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TRIPOLI FALLS

Probably the most satisfactory news of a week of satisfactory war news was the fall of Tripoli. The Tripoli metropolis is a city in normal times about the size of Halifax. It had for more than two years been the goal of the British armies in Africa, but never before had they been able to get there.

The first threat to Tripoli came early in the war when the British chased the Italians beyond Benghazi, but German needed British troops, and soon the victorious army was fighting a desperate delaying action in Greece and Crete while the Axis powers regrouped their shattered army.

Then the Germans advanced and captured most of what the Italians had lost, although they could not sweep forward, but again the British drove them back. Still again a great battle raged in the desert and we thought we were winning. Then came the shattering news that General Ritchie had lost his tanks, that Tobruk had fallen and that Alexander was in danger.

Then in the late fall when Montgomery's attack at El Alamein, many days of desperate fighting were necessary before Rommel's lines were broken, but once they were broken there was no turning back. For hundreds of miles the British chased the flying Afrika Corps, right out of Libya across the Tunisian border.

The remaining German and Italian forces in North Africa are now caught between two armies. Doubtless the fight to drive them out will be both tough and bitter, but there should be little doubt of the final outcome.

The news must be depressing reading for the Italian people. When Mussolini seized the power once held by the Caesars Italy had a proud African colonial Empire. A decade ago the world trembled when the lifted his voice. Today the last outpost of that Empire has vanished. It is not probable that the Italian people retain any illusions about the calibre of their leader.

AND NOW WHAT?

The steel strike has been settled and the men are back at work. The strike was settled after the Canadian steel industry, the very life blood of the country at this time, was paralyzed for almost a fortnight. This colossal victory on Canadian soil cost Hitler not the life of a single soldier. Never before in this war has the achieved so cheap and bloodless a triumph.

And now that the strike has been settled have we any reason to suppose it will not be followed by others? It is evident that there is a large element in this country who do not give a hang for any interests except their own. If our leaders do not devise some method of making wildcat strikes unprofitable and uncomfortable there will be more equally costly strikes.

A BAD SITUATION

Events in North Africa seem to justify the stand of the Allies in allowing Darlan to try to administer the government there. Darlan, much as he had to answer for, was at least a strong man, and he would probably have got a greater degree of loyalty than had he lived than now seems possible for a long time to come. French politics have no best, and we are seeing them at their worst in North Africa.

In warning our readers not to expect too much from the French in that part of the world we feel that several factors should be born in mind. In the first place the north western corner of Africa is really a part of Europe transported across the Mediterranean. Neither its people or the terrain of the country resemble the rest of the continent at all. Algeria and Tunis are more like French provinces than French colonies.

The population is overwhelmingly anti-German, but that does not by any means say that they are pro-British. The French navy for several years past has been bitterly anti-British and probably still feels little willingness toward us. The army contains many elements that are pro-British, but also many elements that are not. The air force, according to close observers, is strongly pro-British and pro-Ally.

It is naturally disappointing that the great resources of French North Africa are not thrown whole

In the Editor's Mail Bag

Woodstock, N. B.

January 28, 1943.

To The Sporting Fans of Woodstock,

The Carleton Sentinel

Woodstock, N. B.

Dear Editor:—

Would you kindly allow me to appeal, through the valued columns of your paper, to the red blooded sporting fans of the town of Woodstock on behalf of the Woodstock High School Basketball Team 1942 School Champions of the Province of New Brunswick.

During the last two decades basketball in the town of Woodstock has held a high place in the sporting life of our province. We have won our share of championships and always our teams have had a big following both at home and abroad. The publicity derived from Basket Ball has been good for our town. Basket Ball has always paid its way due mostly to gate receipts and we have very seldom had to appeal to the fans for any financial help.

Now due to war conditions over which we have no control our teams must be financed in a much different way. To take this year's team to the tournament to be held in the Beaverbrook gym at Fredericton on March 5th and 6th, we are sponsoring a picture at the Capitol Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, February 23rd and 24th. The picture Mayor Neal has given us is called "My Favorite Blonde" starring Bob Hope assisted by that charming young actress Madeline Carroll. It was my pleasure to see this picture last fall in Truro, N. S. and to my way of thinking it was a great performance.

"My Favorite Blonde" played at Mr. Spencer's Royal Theatre under the auspices of the Truro Commercial Travellers Association.

I have been associated with the game here since the fall of 1922 and in my opinion this year's team is up to standard and worthy of your help and appreciation. We are not asking for contributions, what we want you to do is this, if you are planning on seeing this picture would you go out of your way to procure your ticket from a student or a member of the team. For your convenience tickets are on sale at Patten's Drug Store, C. A. Poole's Drug Store and the Central Drug Store. We are not allowed to sell any tickets after six p.m. on Wednesday. It gets my goat to see people (and in a lot of cases these same people are Basket Ball fans) buying their tickets at the ticket because they just won't be bothered to buy a ticket from one of our students. Remember we do not receive any commission on these tickets.

We must raise around one hundred dollars to send our team to Fredericton. Are you going to be a good sport and help us out? We are looking for your support when we sponsor "My Favorite Blonde" on Wednesday and Thursday February 23rd and 24th. Woodstock has always supported its teams; do not fail us now. Thanking you in advance for your patronage, I remain,

Yours for clean sport,
Bob Brown,
Coach W. H. S.

RESTRICTING LIQUOR

(Campbellton Tribune, The restriction of the sale of liquor, in Campbellton as elsewhere continues to be the question of the hour — any hour. Closing hours effective in this province during the present season have aroused considerable adverse criticism, and also much praise. It is doubtful whether the question will ever be settled to suit everyone, but the following comments included in a recent editorial in the Christian Science Monitor, while they apply to a state of the American Union, could apply just as easily to this province.

"The selling of liquor is simply a privilege which people can take away whenever they desire. We are rationing sugar, gasoline, and coffee, and there is no reason why we can't ration liquor."

This statement is not that of a prohibitionist, or W. C. T. U. official, but of a member of the California State Board of Equalization which supervises the liquor trade. In that State many communities, including San Francisco and San Diego, have adopted a curfew for liquor sellers, closing bottle stores at 8 p.m. and bars at midnight. Moreover, the State Board has warned liquor establishments that if they are declared "out of bounds" by the military, they will be closed for the duration by the State.

John Barleycorn never can be trusted to regulate himself. He constitutes one of the major problems of State, county, and city government. Fundamentally, liquor is an evil and is so recognized by all government. It is tolerated, or licensed, and put under severe regulations because of its innate harmful character.

Rationing liquor is not a novel idea. It has always been law that persons under the influence of liquor may not buy more liquor, but this is more honored in the breach than in the observance.

A TERRIBLE DREAM

It is tonight. You find yourself on the highway between Saint John and Fredericton. It is snowing and the freezing wind lifts up off the snowy road. Ahead of you, you see a solid mass of dark figures plodding northward. You glance over your shoulder. Behind you countless others, a multitude, carrying burdens, dragging makeshift sleds made of poles or sheets of tin. They make a vast mutter in the night, punctuated by the cries of children and occasional shouts of men or of women.

Driving in the middle of the highway, going both north and south, pass convoys of battered trucks, without lights, their drivers and the troops on the running boards shouting to the tolling multitudes to make way.

Along the ditches and out on the bitter drifted rocks you see little clusters of figures crouched together, too weary to go farther. Many lie still, half drifted over with the snow.

Too Awful To Be True
You know it is only a nightmare, for by no stretch of the imagination could you ever, in your normal senses, be found walking with a vast throng of goblin strangers northward on the winter-beaten highway from Saint John to Fredericton, your face stung, your hands numb, your feet filled with agony and you dragging a crazy sled made of birch poles.

So you, as befits a nightmare, lacken your pace and lean down to look into the face of the stranger next to you.

And in the unearthly light of nightmares and of winter night, you see with a slash of horror that almost chokes your breath, that it is your wife.

Let us say your wife's name is Mary.

"Mary," you whisper.
And she just looks up at you with a blind look. Then a terrible thought smites you. You seize her shoulders and cry in the voice of a maniac.
"Mary! The kids—Jeanie, Billie!"

From the Hall Closet

And while the slow struggling horde miles past you your wife points silently to the crazy sled, you are dragging. And on the birch poles lashed together with clothesline, with blankets for a stretcher, you see the huddled forms of your children. You clutch them. They are warm. They are alive. They struggle drowsily amid the blankets and the coats you have salvaged, in your escape, from the hall closet. Crouched there in the snow, with the endless shadows of the thousands of refugees milling past you, you fumble over these familiar garments, incredulously, tucking them closer about the exhausted babies lashed to your makeshift sled.

They Are Russians
When you stand up, to look at your wife, she is not there. It is a Russian woman, white as death, her eyes looking with the strangest light into yours.

When you can free yourself from the spell of her gaze, you fall to your knees again and tear away the blankets and coats to see the children's faces.

PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT V. O. N. ANNUAL

During the past five years, Woodstock has enjoyed the blessings of an organized public-health service which has been carried on through the efforts of two self-sacrificing and energetic members of the Victorian Order of Nurses; namely, Miss Muriel Hunter and Miss Carolyn Curry. Daily and often nightly, these nurses have faithfully lived up to the highest traditions of the nursing profession, going quietly and unobtrusively about their many duties bringing alleviation from pain and distress to the sick, bringing hope and cheer to the convalescents, and bringing comfort to the members of families who labored under the burden of illness in the home and the subsequent disorganization of the household routine especially when the patient has been the mother.

Not only have the sick been benefited by this public-health service, but baby clinics, health instruction, advice in the school room and the home, and much that is termed social service have all had a place on the nurse's program, and have paid and will continue to pay high dividends in improving the health of the community, and the comfort of the citizens. Only those who have had the nurse can estimate the comfort that follows her visits. Here is a nursing

And the children are not Jeanie and Bill. They are strangers, tiny, white and clasped together in the stinging wind.

Then you wake. But you know that for a few moments, you have, in a dream, been privileged to drag along the suffering roads of Russia, the makeshift sled of a Russian woman, trying to rescue her babies from the wreck and ruin of war.

Might Have Been You
Yet it might have been you, and your wife and your children. And it might have been tonight; and on that road between Saint John and Fredericton, if the Russians had not taken the load for us, in very large part. Their roads are very like our roads. They are very like us. They are out on their roads tonight.

It is near the eve of Christmas. At Christmas, from time beyond memory, it has been our custom to remember with gifts those to whom we are beholden in goodwill.

Will you remember the Russian woman—there are millions of her—who is dragging your children and hers along the bitter roads of Russia tonight?

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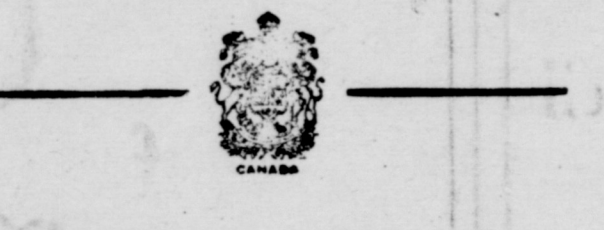
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* SINGLE MEN *

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For this purpose the term "single man" also includes any male person who was a widower, or legally separated or divorced, and without a child or children dependent on him at July 15, 1942, or any such male person who has satisfied the loss of his dependent child or children after that date; and any male person who, though married at July 15th 1942, since that date, became a widower, legally separated or divorced; and is now without a child or children dependent on him.

Please observe that single men who have received notices to report for medical examination under the military call-up and who have been examined as required, or men who are now in the Armed Forces, are NOT included in those to register by February 1st.

Penalties are provided for failure to register.

A. MacNAMARA
Director National Selective Service
Ottawa