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

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Singing Another Tune

Premier Campbell has endeavored to convince the electors of Second Queens that an election by acclamation, as suggested by the Conservative Association, would be subsversive to democracy and would mean a great saving to the treasury.

"As Premier of the Province"—thus ran Mr. Campbell's headline—I call upon the electors of the 14th District that Mr. Bell and any who succeed him to simply read themselves out of the Liberal Party, and can receive no further recognition as Liberals.

This was the treatment our "democratic" Premier would meet out to those who opposed an election by acclamation in 1936. And there was no war on then or any great national emergency such as faces us today.

Nazi Youth Perverted

The following is an excerpt from a letter from Great Britain dated September 28th, 1940, which has been sent to the office of the Director of Public Information, Ottawa, through Dr. E. Muner of the University of Toronto.

Recently a German woman who has been shot down over the English coast where he was. He was told that he was a prisoner of war and in England. Then he said "Well, after all, I am the first plane brought down by the English."

Coalition for Manitoba

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fers this advice: "Forget these considerations for the time being at least. No man can today predict what lies ahead of us. No man can say what shape or form our political parties will assume one, two or three years from now.

This is well said; and it scarcely needs to be added that it applies with still greater force to federal politics. If a wartime coalition government in Manitoba is an expression of "the instinct of everyone to assume a full share" of the national war effort, how much more potent would such an expression be if expressed by a non-partisan national war government at Ottawa?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Our two resident representatives join our two absentees out at Ottawa tomorrow.

The final political meeting of the West River District campaign takes place at North Rustico tonight.

Apply Day went over the top all right on Saturday, the Scouts and Cubs making that one of their good turns for the day.

According to the calendar and experience cold weather is now our due—hence storm windows and doors.

The West River Bridge is now definitely relegated to the limbo of forgotten things — to be resurrected, probably, when the Liberals are once more in opposition.

The tramping feet of the N.P.A.M. will be more or less heard in the county from now until Christmas. There will regularly be an interval of 10 days between the dismissal of one group of trainees and the assembling of the succeeding group.

George Peabody, first of the American philanthropists, died this date, 1869. He gave \$2,500,000 to London to build houses for the poor, while his other benefactions to America and Britain totalled \$12,500,000.

A compilation of official and unofficial estimates of registrations and poll tax payments in the 48 states indicate that on November 5 the American electorate may cast its biggest vote in history—roughly 50,000,000.

Notwithstanding the declaration in official quarters that an Imperial War Cabinet was not being considered, Lord Davies, in a speech in the House of Lords still urged formation of a supreme war council with the governments of the Dominions and India represented.

Democrats pin their hopes on these factors writes Mr. L. S. B. Shapiro in the Montreal Gazette: (1) Mr. Roosevelt's platform genius. Democrats point out that the President has left the field almost exclusively to Mr. Willkie during the last two months.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

One element of resentment we don't take into account. We think of the bombing as lawless warfare or an attempt to invade the country. For the British it is something infinitely worse. It is nothing less than trespass — and that they won't put up with! — A Letter from England.

In an article no "English — All Dressed Up" the organ of the Head Masters of Great Britain and Northern Ireland has some pleasant examples of how to make a little English go a long way when done up in the best official manner: (a) "More precipitation, less acceleration." (b) "Proceed to the performance of your prescribed task." (c) "You are enjoined not to disseminate reports of indeterminate provenance which have insufficient basis of factuality and which by repetition tend to acquire cumulative exactitude." (d) "Don't spread rumours." —Manchester Guardian.

Admission of women to jury duty in Ontario is favored by the Ontario General and in this Mr. Conant, Minister of Justice, has support. There are not many reasons why women should not perform this duty and there are good reasons for their doing so. Serving on juries is one of the responsibilities that goes with the franchise, and since women in Ontario secured the right to vote in 1917 it is time that the question of jury duty was definitely settled. —Toronto Star.

The method followed for the computation of time ought not to be left to uncontrolled villages and the various municipalities of Canada. This hardy-annual daylight saving agitation is an unnecessary and wasteful expenditure of time and question whether the clock should be advanced an hour in Summer should be decided by the constituted authorities of the province concerned, or by the Parliament of Canada. Local control over such a vitally important matter can never result in anything but the confusion and chaos that has characterized the computation of time in the Summer months across Canada during the past 20 years or so. Now that the Dominion Government is at last treating the Summer time question as a national question to meet war exigencies, it is to be hoped, some uniform system of time, for all seasons of the year, may finally be determined for the Dominion-wide range of time zones as a result of this experiment. —Sydney Post-Record.

The preparing of a fowl supper, the editor has just learned, is quite a job, requiring a large staff of waiting waiters. The Valentin correspondent for the Post tells of a meeting out in the church basement where plans were made for the annual hot fowl supper and the committee goes to pains to include in the waiting staff all the people on the committees. For instance, the table committee of the ladies are four tea makers; three men are in charge of the wood and water committee; there are no less than six men waiters; there are three men with the ticket-slips; they are door keepers; three men are on the basement door; three more men are on the floor committee. There apparently is more to a fowl supper than eating and eating, but we think any effort is justified if it results in a hot fowl supper such as has been given in the rural area around Lindsay during the coming weeks. —Lindsay Post.

The true tragedy of Mr. Chamberlain is not that his character was defective. On his kind, he remains a splendid example. The difficulty was that he found himself in a position of leadership when the need was for a man who leaves office, we may be sure, with his qualities better understood today than they were in those pre-war days when he was mistakenly idolized or hated even by his own countrymen. Although fate placed him in a position where his virtues destroyed his usefulness, they remain in the hearts of the people of the better world who see for the value will be reaffirmed. —Baltimore Sun.

Three or four years ago there was much talk of the age dead line—40—which many firms had established in employment policies. A man reaching that age was not favored as an addition to the payroll if there were younger applications. It was, of course, an artificial distinction and one which caused in the past a good deal of trouble for the old "efficiency" shibboleth held over from the 20's, a lot of which were mere fine-sounding theory. The new employment boom caused by the national defence expansion is proving that men over 40 have a valuable role in industry, industries are seeking for men with judgment, experience and a ready hand to expand plants and put new assembly lines into action. —Kansas City Star.

The young Canadians who are first going to these camps have just come of age. They have lately attained full citizenship, and they are now preparing themselves so that, with some further training, they may assume one of the great responsibilities of citizenship, participation in the defence of their country. The reason for this is the present time. Is so clear that no one can have any doubt about it. The safety and the whole future of Canada depend on the decision in this war. The man who plays his part in that decision may be expected, also, to think about the policies that should be followed in regard to international relations, and the way to secure the safety of the world against the cruel ravages of wars such as that which is now causing world suffering. —Winnipeg Free Press.

The policy of the press in occupied France is to be silent upon events unfavorable to Germany. As an example, three gasoline refineries across the river from Bordeaux were destroyed: the Texaco, the Jupiter and the Bee d'Ambre plants. At the Texaco works 90,000 tons of gas were exploded, together with two loaded tankers in the stream. For three days Bordeaux lay under a cloud of black electricity burned at midday. The single topic of conversation was this exploit of the R.A.F. Yet day after day, morning and evening, the three local papers appear with no reference to the disaster. Written from Occupied France in the New York Herald Tribune. We must increase our aid to China so that the Chinese will be

PUBLIC FORUM

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THE BY-ELECTIONS

Sir,—I have not attended any of the meetings held up to the present in the Second District of Queens and I have not noticed any reference at these meetings either by the Premier or his two rather inarticulate candidates or by the Conservative standard bearers regarding road services in the territory south of the West River. For many years I have supported the Liberal machine, hoping that through time we would receive some recognition regarding our roads. For years I have run a motor vehicle only to find my taxes taken east or west to provide pavement and road improvement in sections in which such were not immediately necessary. Our district is still in the mud stage.

During the time the Premier was trying to convince the Afton Hall audience of the many blessings his Government had given them, cars and trucks were being hauled out of the villages and had slipped rather than collide with other cars or teams, on a one track graveless highway. While excusing this condition under the heading of economy, a permanent outlay of \$50,000 has been built to a Minister's doorway, to the western end of the province where railway services are adequate, pavement and improved highways are being constructed into the villages and other sections off the western pavement. The roadways to the famous National Park are being improved also to Souris, to Murphysburg, to Eidon, to Wood Islands. Only out of the country during a period of intense road building has been neglected.

A few days ago I met a bewildered looking mortal with a large plow scraping up mud onto the middle of the road so as to further bog down our trucks and cars. What an election spectacle! Anyone ordering this thing this season of the year should have a mental examination. Surely our politics are not so important as to keep us tied to a machine, when a gross injustice is being done this section. I call upon all Liberals and Conservatives to rise and stop this iniquitous and unfair policy, that drains this prominent agricultural community of its taxes, leaves it in further neglect and spends our money in other sections without thought of economy or common sense. As long as we return to Parliament a man who head cliques who are working only for the selfish interests of a few in the district, and who will support any Government outline despite the fact that such policies may be detrimental to our interests, we may never hope to secure our rights in this portion of the province. Let us forget our politics for once, and strike this time for our interests. Once so important as to find we exercise independence they will wake up to the fact there are services that we are demanding and we will get them. As for me that is my intention and I'm voting this time for the first time against the Liberal candidates, for I feel this is the only lesson and language that will be understood.

I am, Sir, etc. SOUTH SHORE LIBERAL.

able to make an even more effective resistance to the Japanese attack. It need be, Congress should appropriate additional funds to the Export-Import Bank so that this agency can extend new loans to the Chinese people. We call upon President Roosevelt to take immediate steps to break off all trade relations with Japan. Not one more shipment of goods of any kind should sail from our shores and be admitted from those of such a potential enemy. Japan must be deprived of the means to obtain weapons and munitions. There was a time when it became apparent that our civilization in the United States could not survive half-slave and half-free. That time has come in the world. We must act, firmly, freely and promptly for freedom lest it be too late. —New York Post.

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Human Endurance

(Hamilton Spectator) One of the amazing revelations produced by the air raids over London in the little sleep that people find they can do with and how resilient is the human organism to adjust itself to the heroic rigors to war-time, which, in the days of peace and normal living, would be considered unthinkable.

When the raids first began a few weeks ago, and the people of London rose weary, red-eyed and haggard to meet the new day, grave fears were expressed that the loss of sleep soon must seriously affect their health, both physical and mental. To stand for many nights the full fury and terrorism of Hitler's attacks was to expect more than human endurance was capable of, so eminent physicians and nerve specialists reasoned, and it was doubted that London's morale could be kept the ordeal for long. The raids have continued almost nightly, and now well into their second month, and still the general health of London is said to be surprisingly good. People are comparatively well in body and mind. They have not lost a grip upon themselves, and their morale, far from being shattered, has strengthened. They are not the broken and bomb-shocked people whom Hitler, and even Harley street, expected them to be. This is an extraordinary testimonial not only to British stamina and character, but also to the ruggedness of the human body.

It is all the more remarkable when privations being suffered by the people of London are fully appreciated. Rich and poor, they are largely all on a grim equality, both as regards the mental strain and the privations to which all are subjected. The amenities of civilization have ceased to exist for many hours. Warm meals on time have become a rare and haphazard pleasure, rather than a daily routine. Warm baths and hot water for shaving are now among the priceless luxuries of the slumbering long nights of sound sleep. People take a quilt and a cushion and go underground. Countless numbers have only an overcoat or the scantiest of bedding and descend to lie on cold concrete, in draughty surroundings, to snatch a bit of sleep. By all the standards, this hard regime should break the health of the most robust; but the people of London are not sickly. They get up in the morning and go forth to their jobs, to do a good day's work.

No doubt there are strong spiritual factors at work here, and much is to be said for the good conscience possessed by the British people, as to the righteousness of their cause. Their will to victory is also a great mental bulwark. But their physical buoyancy, their resistance and general well-being are the result of a prolonged process of torture that was aimed to reduce them to gibbering wrecks, will surely throw new light on the capacity of civilized human beings to endure what was confidently believed to be unendurable.

The Poets' Corner

THE HAPPY NIGHT

I have loved tonight; from love's last bordering sleep I have fallen at last with joy and forgotten the shore; I have known my love tonight as never before, and drawn from the deep, and kissed her lightly, and left my beloved to sleep. And now I sit in the night and my heart is still; Strong and secure; there is nothing that's left to will, There is nothing to win but only a thing to keep. And I look tonight, completed and not afraid, Into the windy dark where shines no light; And care not at all though the darkness never should fade, Nor fear that death should suddenly come tonight. Knowing my last would be surely my bravest breath I am happy tonight; I have laughed tonight at death. —J. C. Squire.

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struction—are reported by the Glenn Martin Company here. The company claims an achievement in a "bomb-bay" door, 14 feet long, weighing but 41 tons and stressed to bear more than 1 1/2 tons. The material is wood, a special plywood, and a strong plastic. It should be explained the bomb-bay doors on a bomber plane are part of the underside contour and are thrown open by the plane's "bombardier" just before he is ready to release the lethal eggs over the objective.

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