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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.

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Mr. King's Attitude

The question of conscription for service overseas has been discussed on its merits in both Liberal and Opposition newspapers, as well as on the floor of the House of Commons.

His reasons have nothing to do with realities of the war situation, or with Britain's need for manpower in the event of an invasion.

The last general election took place in March, 1940—twenty months ago. Since then, Hitler has overrun all of continental Europe and the war situation has changed completely.

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Scottish Agriculture In Wartime

Recently the Secretary of State for Scotland briefly reviewed the progress which has been made since the outbreak of war in increasing the production of food and so releasing tonnage for the conveyance to Britain of vital war materials.

In addition the Department of Agriculture is endeavouring to raise more cattle and sheep on the hills by means of a subsidy for certain classes of breeding cattle and by putting more sheep in the deer forests.

A Dangerous Precedent

The official report of the Debates of the Senate for Monday, Nov. 3 contains the text of the broadcast by the Prime Minister on the Government's price-control policy given Oct. 18 and that of the broadcast by the minister of Labor on Oct. 24.

No one will deny that members of the Senate, and also of the House of Commons, should have the text of Government pronouncements in convenient form. But, complains the Globe and Mail, a public broadcast by the head of the Government or one of his colleagues is not part of a Parliamentary debate.

testing against the method adopted by the Government to make its policy known. As Senator Haig said, the measure was announced only two or three days before Parliament was due to convene, and it could have been introduced in the other House. It would then have been on the House of Commons Hansard in convenient form for study.

One Think Wanted

Dissatisfaction with the kind of leadership the King Government is giving has found vent in speeches from many quarters since the parliamentary session resumed. None was more to the point than that given by Mr. Homuth, Conservative member for Waterloo South.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Speeders beware—the police at last are on your track.

This week 4,000 pairs of skis were despatched from Montreal by Canadian National Express per the Maritime Express for transhipment overseas.

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Cardinal Villeneuve has banned Social Credit in Quebec. "The whole world knows what love the Church has for the people, particularly for the workers," he says in a letter to the clergy. I believe that I have given proof of my solicitude in this regard. That is why I see myself obliged to not appear to cover with the cloak of religion those who would conduct the people on adventures.

"We have passed through the darkest and most perilous period . . . are once more masters of our own destiny." This message of cheer comes from Prime Minister Winston Churchill. It comes on the heels of the confident statement of Commissar Joseph Stalin, Russian leader. Mr. Churchill pays tribute to Russia—and to the United States. His words are full of cheer, but they must not be misinterpreted. They will not justify complacency. He says "We are moving forward—looking forward—however long the road."

R. L. Stevenson, novelist, essayist and poet, born this date, 1850; popularly known by his initials "R. L. S."; son of an engineer, and grandson of Robert Stevenson the famous lighthouse engineer, he travelled extensively seeking health having been tubercular from childhood; settled finally in Samoa where he died at the age of forty-four. As a novelist he combined finished style with powerful imagination and remarkable narrative faculty; his essays and poems display originality of thought and charm of style. His more popular novels are "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," "Kidnapped," "Prince Otto," "Black Arrow," "Treasure Island" and "Master of Ballantrae"; of belles-lettres his principal are "An Inland Voyage," "Travels with a Donkey," "Virginibus Puerisque," "Men and Books"; and his poems, "A Child's Garden of Verse."

"The drums of war, the drums of peace, Roll through our cities without cease, And all the iron halls of life Ring with the unremitting strife."

Writing in the Montreal Gazette on his recent experiences in Russia, Mr. Ralph Ingersoll of P.M. says inter alia: "I saw only one war demonstration in Moscow. That was when a restaurant full of Russians rose to cheer a table of Poles when the string orchestra played their national anthem. They had been released from prison camps but a week before. The Russians had armed them and they were going out side by side to fight their common enemy—the Nazi. The room was filled with Russian soldiers and they shouted for many minutes. I was in Moscow when the first personal exhortation to the citizens of Leningrad was published in Pravda, calling on them to defend their city block by block. The Germans were more than 100 miles away from Moscow then, but I do not think that anything that has happened thereafter has surprised the Russians. The first three months of the war taught them that their strength lay in holding their armies together, retreating intact, taking a steady toll of casualties. The capture of Moscow would be a terrible thing, but the threat to the south is more important. More important—and harder to stop. There are no protecting woods for cover there. Nor does winter come so soon or so violently. I spent three weeks in Moscow. There was no shortage of food, guns or ammunition. They were then outnumbered only in tanks and planes."

NOTE BY THE WAY

Mr. de Valera stated recently that between May 1 and August 31, 15,683 men had left Eire to take up employment in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. They included harvest workers.—London Times.

The occasion was a lunch at which a selected party of workers was dining the good things. One late-comer, needed for last-minute adjustments to machinery, arrived when his table companions were at the chicken. He was approached by the wine-waiter with "Will you have some sauterne?" "Saut herrin" was the indignant retort, and then gettin' chicken? — Glasgow Herald.

War brings many discomforts. Biggers in camp on the Canadian side of the Niagara River blow on daylight saving time, which arouses the men in Niagara camps (on standard time), across the river an hour earlier than they are. "This is what might be described as a musical 'border incident'." — Toronto Globe and Mail.

If a talent for dissimulation is a gift, then some labor leaders are richly endowed. Exemplifying this are the words of Norman S. Dowd, executive secretary of the Canadian Congress of Labor. This man has persistently attempted to convince the Canadian public that there is no C.I.O. in Canada, undoubtedly because the very name C.I.O. has become malodorously obnoxious.—Northern Miner.

If we had started about 40 years ago planting trees to replace some of those taken out by our pioneer ancestors—well, conditions in south-western Ontario could be far better today than they are. There would not be for one thing anything like the wind damage because the wind would not get much of a chance; the trees would be there to break its force. Wire gangs would not have to turn out; roofs would stay in place; firemen would not be called to market their apples instead of having to make cider of some and feed the rest to hogs. — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

The following items from Hitler's Europe reach me. In France canaries and parrots, etc., are no longer in demand, because grain is unobtainable. Though ersatz bird-food is sold on the old market, the birds do not eat it. In Paris-Soir, which proceeds to comment: "Human beings are more reasonable; they know that the new corned-beef would be made of especially prepared seal's meat, a superior to genuine corned beef, which is no longer imported." In this article a large advertisement for the regular use of a digestive powder. The Nazi press trumpets the arrival of large supplies of lined paper to be used for the purpose of wrapping to consume them immediately because the packing does not long preserve the content, and discharging to health might be caused if they stored it. In a French broadcast from London it was stated that the Nazis have put up a Hitler bust on the Continent. The bust is a bust of a bust, which is being used as a meeting hall for Hitler. Youth. The Danish Nazis, piper, Nationalistic, the request for the immediate consideration of radio, press cards, which give the wave-lengths and times of London broadcasts in the Danish language, in order to put stop to the habit of listening to "blitz" and the cruel persistence of tropic rains. If they run true to form they will not stop until the winter deep under the ice and that harden in the icy cold and do not melt until Spring. These bunkers and barracks of snow certainly fortify the defenses in Moscow, and to that extent justify the Nazi guarded optimism that crept into recent dispatches from Russia and was reflected in British hopes that the winter would be a long one. But we know now that neither General Mud nor General Winter can be counted on to stop the Germans. Take well-halted only by a complete breakdown of the lengthening service of supplies or by the impact of forces more crushing than their own. This summer fact lends emphasis to Lord Moyne's explanation on recently in the House of Lords of the British failure to open a second front in the west. The Germans are engaged in the east. Popular clamor for offensive action has reached a point in England where the Government feels obliged to reply to the demand for an invasion of the Continent. Lord Moyne said bluntly that it would be madness to attempt a landing in Europe while the island itself is in danger and the shipping and equipment available are not yet sufficient to insure its success. He pointed out that it took six months to transport the original B.E.F. to France. — New York Times.

The Germans have much to avenge, after the terrible battering the R.A.F. has given them and the Germans are a revengeful people. Long, dark nights will give their best opportunity once matters of assaulting our cities with fire and high explosive. Fortunately our leaders are awake. Mr. Morrison's new compulsory fire-visibility measure is a bold and necessary stroke. It will ensure that our A.R.P. services are fully manned for the ordeals they will surely have to face. It will be successful as all our civil defence will be successful, if it commands the full and whole-hearted co-operation of every citizen. — Sunday Chronicle (London).

Fritz Thyssen, greatest of German industrialists before the war, has written an account of his experiences with Hitler and the Nazi system. He came to the conclusion that Hitler was a smart man. So he was, but not the way Thyssen and his co-conspirators believed. Fritz financed Hitler because he thought the Nazis could make Germany independent of Russia and other countries of raw materials. Hitler's premises led the industrialists to feel he could make them and Germany the dominant people in the

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR

"I beg you all, not for a week, not for a day, not for an hour to relax but make superman efforts to surpass if possible what you already have done." — Mrs. Winston Churchill.

"Per Ardua ad Astra"

How did the air force get its motto? One would expect, from the importance of the service today, that courts of heraldry made the fateful choice and privy counsellors ratified it. In the London Times last month there appeared a letter from a clergyman, Rev. John I. Watson, asking how the motto came to be chosen. A correspondence has followed which is astonishing in its detail—that the motto was chosen in a most haphazard way. Frederick H. Sykes writes that when he was raising the military wing of the flying corps in 1912, one of the difficulties was that all his officers and men were in different uniforms or in civilian dress. At his suggestion a distinctive uniform was authorized. A badge was now needed and Sykes and Brigadier-General David Henderson of the War Office, together sketched one upon a war office blotting pad. The badge so sketched is the badge the air force wears today.

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Nazi agents are planting their lies all over North and South America. There are lots of them sowing the seeds of discord and suspicion right here in Canada.

There are quiet wise looking guys who throw out the suggestion that gasoline saving is not necessary; that it's a frame-up. It's whose interest is it to make Canadians suspicious and keep them from saving gas when Britain asks us to help her by doing so? And how could German agents in Canada serve Hitler better than, by casting suspicion upon the gasoline saving campaign?

The same quiet wise looking guys who sit in their lounges, beer parlours, train smoking-rooms, say that War Savings Certificates are good—that you'll never get your money back. They say better put your money into strike funds and let Mike and Joe, or some other strong arm get a real cut for you.

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Ethiopia

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tion of its administrative institutions under the Emperor is being carried out as rapidly as possible. The virtual system of dual control is to be ended by the conclusion of an agreement between Selassie and the British Government, under which the sovereignty of the former will be clearly recognized, while the influence of Great Britain will be assured, and guarantees of order and good government furnished, as essential conditions of the Emperor's restoration. As soon as this agreement has been signed, the British writer says, the Deputy Chief Political Officers for Ethiopia will assume the title of British Agent, while his staff of experts on finance, trade, justice and other public services will rank as advisers to the Ethiopian Government in their respective spheres.

Haile Selassie has already given orders that Italian civilians be displaced by Ethiopians, Greeks, Armenians or Indians, wherever possible in the public and mercantile services of Addis Ababa and other Ethiopian centres. In point of fact a process of evacuation similar to Mussolini's own pattern has already begun in the Ethiopian capital itself. There are said to be upwards of 40,000 Italians throughout the whole of Ethiopia, not counting prisoners of war. Virtually all of these are to be removed, Haile Selassie has announced, as soon as their evacuation can be arranged.

Ethiopia is still destined for an important role before the war ends. Its situation is one of high strategic value in the struggle between the Axis powers and Great Britain. The British Empire in Africa, Haile Selassie's Kingdom may also supply troops, adapted to Africa warfare, who will relieve the British of the necessity of carrying the country, once its administration has been established on a stable basis. Ethiopia's

native population now exceeds 10,000,000; it possesses many of the raw materials required for army supplies and war industries, and its people have, in the past 6 years, learned enough about Fascist methods to remember and hate them bitterly. The wresting of Ethiopia from Italian domination has been the most valuable success the British have achieved in the African campaign.

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