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

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A Master Plan Needed

The lack of cohesion which exists at Ottawa was underscored at the recent conference of the Canadian Institute of Public Affairs at Lake Couchiching, Ont. Some of the ablest of the government experts attended and outlined some of the problems they were endeavoring to solve.

Here, patiently, observes the Winnipeg Free Press (Liberal) was a question on which all the government departments could have got together with profit.

It is becoming more and more obvious that the need at Ottawa is for a master plan of our war effort. Lacking that basic plan, co-ordination of the work of the various departments is almost beyond hope of attainment.

Statuses To Go?

The melting down of the statues to be seen in the public places throughout Toronto, including those of Queen Victoria and Robert Burns, and the use of the metal for munitions of war, is seriously proposed by Professor Eric R. Arthur of the Department of Architecture of Toronto University.

Among other Toronto monuments that would presumably go are those erected to George Brown, founder of the Globe, and Oliver Mowat, premier of Ontario for many years.

The letter, published in the Globe and Mail is approved by that paper which publishes pictures of the monuments, including one of a fierce-looking lion which, it aptly says, "might gain a roar" in a howitzer.

Professor Arthur's letter has to do not only with statues but also with unnecessary iron fences and the prodigal use of metal in architecture since the last war.

He closes with a clinching argument. We cannot now afford, he says, the luxury of sentiment that is stirred by inanimate objects in bronze or iron, aluminium or brass.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Evidently there is to be no let-up to the fine weather for storekeepers' half-holidays this year.

There is a moral as well as an economic side to the question of food control which some are apt to overlook. It is indecent for people to be pouring down their throats money which the State needs so urgently to borrow.

The appeal of the "Wavy Navy" auxiliary for subscriptions for comforts for our boys at sea should not go unheeded; indeed, should be generously responded to. But for the Navy and the brave boys who man our ships where would our other armed forces be, what would become of us?

The hearts of the German people "are sinking into empty stomachs and soon they will sink lower into their ersatz boot," Gen. Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of India, declared recently. In a broadcast to the Indian people, Gen. Wavell said that United Nations conferences in Moscow and Cairo were "permeated with inspiring confidence and courage."

Col. Dasche M. Reeves, commanding officer of the 1st U. S. A. Air Ground Support Command, has been relieved of his duties along with Maj. Lynn Farnol, public relations officer for the same command. The relief of the officers from their air force duties followed closely upon a press release in August purporting to expose ground markers laid out by saboteurs and allegedly discovered by fliers under Reeves' command, which proved to be merely a publicity stunt.

The executive of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture, meeting in Toronto, said that only an adjustment of Canadian cattle prices bringing them into "proper and fair relationship with American cattle prices" will assure a continuous weekly flow of cattle to market.

Styles of wood pencils will be reduced from 68 to 38 under an order announced by Mr. G. P. Sabiston, administrator of sundry items for the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. But quantity and utility will not be restricted.

Small retailers engaged in sale of magazines, newspapers, cigars and tobacco in Toronto will send a petition to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board against a proposal retailers adopt a 50-hour week. The proposed restrictions would put 1,400 stores out of business.

Sir John Pender, M. P., British statesman, born this date 1882; after Eton entered the service of the Eastern Telegraph Co., and passed through its various branches, including cable-laying operations, which brought him to Canada; chairman of the Marconi International Marine Communication Co. Ltd., Governor and joint managing director of Cables and Wireless Ltd.; Served in the first Great War in France and Belgium for four years; subsequently served on several Government Commissions.

Gen. Browne, Inspector General of Reserve Forces, revealed that an average of 100 men from each unit attending Reserve Army summer camps have gone active on completion of their two weeks at these camps. "The Reserve Army training program will become more and more closely allied to training as it is done in the Active Army," Gen. Browne said.

Complaints are still being made that in certain instances parcels for our boys overseas are failing to reach their destinations. In this connection the following from the London Times is interesting: "Pillferage at ports has caused such a drain on commerce, it is said, that it is for all concerned with the movement of goods at each stage of transit to do everything practicable to reduce its present serious proportions.

Recently decorated by the King Councilor Admiral Sir P. M. Austin, after acknowledging the congratulations of the Mayor of Gosport (Alderman J. R. Gregson) and his colleagues of the Borough Council, said: "It may be of interest to my fellow Councilors to know that I travelled in 39 ships in the Royal Merchant Marine I feel that this honor bestowed on me is more of a recognition of their determined courage and dogged resistance to all the enemy can do to cut the life line of our supplies and provisions than of any personal merit of my own. I am very proud to have served with them." — Portsmouth Evening News.

We commend the forthright action of an Alderman of Woodstock who recently bought a basket of deliciously ripe peaches. That is, he thought that they were deliciously ripe as he looked at them when they lay huddled in their basket, lightly covered with the pink gauze or netting which is the traditional covering of peach baskets. But when he got his peaches home he found that they were green as grass and hard as Pharaoh's heart. The Alderman

NOTES BY THE WAY

A small news despatch from Philadelphia, Pa., says that the language spoken by 180 million Africans, is to be taught at Temple University. A vocabulary of about one thousand words has been prepared giving "all a white man needs, particularly a soldier who might be sent to an African front." In terms of Temple University students, it would be interesting to know how far the course in Swahili will extend. And what it presages in American soldiers on Africa fronts is an even more burning cause of concern to us here.

Paper bags that hold forty pounds of dry sand for incendiary bombs are now being made, reports National Business. Sealed against moisture, they will withstand ordinary handling but will burst when dropped from a height of three feet or more. In use, the unopened bag is dropped into the bomb and the sand is pumped to be used instead of the sirrup pump in fighting incendiary fires.

Many people today believe that the old English public school is a thing of the past and in many ways we are inclined to share their belief. However, there are many attributes of the English public school system which are irreplaceable in the life of our nation. They have contributed to mould the character of the citizen.

The Popolo d'Italia's headline, "How Much Longer?" though referring to "medals" (in Nice), is obviously intended as a reminder that it is a ready 23 months since Italy stabbed France in the back in order to get Nice, Corsica and the French-occupied territories. Yet her sole reward to date has been a turbulent corner of Croatia which is more trouble than it is worth.

A blunder is credited for the origin of blotting paper around the year 1600. A certain paper millhand in Berkshire, Eng., neglected to put a s.z.g. ingredient into one day's batch of paper and it was in the liquid state. It came from the mill apparently worthless. The thrifty proprietor decided to use it for his own notes and figuring. However, as fast as his notes were written for ink, the paper was soaked up. The mill owner had a new inspiration, for there was a convenient substitute for sand which was sprinkled on handwriting as the ink dried. The paper was advertised and quickly bought for this new purpose. — The Advertiser.

Bishop Wells, the principal Protestant chaplain, says that on the average the English and Scotch girls the Canadian troops are marrying overseas are of a higher intellectual standard than the boys. The great thing about being a bishop and an honorary colonel to boot is that you can say what's on your mind. Bishop Wells has apparently studied this marriage question and looked into all the angles; and the result of his study is that he believes it is a good thing that the English and Scotch boys have married English and Scotch lassies. A good thing for the British Isles, too, he adds. Particularly since ties are in this way being knit between Canada and the Motherland, and besides it gives the boys a sense of home over there on the eve of their departure for the continent and all it can mean. — Ottawa Journal.

RUSSIA-Germans force wedge after frontal attack on Stalinsk; dent Russian positions at Novorossik.

PACIFIC-Jan attempts to land troops on Guadalcanal Island in Solomon's repulsed by American air forces.

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"The all-important issue is that of winning the war—winning it as soon as possible and winning it decisively. Into that we must put our utmost strength and every day until victory is won." — Cordell Hull, U. S. Secretary of State.

Bagpipes Or Butter

The other day a correspondent, "while protesting readiness to put up with many inconveniences owing to a shortage of imports through want of shipping space," admitted to being very surprised to see an advertisement informing the world that a large shipment of musical instruments had just been unpacked. "Are we," he asked, "to have banjos instead of blades (razor), saxophones instead of socks, trumpets instead of tea, and bagpipes instead of butter?" He might have added kettle-drums instead of Kettles and pianos instead of pianos. But his alliterative complaint will be felt by many to the detriment of the bagpipe. The bagpipes will hardly please the Scots. Highlanders in particular will be loath to share his indignation. Far from being ashamed they will see no reason to regret the priority given to the pipes. We can do without butter, they will say, but without bagpipes we are lost. What about the fact that it is hardly eaten, but only a greasy (though palatable, substance spread (the more sparingly in these days the better) on food. What are the bagpipes? They are the soul of a nation. It is blasphemous to think that butter can take their place. It might do so in peace-time and in the more effeminate, but not in the more virile. They are not a luxury; they are a weapon of war. "And they're grand the pipes, when I've been that tired on the march, I could have laid down and died. The touch of the pipes has lifted me up again." So said one of the Camerons after Loos in the last war at a New Year banquet. The touch of the pipes has lifted me up again. So said one of the Camerons after Loos in the last war at a New Year banquet. The touch of the pipes has lifted me up again. So said one of the Camerons after Loos in the last war at a New Year banquet.

Why Hesitate?

(Christian Science Monitor) President Conant of Harvard advocated some months ago that the Government subsidize college students in order to provide the armed forces with sufficient officer material. Washington has not yet indicated that the War Manpower Commission is considering the proposal in terms of direct money grants to needy, able students who would not otherwise be able to continue with their education.

The contemplated program will affect 1,800 colleges and universities with an enrollment of 600,000 men. The students will take subjects leading to specialized military fields and the subjects will count toward graduation. There are many thousands of mentally superior high school graduates of 18 and 19 who cannot get more education without Federal assistance. Many of them are potentially valuable leaders.

The Mason-Dixon Line

(Stratford Beacon-Herald) The Mason-Dixon Line crops up in the news from time to time and is generally taken to mean the boundary marking the area below which the colored people of the United States are "kept in their places" where the "Jim Crow" laws which have no Federal authority, are put into operation.

The Poet's Corner

ROYAL AIR FORCE Squadron by squadron down the sky they come, Like white birds flying on a summer day. Lords of the air, these stalwart sons of ours, Like knights of old they come in bright array. The gay of heart, the young, the shining brave, Soaring across the heavens, wave on wave. Into the vast and lonely night they go, Charting their course by stars we never knew. Bridging the seas in one long breathless flight, Lashing among themselves, a happy crew. Some brave and mighty destiny to find. They ride the skies with laughter on their lips, Above the clouds the throbbing motor wings, The sunrise glints on the propeller blades, The wind is whistling down their silvered wings. And all the empty sky is filled with sound, Falling like chords of music to the ground. Squadron by squadron down the sky they come. A mighty cavalcade armed for the fight. Whose pinions gleam above a darkened world. As on they come out of the quiet night, A shining host, their chariots aflame. Winning their righteous cause in Freedom's name. —Edna Jacques in the Toronto Star.

A Lesson In Royal Lineage

(St. Thomas Times-Journal) A slip that occurred in the current issue of Life magazine tempers us to offer correction and along therewith to bring forward a long historical coincidence. Life printed a series of handsome pictures of the British Royal family, underneath a group posing in a garden. The picture was the Queen Elizabeth and the Georges of Hanover. This was erroneous as far as Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth are concerned, since there is no family moreover, Queen Elizabeth never married, despite various romances circling about her name, and left no descendants. The genealogical tables in Green's "Short History of the English People," show that present British Royalty is descended from the Yorkist branch of the family of Edward III, of that branch named Margaret in the early 1500's wedded the then King James IV of Scotland, from whom descended Mary Queen of Scots and her son, James I of both England and Scotland and so on to the Georges of Hanover. The singular historical coincidence which we now bring forward is that Charles I, who was beheaded between 1761 and 1767, they were Charles I were ninth cousins. Such a fact is not so surprising as might appear at first glance, for it is well known that in the course of centuries and the unions of persons that occur, an effect is that many British families have more or less royal blood in their veins. Hence the fact of ninth cousins in the case of small amount alongside the manner in which fate crossed the paths of these two men, in the beheading of the one and in the execution of the other to the kingship in the name of the Protectorate. Sticklers for authorities are referred to Foster's "The Crowns of England," published in 1883 by Funk and Wagnalls; to Foster's "Lives of British Statesmen," vol. VI, and to Mark Nobles' "The Crowell Family."

Minard's kills pain.

Maryland on one side and Pennsylvania and Delaware on the other. These two Englishmen did the job of the National Council of the Y.M.C.A. who has just returned from Britain. One finds it hard to conceive of suitable punishment for such a "pen" criminal. Certainly, however, they should not be permitted to go free of restriction. A serious consideration of morale in the armed forces is involved and the military authorities would be justified in seeking a means of putting a stop to the practice. This could be done by imposing stiff penalties and letting it be known that the would be inflicted on any found guilty of such dirty tactics.

Poison Pens Busy

(Windsor Star) It is difficult to understand the type of mentality that will indulge in the practice of writing to soldiers to tell them rumors of their wives misbehaving. That the practice is

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