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

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Mr. MacDonald's Visit

Charlottetown is honored today by the visit of the Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald, High Commissioner to Canada for the United Kingdom.

Mr. MacDonald's visit happily coincides with the season at which Prince Edward Island looks its best.

Mr. King's Obsession

When Premier King talks about conscription what he is thinking about is Liberal unity. His words: "What has already been attempted in the way of reviving that issue at this time makes only too clear the advantage that might have been taken of the lengthy absence on my part from Canada to force the issue into the arena of party strife."

War Language Changer

Up to now, today's war has created fewer "air words" than the last war. Vocabulary, it seems, has not kept pace with tactics, with the result that the old words and terms have to be used in a new sense.

A difficult target like a bridge is attacked in this way, the aircraft flying laterally over the bridge at an angle presenting the greatest possible width to the succession of bombs, says an R. A. F. expert in "Trade and Engineering" of London.

In order to straddle a target a stick of bombs, as opposed to a salvo, is used. When a salvo of bombs is dropped several are released at the same moment.

known in the R. A. F. as the "Mickey Mouse." Nowadays it is more usual to attack a target with a stick than with a salvo of bombs.

Some of the simplest words have a highly technical meaning to the R. A. F. "Cannon" usually suggests an old-fashioned kind of gun, but in the R. A. F. it means a shell-firing gun operated by hydraulic power from the aero-engine.

A "landfall" as used by airmen is the same as when used by sailors; it refers to first sight of land after crossing water. A "power dive" is a dive on an objective with the throttle fully open.

"Pinpointing the target" means locating the target exactly, and a "box barrage" is an anti-aircraft barrage that completely encircles an area as a protection from attack by enemy aircraft.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Wednesday half-holiday turned out all right yesterday though at first many appeared doubtful about proceeding far from home.

It does not do to speak too soon this summer about weather prospects, but if there be anything in St. Swithen's reputation as a reliable prophet, we should be in for six weeks' ideal tourist weather.

Charlotte Corday, heroine of the French Revolution, died this date 1793. Of noble family of Normandy; carefully educated; absorbed Roman republican ideas and, emulating Brutus, assassinated Marat as the tyrant who had overthrown the Girondists; she was guillotined for her deed.

Your gas will cost you more and more for less and less from now on. But really the restrictions on supply are insignificant, as at present in this province most of the gas stations close early and open late.

Some one suggested we should have a trial blackout in this city by way of practise. That should not be difficult; we recall before the last war there was a practical and customary blackout every night at 8 P. M. when even hotels and boarding houses closed their doors, and late comers had to knock to get in.

The Rt. Hon. Malcolm MacDonald has accomplished more than his distinguished father, Rt. Hon. Ramsay MacDonald, did. He has visited the Island; his father spent sometime in Cape Breton seeking a rest cure, and though it was suggested he should come over and see us, he failed to do so.

The Woolwich Arsenal Museum, on the Thames, seven miles southeast of London, has so far escaped Nazi bombs, and although its most valuable treasures were two years ago removed to a place of safety, some of them are periodically put on exhibition with new ones.

Following the elimination of many of Canada's export markets, as a result of the war, and the marked increase in the value of Canadian exports to India, this country has now assumed an important position among export markets for Canadian goods, states Mr. Paul Sykes, Canadian Trade Commissioner at Bombay, India, in a report to the Department of Trade and Commerce.

British residents of the French Riviera have been ordered to leave in eight days. The order surprised more than 2,000 Britons on the Riviera, many of whom own villas in Cannes, Nice, Monte Carlo and other towns in the Department of Alpes-Maritimes.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Maybe the current crop of June brides will do better. Last year's the county kitchen use for the electric shaver. — Detroit News.

"It is possible to live with half a brain," says a science note. Oh, yes, some women do. — but the hard to put up with. — Ottawa Citizen.

We are in receipt of many strange questions, but the reader who asks, "How can I produce a hole in a pane of glass?" must have had an unusually strict upbringing. — Ottawa Citizen.

Sound as a gold sovereign, Britain's masses are in this war to the bitter end, resolved to preserve their spiritual inheritance or go down fighting rather than accept a Hitlerized world for themselves and their children. — Hamilton Spectator.

What we are coming now to see is this: that the weapons of words are of two kinds in this fighting. A bomb is a bomb no matter who writes the words, or whom the Nazis or the English or the English or the Nazis. It falls, it explodes, it kills regardless of the sender and regardless of the target.

Above all, Hitler hopes that his appearance in the old, but now tarnished, armor of the world's anti-Communism will win for him some sections of American opinion. In this he will be disappointed. It is, as Mr. Churchill emphasized, a complete delusion.

The biggest Bomber (Winnipeg Free Press) The four-engined aircraft taken off for a test flight from the Douglas plant at Santa Monica, Calif., one day last week is the biggest bomber aircraft in the world.

Of course bombing land and sea-craft have grown heavy and big, and they serve their purpose so long as they can defend themselves with their own gun-fire. The outstanding instance of this is the British Short Sunderland, a rather cumbersome seaplane whose heavy fire-power has prevented one of its type being brought down so far in this war.

From the outbreak of hostilities they (the Indian troops) have shown themselves quick to understand the entirely new weapons, vehicles and technique of mechanized warfare, the Sikhs especially reveling in their new charges. That General Wavell thought highly of their selection to form the advance guard in the difficult and entirely successful sweep on Sid Barrani which opened the Battle for Africa.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

POOR CHARLOTTETOWN!

Sir—Might I be permitted to say a few words in regard to the present low state of mind and feeling of our Charlottetown citizens, especially those engaged in the different trades. We are at the present time— to use a familiar phrase—"down in the dumps," and can you blame us?

We are asked to buy Victory Bonds and War Savings Certificates. Goodness knows we do the best we can and buy as many as we can.

Here is another recent happening which would appear to add insult to injury to this class of Charlottetown men. A contract for an addition to our Charlottetown Airport, valued at the sum of \$250,000 to \$300,000, was let. This job was given to a comparatively small wood-working concern in Prince County, notwithstanding the fact that the entire construction of a large airport in Prince County One would naturally think they would be satisfied with their own Airport.

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"DISGUSTED QUEEN'S"

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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR

"Lord Lothian in his last public utterance told the people of this country: 'If you back us you will not be backing a quitter.' To that I would now add: 'If you back us you will be backing a people whose faces are turned toward the light.'"

Vimy and the Somme. It would be a frightful thing for the cities of Eastern Canada to have to endure the suffering and destruction that has fallen upon the towns and villages of England.

Are we not making the mistake of thinking that distant pastures look greener? Do we not fail to relate the most intimate of our everyday experiences to the dark threat which today hovers over half the world? Physical suffering, political leaders, of themselves, can never fill the longing that is in peoples' hearts.

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Don't Gamble with Death



When driving a motor car, you can't depend on LUCK to bring you through; you may get into trouble. USE YOUR HEAD — Drive Safely — and Live to Tell the Tale

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

at state, Canadians will fail to attain to the peak of the emotional inspiration which precedes an all-out physical and industrial participation in the war.

PENSLAR Big One Cent SALE

This big sale of Penslar Remedies and Toilettries starts THURSDAY of this week and ends Monday of next week.

There are many wonderful money saving articles on sale and you would do well to take advantage of same. Call at the store and see the different Remedies and Toilet Goods—You will be convinced of the genuine bargains.

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