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HINDERING WAR EFFORT

One of the chief obstacles to the full war effort on this continent at the present moment is the matter of strikes. In the United States at the present moment there are a number of strikes in vital war industries. Canada has not escaped this handicap to the war effort. It is not enough to point out to both labour and industry that the only vital question before either of them is the winning of the war. If the war is lost, industry will lose everything, and labour will be in equally bad position under German rule no labour unions are permitted and there is no freedom of expression—as to wages or hours or conditions. To put the matter briefly, under the Nazi creed, business, industry, labour, all are simply slaves to the state. It is to the interests of industry and labour alike to help the winning of the war. Unless the war is won industry and labour alike are lost causes. This does not mean, of course, that labour is to meekly submit to anything and everything at the dictation of capital. Nether does it mean that labour is to take the saddle and ride roughshod over industry. In Britain it has been shown that industry and labour, recognizing their common interests, and that life itself depends upon their co-operation, are working on common ground for the common good. The average man is neither willing to let industry have its way to the detriment of the country, nor to allow labour to stultify the war effort. In Canada very drastic measures were taken when industry appeared to be holding out on insufficient grounds. There does not appear to be any tendency to show an equally firm stand should labour appear to be taking undue advantage of the situation. This is due to politics. The labour vote is a large one and a party government never fails to keep its eye on large blocks of votes. It appears evident, however, that unless the war effort is to be hamstrung, justice must be dispensed without prejudice or too large an eye on the vote. There is a general belief that if the law is impartially enforced, no industry can unduly profit from the war. The income tax, the profits tax, and all the other taxes and imposts and regulations make this certain. The government will have the fullest support from the people in general in enforcing any and all of the regulations restricting industry and its profits. At the same time true labour men will be the last to favour the government selling out to professional agitators. What the people require now is that all effort be given to helping win the war. There is reason to believe that industry and labour alike as solid sections of the nation are anxious to do their very best to help on Canada's war effort. There may be a few industrialists seeking undue profits and the public require these to be harshly dealt with. The great majority, however, appear to be as patriotic as it is possible to be and these should be supported fully. In the same way, it is believed that the great majority of the workers are as loyal and sincere as can be, and are ready to make sacrifices for the common cause of all. There should be every effort made to uphold these workers and to see that they secure a square deal in every particular.

In Canada one of the difficulties seems to lie in the fact that it is hard for the ordinary outsider to decide whether a certain strike situation is due to greed on the part of industry or professional agitators using labour as a cloak for what is no better than fifth column work. Labour leaders, however, know the truth, and have the courage to present it. The solution of the labour problem so far as the war effort is concerned is the answer to practically every other question that is handicapping the war effort—National Government. With National Government, representing all classes and sections and working only for the common good, irrespective of blocks of votes, and not held down by the exigencies inseparable from government by a part of a party, Canada's war effort would soon be freed from its present handicaps. There are outstanding labour men who should be in the administration and whose presence there would be assurance that labour would be fairly used, and that there would be equality of sacrifice from all sections of the people. National government in Great Britain has proven the truth of all this. It will be found to be the only solution here. National government, with the ability and effort of all in direction will be able to make national appeal to all the people of Canada for the all-out effort that the people here are willing and anxious to give.

LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY

The massed choir of school children singing before the Victory Loan committee headquarters on Friday afternoon under the very able conductorship of Mr. G. L. Bender, delighted all not only with the sweetness and harmony of their voices, but also with the expressiveness with which they rendered the selections given. One local citizen

who has heard "Land of Hope and Glory" many times—sometimes by famous choirs—admitted that never before had it meant so much to him as when these school children rendered it. "They know what it is all about," he commented. "Land of Hope and Glory" is by no means a new number, yet the presentation of this anthem stirred many to new interest in it. Just as there are people who thoughtlessly consider "Ave Marie" as a love song, when it is a sacred hymn, so there are some who carelessly think of "Land of Hope and Glory" as an American patriotic number, when it is really a British anthem. "Land of Hope and Glory" was written by Arthur Christopher Benson who for many years was a Master at Eton College, and an author of some note in his day. He was born in 1862 and died in 1925. A number of hymns that achieved considerable popularity were written by this writer. The popularity of "Land of Hope and Glory" owes much to the music to which it is generally rendered. This music is by the famous British composer, Sir Edward Elgar. It is the stirring melody of the trio in "Pomp and Circumstance," by Elgar, that has added so much to the general favour with which "Land of Hope and Glory" is generally received. Both the words of Benson and the music of Elgar found much popularity in the United States and this, perhaps, has led some to think of "Land of Hope and Glory" as specially connected with the United States. The massed choir singing "Land of Hope and Glory," however, appear to sense the deeper significance of the anthem—that true national greatness is built upon goodness only—and they seemed to sing from the heart and understanding the prayer for Britain: "God, who made thee mighty, Make thee mightier still."

"ALL IN THE FRONT LINE"

A speaker on the radio last night in telling of the wonderful courage and gallantry of the people of bombed Britain and the noble way in which all did their part and the affectionate manner in which they helped each other, more than once mentioned "the men and the women" and added with a particular touch of emotion, "yes, and the children, too!" He made it plain that the young people of Britain were playing a magnificent part in the battle of Britain. By the same token, any mention of Canada's war effort would be incomplete, if it failed to include the hearty help of the younger people of this country. In this issue, for example, mention is made of the "Give it to Winnie" fund established at the Tisdale High Schools by the enterprise and endeavour of the pupils of the Schumacher and South Porcupine High Schools. On Saturday they cabled a thousand dollars to Premier Churchill to use as he thought best in the war effort. A little thought will show how much of thought, of effort, of self-sacrifice is wrapped up in that thousand dollars from the pupils of Tisdale high schools. It is a thousand dollars that will loom like the millions it really is in the eyes of the Premier of Great Britain. This thousand dollars is apart from contributions to various causes and regular purchase of war savings stamps from the Tisdale pupils. The public schools of Tisdale have a proportionate record of patriotic thought and effort. While Tisdale is thus singled out, it is well to recall that week by week during the war, there have been references showing that the Timmins High and Vocational School and the public and separate schools of Timmins have been active and effective in their war efforts and their combined contributions have reached an impressive total that shows that effort and interest and sacrifice for worthy causes are gladly given by the younger people.

Contributions of money by the young people—meaning, as these donations do, work and sacrifice of pleasures and comforts—do not, however, tell the whole story of the war effort of the younger generation. There is a very creditable record of work and effort to help along the cause of the war. The Boy Scouts, the Cubs, the Rovers, the Girl Guides, the Brownies, the Rangers, and scores of church societies of young people, as well as individual groups, have been giving of their best in many ways. They have indeed been setting an example for their elders. In the South Porcupine news columns this week there is special reference to the work of the boys in connection with the treble valuable work of salvage. Similar work has been successfully conducted here for months by the Kiwanis Boys' Club at Timmins. There are two lessons that seem to be emphasized by the work of the young people. One is the astounding total that may be achieved by a multitude of small contributions and small efforts. The other is that these young folk with their talent, their ingenuity, their gifts in thinking up plans of their own, their quick perception of the situation confronting the world, and their generous and self-sacrificing response to the call that their young hearts hear, suggest an example to the older folks, along with the truth that the utmost war effort on the part of the older folks is fully justified by the fact that in addition to freedom and material things the people of Canada have a generation of young people well worth living and dying for.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Last week Kaiser Wilhelm died at Doorn, unhonoured and unsung. He had fallen so low from his former high degree that some soft-hearted, or soft-headed, people were inclined to feel some sympathy for him. "Anyway," these people suggest, "he wasn't as bad as Hitler." Anyone with

any measure of memory can easily recall atrocities and infamies by the former Kaiser. If he failed to achieve the same degree of brutality and bestiality reached by the present German gangsters, it was due more to lack of ability than to inclination. In addition, the ex-Kaiser had the advantage of education and position denied to the present Kaiser of Germany. Had the promise made by Premier Lloyd George been implemented and the Kaiser duly hanged for the murderer and gangster he was, the Austrian paperhanger might not have been so ready to emulate his example. Surely, the present-day gangsters will not be favoured as were those of 1914-1918. They should all be duly hanged. Britain already has one of the worst in her keeping. If Hess were hanged now for the vile criminal he is, it would be a great encouragement to all decent people.

Still stands the motto of 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 unshakable. 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."

It cost one young man home to Timmins on a visit from his regiment practically a month's pay for transportation so that he might spend two days' of his leave with his people here. Timmins is proud of that young man, proud of his family, proud of the town he represents, but who would be proud of the government that forces the soldier to pay his transportation home on leave?

LOCALS

- Mr. Malcolm McAuley, of Charlton, was a Timmins visitor last week.
- Mrs. R. Leckie was a visitor to Englehart last week.
- Mrs. P. G. Howard left on Friday to spend a week's holiday in Toronto.
- Miss Laura MacGill has been visiting her parents at Halleybury.
- Hon. W. A. Gordon, of Toronto, was one of the speakers at a recent Victory Loan rally at Kirkland Lake.
- Mrs. A. Hall, of New Liskeard, has been visiting her sister, Mrs. N. Montgomery.
- Miss Helen Munro was the guest last week of Miss Ursula Molecki, Kirkland Lake.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hooker and daughter, Margaret, Maple Street south, left on Friday for Galt, owing to the illness of Mr. Hooker's father.
- Mrs. L. Levesque, of Matachewan, has returned to her home there after a visit to relatives and friends in Timmins.
- Mr. Lawson Kennedy, of Winnipeg, who was taken ill while on a visit to Timmins, was sufficiently recovered last week to be able to return to his home in the West.
- Pte. Alvin McAlendin, of the North Bay Training Centre, arrived in Timmins Friday night for a short leave. He returned yesterday. McAlendin lived at 402 Spruce Street South, before going down to train.
- Pte. Wilfred Gauthier, 90 Commercial avenue was one of the trainees from the North Bay Training Centre that spent a leave in Timmins over the week-end.
- Pte. Fernand Granbois, 68 Birch Street South, and former junior police court clerk, was in Timmins for the week-end. He is stationed at the North Bay Training Centre. He came in Friday and left yesterday.
- Pte. Cec. Simpson, of 15 James Avenue, Timmins, was in Timmins for the week-end, arriving on Friday and leaving yesterday.
- Pte. Walter Zadorozny, 120 Third Avenue, Schumacher, and one of the trainees at the North Bay Training Centre, arrived in Timmins Friday afternoon and left yesterday.
- Mrs. J. Riley, of Timmins, announces the engagement of her daughter, Gwendoline to Donald E. Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Howard, of Timmins. The wedding will take place at the Timmins United Church on July 5.
- Trooper Merv Cotman, 11 Borden Ave., Timmins, spent a short leave in Timmins over the week-end. He has recently transferred from the 48th Highlanders to the Calgary Tanks in Canada's First Armoured Division.
- Among the trainees from the North Bay Training Centre, who spent leaves in Timmins over the week-end were Privates Harry Smith, John Donison, and Jack Shumliak.
- Private Lloyd Johns of the 48th Highlanders and Private Carl Johns of the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corp arrived in Timmins Saturday on a week-end leave. Both returned to their regiments yesterday.
- Pte. Mickey Landers, of Timmins, spent a short leave in Timmins over the week-end. He is with the 48th Highlanders and arrived in town on Friday and returned yesterday afternoon.

According to The Kapuskasing Northern Tribune, The Advance is a hysterical journal, the Synod of Moosonee is an ignorant and interfering set of cowards, the Canadian Legion branches of the North are a bunch of shell-shocked cravens, the municipal councils of Cochrane and other towns are ignorant and panicky poltroons, while Magistrate E. R. Tucker leaves The Tribune just about speechless from frothing at the mouth. All this, because desire is expressed that the North should now be defended against the fate that befell Norway, Belgium, Holland, France. Well, there is still hope for the North. There remains that pillar of courage and virtue and all-seeing vision—The Northern Tribune—famous for its coolness, its wisdom, its absolute freedom from hysteria or excitement.

Most thoughtful people would subscribe more cheerfully and generously to the Victory Loan if they knew that part of the money was going to pay transportation charges for the soldiers on leave to visit their homes before going overseas.

The Globe and Mail says that Toronto is to have a "black-out" on June 18th. When will the "black-out" be lifted from Ottawa?

Just when The Advance is ready to howl for some oil on the streets to keep the dust down, along comes a shower or two of rain. Then the difficulty is to decide whether it was the prayers of The Advance or the Works Dept. that were answered.

Gunner Dan Elliot, of the Royal Canadian Artillery left yesterday after spending a four-day leave at his home at 153 Tamarack Street.

Sapper Larry Palmeter, Toronto, Sapper Bob Harrison, of Hamilton, and Sapper "Kelly" Brown, of Timmins, and all members of the Royal Canadian Engineers spent a week-end leave in Timmins. They returned yesterday.

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Among guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Con Culhane, 58 Balsam Street north, attending the graduation exercises at St. Mary's Hospital when Miss Mary Donovan was one of the class, were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Donovan, Miss Kathleen Donovan, and Mr. John Donovan, all of Renfrew, and the Rev. Fr. MacNamara, of Barry's Bay.

At last week's meeting of Teck township council Councillor Mrs. Shipley suggested that it was strange that capital expenditures this year for Kirkland Lake were held down to \$40,000, while \$50,000 had been approved for Timmins by the department, though the capital expenditure per capita for Timmins far exceeded that of Kirkland Lake. Clerk J. W. McBain explained that Kirkland Lake had suffered a decrease of population through mine layoffs and enlistments and that this decrease was taken into account by the municipal department of the province before approving this year's capital expenditures.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kennedy, and Miss Bessie Culhane, of Kirkland Lake, accompanied by Mr. Leonard Culhane, of Renfrew, were week-end visitors in town, being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Con Culhane and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Culhane.

Major the Rev. Fr. J. R. O'Gorman, now stationed at Ottawa, spent a few days last week on a visit to his parish here.

Mr. David Rymer Sr., was at his home in town during the week-end. He is stationed with the Unemployment Insurance Committee in North Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. White, of Kirkland Lake, visited Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Macdonald, last week. Mr. White, who is well known in financial and sporting circles, having been accountant at the Bank of Commerce here for several years, was in the Royal Air Force and the Royal Flying Corps during the last war, and early in this war offered his services again. He has been called to the Royal Canadian Air Force and leaves this week to report for duty at Trenton.

GIRL GUIDES IN TIMMINS



The 51st I.O.D.E. Guides held their regular weekly meeting on Thursday night in the Hollinger Scout hall. Capt. Sheridan opened the meeting with the taking of Inspection and Attendance. The Guides formed horseshoe and the colour-party marched on the colours and the Guides sang "God Save the King." Patrol work was then taken, followed by the playing of a few games. Campfire was then formed and several songs sung. The colour party then took down the colours. Captain Sheridan closed the meeting with the singing of the Guides "O Canada" followed by "Taps."

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Invitation to Attend Ladies' Auxiliary Tea

When the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion entertains on Wednesday of this week at its regular weekly comfort fund tea, it extends an invitation to all women of the district to join in the event. Usually the comfort fund tea is for members only, but this week's event is a "special," and a welcome mat is out for all who would like to enjoy the afternoon.

MUST CONTROL OIL
A high-ranking officer in the United States Army says that, in his opinion, the war will be won by the power that controls most of the world's oil supply. Already, he says, the German Air Force is feeling the pinch.