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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Joint Defense Agreement

Of far-reaching importance may be the conference last week between Prime Minister Mackenzie King and President Roosevelt. The agreement to set up a joint defense board is interpreted at Washington as paving the way for a mutual assistance pact.

The conference in the formal statement to sea, land and air contingents gave emphasis to special cooperation between the United States and Canada. The joint board and material opened up a new chapter in the history of the two countries.

A move toward united action by the United States and Canada has been expected for some time, and was anticipated in the announcement made last Friday by President Roosevelt, at his regular press conference, Mr. King, on returning to Ottawa Sunday afternoon, but proceeded on the official announcement, but proceeded to report to the Governor General at Rideau Hall.

A Touching Tribute

My garden, spare this tiny stone, That marks the spot where, trouble free, You sleep and dream, perchance of me, I hope he will, yet wherefore fret?

"The boys not only spared the tiny stone, but cleared away the weeds and planted flowers from a nearby plot." "I helped decipher the words on the mossy stone slab. The grave stones were set within a well walled enclosure, with little stone rabbits and animals at the corners. On every grave stone was the name, age and date of death."

Unsung Heroes

Pilots of the Royal Air Force are earning the plaudits of the world and even the grudging tribute of their enemies for heroic service, sometimes against terrific odds. While joining this chorus of acclaim, Canadian Aviation says we would like to put in a word for the "forgotten men," the air gunners and the bomb aimers. The unsung heroes who crouch in the cramped confines of transparent canopies or turrets, drawing the concentrated fire of attackers, yet carrying on with cool precision, surely merits unstinting tribute.

Canadians, in the first great war and in this conflict, have proved their unbeatable courage and daring as fighting pilots. The young men now training to man the bomb sights and the gun turrets of the R.A.F., and the R.C.A.F., will contribute to the fame of the "forgotten men."

Between Us And Hitler

Between us and Hitler stands the British Empire. This is large type and in almost a full sense, the British Empire in the United States tell Americans that the British Empire is a great British Empire. It is a great British Empire. It is a great British Empire.

is an outline of North and South America showing the bulk of the United States fleet in the Pacific between the coast and the fleet of Japan. On the Atlantic side are three lone units of Uncle Sam's fleet and, further out, the black outlines of the combined fleets of Germany and Italy. Between is a solid line of Britain's overwhelming naval might. It is great and accurate propaganda.

Below this picture of America's dependence on the British navy is the legend, "Think where we'd be if the British fleet fell to the Dictators and was used AGAINST us. If Hitler captures England the Dictators and Japan would have eight times the shipbuilding capacity of the United States." And then the challenge "Help Britain to Stop Hitler Now."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Have you registered? Complaint is made that some young fellow is on the rounds collecting subscriptions representing that each subscription provides so many votes to enable him to get into the Air Force.

Summerside was sensible enough to go back upon its daylight saving resolution when it found its customers, the farmers, preferred to stay at home rather than come to town to find closed banks, stores and offices.

General William Booth, Salvation Army, died this date, 1912. Resigned from the ministry of the Methodist New Connexion in 1865 to establish the Christian Mission out of which developed the Salvation Army. The teaching is emotional Christianity, doctrinally broad; they earnestly fight the drink evil, and are noted for their patience with apparently hopeless drunkards and jail-birds.

Hear members of the Legislature very indignant at action of the Premier issuing special scripts in violation of his own Prohibition law, and are demanding a show down. It is becoming more and more evident that the law is being operated in favour of the "Haves" and against the "Have-nots," which is a sure and certain way to revolutionary outbreaks.

One of the shops at Vassar College comes through with the information that the girls went wild over lavender last spring. Lavender sweaters, with socks to match, lavender homespun and tweeds; in short, lavender was way up in the list of favorites for campus wear. Wholesale houses that have shown their fall collections have acted upon this cue and are showing all shades of lavender, violet and heather.

Until further notice importation of wool, not further processed than combed, is prohibited except on permit from the wool administrator. With the approval of the Governor in Council the wool administrator may require any person having wool to deal with it in a specified manner; require any person, firm or corporation to produce any books and documents dealing with wool transactions; require written returns of information about wool in storage, and advance money for the purpose of assisting in the processing of wool.

The other day some stir was caused in Quebec political circles by the announcement of a special convention of the National Union to select a new leader to replace, Hon. Maurice Duplessis. The nominee was said to be Mr. Edward Asselin, K.C., former deputy Attorney-General in the Duplessis regime, but immediately on the publication of the rumour, he issued a disclaimer saying: "There is no question, that I know of or of a convention to be held for the choice of a N.U. chieftain. Nobody, among Mr. Duplessis' friends, and I am proud to be one of them, disputes his authority as leader of the party which he has founded. He knows he can count on my full support and loyalty. It consequently goes without saying that I am not a candidate to his succession."

The heel of the oppressor is gradually but surely making itself felt on the conquered nations of the continent. The grand Duchy of Luxembourg which has been a free, independent, neutral territory since 1867; when a treaty was made between Prussia, France, Belgium and Italy to recognize the Duchy's independence. Since then its neutrality has been violated twice by Germany in 1914, and again this year. Now the conqueror has ordered German to be the language of the country and forbidden the very name of "the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg." The German Civil Administrator, Gustav Simon has issued a proclamation declaring the constitution had been abrogated by the flight of the Grand Duchess Charlotte and her government, and declaring that Luxembourg is now part and parcel of Prussia.

The citizens of Canada and of the States may well ask why do demagogues seeking power make promises which they know cannot be fulfilled, or, if fulfilled, can only be at the expense of human rights, says Mr. Walter W. Head, President of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Why it is that under Hitlerism and Stalinism, religion must be suppressed? Here, too, the answer is clear. A dictatorship which respects the rights of individuals cannot long endure. It is the essence of this philosophy of government that the multitude must be kept ignorant, that the leader must be the supreme intellectual being that he is in a better position to interpret what the masses want, what the masses need, require, and should have. Generally speaking, the individual must be the tool, the instrument of the superior mind of the dictator. To allow individual freedom of thought and freedom of action would naturally undermine the authority of dictator government. Religion, on the other hand, contemplates the sacredness of the individual as a being created in the image of his Maker. His teachings are kindness, mercy, justice and love. These qualities are the antitheses of dictatorship. They must first be sacrificed if the would-be dictator is to achieve his purpose.

NOTES BY THE WAY 'What Other Work Can You Do Well?'

We do instantly beseech Thee of Thy gracious goodness, to be merciful to the church militant on this earth and at this time compassed about with most strong and subtle adversaries. Most of the Time enemies know that Thou hast received England which they do malign, into Thine own protection. Set a wall about it, O Lord, and evermore mightily defend it. Let it be a comfort to the afflicted, a help to the oppressed, and a defence to Thy Church and people persecuted abroad. And, forasmuch as this cause is new in hand, direct our arms both by sea and land. Bless them and prosper them, and grant unto them honorable success and victory. Thou art our help and shield, O give good and prosperous success to all those that fight this battle against the enemies of Thy Gospel. — Prayer by Queen Elizabeth as the great Spanish Armada approached England in 1588.

It is improbable that any railway company ever frankly expected the arrival of a train with the explanation, "Delayed by a poker game." Yet a poker game upset the schedule of a P. E. I. train travelling from Summerside to Charlottetown. The train was delayed for several days when train schedules were intended merely to give a general idea. A number of High River passengers were waiting impatiently for the arrival of the north-bound train at the station. When ever two or three were gathered together in relaxation, there was but one aim to be pursued. The boys hunched up around a bench in the station for a poker session. At last the train pulled in with great momentum. There was a substantial sum in the pot and nobody could open. The engine tooted its intention to move on, without any visible effect on the gamblers. First the jackpot had to go to someone, and never was there a more exasperating run of cards. Word of the game session spread through the station and the crowd of the north-bound train to gather round. Stealing their bobbing lanterns, they peered anxiously over the players' shoulders, watching the game go. "We gotta go," the players leaped from the train in wrath at the long delay, only to be enveloped in the prevailing tension. It was only after drawing minutes of suspense that the pot was opened and the absorbed players recalled that what they had really been out for was to go to Charlottetown on a bus. Everybody began to gather round the train and the high-tailing it down the track, the crew complying themselves with the same. The train, they had obeyed a higher, nobler law than a miserable time card. — Calgary Herald.

Who Is An Aryan? (London Free Press) "This mighty Aryan race" shouts Hitler to his blond Germans, inciting them to further cruelties and barbarities, yet there is no such thing as an Aryan in Europe. The word is no more than a term in philology, which Hitler has used the word so lavishly in his propaganda that today many of us accept it as synonymous with non-Jew. Let us have a look at Aryan and what it means. The word "Aryan" is Sanskrit, and is the name by which a warlike Northern Indian tribe is described in ancient Indian scripts of about 2000 B. C. This name means "lord." It became a term in philological science to speak of an inter-related group of Indian languages as Aryan. A German scholar, Friedrich Max Muller, who lived and died from 1823 until his death in 1900, invented the theory that the mythological Aryans had not only spoken the primitive Indo-European language from which all present languages of this family ranging from Hindustani to English derived their origin, but had even been the Aryans or Indo-European "Urvoelk."

Nationalists and romantic writers in England and Germany seized upon the idea and a myth arose from the snow-clad peaks of the Pamir and spreading not only over all India and Persia, but across the wide Russian Steppe into all Europe. It was claimed that Aryan was the father of all speakers of Indo-European languages were descendants of this "Aryan race" to whom extraordinary powers were ascribed. Later research proved beyond all doubt that the Indo-European group of languages is not the oldest of primitive Indo-European language. What is more, there is no historical proof of any Aryan people coming into Europe from India. The Romantic elements in the English language were introduced not by a Romanic people, but by the purely Teutonic Normans. Indeed, recent studies in the Aryan language of the Biblical Hittites have suggested that the Aryan-speaking Urvoelk was Semitic, long-nosed and black-haired. Max Muller recognized his error in later years and wrote a good deal to retract the error. He pointed out that Aryan was only a philological term and meant neither blood nor bones, hair nor skull. As a matter of fact, there is no such thing as an Aryan in Europe. The myth is exploded. The lesson for us is that myth or no myth, Hitler has used the word and the belief to incite in his Nazis a fierce faith in themselves as a master race in their destiny to rule the world. Which goes to show that when an egocentric monster sets his mind on war as the means to world domination, all the science and philology in the world isn't worth as much as a tank, or a dive-bomber. Maybe that is the reason we are at war.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 19 (AP)—A couple appeared before James A. Kilmer, Deputy Recorder of Deeds, for a marriage license but before she accepted it the bridesaid firmly: "My husband has to sign this oath before we get a license and I wish you'd witness it." The oath: "I do hereby promise my wife I won't go out at night after we are married. I will not play cards. I will only call on women when they are called on by my wife. I will not drink anymore than my wife allows. I will let her be boss in every way." The groom signed.

of course, the military authorities know their business; know what they mean; and when it is required. But the rank and file of Canadians would like a little more enthusiasm, more encouragement to the young men. They realize that a terrible struggle lies ahead; a struggle that will demand the flower of Canadian manhood. They will welcome the day when bands of marching men will play martial music, when the welcome sign is above the doors of recruiting offices; when the eagerness of volunteers will be recognized in the way they want it recognized; when the prompt enlistment of the best of the people of this country will know that they are playing their part in the war. First of all, get out the banners. Second, throw open the recruiting offices and welcome

the volunteers who, are offering their lives for King and country. — Globe and Mail (Toronto).



THE DARKEST HOUR

Now are we at the very darkest hour, And in the darkness we are all alone, The last of all our allies lying prone, But now we know no blacker cloud than this, And now remembering our ancient power, We wait whatever may be called or named, With all our kith but one, like ramps of stone, Leaning against an age-enduring tower.

—Lord Dunsany in the Evening Standard, London.

Salute To The R. A. F.

Nothing since the battle of the River Plate has impressed us so much as the Royal Air Force expedition over Northern Italy on Tuesday night. Peaceful burghers in Switzerland led of being kept awake by the roar of British aircraft as they swooped down upon the plane motors and recording devices of the Italian bombers. The Italian bombers have been so over-confident and misled by their own propaganda that they had failed to provide proper anti-aircraft protection for their important cities and essential munitions plants or with traditional lack of vigilance and efficiency, they were taken by surprise. In any event, the gentlemen of the Royal Air Force took their time and accomplished their mission with a coolness and thoroughness that must excite the admiration of the world and arouse the respect of their enemies.

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