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Faulty Comparisons

Lots of amateur strategists are contrasting the speed of the Russian offensive in the east with the slow progress of ours in the west.

The Russians, by the very extent of their front, have ample manoeuvre room, and can compel the Germans to thin out their defences.

The terrain over which the Red Armies are now straggling is ideal for such operations. Neither in Normandy nor Italy have we an easy country to fight through.

Clergymen In Politics

Discussing the retirement of an Anglican clergyman from the New Brunswick provincial election contest at the behest of his Bishop, who has taken the stand the clergyman of his diocese cannot become candidates for political office.

"A grave principle is involved here. The Bishop appears to be taking the attitude that there is something shameful or degrading about politics. There should not be, in fact, it is the business of Government, and thus should be a most honorable calling.

The Moncton Transcript, in a more informed judgment, suggests that the Ontario paper has misinterpreted the Bishop entirely. There was nothing in his statement to indicate a belief that political activity is incompatible with Christianity.

Accidents On The Farm

According to an exchange, the ratio of preventable accidents in agriculture is higher than in any other industry. Many hundreds of farmers, members of their families and workers on farms are killed and many thousands injured every year in Canada as the result of accidents, most of which could have been prevented.

With the farm labor shortage just now so acute and when all our production of food is so essential to the war effort, the accident toll is particularly serious.

A survey has disclosed that machinery is the chief source of farm work accidents; that live stock runs a close second and that falls are in third place. The wise farmer is he who learning the cause of accidents on his farm takes steps to eliminate such causes and all possible hazards.

Australian Referendum

Australia, a Federal union like Canada, is grappling now with the same conflict between Federal and State authority which has long been under way in Canada. Where Canada has sought to end this conflict by some such formula as the Rowell-Sirois Report, Australia is in the process of asking the electors to vote directly on changes in its constitution.

Power is sought to effect the repatriation of servicemen and to deal with employment and unemployment; organized marketing of commodities; companies, through a uniform company law, trusts, combines and monopolies; profiteering and prices; production and distribution of goods; overseas exchange; investment and borrowing; air transport, uniformity of railway gauges, family allowances and the welfare of the Australian aborigines.

The Commonwealth Government by this referendum is appealing to the people for powers which a majority of the states have already refused to surrender. Its case is that to avoid widespread unemployment, inflation and profiteering after the war — in short the complete collapse of the national economy — national planning is essential and that this involves a continuance of wartime controls.

The Government has appended three constitutional guarantees: first, forbidding laws abridging freedom of speech and expression; second, guaranteeing freedom of religion under state laws as presently under Commonwealth law; third, ensuring that regulations promulgated under Commonwealth law shall be submitted to the scrutiny of parliament.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The beginning of the month of Old Home Week.

Still no definite word of who is to be the new Senator and the new Lieutenant-Governor.

It looks like an early election all right, with all these "hand-outs" in prospect for the expectant electorate.

Hope the repaired Car Ferry will be ready for the middle of the month, and that subsidiary provision has also been arranged for.

Patriarchal Incumbent Alexei has presented his summer residence with all its furnishings for the use of orphaned children of Red Army men. The large two-story house stands in a fine park in a picturesque Leningrad suburb.

The Battle of the Nile this date 1798; between the British and the French fleets in the Bay of Aboukir; hearing of the French appearance at Malta, Nelson rightly judged Egypt to be their secret destination but, arriving at Alexandria before the French fleet, supposed he had made an error, and sailed away; he returned to find the French in possession, but surrounded them in Aboukir Bay at the mouth of the Nile and destroyed the whole fleet.

That Prime Minister Churchill does not easily forget or forgive is illustrated in his relations with the City of Dundee which he represented in Parliament from 1908 to 1922. In that year it turned him down for a Prohibition Independent, and he was elected two years later by the Epping Division of Essex. Recently Dundee sought to confer upon the Prime Minister the freedom of their city, an honour he graciously declined to accept.

The Pontiff in Rome is kept busy these days with Allied visitors. Every day there have been between 2,000 and 5,000 in his audience. He greets them either in the Hall of the Throne or in the Hall of Benediction which is the largest in the Vatican. The supply of rosaries long since gave out and so did medals with the Pope's profile. Now the Papal chamberlain distributes small leaflets with Pius' picture. Many soldiers take their own rosaries to be blessed. Much favorable comment has been aroused by the generosity of the troops in giving alms. During last Sunday's services at St. Peter's for instance, about 100,000 lire was collected which is something never known before.

Four years ago, when Britain was faced with the might of the Luftwaffe, and the most urgent measures to meet it seemed prudent, Britain's leaders calmly sat down and planned a scheme for building a massive air armada which could not begin to produce results under a year. Thus began the Empire Air Training Scheme, which has poured out many thousands of highly skilled pilots, observers, wireless air-gunners, and air-gunners, and which has so far cost Australia \$515,000,000. To mark the fourth anniversary of the beginning of the scheme, Mr. Drakeford, Air Minister, gave a striking survey of the achievements of the Australian airmen it has produced. He revealed that more than 18,000 trained Australian aircrew personnel were serving in the United Kingdom, Italy, the Middle East, India and Burma. Others were in training in Canada.

Excitement is rising in the Quebec election, putting the contests in Alberta and New Brunswick in the shade. To us here it is difficult to identify or understand the points of view of the various elements in the ferment, but one thing all are agreed upon with one exception—Premier King is another man, and Premier Godbout is his prophet. Most amusing from our standpoint is the charge that the Prime Minister is an Imperialist. It is only exceeded by Mr. Saurive, Bloc Populaire candidate for Maisonneuve who had little to say of his opponents except that the Communist standard bearer "figures Quebec, after the past 40 years, is ripe for the policies he advocates," and the C. C. F. candidate whose leader, Mr. Coldwell, "is more of a bloke than King, more Imperialist than Borden, Meighen and Bracken."

Alberta politicians are living up to their reputations of four-flushers, offering an earthly Paradise for nothing but a vote. It will be recalled the Social Creditors put the bulge on the Liberals by offering \$35 per month for life to all citizens to be realized from the institution of their new economic theories of making 100 bushels of wheat grow where none grew before or some such miracle. Now the C. C. F.'s in competition with the Social Creditors, go one better. A large advertisement carries the picture of a healthy-looking baby boy. "It's a Boy," reads the caption. "What chance has he now? Canada's maternal death rate highest of 22 leading countries. Give him a chance under the C. C. F. Social Medicine means free medicine. No doctor's bill to pay. No hospital bill to pay. No medicine bill to pay. No surgery bill to pay. No dental bill to pay. The C. C. F. program calls for training young doctors and dentists at special expense — building rural hospitals — specialists available for everyone, regardless of income — preventive medicine."

Notes By The Way

The Advance has frequently asked that the names of pupils in school promotion lists should not be made up with surnames first and the Christian name following. The incongruity of this Chinese method is shown by three following lines from one school report, these lines reading: "Kiss Nancy, snoot Dorothy, Orr Mary." — Timmins Advance.

Crimes in London, since the beginning of the invasion, has reached a new low level. Not one major crime, and only a few small cases have been reported in the Metropolitan Police District during the first sixteen days after June 5. It is interesting to note that important news has been consistently followed by a big drop in crime, particularly in the Metropolitan Area. — Amherst News.

The possibility that the entire strategy of the "invasion front" might be revealed through the apparently innocent confessions of a frustrated "pen pal" has been circumvented by a new pre-invasion ruling in Great Britain. American soldiers, who can no longer correspond with their loved ones, are now required to write their letters in the form of a newspaper article. Chain of immature minds, the labor of a strict censorship of Europe. But we are all in the same boat. In fact, it might find a place in the peace conference agenda as a permanent policy. — Victoria Times.

The Associated Press reveals that Dr. Douglas G. Campbell of the university of Toronto. Medical School has established the interesting fact that many headaches are caused by the head at all, but in the neck. Even such a familiar misery as that aching pain in the eyes is often a pain at the base of the skull carried by the nerves to the eyes. If, therefore, we should treat the neck to cure headache, about pains in the head, the original cause of the trouble is removed. Some of them undoubtedly the Cleveland Indians know, up we are, and when Frank Sinatra sings, we'll turn off the radio. We'll try Cleveland instead of aspirin. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Now that sixty years have elapsed since Memorial Hospital was established what can we do about cancer? At least 500,000 are now a prey to malignant tumours and of these it is estimated that 14,000 die in the course of the year. Up to twenty after two years of fighting, 80 per cent have saved their lives. In that same period three times as many civilians succumb. Because we live longer than did our parents, our grandparents, because cancer is a disease of middle and old age, we must be prepared for more tragic figures. Memorial's celebration will serve to remind us both of great achievements of the crying need of more and more research. — New York Times.

Like a fresh breeze in a period of stifling heat is the first report issued by the Regina citizens' committee, following the formation of potential postwar spending in the Regina area. Their estimate of a \$10,000,000 expenditure by private citizens for purchases of goods and services in the period following the war is a perfect antidote to current complaining about the need for government to assume the whole burden of decay which the citizens sit back with outstretched hands to receive the sickening sweet residue of paternalism known as Regina Leader-Post.

The girls and women of the 19th century were smaller in build than the moderns. They did not develop their feet by taking part in active sports, and the simple croquet being the limit of their athletic prowess. Victorian women were also prone to wear tight shoes so as to make their feet look small. In case they might be revealed by accident—or design. There is a picture of a young Englishman being hanged for murdering his wife because he discovered after the fact that she had large feet and thick ankles. The all-time record for a woman's feet was held by a girl who was hanged for her crime. It is no danger of that happening to the modern bride. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Out of nothing but water, carbon dioxide and sunlight, plants make sugar. For more than 70 years chemists have been trying to duplicate the process, not in the hope of dispensing with cane and beets, but in the hope of flooding with cheap one of the more mysterious processes of life. It is probable that no one has yet succeeded in duplicating the plant's sugar-making process, and all are combinations of carbon, hydrogen and oxygen. The atoms of which can click together in many ways which is nature's way? No chemist can be certain that he has discovered the right key to the right lock, even though the door seems to open. Besides, there is the matter of the energy required to make sugar in the plant—energy in the form of sunlight. The physicist maintains that a plant cannot absorb enough energy from sunlight to make sugar. The plant answers by turning the trick and refusing to reveal its technique. So we are left in our old state of wonder. — New York Times.

Until Thursday's sudden burst of sirens, what had surprised the average individual most, and perhaps slightly disappointed him, was that the everyday routine of life had been so little changed by the invasion. Transportation, for instance, which everybody thought would be badly smothered, turned out to be affected far less than worried travellers had feared. The Southern Railway has been bringing its mob of hurrying business people into London every morning as blandly as if it didn't also have an invasion on its hands. London itself, since D-Day, has seemed more normal than it had for months before. There is a lot more room on its pavements, for one thing, now that the uniforms, both British and American, have thinned out, and the effect of their departure upon the average citizen's ability to get about town is staggering. Civilians hitting a timid finger for a taxi are overwhelmed when two or three attentive cabbies race up and they are unsettled by the novelty of being able to buy a meal or a seat in a cinema with ease. — From the London Letter of the New Yorker.

Undying Europe

(Hamilton Spectator) The continent of Europe, through the madness of totalitarianism, is being laid waste, and there are many who profess to believe that it will never again flourish in its former splendour. "As for Europe," writes the eloquent editor of News From Belgium, "it has been solemnly eviscerated and buried by that scholarly German grave-digger Oswald Spengler, but long before him by quite a number of Americans who wrote on the subject and implicitly by all the immigrants from Europe who turned their backs on the Asiatic peninsula and renounced her once for all. — Now, more than ever, men think and say that Europe is done for, Europe is dying." However, is far from harbouring that pessimistic opinion. Admitting that Europe is now ugly looking—"she is no longer the luscious beauty the mythical bull Jupiter carried away"—he nevertheless confidently predicts that Europe will never die, for Europe is a power house and a melting pot of spiritual values the like of which exists nowhere else.

From these reflections this Belgian observer of the tragic scene is induced to meditate on the so-called "lost civilizations" and "fallen empires" which have marked the course of the world's eventful history. Whatever there was of significance in these has not died, can't it ever die. However violent their vicissitudes, their influence is enduring; the "good they once did lives long after their moment of material supremacy is past." The countries of Europe may deteriorate from the political and economic standpoint, but they will never be reduced to a second-rate position morally or spiritually. "For every country in Europe has its word to say in its own way." The millions who have been slaughtered have a message for the rest of the universe, he says. "It would be unbecomingly to think that out of the monstrous crimes committed by the Nazis there would be no flowering of mercy." It is Europe's task to tell the world that there comes an end to the sunniest day, that this lovely earth is a vale of tears, that the beauty and the best both have to die in a ugly death, that life is an interlude, an introductory act, that Europe alone has the duty and the right to ponder over them for centuries."

If all this sounds like the funeral oration of a desolate mourner, one must turn for comfort to his prophetic pronouncement: "Europe has been destroyed and maltreated a dozen times at least. It has always survived; it has even given birth to a new world which is now being born in the arms of the peoples. It is diversified and rich; it is full of surprises and potentialities." Next time the British Empire and those glit commentators who seem to delight in the prospect of its passing, these words of praise and warning are given: "The British Empire has to fall, it will do so for the good reason that what she has built up has outlived its usefulness; it withers and decomposes, but a living body is able to adopt and transform itself, to evolve. Before prophesying on that point one should be able to estimate to what the world is heading. Europe lives in the heart of the world, the heart of the Commonwealth." He pays grateful tribute to the British race, which has bravely held the gloom of forebodings of its traducers, not only by its heroic endurance under vicious attack, but by its vigorous assault upon the attackers. "The most unfriendly critic would be hard put to it to find any symptoms of decay either in the Mother Country or the Empire."

Do not weep, maiden, for war is kind. Because your lover threw wild hands toward the sky And the afflicted steed ran on alone. Do not weep. War is kind. Horse booming drums of the regiment. Little souls who thirst for fight. Those men who died of draft and die. The unexplained glory flies above them. Great is the battle-god, and his kingdom— A field where a thousand corpses lie.

Mother, whose heart living humble as a button On the faded, heartid shroud of your son. Do not weep. War is kind. — Stephen Crane 1870-1900.

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