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

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 1943 "Battles Long Ago"

In the more detailed war maps of Northern Tunisia the crossed swords that indicate the site of a former battle are to be found marking the hills to the south-west of Tunis...

This was the battle of Zama, fought in 202 B.C. between the Romans under Scipio and the Carthaginians under Hannibal. The complete Roman victory put an end to the second Punic War...

Strategic on a daring scale preceded this battle. Hannibal, after his sensational victories, held southern Italy where he was a constant menace to Rome. The Romans fitted out an expedition in Sicily...

It is worth recalling that this Roman invasion of Africa was launched across the Sicilian straits from Lilybaeum (the modern Marsala), which is situated on the western tip of the island of Sicily...

Open to Suggestion

Declaring his readiness to accept good ideas from any party or faction, Mr. John Bracken gives another indication that he is likely to be the man to put new life into the Progressive Conservative Party...

Hun Savagery

After once more beating Germany down to the ground, we again listen, as in 1918, to the sentimental emotionalist, we shall deserve all we get, writes the London correspondent of the Ottawa Journal...

and throw in the sponge. The story of Kharkov is a tale of sheer ogreish horror not to be equalled even in the most famous annals of pre-Christian tyranny and ferocity...

When Germany has lost this war, and is abjectly squealing again, we shall be told these are fairy tales, and that, in any case, it was the wicked Nazis, not the Germans who did these things...

EDITORIAL NOTES

It makes one feel good and in the right mood for business to wake up with the knowledge that one has done his bit in putting over the Fourth Victory Bond campaign.

Competition is the life of cities and towns; see how Summerside is rising to the occasion by an enthusiastic, enterprising band of citizens whose motto is "excellence."

The Hon. Cyrus MacMillan has been congratulated upon being made an Assistant Minister for Air; the congratulations should be for Canada, for, as Mr. Pouliot told the House of Commons...

According to Admiral Ernest J. King, commander-in-chief of the United States Fleet, the expansion of Japanese forces in the Pacific has been checked. "In December of 1941," Admiral King told a dinner meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce...

The Ancient Colony's Commission government has proved an unbounded success in providing surpluses where successive deficits were the vogue. A surplus of \$1,666,200 for the current fiscal year is forecast by Finance Commissioner Ira Wild in his budget speech...

Miss Charlotte Whitton, former Canadian Welfare Council director, declares that the very life and care of thousands of children have been threatened and social agencies thrown "into consternation" by the justice department ruling that a child born out of wedlock is not a legal child...

Thomas Henry Huxley, one of the greatest of English zoologists and biologists, born this date, 1825; started his career as assistant surgeon on H.M.S. Rattlesnake, and during a four years' cruise in Australian seas he studied the delicate surface fauna of the ocean...

The Bank of Nova Scotia's Index of Industrial Activity in Canada rose to a preliminary figure of 176.8 per cent of the 1935-1939 average in February from 175.3 per cent in January. At this level it was 4 per cent higher than a year earlier...

An apple a day isn't the only way to keep the doctor away, says The Quebec Physical Education Association in a high-sounding recommendation...

Notes By The Way

According to Mr. Howe, sand in oil is almost as bad as sand in spinach. -Winnipeg Tribune.

Now is the time to get your birdhouses ready, says a rural magazine. But don't forget that they are not allowed to raise the rent. Toronto Saturday Night.

The reactions to the Rickenbacker speech were about as expected. The rush to swap places with the boys on Guadalcanal was easily kept in control. -Exchange.

Eggs recently sold for twelve cents a dozen in Argentina, which makes some sense to many cheerful Canadians. The other undisputed fact that the people of Brazil need no ration coupons to buy coffee. -Windsor Star.

The verb "scuttle" is derived from French escoutille (hatchway) through Middle French escouille, from Spanish escotilla (hatchway), says Dr. F. J. F. in the Etymology of a Small Opening in the Deck, Side or Bottom of a Ship. Thus, the verb refers to the act of cutting such a hole in a vessel's hull...

Few things could be graphically demonstrate the new status of Canada as a fighting unit of the British Empire as the arrival here of a group of Royal Navy personnel from Britain. The purpose of their journey is revealing. They have come here to man ships turned out for the Royal Navy in Canadian shipyards. It is not so long ago that the entire naval force of the Dominion was a few almost obsolete ships sent here after they had outlived their usefulness in the Old World...

Four times as many pairs of spectacles are being used in Britain today as in 1939. The reason is the war. But it is not the war that has increased the people's eyesight is poorer. The more scientific and detailed work of the higher standard time requires a much higher standard of eyesight. The people who in peacetime did not wear glasses are now compelled to wear them in spite of shortage of labor and direct army orders that the optical industry is meeting 100 percent of this all-time high demand...

Three hundred million trees, from one-year old seedlings to three and four year transplants, are ready in the great nurseries of the Forest Commission for creating new woods throughout Britain in the years of the war. An official of the Forest Commission said that whereas before the war 75,000,000 young trees were raised each year for afforestation and reforestation purposes, it will be necessary in the future to raise many more. He revealed that plans to give the nation a total area of forest of 5,000,000 acres are being considered. There are at present in the country 16,000,000 acres of rough and waste land. None of it is suitable for agricultural purposes, and can be planted with trees. -London Evening Standard.

When we think of the increased production required to execute a gigantic war program there is one item more of us pass over but without which we cannot get on. It is the lost, literally and figuratively, says Pathfinder. That item is, of course, time. Time is being expanded almost unbelievably since the start of the war. In the issue of aeronautical charts, for instance, there has been a saving of 250 percent increase in the amount of the times it is now familiar spectacle of women at jobs formerly held by men and many of their special province. Both the chart division of the coast and geodetic survey and the army map service have employed women and girls by the hundreds to do every thing from the initial photography of research to final printing and folding. An army of women and their maps; a war's progress is followed on maps. When American forces were in North Africa they carried with them some 10 tons of maps. The additional hundreds of tons which have been shipped to the front since the landings have played no small part in the advance of the planning for a European front.

The Bank of Nova Scotia's Index of Industrial Activity in Canada rose to a preliminary figure of 176.8 per cent of the 1935-1939 average in February from 175.3 per cent in January. At this level it was 4 per cent higher than a year earlier, and slightly above the previous peak recorded last July. Since Spring of 1942, it may be noted, the Index has been pursuing a rather irregular course about a roughly horizontal level, ranging from 171 per cent of the 1935-1939 average. The rise in the Index since the end of 1942 has been the result of correction for normal seasonal variations. That is, neither of the two components—Employment and Freight Loadings—has receded as much this Winter as has been usual in the past. The employment figures have continued to record advances in the war branches of manufacturing though the increases have been considerably smaller than those which were taking place during the latter half of last year. Thus, from December 1st to February 1st (the latest date for which figures are available) there were quite marked further gains in the number of workers employed in the non-ferrous metal products industry, in automobile plants, shipyards, and other iron and steel products—a classification which reflects airplane and firearm manufacturing.

Leaflets On The Loan

BY STEPHEN LEACOCK

NATIONAL DEBT, NATIONAL BLESSING

I was a witness to a queer matter of psychology this morning. Psychology? No, I'm not trying to use a long word for a short. It's simple enough. I'm just using you use your mind. For instance, at poker when you want the others to think you hold at least a straight, that's psychology. At golf when you say to the caddy "How many was that last hole?" and want him to say seven instead of eleven, that's psychology.

It was in the quiet hour of the morning with only Jen himself shaving. He got nominated to the chair right away because the morning papers had just come off the press and most of the features referred to sit and read for a while. Well, Bill Landy was talking to George Summers and eventually talked Victory Loan.

Lili Landy has a mind as quick and bright as the light of a hummingbird. He got nominated to the chair right away because the morning papers had just come off the press and most of the features referred to sit and read for a while. Well, Bill Landy was talking to George Summers and eventually talked Victory Loan.

George Summers, George is offered a cement business and you know the way it is with cement. It has to settle. George's mind like that. You can't make any marks on it. You won't let you till it gets set and firm. George laid the town-side-walks and he quick walked across the street in front of the Public Library. No, Sir, at any rate you remember the old phrase, a national debt is a national blessing.

"Why do you call it a phrase?" says George. "Is what?" "Is a phrase," says Bill. "Never mind the phrase business. I was just saying, where does the mess come in? Isn't a debt a liability?" "Why, this way," says Bill. "You take a national debt like ours, which is distributed, what do you call it distributed?" "What do you call it distributed?" asks George. "He means everybody holds some," says one of the listeners. "Oh!" Bill went on, "now let's say this. Individual A holds a hundred dollars. Individual B holds a hundred dollars. Individual C holds a hundred dollars. Individual D holds a hundred dollars. Individual E holds a hundred dollars. Individual F holds a hundred dollars. Individual G holds a hundred dollars. Individual H holds a hundred dollars. Individual I holds a hundred dollars. Individual J holds a hundred dollars. Individual K holds a hundred dollars. Individual L holds a hundred dollars. Individual M holds a hundred dollars. Individual N holds a hundred dollars. 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PUBLIC FORUM

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WAR LOAN MEETING AT GEORGETOWN

Sir—His Worship the Mayor, the people of Georgetown and also the speakers Messrs. Dewar, Campbell and Rogers, should be congratulated when they carried on after the recent blackout, and brought the meeting through to a successful finish.

The Victory Loan meetings and canvasses, started April 26 for a three weeks' campaign. One would naturally think that the numerous officers of the Loan committee and those of the A.R.P. blackout should be in touch with each other and not bungle things to the inconvenience of the people who are raising the money to carry on this war, "the People's War."

I am Sir, etc. (We understand that no responsibility attaches to local officials in this instance. They are not supposed to have advance information as to trial blackouts, which are determined by the Eastern Air Command.—Ed. G.)

An Unmarked Anniversary

(Globe and Mail) Oh now! we never mention her. Her name is never heard. My lips are now forbidden to speak that once familiar word.

The lips are those of the Parliament of Canada. So far as we are aware no mention has been made during the present session of an event which occurred twelve months ago and was considered at that time to be of some considerable moment. On Tuesday of this week we were exactly a year away from the plebiscite of April 27, 1942. On that day Mr. King introduced his celebrated Bill No. 80 to amend the National Resources Mobilization Act, the principal amendment being the repeal of section 3 which stood as a bar against compulsory overseas service. This bill was given second reading on July 7 on a vote of 158 to 54. On the 1st of August following it received the Royal assent and became law.

The plebiscite cost the Canadian taxpayers \$1,503,158, perhaps more, because when this figure was given to Parliament at the end of last February some accounts were still outstanding. At whatever the sum was, something more than a million and a half, the bargain was highly unprofitable. We obtained an amendment upon which the Government has not acted nor seems likely to act. We also got a nasty setback for the cause of national unity. It is perhaps natural in such circumstances that this week's anniversary was observed in sepulchral silence.

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