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MURDER BY WHOLESALE

The traditional near-sighted man who could not see the forest for the trees appears to have his counterpart to-day in governments who cannot see the soldiers for all the uniforms. Boasts are being made about Canada's great war effort, yet consideration seems to be small for the people of the fighting forces. Members of all the many parliaments of the Dominion have free passes on the railways, while the soldier in uniform has to beg, steal or borrow a ride to get home on leave. Perhaps, the government is unable to see all the soldiers lined up at the crossroads attempting to "thumb" rides, while government favourites travel free in luxury on the trains. The latest example of where the government cannot see the soldiers for the war is the attempt to stabilize wages and prices at present levels in the interests of the people at large. Civil servants and common employees of private concerns have been assessed a "cost of living" bonus, which is in effect a raise in wages given in such a way that prices are not allowed to rise and take away the benefit of the increase in pay. The "freezing" of wages and prices is boldly announced as a protection and help to the people at large assuring all of as fair a living at the law may allow. It is an odd fact that in this special professed thought for the common people, one section of the said common people should be completely forgotten. This section is the group of thousands of wives and children and other dependents of soldiers on active service. To freeze prices and wages at present levels and leave soldiers' allowances for dependents at the old standards seems to be the rankest form of discrimination.

Timmins Branch No. 88 of the Canadian Legion did well indeed to call attention to the injustice in the resolution passed at the meeting of the branch on Monday. For months past it has been very evident that the allowance for dependents of soldiers has been deplorably inadequate. Timmins Branch of the Legion on several occasions has called attention to this fact, quoting actual cases to prove the point. Had there been no freezing of wages and prices the inadequacy of the allowance for soldiers' dependents would have been a rank injustice to the families of the men who are risking all for the safety and the comfort of those remaining at home. To grant civil servants a "cost of living bonus"—to apply the same principle to ordinary employees in other lines—and to neglect to do as much for the families of soldiers is to display discrimination so rank as to be unworthy of any civilized country.

Timmins Branch of the Legion has always been a leader in looking after the interests of the soldiers and their dependents. The Legion has protected and helped the soldiers of the last war and their families. The Legion is attempting to do its part in the battle for a fair deal for the soldiers of this war and for the dependents of these good soldiers. The suggestion of the Legion is that the principle of the "cost of living" bonus be applied to the allowances for soldiers' families. This seems only fair. The families of soldiers have found the cost of living just as serious an economical problem as it has proved to be to civil servants and other employees. There should be very general support of the Legion in this move. It might be a good thing for private individuals to support the work of the Legion by writing members of parliament and Ministers of the Crown in the matter. Indeed, it might be well for the public in general to show such an interest that the government will feel compelled to do something. Either the families of soldiers on active service should receive the cost of living bonus, or there should be such an adjustment of the allowances for soldiers' dependents that these worthy people should receive at least sufficient to prevent the "freezing" of soldiers' families, as well as of prices and wages.

FAIR PLAY FOR SOLDIERS

Two Germans were recently shot in occupied France. In retaliation for this the Nazis deliberately murdered one hundred innocent Frenchmen and planned for the killing of another fifty. Common sense and decency, as well as international law and fair play, class as deliberate murder the killing of innocent people for crimes in which they had no concern. Records should be kept of all these murders and it should be an essential part of the peace terms that those in any way responsible for these callous murders should be fully punished. At the present time it would appear unthinkable that Hitler and his fellow gangsters should go unpunished after all their crimes. Experience in the past suggests, however, that there is such a danger. It is one of the reasons why time after time the world is cursed with recurring slaughter of the innocent. Napoleon (who, however, was a gentleman and a kindly fellow compared to the brutes of to-day) lived to die a natural death, if the Irishism may be permitted. Kaiser Wilhelm was not hanged publicly as officially promised by Premier Lloyd George,

but was allowed to attain a great age before natural causes brought his unnatural life to a close. The same mistake should not be made after this war. Hitler and all his gang and Mussolini and his chief tools should all be publicly executed as the vile criminals that they are. Many people would take a special delight in seeing Mussolini's fat neck with a noose around it. About the only argument against capital punishment in the cases of these murderous gangsters is that death comes too quickly from any of the modern methods of execution.

Not only should Hitler, Mussolini, and their chief stooges suffer undignified death for their foul crimes, but there should also be the death penalty for hosts of others in less important positions in the ranks of the enemy. Death is much too good for any of them, yet none of them should be allowed to escape the just reward for their heartlessness and wanton cruelty. It would be well if the civilized world should make it very plain how that savagery and senseless crime will not be permitted to pass unnoticed and unpunished. The progress of the war should not be permitted to obscure the fact that civilized countries will not tolerate wholesale murder and rapine. If all the gangsters knew for a surety that retribution will be exacted at any cost for the murder of the innocent, there would be some hesitation in the brutality of the blackguards for all gangsters are at heart contemptible cowards and cravens.

There are three main reasons for the present Nazi brutality in occupied France. First the Nazis are frantic with fear and rage because they are not clever enough to protect themselves against the Frenchmen who are still free in soul. Second, wholesale murder is agreeable in itself to their sadistic souls. Third, they hope, by wholesale murder to terrorize the people of occupied France to some measure of subservience to the Nazi yoke.

There is considerable evidence to suggest that the people of occupied France have become so desperate from hunger, privation, oppression and brutal slavery that no form of frightfulness can long hold them in terror.

It might be well to pay as little attention as possible to the wholesale murders at present in occupied France. These have no immediate bearing on the war. The wholesale murders, however, should not be forgotten, and at the war's end there should be adequate punishment for each and every brutality of to-day.

TEA FOR BOMB VICTIMS

Elsewhere in this issue will be found reference to the plan of Mr. Lawrence Isaacs, of Toronto, to give aid and comfort to the victims of German air raids. Mr. Isaacs in a brief address to the Timmins Kiwanis Club suggested that tea bags be sent overseas in increasing numbers each month. For months past Mr. Isaacs has been instrumental in gathering from 25,000 to 30,000 tea bags per month. He is very desirous of augmenting this amount. The plan has many special features of interest. There is no doubt as to the comfort and aid that British people will find in tea. As Mr. Isaacs indicates, the cup of tea is of particular value to those in air raid shelters. To British people the cup of tea will have a moral as well as a physical appeal. At the present time, the number of patriotic calls are admittedly crowding each other. This tea bag plan is a new one, and one that should attract very general response. It shouldn't be allowed to displace such notable causes as the Red Cross, the Bomb Victims' Fund. It should simply be an extra. All who can afford to do so should spare the odd dollar to help along the tea bag plan.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

The story comes from the West to the effect that during a recent visit of Mussolini to Hitler, the former decided to take a bath. He was in the bathroom rumbling and grumbling to himself. "What's the matter, Finio?" called the former paperhanger. "I can't find the sponge," cried Mussolini. "Oh, why don't you use your head!" Adolph replied in irritation.

A man near New Liskeard claims to have harvested a cabbage weighing 25½ pounds. That seems pretty heavy for a cabbage. It may have been a typographical error. Some of those typographical errors are heavier than that.

Two communists were shot in Paris this week. In Canada the communists never get more than half shot.

Various newspapers are seeking to find the moral in the recent general elections in the province of British Columbia. Before the election the Liberals had a good working majority. At the election, however, the Liberals lost enough seats to leave the government in the minority. Yet the Conservatives only gained a couple of seats, and the C. C. F., while its party in the house was about doubled in comparison to the last parliament, still lacks anything like an effective force in the political life of the province. There have been various reasons suggested for the result of the voting. The most probable explanation is that the people in general are heartily sick of all parties and partyism at this time when a united national government appears to be the one great need of the day.

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."

General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French, has asked all Frenchmen everywhere, and especially in the occupied territory, to stand with folded arms for five minutes at 4 p.m. tomorrow (Friday) as a protest against the wholesale murder of Frenchmen by the Nazis. If there hadn't been too much of that folded arms business in the past, it wouldn't be necessary in the present. (Canadian newspapers please copy).

In this "folded arms" business in France to-morrow the arms should be folded to form two "V's"

The week of Nov. 10th to 16th is to be observed as "Education Week," the purpose being to direct public interest and attention to the vital question

Three Convictions Made in Charges Under Liquor Act

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still there when the police entered.

A roomer at the house said that he had stayed at the house for the past ten years and he knew the man as Mr. Peelle. He said that one of the men who had been found in the house had called to see him.

Miss Morrison said that she had been working for Porovance for twenty-two months and that on the Saturday night before the police visited she had been instructed to cook a chicken to make some chicken spaghetti the next day. She admitted that she had served the beer to the men but said that she had not charged them for it.

Porovance took the stand and said that he had gone fishing with the men the week before and had invited them to his home for dinner. They had called about ten-thirty and he had left instruction to give them some beer and to wake him up about noon. He denied that he had ever sold beer.

Defence counsel argued that the crown had a very weak case against either of the accused persons on keeping for sale and asked that the case be dismissed. All of the witnesses had been in the house at the time of the raid and they had all offered reasonable excuses for their presence there. Every one of them denied that they had paid for any of the beer.

The crown argued that they had a strong case against the two persons. The defence had called five of the six persons who were found in the house and had not called the sixth one for some unknown reason. The crown attorney advised the magistrate that he had no other course to take, if he doubted the testimony of the witnesses, than to convict.

The magistrate said that he didn't believe some of the witnesses for the defence and added that it was a shame for a man to employ a seventeen-year-old girl and let her sell his beer for him. He said that he was going to withdraw the charge against the girl but would convict the man and passed sentence of three months. The house was also declared public for a year.

Another case that was laid under the Liquor Control Act was a series of charges against three persons. All three were charged with keeping beer for sale, one was charged with illegal possession of beer, and one was charged with permitting drunkenness. Charges against two of the accused were withdrawn and the charge against one of accused of permitting drunkenness drew a fine of fifty dollars and costs.

Sergeant Garlepy related the story of how the police had raided the premises at 161 Cedar street north, on Sunday, October 19th, about two o'clock in the morning, after receiving a complaint at the police station. A quantity of beer was found in the house and ownership of the beer was claimed by Charlotte Perkins, the housekeeper. Two of the men on the party were very drunk, the sergeant said, and the women were all "feeling good." The woman had told the sergeant of a man coming to the house and giving her some money to pay for a case of beer. He was described by the accused as a "beer booster."

At the conclusion of the constable's evidence the magistrate dismissed the charges against the other two defendants because they weren't tied up in the case in any way. However he proceeded with the charge against the woman.

The woman took the stand in her own defence and said that on the Saturday night she had toured a number of legal beverage rooms and was celebrating the return to Timmins of her brother whom she had not seen for fourteen years. She said that she had not served any beer to any of the guests but they had taken it themselves. When she admitted that she knew that they had taken the beer the magistrate convicted her and fined her fifty dollars and costs.

Mrs. Simone Duchesne, of Riverside Drive, across the river in Mountjoy Township, will spend the next two months in jail on a charge of selling beer, according to a verdict reached by the magistrate. Two young fellows, and Constable Fulton, of the Ontario Provincial Police detachment in Timmins, were the only witnesses called by the crown, but their evidence was conclusive enough to convict.

One young fellow about seventeen years old said that he had gone to the small store operated by Mrs. Duchesne across the second bridge, and had purchased five bottles of beer. He had been sent there by his mother to get a case of beer but the woman said she could only let him have five bottles. He had paid her a dollar and a quarter

of education. Education Week has been observed in other years. This year the particular theme of the week is to be "The Defence of Democracy." True education would assure the defence of democracy.

The recent resignation of Mr. Walter P. Zeller from an important but unpaid position under the government in the war effort has roused many people in this part of the North to a startled realization of the fact that the government is sadly lacking in its war effort. Mr. Zeller is known throughout the North, having been a visitor here as Governor of the Kiwanis Clubs of Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. He has shown himself a man of outstanding ability as well as one of genuine public spirit. The reason for his resignation was frankly given as the fact that he could not get action, red, tape, and, perhaps, politics, retarding all effort.

article were convicted and fined ten dollars and costs. One man, Jean Roch Lapointe was not served and was remanded till next week. Eugene Girard pleaded guilty and paid a fine of ten dollars and costs. John Onica and Norman V. Montgomery each pleaded guilty to the charges and paid twenty-five dollars and costs.

Two ordinary drunks paid fines of ten dollars and costs while three other persons facing the same charge were given a week's remand.

Lorenzo Dutrizac paid a fine of fifty dollars and costs on a charge of illegal possession of beer. Russell Mowbray pleaded guilty to a charge of having beer in a public place and paid \$20 and costs. He pleaded guilty to a further charge of dangerous driving and paid another fine of \$25 and costs. His driver's license was also cancelled for ten days.

Phillip Lamoureux was ordered to pay his wife ten dollars weekly when he contested a charge laid by his wife under the Deserted Wives and Children's Maintenance Act.

Taxi and Truck Clash at Corner of Pine and First

Police, Say Slippery Road was Cause of Accident. No Blame Attached to Either Driver.

A Cartier Cab and a truck were involved in a minor accident at a quarter to eight on Saturday morning at the corner of First avenue and Pine street. About fifteen dollars damage was done to both car and truck and no blame was attached to either driver by the police who investigated.

Witnesses said the taxi was proceeding south on Pine street while the truck was crossing the intersection when the minor crash took place. Police said the road was very slippery at the time due to the newly fallen snow and attached no blame to either of the drivers. Henry Demers, 55 Charles street, was driving the taxi while Theodore Charbonneau, 56½ First avenue, was driving the truck. The brakes on both cars were tested and found to be in perfect condition.

Stratford Beacon-Herald — By the way, if there are cooties in this war, are they, too, mechanized?

Globe and Mail—British Minister of Information Brendan Bracken describes Hitler as "only the scum on the top of the water," that he is not directing the war at all. This puts in rather vigorous words what is in the minds of innumerable other people. Der Fuehrer prepares the trouble, and able men carry it on. He only helped with the writing of "Mein Kampf."

Rev. W. R. Slade Honoured on Leaving Noranda Camp

The Rouyn-Noranda Press last week had the following reference to the leaving of Rev. W. R. Slade:—

"Last week the members and friends of the Noranda Baptist church bade farewell with much regret to their highly esteemed pastor, Rev. W. R. Slade, who has served the congregation for the past three years. As a mark of regret, Mr. Slade was presented with a beautiful leather wallet, comfortably padded with some half dozen greenbacks. He responded with deep feeling to a farewell address read by one of the younger members of the church and assured his friends that he would ever remember them with gratitude to God for their co-operation in his work and the many kindnesses shown to him personally.

"Mr. Slade will be particularly remembered by the young people of the church and congregation, among whom he has had a special ministry. Under his leadership the Noranda church has become known as a young people's church and at the same time the Sunday School has increased in numbers and exercised a strong influence for good among the boys and girls of Noranda and Rouyn. Through his radio ministry Mr. Slade was well known in the homes throughout the district and his Gospel messages of comfort and salvation brought help and encouragement to many regular listeners.

"The Noranda church was Mr. Slade's first regular charge, though he had previously worked with other pastors throughout the northern parts of Ontario and Quebec, including his brother, Rev. H. C. Slade, of the Timmins Baptist church. Like his brother he also received his theological training at the Toronto Baptist seminary. Mr. Slade's previous experience as a school teacher in his native province of Nova Scotia stood him in good stead in his work among the young people and in the Sunday School. He left the Noranda church as he found it, entirely free of debt and in a healthy condition, eagerly looking forward to the tasks of the future. Before taking up new work Mr. Slade will visit various Baptist churches in the Canadian west and then spend a short time with his two sisters in Vancouver, B.C."

Calgary Herald—How about making the "V" sound with your horn every time a guy passes you on the highway at 60 m.p.h.?



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