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

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Colonel Ralston's Return

There will be general satisfaction over the news of the safe return to Canada of our distinguished Prince County representative, Defense Minister Ralston, from the Old Country, and also with the inspiring message he brings from our Canadian forces overseas.

Colonel Ralston's conferences overseas were in refreshing contrast to last week's ill-fated conference at Ottawa among our Dominion-Provincial political leaders.

It is heartening also to be assured that "newspaper dispatches and broadcasts from the other side cannot possibly convey the spirit and the courage and the unshakable determination of the people of the British Isles."

Summing It Up

Commenting on last week's Dominion-Provincial Conference the Sydney Post-Record (Independent) says:

The wide range of editorial opinion,—which is preponderantly against the Report,—affords conclusive proof that the Conference would have achieved no good purpose if it had sat at Ottawa all winter. The judgment of sensible people, in the circumstances, must be that its death came none too soon.

Legion's Educational Program

One of the most interesting and valuable of war publications is that issued monthly under authority of the Department of National Defense by the committee on education, Canadian Legion War Services, Incorporated, for free distribution to members of the services forces who are registered as students under the Legion's education plan for service men.

In the Old Country, some 4,000 members of the 1st and 2nd Canadian divisions have enrolled for studies under the Legion's program. Through the co-operation of General McNaughton it has been possible to offer courses in 100 different studies requested by the men.

to be making steady progress. If "The War In Review" is a fair sample of the literature used in the Legion courses, there is no doubt as to their educational value.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is an open market, we are told, in Egypt for furs, foodstuffs in general, particularly canned meat, canned fish, canned fruit and canned vegetables.

The increase of the United States export trade for the nine months ended Sept., 1940, over the corresponding period 1939, was 38.7 per cent, while imports showed a gain of 15.4 per cent.

The old family "bus" is going to help England in its effort to win the war. The Ministry of Supply has asked the owners of all old "jalopies" to offer them to the government so they can be scrapped into even more deadly weapons than they are now.

A Lockport, N.Y., teacher, who must surely have been bequeathed money, left a \$22,000 estate to promote "the cause of permanent peace among all nations."

The unkindest cut of all! "I can think of no greater comfort to the enemy than to find the Mackenzie King Government in office when he broke out still holding office at Ottawa."

H.R.H. Edward Augustus, Duke of Kent, father of Queen Victoria, died this date, 1820. So far as Canada is concerned he is remembered as commander of the forces at Halifax, and as having given his name to one of the principal business streets in Charlottetown.

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With the best intention, but quite unnecessarily, seemingly, Senator Hughes has raised a mild hubbub in Liberal circles by his intimation that he has probably written his last letter to the Press.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

England's supply of razor blades has been cut by Government order to twenty-five per cent of normal.

It is held that Russia is waiting to come into the war right at the last and then mop up. That, we understand, is what Mussolini was waiting to do, t.o. — Kansas City Star.

When Mussolini was as slippery as an eel, they used to pronounce it, "Eel Duce." Since Libya, it is "Til Duce." — Harrison in Windsor Star.

If the British don't stop taking prisoners in Libya, we'll soon be in almost as bad a mess as we were through having all the Italians in a strangle in the last war. — Ottawa Citizen.

If some of the boys who wear thick horn rimmed specs would leave the smashing of the atom alone for a while, take a little time from figuring the milky way is, and desert temporarily from trying to find a solution for perpetual motion this column would like to ask them a question: Is there any way to prevent motorists from eating holes in a pair of britches? — Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Much indignation has been expressed from time to time because British authorities felt it necessary to take into custody people who said they were studying for a Nazi diploma, and who made good their claims eventually. No doubt there were plenty of cases in which this was the case.

Labor in Great Britain is untidily behind the Government in the prosecution of the war. Strikes are practically unheard of these days.

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There is one greater word that even outweighs all the weight of money, that is honor. Money is only a means to an end, a medium of exchange, honor, is that great something, shining, illuminating, outstanding, like a pinnacle of light.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of public interest. The Editor reserves the right to edit and to refuse to print any article.

THE GREEK FUND

Sir,—I was very pleased to read the letters of Mr. Dennis and Mr. Callaghan ("Help The Brave Greeks") in the Press. Perhaps many of the good people of Prince Edward Island, did not know where to forward their contribution to the Greek Fund.

WELL DONE AMERICA

Sir,—Loud in our ears we hear like the shout of victory, that wonderful news from the great President of the United States: unstinted help for Great Britain; unreserved help for the nations who are fighting for the freedom of the human race for freedom.

There is still another word which is in the same category. Freedom. This kind of freedom, Great Britain is fighting for. This kind of freedom you know, that kind of freedom the nations who have been torn assunder and enslaved by a horrible, Hitlerized, mechanized, robot, are hoping to regain, praying for the help of Great Britain and the nations who assist her, hoping and not in vain for the day when their re-establishment as free peoples will be an actuality.

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job it is to know, in the United States, reluctantly, even a little sadly perhaps, but truthfully spoken, "Yes! even we are in danger." The more help we give Great Britain now the greater amount of security we are building up for ourselves.

In his first broadcast to the world at the beginning of this war, President Roosevelt voiced a strong appeal and a definite warning to the Axis partners, who since, have tried to usurp and wrest from other nations, constituted authority, leaving them in a state of abject slavery.

What do we find in him? A real bulwark of Democracy, which stands out like a great pyramid, or like a massive mountain in a giant plain, with its peak high towards the Heavens, so stands out the President amidst Democracy, with its entirety, embodies all the principles of fellowship and goodwill, and above all things, help for those in need.

A policy that is resounding with kindness and neighborly feeling, built on sound business principles, and based on a foundation of solidarity, firm as the rock of ages; permeated with that ray of hope shining brightly through the gloom that it will bring at last—peace to a world in chaos. Freedom for the oppressed and goodwill—liberty with security for all men.

Again it carries also a real warning to those Axis powers where their main objective seems to be suppression of all the freedom other peoples hold as their national and individual liberty—of all their most sacred and cherished rights; whilst at the same time it breathes help and hope to those nations who, once free, are now groaning under the yoke of the tyrants.



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Oh, I would gladly lay it by As cumbersome and ill to bear, But, Father, pity poverty— I have no other coat to wear.

—Marquerite Wilkinson.

Words weighed! weighed in the balance and not found wanting; a great decision made, which will affect not only the happiness and security, but the very freedom of the world's peoples; this in later years will be proven as the turning point, the crowning achievement of 1941.

SPEED ROAD REPAIRS

LONDON.—(CP)—The Minister of Transport, says highway damage by enemy action, is being repaired as speedily as possible and he is constantly exploring steps to expedite repairs.

DECLINED AWARD

AHLYING ISLAND, England.—(CP)—A fisherman and his son, who rescued a British aviator from the sea, returned the National Lifeboat reward money as a gift to the lifeboat service.

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