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

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The Retreat From Flanders

It is cheering to note that notwithstanding the terrific bombing to which the Allied troops were subjected in retreating from Flanders, loss of life has been comparatively small.

Politically it was of the utmost importance to Germany to turn the Allied retreat into a rout. This is the reason for the reckless fury with which the enemy has been attacking, regardless of the casualties on their own side.

Whether Germany will decide to strike first at Paris or at the British Isles remains to be seen. In either case, the Allies are prepared.

Everyone Can Help

Launching of the war certificate savings plan by the Dominion Government was quickened by the sudden fury of the German attacks on Holland, Belgium and France.

Support for these certificates is within the financial means of small salaried citizens, housewives, boys and girls. It is hoped that students will develop the habit of saving and will invest their money in stamps and certificates for seven and a half years, at the end of which time it may be of better use to them than at the present time.

A Solemn Warning

Nothing could better demonstrate the remoteness of Liberal party politicians from the vital issues facing Canada today than the statement first made in Parliament and now echoed in the local Liberal press.

"There is," says the Gazette, "a growing demand among Canadian citizens for a change of leadership at Ottawa, a change that will give the Dominion the confidence that is now lacking, a change that will assure them that however broad and intensive the war effort of the people may be there will be no bottleneck restriction of it at the top."

The Gazette warns Mr. King against "the misapprehension that the victory of his government on March 26 was a vote of confidence."

was nothing of the kind." Nor can it agree with the Prime Minister that his administration is "national." "No party government," it says, "can be a national government in the sense of being wholly representative, and a war government should be wholly representative."

Canada, the Gazette concludes, "cannot make war successfully under a Government the majority of whose members are inspired by nothing higher than an appetite for office. The fact that the present Administration is so overwhelmingly political and partisan is unfair in the first place to the ministerial minority which does have service as it watchword. It is unfair to the whole body of citizens who are being called upon to stop at no sacrifice in order that the war may be won."

Why The Hold-Up?

What is the reason for the hold-up in completing the Prince Nova for service on the Wood Islands-Caribou route, and the substitution of the Hochelaga again this summer between Charlottetown and Pictou? There has been no satisfactory explanation of this change in plans, which apparently was put through at Ottawa while our Queens' County representatives were taking a nap.

EDITORIAL NOTES

John Masefield born this date, 1878. "God makes the end of life a rest for broken things too broke to mend."

Six months ago few, if any, would have dreamed of Britain not even having a wall to back against. Yet that is the situation today with tanks and bombers taking fore and aft.

The satisfactory work achieved by the students of Prince of Wales College during the past troubled year is a matter of gratification to all interested in education in this Province.

Hon. Senator Dandurand came to the defence of Prime Minister King in a carefully prepared typewritten statement which he read to his fellow Senators. Similarly in the House of Commons the honorables Power and Gardiner sprang to the defence of their leader and why shouldn't they?

The selection of the Hon. Charles Ralston, as Prime Minister would be popular with everybody except one or two has-beens, such as have been handpicked by Mr. King to come to his defence. He may or may not recognize the fact but Mr. King is done, and he must be succeeded by some one like Mr. Ralston who is no pacifist but an aggressive go-getter.

Three Nevilles have stepped into prominence in present conflict and they are all now exs. There is Mr. Neville Chamberlain, ex-Prime Minister; Sir Neville Henderson, ex-Ambassador to Germany, and Sir Neville Bland, ex-Ambassador to Holland. All speak with one voice of "that beast" Hitler who has regard for neither God nor man, not to mention helpless woman and children.

It appears the German terms of capitulation of the Belgian army were as follows: 1. All Belgian troop movements strictly forbidden. 2. All Belgian troops to assemble along roadsides. 3. Belgian troops to carry white posters to signify their identity. 4. Belgians prohibited from destroying any armaments or military supplies. 5. German troops to be permitted to pass through Belgian lines. The order of capitulation was said to have been signed by Deputy Chief of Staff General Des Rousseaux, but not by Commander-in-Chief, General Michiels.

Standards for admission to the Canadian Active Service Force have been considerably relaxed. New regulations will admit many men wearing glasses to the artillery, infantry and other arms. As far as eyes are concerned anyone may now be admitted short of having lost one eye. Prior to this change in regulations, some men wearing glasses were not considered eligible for combat units and were accepted in some cases for semi-combat units, such as the army

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Both in our home and in our foreign policy, we were living in a dream," said the German Chancellor, said to me in 1938. "A lie. A student, pushing, showing spirit had been produced in our people. They really were a mass of courage and heroism."

Two million steel air-raid shelters with accommodation for twelve million people have been delivered by the railways to date. The transport of these shelters has been almost entirely undertaken by the railways. Some 600,000 tons of material were transported in the various sizes, and in addition channels, tees, angles and accessories such as bolts and nuts were shipped from Glasgow.

Canadian railways, seeking ways and means to compete with auto traffic, would do well to consider a plan which is being put into effect by the American railroads. The roads announce that they will sell tickets on credit, allowing travellers to purchase their transportation on a monthly instalment basis.

Kaiser Wilhelm, who really had the ships, could have told the expeditionary force who has been sending Germans to their doom at sea that the British navy would be pushed around. Napoleon, a dictator who fought his own battles, and who crushed all armies, including those of Prussia, found out the same thing more than a century ago. The odds are better than ever right now that whatever the developments on land and in the air, the British navy will win the situation at the end. — Los Angeles Times.

It is difficult to fathom or come to grips with the mentality which today will not recognize the flag of our country, or utter a prayer in song through the vehicle to the sacred hymns of our country, and guidance of our Monarch. Possibly they consider they are martyrs in the cause of righteousness, but they are not. They are misguided people who are willing to pass on to others the serious business of protecting the roof over their heads and guaranteeing to them the right to worship as they please. — Petrobrouk Examiner.

The Royal Commission makes no claim that it has discovered the only basis upon which the financial relations of the provinces with the Dominion can be re-established. It can, however, claim that its report shows a way to a full consideration unless some better basic theory can be devised on equally adequate data. Rejection of the report would mean the responsibility of those concerned the production of an alternative plan of a more rational or more feasible nature. — Winnipeg Free Press.

The outlook for Germany in southeastern Europe is unquestionably more favorable than it was before the retreat of the British. Some of these states are prepared to assist any other and the likelihood of their defending themselves depends to an amazing degree upon the attitude of their continental neighbors. The Allies will eventually win the war. Until a fortnight ago that confidence was strong in all southern Europe, where the German and Hungarian people the obvious influence of the German influence and the great immediate fear of Germany. — N. Y. Her in Tribune.

The British mission to Tibet, we are told, presented various offerings to the Lamas. Amongst these was a dog, a cat, a duck and a hen. The Lamas were very pleased. This was the first time that many people who have set their eyes on the world have seen a dog, a cat, a duck and a hen. They will be now to think of him in his hours of ease, and the nature of the offerings shows a just appreciation of the fact that, however tremendous his destiny, he is a little boy after all, with a boy's appetites and aptitudes. — London Times.

It seems there was a big stir in the Saskatchewan area 35 years ago now just about the day. It had to do with an automobile, or, as vehicles of the sort may have been known then, "horseless carriage." A reminder of this stir comes in this item, under "35 years ago, 1905," in the "Glanzing Backward" column on page 10 of the "Moose" this week. "An auto party," it is cited: "An auto party in the law for Saskatchewan. The machine created considerable curiosity on the road as it went through many places which had never seen such a thing before. In one day the party traveled 106 miles." — Regina Leader-Post.

Pedestrians have rights on the streets and roadways, but when they fail to exercise caution and discretion, thereby seriously injuring themselves, they are not entitled to damages in the view of the Superior Court of the Province of Quebec. One Justice Green's shields dismissed with costs the action of a plaintiff who displayed gross carelessness in running into a motor car on the street. He was walking in the same direction as the oncoming car when, without looking, he attempted to dash across the road to board a street car. He entered a suit for \$3,500 for damages.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of current events. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of contributors.

ALL MUST SACRIFICE

Sir—Write me down as being 100 per cent behind the Rooseveltian desire to see "no crop of millionaires" emerge from today's tragedy in Europe.

This afternoon I had a talk with a soldier friend on Ypres St. We were together in France in far-off years, so we are getting the full meaning of these still grimmer struggles. I got him to cut his weekly "beer" ration by 10 per cent. "For the duration," whereupon he countered by inquiring: "What did wheat do to-day?" It amused him that I am out of the market a lot "for the duration." Beer and "margins" are poor substitutes for the rich, red wine of Ypres.

"VETERAN"

Toronto, May 29.

Narvik

(Halifax Chronicle) First reaction of many people to reports that Narvik was in British hands amounted to "So what?" Events of such dreadful significance was taking place in France and Belgium that the capture of a remote seaport within the Arctic circle seemed of little moment. Many found it difficult to enthuse about Narvik while hundreds of thousands of British and French troops were fighting desperately in a "pocket" of Flanders.

First reactions, however, are less trustworthy than those which follow some reflection. The capture of Narvik is of considerable importance, partly immediate and partly deferred. One established within Narvik, the British should be able to hold Narvik and block the sea route for German transports. When a proper base is developed at the port, Germany should have little chance of sending an attacking force from the arctic and Narvik affords a base from which British planes can strike at German positions in Southern Norway. It is another point from which the British can harry the German invaders.

More than that, Narvik remains the principal port for Germany's ore shipments during the winter season. Swedish ore will move to Germany during the summer months through the Gulf of Bothnia. But when the winter freezes the Gulf, Germany's difficulties will increase. And possession of Narvik means that the British can prevent Germany's efforts to obtain Swedish ore by the usual and easiest method.

Lastly, the positive aspect of capturing a German-held centre is in refreshing contrast to the dismal news that has come so consistently since Herr Hitler's army began its march through the Netherlands, Belgium and France.

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Lindbergh's Ocean

(Christian Science Monitor) Col. Charles A. Lindbergh seems to think the Atlantic Ocean is wider than when he flew across it in 1927. He believes, according to his broadcast Sunday night, that "if we (in America) desire peace, we need only stop asking for war."

WOULD MAKE SHORT WORK OF PARACHUTERS

TORONTO, May 31 —(CP)—If and when invading parachute troops descend on this country, the advice of Raymond Chesney, Canadian parachute jumping champion, is to shoot the man, not the chute.

\$145,000 VOTED FOR CADET TRAINING

OTTAWA, May 31 —(CP)—Canada will spend \$145,000 for cadet training in present fiscal year according to a return tabled in the House of Commons today by Defence Minister Rogers in reply to a question from T. L. Church (Con. Toronto—Broadview).

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NORTH CAPE

WHERE ACCIDENTS HAPPEN
Six out of ten traffic killings happen in rural traffic. Six out of ten traffic accidents happen in cities, towns and villages. Most urban accidents happen at street intersections and hills. 6% of accidents and 8% of killings happen at curves. But 21% of accidents and 36% of all killings happen ON THE STRAIGHT ROAD. Three out of every four drivers who get into accidents, either kill or hurt someone.

For Vitality always use BRAHMIN ORANGE PEKOE TEA

Impounding for Auto Tax
The City Police have received instructions to impound motor vehicles of all citizens in arrears as at January 15th, 1940, for Personal Property tax wholly or partly assessed on motor vehicles. This action is taken under Civic By-law passed by authority of statute of the Provincial Legislature 4 Geo. VI, Cap. 68, and will be proceeded with without further notice.

NOTICE
TO CREAMERY MANAGERS AND BUTTER MAKERS
You are urgently requested to attend a meeting in the Dairy Room of the Agriculture Hall, Charlottetown, Wednesday evening, June 5, 7.30 p. m., standard time.

How Are Your Eyes?
If you are having symptoms of strain—headaches, sore eyes or dizziness—consult a specialist. At your service with years of experience and a thorough refracting service. Call in and discuss your difficulties. G. F. Hutcheson

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