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LOOKS LIKE A MISTAKE

There is said to be plan under way at present to force all communities in Canada to make only one general drive for all war purposes, such as the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the K. of C. Huts, the Legion War Services, the Y.M.C.A. and the several other similar causes. It is argued in support of the plan that there are too many calls these days on the people in general and that there would be general advantage if all these appeals were amalgamated. There is also mention made of the fact that the organization for each of these drives costs money and this expense is needlessly duplicated by the number of calls each year.

If conditions are anything like as serious as the authorities say at the present time (though the actions of the governments scarcely support these claims) then the people in such a desperate situation will not worry much over the multiplicity of appeals when they know there is a multitude of serious needs. As a matter of fact all the Red Cross appeals to date have been largely over subscribed. The same is true of the Salvation Army Red Shield Fund. If some of the other appeals did not meet success it was due either to lack of understanding of the need or because the general public did not wish to subscribe as much to the particular cause for which particular appeal was made. So far as the public are concerned they have the right and the opportunity at present to subscribe to any and every cause as their conscience may dictate. This is one of the essential privileges of democracy. Patriotic people need not be unduly alarmed at any multiplicity of appeals, so long as the causes are worthy. It is their privilege to make their donations according to their own beliefs in the needs and the desirability of the appeals. To the argument that if there were only one appeal, with all the consequent convenience to the people, it may be replied that any benefit to the public in this way would be more than offset by the decrease in subscriptions to the outstanding worthy causes. This has been found the case in the cities where "community chests" have been used to gather funds for local charities. In each case coming under notice the plan appeared to work all right the first year, but as the public became accustomed to it and learned of all its implications, there was in nearly every case a general falling off. It will be noted that in Toronto, Ottawa and other centres the past year or two the "community chest" plan has had to be continued over such a length of time and with such insistency and rebuke that it has constituted as great a nuisance as a multiplicity of appeals.

In theory the combined plan of appeal for funds seems to have much to commend it, but in actual practise it is not desirable, for many reasons. One of these reasons is that it will not confine appeals to a single drive. There will be the drive for a certain group of favoured causes, but later all sorts of other appeals will be made to the public for other worthy causes. The chief objection to the combined drive, however, is that it will not—indeed can not, achieve its purpose. Take the case of any ordinary wage-earner in Timmins for example. If this man gave \$100.00 to the combined drive, he would be considered as doing very well. A little investigation, however, will show that the average man—considering all his donations to the several worthy causes proposed to be combined—actually subscribes possibly two or three times a hundred dollars to these causes in the course of the year. It seems certain that no man is going to give as much to a single combined drive as he does now to the several appeals that are made. In the most of cases the average man would not be able to make such a donation at one time, even if he were agreeable to doing so. To this, of course, there will be reply that the proposed plan would provide for monthly or weekly donations, as is the case in the plan of previous appeals. This does not help much as the fact is that appeals are made now on monthly, weekly, daily basis, but, because they are not combined into one stated amount at one stated date, are more generous because they come in easier fashion. Instead of trying to combine all the worthy patriotic causes into one drive, a better plan would be to regulate the time of the call. One of the troubles at the present time is that there is too much tendency to "bunch" these several appeals in a few weeks or a few months. If worthy causes were separated by a month or two in their several drives, it would be found that all of them would get the response they deserve, if they present their appeal in the right way.

The present war is being fought for liberty and democracy, the people are told. Because of this, every attempt at regimentation and dictatorship should be fought at home, as well as abroad, when the evidence shows that the control is unnecessary in the interests of the people and the nation. It is not only the right of the people to say what they will contribute, but how and when they wish to make the contribution. The people should be slow to favour giving up this right. So far as the

worthy causes are concerned the response of the people of Canada has been so ready and so generous that there is no warrant or reasonable excuse for any attempt at regimentation or dictatorial control.

GOOD NEWS! AND NOT SO GOOD!

It is interesting to note that each recent week-end has brought some specially pleasing good news from the war zones, and some news not so good. The past week-end gave the news of the glorious work by the Australian and New Zealand troops and other British forces in capturing the Italian stronghold of Bardia, taking a total of possibly 40,000 prisoners in a few days and securing immense quantities of food and other supplies, as well as a large amount of military equipment of great value. In the conquest of Bardia the Australians covered themselves with glory, and this fact is of particular satisfaction to thoughtful people in Canada, giving another piece of evidence that the men of the Dominions and colonies are worthy sons of the great Empire, the heart of which is showing such unconquerable gallantry and courage. News from the Greek front is equally pleasing, while there will be special gratification to Britishers in the fact that while Germany has been foiled in every attempt to invade Britain, British troops in recent days, are reliably reported as landing on nine separate occasions on German-occupied territory, creating serious havoc on each occasion. These raiding parties, crossing the channel in the darkness and using motor cycles, struck deep into France and fairly terrorized the German troops in the territory attacked. These raids may be taken as a prelude to the greater raid planned for next Spring—or sooner.

Probably, the chief unpleasant news of the past week-end is the report that German troops are massed on the boundary of Bulgaria and intend to travel through that country to attack Greece from its northern borders. It would appear that the Nazis will be moving troops through Bulgaria in the next day or two, whether Bulgaria agrees or not. No doubt both the British and the Greeks are fully conversant with the danger from this direction and are prepared to meet it. With the Italians routed in Libya, it may be practical to give Greece very material aid in its defence of its northern frontier. It is hoped also that Turkey will have something to say about any attack on Greece through Bulgaria. As for Russian interference, it would be too much to expect any action from the Soviet until there is safe opportunity to stab someone in the back. If the Germans march through Bulgaria and meet the expected reverses at the borders of Greece, it may well be that the Soviet may play the same trick on Germany that Italy did on France and that the Soviet did on Poland. Here's hoping!

TAXES AND VOLUNTARY WORK

A local gentleman the other day suggested that there shouldn't be any campaigns for funds for any war services, but that the government should run every necessary service and everything should be paid by taxes. The gentleman was somewhat startled and annoyed when it was pointed out to him that the present world unpleasantness was really due to the fact that a former paperhanger from Austria was able to sell that idea to the German people with all that it implies. There are people who profess to believe that democracies are wasteful and inefficient, but the truth appears to be that if the people can really be interested in any matter, they do much more economical and effective work than any dictatorial form of government. Take the Red Cross, for example. Long before the Dominion Government seemed to be really aware that there was a war in progress, the Red Cross was effectively at work. The Red Cross had to wait for Canadian troops to land in Britain, but in the meantime they helped the British at the front in most effective fashion. Before the government could organize to get clothing, and boots and barracks for the boys, the Salvation Army had a generous supply of comforts, reading and writing rooms, and "a cup of coffee with a smile," at every place where soldiers were gathered. Consider what the Legion War Services have done for the soldiers and their dependants made necessary largely by the inefficiency of the government. Contrast the smoothness, the efficiency, the speed, the logical precision with which the plans of these three organizations have been carried out—the way in which they have met every emergency with a capability that warms the heart—with the apparent dilatoriness and muddling that is charged against the government. The three services named, and several others, might well be quoted as proofs that in reality the democratic way of life is the most efficient and the most economical.

The success of the various war services is due to two chief factors. First, they include in their personnel all classes, all parties, all grades, and so have the pick of the ability of all the people. Second, they tackle the problems with only one thought—success—and they are held back by no minor issues such as party or profit. Instead of the government taking over all the voluntary services of the war, it would be a blessing beyond compare if the effective organizations and their successful efficiency could take over all the stumbling services of the party government.

LOCALS

Miss Evelyn Barrett, of Hamilton, was a visitor to Timmins last week.

Mr. Ira Eckford was a visitor to Cobden last week.

Misses Vera and Ann Zuck spent the holiday visiting friends in Toronto.

Miss Lillian Sullivan was a recent visitor to New Liskeard.

During the recent holidays Mrs. G. Cassel visited relatives at New Liskeard.

Miss Margaret Dwyer, R.N., was a recent visitor to her home at Cobalt.

Mr. J. C. L. Caron spent the New Year's holidays at his home at Ottawa.

Miss Ethel Fritzaptrick, of Demers Centre, Quebec, was a visitor to Timmins last week.

Mr. Melville Cotnam spent the holiday at his home at Demers Centre, Ottawa Valley.

Mrs. C. P. Duggan, of Ottawa, was a visitor to friends and relatives in Timmins last week.

Miss Bernice Foley, of Kirkland Lake, spent the New Year's holiday visiting friends in town.

Mr. E. Senecal was among the recent visitors to Brentka, near New Liskeard.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burke were guests of friends at Kirkland Lake for the New Year's holiday.

Miss Adrienne Desrosiers was a visitor during the holiday to her home at New Liskeard.

Miss Pauline Cuthbert, of Toronto was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Keeley, of the McIntyre Property, during the holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Transom visited at the home of Mrs. Transom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Heaslip, Englehart during the holidays.

Leading Aircraftman Joe Block, left last week for Montreal, after spending Christmas and New Year's with friends in town.

Mr. Bill Lacombe, of Val Gagne, was a visitor to town last week, spending a few days with his sister, Miss Marie Lacombe.

Miss Nettie Mainville, of Chapau Pontiac County, Quebec, has been visiting friends in Timmins during the holiday season.

Mrs. Harry Chever has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Asselin, Fort Coulonge, during the past two weeks.

Mrs. J. Mills, of Englehart was a visitor during the holiday season at the home of her son, Mr. Keith Mills, and Mrs. Mills, Timmins.

Mr. R. P. Kinkie, of the Buffalo-Ankerite, returned on Sunday after visiting his mother at Buffalo during the holiday season.

Miss Ellen Harkness returned on Sunday to Toronto, where she is interned in Occupational Therapy at the Toronto General Hospital, after spending the holiday at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross and daughter, Beth, returned last week-end from North Bay where they were the guests of relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mr. Johnny Otean, who has been a member of the Porcupine Flying Club for many months, left last week to spend a few weeks at his home near St. Catharines, before travelling to Trenton, where he will take special instructions to become an instructor with the R.C.A.F.

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Malcom Baker has returned to Toronto University after a holiday spent at his home in town.

Miss Betty Dodge has returned to Toronto University after spending the holiday with her parents in town.

Miss Mary Stack has returned to Queen's University, Kingston, after a holiday spent in town.

Doug Sullivan has returned to Queen's University, Kingston, after spending the holiday at his home in town.

Miss Janet Dye has returned to Montreal where she will spend a month, before returning to her home at the Dome.

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WANT Ads

LOST

LOST—At South Porcupine Arena on New Year's Eve, lady's Westfield watch with the initials, "I. L. R." engraved on back. Finder please phone 143, South Porcupine. -2

Lieutenant and Mrs. Gwyn Kinsey have returned to Port Arthur, where Lieut. Kinsey is stationed with the Algonquin Regiment, after spending a few days with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Kinsey of 52 Hollinger avenue.

Mr. W. D. Watt, formerly of Timmins and now of Sudbury, returned home to-day after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Glen Smith, and friends in town.

Miss Doris Brimcoombe, teacher on the Mattagami Public School staff has returned after spending the holiday at Toronto and Sundridge.

Miss Margaret Morrison left on Sunday to McDonald Hall after spending the holiday with friends here.

Miss Helen Russell will return tomorrow (Tuesday) to Branksome Hall Toronto, after spending the holiday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. H. Russell.

Miss Mary Porter left to-day to return to McDonald Hall after a holiday spent with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Porter.

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An item in the "Twenty-five Years ago" column in The North Bay Nugget last week said that the 1915 curling season in Halleybury opened with a friendly game between W. A. Gordon and I. A. Solomon.

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IN MEMORIAM

LEACH—In loving memory of Jackie, who passed away Jan. 5th, 1939. A light is from our household gone, A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled. -Mother and Daddy - 2p

Mr. Johnny Kobzick left on Friday for Hamilton, where he will take up residence.

Miss Gertrude Doherty spent the Christmas and New Year's holiday at her home in Englehart.

Miss Mary Everard has returned to Toronto, where she attends the O. C. E. after holidaying at her home in town.

Jules Baderski has returned to Kingston, where he is a student at Queen's University, after spending the holiday at his home on Tamarack street.

Miss Marianne Cooper has returned to Toronto, where she is a student at Toronto University.

Miss Patricia Carson has returned to Montreal after holidaying at her home here.

Miss Barbara Lowe has returned to Toronto University after spending the holiday in town.

Bob Sullivan has returned to Toronto University after a holiday spent at his home in town.

Ross Service has returned to Toronto University, after spending the holiday at his home on Wilson avenue.

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THE MUNICIPAL ACT

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Corporation of the Township of Whitney will apply to the Judge of the District Court of the District of Cochrane at his Chambers at Cochrane, Ontario on Tuesday the 4th day of February, 1941, at the hour of 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon for an order approving the changing of the name Queen Street as shown on Plan M-8 (Sudbury) to Banerman Avenue; and the changing of the name of King Street as shown on Plan M-8 (Sudbury) to Young Street.

AND take notice that in support of such application will be read the affidavit of Wilbert Franklin Strutt and such oral evidence as may be taken before the Judge.

DATED this 16th day of December, 1940.

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Germans Stealing Food From Occupied Countries

(From Sudbury Star)

The proposal that United States interests should send food shipments to Nazi-held European countries is still a live issue, although it is finding no favor in the British Empire. That Great Britain should relinquish even fractionally its strangle hold upon the Nazis seems unthinkable and doubtless with Hitler will be left the task of feeding the nations which he has brought under subjection. Which is as it should be.

There has been no doubt left as to the policies of the Nazis in the countries they have occupied. German troops and the civilians of the Reich get first call on all available food. And the methods used in taking the supplies are not altogether honorable, as evidenced yesterday by the statement of Crown Prince Olav of Norway.

Olav said that, as far as Norway is concerned, everyone knows that the Germans had requisitioned considerable amounts of foodstuffs and that the German army of occupation was being fed with Norwegian food. The Norwegian legation at Washington, coincident with the crown prince's remarks at a press conference, issued a statement reporting shortages in some basic foodstuffs.

The Germans are confiscating about 10,000 pounds of meat in Oslo daily, it said, making it almost impossible for Norwegian civilians to obtain bacon or meat. Eggs rarely reach public markets since they are requisitioned directly from farms.

"Fifty thousand hospital cakes meant for hospital patients," the statement said, "were requisitioned by the Germans a few days before Christmas."

Official statements such as these should supply convincing evidence as to what would become of any food supplies shipped to Nazi-held lands.

JAPAN'S LOSSES 1,800,000

Chungking, China, Jan. 4th—Chinese military headquarters stated tonight that Japanese casualties since the start of the war, July 7, 1937 numbered 1,800,000 — killed and wounded.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Italy is no militaristic nation. It hasn't even a "standing" army!

To "The Printed Word," the house journal of J. G. Johnstone and Associates, advertising counselors, goes the month's prize for a wise and witty saying. Discussing the tribulations of the Liberal party in Ontario some years ago, "The Printed Word" says:—"Not too long after, an onion-grower named Hepburn was elected as Ontario leader, and he has been bringing tears to the eyes of the Tories ever since."

The best inotype joke of the recent holiday season was the slip in The Powassan News, where it was stated that "the nomination meeting for the township of Chisholm will be held in the township hall." There was many a nomination meeting in Cobalt, Porcupine and Kirkland Lake camps in the years gone by that could have been aptly described in that way.

Superstitious people should be able to get some joy out of the fact that there is only one "Friday the thirteenth" on this year's calendar. It is Friday, the thirteenth of June. Most years have two Fridays falling on the thirteenth of the month, and there was one recent year that actually had three of these supposedly unlucky combinations of day and date. So far as The Advance is con-

cerned, however, the thirteenth is not considered an unlucky date, or there might be dismay at the fact that the thirteenth issue of this great family journal in this year of grace, 1941, will be published on the thirteenth of February.

A slightly inebriated gentleman having difficulty in walking on the sidewalk on Cedar Street, stopped a passerby to say:—"These sidewalks are slippery, aren't they," "In vino veritas!" a free translation of which would be, "When the wine is in, the truth comes out."

In the report of a wedding last week The North Bay Nugget lists one of the out-of-town guests as coming from "Winston." Canadian railway and post office guides fail to list any such place as "Winston." Perhaps, the gentleman was one of Hon. Mr. McQueen's odd tourists who are horrified at the use of the word "Swastika" as a place name.

Another reason why the name of Swastika should not be changed to "Winston" is the fact that it might be confused with "Winton," in Saskatchewan. The best name for Swastika is "Swastika."

No, Julia! Hon. Mr. McQueen is not called "Minister of High Ways," because of his high-handed attitude towards the changing of the name "Swastika."

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