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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink."

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The Testing Time

Commenting on the Federal election results the Hamilton Spectator says truly: Before us are critical days. For the defence of principles and standards which are the foundations of civilization as we know it, the men and women of Canada have been called upon to make extensive sacrifices.

A grave, an almost terrible, responsibility rests on the shoulders of the government now sustained by the people. It is for them to mend the flaws that were so glaringly exhibited when war broke out in September.

It is in no sense derogatory to Mr. King to say that he now faces his first major test as a leader. The same goes for his cabinet.

In one sense, says the Spectator, the result may well cause certain misgivings. The opposition is too weak, and when the popular vote is counted it will be shown that feeling across the country was far short of the enthusiasm for Mr. King that the list of constituency victories would indicate.

What Welles Missed

The Manchester Guardian, referring to the recent European tour of Mr. Sumner Welles, suggests that, if he had been permitted to visit Poland and Czechoslovakia, he would have discovered "what a Hitler peace would mean to Europe."

On a sober estimate, the Manchester Guardian believes hundreds of thousands of Poles and Czechs have died of "cold and starvation, violence and torture."

As for the exiles, for weeks at a stretch twelve trains a day have been carrying Polish civilians, mostly in unheated cattle trucks, to serve in German labor camps.

War Cabinet For Canada

The Globe and Mail in a leading editorial suggests that in view of the need of relieving the members of the Dominion Government of many of the details of war administration and to ensure the maximum efficiency in the prosecution of Canada's part in the struggle, a reshuffle of the Cabinet and the creation of a War Council, or War Advisory Board, is imperative.

to a prolonged struggle. A War Advisory Board, it is suggested, should be composed of military, naval and aviation experts, together with members of the Government, the Senate and the House of Commons, who could answer to Parliament concerning all war measures it is advisable to disclose.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It didn't take long for the new, old Government to get into its stride—sending outside officials here and curtailing recruiting activities.

If all goes well, Bruce Stewart's will become a Government controlled work shop for the duration of the war.

The Legislature is not the centre of attraction it would have been had not the General Election spilled most of the political beans.

What a tremendous number of youths between the ages of 16 and 22 are going about idle, and likely to become a prey to "anti" this or "anti" that propaganda.

Bartholme Esteban Murillo, Spanish painter, died this date, 1682. He painted street scenes—"Beggars Boys" and "Flower Girls"—and religious pictures. The Louvre has his "Immaculate Conception", and the National Gallery his "Pedroso" and "Holy Family."

An extraordinary accident that cost two lives occurred in a barber shop in Bodenburg, near Salzderfurth, Germany over the Easter holiday. A customer entered the crowded shop and asked the proprietor if, with the permission of waiting customers, he might be shaved next for he had a train to catch.

For seventy-eight years Mr. J. J. Jackson Barstow, deputy lieutenant of Somerset, kept a personal diary without missing a day until just before his death recently at the age of 96. To the last he penned the record of his life in a fine, firm hand, three days to a page.

British and French large-scale purchasing of Greek, Bulgarian and Turkish tobacco bids fair to bring prosperity to these nations, give their tight political allegiance to the Allies and cause a future famine for German smokers.

How many recall the visit here in 1914 of Dr. Thomas Adams, Architect and Town planner? He was the guest of the then Provincial Government, and mapped out, provisionally, for the benefit of the then city a plan for its development as a health and tourist resort, including a broad walk from Falconwood to the Victoria Park, the deepening of the harbour and the beautifying and landscape gardening of the Southport side of the river.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Why not, for novelty, if not enlightenment, recall some of the things Confucius did say? Here are a few. They must be changed where they would be constant in business or wisdom. To see what is right and not to do it is want of courage.

Another and better name for the treaties in course of arrangement between British Dominions and the United States might be sought. What he does not immediately come to the mind, but perhaps a session with the thesaurus might bring one to light; there is about the word "conciliation" a suggestion of existing disagreement.

Over the week-end story of a run-in between a British armed trawler and a German U-boat illustrates perfectly the English spirit and the character of the men who man Britain's fighting fleet.

The smallest, speediest, hottest and hardest-seeing planet, Mercury, recently swung into view, Mercury is difficult to see because it is so close to the sun; the latter's glare obscures the little planet.

When one speaks of Germans today one apt to think that there are large numbers of them who are scattered over the world, homeless, and without the rights of citizens.

IT IS THE WAR
ALDERNEY Channel Islands (CP)—For centuries under ancient law no inhabitant of Alderney has been allowed to work on Sunday.

psychology of the German people, and are now ready and anxious to put their knowledge at the disposal of Britain and France.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of local, national and international issues. The Editor reserves the right to edit and to delete any material that is libelous, obscene, or otherwise objectionable.

FARM PRICES

Sir—This reader was mightily impressed with the item in The Guardian dealing with that "Program for Agriculture" recently adopted by the Canadian Chamber of Agriculture.

Depressions are born in any country when the market value of the goods produced by numerical important groups falls out of line with the value of the goods they need to buy.

STUDENT

Sir Richard Squires Stormy Career

Sir Richard Squires, who passed away last week, as knighted in 1921, and resigned the Premiership of Newfoundland in the summer of 1923.

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Level Crossing Accidents

(Saint John Telegraph Journal)
The campaign which is being waged across Canada year after year for more careful driving of motor vehicles is beginning to produce some results at least so far as accidents at level railway crossings are concerned.

The total number of accidents on railway lines was 1,500, involving 2,015 casualties, 312 persons killed and 1,703 injured, an increase of seventy-four casualties over the previous year's record.

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Gas Attacks, 431 B. C.

(Moncton Transcript)
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France. All the old silly prejudices have been put aside. The French, with equal readiness and with greater gift of expression, have responded immediately and generously on their side.

Secondly, the French people have stood up wonderfully against an unprecedented weight of German propaganda. The Germans, helped by the Traitor of Stuttgart, have told the French eight times a day that Hitler had no quarrel with them, but was basking by the subtle English, who were getting the French once more to die for England.

Thirdly, Turkey has been magnificent. Then, two in Germany's former associates stand aloof after Germany's great betrayal of the principle for which they stood together.

Finally, Spain, although heavily burdened by Germany and beholden to her in many ways, has refused to act as Germany desired.

On the other side: The first illusion is that we are bound to win. The truth is, as Mr. Paul Reynaud has said, that we could easily lose.

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Fourth illusion is that the German Army command is "modernized" by a "dividing influence." This belief is derived from German propaganda grafted on to ignorance.

Fifth illusion is often heard: "Hitler is not silly enough to attack." Had Hitler been prudent and a skilful he need not have had this war. He could have played

ATTENTION AUTOISTS

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD DRIVING

- 1. Thou shalt not neglect brakes, tires, steering, lights.
2. Thou shalt not pass on curve—or hill.
3. Thou shalt not turn right, turn left, slow down or stop without signalling.

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