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

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Each For His Own Land

A remarkable discovery has been made about Europe, and as a result the course of history is being profoundly affected. It is still more remarkable, comments the Winnipeg Free Press, that the discoverers are experts who have been for years planning the future of that continent.

Hitler's confidence that he could establish his order and that Berlin would become the capital of a great Nazi empire where slave states would toil for the benefit of the master-race, was so great that he believed it safe to solve the obstacles that remained by the systematic and ruthless extermination of the minorities that declined to accept him at his own valuation.

Empire Casualties

The figures on casualties in the British Empire, given in the British House of Commons by Deputy Prime Minister Clement Attlee, are a sufficient answer to those who still play the Axis game by saying that Britain is asking others to do her fighting.

beginning a total of 13,768 losses. Those are figures given by The Canadian Press. Australian casualty figures to the end of March totalled 67,191.

Greece Pays The Penalty

If, through the misfortune of war, one person out of every five in Canada, died from starvation all of us would have reason to complain of the terrible toll of war. But, Greece has paid that penalty. But, perhaps because we are several thousand miles away from that country we cannot visualize just what a ghastly price has been paid by the gallant Greeks. Yet, it is a fact. And thousands more are doomed to death, simply because there is not sufficient food to feed the Greeks unless the people of Canada support the Greek War Relief Fund campaign for \$500,000 generously.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Lieut. Governor George Dundas arrived in Charlottetown this date, 1859; was formerly a member of Parliament for Lincithgow; held his position here for ten years, during the critical period of the Confederation negotiations between the various provinces, and which failed to materialize so far as Prince Edward Island was concerned until after he had left to become governor of St. Vincent, West Indies.

The Mayor of Middlesborough, Sir William H. Crosshwaite, recently paid a "fine" of £100 (about \$450) imposed upon him by his deputy, Councillor T. Meehan, for failing to attend a public engagement. Councillor Meehan suggested that he should pay a fine in lieu, toward the cost of a £6,000 (about \$27,000) canteen for merchant seamen. At the opening of the canteen Councillor Meehan said Sir William signed a cheque for £100, considering the "fine" reasonable and fair.

Syphilis and gonorrhea are infectious diseases as far as the health department are concerned, the same as tuberculosis and scarlet fever," Dr. L. A. Clarke, assistant medical officer of health for Ontario, said in a press interview. "I feel that until they are treated in the press and by articles in magazines, and discussed the same as other diseases are discussed, we are not going to get very far. Tuberculosis began to show a drop in its incidence just as soon as it began to be freely discussed and methods of its eradication published the same as other infectious diseases. It has been considered by people acquainted with the problem of venereal diseases that more general knowledge of the subject is not only desirable but necessary if a public appreciation of this menace is to be obtained. It is generally believed by doctors and public health authorities that it is desirable to treat the venereal diseases in the same way as regards information and publicity that other communicable diseases, such as scarlet fever and tuberculosis are treated."

It is now possible to record the fact — to which an allusion was made by Mr. Eden in his Ottawa speech — that since the destruction of the former debating chamber of the House of Commons by enemy action in May, 1941, the House of Commons has been sitting in the House of Lords. The Times Parliamentary Correspondent writes:—For a short time the Commons met elsewhere; but the House of Lords generously offered the use of their chamber, and the Commons were pleased to accept. The necessary adaptations were quickly carried out, and the Commons soon settled comfortably in the more ornate and spacious chamber than their own, from which the Throne and Woolsack had been removed. The Speaker's Chair is situated at the end of the Chamber opposite to that formerly occupied by the Throne. In their new chamber the Commons have benches upholstered in red leather and the interior is in every way more pleasing than that of the old Commons chamber with its green leather benches and drab paneling. The House of Lords has moved to the King's Robing Room. This chamber provides the peers with the intimate atmosphere more appropriate to the small number usually attending their debates and their new meeting place appears to have given general satisfaction.

A Canadian newspaper correspondent in London, Sholto Watt, broadcast in the BBC overseas service after seeing manoeuvres in which the Canadians have been taking part in preparation for the days ahead. Evidently humorous aspects were not lacking when this great body of troops landed in a part of the English countryside which was already pretty occupied with its own affairs. As witness an incident at one Canadian headquarters:—A sergeant had to question a driver about his "failure to conceal a vehicle." "I did hide it, Sarge," the driver protested, "right under a bunch of fir trees. But a bunch of dames came along and took the trees away." To the obviously sceptical sergeant, the simple truth of the statement was later made clear. The "bunch of dames" were a detachment of the Women's Timber Corps (a branch of the Women's Land Army). Watt described the scene thus: "Almost as fast as the headquarters deployed its motor vehicles under this fine natural camouflage, the lady lumberjacks chopped down the camouflage and hauled it away by tractor." However, they obligingly transferred their activities a few hundred yards farther off.

Notes By The Way

If all the words on the fuel short age were so many sticks of firewood or lumps of coal. — Vancouver Daily Province.
Every now and then Fa yearns a bit for an end of the sugar shortage and a return to the old days when a man could get his just desserts. — The Boston Herald.

After reading some of the many criticisms of this and the other thing, the only conclusion to be drawn is that we have in this country a lot of people who are convinced that everybody, except themselves, are square pegs in round holes. — Fayetteville, N. C., Observer.
Just to prove to rookies that they look as bad as the sergeant says they do, they've installed several large mirrors at Garrison Barracks. Mo. Army newcomers to through their paces in front of the mirror, and the sergeant just smiles and says: "Now you can see for yourselves, you ape." — Parade.

The housewife who thinks that ration books are a worry might spare a thought for the retailer. The only thing that we have to do is to remember to take our books with us when we go shopping, but his trouble is that he has to take the coupons out of our books and has to balance them against the supplies he has issued. Mistakes actually bring any benefit do not gradual reduction of supplies of rationed goods which the retailer can secure. Coupons are more valuable to the merchant than money, and without his full quota he cannot replace his stocks to meet the demand of his customers. — Consumers' News.

The bachelor girl approaching age twenty five and still putting off marriage had best get busy along matrimonial lines unless she wishes to become an old maid, it seems clear from statistics presented by one of the large insurance companies. Many girls are too busy in war jobs to think much of bearing in the voice of Cupid. After age twenty-five, the statisticians say, probability of marriage is greater for a man than for a woman. The experts find, is reached in the group twenty to twenty-four years old, while the peak for men is twenty five to twenty-nine years. — Boston Post.

The thrill of getting a letter from home is always present with the lads who are on active service or out in the world making their way in civilian occupations. We heard the other day of a St. Thomas family of boys who are particularly favored in this respect. Their father, a retired man, admitted with pardonable pride that one of the ways he filled in his spare time was to write every one of his seven sons, several of them in the army. "I never come out every day," he enquired. "Oh, I just jot down the things that are going on in the home," they would hear in our ordinary dimtable conversation. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

To all tyre agriculturists, patience is recommended. Vegetable seeds do not germinate and grow under any conditions, but the most unfavorable conditions. Growth, which seems to be a month or more late this season — is not — will astonish you by its rapidity when you see it a few days of hot sunshine. Then the restless energy of the home gardener, which now seeks an outlet, will have plenty to vent. A month from now, opportunity for activity will not be lacking; work in abundance will be required. For the company of small vegetable garden needs a deal of weeding and cultivating if it is to be at its best in appearance and yield. Today's restlessness will soon be replaced by the soreness of aching necks and aching muscles. — Fort Erie Times-Review.

Japanese leaders are under no illusion as to what the loss of Attu means. Admiral Takahashi says, "It is undoubtedly a serious setback to us by way of the Kurile Islands and the northern route." It is undoubtedly so. Such an attack, however, will take time to organize. A year's preparation was required to reverse the strategic situation in the Aleutians and Kiska is still to be recaptured. Judging from the hoards of food captured on Attu it will be hard to starve out the strong Kiska garrison. They will face annihilation in the same spirit as the soldiers of the 11th Airborne Division of Attu. Yet their position seems equally difficult. When we think of Kiska it will be time enough to think of the Kuriles. The next great enemy base 650 miles farther on. But the approach has begun and our planes will carry it on. Japan has lost the initiative in the North-west Pacific on her most vulnerable flank. — New York Times.

A potato in days of yore — and not so very yore at that — was just a "spud." Calorie-conscious females gave them to wide berth. People have adapted them to many uses — used them to plug leaks in kettles and drain pipes. In fact, spuds have always taken a lot of just plain kicking around. Whoever ever got anyone treading a potato? Other vegetables made their seasonal debut in a flurry of popularity. But never potatoes. Now, on the other hand, to the market to see if potatoes were in. They always were. No one gave them a thought. The housewife let them sit in the cupboard of her grocery order, as an afterthought — "oh, yes, and send me a couple of potatoes." Everyone ate them, but they were not the potatoes that potatoes failed to evoke the enthusiasm inspired by other fresh vegetables in season. They were still just potatoes. The pennies of the vegetable currency. Today people stand in line for those "pennies," eagerly hoarding the few they may get, tenderly carrying them home as if they were orchids, nursing them with bated breath lest the knife slip. No longer are they referred to as spuds, spudgies, spudgies, spudgies. They're Potatoes, if you please, spelled with a capital P. That's the way it is on the home front anyway. In the Army — well, that's another story. If you want to hear it just ask the soldier on K. P. They're still spuds in his language. — From the Christian Science Monitor.



HAUNTINGS

In the grey tumult of these after years Of silence falls: the incessant wranglers part; And less-than-echoes of remembered tears Hush the loud confusion of the heart; And a shade, through the dust's d'arks of mirth and crying Hungers, and pain, and each dull passionate mood. — Quite lost, and all but all forgot, undying, Comes back the ecstasy of your quietude. So a poor ghost, beside his misty streams, Is haunted by strange doubts, ev'ning Hints of a pre-lethean life, of men, Stars, rocks, and flesh, things un-telligible, And light on waving grass, he knows not when, And feet that ran, but where, he cannot tell. — Rupert Brooke.

Surprise

(Globe and Mail) Defense Minister Ralston was surprised that a member of Parliament should ask for the present whereabouts of the three army divisions still in Canada. His surprise can be no greater than the general surprise at his refusal to answer. The policy of a voluntary system and a compulsory system is the direct responsibility of the Government. It has clung to this policy in preference to the more equitable one of calling up all manpower and assigning it to services on the farms, in the factories or with the forces, according to individual ability to serve. The government has insisted, in the face of a known shortage of reinforcements for the overseas army, that the army could be maintained on the voluntary principle. It has attempted to preserve this fiction because of the numbers of men who freely or by persuasion go active once they have been called in the draft. This Col. Ralston has persistently refused to admit. And this must be why the general refused to give Mr. John Diefenbaker the information he sought. What other logical reason could there be? Why shouldn't this information be public? If the Government's policy is the fair and honorable one, why should its workings be concealed? The answer, of course, would be: "No national unity and public morale." It wouldn't be good for unity to admit what the public already knows; that a high percentage of the draftees go active never to return to the military "volunteers" are got in this way. Which is the figure Col. Ralston refuses to confirm? What he seems never to consider is the probable value to morale of the Minister of Defence facing realities and admitting facts.

The British Smoker

(Manchester Guardian) The recent budget gave smokers something to think about: Lord Kindersley now gives them more. Tobacco, or such of it as is consumed by civilians, is no longer coming in under lend-lease terms; we have now to find foreign exchange to pay for it, which means that smoking has become a wartime self-indulgence. As president of the National Savings Committee, Lord Kindersley was ready with the moral. It is not just a question of affording the price of one's smoker; it is a question of the moral value to morale of the Minister of Defence facing realities and admitting facts.

You can't go ALL-OUT If you feel ALL-IN

These days most people are working harder, worrying more, sleeping less. This strain eases and brain makes physical fitness easier to obtain and regain. Today's tense living lowers resistance, increases body and mental fatigue. Overwork, heavy meals; irregular hours; worry — any of these may upset proper kidney action. When kidneys get out of order, excess acids and poisons remain in the system. Then backache, headache, rheumatic pain, disturbed rest or that "tired-all-the-time" feeling may soon follow. To help keep your kidneys in good order — to help guard against physical fatigues — use Dodd's Kidney Pills, for over half a century a favorite remedy for faulty kidneys. Ask for Dodd's Kidney Pills at any drug counter. Look for the box with the red band.

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This is not something out of Dante's "Inferno" or Poe's "Tales of Horror and Imagination."

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about conditions in Greece today under Nazy tyranny, vouched for by Mr. Jackson Dodds, O. B. E., national chairman of the Greek War Relief Fund

The City of Charlottetown

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