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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.

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The Price of Freedom

Herold Nicholson, brilliant English essayist
who writes for the London Spectator, points out
one shortcoming of our democratic system, one
that is probably even more manifest here in Can-
ada than in England. He says:

"How are we to find a watchword which will
galvanize belief? Such words as 'freedom' or
'democracy' have lost their currency-value, hav-
ing been so thumbed in the market-place that
their image and superscription has been blurred.

McNaughton's Appeal

General McNaughton believes there will have
to be a British invasion of the Continent as he
doubts that a nation as proud and well organiz-
ed as Germany can be brought to its knees by
air bombs alone.

General McNaughton states that by the end of
this year the Canadian Corps in Britain will in-
clude and have ready for battle three divisions
of the army, a tank brigade, an armoured divi-
sion, and a full complement of ancillary corps
containing artillery and engineers.

It is his appeal for "full setam ahead" in
Canada, says an exchange, that should find a
heartly response. He and his men are ready to
play their full part, and he does not minimize the
grave task that confronts them.

Japan's Position

Despite a certain attitude of optimism the
Japanese situation is still explosive, and a spark
may at any moment set it aflame. Japan is
checked in her drive to the south by large forces
in the Philippines, Singapore and the Nether-
lands' Indies and would take a great risk if she
were to invade Siberia.

elements of risk to the Japanese in any further
expansion north or south. But logic may not
prevail in Tokyo. With the situation as explos-
ive as it is today, there is always the possibility
that the extremist army leaders may seize con-
trol in Tokyo and plunge ahead toward Japan's
goal of a "new order in East Asia" regardless
of the consequences.

EDITORIAL NOTES

By the propaganda emanating from Ottawa
and elsewhere it would look as though conscrip-
tion were in the offing.

Tomorrow Queen's County Conservatives
meet in Annual Convention to elect officers and
transact other business.

Remember the boys overseas with letters,
parcels and cigarettes. It is a depressing experi-
ence for a boy when the mail comes in bringing
messages of one kind or another to his chums
while he is left out in the cold.

Jacques Cartier, French explorer, died this
date 1557. Made three voyages to Canada and
discovered the St. Lawrence; in 1534 he formally
annexed the country in the name of the
French King, exploring the St. Lawrence in
1535. The colony he tried to establish, with the
aid of Lieut.-General Roberval, proved a failure,
and it was not until Samuel de Champlain
received a Royal Charter in 1603 that a settle-
ment was established at St. Croix, afterward
moved to Port Royal in Acadia.

Some people may believe in psychology but
not when it implies beer. At a board meeting to
discuss means of slowing traffic and reducing
accidents in Burlington County, Mass., Free-
holder Le Roy Church tossed off a bit of real,
aged-in-the-wood, down-to-earth psychology.
He recommended the posting of signs reading
"Free Beer, Stop Here" at dangerous intersec-
tions. An unappreciative board settled for the
usual "Dangerous Crossing" legend and a gold-
en opportunity of putting a theory to the test
was lost.

An outright declaration of war on the Axis
powers was urged by Dr. James B. Conant,
president of Harvard University, at the open-
ing chapel service in the Harvard Memorial
Church. "To my mind, until Congress does de-
clare war, we as a people are dwelling in an
ambiguous half-way house," he told the stud-
ents. "By failing to act with our full force we
are delaying the hour of final victory, the hour
of peace. By failing to participate fully in an
effort essential to our own safety, we are in ef-
fect letting others do our fighting for us. In my
opinion, until we have declared war, our national
conscience will every day grow more disturbed."

Because of reduced demand from England and
the foot-and-mouth disease which compelled the
total suspension of exports, Eire is literally
glutted with both fat and store cattle. In recent
weeks exports have been partially restored in
several of the twenty-six counties and a delega-
tion representing the leading cattle firms of
Eire went to confer on the situation with British
importers at Glasgow, Edinburgh, Leices-
ter, York, Birkenhead and Norwich. The
present quota of exports to Britain is 4,400 head a
week. Eire can easily send at least ten times
that number. The value of the additional quota
it is hoped to sell in the next few months is put
at \$35,000,000.

What about our aluminum scrap? "No more
scrap aluminum or iron may be expected from
the United States," a bulletin of the British
Ministry of Supply recently stated, "because
America has decided that she will need all her
own scrap for her growing war industries, al-
though the government (British) was first to
curtail these imports. Thus more and more
scrap will be needed here." The bulletin then
added that "our reserves of scrap must be in-
creased and maintained at the maximum
amount." It was later reported that the railways
had recently contributed over 30,000 tons of ob-
solete or unused rails, and The Times of Lon-
don adds: "Fortunately there are about the
countryside dumps of scrap which have been ac-
cumulated as a sort of 'iron ration' and kept in
reserve in case of need. The new situation will
demand a renewed flow of scrap, so that when
the dumps are drawn upon there will be no lack
of further supplies to replace those which are
required for industrial use."

Mr. V. M. Kipp, associate editor of The Ot-
tawa Journal, was a recent visitor to this Pro-
vince. He was particularly interested in the his-
toric associations of our Confederation Chamber,
which he described in an article to which refer-
ence was made in The Guardian some days ago.
Elsewhere in today's issue we reproduce another
article from Mr. Kipp's pen, appearing in
The Ottawa Journal on Sept. 27. Many Prince
Edward Islanders are unaware of the interest-
ing facts he relates, and which he discovered
with the assistance of Mr. Bradley, assistant
provincial archivist. The Ottawa Journal is one
of Canada's most widely circulated newspapers,
and the publicity given in its columns by Mr.
Kipp to this Province as the Cradle of Confed-
eration will be appreciated. His suggestion as
to the need of a fire-proof vault for preservation
of the records in the Confederation Chamber is
an excellent one. The building, of course, is not
now in the state of disrepair to which the article
refers, but the danger of fire is always to be
reckoned with. Mr. Kipp suggests that the Do-
minion Government might be induced to co-
operate in this matter, a hint which our provin-
cial authorities would be well advised to follow up.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The boggy which someone raised,
that, claiming for the
sale of gasoline would kill the
U.S. tourist trade, has been knock-
ed off its perch. Probably never
before was there seen on Ontario
highways so many cars bearing
United States license plates as dur-
ing last week-end. As far as Gan-
anque was concerned there was
ample evidence of the truth of the
statement. — Gananoque Reporter.

With gas rationing a distant possi-
bility shoemakers are doubtless
beginning in anticipation to sharp-
en their tools. The various in-
struments they use in replacing
disappearing soles. And, speaking
of walking, or rather thinking of
it, a chap who not so long ago
helped to uphold the good name
of Galt on tracks across the coun-
try this morning showed us a rec-
ord of one year's training, a walk-
ed distance of 1,178 miles. This
pointing out that he has been bitten
in large thirty-mile hikes every
Sunday morning, plus shorter mid-
week jaunts. Wonder if we'll ever
have to chalk up anything like
such an annual record? The very
thought of it evokes a yawn. Let's
use less gas now and make it last.
— Galt Reporter.

There is some talk about Mr.
Churchill in his broadcast last
night saying "Siam" instead of
Thailand. It was thought by some
of his friends not to be a slip they
should lightly reconcile. They
thought of the change of names for coun-
tries and in private talk uses the
names of Siam and Persia and
Mesopotamia. — Manchester Guar-
dian.

Modern wars are not won only
by courage and skill. A great in-
dustrial effort must support the
soldier, and here India is working,
in General Wavell's words, not
only for her own defence but to
defeat the greatest threat to free-
dom that has appeared for many a
year. Modern equipment and arms
are now flowing from India to
senals and factories on a vast and
increasing scale to equip an army
which already numbers three-quar-
ters of a million men, and is to
be increased to a million. Two
months ago India was supplying
over four-fifths of the arms,
munitions, and equipment required
by these hosts, and she is now
providing other imperial fronts
and forces with weapons of war.
She is best defended, as the Com-
mander-in-Chief pointed out, from
the positions which we hold in
the Near East. In these days,
when aircraft can take cruel
toll of the great cities, the protec-
tion of a land so densely popula-
ted as India begins at its out-
works. Egypt, Burma, Malaya,
and Singapore and Malaya,
should danger threaten to east-
ward. — London Times.

United States psychologists are
applying their studies to war avia-
tion, measuring the feelings of
pilots, learning a great deal about
the emotional pressures which af-
fect a man at the controls of an air-
craft. The results of a new study
on this side of the Atlantic, one
which should yield valuable re-
sults. Germany, where military
fitness has been developed to the
highest degree, has subjected her sol-
diers, submarine personnel and
flying officers to psychological
tests for years with the idea of
fitting each man into that particu-
lar type of work for which
he was best suited. In Britain
much psychological research has
been carried out in the past two
years with men in all branches of
the fighting services. The Ameri-
can Association for Applied
Psychology, Dr. John G. Jenkins,
University of Maryland psychol-
ogist, now with the American Civil
and Military Administration,
reported results of tests. Ameri-
can psychologists are flying in
modern fighting planes in order to
experience for themselves emo-
tional stresses. Twenty are licen-
sed pilots and 50 are taking flying
instruction. The cockpit of the
planes are their new laboratories.
Dr. Jenkins offered some interest-
ing observations. Perception, he
said, was more important than
the pilot than muscular coordination.
The best pilot perceives rather than
judges such things as altitude. Per-
ception is instantaneous, judg-
ment requires time and a short of
separate thought. The natural
pilot flies instinctively. His habit-
is the air and he suffers no
"unruly emotions." Among their
studies these flying psychologists
measure how much pilot perspi-
res; how much muscular energy
he expends, and other physical
signs which may denote what is
going on in his mind. The "wreath-
outs," said Dr. Jenkins, were only
five per cent of the 150,000 men
who have learned to fly under
the Civil Aviation Authority.
— London Free Press.

Great Injuries have been done by
the power of ridicule, but ridicule
has likewise performed great ser-
vices for mankind. The riper
thrust of wit has been turned upon
the investigation by a committee
of the United States Senate into
motion pictures. One of the objects
of the probe is to try to prove that
motion pictures have been propa-
gandizing the United States into a
warlike frame of mind. Those men
who are conducting the inquiry are
indicative of its nature—anti-war,
anti-British, if not pro-Nazi. Mr.
Roosevelt drew the attention of
the corps of correspondents to a
cartoon which had been printed
in the Washington Star. It showed
Charlie Chaplin, who has been sub-
poenaed by the committee, holding
this summons and asking: "Now
what could I possibly tell those
pastmasters about comedy? That
was a keen thrust and the second
revealed for the first time by the
President was sharper. Mr. Roose-
velt read a telegram which he said
had been received by a Senator,
which he did not identify week
before. A guess is that the tele-
gram was sent to the Senator,
most certainly one of the members
of the committee, and a copy sent
to the President. It read as follows:
"Have just been reading book
called Holy Bible Has large cir-
culation in this country. Written
entirely by foreign-born, mostly
Jews. First part full of war-mong-
ering propaganda. Second part
condemns isolationism. That fake
story about Samaritan dangerous
should be added to your list and
suppressed." A few brilliant stabs
like that at the small but vocifer-
ous group in the United States
which is playing Hitler's world-
domination game and they would
be laughed into a state of incoher-
ent silence. — Toronto Globe and
Mail.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY
FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR
If final victory is to be won
we must be ready to pay with
our lives to save our all.
Great sacrifices will be neces-
sary but with God's help
everything is possible. —Major-
General L. R. LaPléche,
Associate Deputy Minister of
National War Services.

Ottawa Editor Finds

Much of Interest In
Confederation
Chamber
(V. M. K. in The Ottawa Journal)

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.—This
tidy little island once was called
St. Jean when it was owned by
France, and then St. John by the
British until, in 1799, it was
changed to Prince Edward Island
by Royal proclamation from the
Court of St. James, counter-
signed by Major-General Fanning,
Lieutenant-governor of the
colony. The original document, its
ink not much faded, hangs framed
on the wall of the left chamber
of the Government Building where
the Confederation of Canada had
its origin back in 1864.

This and a host of other precious
records and documents are in
charge of Mr. W.F.P. Bradley, as-
sistant provincial archivist, whose
knowledge of an irreplaceable his-
torical collection is as profound
as is his interest in it. Old prints
of the island, notables and great
figures in Canadian history almost
cover the walls. The ancient cup-
boards are crammed with hand-
written minutes, reports and corre-
spondence which throw light on
our early history and illustrate
sharply the changes time has
wrought within the period of our
written history.

Mr. Bradley turns up, for instance
the original minutes, in a dusty,
leather-covered volume, of the
meeting of the General Assembly
of His Majesty's Island of St.
John. One of them passed over
to declare "that Baptism of slaves
shall not exempt them from
Bondage." It appears that some
people held that slaves became free
by being baptized, or being
admitted to Baptism, and the
colonial Government, Governor,
Council and Assembly, solemnly
declared that baptism and religion
had nothing to do with the state
of slavery. All Negro and Mulatto
slaves on the island, or thereafter
brought to it were to remain slaves
unless freed by their owners, and
all children born of women slaves
were the property of the masters
or mistresses of such women. That
was the law of the island until
1827, although Mr. Bradley says it
is doubtful if any slaves were
bought or sold after the turn of
the century.

Another act of the same Assembly
was designed "to prevent dis-
orderly riding of Horses and driv-
ing of Carts, Trucks and Sleds, or
any other Carriage whatsoever
within Charlotte-Town"—that is
the old form of the island capital's
name. Galloping on horseback was
strictly prohibited. Furthermore a
man in charge of a cart or carriage
of any description must not ride
the horse, or ride in the vehicle,
but lead the animal by a halter
or by a lead more than four feet long.
The penalty for violation of what
must be one of this country's earli-
est traffic laws was a fine of ten
shillings, and in default four days
of work on the roads or six weeks
in jail at the miscreant's "own
proper Costs and Charges."

A recent page of the visitors'
book has the signature of the Duke
of Kent, who visited the historic
room and showed much interest in
its treasures which was natural,
because the Island was named for
one of his ancestors, the Duke
of Kent, who was Prince Edward,
and father of Queen Victoria.

He was interested, too, in the
Island's coat of arms, which shows
a small oak tree nestling in the
safety of a rock and aged oak.
This coat of arms was designed in
1769, when St. John was made a
separate colony, and legend says
it was the idea of King George
the Third, whose thought it was
that the large oak should represent

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The Poet's Corner

AUTUMN
Some small restless bird is singing
among
The russet leaves — a cool wind
shakes and dapples
With coins of light the bird, the
leaves, the apples.
Summer's radiant songs have all
been sung.
Now earth grows brown and richly
flushed with fruits
Of all the blessed suns and gracious
rains.
The sky is a brimming cup that tips
The air is dud with wings and face-
well flutes.
Short and shorter grow the day's
delights
Too soon the woodbine blows from
old brick walls
To rustle in the hollows: no night-
hawk calls
Across the sky too quickly come
the nights
Of dark imperial velvet, spread and
crossed
With low-hung stars gold, and cold
as frost.
—Ruth Langland Holberg.

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