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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.
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Rumania On The Verge

From devastated Poland the spotlight has shifted with kaleidoscopic suddenness to the neighboring kingdom of Rumania. Yesterday at noon the Rumanian Prime Minister, Armand Calinescu, reputedly favorable to closer cooperation with Great Britain and France, was assassinated by masked men as he was driving in an automobile along one of the principal streets of Bucharest. The assassins were believed to have been members of the pro-Nazi "Iron Guard."

This dramatic turn of events was preceded by the report a few days ago of the arrest in the Rumanian province of Bukovina, of several persons, charged with plotting a Nazi rising. Arrival of Russian forces at the Polish border, instead of German, was said to have foiled this plot. Bukovina, scene of the anticipated insurrection, was a part of old Austria and was awarded to Rumania after the last war.

From the start, there was little likelihood that Rumania would be able to remain long out of the war. Her proximity to Poland and her possession of lands and resources on which both Russia and Germany have set covetous eyes, made her neutrality a precarious matter. The Rumanian government's interests and sympathies lie with the democracies, and the swift and extreme measures taken yesterday to avenge the Prime Minister's assassination may have far reaching results. It may swing Rumania, and perhaps Turkey, into the Allied front, in which case there would be direct opening for French and British participation in the eastern struggle.

Whether Germany can take advantage of yesterday's incidents as a pretext for a sudden invasion of Rumania is problematical. She is reported to have withdrawn great masses of her troops and air force to the western front. There is also the question of what her companion in gangsterism, Soviet Russia, has in mind. Mutual suspicion well founded on past treacheries, may make it impossible for the aggressors to work in unison, or to yield place to each other in crossing into Rumania. But King Carol and his government are taking no chances. And it is not without significance that the new Rumanian War Minister, General Marinescu, is known to be a bitter opponent of the Nazi "Iron Guard" and a friend of France and Britain.

Facing The Facts

Reviewing the war situation, the Ottawa Journal says:

Poland has been reduced to a shambles, its army demoralized and its Government forced to flight—in two weeks of warfare. As a demonstration of sheer terrifying, efficient might by the Nazi legions, the thing is impressive.

It is impressive in what it tells of the desperate task before the democracies. Impressive in what it ought to tell us in this Canadian land of what we are summoned to put into this struggle; in what it tells of the peril of delay in not bending all our heart and vigor into the struggle from the very beginning. This war, clearly, and this whether Russia marches openly by the side of Germany or not, is going to be a long war, taking the last ounce of strength that the whole of the British Empire and its allies can summon. To delay our effort in it, or to think that we may take part in it with limited liability, or with limited danger, would be the part of folly.

Not that we need fear the end. Against the full and completely utilized resources of the British Empire, backed by the valor of France, backed in the end, all of us must believe, by the intervention of the United States, neither Nazi-ism nor Communism can prevail. The free peoples of the earth will not permit freedom to perish. They will not permit any tyranny or combination of tyrants to awe and rule the world by naked force. To Adolf Hitler today the words of the Old Testament apply: "Because thou hast spoiled many nations, all the remnant of the people shall spoil thee."

American Reaction

The motion picture recently shown in Charlottetown, dealing with Nazi spy activities in the "bund" organizations in United States, was potent propaganda for the Allied cause; the more so because it must undoubtedly have been based on fact or it would never have passed the American censorship. The activities of these bund organizations in the neighboring republic may, indeed, prove a large factor in defeating the Neutrality Act which Congress has now been called to reconsider. Note the following reaction in the New York Herald-Tribune to a recent statement of the leader of these subversive organizations:

"Not even the fact that Hitler's own Fritz Kuhn merely parroted the German propaganda office when he remarked, ex cathedra, that the Athenia was torpedoed by Mr. Winston Churchill, in any way lessens Herr Kuhn's influence as Great Britain's No. 1 propagandist in the United States. Bundler Kuhn has only to open

his mouth and another hundred thousand Americans who had hoped to remain impartial turn against Germany. Everything, from his slurring remarks directed against the president of the United States, to his boasts about his Fuehrer's prowess, and his description of himself as a true, loyal American, serve to play the game of the allies. It is the good fortune of the British propaganda machine that it does not find it necessary to keep the bund fuhrer on its pay rolls, for, if it were to compensate him in proportion to his services to their cause, it would have to pay him a great sum. . . .

"The last war showed beyond any doubt that the overwhelming mass of American citizens of German origin are as truly American as those of other stocks. They are the ones whom the Kuhns are injuring—not the cause of the allies. The worst of it is that the bund leader has neither the grace nor the perspicacity to appreciate the fact that the democratic system which he and his kind so deeply scorn alone makes it possible for him to insult his fellows publicly with impunity. Were the situation reversed, and were an American recently naturalized as a German citizen to attempt to carry on in Germany as Bundler Kuhn has acted here he would be hurried to a concentration camp as fast as the Gestapo could get him there. In the meantime, America's own fuhrer is doing the allied cause a genuine service."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Michael Faraday, discoverer of the induction of electric currents, etc., born this date, 1791.

Amherst, N.S. is beginning to look up again after a long period of depression. Due to the interest and advocacy of the Hon. Mr. Rogers a great shoe factory for the supply of military boots has been established, besides a munitions plant. Wish we had a live wire at Ottawa representing our interests and claims to a share of the war industries.

It is good news to learn of the rising prices in silver fox pelts. It stands to reason that for many months, if not years, to come there will be plenty money in circulation in Canada and the United States for the purpose of indulging in luxuries which nowadays have largely become necessities. Economists predict that Canada will emerge from the present conflict one of the few creditor nations in the world.

The City Council are to be commended on their selection of the Civic Adjustment Board, consisting of the Hon. Harold L. Palmer, Judge of Probate, Mr. W. D. Gillis and Mr. J. E. Sterns. They, if any one, should be able to straighten out the tangled web of civic tax arrears. If their decisions are not accepted by the taxpayers affected, there will be nothing left for the Council to do but to impound what assets the delinquent taxpayers may possess.

The New Brunswick Government is establishing a clear-cut policy to "keep" their positions for any and all employees who apply for leave of absence to serve Canada or Britain in the present conflict. Besides having assurance of getting their jobs again, workers in the provincial departments will be granted two months full pay from the respective dates of their enrollment. New Brunswick preparations for participation in Canada's line of action are well into stride. In cities, towns and villages all over the province, recruiting has met with a whole-hearted response. The capital saw the local infantry enlistment soar past the required war strength, additional applicants being accepted in accordance with instructions from Ottawa.

A way of measuring human emotions with a thermometer has been reported to the American Psychological Association by two New York City physicians, Dr. Bela Mittelmann and Dr. Harold G. Wolff, of the New York Hospital and the Cornell University Medical College. They told how the finger temperatures of psychiatric patients had betrayed their inner feelings. Fingers rapidly turned cold when patients were subjected to tension, anxiety or conflict, dropping as much as 23 degrees Fahrenheit in one hour. Persons experiencing anger, fear, depression or elation showed lesser cooling of the fingers, often about 7 degrees Fahrenheit. Under thoughts of love and marriage fingers turned warmer. Temperature variations occurred even when patients professed unawareness of any significant emotional reactions.

After the spectacular face-about that made Communist Russia a spiritual partner of Nazi Germany in a new "peace front," it is not surprising that reports of a rapprochement between Moscow and Tokyo should find reader credence than would otherwise be the case, says the New York Times. A Russian Government that is capable of forgiving overnight the abuse which Hitler heaped upon it is presumably equally capable of regarding two years of guerrilla warfare with Japan as a friendly overture to perfect understanding. To be sure, nothing more is suggested in the dispatches than another "pact of non-aggression." But we have already seen that the signing of one such pact was the precise signal for the beginning of war in Europe, and we are entitled in these circumstances to regard with some concern the possible consequences of the conclusion of a similar pact in Asia.

Owing to the suspension of the Dominion Drama Festival, a suggestion has been made to make the efforts of local dramatic groups available as entertainment for Canadian soldiers in training through a central committee under the sponsorship of the Red Cross. Although the matter has not as yet been put before the various groups, it is expected that a meeting of representatives of the groups who are interested will be called shortly. Letters suggesting the suspension of the Dominion Drama Festival have been received by regional committee members. If the Festival should not take place, it will probably be suggested at the proposed meeting that local activities thus affected be continued for the benefit of the Red Cross entertainments. The plans would also include the formation of concert parties from members of a group or several groups.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It was agreed when the last session ended that amendments to the neutrality act would be taken up at the next session of congress met again. The outbreak of war has made it essential to act now. As matters stand, we are committed to a line of action which violates our own traditional neutrality and throws the weight of our influence, unnecessarily and unwisely, against the very nations which are engaged in resisting unprovoked aggression. — New York Times.

If gold is going to play an important part in the execution of the war—and there cannot be any doubt on that score—Great Britain and Canada will be in a commanding position. The Empire's resources in this respect are imposing. It is pointed out that \$700,000,000 in gold is now held in Canada's vaults at Ottawa and the holdings are increasing daily. Some of it, of course, is Canadian gold, but the rest is mostly from Europe. This vast amount of precious metal has come to Ottawa for safe keeping and isolates our own traditional neutrality. Its shipment to this side came as a result of the prospects of war which fears have now been realized. Huge purchases of war materials will be made on this side of the Atlantic and will be paid for mostly in gold. In addition to the \$700,000,000 at Ottawa, it is said that United States vaults hold \$1,000,000,000 in gold. Most of this vast amount stored on this side of the water, a total of \$2,000,000,000, comes from Britain, France, the Netherlands and Switzerland. It is believed that the gold is being shipped from abroad at Ottawa is part of the British equalization fund. Certainly shipments from Britain have been the largest. Moreover, Britain and other European countries have been buying the output of Canada's mines as readily as it is produced. The presence of this huge amount of European gold in Canada and the United States means that in the event of war Britain and France will be prepared to buy immense quantities of war materials and supplies and pay for them in cash. — Sudbury Star.

When Halifax, Saint John, Sydney and other Canadian Maritime cities indulge in blackouts, the authorities are justifying the curfew. They are in deadly earnest about making sure the communities are well hidden under a blanket of darkness. The reason for the practice is simply to prevent the enemy from either an air raid or an attack by enemy submarines. With aircraft and under-sea boats able to cross long distances from their bases, the Atlantic Coast of Canada may find itself under fire at any time. — Clark in Windsor Star.

Postmaster General McLarty has made a wise choice in appointing E. H. Coleman, K.C. head of the new Voluntary Service Registration Bureau at Ottawa. Mr. Coleman, under-secretary of state, is an efficient public servant whose energy and talent will be useful in organizing and operating this new effort to make the best use of volunteers for national service. Mr. Coleman has charge of many of the exacting details of the royal visit last summer. The efficiency with which the visit was conducted is a tribute to his ability. — Halifax Chronicle.

With France and all other nations who will march forward in defense of France we fear no land were made of unupraised carcasses material that was once a soft white ooze on the floor of a clear sea, a sea which had swept slowly and irresistibly over land embracing the greater part of England, Northern Ireland, and part of the region that was now western Scotland. With the uplift of the chalky ooze from its ocean bed and the gradual recession of the waters a new land was born.

An unprecedented manifestation of volcanic energy subsequently covered much of the new land with barren lava fields 2,000 miles from south to north, reaching far beyond the Arctic circle. During this time most of Britain was land; at a later time a broad sea lay over the whole of what is now southern England. Changes of this kind have been frequent. "The world to our vision," said Sir Albert, "appears to be almost static; the mountains we have been accustomed to think of as symbols of eternity, seen through geological spectacles, take their place as episodes in a series of events which have moulded the changing features of the earth's face. Turning to his special subject, Sir Albert described the tree vegetation of those times, the outstanding and most distinctive link between the world being the ginkgo tree, rare now in the west. This tree used to be the great forest tree covering the earth then, as oak and elm cover it today. The history of the ginkgo tree has been traced for millions of years and antedates the forests of the Thulean continent. This ancient land, now called Thulean by geologists, known in some literatures as the Hyperborean, presents the ginkgo, a lonely relic in the present world, a primitive and isolated type, said Sir Albert.

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Chat Hour

By James V. Berlin, M.D.

PHYSICAL CONDITIONS CAN CAUSE MENTAL SYMPTOMS

One of the difficulties met by the busy general practitioner is when a nervous patient comes to him during his regular office hours, 2 to 4 p.m. or 7 to 9 p.m. The waiting room has perhaps 6 to 12 patients waiting. Each patient is usually very anxious about his or her condition yet the physician can give but a few minutes to the consideration of each case. It can thus be seen that if the nervous patient is making the first call, there will not be much time to get a full history of the case and a full examination is practically impossible. For this reason, the physician may find it necessary to have the patient call a number of times at the office, which may upset the patient as it might appear that the physician is practicing a long wait for the treatment of the symptoms.

Because physicians were busy with organic body ailments and had little or no time for nervous or mental cases, the new group of specialists — psychiatrists — developed. The psychiatrist treats symptoms where the "behavior" of the individual is not normal, yet the psychiatrist is the first to admit that some physical condition can cause the mental or behavior symptoms just as little mental "twists" or "tangies" can upset the body systems — stomach, heart, intestine.

Fortunately the busy practitioner is not now referring his "mental" patients so readily to psychiatrists but he makes a complete physical examination, often calling to his aid the family dentist. He takes the time to make a complete investigation and examination. An example of this is Bernard Pantus and S. H. Kraines, Chicago, in the Journal of the American Medical Association, in discussing the treatment of psychoneuroses—abnormalities of the mind. "A thorough understanding of the patient's physical condition is of paramount importance and every one of these patients should have an extended and careful physical examination at the beginning. For, if one can assure the patient after this complete examination that nothing abnormal has been found it will make a long way toward relieving his fears with their evil consequences."

In Times Of Old

(Hamilton Spectator)

Sir Albert Speer gave his address as president of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, at Dundee, Scotland, on August 30 last, and the report in the Times gives an interesting survey of prehistoric times of approximately 60,000,000 years ago. Sir Albert spoke as an archaic botanist, and his subject covered the western Scottish Isles and their evidences of the past.

He pointed out that the chalk downs of England and part of the cliffs on the Atlantic coast of Ireland were made of unupraised calcareous material that was once a soft white ooze on the floor of a clear sea, a sea which had swept slowly and irresistibly over land embracing the greater part of England, Northern Ireland, and part of the region that was now western Scotland. With the uplift of the chalky ooze from its ocean bed and the gradual recession of the waters a new land was born.

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For further information, apply to W. R. SHAW, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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