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

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The Corps Commander

Although only two Canadian divisions have been reported as fighting in France, one other still remains, apart from the two now in the Italian theatre.

Every member of the old Canadian Corps of 1916-18 will know what is meant. An army command is a thing very remote from every officer and man in it.

These conditions, says an exchange, are not likely to be duplicated under modern conditions, but the "First Canadian Army"—a curious title suggesting that some time or other there will be a "Second Canadian Army" or a "Third Canadian Army"—apparently contains or will contain at least a real Canadian Corps of three divisions under General Guy Simonds, together with another corps or two of British army or other elements, such as a Polish division, the whole coming under the command of the Canadian general, Lt.-General H. G. Crerar.

Big Nazi Blunder

Under the heading "The Creative Spirit of Victory," a writer in Information Bulletin, a publication issued by the Soviet Embassy at Washington, discusses some of the fatal blunders in German generalship on the eastern front.

"What was the reason for the Germans' mistakes? Apparently it was because their powers of prognosis were strictly circumscribed by superficial and stereotyped views relative to the convenience of the terrain and by arithmetical calculations of distances.

"The shortest distance to the borders of 'fortress Europe' turned out to be not the geometrically straight line the Germans saw on the map, but a devious and fantastically serpentine curve conceived by the analytical geometry of war, a curve which ensnared the German central army in a threefold 'kettle'—Vitebsk, Bobruisk and Minsk.

Mr. King And Mr. Drew

The reasons given by Prime Minister King for calling off the Dominion-Provincial conference provokes the following comment in the Ottawa Journal:

"Mr. King says he doesn't like something that was said by Mr. Drew; quotes him thus: 'My one ambition in the political field outside Ontario is to see an end as soon as possible of the weak, incompetent Government in power at Ottawa and to assist in every way I can to assure that John Bracken is the next Prime Minister of Canada.'

"Think of that," says Mr. King in effect—"think of my having to confer with a man who thinks and talks like that—who doesn't want me as Prime Minister, preferring John Bracken! I won't do it!"

"Of course, Mr. King doesn't put it exactly that way; but he does say this: 'That being the declared aim of the Premier prize lay within the bottle. . . .'

of Ontario, it must be apparent that any conference held before a Federal election would have little or no hope of success. . . .

But what if, after a Federal election, Mr. Drew keeps on preferring Bracken? Mr. Drew will still be there—doesn't Mr. King expect to be? It isn't like him to give up the ghost so early.

And really, did Mr. King expect Mr. Drew to say that he didn't prefer Bracken? After all, his great friend Premier Godbout, who was expected to be at this conference, had a great deal to say of late about preferring Mr. King.

We ourselves had an idea that a Dominion-Provincial Conference was a conference. Mr. King seems to think it should be a Liberal caucus.

EDITORIAL NOTES -

It is rumoured Mt. Pleasant Bombing School, R.C.A.F., is soon to close down.

An Island soldier in Italy purchased a cabbage, and what was his surprise on returning to camp to find it wrapped in a Charlottetown Guardian.

After ten days the final returns from the Alberta election have been announced with 51 Social Creditors, 3 Independents, 2 C.C.F., and 1 Veterans—total 57.

Her Royal Highness Princess Margaret Rose, second daughter of Their Majesties, born this date 1930; is already well-known at home and abroad; is an active Girl Guide, has participated in amateur theatricals, and given her first public address at a children's hospital function.

Under two flags! Mr. Wm. C. Bullitt, former U. S. Ambassador to France twice offered to enlist in the U. S. Army as a combatant, but was turned down by Secretary of War Stimson because he is fifty-three. Nothing daunted he sailed for France, and now has joined the French army as a Commandant, the equivalent of a Major in the U. S. Army.

New economies in the preparation of fruits and vegetables for canning, quick freezing, dehydrating, or immediate eating will result from a new process of "explosive" peeling, reports Business Week. Food manufacturers will use steam retorts which can be quickly heated and pressurized, and just as quickly chilled to produce a partial vacuum and burst skins asunder. Housewives will use pressure cookers specially equipped for the successive heat, pressure, chill, and vacuum operations. Peeling losses for potatoes will drop almost a half, and for apples considerably more than that. Shelling beans will be ten times faster than by hand.

Mr. Carl Burke, Mr. Rand Mathieson, Captain Young of the T. C. A., visited Amherst last week and highly commended its airport. Mr. P. C. Black, M. P., pointed out the town had voted \$38,000 for the work. He said the airport was favourably regarded by air officials in Ottawa. Mr. Rand Mathieson said the Maritime airports would be closely linked with the future of the tourist business in these provinces, and advised Amherst to send a delegation to an air conference to be held in Moncton in October. What are our City Council and Board of Trade doing in the matter?

Saint John's Garrison Band is now actually in process of formation after many weeks of patient waiting. The instruments have been officially received from the Royal Canadian Ordnance Corps and Bandmaster W. O. J. Percy F. Belyea and the handsman already joined to express great satisfaction at their high quality. Bandmaster Belyea reports that the services of Fred Andrews had been secured as assistant bandmaster and first tuba. Mr. Andrews was recently bandmaster of an industrial band in Gravenhurst, Ont., and formerly first tuba of the Toronto Symphony orchestra. Charles Swadling, solo cornetist of Toronto's famous 48th Highlanders' Band, will be the solo cornetist. Warren Hyslop, formerly with the Princess Louise Fusiliers of Halifax will be the band sergeant and first euphonium.

Here is one anyway who has "the guts". The personnel manager of a large Montreal firm revealed the following sidelight on the manpower situation. There appeared before him, in search of a job, a sturdy, sun-tanned youngster, somewhat in need of a haircut, wearing a man's shirt and overalls. "How old are you," asked the official. "Twelve," replied the youngster. "Where have you been working?" Applicant named another firm, a construction company. "How much were you earning there?" "Sixty cents an hour." "That's pretty good for a kid your age. Why did you leave? Was the work too hard?" "No. They found out I was a girl."

Canadian soldiers believe in giving credit where credit is due. The Canadian Army newspaper, Maple Leaf, published in Rome in an editorial column praised the tactics of the Americans in northern France, declaring that "our Allies from another of the 'decadent democracies' have done a magnificent all-round job. They have what it takes in large doses. The major credit for placing the Germans in their present precarious position belongs to Lt.-Gen. Omar Bradley's American armies. It is true that the Canadians and British played their part—and played it well—by pinning down strong German forces. . . . But it was the Americans whose dash, speed and courage first broke out of Normandy. It was the Americans who gained such important positions that Field Marshal von Kluge decided they had to be cut off. And it was the Americans who met the great counter-attack at Mortain, held it, and forced the enemy to commit even more strength until the great

Our Duty To The King's Forces

By Hon. John Bracken
Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party

Text of an address delivered at Irricana, Alberta, on August 11th.

In my address of Labour I stressed the point that in the future not only business and industry must sit in and be heard by the Government, but labour and agriculture must also be heard. In my address on Agriculture, I laid emphasis on the fact that we would enlist the cooperation of the organized farmers of Canada and of other representative men in the industry that we would at all times consult with a representative agricultural group in the formulation of agricultural policy and that we presented on all important matters advisory boards having to do with important matters respecting the industry.

The same thing will be done in connection with the problems of the ex-service men and women. They and their associations will not only be invited, they will be expected to consult with the Government and with the Minister of Veterans' Affairs on all matters affecting their welfare.

The returning veterans will be given the opportunity of occupying the various governmental positions which will be necessary in connection with the administration of veterans' affairs.

Preference in connection with appointments to the Civil Service has been for many years the right of those who have served their country in uniform. That right shall jealously guard and it will be exercised both in the letter and in the spirit.

My door under a Progressive Conservative Government will always be open to veterans and their representatives in connection with problems of ex-service men and women. My aim will be to place a large measure of responsibility on the shoulders of the young men and women who are the beneficiaries of the Veterans' Land Act and the opportunity to take small and small holdings has already been provided. That project particular care must be taken to see that no veteran is set up on a piece of land which he cannot cultivate. The present limitation on the acreage of property which can be acquired by a veteran is a production, so as to guarantee a productive unit where a veteran can make a living.

The Progressive Conservative Party believes also that a housing programme, whereby ex-servicemen dwelling in urban centres would be placed in a favourable position with respect to the acquisition of those who go on farms, should be instituted. Not only will this give equal treatment to ex-servicemen whatever their occupation, but it will also provide an impetus for the improvement of the Canadian housing situation. It is our belief and our intention that loans at a low rate of interest should be made available for those who wish to acquire a home in a business where there is reasonable chance of success, or for the purchase of a home and equipment necessary for other occupations. It is my belief that we should encourage young men and women to achieve independence by investing themselves in business wherever this is practicable.

Before leaving this phase of rehabilitation, let me again stress the fact that the fair and generous impulses of the Canadian people must not be throttled by dollar masters in the public service. I believe that the Government should do no more be wasted on the returned veterans. Quite the opposite. The first to be first to a job, a job that opportunity—not charge—given to those who have done the job for the war when they tackled the enemy.

To Be Continued

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the citizens for expression of their views on current events. The Charlottetown Guardian does not assume responsibility for the opinions of contributors.

RETURNED MEN TEACHERS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Sir—"Don't you think that some of our returned men—men from overseas war service—who are good educators, school-teachers? I asked a number of persons in various parts of Prince Edward Island. Naturally, it took the person questioned several minutes to recover from the surprise of the news. "Oh I never thought of that, but it is a fine idea," answered the first person interviewed. Then a bit hesitatingly he added: "But I don't know if they've been shell-shocked or their nerves in bad state, wouldn't be a poor job for them, and not very attractive for the girls and boys—teaching takes a lot of patience."

However, after the pros and cons had been discussed the consensus of opinion was all for it, providing the men taking over the job were well selected.

Back of this idea is, of course, the firm conviction that our public schools need a rejuvenating or an entirely new set-up. Never for a moment, would we suggest sending the men to the front for us, out as teachers of the old time—or even many of the present-day, rural schools in the Provinces—and in fact all Provinces—is demanding, and what they need to do is demand of the new age. Fewer schools and better schools.

First of all, the school-building, itself, used to house this new type "Educational Centre"—which is to house a number of the present units (that is including the number of the former school-districts) must be an up-to-date affair, eventually equipped with radio, television, and wherever possible, telephone, apparatus. And, on the school-ground, a teacher's residence: a

Notes By The Way

Report has it that Hitler is going to give up Norway. In other circles the feeling is rife that he is about to give up, period.—Ottawa Citizen.

Henry Ford makes a plea for the world to erase hate. But some Canadian politicians still stick to the theory that the best means of achieving national unity is to hate each other.—Windsor Star.

The home is the greatest influence in life. The parent is the most important guide in early years. The child is the most valuable asset in a nation. All of which is merely a collection of platitudes unless we do something about it.—London Free Press.

When a nursing sister at the hospital at Innamincka, in Australia's centre, removed the thermometer from a patient's mouth, the mercury ran upwards. She tried again and this time read the temperature before she took it out. Because outside in the sun it was 135 degrees. Treatment was commenced by a doctor in Broken Hill, 300 miles away.—Australian News Letter.

Kippers and eels have had much show in print lately. We are interested in kippers. They are more plentiful, though not so good as they used to be. The eels are a help to the housekeeper. The kipper came into Parliament recently when a member protested that the wartime way of drying instead of smoke-curing was damaging the industry. Anyone who has enjoyed a kipper-curing house will agree.—London Daily Mail.

Copies of the new "air edition" of the London Times printed on India paper, now reach this country with three days after publication. This edition of the "air edition" is remarkably clear, and the page edition is so thin and light that it weighs very little. Thus The Times is prepared against the day when air mail distribution will be general, providing further evidence that it remains among the world's great newspapers.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

It has been suggested that the peace treaties or the paper by which Germany accepts defeat after this war should be signed by the German people themselves, thus to the German eyes who lost the war for them. The proposal arises from the experience after World War One when peace was signed with the representatives of the new German republic and the subsequently exposed the republic to the credit of the Kaiser. In view of the course which the world will probably take in Germany, it would seem advisable to demand the signature on any document containing details of surrender, not only the German people themselves, but the German people themselves. The Nazis must sign away the rights of the representatives of the German people to take direct responsibility for preventing these matters from being broken at any future time.—Christian Science Monitor.

The veil of censorship has been lifted to disclose the value of the Queen Mary, the giant steamship which sailed from Quebec, Elizabeth to Britain's war effort. They are the largest and fastest vessels in the world. Thousands of Canadians have travelled in them since she began. They have conveyed hundreds of thousands of troops across the ocean. They have been threatened by the invasion of the Japanese who brought the United States to the brink of war. They have been to beat off the enemy. They have been to Capetown, Rio de Janeiro, and Suez—and to a score of other ports. The Queen Mary alone has carried 16,000 men on a single voyage. The Queen Elizabeth two meals a day and had to sleep in two. Now the "Queens" have been given the best of States for the transport of military personnel—lend-lease terms. Not the least remarkable thing about them is the astonishing velocity of their engines. Designed for a high-speed passenger service across the Atlantic, they have been pressed continuously at maximum runs, without much longer runs, without any stoppage.—Vancouver

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A mind that hasn't been convinced too soon.
Some minds are like a lawn—smooth, daily tended, with not a weed to fight;
Thoughts trained to shape, quotations neatly mended.
Give me a mind on which old trees cast shadows.
Where free brooks run and creeks helters graze;
Where bars are down in green, unguarded meadows.
And clover stands uncut through summer days.
—Adin Ballou in the New York Times.

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