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

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The British Farm Front

Due to extreme necessity arising from the continued reduction of shipping space for bringing food supplies from abroad...

In spite of a shortage of farm labor, the farmers of Britain have steadily increased production.

The farmers there, like the fighting men, feel their responsibility and are doing their utmost.

German Morale Drops

News reaching the Allied world through Sweden and Turkey indicates a marked lowering of German morale because of the reverses in Russia...

"On my second visit," Col. Valencia says, "the public morale was much lower, but the greatest pains were being taken to prevent soldiers from learning of the true state of affairs in the rear."

Col. Valencia also says that the civilian population is becoming more restive under bombing.

Future Of Aviation

Lieut.-Colonel George A. Drew, Conservative Leader in the Ontario Legislature made a speech last week overflowing with optimism regarding Canada's future prospects for aviation.

The much-discussed program of Governor Stassen, of Minnesota, contains a special reference to the development of international aviation services by the United Nations...

EDITORIAL NOTES

Bermudans having now got autos legalized at next seeking women's suffrage. A bill is before the legislature and if it passes women will be enabled for the first time to record their votes at a general election this Spring.

Everybody is interested in rationing, and so everyone should take note how they are to obtain their new ration-book. Should they neglect to do so, it will be a case of "no tickle no shirtee."

In Ottawa politicians are speculating on a Federal election this year, after the re-distribution bill has been passed; while here speculation indicates a provincial election in May, together with an increase of old age pensions.

The cutting out of the sleeper car, and also the cars of big officials who may visit here, will provide accommodation on the car ferry for one or two additional much-needed freight cars.

This is going to be a busy season in connection with public institutions. The Red Cross leads the way with their maintenance campaign, the Boy Scouts throughout the world are to observe Baden-Powell Week from 21 to 27; while the War Savings Certificates and War Savings Stamps organization are making an extra special push to obtain patronage from the patriotic, war-minded citizens.

The German general staff has prepared "efficiently and carefully" for the possibility that Germany will lose the war, with the object of winning the peace, Mr. Eric L. F. Archdeacon of New York, consultant to the geopolitical section of the United States War Department General Staff, told the Canadian Club in Montreal.

Li Hun Chang, Chinese statesman born this date, 1823, and died in 1901, after one of the most outstanding careers in China's political life...

As we now rapidly advance socially and politically precedents are being created and records set at which posterity must marvel. Let us try to imagine what our ancestors would have thought had they been told their Member of Parliament was absent from the House because he was about to become a father!

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The startling fact is, says an Ottawa correspondent, that with a world-engulfing war raging and the civilian population being subjected to increasing restrictions on the top of a tidal wave of taxation and bond buying, there is either a shocking administrative neglect to more closely scrutinize and prune expense accounts, or a more alarming toleration of this practice than is good in the public interest.

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Notes By The Way

Old Doc Goebels has been micro-phonographing plugs for his own book, a little number called "The Ironclad Heart." The title seems to slight the author's lungs.

On the worrisome matter of the Axis submarine menace the Toronto Telegram aptly points out that the battle is now between the V sign of Victory and the U-sign of Defeat—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Maid in the local hotels report that in instance after instance they now find the Gideon Bible in hotel rooms out and about of their guests depart, whereas before the war, invariably they'd be untouched in a dresser drawer.

Mr. Morgenthau, secretary of the U. S. Treasury, says the United States "has not even begun to approach the tax burden of Canada."

A scientist says that "as late as the 18th century, it was generally believed that apparently causative deaths were due to spirits and ghosts."

In the scarcity of butter every ounce of meat now should be used. Many of today's men and women can testify to the good taste of bread dipped in hot gravy made from the meat which makes butter on the bread unnecessary.

In respect to corn syrup, the proper priority is observed by restricting it to civilian use and banning it for industrial processes. This is to take refuge elsewhere. There are no substitutes. The syrup has gained importance as an item of commerce in the sugar business.

The main line railways are having to contend with a new wartime difficulty — thefts of fittings in passenger carriages. In one North Midland area a new train was back in the repair shops after only three weeks' service with half of its window blinds and almost all of its fittings missing.

If you live in a residential section where your slumbers are not disturbed in the early morning, prepare yourself for the worst.

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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.

MONTAGUE CANNERIES AND PIGGERIES

Sir,— May those with their "ameyers" in good working order, praise the name of the first citizen who started getting in Montague when he voted his opinions through this paper, and condemned the erection of flat plants within Town limits.

The second gentleman, who seems to have the "poorer class" uppermost in his mind, although I doubt if he has apparently heard any "ameyers" at all or else he hasn't been around fish plants in the summer months.

Just another word to the Mayor and Council in closing, don't let them permit the erection of these commercial "smelleries" unless they are prepared to guarantee to the citizens that they will not smell.

Another closing word to the "Citizen and Tax Payer," the gentleman who has been so kind as to meet the gentleman who was against having the cannery built on the corner of the small, Well, I am not that much of a sniffer, but there are a few others of us left in this Town whom he ought to meet also.

ANOTHER CITIZEN.

The Poet's Corner

SERVICE MAN'S PRAYER

"The following was written by Sergeant Hugh Brodie, Royal Australian Airforce, one time Melbourne University student, now 'missing in action.'"

"Almighty and all present Power, Short is the prayer I make to Thee. I do not ask in battle hour, For any shield to cover me.

"The vast unlikable way, From which the stars do not depart, May be turned aside to stay The bullet flying to my heart."

"I ask no help to strike my foe, I seek no petty victory here, The enemy I hate, I know To Thee is also dear."

"But this I pray, be at my side, When death is drawing through the sky, Teach me the way that I should die."

Quoted in TIME of February 5, 1943.

Herodotus described the hempen garments worn by Thracians as equal to linen in fineness.



Mrs. Jennings proudly goes to school! Mrs. Jennings had been just managing to keep her family going. But things were looking brighter at last. Now with the children able to help with the housework, she had applied for the post of school teacher... and had been accepted.

War's requirements have increased immensely the work of banks and bank staffs. At the same time more than one-third of our experienced men have enlisted. Bank early. Pay small bills by cash. It helps.

THE CHARTERED BANKS OF CANADA

P. E. I. Car Ferry Service

(Sydney Post Record) The Charlottetown Board of Trade has become tired of waiting for a ship by Ottawa bound to replace the palatial ship "Charlottetown" sunk two years ago while en route to dry dock for repairs.

Interests would be sufficient to keep busy a much better car ferry service than the one at present in use.

First V. C.'s Prisoners

(W. L. Clark in the Windsor Star) The first Canadian to win the Victoria Cross in the last war was taken prisoner, just as the first Canadian to win the V. C. in this war was taken prisoner. Both were wounded before they were captured.

Men, Women Over 40 Feel Weak, Worn, Old?

Want Normal Pop, Vim, Vitality? Men, Women Over 40 Feel Weak, Worn, Old? The story of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles C. I. Merritt, who won his war medals in the South Saskatchewan Regiment, is well known.

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