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

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Aggression v. Fatalism

In his "Mein Kampf" Hitler insists that the
way to success, and to the maintenance of suc-

cess, is to be everlastingly aggressive. There must
be no let up. Keep the enemy on the run, pre-

vent them having any rest or respite, in a word
put the fear of death in their souls so that they

will not even attempt a comeback. So long ago
as 1939, Churchill pointed this out, and warned

Europe, that Hitler would not be satisfied with
the invasion of Czechoslovakia but would follow

it with an onslaught on Poland and the other
adjacent countries, in all probability would turn

the whole of Europe into an armed camp and
then a bloody battle field. This actually has hap-

pened. Hitler's battle cry is "Away with Christianity,
substitute German mythology, envision the purity

of race and the superman."

In a later appeal to France before her fall,
Churchill declared: "When good people get into

trouble because they are attacked and heavily
smitten by the vile and wicked, they must be

very careful not to get at loggerheads with one
another. The common enemy is always trying to

bring this about."

This wisdom specifically applies to Canada
at the present juncture. The enemies by Fifth

Column tactics, are striving relentlessly to divide
our forces in the hope of defeating the plebiscite

affirmative giving the Government unlimited
power to help us defeat them.

We appeal to our readers, not to fall for the
Fifth Columnists. Let us each bear in mind, as

Churchill told France "we shall never stop, never
weary, and never give in, and that our whole

people and Empire have vowed themselves to the
task of cleaning Europe from the Nazi Pestilence

and saving the world from the new Dark Ages."

There is an unfortunate tendency on the part
of some good Christians to take the Hitler on-

slaught lying down. They tell us that we should
not worry, that even if the Dark Ages come,
God will still be in his Heaven, and all will ul-

timately come all right—some day may be a
thousand years hence. That damnable fatalism

must be stamped out. As Christians we have a
duty to be even more aggressive than Hitler.

What right have we to let Christianity be reduced
to a minimum? It is our duty, as God's instru-

ments not only to prevent the good of all the
Christian ages being wiped out, but likewise

valiantly in our might to endeavour to oppose
the vile hordes which seek to drive Christian-

ity off the face of the earth. Let us have
done with soft talk and fine platitudes, and

follow the example of Christ when he drove the
defilers from the temple. A Christianity that

practices safety first for the individual leav-

ing the fate of mankind to the Unseen without
our personal practical assistance is a travesty to

be spewed out of our churches. Let us not for-
get the wise words of Arthur J. Balfour in the

last paragraph of "The Foundations of Belief":
"It is not explanations which survive, but the

things which are explained, not theories, but the
things about which we theorize." Unless we are

convincingly and sacrificially aggressive in our
Christian faith and belief we shall go down

before the more aggressive power of Hitler's
materialistic hordes and Japan's heathenism.

Then what good will our "explanations" and
"theorizing" be when we, Christ's vicerogents

appear to answer for our colossal failure with
that immemorial confession of ineptitude: "The

unit lamp and the unglit loins."

Mr. Hanson's Appeal

If there was any question in the minds of
Conservative electors as to how they should vote

in the forthcoming plebiscite, it was surely an-

swered in the address broadcast last night by
the Hon. R. B. Hanson. Mr. Hanson pleaded for

an affirmative vote with all the eloquence
at his command. He recalled that he had op-

posed the taking of the plebiscite, believing that
it involved dangerous delay and hindrance to our

war effort. From the outset he had urged the
Government to come to Parliament with a defi-

nite, clear-cut policy and ask Parliament to
assume responsibility therefor. That would have

been the straightforward, manly course under
our constitutional system. But this proposal was

rejected, and subsequently the Plebiscite Bill
was introduced and it became the law of Can-

ada. "The fact which confronts us now," said Mr.
Hanson, "is that the plebiscite is to be held. As

a law-abiding citizen, I accept—as I ask you to
accept—the accomplished position. Whether we

like the procedure of the plebiscite or not, we
are faced now with only one duty: to answer one

question, 'Yes' or 'No.' If we answer 'Yes'—
and I have no hesitation in calling upon all

Conservatives, all my fellow Canadians, to an-

swer in that manner—we release the Govern-

ment from a pledge restricting them in the
method of raising men for overseas service. If

we answer 'No' we hold them to a promise to
refuse, virtually, to defend ourselves should that

defense lie outside the territorial limitations of
Canada."

Mr. Hanson went on to point out that the

first principle of military strategy is that the
enemy should be sought out and defeated before
he reaches our own shores. Either we permit our
Government and Parliament to despatch our
forces to the parts of the world where, in con-

junction with the forces of our Allies, they can
defeat the enemy and keep the war from our
territory, or we refuse that right and wait to

defend ourselves only when bombs and shells
rain death and destruction upon our own people
and our cities and towns.

The Conservative leader urged that in each
city, town and municipality, in each polling sub-

division, where it has not already been done,
campaign committees be set up at once. He

pleaded with the leaders of service clubs, wom-
en's organizations, and religious bodies to get

behind the drive for an affirmative vote. "The
fate of the Government is not at stake," he said;

"but the fate of Canada may be. If the plebiscite
fails to show a majority, and a substantial

majority, then God help Canada—anything may
happen or, worse still, nothing may happen, at

least until disaster is upon us."

Eating Habits

Before this war is very much older, says the
Financial Post, many Canadians are going to

revise their eating habits. There will have to be
less lavish use of meats and fats and a greater

reliance on bread. Provided the authorities take
the public and foodproducers into their confi-

dence and make a full explanation of the changes
necessary, there should be neither criticism nor

hardship.

Our standard of living, probably the highest
in the world so far as food is concerned, is easily

able to stand revision without any real sacrifice.
It has been said with reason, that many a

European would live comfortably on the food the
average Canadian wastes or throws away. We are

among the world's largest per capita consumers of
eggs, butter, fruits, milk and meat.

Now we are going to be asked to make some
further cuts in our consumption of eggs, meats

and certain dairy products in order that the
British people may continue to get enough to

eat. We will do this and we should do it thank-

fully, remembering that had we been living on
the other side of the Atlantic it would be a case

of eating less, whereas on this continent we
simply switch to something more plentiful. That

something in most cases, will be bread for which
we have a superabundance of raw material.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Empire Youths' Week is to be celebrated here
by a rally in Zion Church next Sunday.

"MacKenzie King continues talks" reads a
newspaper heading. That's the trouble, why

doesn't he stop and do something.

The judgment in the Toronto Star v. Toronto
Globe and Mail libel suit merely sustains, at

enormous legal expense, the inalienable right of
any man, woman or newspaper to report: "You

are another, and a darned sight worse!"

Has Mr. Donald Gordon abdicated his food
dictatorship? He announces "reports coming in

from all parts of the country show that the
beef situation is in a state of chaos and I have

made a recommendation to the government to
deal with it." Surely at this late date Mr. Gor-

don is not "passing the buck" to old time politi-

cians.

Peace is once more restored in the Hepburn
Government by the withdrawal of the resigna-

tion of the Hon. Robert Laurier as Minister of
Mines. "Mitch's" explanation is humorous. He

says Mr. Laurier's resignation had never been
accepted. "He suffered a severe shock from an

ulcerated stomach condition and he was in im-

paired health. He has, in the meantime, recov-

ered to the point that he is able to resume his
duties." "The shock" it will be recalled was

caused by the Premier supporting Mr. Meighen's
candidature in South York.

Through the mail on Saturday was delivered
certain data and photos of outstanding Cana-

dians, and the first three were Islanders, viz.,—
Mr. John Andrew McLeod, President of the

Bank of Nova Scotia, born Park Corner; Mr.
Edwin Crockett, assistant general manager, Bank

of Nova Scotia, born at York; and Mr. Bren-

ton Pascoe Alley, assistant general manager, The
Canadian Bank of Commerce, born at Char-

lottetown. Not a bad haul from the east.

Mr. Morris Wilson's resignation of the chair-

manship of the British Council Supply has
caused considerable sensation, especially the

naive explanation that he assumed the
position at the express wish of his old

friend Lord Beaverbrook, and that his lordship's
successor, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton should have the

fullest opportunity of proposing a chairman of
his own choosing. Ten minutes after announcing

his resignation, Mr. Wilson boarded the train at
Washington for Montreal to resume the general

managership of the Royal Bank.

Mark Twain (Samuel Langhorne, Clemens)
died this date, 1910; first a compositor, then suc-

cessively clerk, teacher, reporter, miner, he
qualified as pilot on the Mississippi, and there he

found material for the original sketches—which
have made so famous the name he took from the

call of the "leadsmen" on the Mississippi steam-

ers—"Mark twain" (mark two fathoms). After

the civil war he devoted himself to lecturing, and

edited newspapers in Virginia City and San

Francisco. In a lucky hour he was sent with a

pleasure-party to write descriptive sketches of a

tour through Europe, and Palestine. Thus the

humorous "Innocents Abroad" (1869) took

shape. It had an enormous sale, and was follow-

ed by a long series of works, all showing his dis-

tinctive type of humour, which largely consists

in the use of "satire contrast"—viz., gravely

proceeding with matter of fact seriousness the

most utterly incongruous ideas as interdependent

on each other. Outstanding works—"Tom

Sawyer," "A Tramp Abroad," "Adventures of

Huckleberry Finn," "A Yankee at King Ar-

thur's Court." "He was a very inferior farmer

when he first began . . . and he is now fast ris-

ing from affluence to poverty"

NOTES BY THE WAY

Russia's famous Cossack cavalry
are receiving a steady flow of
more than 100,000 dollars for
the purchase of uniforms and
ammunition. In response to a request
from the Soviet Union for 50,000
dollars of military supplies, re-

ceived through the British Gov-

ernment, the Society is now rais-

ing 100,000 to meet this and the

needs of other Russian armies.

Already a wide variety of supplies

have gone to the Soviet Veterinary

Corps. The include two lots of

quantities of Carcosa ointment for

treating wounds; arsenic hydri-

obromide for the removal of tape

lysan blue to combat the

typan parasite which causes fever;

and bismuth trinitrophenate,

substitute for iodine in surgical

dressings. Cedar oil, used for in-

secting work, is very scarce, but

Brian has been able to send

small quantities of this too. In

spite of mechanization, Russia has

more than 100,000 men in the

Cossack cavalry, used so effectively at

so many points on their vast ter-

ritory. Supplies are made up of

woolens and siegans and draw-

ings, are now playing an impor-

tant part in the Russian advance.

—British Industries Bulletin.

Between six and ten wedding

plugs of platinum will supply the

electrodes for the sparking plugs

of a motor car. The platinum

brides are therefore leaving the

altar with rings made of palladium,

a metal named after the planet

Jupiter. Palladium is a white

metal which is very ductile and

works quite easily as platinum.

In engagement rings it holds the

stones securely and with its un-

changeable brilliancy brings out

the color of the stones. It is a

very rare metal and is found in

only a few places in the world.

—British Industries Bulletin.

Los Angeles is a very pleasant

city in which to live in the winter

time. It has a superb climate.

It is not, quite so agreeable,

as it is in the summer. It is a

home for various cults and cultists,

most of which and whom appear

to be taken in by the latest re-

ligious leader in one of these has

recently been convicted, and sen-

tenced to pay a fine of \$8,000 for

using the name of the "King of

Heaven" in his name. He is in-

terested in the "King of Heaven"

and his son, known as the

"Crown Prince," who is a fine

additional \$400, but it is not likely

that he will suffer greatly on account of the fine.

For the million dollars as "love of-

ness" from the victims, who

were promised a share in the

heaven with good sound bodies.

It seems strange that there should

be so many dupes to fake religion

in an age of science, and in a

country of free education. But so

it is. These poor men and women

give their money so freely

to the cause of science, and

know nothing of the latest re-

ligion. They are not bad

people as a rule; on the contrary,

they are very good. They are

only faulted in passing big time

take up so much room in that

part of the human anatomy di-

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the
discussion of questions of
interest to the
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necessarily endorse the opinions
of correspondents.

SHORTAGE OF ALLIED SHIPS

Sir:—A fortnight ago, London

started the allied world by ad-

mitting the exceedingly heavy

losses suffered in recent months

by the United Nations in both

towal and mercantile ships. Con-

firmly by Washington, then Or-

tawa and New York, the seriousness

of the situation has been empha-

sized by the press of the whole

continent. During the past two