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## THOSE BRITISH!

It is little wonder that other peoples are unable to understand the British people, when few British really understand themselves. The fact of the matter seems to be that they are so human that they almost appear inhuman. At the present time, with death raining on them from the skies, they go about their daily business as if life were of little moment. At least there is little fear of death evidenced on any side. Yet at the same time, if one turns aside from the daily dangers, it will be noted that the British apparently have an almost exaggerated devotion to the saving of life. Some months ago a Hun air raid destroyed much valuable property and caused the loss of many lives. Incendiary bombs, as well as explosives, did enormous damage. Every effort—even in the face of the most serious danger—was made to see that all the dead were given formal and dignified burial. The injured were hurried to hospital, and, as usual, the doctors and nurses showed heroic and self-sacrificing devotion to their care. One baby, fifteen months old, was brought into St. Bartholomew's hospital, with two-thirds of his little body burned. With all the other cases, surely this child with scarcely a chance for life under the best circumstances, would be allowed to die—one among so many. Instead, nurses and doctors stole time from sleep to care for that baby. A special saline bath was constructed for the baby and all the skill and experience of specialists given to an unknown youngster. To-day the child is fully recovered—a modern miracle. Can any gangster nation—any combination of gangster nations—conquer a people like this?

When a Timmins lady—English by birth and breeding—was told of this incident of the child upon whom so much care was lavished, her reply was an instant demand to know why the child should not receive that special attention, when all the British people had given so much thought and care for their pet dogs and cats and birds. Those that could not be sent to places of safety were disposed of as humanely as science knew. To brutal minds, it must indeed be difficult to understand how so much kindness and sentimentality for the weak and helpless can go with a courage that laughs at danger and at death. The British poet gave the answer:—"The bravest are the tenderest; the loving are the daring."

## SEEING STRAIGHT

The Ottawa Journal had an editorial the other day headed:—"We Should See Straight." It would be very pleasing to The Advance and to many other friends of The Ottawa Journal if it would do as the heading of the editorial suggests and not as the body of the editorial indicates—which is a polite way of saying that the Ottawa newspaper's reasoning is cock-eyed.

The Ottawa Journal quotes a recent editorial note in The Advance:—"Wouldn't it be a fine thing if the Germans were telling the truth about all the Russian losses, and the Russians were telling the truth about all the German losses?"

To this comment The Journal adds the paraphrase:—"Wouldn't it be a fine thing if every Canadian would put in cold storage until the war is won and ended—as Mr. Churchill has done—his detestation of communism, and welcome the aid of the Russians in this life-and-death struggle against a common enemy?" The answer to that is a qualified "Yes," if there is to be straight-thinking. The help of the Russians should be welcomed in the same way that the police welcome the aid that sometimes comes to the law when two gangsters start at each other's throats. It would not be straight thinking, surely for the police to be expected to sink their "detestation" of Gyp the Blood simply because Slugger Schicklgruber had taken a couple of pot shots at him.

"Every fighting Russian, every Russian tank and airplane and gun, is that much more defence of Britain—and Canada," says The Journal. "Every German soldier killed or wounded or captured, every piece of German war equipment put out of action, reduces by so much the force the Nazis can bring to bear against Britain." All that of course is true, and that was why The Advance suggested it would be a fine thing if the Russian stories about the German losses were absolutely correct. The more Germans killed off by the Russians the better. The Advance is all for that. But because The Advance is for Canada, Britain, democracy, it sincerely hopes that the Russians will not emerge from the conflict strong enough to continue their career as gangsters. It doesn't seem straight thinking to insist that simply because the one gangster treacherously attacked the other gangster that the second gangster is to be accepted as any better than he was. The contemptible attack on Poland, the villainous assault on Finland, the aggression against Roumania are only recent evidences of the Russian gangster spirit. Before that there were the blood purges among their own people and

the deliberate policy of the Soviet to send emissaries all over the world to injure neighbors and friends against which they had no quarrel. There is proof held in more than one country to-day that while Germany and Italy had paid spies in every country, these agents were expected to work in the interests of the Nazis and the Fascists. The Soviet agents were accounted successful if they created injury and damage to the country in which they were, even though it was no advantage to Russia. It should be remembered, too, that Russia's record in sheer murder and torture and devilry has never been exceeded by any other gangster nation, past or present. The slaughter of the unfortunate children of the czar before Stalin has few parallels in history for brutality and disregard of decency and human dignity.

If there is to be any straight thinking, two facts must be kept in mind. One of these is that it was Russia's policy to stand back in general from the present world war in the hope and belief that when both sides in the struggle were eventually exhausted, the Soviet then would be the military lord of the earth. The other fact is that all knew in their hearts that after Germany was subdued, Russia would have to be dealt with. The winning of the war against the Nazis and the Fascists would be a criminal farce if the Soviet were permitted to hold on to its plunder from robbery and murder and rapine. People who did any straight thinking knew that Russia's gangsterism would have to be curbed and cured, or the last stage of the world would be even worse than the first. It would be like arresting and punishing three of the gangster groups, with no higher purpose than to leave another with a monopoly.

The Advance rejoices with The Ottawa Journal that the Russians are giving valuable aid to Britain and her allies in the task of subduing the German gangsters. Hence, it would hope that the Russian stories of all the Germans slaughtered might be true. But straight seeing seems to point also to the fact that it is a good thing to see the Germans reducing the military might of the Soviet gangsters.

As for the economic and political dogmas of the Nazis, the Fascists and the Soviet, there doesn't appear to be any difference except in name, so far as practical application is concerned. The whole battle is between totalitarianism and democracy, between human bondage and freedom, between gangsterism and the dignity of human kind.

The war has been in progress long enough to show that Russia can hold out, if she wills. She can no more be conquered by Germany than China can be subdued by the Japs. If Russia succumbs, it will be because she sells out to the enemy, and even that treachery is not unthinkable from the record. The longer Russia holds out, the sooner Britain and her Allies will win, but Britain and her Allies will have to win this war against national gangsterdom, and the more of both Germans and Russians who fall in the present battle between the Nazis and the Soviet, the better it will be for decent humanity.

## TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE

Adolph Schicklgruber apparently tries to steal everything he sees or hears or dreams about. His latest attempt at minor theft is to appropriate to himself the phrase coined in Britain and often applied to Canada's war effort. The phrase is:—"Too little and too late." That appears to be the case with the said Schicklgruber in his invasion of Russia. Four weeks ago yesterday he publicly gave himself one month to conquer Russia. His generals suggested two months; military experts in other countries said if he could not do it in three months he could never accomplish his purpose. But Adolph proudly predicted that just a month was all he asked. The month has passed, and none of his objectives have been achieved. The oil and food he sought, and thought to secure in a few days have been either moved back or destroyed. His first effort was "Too little and too late." The vigorous resistance offered by the Russians shook his confidence a little, but he rallied his spirits last week to announce a new drive that would do the work in short order. That new drive is now apparently bogged down. "Too little and too late." Now Adolph Schicklgruber is calling on Japan for aid. Changes in the Japanese cabinet seem to suggest that the cry of Schicklgruber is to be heeded. Whatever else that might be said about the Japanese, they have a record of keeping their pledged word. They have a solemn pledge not to attack Russia. This pledge, however, was made after they had joined Germany as allies of the Axis. It is inconceivable that the pledge to Russia was made without Germany's consent, and this fact is another proof of the treachery that seems to be uppermost in affairs of state to-day. Indications are that Japan will rescind its pledge to Russia and try to fulfil its pledge to aid the Nazis. But again Schicklgruber would appear to be "Too little and too late." Russia has a well-equipped force estimated at four million men to meet attack by Japan, and these millions are well supported by a powerful wing of the Russian air force. Japan, too, is liable to find that though Schicklgruber seems to have stolen the right to use the words, "Too little and too late," Japan, too, may soon find itself "Too little and too late."

## GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

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."

The late Col. Lindbergh has written another letter. As the private secretary of President Roosevelt phrased it, the letter was "written to the newspapers and addressed to the President." The newspapers had the letter before the President heard about it. In this letter the late Col. Lindbergh says:—"I give you my word that I have no connection with any foreign government." Now, if only Adolph Schicklgruber and Modest Mussolini will pledge their oath to the late Col. Lindbergh's word of honour, that letter should be forwarded to London Punch.

Reports from neutral sources suggest that the advance of the Finnish forces into Russia have been stopped by forest fires. The inference is that the Russians deliberately set fire to the forest to halt the invading force. It may be that this is just a sample of what may be expected from the Russians in defence of their country. If the Russians follow any such policy—and they appear to have done so up to the present—all that invaders can hope for is peril.

Some of the newspapers have been full of pathetic stories of the sad death of Premier King's dog. There have also been pictures, in some of which the Premier did not wear a hat, so the caption noted that Mr. King was holding the dog in his arms. All will sincerely sympathize with the Premier in the loss of his pet dog. After this



- Miss Rita Thrasher is visiting at her home in Douglas, Ont.
- Mr. and Mrs. P. Nolan and family were visitors last week at Englehart.
- Mrs. Ira Fraser has been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pigeon, Madawaska.
- Mr. and Mrs. H. J. O'Neill were guests at the Noranda hotel, Noranda, last week.
- Mrs. Anita Gagne and son, Rene, and Mrs. Wm. Gauthier were guests last week of friends in Rouyn.
- Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardiner were recent visitors to Cochrane, the guests of Mr. Gardiner's parents.
- Mrs. J. Stewart, of Cochrane, was a visitor to Timmins last week.
- Mrs. M. J. Maloney has been visiting her mother, Mrs. A. S. Maloney, Chapeau, Ottawa Valley.
- Pte. Carl Johns of the Ordinance Corps visited at his home here last week.
- Mr. and Mrs. M. Manderson, of Timmins, left for two week's vacation for southern points.
- Miss Jerry Lafleur and Irene Rochefort left Sunday for North Bay where they will spend two weeks' vacation.
- Miss Louise Ferrari, of Timmins, left for Kirkland Lake where they will spend two weeks' vacation.
- The Misses Lila Brousseau and Alice Lauzon are spending two weeks' vacation in North Bay.
- Mr. Jack Morrison returned to his home in Timmins after spending two weeks' vacation with Mr. and Mrs. John Judd, of Shawville, Quebec.
- Mrs. J. Michalak, of Timmins, returned from Toronto after spending two weeks' vacation.
- Miss M. Clutchey is leaving for Montreal, where she will spend two weeks' vacation.
- Mr. Bert Hornby, of the R.C.A.F., left this morning for St. Thomas, after spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hornby.
- Mr. and Mrs. Rene Souliere and Mr. and Mrs. Hector Souliere and daughter, Cecile, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. Rathwell, North Bay.
- Mrs. R. Laberge returned to North Bay last week after spending three months in Timmins with his daughter, Mrs. R. Souliere and Mrs. H. Souliere.
- The condition of Chief of Police William Clark, North Bay, who was stricken with a heart attack earlier this month, is now reported as much improved.
- The regular meeting of the Women's Institute last week was held as usual on Wednesday afternoon, and not in the evening as suggested by the report in last Thursday's Advance.
- Mr. Morrison Parker, of Three Rivers, Que., was a visitor to Timmins last week, motoring up from the South to call on friends and acquaintances here.
- Vernier Wallingford returned to his duties at the Noorduyn Aircraft Corporation in Montreal yesterday after spending a week's vacation with his father and brother in Timmins.
- R.M. Warren Carver, formerly of The Advance staff, but now in the Royal Canadian Air Force, was home on leave during the week-end from Queen's University, Kingston, where he is taking a course in Radio Mechanics.

bereavement Mr. King can scarcely be expected to travel to England for some time.

It may be that the censors forbid any such question at present, as likely to give comfort to the enemy, so The Advance is not going to take a chance in asking: "What about some oil for Timmins streets?"

Reports suggest that the Dominion Government plans to set up bureaus of information in 48 of the United States. Well, that will mean about 150 good party men who will not need to draw unemployment insurance.

Soldiers still have to pay part fares for trips home on leave. If the government paid any attention to public opinion this would not long continue.

Reports from Moscow to the effect that the Russians now have air superiority over Germany are actually believed in well-informed circles in London, England. There is a tendency in London, however, to think that it not the lack of planes but the lack of oil that is causing the trouble for the Germans.

The Royal Air Force is giving Germany these days a long-needed lesson in what it feels like to be bombed from the air. It will be recalled that Mussolini's son once told about what "sport" it was to bomb the Ethiopians from the air, but that son of a sawdust caesar found so little "sport" in flying against the British or the Greeks that he has not been heard from since the real war began.

## New Books Added to the Timmins Public Library.

With Brief Notes About Some of Them.

- The following are new books added to the Timmins public library:—
- Non-Fiction**
- Living Treasure (Ivan Sanderson)—A British field man, plotting evolutionary graphs in Jamaica, British Honduras and Yucatan, runs into amusing adventures in swampy jungles with crocodiles, giant crabs and snakes.
- Allenby, a study in greatness (Archibald Wavell)—One Eastern campaigner writes about another.
- Berlin diary (W. L. Shirer)—The uncensored journals (1934-1941) of a foreign correspondent whose broadcast talks will be familiar to many readers.
- Darwin, Marx, Wagner (J. Barzun)—Materialism analyzed in the lives of its three greatest modern exponents; in science, Darwin; in politics, Marx; in art, Wagner.
- Mumbo Jumbo Esquire (J. S. Childers)—The two Africas of cannibals and nightclubs, of swamps and skyscrapers, of deserts and golf courses, described by an American Rhodes scholar.
- Magic in a Bottle (M. Silverman)—Sulfanilamide, hormones and eight other chemical substances, how they were discovered and who discovered them.
- Keeping Your House in Repair (A. F. Collins)—Tools, woods and other materials are fully discussed in this profusely illustrated book.
- Bomber's Moon (Negley Farson)—Drawings as well as text tell the story of London in the blitzkrieg.
- Fiction**
- The Desperate Pursuit, by Neil Bell.
- Bloodbird, by Thomas Burton.
- Thomas, Thomas, Anell, Thomas, by Tristram Coffin.
- Mariana, by Monica Dickens.
- Chaffinch's, by Joseph Freeman.
- Half That Glory, by Stanley Gray.
- Trumpet in the Wilderness, by R. S. Harper.
- The Ordeal of the Falcon, by Gosta Larsson.
- Pal Joey, by John O'Hara.
- The Misses Elliot of Geneva, by W. H. Smith.
- The Princess, by Phil Stong.
- Not to the Strong, by J. P. Thorn-dike.
- The Ill-Made Knight, by T. H. White.
- Melanie, by G. Kaus.
- And New Stars Burn, by Baldwin.
- A House for Emily, by Reeves.
- No Truce with Time, by Waugh.
- The Red Tapeworm, by Mackenzie.
- Junior Miss, by Benson.
- Proceed, Sergeant Lamb, by Graves.
- Pool of Time, by Seymour.
- This Is Life, by Bailey.
- The Lady in the Fur Coat, by Tilsey.
- Renegade Ranger, by Lee.
- Tadpole Hall, by Ashton.
- The Singing Widow, by Johns.
- Your Deal, My Lovely, by Cheyney.
- The Creaking Chair, by Meynell.
- No Murder of Mine, by Campbell.
- Gun Gospel, by Macrae.
- Death at the Helm, by Rhode.
- Sealed Room Murder, by Penny.
- The Mystery of Mar Saba, by Hunter.

## Kirkland Lake Council Awaits Approval Meters

Kirkland Lake council has passed the necessary by-law to install a parking meter system in that town. There was considerable opposition to the plan, the objections being headed by T. J. Miron, president of Kirkland Lake area for provincial government affairs. Despite Mr. Miron's appeal in the matter for a delay, council proceeded with the plan. All that is needed now is permission from the Ontario Government.

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## Funeral Services For Late Andrew Marttila

The Reverend A. I. Heinonen conducted Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Walker's Funeral Home and in the Timmins Cemetery the funeral services for Andrew Marttila, of 41 Bruce avenue, South Porcupine, who died in St. Mary's Hospital, Timmins, Wednesday, July 16, after an illness of a couple of months.

The late Mr. Marttila was born in Uusimaa Province, Finland, about 70 years ago. He came to Canada from Finland November 15, 1909, having lived in Sudbury district and during the past twenty years in the Porcupine Camp.

As far as is known he had no relatives living in Canada.

NOT WITHOUT HOPE

"I shall never marry," declared Mike, "until I find a girl who is my exact mental opposite."  
"Well," observed Cora, "there are a lot of intelligent girls in the area."  
—Globe and Mail.