

BRITISH AND FREE FRENCH INVADE SYRIA

District Has \$527,000 of Its \$1,800,000 Quota

Smooth Rock Falls Over Double Its Objective. Iroquois Falls Passed Its Quota. Timmins Has \$200,000 of Its \$800,000 Objective. Kapuskasing Near Its Figure. 1,239 Individual Subscriptions to Victory Loan.

Up to the last totalling of figures for the Victory Loan in the Cochrane district, there is a total of \$527,000 subscribed for the \$1,800,000 objective. Smooth Rock Falls is still leading, having passed 105 per cent over its objective. Smooth Rock Falls was asked for \$21,000 and already has reported \$44,000. Iroquois Falls has passed its objective. Kapuskasing reports \$92,000 out of a total of \$110,000. Timmins, out of an objective of \$800,000 has \$200,000 reported. There have been to date 1,239 individual subscriptions to the loan in the district. Only two of the seventeen mines have reported.

Polish Aid Tag Day on Thursday

Worthy Cause Deserves Most Generous Support

Thursday of this week, June 12th, will be Tag Day for the Polish National Aid, and none of the money tag days this year are any more worthy of the most generous support. The gallant Polish people are brave Allies of the British Empire. Though their country has been smashed and raped by the Huns, the Polish soldiers, sailors and airmen have continued to fight with the British on many fronts. There are Polish soldiers, sailors and airmen in Britain, in Africa, in Egypt. They played their gallant part in Norway, in Greece and elsewhere. There are Polish refugees that need help as well. It is for the soldiers, the sailors, the airmen, the refugees, that the Polish National Aid collects funds. All the money so gathered is sent through the Canadian Red Cross so that it will surely reach those in need and none others. It would be well to remember all this on Thursday and contribute as generously as possible to the Polish National Aid on their tag day.

Special Features on Victory Loan Programme Here

Each morning there is the flag-raising ceremony at the Cenotaph, with music by the bands of the district.

To-night at the Imperial Bank corner at the Victory Loan "shaft," there will be an address by Dr. J. B. McClin-ton.

Wednesday night—Street dance.

Later in the week there will be a radio programme in six languages, featuring brief words from nations allied with Britain in the fight for freedom.

The "Blackout" is to be on Friday the 13th, from 9.45 to 10 p.m.

Sunday at the McIntyre Arena there is to be a mass meeting, with singing and other music featured. The bands of the district will be present, while a number of choirs will be featured. The latter will include: Finnish Choir; Timmins United Church choirs, Junior and Senior, 70 voices; Porcupine Male Chorus, 35 voices. Mr. R. E. Dye, of the Dome, will be the speaker for the occasion.

Miniature Dragon Found in Garden on McLeod St.

Mrs. Harting, 5 McLeod street, brought a curiosity to the Advance office last week. It is probably a caterpillar of some uncommon kind, but in appearance it has all the appearance of a fierce dragon in miniature, even to the long horns on the back of the head that appear to have eyes at their ends. Green and black, with sixteen legs it is a fierce looking specimen to the naked eye, and under the magnifying glass it assumes the full terrifying appearance of the dragon of ancient fable. There have been many guesses as to its species and popular name.

Tisdale High Schools Cabled \$1,000 to Premier Churchill on Saturday

Money from "Give It To Winnie" Fund at Schumacher and South Porcupine High Schools. Pupils Planned Means and Methods and Kept Fund in Addition to Buying War Savings Stamps and Other Patriotic Activities.

On Saturday the pupils of South Porcupine and Schumacher High Schools cabled \$1,000.00 to Premier Churchill to be used for any war purposes he may see fit. The \$1,000.00 was from the "Give It To Winnie" fund that the pupils of the two Tisdale township high schools named, established and maintained on their own plans and initiative. The money was earned by the pupils or saved by them by giving up comforts or luxuries. "The Give It To Winnie" fund has been carried on in addition to full and regular participation in War Savings Stamps, and active participation in Red Cross work and in maintaining the cadets at a standard of which everyone is proud. It was the wish of the pupils of both schools that the "Give It To Winnie" fund should be supported by both schools working together as a single unit. The success of the plan has now been proved, and it is particularly pleasing to note that the means and methods of adding to the fund were originated by the pupils themselves. Every cent in the fund was earned or saved by the pupils themselves. At Christmas time they sold and delivered over a ton of Christmas nuts. The proceeds of the annual school concert was turned over to the fund. They sold magazines among themselves to increase the amount in the "Give It To Winnie Fund." The proceeds of the All-Star hockey match was another

addition to the fund. Another was a plan they called the "pound of pennies a week." Home-made candy, made by the pupils, was sold by them with the idea that they would "Give It To Winnie." These are only a few of the many ways in which the pupils of the two Tisdale High Schools built up their "Give It To Winnie" fund. At the recent patriotic parade in the Porcupine district, very special attention was attracted by the smart-appearing Cadets from Schumacher and South Porcupine. It was felt by many that if Tisdale High Schools had done nothing else than provide these Cadets, the patriotic service was a noteworthy one. To this, add the "Give It To Winnie" fund and the other patriotic contributions of the school, and "Salute to Tisdale High Schools!" is fully warranted. As for the name of their patriotic fund, "Give It To Winnie," it was given out of respect, admiration and affection for Britain's Premier. The pupils explain the name by saying:—"Give It To Winnie! He knows best where it will do the most effective work for the victory!"

The fund was established last fall—less than a year ago—and Saturday they cabled \$1,000.00 to Premier Churchill. The pupils are enthusiastic about continuing the fund, and in the coming months they intend to build it up again, and "Give It To Winnie!"

"SINGING IN THE RAIN" FOR VICTORY LOAN



One of the most enjoyed and appreciated features of the special attractions to publicize the Victory Loan was the children's massed choir that sang in front of the Victory Loan headquarters on Friday afternoon, under the direction of Mr. G. L. Bender. Even the rain that fell did not dampen the ardor or the harmony of the youngsters. They sang patriotic songs in expressive fashion. The massed choir was made up of the Glee Clubs from each of the public and separate schools in Timmins and a glee club from the Schumacher public school.

Three Liquor Raids Yesterday Afternoon by Timmins Police

Number of the Found-Ins Charged With Having Illegally Purchased Beer in Their Possession.

Seraphin Potvin, 59 Rae Street, South, will face Magistrate Atkinson in Police court tomorrow, charged with selling liquor. He was apprehended by the Timmins police at his home yesterday afternoon at 4.15.

Police had picked up a man on the street with six bottles of beer in a bag under his arm and laid a charge against him.

Edward Trotter is facing a charge of permitting drunkenness. Police raided his premises at 75 Middleton Avenue and are said to have found five persons in the place drinking. Two of the five found in are said by police to have been very drunk.

Three other persons are charged with having beer in their possession, illegally purchased, following the raid at 59 Rae Street. They are said by police to have been consuming beer in the house illegally.

On October 22nd last year a conviction was registered by the police of selling liquor against a house across Fulham Creek. On Sunday afternoon the police again visited the place and found a quantity of beer there. As a result, Ferdinand Desbiens, the occupant faces a charge of having beer in a public place.

Three persons are charged with consuming beer in a public place following the raid at the establishment across Fulham Creek.

Only one lonely drunk was taken in during the week-end. Police claim that the cold weather enabled the illegal drinkers to drink more and not get drunk and as a result they were unable to find the usual number of inebriates.

One man faces a charge of operating a car while his license is under suspension. His right to drive a car was taken away from him some time ago and the police found him driving in town yesterday afternoon.

Urge Continued Work of Federation for Summer

La Federation des Femmes Canadiennes-Francaises met on Sunday afternoon in the basement of St. Anthony's Cathedral, for the last meeting of the season, when Mrs. Dore, who represented the local branch at the yearly convention in Ottawa, was present to give a very interesting report of her trip. The good attendance of members present enjoyed the address and were interested in the matters reported upon.

The president, Mrs. Phil Theriault, urged the knitters and sewers to continue their work during the summer months. Mrs. Nap Caron, convener of the sewing, with the work of her helpers has contributed a great deal of work, and it is hoped that everyone will continue the good work throughout the summer if possible. This work is wanted and urgently needed.

United States Army Takes Over Big Aircraft Plant

Determined to have no slowing up in the production of aircraft in the United States, President Franklin D. Roosevelt today ordered the Army to take over the strike-bound North American Aviation plant at Inglewood, California. The plant was turning out bombers and pursuit planes for Britain and the United States. Contracts totalling \$196,000,000 had been allotted to the big aircraft company.

The necessary papers, authorizing the Army to step in and take over the plant and operate it were signed this morning after unanimously passing through the cabinet Friday. The walk-out at the plant was ordered by the local C.I.O. and after a meeting yesterday the officials of the union announced that the strike would continue.

Arrangements are being completed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to have Major-Gen. McNaughton broadcast a message to the Canadian people very soon.

Injured in England



Sergeant-Observer George MacLean, who was injured in a flying mishap in England, and is now in hospital overseas. His wife and parents were notified last week of the accident, but have had no further report of his condition up to date. Popularly known to his friends as "Shorty," Mr. MacLean went to England only a few months ago after his marriage to the former Miss Dorothy Leach.

Just Three Minor Chimney Fires Since Thursday

Damage Was Small in Each of the Fires. Rain has Stamped Out the Grass Fires.

Three chimney fires on Friday and Saturday were all the firemen had to contend with since last Thursday. The rain on Friday and Saturday has done a lot to stamp out the grass fires, etc.

At 1.50 on Friday afternoon the firemen were called to 204 Spruce Street, South, to a house occupied by M. Maty-mish. The call was for a chimney fire and the damage was negligible.

Firemen had two calls for chimney fires on Saturday afternoon, the first one coming at 2.50. The firemen went down to 211 Elm Street, South, to a house occupied by J. P. Foley and extinguished a chimney fire.

At 6.15 p.m. the firemen went to 39 Laurier Avenue to a house occupied by O. McCann where they subdued another blazing chimney.

BRITISH USING LEAFLETS

The Royal Air Force is said to be carrying out a large number of leaflet raids in conjunction with the invasion of Syria as they are trying to make it a "bloodless blitzkrieg" Ports and harbours where any German forces could possibly land are being destroyed.

Two Columns Reported to be Advancing Swiftly and Meeting Little Opposition

Royal Air Force Assisting Invasion With Heavy Bombing Programme. British Reported to be Stronger in Africa Now Than at Any Other Time Since the Outbreak of War.

Two columns of the Allied army in Africa invaded Syria from two different points at 2 a.m. Syrian time yesterday. Both columns are reported to be advancing swiftly and encountering very little opposition. Even the German newspapers say that the British advance in Syria is swift.

The French Army in Syria, including European and African troops, is estimated at about 45,000 officers and men, while there are about five or six thousand German engineers in Syria.

Airdromes in the French-occupied territory have been bombed. Harbour facilities have been blasted to slow up any opposition that might be offered.

The newspapers in London are jubilant over the fact that the British have struck at Syria before the Germans invaded it and they say that it is just another part of the plan to meet the Hun wherever he appears. The United States newspapers are rejoicing in the fact that the Democratic forces have taken the offensive. The German papers rate the German nation as passive spectators at the invasion of Syria.

The Royal Air Force fighter planes from their bases in Egypt are co-ordinating with the army in the advance. The R.A.F. force in Egypt is said to have been strengthened in the past few days and is now one of the strongest striking forces that the British have yet had in Africa.

The German Air Force was attempting to carry out some daylight raids over the south coast of England today but were being driven back before they could do any damage. Three Messerschmidts were reported to be shot down by a lone Spitfire this morning. Several formations of German Bombers were met at the coast and chased back out over the sea before they could discharge their deadly missiles.

More Warm Weather Coming

Will be Moderately Cool and Fair Today, Warming Up in Next Day or So.

Intermittent showers from 7.30 Friday evening to 4 a.m. Sunday morning deposited about an inch of rain in Timmins. Yesterday's cool weather put a damper on the showers and no more rain is expected for the next day or so. The weatherman also says that it will gradually get warmer for the next few days.

The high temperature was reached on Thursday of last week when the mercury jumped to 78 degrees and remained fairly warm all day. The low was hit yesterday at 32 degrees. The temperature yesterday was generally low all day with yesterday's high only reaching 50 degrees.

Temperatures for the week-end were: Thursday, max. 78, min. 54; Friday, max. 70, min. 38; Saturday, max. 62, min. 34; Sunday, max. 50, min. 32; this morning at eight o'clock, 44.

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The Royal Air Force carried out some extensive raids over Western Germany last night, blasting canals, docks, railways and industrial areas. The rich Ruhr Valley came in for a bad pounding last night. None of the raiding planes were shot down and all returned to their bases.

Gibraltar was reported raided over the week-end by the Germans but, this morning the British Command at Gibraltar reported that there was no raid over Gibraltar. Gibraltar has not been raided since last September, the British say.

Two more of the Bismark's supply ships have been sunk, it is reported by the Admiralty. This brings to six the total to be sunk since the Bismark was sent to the bottom.

Large Attendance at the Graduation Exercises of St. Mary's Hospital

Twelve Nurses Graduate This Year. Dr. J. B. McClin-ton, Chairman for Evening. Addresses by Mayor Brunette, Rev. F. J. Baine, Dr. R. P. Smith, Major the Rev. Fr. O'Gorman, Rev. Fr. McNamara, Bishop Rheau-me, Rev. Fr. Theriault. Outstanding Musical Numbers on the Programme.

Friends and relatives filled the auditorium of the nurses' residence at St. Mary's Hospital to capacity on Thursday evening, for the graduation exercises of the 1941 graduating class of twelve nurses: Mary Bridget Donovan, of Renfrew, Ontario; Margaret Kram-aruk, Joan Teresa Clemens, Gladys Belanger, May McQuarrie, Kay Leona Veinotte, and Jessie MacIsaac, of Timmins; Carmel Elizabeth Kavanagh, of Kirkland Lake; Marjorie Poppleton, of Haileybury; Frances-Carmel Donnelly, of Calumet Island; Maragret Aseneth Bell, of Gold Centre; and Olive Mildred Cameron, of Iroquois Falls.

For the first time, these nurses who have worked for three years to attain the diplomas which make them qualified followers of Florence Nightingale, donned their completely white uniforms, with the caps bearing the black band of graduate nurse distinction. It was a proud moment for their parents and friends, and for Sister Fidelis who has aided them in attaining this honour.

In his opening address, Dr. McClin-ton, chairman for the evening, expressed appreciation for the good work done by the graduating class during the three years in training, mentioning that this year's class was the best of the thirteen to have come from the hospital.

Saying that it was an honour to take part in the graduating exercises of those who have chosen so fine a profession as nursing, His Worship, Mayor J. Emile Brunette, briefly addressed the class. This, he said, was his fifth

message to a class graduating from the local hospital.

The Rev. F. J. Baine, of Trinity United Church in Schumacher, referred to the briefness of Mayor Brunette's address by telling a story about a prominent statesman, who once said that if he had to prepare an address for one hour, he was ready at once; if he was to speak for one-half hour, preparations would take him a week; and if he spoke for ten to fifteen minutes, three weeks would be the time required. Mayor Brunette, said Mr. Baine, must have put a great deal of time into preparing his address. Mr. Baine thanked the Sisters for the courteous, friendly manner with which he has always been received at the hospital. This hospitality, he continued, made the visits pleasant.

Mr. Baine compared the nursing profession to a ministry—a ministry where they ministered to the physical and mental comforts of the patient. Not only did a nurse minister to the mental and physical comforts of a patient but also to the spiritual welfare of the patient. Personally, said Mr. Baine, was very important in the nursing profession, and he concluded by asking the graduates to remember that this is God's world, where His presence is necessary at all times.

Miss Bernice McGrath, whose thrilling voice is a delight to hear, beautifully sang "The End of a Perfect Day," and "There'll Always Be an England," the audience joining in the second chorus of the latter selection.

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