government is adopting the wrong attitude in the matter. As a matter of fact the whole matter of war savings stamps and certificates appears to have been mishandled by the government, while the measure of success attending the plan has been due to voluntary effort and assistance. That the people are ready to meet the demands caused by the war is amply proven by the success of every genuine appeal made for funds. The Canadian Red Cross, the Salvation Army Red Shield, the K. of C. Huts, the Legion War Services, the Y.M.C.A., all these and others have shown beyond any question that the people will meet the needs if the case is fairly presented in the proper way. Hinting at German methods will not

help the case at all. The response to every war appeal—whether for the soldiers, for tanks, ambulances, planes, or for refugees or bombed victims—has been generous enough to show that the Canadian people are not trying to evade their responsibilities. The quiet acceptance of unusual taxation is another proof of the fact that the people are eager enough to meet any costs of the war. In a democracy it is inevitable, however, that the people should seek to retain some means by which they can express their displeasure at the way things are going. For the moment there is altogether too much stress on the duty of the people and too little on the duty of the government. If the government adopted the attitude that they wished to please the people in the conduct of the war, the people would undoubtedly be eager to show the government that the people were ready to please them by following the plans of financing favoured by the government. In the first place there has been altogether too much emphasis of the idea that it is a strictly party government that is conducting the whole war effort, and that none other have even the right to know how much shovels cost. The people have also made it very plain that certain things were specially desired—that soldiers should be given transportation on leaves for example—but the government attitude has been that the people's wishes are not to be considered. There is also the government attitude in regard to its own spending. Ordinary costs of government at Ottawa (apart from war expenditures altogether) have risen during the past year. In view of this, is it courteous to lecture the people on voluntarily accepting lower standards of living. The government would find its way much easier if it showed the example of sacrifice. In a recent issue The Ottawa Journal referred to a number of what might be termed peace-time expenditures in this day of war. Few of these items seemed at all essential. One in particular may be mentioned—the building of another railway station at Montreal. The cost of this structure will run into millions of dollars to add to the exorbitant cost of the national railways. A particularly bad feature of the matter is that millions of dollars are said to be spent in the United States for steel at this time when the people are being lectured about conserving exchange. Indeed, the matter does not stop at mere lecturing. Before the way of the government is made easy in all its matters of financing, the authorities will have to adopt a different attitude. They will have to show that they are ready to drop everything—even party—before they can honestly urge the people to give all for the war. They will need to give the people their confidence as well as expect the whole-hearted co-operation of the people. So far as the war is concerned the people of Canada are whole-heartedly for the war—ready to pay for it, ready to work for it, ready to live for it, ready to die for it—but the right sort of leadership and example is essential in a democracy. The first step to complete success in the matter is the realization that the people are all right, but the government could safely stand a little improvement.

## LONDON STILL STANDS

London, England, newspapers suggest that the mass attack on London by the Nazi airmen with incendiary bombs was a planned prelude to another attempt at the invasion of Great Britain. The idea was to set all the huge city in flames and under cover of that calamity to land German troops on British soil. The attempt, like all other previous attempts, failed completely. This time the Nazis are facing a people who are dauntless and unafraid. Instead of Britain being paralyzed by the monstrous attack on London, with its wanton destruction of historic buildings, the people of the heart of the Empire are more determined than ever to destroy the ruthless gangsters. Their response to the Hitler terrorism was but an echo of the words of their great leader:—"We will never surrender." More than that a method has been found to circumvent the night raids, while the bombardment of military objectives in German-held territory continues with unabated vigor. A large anti-air-raid army has been conscripted with the plan of dealing with every incendiary bomb as it lands.

Apart from the death and damage visited upon London, the more recent war news is largely favourable to Britain and Greece. The news from Albania and Egypt continues encouraging, while Germany is feeling more and more pressure upon its long line of communications. In both France and Roumania Germany is meeting special difficulty in establishing its so-called "New Order". Some reports from well-informed sources in Britain suggest that Petain has plans under way to renew French resistance. This, if true, would mean that not only the Free French, but the French in Africa still holding allegiance to Vichy, would be lined up again against the Nazis. Serious trouble for Germany is reported as probable in Roumania, while Norway, Belgium and Holland are rumoured as having plans to add to the pressure on the enemy. In his address last week Hitler did not at all exaggerate when he told his people that the whole world was against him.

All in all, the new year seems to offer hope and encouragement to Britain, Greece and Free France.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

There will be very fervent hope in the hearts of all in Canada—in Britain—in all the world of

## LOCALS

Mr. Ovilva Fink has returned to town after visiting at his home in Cochrane.

Mrs. O. R. Larivee spent New Year's the guest of friends in Noranda.

Mrs. Ruby Turcotte, of Kirkland Lake was a holiday visitor to her home here.

Miss Rhoda Beirs, of North Bay are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mrs. S. Wheeler was called to Toronto this week by the serious illness of her mother.

Mr. John Lago will leave today (Thursday) to join the R.C.A.F. at Toronto.

Miss Loretta McNeilly has returned to her home in Ottawa after spending some time with friends here.

Bill Trowbridge who has been employed at Timmins for some time, has returned to his home at Spanish River.

Pte. N. Stoffman, of Timmins is leaving to join his regiment in January.

Miss Kay Letts, of North Bay, was a visitor to friends in Timmins and Noranda during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Reddington of North Bay, are visiting Mr. Reddington's parents at the Coniarium.

Miss Doris Shaheen spent the Christmas and New Year's holiday in Cochrane.

Miss Betty Gurevitch, of Kirkland Lake was a recent visitor to Timmins being the guest of Mrs. B. Burke.

Miss Ethel Ryan and Miss Stella Barton, of Hamilton were visitors to Timmins this week.

Mr. Walter Sleaman, of Kirkland Lake spent the Christmas holidays in Timmins.

Mr. Frank Bowman was the guest last week of his father, Mr. Field Bowman Kirkland Lake.

Among the out-of-town guests at the Badminton Club dance this week was Miss Ursula Molecki, of Kirkland Lake.

Friends in Timmins will regret that Mrs. G. D. O'Meara of Kirkland Lake, is reported as critically ill.

The annual Timmins Fire Dept., banquet this year will be held on Monday evening, Jan. 13th.

Mr. Cecil Cutts spent the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cutts at Markstag, near Sudbury.

Mrs. Walter Appleby was the guest last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chitly, at Cobalt.

Miss Bernice McNamara has been spending the holidays at her home in Eganville.

Mrs. Cecil McLennan returned home this week after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Knight, North Bay.

Herb Hatton, of the R. C. A. F., at Galt, left on Wednesday after spending Christmas and New Year's at his home here.

Mr. Fred "Munroe" Gisselman left on Wednesday to return to Chicago, Ill., after spending Christmas and New Year's in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Ramsay were the guests during the week-end of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ramsay, Cobalt.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Collins and daughter, Doreen were the guests last week of Mr. Collins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Collins, Kirkland Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Marshall and little son, Bobby, were the guests last week of Mrs. Marshall's sister at Swadka.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Johnston of Prospect avenue Kirkland Lake, celebrated their fifty-first wedding anniversary on Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Woon were visitors last week at the home of Mrs. Woon's mother, Mrs. Andrew Lawson, Kirkland Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Morris were visitors last week at Cobalt, the guest of Mrs. Morris' parents, Mayor and Mrs. H. W. Rowdon.

freedom-loving people and among all who admire rare courage and strength—that President Roosevelt is well guarded each minute of the day. It is difficult to believe that the death of Lord Lothian, of President Kallio, of Finland, and of others at a time when they were particularly dangerous to Hitler's plans were no more than coincidence. The fact that there is a long line of assassinations credited to the Austrian paperhanger—including the death of the little Austrian premier—Dollfuss—suggests that anyone daring the chief of the gangsters needs to guard his life from the hired assassins.

Write it right! 1941.

Here is the patriotic motto for the New Year—

# WANTED Ads

### FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Four-roomed house. S. Porcupine. Apply 140 Commercial Ave.

Mr. H. G. Laidlaw, and son Bob, are spending a few days in Matachewan.

Miss Helen Androchuk will leave on Sunday to return to her teaching position near Cochrane, after spending the holiday at her home in town.

Leading Aircraftsman Camille Sebastian, stationed at Ottawa, left today (Thursday) after spending New Year's at his home on Sixth avenue.

Lieutenant C. G. Kinsey of the Algonquin Regiment, Port Arthur, accompanied by Mrs. Kinsey, is spending a few days' leave in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Grady, formerly of Timmins but now of Toronto, returned on Wednesday after spending the holiday with Mrs. Grady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Scott, of Hemlock street.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Monck, spent Christmas and New Year's in Toronto the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. Renton. Miss Lorna Monck, student at Queen's University, Kingston, also spent the holiday at the home of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Peters were among the out-of-town guests at the wedding at Kirkland Lake on Thursday of last week at the Holy Name Church of Miss Verna MacDonald and Mr. Walter Pulchinski, both of Kirkland Lake. Rev. Fr. Roney, of Timmins, officiated at the event.

### MISCELLANEOUS

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fawcett, and baby girl, of Ottawa, are spending the holiday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Porter, 77 Maple street south (Mrs. Fawcett's parents). Miss Mary Porter, student at MacDonald Hall, Guelph, is also at home for the holiday.

Mr. Thomas Easton, of Lamark, Ont., is visiting his uncle, Mr. J. T. Easton, 76 Maple street, south.

Miss Ely James has returned after visiting at the home of her parents in Sault St. Marie.

Miss Blanche Mathieu, will return to town on Saturday from North Bay, where she has spent the holiday with her parents.

Mr. Arthur Dunnigan, formerly employed at the Hollinger Mines, left on Tuesday for his home in Niagara Falls to take up a new position.

Corporal Lester Hill, of the Algonquin Regiment at Port Arthur, spent the New Year's Leave at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hill.

Corporal Fred Corkill, of the Home after spending New Year's at the Home Guard, Espanola, will leave to-day after spending New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bell, of Gold Centre.

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Exchange: Some things you hear are hard to believe but some people don't mind making the effort to believe them.

North Bay Nugget: Jimmie Fiddler describes the later Hollywood evening gowns with the following punchy phrase: "Low and behold!"

North Bay Nugget: No award of the Nobel Peace Prize will be made this year according to an official announcement. . . Why not give it to the Italian Navy?

How many New Year's resolutions have you broken so far?

Last night a local citizen—a cheery, hopeful, happy fellow took up half an hour of a friend's time in explaining that he had made only one New Year's resolution—to keep sober all the year. After a half hour of it, the friend helped the good fellow to his home.