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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1939.

Belated Parliamentary Session

Dr. Manion is right, says the St. Catherine's Standard, in stating that the opening of Parliament should not have been deferred to January 25.

When the war broke out, the Government sought co-operation. It received it in goodwill and faith from the Opposition, which remained for weeks impressively silent.

Business Conditions Brighter

Optimism is the keynote of the monthly letter of the Bank of Montreal, which at the close of the year finds Canadian business generally in a satisfactory condition.

So far the most important stimulus for business has come from the increased purchasing power of the farming community, the letter notes.

Banned By Mr. King

It is announced from London that there will be no Royal honor list at the New Year but that when His Majesty's birthday is celebrated in June the list will be longer than usual.

less His Majesty's title as King of Canada is empty and meaningless, and yet our Prime Minister seems to be actuated by some such conception.

The Gazette suggests it is high time that Mr. Mackenzie King emerged "from his intellectual Berchtesgaden" and learnt once and for all that the Canadian people are sick of this silly asser-

It recalls that the ban was lifted by the Bennett Government and titles were conferred judiciously among worthy and deserving Canadians.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The lengthening days bring the intense cold all right.

A couple more business days till 1940 makes its appearance.

"General Winter" is playing havoc with the Russians in Finland as he did with the French in Russia a hundred odd years ago.

At Ottawa the Government departments are said to be working overtime preparing for the reopening of Parliament about a month hence.

Macaulay died this date, 1859—"A great man who neither sought nor shunned greatness, who found glory only because glory lay in the plain path of duty."

The Senior Member for Queen's has consented to act on the committee appointed to supervise the flotation of the new 1940 war loan.

Sir Eugene Fiset, newly appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, will be sworn into office Dec. 30. The ceremonies, to be held in the Council Chamber of the Legislature, will be attended by retiring Lieutenant-Governor E. L. Patenaude, Premier Adolphe Godbout, members of the Provincial Cabinet and other government officials.

Mainly as a result of a sharp increase in the import of internal combustion traction engines for farm purposes, Canada's October importation of farm implements and machinery jumped to \$2,229,926 from \$650,660 in October, 1938.

Captain Hans Langsdorff, commanding officer of the scuttled Admiral Graf Spee, will be honored no doubt in Germany as a hero. But observers outside Germany will find an element of mystery in his self-destruction.

Mr. Leonard W. Brockington, of Winnipeg, until recently chairman of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, has been appointed "to advise and assist the Canadian Government in providing accurate and essential information to the people of Canada" concerning Canada's war effort.

A visit to Adolf Hitler's "eagle nest" retreat in the Bavarian mountains definitely gave him "the creeps" M. Andre Francois-Poncet, French Ambassador to Rome, said in a report to his Government.

William Janica, 18, and his mother, Mrs. Emma Janica, 40, of 83-02 Sixty-third Avenue, Forest Hills, Queens, New York, bored with staying home with their father and husband, an unemployed engineer, decided to put on an act, and appeared one day last August at the Peikin Art Galleries, 664 Fifth Avenue.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A machine tool company in Madison, Wis., has cancelled an order for \$15,000 worth of supplies received from the Russian Government with this statement: "Most corporations want to deal with nations that give a place to ethics and sportsmanship in political transactions as well as in business transactions."

The scuttling of a 32,000-ton liner by her crew is an exact parallel to human suicide, but it holds an element of the same wanton and tragic waste. However philosophically the German public may accept the fate of the Columbus, it is unmistakably ominous news.

Nearly 60 years ago, a 12-year-old boy, D. W. Bower, at the suggestion of his school teacher, sent one of his English themes to Mark Twain, asking for advice.

There is the case of Finland. There are three fronts in that country—not equally important. Two are the least important fronts, while the most important, may not affect the course of the war.

A diatomic torpedo that would be anchored to the sea bottom and released by vibration, of an approaching ship's propellers is the explanation given by J. Robert Fish, West Springfield inventor, to the stories of Nazi Germany's secret magnetic mines.

The meager handful I so well can spare. I'm hunched named of the slight bit it takes to make the happy frolic pictured there. The cheerful sound that winter's silence breaks.

NO GOLD RINGS FOR WAR BRIDES

Berlin, Dec. 27—Precious metals are so scarce in the Reich, the authorities have decreed that wedding rings which hitherto were made of a low-grade gold alloy, will henceforth be manufactured of a high-grade steel.

TRUE TO LIFE

New York—Osa Johnson, widow of the African explorer, Marjorie Johnson is sponsoring four toys for Santa's pack this year. They're reproduction of animals she and her husband caught in Africa.

I know a fellow a Kiwanian by the way, who has two small boys. He is a well educated, cultured gentleman with a lovely wife and a nice home. These two boys have been reared with every advantage.

On Reading War News

(Ottawa Journal) In his speech to the Canadian Club of Toronto on Thursday Mr. Bennett said:

"Beware of people who tell you peace is not far off. That is propaganda and I could tell you where it originates."

Mr. Bennett could have warned just as truthfully against cables from here, there, and everywhere telling that Germany is running short of this material and that, must soon throw up the sponge.

One of these cables came on Thursday, was displayed prominently under the heading: "Blockade Cuts Nazi Oil Supplies, Preventing Air Raids on Britain."

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People, naturally, like to hear good news. They want it magnified. But if we want to know how the war is going, want to see the forest instead of the trees, there is no time to be careful not to take our facts from our wishes, and not get rumors and comfortable conjectures mixed up with the cold official facts and realities.

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How To Tell An Officer

(Halifax Chronicle)

The new battle dress of the Canadian troops is winning a good deal of favor. Any uniform, of course, which relieves its wearers of brass to polish, must appeal to the soldier.

Some of the troops continue to wear brass lettering on their shoulders, but these last remaining bits of brass will give way to cloth badges in the near future. The use of cloth markings, however, has raised one difficulty. Under the new army styles, the officer's uniform is virtually identical with the private's.

Everybody would be happier if the authorities in the national defence headquarters at Ottawa, would devise some marking for the front of the officers' uniforms some marking that everyone could clearly see without mistake.

MERCY FLIGHT FOR ESKIMOS

EDMONTON, Dec. 26—(CP)—Bound for Cambridge Bay to pick up two sick Eskimos pilot A. Brown of Mackenzie air service left Edmonton today on the trip that will take him 1,200 air miles north of Coppermine and then 400 miles eastward to the southeast end of Victoria Island.

LETHBRIDGE, Alta., Dec. 26—(CP)—Western Canada's two best sugar factories were idle tonight after having processed 262,000 tons of beets—the largest crop ever produced in South Alberta since the sugar industry was started here at the beginning of the century.

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