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

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Mr. Lapointe's Challenge

"A risky gamble" is how the Sydney Post-Record (Independent) describes Hon. Ernest Lapointe's astounding statement that the Quebec members of the Dominion Cabinet, including himself, would resign their offices if the Duplessis Government should win the Provincial election on the 25th of this month.

Without attempting to defend the Quebec Premier's attitude the Post-Record sees "no reason, no excuse, no intelligent explanation that can be urged, by way of interpreting in terms of common sense the action of the Minister of Justice in making this Quebec election fight look like a Dominion conflict, in declaring it publicly to be a test of the King Government's war policy, in proclaiming that, if the Duplessis forces win, the four Quebec Ministers of the Crown at Ottawa will acknowledge themselves beaten and will quit their Cabinet posts forthwith.

Two guesses at Ottawa are quoted as to the real reason for Mr. Lapointe's "break" on this occasion. One is that his consuming animosity toward Premier Duplessis has deprived him for the time being of his better judgment.

Complaints are being received regarding the delay in billeting our soldiers in their winter quarters. We have still three or four units in our midst, and their comfort must be a primary consideration.

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"Criminal Folly" A day before his speech to the Reichstag Adolf Hitler gave in one sentence the essence of his policy. The typical verbal deluge that was to follow added nothing to it, for his "peace" proposals have been long since discarded for what they are worth.

"You see for yourselves," he told foreign correspondents in Warsaw on Thursday, "what criminal folly it was to try to defend this city."

Here, in a few words, says the Hamilton Spectator, is expressed what even his enemies could not have expressed more completely—the unquestioning Nazi philosophy of force. Its arrogance, its almost insulting naivete would be unbelievable had not actions spoken out in treachery and oppression over the last trying twelve months. The "criminal folly" of defending a city that could have been taken by infantry, but was instead subjected to a merciless bombing with civilians taking the brunt, is a high-mark even for Hitler.

Protestant Orphanage Appeal

All interested in child welfare in the Province are familiar with the splendid work carried on by the Protestant Orphanage. Once every year a public appeal is made by the Orphanage, and the response in the past has been prompt and generous. This year the annual collection opens in the City on Monday, Oct. 16.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Eamon de Valera born this date, 1882.

Nothing untoward was reported yesterday as the consequence of the conjunction of Friday and Thirteen.

The new Federal loan of \$200,000,000 taken up by the banks is not a bond issue, but a temporary overdraft secured by the Government's notes or "promises to pay."

Luxemburg, which had been approached by International Red Cross to provide hospitalization of the wounded of both sides, for exchange of prisoners, and for the exchange of letters, etc., is now worried because Hitler did not mention it as one of the neutral countries against which he said Germany had no design.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Voice of the old Kaiser urgently whispering: "Don't tell 'em where you will eat Christmas dinner." — Buffalo News

"Every Indian in Canada will fight for King George," declared Chief Walking Eagle of Alberta. And he added this delightful forecast: "Pretty soon Chamberlain blow Hitler to hot place." — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

A Chinese coffin was the burial place of 11,000 cigarettes. Customs officers discovered when they inspected a liner en route from the U. S. to the Orient. Where else would you expect to find "coffin material" in a coffin? They couldn't have been the kind advertised as "not a coffin a carload." — Chatham News.

How ridiculous it is after all to assume that there is any immediate danger of a sugar shortage is demonstrated by the Bureau of Statistics announcement that on August 13, 1939, the refineries of Canada had 145,316,447 pounds of raw sugar on hand, the second largest stock in the last ten years, while stocks of granulated sugar totalled 136,917,395 pounds. People who have been buying abnormally of sugar have become panicky where there was no occasion whatever for apprehension. — Brockville Recorder and Times

Thus it seems all but impossible to conceive of Russia helping Germany to anything, but her doom. One can imagine Herr Hitler, his country facing another blockade, offering Russia almost any price for help, even the very prize he has been fighting for. But it is very hard to imagine Russia helping Hitler. She might help Germany, but unless logic has gone the wrong way, this help would be either to an ultimate defeat or to the "victorious" status of a Russian dependency. — Detroit News.

Munich has been a gibe and a reproach. It has been an arm bell to the nations to put no faith in the Fuehrer's word. It is a warning to come, yet free not to be taken unprepared. It is also a warning against prophecy, even though so much may have seemed to justify the critics of the agreement. Unpredictable things have happened in this war that have not lasted a month. What Russia's intervention may mean for Germany and the world has not been disclosed. Judgment on Munich can be rendered only when the results of the titanic grappling between the totalitarian powers and the democratic nations which made it inevitable have been disclosed. — Philadelphia Bulletin.

Some of Hitler's more ardent racialists have contended that the old Norse heroic literature ought to serve as the Nazi Bible. It is not likely that they have read much of it. Like their leader, they have probably derived most of their knowledge of old Teutonicism from Wagnerian opera, and when they do come to the ancient Germanic code of rewards and punishments in the after-world, they may not be so enthusiastic about it. It is true that some pretty rough and unruly citizens were assumed to have gone to Valhalla to feast with the gods and heroes forever. But there was one kind of sinner who never got nearer to that realm than the court which the gods held daily in the underworld, and that was the man who broke promises. Those guilty of breaches of faith went to the lowest of the nine hells, to live in a cold, dark pit that crawled with centipedes and whose snake's venom dripped eternally on the assembled liars. — New York Herald Tribune.

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Many enterprises are being called upon to profit, in certain sense, from the conflict that broke out in Europe a month ago. However, it is not as to what to believe in a prosperity arising from war. As a matter of fact, war is the factor that exercises the most disastrous influence on economic business, not only in the country which is directly at war, but also among neutrals. It is necessary to say that war destroys almost all organization for production and commerce which has taken years to build up. Men who were engaged in productive work, in work necessary to the lives of others are conscripted to work for destruction and waste. Most business men of any size are business men of 1914-18. They know by experience what were the results of the activities of the war years. They know very well that the worst economic de-

Discount Of Dollar

(Ottawa Journal) A correspondent writes and asks: "What right have the American people to say that our Canadian dollar is not worth more than ninety cents? Isn't this an unfriendly act—this profiteering in our currency?" The answer is that the "American people" have nothing to do with the discount of our dollar. There has been no "unfriendly act" and no "profiteering in our currency." The value of the Canadian dollar outside Canada has nothing to do with what other peoples think of us, or of our country; it is entirely unconnected with national sentiment. In other words, our neighbors to the south when they pay ninety cents for our dollar are no more trying to be nasty towards us than they were trying to be good fellows towards us when, a few months ago, they paid \$1.02 for our dollar.

It being at a discount doesn't mean that Americans get a profit on it. If, for example, we bought an article in New York at \$1.00 and had to pay \$1.10 in Canadian currency for it, that wouldn't mean the New York vendor made an extra ten cents profit. When he took our \$1.10 to the bank in New York he could get only 1.00 for it. Or, if he tried to buy anything with the \$1.10, he would get only a dollar's worth for it.

True, under fluctuations of currencies, individuals often gain. For example, a United States importer, buying goods from Canada and paying less for Canadian dollars, gets his imports cheaper. But on the other hand, a Canadian exporter to the United States, and paid in United States funds, gets a profit, too. That, just now, is the good fortune of Canadians exporting newsprint.

Summed up, the discount of our dollar has nothing to do with what our neighbors think of us or with their confidence in Canada. Not any more than what we pay for the British pound has to do with what we think of the British or the faith we have in Great Britain.

The Poet's Corner

WINGS They say Man's feet are made of muddy clay, And bouna he is to Earth by clouds of soil That bow his head, despairing, to And sully all his toll with graying mould. But yet this same, this man of earth, Above the dusty vapours still may rise To heights of golden glory 'mong the spheres; For now to him is given wing-ed power To soar forever in ethereal blue With wings of seeming gold to bear Still higher, till his wings seem silver-sheened Against the deep-blue bow of starry Night. Now to a world bowed down by weight of care That springs from feld mud and mire, Bred from the thoughts of men whose minds are clay, Is brought this hope—that ever Shall the pure dove fly thro' silver mist— Not only tho e brave hearts that dare the skies, But, too, the wing-ed spirits of the Imagination Love and Purity. Shall soar in fairy silver till they reach The golden sunrise of the home of God. —Ariel.

pression of all time from which the world suffered and suffers still is the direct consequence of the world conflict of 1914-18. Let us not have any illusions this time. — L'Information, Montreal.

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Prince Edward Island And The War Three Pressing Needs (By H. K. S. HEMMING)

THE CANNING INDUSTRY One of the several planks in the constructive platform offered by the Government to the electors during the recent campaign, it is doubtful if to any of them was given such generous and wide-spread approval as the promise that a thorough-going investigation would be made into the possible advantages to be gained to the Island from the introduction of the canning industry, conducted on up-to-date lines.

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