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## THE NEW ORDER

According to an announcement last week from Ottawa it is the intention to recruit 3,000 young women as an auxiliary force for the Canadian army. The young ladies, while a separate force, will have uniforms, rank, army pay, and the other privileges and obligations of the regular army. They will not be called upon to do actual fighting, but will take over other duties such as those of cooks, waiters, clerks, stenographers, truck drivers and other duties that will relieve men for the actual fighting. In these duties there is no doubt that they will do even better work than men. Thousands of women in Canada during the past two years have taken courses to fit them for the positions suggested, in the hope that at some time they might be of service to their country. The record of this war supports that of the last war in suggesting that women are equally patriotic with men—if not more so, being more realistic in their outlook than men in general. There will be no difficulty in recruiting the 3,000 women asked for. Indeed, there is reason to believe that 30,000 young women could be recruited for war service to-day as readily as that number of men. The women of Britain have shown their spirit and their desire to serve in very definite way, and there is every reason to believe that the young women are equally anxious to share with their brothers the work of the defence of the Empire in any and every capacity in which they can serve.

The new order from Ottawa, however, gives rise to a number of questions. One of these is the earnest desire of so many men past military age or lacking the perfection of physical health for actual soldier duties to serve in even menial capacities in the regular fighting forces. Could not more of these men be used by the army? Why could not men below the army categories do duties in the quarter-master's and paymaster's departments that would relieve the physically fit for regular service?

Another question that may arise is the attitude of the young men to the young women who enlist in the new auxiliary service. In past days the attitude of women towards soldiers and the army might be divided into four general classes. There was the extremist that went around pinning white feathers on all the young men that might be met out of army uniform. Then there was the more subtle young lady who exclaimed about how well that this or that young man looked in an army uniform, that she just loved sailors and soldiers and airmen, and implying that the surest way to her favour was to come in uniform. A third class was the young lady who made it plain that the arms that would not bear arms would never hold her in such arms. Finally, there were the few, the very few, who felt that it was better to wait on a man who stayed at home than take a chance on a soldier who was leaving for overseas.

The question arises now will the roles of young men and young women be reversed in this war. There is so much of the absurd, the impossible, the unthinkable about this war, that anything may happen. Accordingly, there may be the astounding sight, in Toronto, for example, of young men running round pinning pink or green or yellow feathers on strange young ladies they may meet on the street, because the said young ladies are not in the Canadian Women's Auxiliary Force uniform. Or some girl's boy friend may go into raptures about how sweet a certain other young lady looks in khaki or airforce blue, with the suggestion that no matter how much every girl loves a sailor, there are some men who love only girls in the army auxiliary costume. It is a little more difficult to imagine any young man telling his girl friend that she was lost to him forever unless she donned the khaki at once. It is still more troublesome to follow the rest of the comparison and propose that young men should threaten their fiancées with banishment from the heart if they did attempt to serve their country and their generation.

It is an odd coincidence that at the very time that the recruiting of young men for the Canadian army seemed to be lagging the call for young women to join the active forces should be announced. It may be a deep-laid political plot, but in any case it will be welcomed by hosts of young ladies who have been doing all they could to help in Canada's war effort, but who have been earnestly desirous of doing still more and as close to the actual fighting as possible.

## THE NEW WAR

Most thoughtful people in free and civilized lands would enjoy the new war between Germany and Russia, were it not for the repercussions of that contest on the welfare of the democracies. The fact remains, however, that the decent nations left on earth cannot view with equanimity the over-running of Russia by the Nazi gangsters. If Germany could defeat Russia in a few weeks it

would mean that the Nazis would have badly needed wheat and oil wherewith to carry on their gangster tactics. It will be a decided advantage to the cause of freedom and decency in the world if the Russians can hold back the Nazis, as they say they have been doing, with serious losses to the enemy. There is no doubt but that they can do this—can continue to do it—if the Russians have but the will. It is true that the German war machine is more modern and perhaps more powerful than that of Russia, but on the other hand Russia has the advantage of man-power and still more important an extent of territory that makes it a difficult country to subdue, especially as its industries and resources are widely scattered over an immense area. With the real will to fight Russia can retreat; and retreat, and remain unconquered until Germany wears itself out in an impossible task. If the Russian resistance equals that of the Chinese, or in lands like Poland and France that are quite small compared to the immensity of Russia.

The Advance believes that the whole value of the Russian campaign to Britain and her allies—and the whole outcome of this latest venture of the mad Shicklgruber—depends on the question whether Russia will really fight or not. If Russia really resists the Nazis have a terrible task before them. It will mean desperate losses for the German invaders—losses that will leave Germany much easier to subdue when Britain and her allies muster their strength to the combat. It will mean fearful losses for Russia, and it is only honesty to admit that that too will be an advantage for the free nations. Little has been said about the matter for diplomatic reasons, but most loyal people have felt right along that after Germany was subdued, it would be necessary to disgorge their plunder and suffer punishment for their gangsterism and Russia were left in undisputed possession of the spoils so treacherously obtained from Poland, and Finland. Despatches from Moscow last week suggested (for the first time) that it had always been the intention of Russia to return the territory taken from Finland and Poland. This is an advantage already from the present new war. There will be others and their value and extent will depend on the actual honesty of the Russian resistance. There is every indication that Russia and Germany have been working under agreement in all done until recently. It is difficult to see how anyone could honestly consider one of these two nations more a gangster than the other. It would be folly, from the record, to acclaim Russia as a white-robed innocent simply because the Soviet has fallen out with its fellow criminal. Naturally the help coming from the new war should be welcomed, but it should be greeted in its proper proportions and without committing the Empire to any friendship with any form of tyranny and aggression.

## THE NEW WAR NEWS

If the world situation were not so serious the news available about the new war—Russia versus Germany—would be amusing. There may be reply to this by stating the apparent truth that there is no real news of this war. There are, of course, the despatches from Moscow and Berlin, but not only are these contradictory, but there is a rather fixed popular determination to the effect that neither are to be believed. According to the Moscow story, the Russians are holding the Germans on all fronts, while Nazi planes are being shot down by the hundreds, tanks destroyed by the tens of hundreds, and prisoners taken by wholesale. Only in one sector does Moscow admit that Germany's invasion has made any material advance, and even in that sector the advance is under Russian control. Moscow reports the Nazis as suffering very serious casualties. All in all, the Moscow reports are so encouraging that they are unbelievable to the average reader. Indeed, Moscow would need a much different reputation for honesty before its reports would be accepted.

The German reports are given no more credence. According to Berlin the advance into Russia has proceeded according to schedule. There is the admission, however, that only a hundred miles has been covered in a week, and at this rate the conquest of Russia would take years, instead of a mere month. Berlin reports hundreds of Soviet planes shot down, thousands of tanks destroyed or captured, and countless prisoners taken. The average reaction, in view of Berlin's well-known reputation in truthfulness, is to discount the German version equally with the stories from Moscow. The unfortunate fact is that both Germany and Russia are so completely censor-ridden that the truth can not come out of either—or be deduced from both. Unfortunately, there is no neutral nation or agency close enough to the scene of action to make any possibility of the real truth getting to the outside world. All that can be done for the present is to study the propaganda coming from Berlin and Moscow and guess as to what is actually happening. There is no doubt but that this latest venture of the Nazi gangsters is pro-

viding a welcome diversion in the real battle and to this extent it is welcomed by all liberty-loving people. The news is good to this extent that both nations are still fighting with the chances that the casualties are heavy on both sides.

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

Timmins has had the honour of having one of the new corvettes of the Canadian Navy named after this town. When one of the first corvettes was christened "Cobalt" The Advance urged that Timmins be similarly honoured. Mr. Joseph A. Bradette, member for this riding, took the matter up on the floor of the House, and was assured that something would be done. There was the suggestion at that time that "Porcupine" would be a fitting name for one of the corvettes. That suggestion should still be followed. Names will be needed for many more corvettes and one of the new vessels might well bear the name "Porcupine," in view of the Porcupine's contribution in gold, in men and in money to the cause.

It should be an illuminating fact to the outside world that Timmins is to have a Rose Show this coming month. It will be a surprise to many in the South to learn that this country can present an impressive display of roses and other flowers grown here in early summer. It should also be a matter of satisfaction to all, North and South, that the proceeds of the event will go to the Bomb Victims' Fund.

One of the first evidences of attempt at actual economy by any government department comes from the Quebec Dept. of Mines. That department sends out articles for publication with the cir-

## LOCALS

Mr. Steve Antonik was a visitor to Kapuskasing last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parsons have been visiting Mrs. Parsons' father, Mr. John Gray, at Englehart.

Miss Ruth Jenkins left on Friday to holiday at Toronto, Niagara Falls and Windsor.

Mr. A. H. Brown, of New Liskeard, was a recent visitor to Timmins, the guest of his mother and sister here.

Mr. Gordon R. Ainsby and sister, Miss Faith Ainsby, of Winnipeg, spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. S. Newlands, of Kirkland Lake, visited in Timmins during the week-end.

Miss Doris Brimcombe, public school teacher, left on Friday to spend the summer at her home in Sundridge.

Walter Mosley-Williams, of the R.C. A.P., Toronto, spent week-end leave with friends in town.

Mrs. W. H. Phillips, of 100 First avenue, Schumacher, is visiting in Cobalt.

Mrs. L. Tansley, of 56 Elm street north, and son Warren, are spending a holiday at Shelbourne and Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. George Calder, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Ross, of Mount Forest, and Mrs. A. H. Hall, of Poowassan, were visitors to Timmins last week.

Miss Margaret Easton and Miss Grace Yuill have left to spend a two weeks' holiday at Toronto and other points south.

Mr. Geo. Jones left on Friday for a holiday in the south. He was accompanied by Master Billy Richards, who has gone to join his mother, Mrs. T. H. Richards, in Toronto.

Miss Dorothy Davidson, of the nurses in training at St. Mary's hospital, is spending a few weeks at her home in Kapuskasing. She was accompanied to Kapuskasing by Miss Lena Foley.

The last knitting meeting of the Eastern Star for the summer will take place this (Monday) evening at the home of Mrs. J. T. Easton, 76 Maple street south.

Mr. Allan Longmore left on Sunday to return to Toronto, where he is an intern at Toronto General Hospital, after spending a holiday at his home here.

There is not a single bush fire in this part of the North Land, according to The Halleyburian, that newspaper suggesting that the danger may be over for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Read, accompanied by their daughter, Miss Doris Read, are in Kapuskasing to spend the holiday with their son, Mr. Cyril Read, of the Spruce Falls Pulp and Paper Co.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Gallagher and Barbara and John Bowie left on Saturday for Mrs. Bowie's cottage at Forest, Ont., for the summer months. Mrs. Bowie will join them in the course of a few weeks.

## Wedding Sunday Morning at South End United Church

South Porcupine, June 29—(Special to The Advance)—A very quiet wedding was solemnized on Sunday morning in the United Church by Rev. J. A. Little when Miss Ruby Viola Wile,

daughters printed on both sides of the paper. It is a questionable form of economy. The saving thus affected is more than offset by the loss of time and inconvenience suffered by the newspapers. This might not worry the government department, but for the fact that the newspapers are very liable to take the remedy of neglecting to use the inconvenient articles. There is such a surfeit these days of free publicity that careful selection has to be made. Articles that do not conform to the rules of newspaper offices are liable to be sidetracked with little consideration.

It is a deplorable evidence of the ease with which civil liberties can be unnecessarily abridged these days that no effective protest has been made against the military stunt of an "invasion" so-called of the city of Toronto, with interference with governmental and civil administration. Even the newspaper that carries at its editorial mast-head the words of Junius, "The subject who is truly loyal to the Chief Magistrate will neither advise nor submit to arbitrary measures" has not made the required objection to the unwarranted and ill-advised military stunt. If the stunt had been sincere and earnest, there are other cities where it could have been carried out with valuable results. But what a howl would have gone up to the skies, had it been attempted elsewhere than in Toronto!

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."

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Wile, of Noranda, became the bride of Roy Edward Lessor, son of Mrs. Mary Lessor and the late Mr. E. E. Lessor of Pheasant, Ont.

The bride wore a very pretty dusty rose colour crepe dress with white hat and accessories with a short chin-length veil, and wore a corsage of orchids. She was attended by Mrs. Harry L. Puzey, who wore a gown of queen's blue crepe with matching accessories. Mr. Harry Puzey supported the groom.

Mrs. Jamieson played the wedding march and immediately after the ceremony the happy couple were entertained at a dainty luncheon at the home of Mrs. Puzey. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. L. Quantrell, Misses Grace and Mae Cunningham, Mrs. A. Luxton, Misses Madeline and Sonia Puzey and Cecil Quinlan.

They later left for Kirkland Lake where they will in future reside.

Mr. Lessor was with the Caswell Construction Company here.

exceeds any previous average this year for a week, though the total number of births registered last week was twelve (two being noted in Thursday's Advance, and the ten mentioned herewith). While this twelve for a week is ahead of this year's average, it is below last year's which was twenty a week, 1960 for the year.

The following are the births registered after Thursday last week:—  
Born—on June 14th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Nick Logush, of 270 Balsam street north, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—on June 13th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henry Hunt of 310 Spruce street south, at St. Mary's Hospital—a daughter.

Born—on June 11th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth MacDonald, of 109 Elm street north, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on June 8th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tourville (nee Estabro Lavigne) of 8 Messines avenue, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on June 17th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brunette, (nee Jean Loader), of 19 Kent avenue—a daughter.

Born—on June 16th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Burnett A. Johnson, of 74 Hollinger avenue—a son.

Born—on June 6th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Steve Popescu, of 28A Patricia Boulevard, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on June 6th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. John Mazekis, of 117 Cherry street, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

Born—on June 11th, 1941, to Mr. and Mrs. Roma Thibodeau, at St. Mary's Hospital—a son.

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