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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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British War Finance

Taxation of rich and poor to the limit, increasing the borrowing from the people by restricting all their expenditures through a widespread system of rationing and, on top of that, paying part of the cost of the war by controlled inflation in spite of the serious disadvantages of that method...

What a totalitarian war means on the home front is plainly indicated by Mr. Crowther. The excessive taxation and the resort to inflation will compel the people to accept a lower standard of living...

At the peak of the last war, the British Government was taking half the national income received from all production and services. The national income is now six billion pounds, and Mr. Crowther thinks it may go to seven billion during the war...

The Real Showdown Begins

Cabling from Paris, Anne O'Hare McCormick, ablest of the New York Times' correspondents in Europe, tells of increasing confidence among the British people. Thus:

"In a week the British changed gear, changed their conception of the war and their view of the peace. Almost overnight they acquired the conviction that their economic power plus Allied military force after a six months' speed-up was more than a match for the armed might of Germany..."

Miss McCormick draws this significant contrast between mood and feeling in Germany and England:

"The Germans are sure they are going to win. They tell you so in a loud voice, but almost invariably they watch your expressions to see how you take their boast. They are painfully anxious to see how the outside world estimates their chances. The British simply assume that in the end they will prevail..."

Miss McCormick concludes:

"The impression one carries away from England is that the British believe the war in the West is postponed and have therefore resolved to fight it all over Europe. The campaign Churchill and Reynaud—meaning Britain and France—are preparing cannot be photographed, reported or seen in action, but it can be deadly and decisive. The real showdown now begins."

Military experts have all along declared that a turn of the war tide would come when Germany, pressed beyond endurance by the Allied blockade, would attempt to fight her way out. That, they have argued, would break the German "ring", widening the front, enabling the Allies to get at their foe...

Ontario's Example

An example to other provinces is afforded in the annual report of the Ontario Department of Municipal Affairs, which shows that the net total debt of the Ontario municipalities was reduced from \$372,338,000 in 1938 to \$342,621,000 in 1939...

Most of the thirty-four Ontario municipalities which defaulted under the strain imposed by the economic depression are now either completely restored to health or convalescent. Moreover, there has been some improvement from the municipal taxpayers' point of view.

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Canada's Real Problem

Commenting on the result of the recent Federal election, the Christian Science Monitor offers the following pertinent advice: "The immediate issue has been resolved: Canada has girded itself for its wartime task as an Allied arsenal..."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The March-like weather continues while the Legislature sits.

Matthew Arnold died this date, 1888:—"The seed of God-like powers are in us still; Gods are we, bards, saints, heroes, if we will."

Parliament resumes this week where it was cut off last month. But the changes in that short time, the Governor-General dead without a reply to his address, the Leader of the Opposition among the fallen, and the Prime Minister not worrying about pre-election promises now he is safely established with an uncomfortable majority behind him.

Another new remedy for pneumonia, which in its first trials on about 1,500 human beings in the last few months has proved better than anything previously known, was described to the American College of Physicians at Los Angeles. Its greatest benefit is in causing much less nausea than other remedies, but it also has shown a definitely lower death rate.

Lord Nuffield, motor magnate and philanthropist, financed the recruiting of volunteers in Britain for Finland. This was disclosed by the Finnish Aid Bureau which previously said that every volunteer who spent six months in Finland would cost £200 apart from the cost to the Finnish Government.

Allied encirclement of Germany on which The Star commented a few days ago, tightened perceptibly as Mr. Chamberlain spoke to the House of Commons yesterday. The revelation which the Prime Minister made among the most important acts that have yet been given to the world began. Calmly and precisely, Mr. Chamberlain showed that the Allies are not bluffing in the economic warfare on which they pin so many of their hopes for ultimate victory.

A French-Canadian subject of the Queen, who expressed his opinion on the royal visit here last May as he watched the procession pass, probably never expected Her Majesty to hear any echo of his words. She did, however, and has expressed her "great pleasure" at being reminded of "the many friends" which she made during her visit to Canada.

Crocuses and snowdrops, the flowers of spring as the poet said, are with us. The first-came, as all know, come in a glorious carpet of white, purple and yellow. All too short is the visit of this beautiful spring flower that dazzles and gladdens winter-weary eyes.

The Heinkel III K standard long-range bomber has been used by the Germans in several of their recent unsuccessful raids on Britain. Like most of the bombers of the Luftwaffe, the Heinkel is an "evader" type, as opposed to the fighting types of bomber developed by the Royal Air Force.

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The growing popularity of youth hostels in the Province of Quebec since their inauguration three years ago demonstrates that these institutions fulfil a need. They arrived just in time to satisfy a longing for roaming shared by a great many of our young compatriots and offer them an outlet for their desire to know the picturesque beauties of their native Quebec.

Defoe's Robinson Crusoe is as popular with German schoolboys as Shakespeare is with German intellectuals but while the British dramatist is held as a good German, Daniel Defoe is another matter. The Danzig Vorposten gives warning that Crusoe is a typical British Imperialist who seeks from Friday his rightful Lebensraum in Britain.

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Now Russia can reach Norway and Germany next to no trouble. The hour of victory was signalled by Ernest Lapointe in a broadcast which was apparently not released to the Canadian newspapers.

That "Great Silence" Is Alive With Rumors

We commented here the other day on General Ironside's observation that Germany today is marked by a "great silence." This is dead silence. I believe that dead silence is far worse for Germany than anything else.

There are Holland and Belgium wondering what next. There is Switzerland ready for almost anything, but alone able to meet little. There are the Scandinavian countries already feeling German pressure and Russia's unspoken menace.

There are great world neutrals who might for their own sakes revise their policies. There are European neutrals, like Portugal, not lying on Germany's borders, who have such facts as trade statistics "are completely unavailable."

The Poet's Corner

O thou that from thy mansion Through time and place to roam, Dost send abroad thy children, And then dost call them home,

SCORNS MR. HITLER AS HOUSE-PAINTER
SYDNEY, N. S. W., April 12—(CP)—An Australian house-painter—Corporal Robert Jeffries—has his own ideas about the war.

changes into a far distant land that exists spiritlike in the average man's mind. Brighter and happier one happens down the avenue to the highway. Fast-moving buses carry us citywards, mentally and physically fortified, mortals nursing memories of lovely daffodils.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest to the Charlottetown Guardian does not accept the opinions of correspondents.

TENDER FOR CITY TRUCK

Sir—Your Forum had a letter April 13th from Barbour & Macdonald about not receiving the tender for the City Truck. This tender was a very timely letter and one that should receive the attention of the citizens too.

A Lesson To Neutrals

(Saint John Telegraph-Journal) There was a group of Baltic states. The treaty of friendship but stipulated that for no account would they fight for one another.

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MAX FACTOR'S SOCIETY MAKE UP

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The local Spring Tonic. A combination especially valuable in the treatment of those ailments where their origin is traceable to an impoverished condition of the blood.

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Repatching "National Unity"

(Toronto Telegram) Strange as it may seem, the CBC is putting on a radio campaign in the interests of national unity. It is difficult to imagine any other country where the Government broadcasting system would think it necessary to convince the people that national unity is a fact or would regard it so tender a plant as to require careful cultivation.

Now, the elections having been safely overpassed, a government agency is putting on a series of five broadcasts to convince the country that it really is united. The mere suggestion that such a series of broadcasts is considered necessary is sufficient to raise forebodings. A woman who finds it necessary to assert her chastity is indeed in a bad way.

Perhaps the broadcasts are a belated attempt to repair the damage done by W. L. M. King and his colleagues during the campaign. For no one has done more to de-stabilize Canadian unity than W. L. M. King, who spread the wholly false fear of conscription in his opening radio address, Ernest Lapointe who carried the brand through Quebec where it was amplified by local patriots, and J. G. Gardiner, who led the people of the prairies that the Liberals were really a half-way party so far as the protection of the war was concerned.

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YOU BENEFIT
Every citizen of Charlottetown and vicinity, the students of Prince of Wales College, transient and permanent residents generally, are in some measure Beneficiaries of the Programme of the Y.M.C.A. throughout the years.

NOTICE
We have purchased in Quebec SIXTY CARLOADS ASSORTED LUMBER WHICH IS ARRIVING EVERY DAY. This stock has been purchased at a very slight advance on last year's prices. New Cut Lumber has advanced in price from Five to Seven Dollars per M. We would advise intending purchasers to book their requirements before Navigation opens.

For Vitality always use BRAHMIN ORANGE PEKOE TEA

NATION HONORS GREAT ARTISTS
OTTAWA, April 14—(CP)—Canada has paid tribute to two of her outstanding artists, Madame Albert and Louis Philippe Hebert with erection since their deaths of bronze tablets at their birthplaces. Madame Albert, who was Marie Louise Emma LaJeunesse Gye in private life, was born at Chambly, Que., Nov. 1, 1847, educated there at the convent of the Sacred Heart and studied singing at Paris and Milan.

CEDAR POSTS
Just Arrived FIVE THOUSAND CEDAR POSTS 7-8-9-10 and 12 feet long NEWLY CUT STOCK No advance on last year's prices.

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