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

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Rising Protests Heard

Of chief importance at Ottawa last week, says the Financial Post correspondent, was the rising volume of protest against the butter price peg, announced by the Wartime Price and Trade Board on Dec. 28.

As the war strain increases the task of the Government becomes more and more difficult and the absence of co-ordination more and more marked.

So far there have been three decisions in this field, affecting two very large sections of the community and one influential class.

Rents in districts where an acute shortage of houses exists have been pegged as at Jan. 2, 1940. Wages, on the other hand, are to conform to the 1920-1929 level, with bonuses for any increase in living costs above the current level.

The renters want to know why rents were not pegged on the 1920-29 basis. The butter protesters ask the same question. Is a farmer not entitled to receive as great a return as the factory worker?

Judging by the number and the tone of the complaints it seems doubtful if the present haphazard method of control can be continued. The critics contend that it is too much like subjecting basic industries to the whims and chances of a blindfold man sticking a pin into a price chart.

Government War Financing

Notwithstanding Hon. J. L. Hilsley's advance notice in the House of Commons on November 21, the announcement of the sale of \$250 millions of Dominion notes to the banks will occasion surprise.

For fifteen months the Government has carried through the declared war policy of taxing to the point beyond which production would suffer through inefficiency and, with a single exception, it borrowed the balance of its needs from the public, from the savings of the people.

On Nov. 21 of this year Mr. Hilsley again defined policy. There was no change. Inflation must be avoided. The war must be paid for by taxation and borrowing from savings.

It now develops that this short term financing at \$250 millions is for a longer term (2-3 years), and for a larger amount than the original "expansionist" issue. The interest rate is fractionally lower.

The sale of Dominion notes to the banks means, simply, the setting up by the banks of a credit of this amount and against this credit the Government can write cheques. It does not reduce existing purchasing power by a penny, nor does it come out of the people's savings.

Mr. Hilsley, no doubt, says the Free Press, will now encounter a good many quotations from his earlier speeches in which he solemnly warned all and sundry against the very act he has now committed. Like the rest of mankind he can disclaim perfection.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

This will be a busy week at Ottawa with the nine provinces having delegations there in connection with the Siros report and other business.

John Scott, 1st Earl of Eldon, British lawyer and Lord Chancellor, died this date, 1838. Was violently reactionary; conducted the unsuccessful high treason prosecutions against John Horne Tooke, politician and scholar; opposed unsuccessfully Catholic emancipation and the abolition of capital punishment for minor offences.

A new Spitfire fighter plane, to be bought with funds donated by employees of the British postal and telegraph censorship department of the Ministry of Information, will carry the "appropriate name, Blue Pencil".

Letters are being received from Islanders who have gone to the mainland in search of jobs warning others not to follow them. There is an abundance of labour there already, and the difficulty of finding moderately priced boardings adds to the hardship.

The majority of Canadian advertisers will continue advertising expenditures in 1941 at the same or higher levels than last year, the weekly newspaper, Marketing, reports following the circulation of a questionnaire among advertisers.

Cash income from the sale of farm products in 1940 has been estimated at \$714,685,000 compared with \$702,794,000 in 1939. This is the highest cash income since 1929 when the sale of farm products totalled \$922,300,000.

U.S.A. Federal Judge Lloyd L. Black at Seattle has signed a settlement decree in a case involving use of the slogan "Oldest trading corporation in the world," after attorneys for both plaintiff and defendant announced their clients had reached an agreement.

We do not always stop to think what a Nazi victory in the present war would mean. Certain results of a German victory would be the vassalage of Austria, Czechoslovakia, Norway, the Netherlands, Belgium, occupied France and Great Britain, the end of Poland, reoccupation of German colonies and seizure of resources in the vassal countries.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

A rather recondite explanation of why women close their eyes when being kissed is advanced by the Better Vision Institute, which says their purpose is to blot out the every day world and slip into a make-believe one.

John Gunther has pointed out that only 10 per cent of Italy's 42,000,000 are engaged in industries; that 21 per cent of the population is illiterate; that the country lacks raw materials, and has no rubber, tin, nickel, tungsten, mica, or chromium; that it is dependent on imports from abroad for 99 per cent of its cotton, 80 per cent of its wool, 90 per cent of its iron and steel, 99 per cent of its copper, 15 per cent of its meat, and 100 per cent of its oil.

We shall be able to sing "Rule Britannia" a little more loudly than ever when the new type of rayon fabric the basis of which is seaweed comes into general use. Britain's traditional mastery of the seas will have been demonstrated in a new direction.

Mr. H. R. MacMillan, chairman of the War Requirements Board, is one of the directing spirits of the Canadian war administration. But while he does not suffer with a plenitude, he is free to tell the truth; to say things that may be unpalatable.

The strength of the British people, the strength of a nation that has long been a champion of freedom; its weakness is the atmosphere of insularity and the rigidity into which its official organization may have fallen.

Dover, a little community of 700 souls in North Carolina, is going to be a place well worth watching. And if all goes well it may be a village well worth watching.

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A Plea For The Simpler Life

(Montreal Gazette) There is much of the philosophy which is the art and law of life in the title he gave to his address: "The simpler life ahead." Mr. Powell envisages the time of change to peace-time economy, the period of reconstruction which must inevitably follow the end of the present war, when changes in our economic outlook will be "forced upon us by the necessity for more careful expenditures."

Lost, Stolen Or Strayed

Several explanations are offered respecting the dramatic disappearance of General Annibale Bergonzoli, Italian commander at Bardia, who has been missing since last Saturday the second day of the final attack which resulted in the fall of that vital Fascist base on Sunday. Early reports said that Bergonzoli, banteringly nicknamed "General Elector" by the British, had been captured by the British and taken to a prisoner-of-war camp.

It is possible, says a Cairo correspondent, that the "regular" or "official" Bergonzoli, the last of the three, was captured by the British and taken to a prisoner-of-war camp.

It is worth remembering that the fugitive ex-Commander at Bardia was not a "Fascist" or "Blackshirt" officer of the special Mussolini brand. Bergonzoli led the Italian "volunteers" who helped more or less dashingly in the Nazi invasion of Spain during the so-called civil war.

TWAS HARDLY FAIR

LONDON —(CP)—London bus-drivers, who are on the job through all but the worst of roads, were sent bags of white feathers by a misguided person recently. The boys stuck them in their caps.

ALL OF THEM

Confidence is expressed in Rome that Mussolini will be victorious in his Eastern campaign. Ultimately he will get his deserts.



THE SANDPIPER

Along the sea-edge, like a gnomie Or rolling pebble in the foam, As though he timed the ocean's throbbing, Runs a piper, sobbing, bobbing.

Gog And Magog

A subscriber seeks further information regarding those quaint, wooden figures of Gog and Magog, "toppled in debris" during the incendiary raid on the Guildhall last week. The reference in Revelations to the time when Satan shall be "loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle," has an intriguing interest in this connection.

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The Fowler Outburst

(Halifax Chronicle) R. W. Fowler, one of the secretaries of the Bowell-Siros commission, advocates adoption of the commission's report. Mr. Fowler made a speech in Toronto which brought an understandable storm of protest. He said that the commission's recommendations were not only urgently necessary in wartime, but would avert a post-war crisis.

Premier MacMillan has been prompted to point out that Mr. Fowler certainly did not refer to Nova Scotia, but in fairness to other provinces, Mr. Fowler is honor bound to name the "seven or eight" he meant. That is the only way to play fair with solvent provinces. The people of Canada are waiting.

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