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

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The War News

There is reassuring news in the report from the British Middle East Command that the Axis front has been completely shattered in eastern Libya...

Mr. Henry Smith

Few of our citizens enjoyed a wider circle of friends and acquaintances of all ages, classes and creeds, than did the late Mr. Henry Smith.

"Sure the last end of the good man is peace! How calm his exit... Behold him in the evening tide of life...

Sir Clifford Sifton Quoted

Let those who occupy positions of trust, says the Globe and Mail, read what a great Canadian leader and patriot said during the dark days of the Great War.

"We have to face facts, not theories. The issue is simple. Either (1) We put our whole strength into the war; or (2) we abandon our men at the front and dishonor our solemn obligation.

"I will go further. The decision of this issue will determine once for all whether Canada is a nation, dominated and held together by a national will and national sense of honor, or is a helpless aggregation of sectional communities, held together only by the time-serving considerations of sectional interest.

"If anything in this troubled world can be absolutely clear, it is clear today that we can grapple with this situation in one way, and one way only, by the formation of a union war Government, administered on non-party lines, who will straightway appeal for a mandate to the people of Canada, and can consistently be supported by every element in the population that is loyal to the cause.

"Germany is fighting desperately to wear out the fortitude of her opponents. If she succeeds, the peace will be inconclusive. It will be no peace for us, but the beginning of an intolerable strain of preparedness for war.

"We are not fighting for sentiment, for England, for imperialism; we are fighting for the rights of ourselves and our children to live as a free community.

"Shall Canada be the first of all the allied na-

tions to slink from the field? Let us realize the position now. It will be no use to wake up when it is too late."

After firing this shot, Sir Clifford left for Western Canada, where he delivered addresses in rapid succession to the Canadian Clubs in Winnipeg, Regina and Moose Jaw. One statement he made in his Winnipeg speech is particularly opposite in view of the present attitude of Mr. Mackenzie King:

"I do not think the people of Canada had any cause to find fault, until the day when the conscription policy was announced in Parliament, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier's attitude toward the war. But now he says he is unable to endorse the policy of conscription. This attitude is taken because he believes that that is the attitude of the people of the Province of Quebec.

Obviously, if the defense of Canada is not made secure by success in the Atlantic and in the Pacific we are in danger of invasion. And if our defense is bound up with our success in Britain and in the Orient, it is our bounden duty to send our troops there for our defense. It would be madness to wait until the Huns are in the St. Lawrence and the Japs are in Vancouver.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The real advantage of being a \$1 a year man with \$25 a day expenses, is that you have not to pay Income Tax on the expenses.

Quebec Government have given instructions to collect registration certificates at time of notification of deaths, thus preventing their unauthorized use.

The new British Columbia premier is a native Irishman, having been born at Leitrim, Ireland. He is the only premier who was not born in Canada.

Private automobiles being banned in Bermuda horses and bicycles provide the most common forms of transportation. As a result of this, the Government has advised carriage drivers to "unhitch your horses and tie them up" if an emergency should arise.

U.S.A. admirals and generals in the Philippines are being made to suffer the consequences of the Isolationist's policy in Congress and of Prime Minister King's unready policy in Parliament—"Why spend money in defence—defence against whom?"

Sir William Edward Parry, English explorer, born this date 1790; accompanied Capt. John Ross's first expedition for discovery of the North West Passage in 1818; commanded the second successful expedition the following year, winning the British Government reward of \$25,000; after three more expeditions became controller of the steam ship department of the navy; governor of Greenwich Hospital in 1853 till his death two years later; wrote "Narrative of my attempt to reach the North Pole." Parry's Sound is named after him, and he was the grandfather of two bishops of the Church of England.

In connection with the changes in the Government at Ottawa, it is anticipated that the eighty-year-old Hon. Raoul Dandurand, leader in the Senate, will shortly retire and that Hon. A. K. Hugesen, a Montreal lawyer, will succeed him, and his selection as government leader, carrying with it admission to the ministerial circle, might be regarded as a move to provide more English-speaking representation in the cabinet from Quebec province.

An important development is the startling announcement from the Wartime Prices and Trade Board that a general license is being issued to all dealers in all commodities and that in the meantime and until further notice sellers of food-stuffs and articles of wearing apparel, including footwear, who were licensed under the order of October 20 are no longer required to enter on sales slips the buyer's license number or to see that buyers are licensed. Two important exceptions to the board's interim order are the coal administrator and the hides and leather administrator. The fuel and the leather business will continue under the licensing system that has been in operation since these controls were established.

Quebec Dairy Industry Society has adopted certain amendments governing the society which would permit it to urge all dairy interests in the province to group themselves under the society's plans, to educate members of the industry in the province and to smooth out various difficulties which formerly were out of its jurisdiction.

"An industry whose capital is more than \$1,000,000,000 and which embraces 140,000 farmers, 60 per cent. of whose annual revenues come from milk production," said S. J. Chagnon, director of the St. Hyacinthe, Que., Dairy School, "should have a self-supporting professional association capable of taking its own initiative. An industry which produces \$60,000,000 annually... should be able, under these conditions, to increase annual production to \$100,000,000." Resolutions adopted included the petitioning of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture to keep a strict watch on the weight and quantity of butter boxes, the petitioning of the Provincial and Federal Ministries of Agriculture to continue the payment of premiums on quality cheese production, and the continuance of the sanitary control of dairy products to increase their quality.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A German aircraft was recently shot down by German anti-aircraft fire aimed at British bombers on their way to the Rhineland, writes a Dutch correspondent. In the early morning hours a couple of Dutch painters from a neighboring town were ordered to cover up the German markings on the wreckage of the plane with their own paint.

Successful airmen must be obtained from the youth of the nation. "Only youth is capable of understanding the physical and mental stresses inseparable from the warlike activities of aviation. It is to the youth of Canada, therefore, that Canadians must look for the creation of an overwhelming air force."

War demands for textiles have brought the handloom industry more prominently into the public notice. The recent textile conference in Bombay, presided over by Sir Homi Mody, devoted a considerable part of its time to the question of securing adequate supplies of cotton yarn for the handloom trade.

Like Pétain, Weygand is a prisoner of his mistakes, of that monstrous blunder of June, 1940, when he and Pétain and the others asked for an armistice and got it. They asked for it for three reasons: First, because they thought Great Britain was licked and they could safely betray it; second, because they wanted to keep the army intact to put down "social troubles"—in other words, they were more afraid of their own people than they were of the Nazis; and third, because they thought that the triumph of Hitler's New Order in Europe meant the triumph of their own brand of reactionary fascism in France. The British weren't licked. The "social troubles" when they came, will be such that, even if they come to an army, it could not hope to put them down. And the triumph of the New Order has meant the triumph of reaction in France. The British weren't licked. The "social troubles" when they come, will be such that, even if they come to an army, it could not hope to put them down.

Goebbels did not know that he was doing Britain good when he broadcast the recent result of Germany's principal horse race. For the winner was a son of Coronation, who won the Derby and the St. Leger for Lord Woolavington in 1926, has brought in \$68,228 in prizes, and has tied the winners of 170 other races valued \$2,000,000.

A child of three and one-half is learning to walk again on an artificial leg made for him by the people who have been making a new pair for the ace Wing-Commander Bader. He is a small boy named Ronnie Osmond, who lost a leg only a year or two ago. He learned to walk on it. It was found difficult at first to get Ronnie to put his heart into learning to walk all over again. Then someone in the works had the idea of giving him a miniature working stick made of duralumin. Ronnie was fascinated with his little tubular stick and at once wanted to try it. Now he nurses his leg when walking by himself he will sometimes change the stick from one hand to the other, sure proof that he can walk without it. The makers of the tiny legs are pleased as he is. They build and fit 5,000 artificial legs a year, and Bader, their most famous patient, whose legs have been repaired or repaired by them since 1934, visited their fitting room only a fortnight before he had to bale out of his machine over occupied France. His new pair of legs have now been handed over by the makers to the British ministry of pensions who have flown them to Lisbon for delivery through the International Red Cross at Geneva. It will be recalled that when Bader landed in France he broke one of his artificial legs and a spare one was flown over the Channel by his R.A.F. comrades. Since then he has escaped for four days from the prison hospital in which he is held. By Robert Williamson.

Mr. Huxham struck a note of candid questioning in his broadcast talk to the people. "Some people say," he said, "Does it matter so much to Ceylonese, particularly the poor, whether the Empire wins the war or not? Would a victory for Hitler mean very much to Ceylon? No doubt he would impose a terrible indemnity on Great Britain, and parts of the Empire would have to be handed over to him and his partner, but probably those parts would not include Ceylon, and even if they did, would Ceylon be so much worse off under the Germans than she is under the British?"

Mr. Huxham was not indulging in a fantastic flight of imagination in posing these questions. There are people who ask these questions, not in any spirit of disloyalty but in a more or less academic sense, because Ceylon is so far away from the scene of strife that the people of this island can afford to be academic when a life-and-death struggle is being fought elsewhere for all that they hold sacred. —Times of Ceylon (Colombo).

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A GIFT OF WAR SAVINGS STAMPS OR CERTIFICATES COMBINES GENEROSITY WITH ECONOMY

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

DANGEROUS SIDEWALKS

Sir:—Can you give me any reason why the spreading of sand on our slippery sidewalks has been discontinued? Are not citizens who pay taxes entitled to some protection on our streets?

Surely our "City Fathers" have learned before now the futility of expecting landlords or tenants to remove snow from sidewalks—when they can "get away with it." If they cannot enforce that important section of the By-law how are they going to compel careless householders to make walking safe for more conscientious citizens?

This may seem a trifling matter to mention in times of stress but one doesn't need much imagination to picture results of an emergency blackout when daylight does not afford safety to pedestrians.

Perhaps our fire-footed and alert police officers, who take this sort of thing "in their stride," so to speak, may classify the writer as a crank, but I feel sure that I am speaking for the greater number of our citizens.

I am, Sir, etc.

AN OLDER WOMAN

The Dilemma Of Vichy

(New York Nation) Like Pétain, Weygand is a prisoner of his mistakes, of that monstrous blunder of June, 1940, when he and Pétain and the others asked for an armistice and got it. They asked for it for three reasons: First, because they thought Great Britain was licked and they could safely betray it; second, because they wanted to keep the army intact to put down "social troubles"—in other words, they were more afraid of their own people than they were of the Nazis; and third, because they thought that the triumph of Hitler's New Order in Europe meant the triumph of their own brand of reactionary fascism in France.

'Guards' Return To Russia

(By Walter Duranty) The Russians have just done a curious thing. They have restored the title "guards" to nine of their best divisions on account of distinguished service and granted 50 per cent. extra pay for officers and double pay for men. And they have created special "guards" banners.

It is really strange how the wheel of history turns. The Bolsheviks abolished the word "general" and army titles and "guards." They tried to abolish money and marriage and faith in God. But now their divorce laws are not much different from one of the more liberal American states—say Nevada—and they are adopting a system of state capitalism and people are free to worship for money. Soviet policemen are called militiamen and the word "gendarme" is taboo.

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A Thought A Day For A People At War "The time has come when Canada must be shocked into a keener realization of the gravity of our position." D. E. Rogers, Editor of the Regina Leader-Post.

Christmas Shopping

(Halifax Chronicle) Those who have been in our shops can readily endorse the press survey which indicates increased Christmas trade in the Maritime Provinces this season. For days the shops have been crowded with customers examining and buying Christmas gifts.

The survey also reports a marked tendency towards cash buying. This results in part from restrictions on credit purchases and in part from increasing awareness that in these difficult times, especially, but at any time, for that matter, it is easier to balance one's personal budget by operating, so far as possible, on a cash basis.

The survey reports that there is less emphasis on less expensive lines but there is no question whatever about the traffic. Whether or not volume will be as great in dollars and cents, the number of retail sales should establish a new record this Christmas.

A Storm Brewing

After naming the members of the Mackenzie King Cabinet, one by one, even naming some of their departments, fisheries, mines and so on, Ministers in their respective departments, fisheries, mines and so on, this question: "How good are they at framing policies to keep the little yellow rats of Japan from over-running Western Canada, and the great intelligence machine of ruthless barbarism from destroying civilization?"

Never has there been such a question as the present to ask such a question as that. The truth is, as the Toronto morning paper sees it, there is a political Cabinet in power, and it is also the truth that such political Cabinet is going to hang on to power as long as there is an indifferent public mind.

The demand increases in Canada for a total war. This country is so far from it at present that any comparison with the effort of the United Kingdom would be odious. The black in manpower must be taken up. There must be scientific selective service, the allocation of all men and great many women, too, in their right places. Of course, compulsion, and no government by appeasement, is needed to get things done. But this is war for life, for very existence. It is not just a crusade for an ideal. It involves going on and being able to live.

Christmas Gift Suggestions

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