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The Strongest Shop is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.
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Making Ourselves Heard

Unusual activity and aggressiveness were
shown by the members of the Charlottetown and
Summerside Boards of Trade this week, for
which they are to be commended. For far too
long these Boards have assumed the characteristic
of "rubber stamp," instead of proving themselves
pioneers, initiators and promulgators of policies
and schemes in the best interests of the commercial
and other industries they represent, as well as
the community as a whole.

Both the Charlottetown Board and the
Summerside Board made out a good case for insisting
upon improved connection with the mainland.
One advantage of travelling and seeing what
others are doing, or having done for them, was
shown by Col. Keith Rogers, recently returned
from the Pacific Coast where he found no fewer
than nine ferry steamers connecting Victoria with
the mainland. Here, though it is part of our
Federal Confederation Charter, we have but two,
and in both instances the steamer and service are
below par.

Improved railway service between Sackville
and here must also be insisted upon. For too long
our public bodies have been resting on their
oars, afraid, apparently, to offend the powers-that-be
by insisting on our rights. It is satisfactory
to find that the Boards of Trade at least, are
realizing the gospel truth of the late Premier
Lea's favourite poem.

Poppy Day

November 11 is Remembrance Day, and
between now and Remembrance Day it is the
duty and privilege of every citizen to buy a
Poppy and wear it in remembrance of those
who made the supreme sacrifice in the first
World War. As in other years, the poppies on
sale on the streets today have been made in the
Legion vetcraft shops by disabled veterans of
the battles of 1914-18, and the proceeds go to
their support and to the relief of soldiers' dependants.
Today, while another generation is being recruited
and trained to fight in defense of the same
principles of freedom and democracy, it is more
than ever necessary that we cherish the memory
of their predecessors who, "dying, left us rarer
gifts than gold", and whose example is indeed
our noblest inspiration in the struggle in which
we are now engaged.

Axis Shipping Losses

The statement issued by the British Admiralty
on the recent operations of the Royal Navy
implies that the enemy is taking a terrific beating
in sea warfare. In the first 4 days of this
month no fewer than 32 Axis ships have been
sunk or damaged. On Sunday British warships
seized 5 Vichy merchant ships in the Indian
Ocean, about 200 miles south of Durban. All
these French vessels were carrying war supplies
from Madagascar for Germany. During September,
units of the Royal Navy took a toll of 53
Axis ships, while during October the total aggregated
80. The September list included 29
merchants with an aggregate capacity of 200,000
tons, engaged in the service of the Axis in
Mediterranean waters. Over last week-end, an
Axis convoy was intercepted in the English
Channel and suffered heavy damage.
At no time since the beginning of the war
did Axis losses on the high seas measure up to
those of the past two months. The last two weeks
have been particularly notable for the sinking
of Axis ships, and the tempo seems to be still
rising. Swiftly and without cessation, the Royal
Navy with its Air Arm is pursuing the enemy
and driving him from all avenues of the seas
in the various war zones.
One of the most striking of the announcements
in Tuesday's communiqué was to the effect
that in the war against submarine marauders,
the Royal Navy has taken as prisoners from
sunk Axis U-boats 1,276 officers and men. Of
this total 467 are listed as Italians. Neither the
number of submarines from which these sur-

vivors were collected, nor the period of time
during which they were captured, has been given
out,—this reticence being in conformity with the
Admiralty's rule against disclosing any particulars
regarding sunken Axis U-boats that might
reach the enemy. But it is well known that, in
three cases out of four, when a submarine is
destroyed none of its crew can possibly escape.
This big bag of submarine prisoners therefore
suggests that the Royal Navy has made record
havoc with the Axis undersea pirates since early
summer.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tomorrow in the churches the worshippers
will be thinking of the Armistice of 1918, and
praying for a triumphant conclusion to present
hostilities.

The harvest having been at length safely
gathered, and the Fall ploughing more or less
completed, most people will have time and money
to think about making their late Fall and Winter
purchases.

One of the "best sellers" in the World's history
is not very popular with the general reader.
The text-book that the mathematician Euclid
wrote has held its own for more than twenty
centuries.

The estimated cost of establishing the Canadian
Women's Army Corps and operating it until
the end of the present fiscal year next March
31 is estimated at \$1,533,479, according to an
order-in-council providing these funds tabled in
the House of Commons.

Citizens in different parts of the province had
better be prepared to put a black-out into effect.
As Mr. Ainsworth pointed out at the Charlottetown
Board of Trade, this is not a one man's
job but for its success depends upon every
one in the community being on the alert, even to
the users of matches or cigarette-lighters.

The Canadian Council on Boys and Girls' Club
Work was organized in 1931. In that year membership
was 21,242 from which it has grown to
over 47,000. Last year there was an increase
of 1,733 members or 3.8 per cent over the
previous year's figure of 45,314.

One of the outstanding orators in the Presbyterian
Church is the Right Rev. J.B. Skene, B. A.,
Moderator of the General Assembly, who is to be
here over the week-end, and will occupy the
pulpits in St. James Church, Charlottetown,
in the morning, Long River, in the afternoon,
and Summerside, in the evening. On Monday he
will be at Tyne Valley, Tuesday, Belfast, and
Wednesday, Montague. Besides being
an exceptionally able preacher, the Moderator
has a fine personality and is an impressive figure,
being over six feet in height and proportionally
built. In this respect he ably fills the pulpit in
more senses than one.

John Milton, English poet, died this date,
1674, M. A. of Christ's College, Cambridge;
went to Italy and visited Galileo, returned to
London and became tutor to his two nephews;
married Mary Powell who died a year after he
became blind, leaving three daughters; married
secondly, Catherine Woodcock, who died without
issue; married thirdly, Elizabeth Minshull who
survived him. His greatest poem is the epic
"Paradise Lost"—beautiful word music, gorgeous
imagery, and magnificent pageantry. His
prose consisted mainly of controversial pamphlets
denouncing Royalists, and a plea for the freedom
of the Press, the Presbyterians having objected
to his heretical views on divorce.

A hearse with a coffin draped with the Union
Jack approached an English town during recent
military manoeuvres in which the Canadians participated.
The commander of the defending regiment
ordered a snappy "eyes left" as the cortege
passed. A sombre, frock-coated undertaker said
the deceased was "Mr. Vickers." The mourners
looked sad. A few minutes later "Mr. Vickers"
was taken from his coffin and put to work by
the undertaker, and the mourners, who, it
turned out, were an invading force of home
guards. "Mr. Vickers" was a machine gun.
This modern "Trojan Horse" experiment failed
in the end, however. The invaders were captured
in a counter-attack. "Mr. Vickers," too.

Travelling expenses for government ministers
and their secretaries were given in information
tabled in the House of Commons in answer to
a question by G. H. Stokes (Con. Hastings
South.) The amounts by departments for the
fiscal year ending March 31, 1941, with expenses
for the previous fiscal year bracketed, were:
Prime Minister, \$1,038 (\$725); Agriculture,
\$2,019 (\$4,769); Fisheries, \$1,271 (2,045); Finance,
\$17,257 (\$544); Justice, \$1,948 (\$3,002); Labor,
\$801 (\$1,058); Mines and Resources,
\$1,610 (\$3,707); Munitions and Supply, (\$4,317);
National Defence, Army, \$5,478 (\$1,343); Air,
\$2,298; Navy, \$1,730 (\$1,743); Pensions and
Health, \$2,498 (\$5,447); Post Office, \$594
(\$1,873); Public Works, \$249 (\$154); Secretary
of State, \$817 (\$1,388) Trade and Commerce,
\$2,687 (2,342).

Because the Conservatives would not coalesce
with them and because the C. C. F. did not
want to have the contamination of a hybrid liberalism,
the Pattullo followers are obliged to try
forming an administration that will stand the
legislators' gaff. No matter who composes that
cabinet it won't please many. Most British
Columbians would have preferred a ministry under
other than Liberal auspices if they had to have
Pattullo do the job. But a war is on, and this
ultramontane distemper may subside. Anyway,
Pattullo in search of a cabinet and also in search
of at least a modicum of popular favor will recall
to easteners the plight of Mackenzie King
from 1922 through 1925. The Liberal chief
couldn't get along with the Progressive or C. C.
F. members, and he found more than once, too,
that he couldn't get along without them.

NOTE BY THE WAY

The suggestion that the Dominion
Government appoint a controller
of the mining industry is at least
one definite way out of a dispute which
has for many weeks been affecting
miners and mine operators at one
camp, Kirkland Lake's biggest gold
camp, Kirkland Lake has progressed to
the stage where very definite action
and at all costs, a strike could be
avoided if it is going to hinder Canada's
war effort in any way.—North
Bay Nugget.

Dutch people are now forbidden
to wave to the R. A. F. planes on
passing overhead. The Dutch,
Austrian-born Nazi-gauleiter, and
General Christensen, Commander of
the Nazi troops in Holland, has
issued a joint statement in this
saying: "All persons who greet enemy
planes, by waving their hands or
other means, will be shot at sight.—
London News Chronicle.

The third war anniversary of the
Ladon Missionary Society in Sheffield,
and the 127th anniversary of the
Society, has a slightly more ambitious
program than for the last two years,
though it is still impossible to carry
out the usual series of meetings.
A reminder that we are at war
is that for the welcome to the
be department on at Netter
Chapel on Saturday, and the
women's meeting at Queen street
on Tuesday. Friends are requested to
bring their own food. The evening
meetings—the annual gathering on
Monday when the Lord Mayor presides,
and the young people's assembly
begin at an early hour to meet the
difficulties of the blackout. The
deputation will include representatives
of the Church of England, the
South Sea Islands.—Sheffield Telegraph.

The occasion was a lunch at which
a selected party of "workers" was
sharing the good things. One late-
comer, needed for last-minute adjustments,
when his table companions were at
the chicken. He was approached by
a wine waiter with—"Will you
have some sauterne?" "No, thank
you, berrin", was the indignant reply,
"and them gettin' chicken?"—Glasgow
Herald.

Lord Haw-Haw in one of his
broadcasts from Luxembourg re-
cently gave what purported to be
a review of the British press on the
part of Kiev. He was kind enough
to mention "The Manchester Guardian"
in the "Manchester Guardian",
uttering, "The Manchester Guardian
demands an invasion of the
Continent by a British expeditionary
force. We run our noses into it, and
it is precisely the opposite of what
we have been demanding." The
leading article on "The War and
Russia" in the issue of the 1st
week's issue and to which ostensibly
the German wireless referred, put
the difficulties of any such invasion
and it is right that the Government
urgently to seek out
every reasonable means of helping
Russia, but only the irresponsible
will tell the Government that it
must open up a new field of the
war or where it is to be. A typical
case of the complete mendacity of
German propaganda.—Manchester
Guardian.

The irrepressible ever-young
George Bernard Shaw has just
written a group of London firemen, earning
£3 10s a week, how lucky they are
and how they should be. Some
time ago I remember him declaring
that he was a fireman. He was
not, for his part, he would be perfectly
satisfied with a country house
with a motor and a car, and three
or four thousand pounds in his
pocket. G. B. S. delights in making
assertions like that. Years ago the
Times was addressing a meeting in
Hyde Park on Socialism. He
ended a magnificent peroration
on the evils of capitalism by
saying, "I am now going to
seize the property of the rich by
force. Then, as an afterthought, he
added, "But don't interfere with
the Rolls-Royce car." Whether the
street is true or not it's in the best
Shaw tradition. Recently Mr. Shaw
contributed an article to a weekly
magazine with which I am associated.
Like a good journalist he had
typed his manuscript. With the
manuscript he sent a letter to the
editor. From memory, the letter
went something like this: "Here is
this darned thing that I longer than
you asked for but there is plenty
of rubbish in the paper which you
can cut out to make room for it.
Don't spend the money by altering the
paragraphs. If you do, I shall cancel
my subscription." Needless to say,
Mr. Shaw's instructions were carried
out to the letter. The article, which
wrote was so brilliant that no editor
could do otherwise—and G. B. S. is
eighty-six years of age.—London
Calling.

The Grand Banks fleet is home.
from the yards of the local ship-
ping firm to the homes and of
quiet Lunenburg harbor lie more
than 20 schooners being refitted or
fresh fishing after one of the most
successful fishing activities during
the summer. The war has brought a boom
to this town's vital and most important
industry. Low prices and
scarcity of markets for the products
before the present conflict put the
fleet on its lowest ebb. Aged schooners
were laid up in the stream, others
were sold to Newfoundland parties.
Now the industry has been revived.
Trim schooners are being
built for Nova Scotia and
yards. More than five vessels have
come off the ways since the out-
break of war. Twenty-six schooners
were in the Grand Banks during
the summer. They landed an estimated
salt fish catch for the season
of 91,250 quintals. This is almost
2000 quintals more than last
year. Taking 112 pounds for a quintal
of dried fish, the fleet has about
10,220,000 pounds for market. Prices
for the first two trips, frozen herring
and Spring, averaged \$8 a quintal,
an increase of \$2.50 over last season.
One schooner the "Flora Alberta"
brought in 2,000 quintals of herring
31, worth at that price \$20,000. Fish-
ermen are expected to receive higher
prices for next summer's trips. Local
fishes for large fish for large and
for medium and small.—Halifax
Herald.

A postmistress in Southern Al-
berta has addressed the following
reply to a letter from this city ask-
ing her to contribute to war sav-
ings certificates: "I have just received
your notice that my income is only
\$100 a year. I am doing my little bit
by saving the Government paying
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Soldiers' complaints about their
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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY
FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR
"As I have said before, the
question is not if it is really
necessary for us to do more
today. It is what more can we
do today so that we may have
less to do and to sacrifice to-
morrow."—John G. Winant,
United States Ambassador to
Great Britain.

China Toward Freedom

(Christian Science Monitor)
To the Chinese on the thirtieth
anniversary of their Republic it
may have seemed that the price of
Liberty is eternal struggle. It was
on October 10 in 1911 that an up-
rising in the city of Wuchang, on
the Yangtze river, gave the signal
for the downfall of the Manchu
dynasty, and inaugurated a period
of virtually continuous strife for
the Chinese people and their dim dream
of freedom.
The school of economic determin-
ists that insists democracy was born
chiefly of material prosperity which
gave the masses time to think about
freedom and privilege would surely
find little to bolster such a theory in
China. Somehow amid a sort of pov-
erty unknown in the Western world
in recent times the Chinese have
been groping their way toward the
democratic ideal.
In a degree, China's advance to-
ward freedom epitomizes that of
ward of the world. It has been ac-
complished over the obstacles of
foreign imperialism, native treas-
ury, exploitation and robbery of her
people by both outsiders and insid-
ers, frequently working together. It
has been achieved despite the he-
mi handicap of a confusion of tongues.
Out of this chaos China has em-
erged as one of the world's outstand-
ing hopes.

The Poet's Corner

THE BONFIRE
God of gardens, accept this coil
Of acid smoke from nettles and
weed,
This left-hand mound of sinful soil
That I have lifted from the seed.
With hoe and mattock, spade and
rake,
From morning dew to evening
grace,
My back has bended for Thy sake,
To bring sweet order to this place.
Thy fruits and tubers basked,
Thy flowers lit from setting sun,
With fragrant heart and reverent
head,
I tend this altar gleaming red,
As my forefathers must have done.
—Richard Church

Youth Studies Spanish

(Minneapolis Star Journal)
Influence of the war on Minne-
apolis culture shows up in the study
of foreign languages by our high
school students.
Most noteworthy change is the
swift shift to Spanish since the war
began and the United States became
good-neighbor-conscious. From 1936
to the present the number of students
has even leapt, fourth most popular
of the six languages taught, with about
600 enrollment each year. French
was first place with 1,900 to 3,600
a year. German second, with 1,200 to
1,450, and Latin generally third
with 1,100 to 1,300 enrollment.
The war came in 1940, Spanish
gained about 150 students. This year
it has become by far the most popu-
lar foreign language, with about
1,400 students, against 1,050 for
Latin, now second place.
There has been—and very properly
so—no attempt to discourage
German, but its enrollment has
fallen to about 250 students. French,
first until two years ago, is now
in third place, and is losing popularity
at an even faster rate than German. The Scandinavian
languages nearly hold their
own, with around 250 students in
both Norse and Swedish.
Spanish now is at the top of the
popularity list, for most young
Americans looking to the future, it
probably ought to be.

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The Scum (New York Times)
A British spokesman said, a few
days ago: "Hitler is only the scum
at the top of the water. Perfect.
Hitler was made to order for the
able, domineering, cold-blooded ego-
tists who compose the German Gen-
eral Staff. They personify a Prussian
mentality which far antedates the
era of the Kaiser. Let us
unified Germany today. Let us
not forget the civilizing task which
is incumbent upon us by the terms
of the decrees of Providence. We
shall absorb, one after another, all
the provinces which border on Prus-
sia. We shall successfully annex
Denmark, Holland, Belgium,
Franch-Comte, the North of Swit-
zerland, Livonia, Trieste and Ven-
ice; finally, the North of the Baltic
region from the Somme to the
Loire." That may sound very
familiar. It was written by one of
Germany's top "immorals," von
Clausewitz. And he died one hun-
dred and ten years ago.
There is not much in Adolf Hitler
that is really new!
FREE FRENCH CADETS
LONDON.—(AP)—A cadet school
has been established at Brazzaville,
Free French capital in Equatorial
Africa, with facilities for training
125 cadets at a time for the Free
French Forces.

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