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THE PEOPLE AND THE WAR

Some newspapers and some public men have repeated so often their theory about public complacency in regard to the war that they actually believe the story now—and are even inducing some other thoughtless or unobservant folk to think along the same lines. If the people are so complacent about the war, if the citizens in general "do not really know that there is a war on," if the average man and woman is so self-centred and selfish that the call of country and of humanity is falling on deaf ears, how does it happen that so much is being accomplished? If the people are so complacent, how does it happen that each and every call is answered with such generosity that every loyal heart is thrilled? One example that may well be noted at the moment is the response to the second Victory Loan campaign. Although the amount called for seemed unusually large,—to many thoughtful people it seemed indeed impossible of achievement—yet the final count of subscriptions for the loan will be more than fifty per cent. over the objective set. In view of general conditions in this part of the North it did appear that the objective set for Cochrane district could not be reached. Even some of the committee were doubtful, though the very doubt back in their minds simply spurred them to special effort. The final figures are now available, and show that not only was the objective of \$1,750,000.00 reached, but Victory Loan Bonds to the truly grand total of \$2,159,250.00 were sold in this district. If that be complacency, then complacency is not going to hamper the war effort to any great extent. In greater or lesser degree the same generous response as given the Victory Loan campaign appears to be accorded each and every patriotic call. Perhaps the best example of the devotion of the people in general to the cause of the war is shown by the Red Cross. Throughout Canada the Red Cross raises the needed finances, does the work, is always ready for any emergency that may occur. Any one who can see complacency in the Red Cross work does not know the meaning of the word. Perhaps, the Red Cross effort is the most accurate measure of the popular heart interest in the war. It might be held that various campaigns of one kind or another might indicate only spasmodic enthusiasm. The Red Cross work, however, means continued, persistent, never-ceasing interest and effort. While gladly admitting that the enthusiastic support of the Red Cross is Dominion-wide, The Advance is naturally particularly concerned with the work in this immediate district. The work of the Red Cross in the Schumacher branch, the Eastern Porcupine branch and the Timmins branch is the fullest refutation of the charge of complacency or lack of understanding of the seriousness of the situation. Every patriotic man, woman and child in this part of the North may well take pride in the record of the branches of the Red Cross in this area. Of course, the response to the financial appeal is very gratifying, but in reality that is the smallest part of the matter. What should impress all is the immensity of the work carried on, day in, day out, year in, year out. In each case, instead of there being a falling-off, there is a steady and marked increase in effort. In one of the February issues, The Advance took occasion to call attention to the good work being done by the Timmins branch of the Red Cross. The report published elsewhere in this issue shows that former praise was inadequate for what is being done to-day. Since the first of the year the Timmins branch of the Red Cross has shipped the remarkable total of 2,525 articles. These are not simple articles like face cloths, but chiefly knitted goods and articles of clothing requiring patient skill and long hours of hard work. For instance among the work done last month may be noted one hundred turtle-neck sweaters, 200 girls' pyjamas, 392 pairs plain socks, 157 pairs whole mitts, 83 seamen's long stockings, scores of units of clothing for women and children. These represent long and arduous hours of the most tedious and difficult labour. If this is complacency, then all may well thank Heaven for complacency.

THE KING'S MOTTO

Literally for years The Advance has been carrying in each and every issue the motto of the King. The inspiring words spoken at a dark and dangerous hour in Britain's history seem to be ideal words for all to ponder at all times during this war. When the news from the war front appears hopeful and encouraging the King's motto seems to be needed to prevent any lessening of effort or of interest. When ill reports of reverses and losses are the order of the day, the words of the King are more than ever necessary to give courage and renew faith.

Of course, the noble words of the noble king will find a place in this present issue. This week, however, they are to appear as they were given in The Perth Courier last week. In that patriotic weekly newspaper the leading editorial was head-

ed "The Motto of the King," and read as follows:

Persistently week after week, month after month, year after year, The Porcupine Advance—more power to The Advance—carries in its editorial columns, the following:—

"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 unshaken. 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."

To The Advance this message from the King appears to be the ideal accompaniment for either good or bad news of the war. In dark days it should inspire new courage. In brighter days, it should urge to renewed effort and increased resolve. It was because of all this that The Advance has never omitted these helpful words from a single issue of this paper since they were spoken in one of the most trying hours of the present struggle between freedom and worse than slavery. It may interest readers to know that the example of The Advance impelled The Northern News of Kirkland Lake to adopt the King's motto as a permanent message to be carried each issue at the head of its editorial column. Last year a patriotic woman who for years was a valuable pioneer of this district but who has moved to her native province of Nova Scotia, wrote The Advance to the effect that a Presbyterian minister visiting at her home and seeing the King's motto in The Advance was so impressed with its inspiration that he made it the theme of one of his Sunday sermons. "Keep this motto always before the people until victory is won," was the advice of the former resident here and also of the minister of the gospel.

There are many newspapers making a practice of re-publishing occasionally the great words of the great King of the Empire to which all give proud loyalty and devotion. The Advance intends to continue week in and week out, to publish in every issue the inspiring words, the comforting words, the sustaining words of the King's motto.

FASHIONS IN WAR TIME

Mrs. Dorise Winnifred Nielsen, M.P., has written a lengthy letter to The Ottawa Journal. Up to the present, letters to the newspapers have not been rationed. Indeed, there is no reason for suspecting that this particular letter was opened and read by the part of a party censors on the postal staff before it was delivered, though letters by many more worthy and valuable members of the Canadian parliament have been so treated. Despite the war, there is no shortage of words in Canada, so, perhaps, no fault should be found with Mrs. Nielsen for using so many words in her letter. Fault may well be found, however, with the idea that the many words appear to convey. Ideas are always worth salvaging in times of war and stripping the letter of all its frills it appears to suggest that women should sacrifice all thoughts of fashion and attractive dress for the duration of the war. There are a few women who would be making no sacrifice at all to appear dowdy and ill-dressed. They would not even have to alter their usual habits. In their carelessness over their appearance they have perhaps made a life-long habit of mimicking some men. The average woman, however, finds a delight in being well-dressed, not, as Mrs. Nielsen insinuates, with the idea of "looking pretty for their men," but because of their own instinctive good taste and their love of the beautiful. Canadian women are well dressed—"in fashion," if Mrs. Nielsen prefers that phrase—not because of the time or money that they spend on clothes, but rather because of the talent and the art they have in wearing raiment.

It would be pleasing to believe that the patriotic fervour affected by the letter has not just descended upon the lady member of parliament for the occasion. When the lady visited the North some months ago she showed little loyal interest in the war. Every socialistic fad and frill then appeared to be more important to her, to judge by her addresses. It would have been difficult to believe then from her words that she had the faintest glimmering that there was a total war in progress. Any reference she made to the war was by no manner of means helpful so far as eye could see or ear believe. If she actually has the fervour and the zeal now that Russia is in the battle, she has a wonderful field for salvage and for economy and for all the other virtues concerned with total war, without turning her eyes from Ottawa. The Queen of Sheba in her dressiest moment never essayed the wasteful frills and the prodigal ornaments that fairly deluge the capital city at the moment. For a member of the parliament that has just approved the outfitting of the soldiers with an extra fashionable suit for dress occasions alone—and in Canada alone—to suggest that the average woman skimp on clothes is a piece of colossal impertinence, to say the least. Before women in general should be asked to sacrifice anything more, there are a thousand and one unnecessary, wasteful and evil expenditures that should be wiped out. Imagine the insulting impudence of a parliament that clings to high salaries and perquisites—even proroguing one day and meeting the next day, so as to get an additional sessional allowance—asking the women in general to forget appearance for the war. The Advance is wearied and nauseated with the yaps at Ottawa howling for others to sacrifice when they themselves will not give up a single thing—not even the pettiest of petty political

chicanery. If there is to be sacrifice, there should be some approach to some evenness of distribution of the burden. The women of Canada are the last people that should be asked for further sacrifices of any kind. They have given up husbands and sons and brothers. They have filled the ranks of the auxiliary services. They have done their part in every loyal cause. Their work for the Red Cross alone makes most thoughtful men ashamed of their own lack of service. Women have cheerfully foregone many things that were important to their comfort and happiness. If the war really calls for further restrictions their response will be wholehearted and without complaint. They will not need the gratuitous advice of any accustomed to speaking out of turn.

GRAVEL AND SAND—AND PLACER

According to the War Time Prices and Trade Board, it is the intention to take all "frills" off men's clothing. A young bachelor is worried for fear the same thing may happen to women's clothes.

At Hamden, Connecticut, on March 5th, triplets were born to Mr. and Mrs. H. Mangler. The proud father has been employed for some time at the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. factory.

"You have a good job at the mine, why did you go into the high-grading racket?" police recently asked a man arrested on charges of illicit traffic in gold ore. "I simply had to," the man replied. "It was the only way I could get enough money to pay my income tax."

A radio announcer last week referred to the gasoline "coupons". He missed his cue. "Coupon" is pronounced "koo-pon," "koo" as in a Scotsman's cow and "pon" as in an Irishman's pontoon.

Warning has been given that due to the need for war purposes of such metals as tin, aluminum, copper, zinc, etc., certain articles formerly made from these materials will soon be unobtainable. Housewives will be the first to be affected by the restriction of these metals to war uses. A large number of household articles in common use for cooking and other household uses will not be available as soon as present supplies are sold. Undoubtedly there will soon be home-made or other substitutes ready for use. Many of the articles are of only comparatively recent invention and

the world of women carried on before these things were available, and no doubt will continue when the present supply is exhausted. The restriction on these metals affects many businesses as well. The cuts used by newspapers for the reproduction of pictures is a case in point. These cuts are made from alloys of such metals as zinc, copper, etc. Already the newspapers have noticed the rationing of these metals. Little things like that, however, do not defeat the inventive mind of man. Last week The Advance published a picture of Songstress Frances Cramer. Ordinarily, The Advance would wonder whether there was any news value in the picture of any radio star, with the possible exemption of Fibber and Molly, Charlie McCarthy, Amos and Andy, or Woodhouse and Hawkins. This cut of the radio singer, however was very cheerfully used on its own special account. Instead of the usual stereotype or electrotype metal a new plastic material was used. This process has been developed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. In actual use it appeared to be equal, if not superior, to the usual metal blocks. It printed well and when removed from the press appeared to be in excellent condition. As radio people, the C. B. C. appear to be excellent cut makers. Perhaps this is because there are no politics mixed with their plastic alloy.

Those who are depressed by the initial success of the Japanese in the Far East should remember that Italy also had a run of luck after first entering the war. To-day the Italians are under double defeat, having been conquered by the British and enslaved by the Huns. Anyone who is not cheered by that thought, should buy war savings certificates, subscribe to the Bomb Victims' Fund, work for the Red Cross, or enlist in the Forces.

This war has seen all sorts of crime, but for the meanest, most despicable and contemptible qualities a North Bay offence appears to win the highest decoration in the gift of the gangsters. The salvage warehouse at North Bay was entered and a quantity of goods of value stolen, including metals needed for war uses, and tires and other articles of rubber. It is difficult to find words searing enough to describe the criminals in this case. Apart from the dishonesty associated with all theft, and aside from the unpatriotic attitude implied by such a crime, it has a double force of meanness when it is remembered that the goods salvaged were gathered by volunteer labour, chiefly young boys.

Sixty-four Year Old Man Refused Bail on Serious Charge; Granted Remand

Oscar Schnobb Charged With Rape is Granted Remand Without Bail When He Retains Counsel Before Court. Was Arrested a Week Ago After Considerable Investigation.

Oscar Schnobb, a sixty-four-year-old Timmins man, was remanded for a week when he appeared before Magistrate Atkinson in police court this week. He is facing two charges of rape, and Tuesday afternoon his counsel asked for a remand. In asking for the adjournment, Defence Counsel Dean Kester, K.C., told the court that he had just been retained that morning and had not had a chance to discuss the case with his client. He also asked if bail could be arranged but that the charge against the man was very serious. Consequently the accused will remain confined to the Timmins jail for another week. Schnobb was arrested a week ago on Wednesday, March 11th, and was first charged with indecent assault on a female but the charges were later changed to rape. The two girls in the case are reported to be only eleven and twelve years old. Eight persons faced charges laid under the L.A.C. on Tuesday and two of these persons were given the benefit of the doubt and the charges against them were dismissed. One of them got a remand and the other five were convicted. The man getting the remand was Onni Pihlaja who was charged with having wine in a place already declared public. Police said that Pihlaja appeared in court a few months ago and was convicted on a charge of permitting drunkenness and at that time his premises were declared public. This week police claim to have found some wine in his home when they raided. David Mitchell, a local second-hand store owner, faced a charge of illegal delivery of beer and he pleaded not guilty to the charge. At the conclusion of the case the magistrate gave him the benefit of the doubt. The case arose from another case that was tried a couple of weeks ago in which Ben Zerkowski was convicted of keeping beer for sale. Zerkowski, who is an agent for Canada Bud Brewery, brought out Mitchell's name in his evidence at that time and the police promptly laid a charge against Mitchell. However he had a reasonably good excuse this week so he was allowed his freedom. Ben Zerkowski was called to the stand as the first crown witness and he repeated the same story as before in regard to Mitchell. He said that he had met Mitchell on the street and had asked him to accompany him to the Brewers' Warehouse and purchase some beer for him. Mitchell did this and when they arrived at the warehouse Mitchell bought the two cases of beer and put them in Zerkowski's car. Later he rode downtown with Zerkowski and got out at a restaurant. Zerkowski told the court that he continued downtown and eventually delivered the two cases of beer to a house

her. Magistrate Atkinson fined her ten dollars and costs and told her to stay away from beverage rooms. Edward Stewart and Jerry Keeley were both charged with being drunk on Monday night and were given three months in jail. It was the third offence for each of them within the past year. One first offender was fined ten dollars and costs. Thomas Bergeron was charged with illegal possession of wine and was fined ten dollars and costs although he was not in court to answer the charge. Police said they had dropped into a room in the Grand Hotel on March 8th and found Bergeron in the room consuming the wine. It was covered

on his permit but the address on the permit was in another part of the town. John Stanley Hicks was charged with failing to comply with a court order and was given a week to make a substantial payment or get a jail term. The man appeared in court some months ago and at that time he was ordered to pay to his wife twenty dollars each two weeks for her support and the support of their child. It appeared this week that all he has paid since that time is fifteen dollars per month and as a result he is now about a hundred dollars behind in his payments. His excuse on Tuesday was that he had a number of other obligations to meet but he was told by the magistrate that his first obligation was his wife and child and ordered him to make a substantial payment before the next court or he would be sent to jail.

Robin Coldwell paid a fine of ten dollars and costs on a charge of disorderly conduct. Police claimed that he had been swearing and causing trouble on the street when arrested. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

A local woman was charged with allowing her daughter to remain out after nine o'clock but she appeared in court to answer the charge and was given a dismissal. She said that she had been out of town at the time and therefore had no control over the situation.

Under the various traffic regulations six persons were charged, with one of them facing two charges. Two paid fines of ten dollars and costs on charges of having no drivers' licenses and the others paid a dollar and costs on charges of illegal parking.

Christian Science Monitor—The Navy has permitted Donald Hauke to enlist although X-rays showed that his heart was on the right rather than the left side of his chest. Anyway you look at it, his heart is in the right place.

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