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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.
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King Government Censured

On several occasions the federal Conservative leader, Hon. Dr. Manion, has had to complain of the manner in which Canada's war efforts are being prosecuted by the King Government.

This issue is likely to loom large at the coming session of Parliament. Dr. Manion has indicated that he has no intention of treating the matter politically but it is his duty as Opposition leader to probe every source of legitimate complaint.

Unpredictable

The new British Minister of Information, Sir John Reith has been known as a holy terror so far as autocracy and dictation are concerned. When he ran B.B.C. no one dared question his authority far less his policy.

Relief Scheme Overdue

One of the surprising statements in the speech with which the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario opened the Legislature at Toronto last week was that no less a sum than \$21,470,000 had been spent on unemployment relief within that Province during 1939.

Canada will have a big army of unemployed, — mostly of course unemployable, — individuals still in receipt of state aid. With such a condition to be faced, with "relief" limited to the chronically unemployed, a clear duty will confront Canadian statesmanship, — the duty of working out some intelligent system of caring for the needy at all times.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This is our zero month anyway. Judging by their annual meetings the various churches had a fairly prosperous time during 1939. May the present year prove even better.

Augustine Birrell, "Obliter Dieta," born this date, 1850. "A politician who screams is never likely to occupy a commanding place."

Halifax's exhibition is not a paying proposition in itself though the means of producing prosperity. Last year the operating loss was \$36,271, and the year previous, \$12,504.

To regard old age as a period of regret is the same kind of illusion as to suppose that the distant hills are blue—the old can wake to new interests and new hopes which are stronger than the old ones, as is evidenced by the part taken by oldsters in the new World War.

A Cape Breton clergyman having stated that Nova Scotia has the highest juvenile delinquency rate in Canada, the Halifax Herald comments that this is a tragedy and a disgrace.

A layer of wood shavings or sawdust one inch in thickness will provide as much protection against heat and cold as a stone wall ten inches to seventy inches thick, depending on the nature of the stone, according to the Forest Products Laboratories of the Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa.

A well-deserved tribute has been paid by the Prime Minister to Mr. W. S. Thompson in connection with his relinquishing his war duties due to ill-health brought on by over-work and worry. "I need hardly say," wrote the Prime Minister to Mr. Thompson, "that the news of the serious impairment of your health was received with the greatest regret by every member of the government."

The emotional is playing its part in the administration of law and justice in hard-boiled English Assizes. When Maurice Soverby, age 17, was found guilty of premeditated murder by the jury of the Assizes at Durham, the other day, there was no doubt of the crime.

NOTES BY THE WAY

I believe that the reason why we have been at war for four months without any large-scale fighting in the West is to be found in the fact that Europe—even including Germany—recalls from the idea of unloosing all the terrible powers of destruction contained in modern armies, fleets, and air forces.

The sale of Norway of eight ships of the United States Line is as legal as it is regrettable. There is nothing either in the text or spirit of the new neutrality legislation to prevent such a transfer.

Sir:—During the last war the pheasant was an infamously, though perhaps excitable, air-raid warden in this part of Hampshire the modern pheasant who hardly looks an eye, and certainly rarely wastes a cluck, on an approaching squadron. We cannot, therefore, expect from him this time any note, either "warning" or "interference"; but I fancy that a Zeppelin might still shake him, as it shook his ancestors, when travelling recently in the Midlands.

The Chief Constable reported to a friend who lived some miles out in the country and told him that as the danger was over the street lighting was to be turned on. The friend begged him to keep the town in darkness because the pheasants, in his woods, had, after an interval of silence, taken up the alarm. "I am sure enough, the hum of the returning raiders was soon heard, but as the town remained in darkness they passed over it a second time and finally disappeared."

A few months ago a regulation was passed by the customs department at Ottawa requiring that certain imported cotton goods be marked with their country of origin. More recently the requirement was announced that the requirement will not be put into effect until next July.

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MELBOURNE, Australia. — (CP) — "Much lumber and useless stuff" was found in Australia in Australia this season, together with last season's carryover is 3,222,000 bales, priced at \$194,000,000.

It seems incredible that year after year the coming of cold weather should be the signal for deaths from carbon monoxide gas fumes in garages. Surely it would appear that if there is one thing about which the public should be completely informed, it is of the danger of running an internal combustion engine in an unventilated place.

Keep "Quints" At Home

(Globe and Mail) The Canadian Red Cross Society has use for very large funds in its far-reaching service to suffering humanity, but, in the view of its officers, would not be justified in strengthening its treasury at the expense of that remarkable group of young ladies which has made Callander famous. In other words they do not favor sponsoring the appearance of the Dione quintuplets at the New York World's Fair for a guaranteed \$100,000 and a possible \$500,000 in revenue.

Few know, perhaps, the close link between the Red Cross and the quintuplets. It was a Red Cross nurse who was called in at their birth and the Red Cross provided nursing care during their first year. The same organization built and equipped their nursery and hospital. The President of the Ontario division of the Red Cross Society was one of their first guardians.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of local and national interest. The Charlottetown Guardian will necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

QUARTER OF AN HOUR AT THE VENDOR'S AND WHAT IT REVEALED

Sir:—On Jan. 16th, I spent a quarter of an hour in the afternoon at the Vendor's and will tell you what I saw and heard. First let me say I had just come from the Large and my mind was full of things there that should have been done.

I refer to the omission of the names of the bootleggers who supplied the liquor necessary to cause the Large to act as he did. I wouldn't wonder if we had a lynching case to deal with if their names had been revealed.

By the way neither the temperance people nor clergy were in attendance at the trial. Why? However we had an example of the effects of alcohol on the human system.

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Price Of Fear

(Hamilton Spectator) A new alarm has spread over the small countries of Europe, Belgium, Holland and Switzerland—knowing by now the value of "neutrality" in the face of totalitarian aggression—are manning their borders and preparing for emergencies. The fear of war is haunting them, and for good cause.

Belgium, for example, is spending on a million dollars a day on her armed forces. The calling up of reserves has taken many skilled technicians and engineers, which in turn has hampered many industries, increased unemployment and added to the burden of the unemployment insurance funds.

Peaceful Holland has had to call 300,000 men to the colours and is spending over \$650,000 a day for military preparations. With Japan having aligned herself with aggressive and power-hungry Germany, the Dutch must spend heavily for new battleships to protect her rich empire in the East Indies.

The Poet's Corner

MINARD'S RELIEVES ACHES

Voices of those whose bond of love, binding them each to each other every day, is love of Her whose pulses move To oceans of an Empire's Jubilee. Voices that come from distant lands: From cliff halls where gem-crowned Africa Opens to her mystic hands, And from that eldest born who stands Between the world's two sister-continents, Great Canada.

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Military Surgeons Hear New Plan To Kill Pain By Stephen J. McDonough Associated Press Science Writer WASHINGTON, Jan. 18 — (AP)—United States military surgeons were told today that a method of "spot cauterizing" of war wounds has been developed to aid in caring for injured soldiers on the battlefield.

ONE FOR HUNDRED TULSA, Okla., — (CP) — Two former aviation engineers have designed a telescoping portable oil well derrick mounted on a truck to perform the same servicing duties as 100 of the present type.

AUSTRALIAN GOLD PERTH, Australia. — (CP) — Western Australia's gold yield for the first 10 months of 1939 was 1,022,509 ounces, 2,300 ounces more than for the same period the previous year.

War — 25 Years Ago Today (By The Canadian Press) JAN. 19, 1915—First German air raid over England, airmen bombed Yarmouth and King's Lynn, dropping bombs on King's estate at Sandringham. German troops arrived at Kielce, Poland, cutting off Russian communications.

MORELL REAR W. L. MEETING The January meeting of the Morell Rear Women's Institute was held on Wednesday the 3rd at the home of the president, Mrs. John L. O'Neill. The meeting opened with a prayer and singing of O Canada. There were eight members and one visitor present.

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