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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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What Did He Mean?

Senator Raoul Dandurand, Government Leader in the Senate, and a member of Mr. King's Cabinet, states that Canada cannot co-operate with Great Britain in defence measures, that she must prepare her defences singly, because "Canadians do not know with whom they are going to be allied".

Commenting on the Ottawa Journal says: It is all well and good to have academic discussions about "neutrality"; but has it come to this, that a member of the Cabinet, one who knows all about collective cabinet responsibility, can tell us that the Government is preparing defence measures on the basis of belief that this country might fight a war without Great Britain—fight it with some other "ally"?

Is this really the Government's mind? If it is, then Prime Minister King ought to say so plainly. And if Mr. King is not so much in his mind, then he ought to lose no time in repudiating the views of Senator Dandurand.

Senator Dandurand's talk is, of course, nonsense. He, as well as all of us, must know that Senator Meighen spoke the absolute truth when he said:

"The moment we are at war, we know who our ally is. Not our ally, but our friend and progenitor through history, will be on our side. That is why I say that we should prepare our defence in cooperation so that the defence of one will be the defence of all."

The Toronto Globe and Mail endorses this viewpoint when it says: "The issue raised by Senator Dandurand's admission that the government 'does not know in advance with whom it would have to co-operate' in event of war is not to be settled by promises that Parliament will decide after the bomb has burst—not after last September. The issue is too closely allied with national defence, and the factors compelling its decision are much too clear for such theoretical dodgers to suffice any longer. The academic era is over."

"Senator Arthur Meighen staked out the foundations of our foreign policy the previous day when he asserted that we are not capable of defending ourselves. Not a member of the government who is honest with himself can argue differently. Whatever the circumstances under which war might come, the position of this Dominion is perfectly clear. There is only one threat of direct attack, either from east or west, which we need fear. It grows out of the defeat of Great Britain. She is our first line of defence. Anything we might do to add to the security she provides, to be effective, must be done in co-operation with her. It is political sham of the cheapest sort to pretend anything else."

A Fatal Step

A New York foreign language paper tells of a Hollander travelling on a German train. Asked to cry "Heil Hitler", he refused.

"Soon you, too, will have our Fuehrer," said a waiter.

"That is quite possible," answered the Hollander. "We already have your Kaiser."

Hitler seems to be heading in that direction. His latest move has been to dismiss the brains-financier in the Nazi party, Hjalmar Schacht, from the presidency of the Reichbank. It was Schacht who took hold of Germany's finances after the period of post-war collapse and rebuilt them on a foundation that effected temporary stabilization. It was he who directed the financial policy of the Reich after Hitler came into power; it was he who invented and set to work the barter system which has enabled Germany to prevent currency from leaving the country in large amounts, since all who bought from her under that system were paid in blocked marks and compelled to spend the amount of her purchases from them in Germany itself.

Before the Kaiser embarked on the mad policies which brought about the World War and ultimately landed him a refugee in Holland, he dismissed Bismarck from office. Bismarck was the one stable element in the Germany of that day, as Schacht seems to be of the present regime. Only time can show what the consequences will be, but a safe guess is that in "dropping the pilot" Hitler is just another step nearer the post now occupied by his ill-fated predecessor.

More Liberal "Harmony"

It having been announced that the Hon. C. G. Power, Minister of Pensions, was to re-introduce the measure, defeated last session, to regulate campaign funds and political expenditures, a cross section of Liberal opinion was thus expressed: "Virtue cannot be legislated," one Member declared, adding that Liberals in general did not believe in the bill. "Elections are not won with prayers," said another. In fact, private predictions were that it was hardly likely the legislation would be adopted if it came before the House, but it was not even believed it would be reintroduced—at least in its present form. "And if it is reintroduced," said a Liberal M.P., "it will be so revised, it will hardly be recognizable." The man who did not believe

in prayers to win an election felt that only "purtanical hypocrites" would be ashamed of admitting that there were such things as election funds. "The idea that the world can be made holy by legislation," he declared, "is a delusion, entertained only by fools, hypocrites or those plainly ignorant. There are election funds, three ways will be—and they are necessary." The funds were necessary, he explained, because certain expenses must be incurred in an election whether one wanted to or not. Committees had to be paid for, publicity had to be paid for, literature for the electors cost money, meeting halls did too, and workers had to be organized for election work and had to be paid. "If you don't do it, the other fellow will," was the philosophy. This same member declared that everybody was against the measure from the start, and it was allowed to stand without anyone pressing for action. His impression was that the "vast majority" of Members felt the bill to be a "ridiculous measure."

Editorial Notes

It rarely fails—a Burns anniversary storm.

Charles James Fox, champion of Colonial self-government, born this date, 1749.

Long distance passenger air service is still a risky undertaking, and many lives will have to be sacrificed before the airplane liner dominates its element as the Atlantic liner does the sea.

According to the Montreal Star there is the probability of a Provincial election here this year, but it is hardly possible in view of the Royal Visit and Confederation celebrations.

We are always learning, and this will be new to most of us. Mr. George Robey, the popular English comedian, sprang this at a Rotarian dinner in Birmingham the other day: "Laughter is the synchronised coordination of neuropsychological reflexes, with a semi-automatic impulse of mass-inherited suggestivism."

The first native reindeer herd to be established in the Northwest Territories is moving eastward to the Anderson River area. This 150-mile overland drive of about 800 reindeer away from the government herd near the Mackenzie delta is being carried out under the direction of the chief herder at the government reindeer station, and marks another forward step in Canada's plan to establish reindeer ranching among the native population.

Here is something our fruit and potato growers should know as it has to do with the effects of frost on early fruit flowering and on sprouting of potatoes. If Spring arrives too late the farmer can make his fruit trees wait to blossom until the danger of frost is over. This can be done with potassium naphthalene nitrate, by a method of spraying discovered at the Boyce Thompson Institute for plant research. It was reported to the American Association for the Advancement of Science recently by Dr. John D. Guthrie. The spray delays the blossoming a week or more. It has worked with peach, plum and cherry trees, which Dr. Guthrie, said tend to "come out" too early in Spring. The same chemical, he said, will retard sprouting of potatoes, so that storage is easier.

The number of youths receiving training in the eight months ended November 30, by provinces was: Prince Edward Island, 73 men, 49 women; Nova Scotia, 293 men, 120 women; New Brunswick, 599 men, 658 women; Quebec 116 men, 94 women; Ontario, 339 men, 498 women; Manitoba, 1,024 men, 559 women; Saskatchewan, 1,315 men, 974 women Alberta, 2,527 men, 4,411 women; British Columbia, 3,604 men, 5,168 women, or a total of 9,890 men and 12,531 women. Of those enrolled 961 men and 567 women were taken off relief rolls. The great majority were enrolled in courses not designed for employment, such as physical training, totals being 5,493 men and 10,313 women. Employment was found for 1,277 men and 1,042 women.

The City Council of Moncton, for the year ended December 31, showed a surplus of \$17,419.60 and the Mayor apologised for its not being larger. It was revealed in the lengthy auditor's report that the bonded indebtedness of the city had decreased some \$40,000 since Dec. 31, 1936; that the sinking fund contained an amount approximately 43 per cent of the total indebtedness of the city, and further that the sinking fund earnings were about 4.4 per cent, which in the opinion of the auditor was an exceptionally good return in the present money market. The report pointed out that the sinking fund now amounts to, at cost: Treasury department, \$894,358.20; and water and light department, \$709,933.46, making a total of \$1,595,291.72, while the debt-burdened indebtedness amounts to: Treasury department, \$2,483,600, and water and light department, \$1,185,500.

A reader says were the Provincial Government and City Police to adopt the following plan under the Prohibition Act, bootlegging would be a thing of the past before next election. In Buffalo the police disclosed that they had started "picketing" as the latest move in their drive against bootlegging, which has resulted in 300 raids and 336 arrests. The labor tactic was borrowed for its "psychological" effect by Police Commissioner Glenn H. McClellan to combat bootlegging in places which have been impregnable to raiders. The "picketing" consists of placing a uniformed patrolman on duty directly in front of the entrance to a suspected bootlegging establishment. The "picket" does not try to interfere with persons moving in and out of the place, but is there for the psychological effect that his uniform has on prospective bettors. Captain Thomas W. Ryan reported that the patronage of one place had dwindled to almost nothing after an officer was placed in front of the entrance several days ago. Although Buffalo police have been staging almost daily raids in their fight against bootlegging, steel doors, look-outs and buzzer systems have thwarted them from obtaining evidence in several cases. By the time they had battered their way into the betting rooms all evidence had been destroyed and they were unable to make arrests. The "picket plan" is designed to starve out the bootleggers who have avoided arrest.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"The average detective story is not nearly so exciting as the health reports of this country," said Lieut. Col. A. H. Russell, Public Health Commissioner with the Government of India, in a recent broadcast talk. "The epidemiologists," he declared, "are constantly following up clues leading to detection of the agents causing sickness and death and of the methods of their spread. In some cases they may be virulent germs like those of cholera or plague, in other murderous female insects like the thripodae, able to spread yellow fever and malaria. Each has its own special plan of attack." During 1936, he said, nearly 10,000,000 babies were born in India, while the records show 6,250,000 deaths, including more than 1,500,000 among infants less than one year of age mainly from preventable diseases. Lieut. Col. Russell then referred to the difficulties of tackling malaria which took an annual toll of 1,500,000 lives. The disease had been made in dealing with epidemic diseases but new problems were cropping up.—Indian Press Union.

Tom Mooney, California's most famous prisoner for more than 22 years, has been pardoned by Governor Olson and is now both a free man and a citizen of the state. The pardon, both in and outside the limits of California, approve of the pardon is almost certain. It is probable that practically all the 135 new homes are built. Of the sixty thousand how much was spent to help the poor unskilled laborer in need of work? How much of it went to the big interests, ever present with open mouth to fatten on the cream? Was there an average of \$1,000 per year, during its continuance spent among the "unemployed"? And what a shameful mess were \$90,000 must be squandered to provide a "best \$5,000 of employment."

Then comes the damage and ruin 135 paying tenants, enticed by government, leave 135 houses vacant, the owners of which are compelled to pay the taxes to maintain the government waste. The owners of those houses, which they can neither rent nor sell, are further levied upon to help the unemployed. The first patient who can pay their rent, the professional rent humber, the indigent pauper who pleads piteously not to be elected, the helpless, resort to the "houseless" resort. The owners of those houses, which they can neither rent nor sell, are further levied upon to help the unemployed. The first patient who can pay their rent, the professional rent humber, the indigent pauper who pleads piteously not to be elected, the helpless, resort to the "houseless" resort.

Herr Wilhelm Rodde, German consul for Western Canada, reports in a letter to the president of the Alberta Legion, saying that reports of Nazi activities in Alberta are "untrue and malicious," and denying the charge that a Nazi agent was inducing German parents in the Trochu district to send their children to Germany to be "educated" in Nazi doctrine and practice. It would be equally gratifying if an equally official but less reliable source would publicly affirm or deny the truth of continuing rumors that foreign agents are sedulously gathering intelligence on the activities of the military areas and essential utilities that in European countries are forbidden subjects either to be photographed or to be named by foreign agents.—From the Winnipeg Free Press.

Japanese forces completed the occupation of the Shanghai area with the capture of Nantao on November 12, 1937. More than a year, therefore, has elapsed since the Chinese troops were driven out of the district. One would have thought, for a reversion to complete normalcy, that the international community, the French Concession, and the extra-settlement roads within the French, British, and Italian concessions, would have been restored to their normal status. However, remain far from normal, as a most casual inspection will reveal. Shanghai is still lacking its normal status. The partial paralysis which resulted from the local Sino-Japanese hostilities, still virtually isolated from the hinterland, and dependent upon devious and hitherto unexplored avenues for carrying on what remains of its import and export trade. The goods to be carried by the railway system, the goods to be carried by the winding nature of the highway leading into the Province of Quebec from Ontario makes such travel over the highways, from 42 feet long, a danger to other traffic. It may be doubted if that is the real reason for the opposition presented by the railways but it is, nevertheless, a very good one. There has been a steady increase in the length of the commercial vehicles which are permitted to travel over the highways until today many of them bear a resemblance to miniature trains. Many a private motorist holds his breath when he sees one of these monsters approaching because there is no doubt whatever that their introduction has added to the dangers of the roads, many have been injured, and even killed, by their introduction and are ill-adapted to their use. The huge, lumbering carriers which travel over the highways were not forseen when most of our highways were built. The effect of their introduction has been to make travel over the highways, especially at curves, to force private passenger vehicles into positions of insecurity. We suppose that, in spite of the fact that they have been presented in opposition to the issue of the license in question, the application will be granted, pending previous arrangements for additional revenue from the roads, show little disposition to place this class of traffic under control or to limit the size of the vehicles in use on the highways. The time must come, however, when something will have

PUBLIC FORUM

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THE "HOME BUILDING" MESS

Sir—I notice government apologetics citing the money squandered on the "home building" as a relief to unemployment. In what respect may I ask has it helped the out-of-work class? Instead, I claim it is a gigantic fraud, helping practically no one, and certainly not the great mass of unemployed, yet dealing ruin to many who are taxed to pay the costs wasted in its administration. The unemployed is not eligible as a "home builder." He must own or have money to buy his land. He must be able to pay 20 per cent of the cost of his "home" if it exceeds \$2,500 and 10 per cent if it costs less. He must further be able to pay for an income sufficient to pay his instalments and must have a reputation for paying his bills.

The persons who can do this are not found among the unemployed. With this backing they have no need of government aid, investors are only too glad to finance such undertakings. Most certainly these are not amongst the needy. We are told that with about \$60,000, less 135 new homes are built. Of the sixty thousand how much was spent to help the poor unskilled laborer in need of work? How much of it went to the big interests, ever present with open mouth to fatten on the cream? Was there an average of \$1,000 per year, during its continuance spent among the "unemployed"? And what a shameful mess were \$90,000 must be squandered to provide a "best \$5,000 of employment."

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The "Housing" plan was a Tommy Chouinard fad. It was twice introduced and rejected by parliament. It is a squeezed through, it is to lumber and builder interests, and now the Liberal press offer the occasion as a contribution to help the unemployed. Save the mark. And the City swallowed the bait. If they had expended the same money, or half the amount, remedying the vacant houses all over the city, purchasable at half value, providing cheap homes for the unemployed, those in absolute need, threatened with out-of-living, for ruined landlords cannot possibly house them, there would be something to show for the money spent and business and welfare of Saint John benefited instead of blasted. I am, Sir, etc. LEWIS P. TANTON

Regional Drama Results

(Saint John Telegraph Journal) No jealousy mars the congratulations extended to Charlottetown for having been awarded the DeLis trophy and first place in the regional trials for the drama festival. It is a pity that we in Saint John could not see this annual performance, described by the adjudicator as "almost 100 percent perfect." Congratulations are also in order to those who were this year awarded medals for the best individual performances. These medals are presented by His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick, and both were to Saint John players, Miss Pamela Cook and Mr. Elmer McGivney. It is to be hoped that the groups competing will note one thing in particular. The award went to Charlottetown. The winning performance was rated "almost 100 percent perfect." The individual awards were given to Saint John players. The adjudicator said that the general standard of acting in Saint John was better than that in Charlottetown. What is the inference? "The play's the thing." The whole play as a unit, a single work of art in which individual excellence and even majority superiority is subject to the judgment of an entire cast, plus the director's, stage manager's, wardrobe and electrician's contribution. It is what decides between first, second and third.

to be done in this respect to the end that roads primarily built for light passenger traffic shall not be converted into heavy freight routes and incidentally, banded to pieces in the process.—From the Brockville Recorder and Times.

AGITATORS DEPORTED

ATHENS.—(CP)—Twenty persons, arrested after discovery of two secret printing plants for false news and Communist propaganda, were sentenced to deportation for one year.

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That Body of Yours
By James W. Barton, M.D.

CUTTING NERVE SUPPLY TO LUNG IN TREATMENT OF SEVERE CASES OF ASTHMA

It is only during the past few years that research physicians have given serious thought to seeking the cause of asthma. The fact that inhaling any nitrite would give relief in many cases was all that was known. It was then found that an injection of 7 to 15 drops of epinephrine or adrenalin (juice from adrenal glands) would give prompt relief in most cases. Later, it was found that a mixture of equal parts of ether and distilled water slowly injected—during a period of twenty minutes—up into large bowel, would stop the nerve supply each lung at the point where it leaves the spinal cord. The eleven patients that these physicians chose for the treatment were repeatedly in an asthmatic condition before operation and, of course, were unable to work or mix to any extent with others. The first patient was operated on in March 1934 and the last in March, 1936. Five additional patients have been operated on since March 1936; three of whom have remained completely well for one year and two of whom remain improved for less than a year. Deaths due to the operation have not occurred, although one elderly patient died later due to a falling heart and high blood pressure.

Of the ten patients discharged from hospital, one was entirely unimproved; one improved for three months and died of heart failure; four are completely well and have resumed their former work, and four have occasional mild attacks which can be controlled by small doses of epinephrine (adrenalin). The cause can now be found in most cases of asthma and even in stubborn cases, relief is now available.

There can be nothing but admiration for the great Paderewski in his desire to help save Poland his homeland, from German aggression. His patriotism has been previously demonstrated, and now at the age of 78 he is determined to do all that he can to prevent the dismemberment of Poland through the Nazi design to create an independent Ukraine, including the large Ukrainian section of Poland, dominated by Germany. It is to be hoped that it will not mean the saddening of the last days of the great musician. But they would be saddened whether he were active or not, if the Poland that was restored twenty years ago were humbled and reduced according to the fate that now threatens. The struggle for existence on the part of the various peoples of Europe, and the record of struggles through many generations, account for the intense patriotism seen on that continent. It is this that Paderewski exemplifies in not-

First Temperance Drive

(Windsor Star) When Roman Catholic clergy in Quebec started a temperance drive recently, they were not embarking on any new adventure for them. Instead, they were following in the footsteps of famed Bishop Laval. The old fur traders under Frontenac and La Salle used to sell brandy to the Indians in exchange for furs. Bishop Laval demanded the prohibition and spoke vigorously against the bloody scenes that followed drunken orgies among the Indians. Frontenac and La Salle declared against prohibition and in favor of some sort of liquor control. Frontenac began to license people to trade with the Indians. He said he would permit only the "decent people" to negotiate with the redmen. For violation of the law Frontenac hanged one man. Bishop Laval answered that this was no solution to the liquor problem among the Indians. The battle was as bitter as any civilizational campaign that has been held since in Canada. Finally, on October 26, 1878, Bishop Laval and his aides summoned a council of 20 of the chief fur traders and seigneurs. A vote was taken and 15 voted to continue the liquor traffic, and five voted for prohibition. That was the first prohibition vote taken in Canada. Bishop Laval lost that vote, but four years later Frontenac was recalled to France through the concerted efforts of the Bishop to curb the drunken orgies of the Indians.

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