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

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 1941.

Plain Speaking

Commentators are noting that President Roosevelt's approach Tuesday night to the question of war or peace differed strikingly from that of President Wilson twenty-five years ago.

This absence of cant is refreshing. It is quite in key with the British attitude as expressed time and again by Prime Minister Churchill.

When we have been moved to truly heroic sacrifices we shall have the right to take our ideals out and parade them, but we shall probably have too little time then to do so.

Cabinet Shakeup

There will be general agreement as to the wisdom of the course followed by Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture, in dropping his other job as Minister of National War Services to devote himself entirely to farm problems.

Mentioned as likely appointees for the ministry of National War Services are Mr. Brooke Caxton, Liberal member for Montreal-St. George, and General L. R. LeFleche, of pre-war Bren gun notoriety.

So far, the Department of National War Services has proved a disappointment. It has not developed along the widespread lines visualized when it was established last summer.

Order-In-Council

The special wartime powers assumed by the Dominion Government are probably responsible for the bulk of the 13,808 Orders-in-Council passed since September, 1939.

effect, especially those which purported to alter a statute of Parliament. Mr. King promised to draw the attention of his colleagues to the matter, but emphasized the difficulty of obtaining particulars which would involve an examination of each one of the 13,808 Orders-in-Council passed since the outbreak of war.

What seems to be required in the public interest is a system of indexing all Orders-in-Council. These indexes could be published at regular intervals in the Canada Gazette, or separately if more convenient.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is time to get flags and decorations in readiness for next week's great demonstration.

Remember the blind, for whom a tag day is authorized for Saturday. We have some 30 of them in the city alone.

The Rt. Hon. Malcolm Macdonald, British High Commissioner to Ottawa confesses that he is bashful, and that there is nothing he hates more than having to make a speech.

The R. A. F. have a benevolent fund for the benefit of the widows and orphans and distressed cases. A concert in their interest is to be held in the Prince Edward Theatre, Sunday evening under the patronage of His Honor the Lieut. Governor and His Worship the Mayor.

Admiral Count Togo, Japanese sailor, died this date 1934. He received his naval training in Britain at the Naval College Greenwich and subsequently on H. M. S. Worcester; commanded the Naniwa in the Japanese-Chinese war of 1894-5, and attained rank of Vice-Admiral; commanded the Jap fleet during the Russo-Jap War, bombarded Port Arthur, defeated the Port Arthur fleet, and Rozhdstvensky's fleet at Tushima (May 27, 1905); received the British Order of Merit (1906) and promoted Admiral of the Fleet (1912).

Princess Alice, wife of the Governor-General was accorded a Scottish welcome when she attended the opening session of the convention of the Provincial Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in Canada at Brockville, Ont. In return she read this parody on "There'll Always be an England," which she said had just been sent to her from Glasgow:

"There'll always be an England As long as Scotland stands; It's just through poor auld Scotland That England's wealth expands. Our friendly neighbor England We always will defend; We'll fight all England's battles, Her broken ships will mend, And when the war is over And victory has been won, We'll sing all England's praises For what auld Scotland's done."

Practically all training for the Royal Air Force will be centred in Canada and the United States within a few months, freeing British landing fields for combat work against the Germans. The Commonwealth Air Training Scheme has been in operation in Canada for months, and is turning out pilots and air crews at an estimated rate of 25,000 to 30,000 a year.

Mr. Gordon Graydon, the new chairman of the National Conservative Party, plans to make a nation-wide tour during the summer, when he will survey the party organization in each constituency and work on plans for rejuvenating the party.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Australia finds that it has 100,000 fewer children under five than it had seven years ago. This discovery has alarmed the Government and the people of Australia, and they are resolved to do something about it.

Mayor Conboy is urging the Ontario Government to join Toronto in launching a widespread campaign to eliminate ragweed. Such a concerted effort would be helpful not only to hay fever sufferers in the province, but equally so to the tourist trade.

References here to the freak effects of bomb blast are bringing me strange stories of readers' experiences. One of the oddest relates to the flight of a Hull golfer's golf bag. His house was demolished by a bomb. A few days later a woman some distance away found this pair of shoes quite close to each other in her garden.

The one clear fact in the whole unfortunate (wheat) situation is that grain storage facilities are now taxed almost to the limit and the Federal Government can hardly be asked to go on from year to year taking delivery through the Wheat Board of further large supplies of wheat for which markets cannot be found.

According to the latest figures from the Finnish Cross, 43,000 Finnish soldiers were wounded in the Russo-Finnish war, and 25,000 killed. When peace was signed in March, 1940, 28,000 soldiers were still in the military hospitals, and of these 17,000 could be classified as serious cases.

The long-distance flight of a young blue-winged teal from the prairies of Western Canada to South America is revealed by a recent bird-banding recovery record received by the Department of Mines and Resources.

It is as hard to teach men to walk out of step as it is to instruct them in step. But, stretcher bearers have to learn to walk out of step. If they do not do that, the wounded soldier will get a bumpy ride and the bearers will get a sticky one.

The caricaturists of a man just turned against their favorite character. His defeats in Africa and Albania have cost Benito Mussolini more than the soldiers and sailors he has lost.

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LaGuardia

There is one figure whose explosive personality will be felt throughout the United States. He is Fiorello H. LaGuardia, "the little man who is everywhere"—dark, stocky son of an Italian immigrant and probably the busiest individual in the country with the exception of President Roosevelt.

He has a habit of supporting his words with action. When he first went to Congress 25 years ago, almost his first important act was to vote for United States entry into the first Great War.

As a Congressman he once waved a 25-cent chop and a \$3 steak on the floor of the House to emphasize the high cost of living, and brewed beer in his office and in a New York garage as a protest against prohibition.

De Valera Objects

Prime Minister Eamon de Valera undoubtedly reads the newspapers. He knows what is going on in the world. He must be familiar with the fate which has overtaken other countries which, like his own, decided that this war was none of their business and that they could promote their own best interests by staying out of it.

NOTICE TO FARMERS

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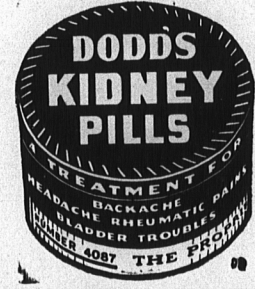
On the man-bites-dog principle when a boobyard in Nova Scotia gets a war contract, that is news. There has been little boatbuilding in this province for war purposes, but it has been very little. Nova Scotians are eager to see much more of it.

The public has grown weary of reasons why ships and boats are not being built in Nova Scotia's various yards. They are more concerned with reasons why they should be built here by the Atlantic. The public do not believe that insurmountable difficulties exist. They believe that such differences as exist between builders and government could be removed. They believe that the boatyards and shipyards along our coast are capable of contributing something worthwhile to the war effort.

A dispatch from Sydney announces that four 50-foot motor craft are to be built for the Navy at Baddeck. This, says the dispatch, is the first war contract awarded to a Cape Breton yard since the outbreak of war. Nova Scotians will hope that it will be but the first of a series. They will hope, too, that other yards throughout the province will be engaged in similar work, so that Nova Scotia's boatbuilding and shipbuilding facilities will be employed to advantage as part of the general effort.

PRESENT WAR TYPE LADY OF THE LAMP

LONDON, May 29—(CP)—"Lady of the Lamp" is the title given to a North-Country Y.M.C.A. woman voluntary worker who takes paraffin (illuminating oil) in small bottles to soldiers posted in isolated spots where the paraffin lamp is their only artificial light. These men frequently run out of oil and are unable to reach distant shops to renew their stock. This voluntary service is unique and much valued.



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