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

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Approved Hospitals

Once again, it is pleasing to note, the Prince Edward Island Hospital, Charlottetown Hospital, Provincial Sanatorium and Prince County Hospital are listed among the hospitals approved by that most exacting of all bodies, the American College of Surgeons.

In a statement accompanying the new list Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern, associate director, recalls the first survey of hospitals made by the College a quarter of a century ago, which was, coincidentally, also a record of wartime performance.

The war has unquestionably increased public consciousness of the key importance of the hospital. Always a vital institution, it becomes supremely essential when calamity strikes or impends.

Ultimate responsibility for the quality of hospital service, Mr. MacEachern emphasizes, rests with the people who use it or may use it. Modern approved hospitals reflect a community's insistence upon the best health service and, in wartime, the utmost protection in case of emergencies.

France's Colonial Empire

French Somaliland having gone Fighting France, the whole French Colonial Empire is at last within the ambit of the United Nations, with the single important exception of Indo-China, which is held by the Japanese.

Just now the spotlight of world interest is turned on French North Africa,—consisting of Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia,—where the last drama in the campaign for the expulsion of the Axis is about to be enacted in the small coastal district comprising Tunisia, Bizerte and several smaller seaport towns.

Grew's Neglected Warnings

The United States authorities have issued a "white book" which makes it more difficult than ever to understand how Japanese treachery could have succeeded at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

Germany invaded Russia in June, 1941, and in July the Japanese moved troops into southern Indo-China. On July 24 President Roosevelt received Nomura and told him the new move by Japan in Indo-China created an exceedingly serious problem.

not improve. Nomura suggested they would improve if a meeting could be arranged between President Roosevelt and Premier Prince Koyone "possibly aboard a Japanese warship."

Again Ambassador Grew cabled from Tokyo, warning of the possibility of Japan's acting "with dramatic suddenness." On Nov. 7 the situation looked so bad that Secretary Hull advised the cabinet that the public should be informed of the gravity of the crisis.

The "white book" goes on to describe the backing and filling that followed, culminating in President Roosevelt's 11th-hour appeal to Emperor Hirohito and the Japanese "reply," delivered Dec. 7 by Nomura and Kurosu one hour after bombs crashed on Pearl Harbor.

U.S. Draft Plans

Dimensions of the United States' fighting manpower program for 1943 are clearly outlined in Selective Service estimates just published, with the result that this phase of the problem is shown to be far better developed, from all appearances than the vital collateral questions of industrial and agricultural manpower.

More than 3,500,000 men from 18 to 37, inclusive, are to be called to the colors at the rate of between 250,000 and 300,000 a month. The aim is to bring the armed forces of the Nation to 9,700,000 by the end of next year.

The proposal envisages an Army of 7,500,000; a Navy of 1,500,000, Marine Corps of 400,000 with 300,000 in the Coast Guard. Present strength of all forces is fixed at about 6,100,000. The figures do not include officers.

Even without the problems of industry and agriculture, the task of raising the additional fighting men required by this program is going to be a difficult one. Virtually all must come from a pool of 21,000,000 to 22,000,000 men in the 18-37 age brackets.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Week of Prayer is now in progress. Yesterday morning's trains were crowded to capacity with holiday-makers returning to duty or to resume college classes.

The days may be getting longer, but it must be borne in mind that half-past six is only half-past five standard time.

The sins of American war grafters are finding them out with a vengeance. Mr. Moses B. Sherr, lawyer, Manhattan has filed suit for more than \$6,000,000 against the Anaconda Wire and Cable Company, its general manager, and four employees of the company's Marion, Ind. plant as an aftermath of the Government suit brought against the company.

Henry Tracey Coxwell, English aeronaut, died this date, 1900; long before the South African War strove to impress upon the authorities the prominent part aeronautics would play in future warfare; demonstrated this by encouraging the production of balloons for meteorological and military purposes, and designed one of the first practical types of aeroplanes; his theories and advocacy fell on deaf official ears, but found reception in the editorial sanctum of the London Daily Mail, which forthwith offered a prize of \$50,000 to the first aeronautist who could safely cross the English Channel from England to France or vice-versa.

The story of the chemical industry's struggle to find a substitute for rubber for waterproofing to supply the armed forces with raincoats is told by Maria Francis writing in the current issue of the C.I.L. Oval. When rubber problem became acute, the production of an adequate supply of waterproof raincoats for the armed forces presented a very serious problem which has now been solved by chemists.

When the Russians captured some American-made motor cars being used by the Red Army, they were probably picked up by a few of the American automobiles confiscated from American citizens in Germany. After the United States entered the war, the Germans took over the cars of American living in the Reich. Being good cars, the staff officers got the pick.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Irving Berlin, who wished to write a sonnet about her Easter bonnet, is alleged to have written the new minuet. May be a limerick writer could do something with it.—Detroit News.

That African defeat of the Nazis settles a number of debates. For instance, German tanks have a faster getaway than the Italian variety.—Toronto Telegram.

Lloyd's of London is now housed in offices 50 feet underground. Yes, they're the underwriters.—Hamilton Spectator.

Lowering the mortality rate in young pigs is the greatest single step toward meeting the bacon production objective of 675,000,000 pounds set in the new British agreement. In fact, this may be the only assured means of achieving the goal. Too many young pigs are lost each year—almost invariably through ignorance rather than carelessness.

Particularly interesting is a recent statement made at Cardiff, Wales, by William Mabane, parliamentary secretary for the British Ministry of Food. He said: "In these days, it is the daily duty of every citizen to read the newspapers. In announcements are made on the radio but not important of them in the newspapers. To make sure the ministry buys space to make the announcement in its own advertisement. The rate of interest you may not hear it when the announcement is made. If you do hear it, you may not have time to make a note. But in the newspaper you have all the details and time to study at your leisure."—Sarnia Canadian Observer.

"Folks is queer; there ain't nothing so queer as folks," a well-known Ontario character of a couple of generations ago is credited with saying. The same folks who organize a government or set up a bureaucracy seem to be even queerer still. Take the case of the slight wartime houses and the collection of the same folks between Wartime Housing, Limited, and the City of Sault Ste. Marie.

Minnesota grew 208,593,000 bushels of corn this year—an all-time record by millions. Almost five million acres, 7,600 square miles—were planted to corn for grain alone, and this in addition to the corn used for silage. The corn crop is being processed into meat. Eighty percent of Minnesota corn is kept on the farm. Horses, sheep and poultry eat a fraction of it, but most of it goes to sleek swine and square-bodied cattle. A hundred pounds of pork, on the average, result from 450 pounds of corn; a hundred pounds of beef from 800 pounds of corn.—Minneapolis Star Journal.

Those 1300 Royal Canadian Air Force greatcoats will make warm garments for some Russians. The coats were surplus stock at Winnipeg. After being divested of all insignia, they were turned over to the Aid to Russia Fund. Eventually they will be used to keep some Russians warm. Our gallant allies in Russia need all the help we can give them. They need warm garments and food as well as fighting equipment and war materials. The stand the Russians have made against the Hun and the Jap in history is one of the remarkable, recent examples of all time. The Russian people are poor and ill clad compared to the people of Canada. Standards of living over there are not the same as we understand them to be in our own Dominion. Those greatcoats will be a welcome find for the Russian soldier who needs them. Let it be hoped it will not take too long to get them there.—Windsor Star.

Major-General H. Williams, the director of army education, has just announced that, during the coming winter, all soldiers will be given three hours' education each week, at the discretion of their commanding officers. The first hour will be devoted to educating the soldier as a citizen, and the third as an individual. Splendid work has already been done in this direction through the British Institute of Adult Education. Discussion of current affairs and important war topics now forms part of the training of the soldier. Every week commanding officers receive from the bureau from 4,000 to 5,000 words in the form of a broadsheet on the outstanding achievements of the servicemen or a resume for one or two periods each week during their training time to listen to the talks which are given by responsible officers, and the men are invited to ask questions and join in a general discussion on the particular subject. The scheme has, of course, been a great success. No longer is it true to say that "an army marches on its stomach" alone or that a soldier's duty is "but to eat and die." It has been well realized by the higher authorities that in other, soldiers must be trained to know why they are fighting and to take an intelligent interest in all subjects connected with the war.—By "The Londoner."

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A person may know how to write without knowing what he is talking about. We once read a magnificent written novel of an American author, who spoke of a cow's licking a man's hand with her soft padded tongue. That cow was born in the author's barn. A real cow has a tongue not much softer than sandpaper.—San Francisco Argonaut, 1-3-31.

Crete Story Retold

(Exchange) The British War Office has just issued a booklet which tells, as far as it can be told now, the story of the Expeditionary Force in Greece and Crete, from February to May, 1941. It is the story of a military disaster and an undeniably military defeat. But still it is a story which goes far to justify the expedition. It justifies the venture of all on grounds of far-reaching and perhaps incalculable policy.

If the expedition had not been attempted, it would have been said that the British had deserted their allies. On the moral side, which is more important in the long run of war than the material, perhaps the Allied cause, even if this cannot be proved, could never have survived the spiritual damage of such an indictment as that.

The British War Office says that the expedition was justified even on military grounds, it was a delaying operation, very valuable in the attack on Russia by a month, and Leningrad, it almost certainly prevented a German drive on the Balkans through Turkey. It set back the German timetable.

So, because we never know what might have been the consequences of the expedition, we can only speculate upon what would have been different in the sequel of the war if the British had not proved themselves so brave. But at least it begins to transpire that it was the lesser of two evils, and that history may vindicate it in its ultimate results.

Art thou a man, and shamst thou not to beg? To practice such a servile kind of life? Why were thy education ne'er so mean, Having thy limbs, a thousand fairer courses Offer themselves to thy election. Either the wars might still supply thy wants, Or service of some virtuous gentleman, Or honest labor; nay, what can I name But would become thee better than to beg? But men of thy condition feed on sloth. As doth the beetle on the dung she breeds in; Not caring how the metal of your mind is eaten with the rust of idleness. Now, after me, what'er he be, that should believe on the quality. While thou insist in this loose desperate course, I would esteem the sin not thine, but his. —Ben Jonson.

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