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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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British Agricultural Policy

A recent despatch from London outlines the sweeping powers which the British Government is exercising through local war agricultural committees to speed up farm production.

Britain's farmers and their helpers constitute about 7 per cent of the total population and normally furnish about 40 per cent of the foodstuffs consumed in the United Kingdom.

Just now the 361,000 farms in England and the 7,000 farms in Scotland are being inspected by the local War Agricultural Committee who classify them, as to the food production efforts, into three groups, known as A, B or C.

The farm which gets a rating of A may not be conspicuously successful in making money but it is rated A if every available acre is being utilized efficiently for food production.

Vast majority of farms is expected to fall into Class B, meaning that while they are producing more food than they did last year, nevertheless they could do still better.

But with the Class C farmer who is making no effort, the committee will use compulsion. If he is recalcitrant or incapable of getting the best out of his land, the committee may take over all or any part of his land.

Lack of capital is the farmer's biggest problem. His income is small. Of the 435,000 farms in England, Wales and Scotland, fewer than 10 per cent report annual incomes in excess of \$1,000.

In addition, this farmer with a gross income of \$1,000 or less is pretty heavily in debt. The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question in the Commons on July 2, declared that the London clearing banks in mid-February had lent to British farmers about \$150,000,000.

To offset his higher costs the farmer has been granted higher prices. A subsidy was collected by the Government from the millers who, in turn, collected it from the consumers of flour.

All Happened Before

Harold Lamb, author of "Genghis Khan" and many other historical works, says it all happened 700 years ago. History is repeating with Nazis instead of Mongols.

In 1240 the hordes of Genghis Khan were better armed and better trained than those they conquered. They had faster horses and more of them. They counted on suddenness plus power.

Their prewar study of the country to be attacked left nothing to chance. They knew where the enemy was likely to mobilize. The enemy was intimidated by demands and threats before the battle began.

treachery was most effective. They went on the theory that morality has no place in a total war and never kept a promise to a country which surrendered.

Lamb says that though propaganda was then unknown the Tartars methodically created disension in countries they wished to attack and attacked when it reached its hot point.

The Chinese Maginot Line could have stopped them but for the treachery of the commander of one small section. The invaders poured through that and attacked the defenders from behind.

EDITORIAL NOTES

So far, the Wednesday half-holiday makers have had perfect weather since Dominion Day.

Schools reopen next week, and parents are getting the necessities together to send the little ones all decked-up and spruce for the, to them, great occasion.

Early frost does not of itself indicate summer is ended; it may be, and usually is, a prelude to a long spell of delightful weather, bracing and sunshiny.

The first submarine cable was operated this date, 1850. A single copper wire covered with gutta-percha had been laid from Calais to Dover, and messages were, for the first time, interchanged between the two shores on August 28, but the cable failed the next day.

It should be borne in mind that Mr. McConnell, the generous publisher of the Montreal Star who has handed \$1,000,000 to the British Government with which to buy airplanes, did not make his money out of the newspaper business.

Information obtained through the fifty questions the average person answered at registration will be tabulated by a force of 600 statisticians assembled in Ottawa by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Silver fox ranchers who feed their foxes a diet containing 10 per cent or more fish are inviting serious trouble, it is shown by a report of investigations conducted by Professor R. G. Green of the University of Minnesota and C. A. Evans of the United States Biological Survey.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

We have in mind at the moment the wines and liquors for whose supply this country has been dependent on the nations now engulfed in the Nazi wave or fighting in its aftermath.

One effect of the German invasion and occupation of the Low Countries has been to give Canada a virtual monopoly of the production of radium through the refining at Port Hope of the pitchblende-bearing ores mined in the Northwest Territories.

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Mr. Churchill's Right Bower

(Globe and Mail) It is seldom that a British Prime Minister pays special tribute to the work of a Cabinet colleague in an address to the House of Commons.

An Empire victory depends upon joining to mastery of the sea an undisputed mastery of the air. We could have been sure of gaining that mastery in time, had time been allowed us. But it is part of the German theory of war to press home an advantage with all speed, sparing nothing.

Lord Beaverbrook is the right man in the right job. He has been envied, and because he has been envied he has been mercilessly criticized in the course of a meteoric career during which he amassed money and won power and influence of the highest order.

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War Prisons Unsatisfactory

(Globe and Mail) A trial performance of the Comedy of Errors has been presented by the Department of National Defense for the entertainment of the people of Ontario.

The Minister of National Defense made a partial admission of culpability when he announced that the future there would be more police work and less sentry-go in prison camps. But how can we explain, except in terms of laxity among prisoners, the fact that some hours elapsed before the Provincial Police were notified of the prisoner's escape.

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ffrench's Vermicide Capsules No. 1 (Oval) For Foxes From 3 Months Upwards. Worms are the greatest menace with which the fox rancher has to contend. Dr. ffrench's Vermicide Capsule is the logical treatment for this pest.

"Casey At The Bat" MINE SUPERINTENDENT DIES (Ottawa Journal) California is Ernest L. Thayer, the man who wrote "Casey at the Bat." Today's generation perhaps never heard the poem, probably wouldn't like it or understand it, yet it must call up nostalgic memories for millions who before and after the turn of this century knew every line of it by heart.

CHICAGO, Aug. 26 (AP)—A federal court today ordered Capone to pay \$201,347 to the United States Government. A summary judgment for that amount, representing unpaid taxes on the former booze baron's \$22.23 income, plus interests and penalties, was approved by Judge John P. Barnes.

CHUNGKING, Aug. 25 (AP)—The United States Embassy announced tonight that the American Red Cross had donated \$100,000 for relief of air raid victims in this Chinese hospital. The funds will be used to provide shelter for thousands whose homes were destroyed by repeated Japanese bombing attacks last week.

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