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

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An Epic Story

Not even in the annals of British history is there recorded a more epic and soul-stirring exploit than that which is now taking place in Flanders. Today's despatches record the successful withdrawal of thousands of Allied troops while others continue to fight a rearguard action to hold the port of Dunkerque until the retreat is complete. The terrific effort which the Germans are making to decimate these forces is unprecedented in the annals of war. The whole battle area is an inferno of shellfire. Hospital ships as well as troopships are being bombed without compunction. Eyewitnesses agree as to the numerical superiority of German tanks and airplanes, and the reckless fury with which these are being used. They also agree that the British naval and air forces are superior in efficiency and are doing truly magnificent work in aiding the evacuation.

This retreat, necessitated by King Leopold's capitulation, enables the main body of the French army to consolidate itself along the Somme and Aisne rivers. It was an undertaking of the most desperate nature, and the manner in which it is being carried out is a tribute to the brilliant leadership as well as the indomitable courage of the British Expeditionary Force.

Military Enlistments

Details of military enlistments in Canada have been given in Parliament in reply to questions placed on the Order Paper. Here is some of the information elicited:

The composition by Provinces of the 1st Division, Canadian Active Service Force, as at May 18 last:

Province	Officers	Other ranks
Prince Edward Island	6	165
Nova Scotia	42	1,232
New Brunswick	53	1,478
Quebec	166	3,992
Ontario	482	10,616
Manitoba	61	1,189
Saskatchewan	71	1,857
Alberta	88	1,954
British Columbia	56	1,595
Headquarters and miscellaneous	137	441
Total	1,162	24,519

The following includes all enlistments, C. A. S. F., which were for general service and overseas, if necessary (all ranks) as of May 11:

Military District No. 1	6,751
Military District No. 2	17,509
Military District No. 3	13,385
Military District No. 4	8,345
Military District No. 5	4,910
Military District No. 6	10,721
Military District No. 7	4,477
Military District No. 10	7,099
Military District No. 11	6,848
Military District No. 12	4,718
Military District No. 13	6,041
National Defence Hdqrs.	1,235
Total	92,030

So far only two divisions of the C. A. S. F. have been mobilized. Defence Minister Rogers has given assurance that in selecting units for the 3rd Canadian Division "full and careful consideration will be given to the claims of all the unmobolized militia units from coast to coast."

A Hitler Anniversary

The Canadian Press recalls that today, May 31, marks another "birthday of Hitlerism," it being just one year since Germany signed a non-aggression pact with Denmark. It bound Germany to forswear "any form of violence" against the country which, on April 9 last, was invaded by German troops. Nazi planes dropped pamphlets on Copenhagen, announcing that Germany had decided to assume "the protection of (Danish) neutrality for the duration of the war." The greater part of the Danish army was disarmed and sent home, and the same applied to the navy and air force shortly afterwards. German commissars were attached to each Danish government department and to each Danish newspaper.

But this does not tell the whole story. Long before the pact with Denmark was openely violated, Nazi agents and "fifth columnists" were working indefatigably to undermine the morale of the Danish people. The same tactics were followed in Holland, Norway and Sweden, as previously they had been in Czechoslovakia and Poland. It is safe to say that the initial successes of the Nazi army would have been impossible but for these acts of premeditated treachery. They form a calendar of black-letter anniversaries unprecedented in the record of any nation.

Fifth Columnists

Both in Canada and the United States there is evidence of an awakened consciousness of the danger of harbouring traitorous elements which have come to be known in European countries as the fifth column. Justice Minister Lapointe has outlined the Dominion authorities' plans for forestalling acts of treachery in this country and of keeping vigilant eyes upon all aliens, nationalized Germans and others likely to be sympathetic towards Nazi ambitions. Public opinion in the United States is also aroused, as is evident from newspaper editorial comment, which emphasizes particularly the fact that the besetting weakness of democracies in wartime is the tolerant and even contemptuous attitude of most people towards envious and malevolent forces within the community. The following warning, published in *The Oregonian*, Portland, Oregon, is typical of many editorials that have appeared in the neighboring republic, and which, in view of Canada's direct participation in the war, are even more pertinent to this country.

"The fifth column, the termites, the cargo of the Trojan horse, the apparently innocuous individuals who withhold dispraise of totalitarian methods, the adroit apologists with an accent, or with no accent whatsoever—for some of them are graduates of our universities—these are here. But it were folly to suppose that they are soapboxers, obvious firebrands, definite and open inciters of treason and revolt. These have craftiness and have counsel; they have direction and foreign command. You won't catch one of them on a soapbox. These people profess an admiration for and loyalty to democracy. There are few of them who wear semi-military shirts. The calling they follow has for its first instruction the injunction, above all, not to be obvious.

"We need not wait for their arrival, for their infiltration, for they are already here. Not only are they here, but when they have been suspect some of us have invoked the guarantees of the constitution, as well as the conscience of our own traditional liberalism, to give them aid if not comfort; to shelter them in the folds of that flag they have designed to pull down. This is true. There is at least one conspicuous instance. Its title character, said to be strongly persuaded that democratic institutions must fall, and be succeeded by an alien and hateful ideology, passed through the form of a trial to a species of vindication. In yet another instance we have placed a foreign-born enemy of the republic in prison only on the subterfuge, though warranted by the circumstance, of misappropriation of funds. We have condoned and dissembled, the ostrich of fable with its fatuous head in the sands of delusion."

— EDITORIAL NOTES —

Over 4,000 Boy Scouts will march in Toronto, Ont., Sunday for church parade. Church parade for Charlottetown Scouts also falls to take place Sunday.

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The speed-up in war preparations is being made, though largely on paper, in place of 5,000 men who were at work building planes when Parliament met, we are told there will soon be 16,000.

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Mr. H. P. Duchemin, K. C., President of the Sydney Post-Record and a well-known Prince Edward Islander has been presented with a handsome engraved silver tea service by the Canadian Press as a mark of appreciation for the services he rendered during his two years as President.

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A Hamilton, Ont., City Councillor has been called upon to resign by his fellow Councillors on the grounds of being a Communist and fifth columnist but has declined and his colleagues are at a loss what to do in the matter. The Councillor denies being a Communist and defies any of his colleagues to prove that he is.

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Jutland this date 1916. Admiral Beatty earned fame and honour by using for the first time successfully a sea-plane for reconnaisance work. Wireless reports received from the daring airmen indicated the approach of four German light cruisers which opened hot fire on the seaplane at less than 3000 yards, but the airmen gained their desired information and returned unharmed to their parent-ship.

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The convention of the veterans of the First Canadian Contingent to be held in Toronto, Aug. 3, 4 and 5 promises to be a large and successful affair. At the last meeting of the Toronto branch, reports indicated that some 2,500 delegates from throughout the Dominion will assemble. There are only about 4,500 now alive of the 33,000 who went overseas in 1934. As befits the 25th anniversary of the arrival and first engagements of the originals in France every effort is being made by the Toronto unit, as hosts, to make the reunion memorable.

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Madame Dollfuss, widow of the assassinated Austrian Chancellor, and her son and daughters are coming to Canada to live. It will be recalled he was murdered by two "fifth column" Nazists who were hanged for their dastardly crime. But when Hitler took over Austria the two murderers were declared to be heroes—and martyrs, while the widow and orphans were driven from the country. They have been resident in England for some time, and now want to settle in this country for which permission has been granted.

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It has been reasonably suggested that the mysterious paralysis of the Belgian garrison of Eben Emael, stormed and taken by Hitler's troops with a minimum of resistance, was in simple fact attributable not to some secret or chemical device, but to the corruptive presence of the fifth column within the fortress. Whether this is true or not, the indisputable evidence remains that the comparatively easy conquest elsewhere of enemy territories and citadels by Nazi troops can be and is explained in part by the existence of traitorous elements, schooled to their function, previously established within the lines of defense.

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Few have heard of the Empire Gallantry Medal, yet it ranks next in order to the V.C. Its official title is the Medal of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, but it is to be known generally as the Empire Gallantry Medal —E.G.M. Those three letters, says the Legionary, will be carried with pride by those who win the right to them, for the standard of courage required to win the E.G.M. is almost as high as for the V.C. But there is this difference—the E.G.M. can be won by civilians. So far, no one outside the services has won it, but in the event of air raids it is quite conceivable that an air raid warden, auxiliary fireman, or special policeman —or even an ordinary citizen—may win the right to put E.G.M. after his name.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Premier Pattullo has a bill before the special session of the Legislature which it adopted will give him the power to take over and operate the petroleum industry in British Columbia or any part of it. The legislation is drastic and far-reaching. It marches, indeed, the same course as Mr. Aberhart has taken in Alberta and not very far behind the Alberta Premier. — Vancouver Province.

It did not take the Vatican long to see that the German leader was both an enemy and a scoundrel. When it became known in August, 1939, that Berlin and Moscow had signed a non-aggression pact, that Hitler and Stalin had joined hands that the resources of the immense Soviet Empire had been placed at the disposal of the Nazi destroyers, it was realized that Christianity was due to be subjected to the most formidable assault in all its history. — Montreal Le Jour.

Premier Godbout has done the wise thing—the only thing, in fact he could have done in his position —in saving the credit of Montreal. The city had defaulted on a $3,949,000 bond issue and a three-million dollar loan, and over two million dollars more are due on bonds maturing next month on which it also would have defaulted. There is a deficit in round figures of seven million dollars on the current financial year. The civic administration had thrown up its hands, admitting its absolute inability to present a balanced budget or to meet these maturing obligations.—Montreal Star.

Advice from a doctor on how to live long is like his other prescriptions: if his orders are palatable we will submit to any sacrifice to obey them. Now comes Dr. Jean Besancon of Paris, who deserves attention because he has honorably reached the age of 80 in a cheerful frame of mind, and has in addition written a book dealing with longevity. Don't drink water; take as little exercise as possible, and have an afternoon highball instead of tea, is his formula for long life as reported from Paris. It is painful when so much depends on Allied like-mindedness, to see a Frenchman attacking a sacred British institution. But it has long been suspected that the French did not feel the same reverence for tea as did the British. Now at least the rift is out in the open, and it only remains to be seen whether a strongly anti-British sentiment on this delicate issue will develop among the neutrals. After 40 take no exercise. "Make no effort at all, otherwise you will strain your heart." Many an oldster who is comfortably adding to his life span in the leathery depths of a club chair will nod sagely at this injunction and follow it as scripture. But there will be as many more to snort indignantly and start for the golf course. Some of our healthiest old-timers have been refusing for years to take things easy. An athletic scholar named Phelps on Yale, who is still lively at 76, gave up baseball at 45 because it was getting a bit strenuous. He tapered off by playing tennis, which he continued until he was 70. His friend Henry Ford, whose line is automobiles, long persisted in the unhealthful habit of dog-trotting for a mile at 6 a.m. to start off his busy days. He is still around and about at 76. Probably they have shortened their lives from a possible 150 years to 125. But they seem to have had an excellent time doing it. — From the New York Times.

No doubt we ought to know the facts of modern sculpture by this time, and after the World's Fair, the heroic products of the W.P.A. art projects and the back yard of the Modern Museum we should be immune—to anything. But somehow the Associated Press' ten-ton, stainless-steel "sculptural interpretation of the gathering of news," just unveiled above the portals of its Rockefeller Centre building, has got us down. There is something about these five stainless steel A.P. men, collar seal of shoulder, obviously subhuman in intelligence and minus their pants, which gives us an uneasy feeling. One is shrieking through a telephone, another scribbling on copy paper without looking at it (he seems to be in a sort of anthropoid trance, anyway), a third, negligently clad in an eyeshade, is rattling a typewriter by the touch system, a fourth is getting a camera angle shot and the fifth, apparently, getting in practice. Surely, these heroic coal heavers cannot symbolize the souls within the seemingly cultivated breasts of the A.P.'s news gatherers—not unless there is a lot which our friends in the A.P. haven't been telling us. Are they just names in the abstract? It is a horrid thought. Maybe we do not catch the symbolism; but there seems to be a suggestion here that news is a roaring devouring monster — a brute force, unleashed by a blitzkrieg at the reader down a stainless-steel lightning flash, a—naked giant, with a piece of copy paper swathed around his middle, bellowing through the world. It is possible, with so much unpleasant news about at the moment, that this is a current impression of the delicate, thoughtful and rapid, but at the same time scrupulously careful business of gathering up the world's facts, assembling, correlating and transmitting them. But one still hesitates to see it enshrined in ten tons of stainless steel and put up over the A.P. building to "stand forever" (we quote Mr. Nelson Rockefeller) "as a symbol of the freedom of the press." — From the New York Herald Tribune.

No phase of welfare work in modern industry is more important than that of accident prevention, a mutual effort shared by employers and employees, in which some remarkable records have been achieved, and by the operation of which the human relationship has been greatly improved. A high mark in plant safety has been reached by the Steel Company of Canada, one of the largest industries in the Dominion, and is a source of pride to the company and also to the men. The general plant record is a good one, with only seven accidents per million work hours, but even this has been surpassed by some other departments. The rod mill, for example, completed more than two million man-hours without a single lost-time accident. This happy result is all the more extraordinary when it is appreciated that rod mills are recognized as "harzardous" by steel industries despite every precaution to avoid accidents. Another unique record was attained by the company's railroad, which went 2,400 days without an accident, and then had this perfection in safety marred when an employee suffered a twisted ankle. — Hamilton Spectator.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

"ONLY ONE WAY"

Sir,—Canadians fight—and are dying—to save Canada from war.

There is only one way to keep Hitler's war from America:—win and end it, in Europe.

I am, Sir, etc.
THOMAS L. JARROTT,
The Lodge, Senneville, P. Q.

WAR COUNCIL NEEDED

Sir,—There has been a shakeup in the Governments and armies of France and England. It is time we had a shakeup here. We need more than a shakeup. We need a regular volanic eruption. Parliament has been asleep for the past ten years. It is not too late if we do it at once.

With the war situation as desperate as it is Canada should have a war council at once. This council should consist of a strong, courageous leader, with a council of advisers, composed of representatives of labour, industry, finance, military, naval and air experts, and at least one woman to deal with women's problems. The leader and the council should be given absolute power to push our war efforts. In effect they will virtually have the powers of a dictator. They will be responsbile only to the people of Canada, and be outside of all political influence, authority, patronage, and interference.

Parliament will carry on the general business of the country, but the war council will have absolute control of the war effort.

Are we going to wait until the Huns are in Canada dropping bombs on our homes, and killing our women and children before we will waken up and act? It will be too late then. What we must have now is quick action that will bring quick results.

Canada must do as Germany is doing: throw everything into the struggle, wealth, resources and manpower. We must turn the whole country into a vast war machine to turn out armaments and war materials.

Everything we hold dear is threatened with destruction, our liberty, homes, loved ones, Christian civilization, and even our lives. This is no time for half measures. We must stake everything we have in the struggle. We must not count the cost.

Ask yourself one question. What use would all our wealth, our resources, or even our lives be to us, should we be defeated?

We cannot be weak now. Apathy and indifference will destroy us.

We cannot look to the politicians to save us. We must get busy and save ourselves. Every hour we delay may prove fatal, and mean our downfall.

The Empire trusted her political leaders, and parliaments. They have practically sold us out. They have let us down. They knew of the deadly peril that threatened us. In the face of that they played politics, and refused to warn us to prepare. They were afraid to tell us the truth. They did not want us to learn how badly they had bungled things. "Hold office at any price" appears to have been their slogan. Now the people must act.

Regardless of anything else, Canada should have a war council at once. The leader of this council will need to be a strong, courageous, energetic man who can get immediate action. He will need the driving power of a German tank to smash his way through the red tape, and inefficiency of our parliamentary system that has been the curse of our democracy. The present leader of the Government has not proved himself to be that type of man. Mr. King is merely a politician.

It will be necessary for Canada to find some other method to finance our war effort. The system of borrowing money, taxation, and floating loans is obsolete. It belongs back in the "red flannel" era of our great-grandmothers. It should have been scrapped long years ago.

I am, Sir, etc.
E. GORMAN.
Ottawa, May 27

PROTESTS EXPORTS TO JAPAN

Sir, — Mr. Harrison Brown, of Hornby Island, B.C., has sent me a copy of a letter which he wrote for publication, and in which he argues the necessity of an embargo on the export of war material from Canada to all aggressor nations. Mr. Granby writes in part as follows:

"In his letter which appeared in the Vancouver Province of March 30 last, headed "Protests Export of Ore to Japan," Lt. Col. F. W. L. Moore protests on moral grounds the shameful subsidising of Japanese aggression by the extension of the agreement between Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company and the Japanese Government. There can be little doubt that if a poll of Canadian opinion were taken regarding the export of war material to Japan, an overwhelming majority would be found to support Colonel Moore's protest.

"As the European war progresses, the Mackenzie King Government's approval of this strange contract becomes ever more incomprehensible—from the practical point of view also. During the past few weeks a British and French mission has been in the United States to make a check of the amount of copper and other metals which each large American company has sold to Russia during the past few months. According to the New York Times of May 5th, the information sought by the mission was generally forthcoming, but (to quote) 'in a few instances their appearance was resented. It is understood that the executive of one company reminded the group that Japan is purchasing a large amount of copper from British Columbia, with the knowledge and approval of both Canadian and British authorities. He was of the opinion that this metal is as accessible to Germany as that purchased by Russia; and implied that it might be well for the mission to get the Allies' house in order before enquiring into the activities of American concerns' . . ."

Mr. Brown concludes: "Many appeals are addressed these days to the patriotism of the Canadian people. In the interests of all of us, but especially of those in the firing line, it would seem timely that something stronger than an appeal should be addressed to the mining company in question."

I am enclosing a copy of my letter to the Vancouver Province to which Mr. Brown refers.

(Co., Moore's letter states: "On the very day that Canada returned the Mackenzie King Government to power as a "war-time government," it appeared in press despatches that the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting and Power Company reached agreement with Japanese interests for a three-year extension of their contract, whereby the entire output of the company's copper mine at Allenby, B.C., goes to Japan. This is the very same Liberal Government whose Prime Minister has for many years past been receiving, and carefully filing "for consideration by my Cabinet," petition after petition for embargo on war material for aggressor nations. Ever since the summer of 1937, when the Japanese began their campaign of murder and rape and burning on the helpless swarms of the Chinese peasantry, and the civilian population of China's great cities, Mackenzie King's "peace policy" has not only passively permitted this nefarious trade in the implements of death, but has been active in preventing any interference with it by merciful-minded Canadian citizens . . . Copper, lead, nickel, scrap-iron, sulphates, nitrates, and lumber in ship-loads and tons well known to the Prime Minister have continuously moved across the Pacific from Vancouver, with the full approval and efficient police protection of our Christian(?) government" . . .

It is fitting that our citizens should know the colour of any Canadian Government which goes blithely on in approval as this "copper death" continues to be shipped from Vancouver to Yokohama, and so on, via Russia, to Germany, our enemy. In this matter, as well as concerning the mobilization of a Canadian Army Corps, the war veterans of Canada demand "action." Not "some time soon" — but right now!

I am, Sir, etc.,
FREDERICK W. L. MOORE,
Lt.-Colonel, Retired List.
Victoria, B.C.

DRAINAGE

Sir,—From a friend south of the border, I have received the following letter, which is interesting to me and maybe to others.

I am, Sir, etc.,
C. M. RAMSAY,
Alberton, P. E. I.

(Enclosure)

Bay City, Mich
5-21-'40.

Dear Charles:

In The Guardian I read "The example of China," which prompts we to say that you don't have to go to China to find the right solution to some of your problems. I noticed, when I was over on the Island that an extensive acreage is in the same condition that large acres here were in when I was a boy—Land owners figured what was needed, got together, got busy and induced the State and country authorities to help put over an extensive drainage plan. Highways were widened to make room for big ditches. These ditches are frequently 15 feet wide and 15 feet deep, intersecting and leading to the lake. Then the farmers ditched the wet lands into the outlet ditches. With the water removed the job of burning and cleaning was comparatively easy with grub hoe, horses and steam tractors. Now for miles and miles, along the lake shore, farm after farm of the best lands in Michigan are producing banner crops of corn, small grains, fruit and garden stuff. The cleaning of these swamps, paved the way for other cooperative work, such as threshing. Many "rings" have been formed, meaning 20 or more grain raisers pool their money and buy a complete threshing outfit. One of the ring is chosen to operate the machine. For this work he is paid good wages. Result is that in 30 days after harvest, all the grain is in the bin and straw in the mow. Corn harvesting is done in the same way. I mention these jobs to illustrate how these folks are beating adverse conditions by team work.

You know, when I visited your Garden of the Gulf, I saw so many places where I couldn't tell where the Gulf stopped and the Garden began. Swamp lands when drained provide new acreage for cropping, so permitting reforesting and permanent pastures for the old acres. These men here will tell you that drainage pays for clover alone —None of us know too much about farming or any thing else for that matter—When I was up to visit you I picked up many good points, and it seems to me, in these days of stress, uncertainty and world peril we should have more interchange of ideas, to the end that scarcity of food products may be reduced to a minimum because we will soon have a hungry world to feed.

I note your folks are taking out many tractors this year. To my mind that is a very good indication farmers are swinging into line with this highly mechanized age, speeding up production to defeat underconsumption, which I believe is our worst economic foe. I take the view that tangible goods are the most dependable form of wealth. The nutritive value of an egg is fixed. The money value is never fixed. We skimp to keep up life insurance, when no information bureau on earth can tell even approximately, how much flour or meat or clothing those dollars will buy when paid. So I believe in Production.

If we eat too much nature takes care of the surplus. Full feeding is desirable. The returns are realized in multiplied efficiency, endurance and satisfaction in living.

—J. B. J.

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Muskrat Magic

(Winnipeg Free Press)

With the arrival in Winnipeg last week of a shipment of muskrat pelts from The Pas, there is undeniable proof of the success of the huge restoration project started five years ago by the Manitoba Government with financial assistance of the Federal Department of Mines and Resources.

The pelts were the outcome of one of the largest rat hunts in years in the Saskatchewan river delta area east of The Pas. The use of dams to restore water levels, and the restriction of trapping while the little fur-bearers established themselves in the preserve, have now borne the prophesied fruit.

Once upon a time the delta area in question was literally overrun with muskrats. As late as 1902 in excess of 800,000 rats were trapped there. But came over-trapping, and drouth, and pouff went the entire enterprise. In 1934, a mere 50,000 pelts were taken; and even this catch later dwindled to a negligible quantity. And with the catch went the livelihood of scores of Indians and Metis normally resident in the delta.

The success of the restoration project is going to change all that. Even though the Spring's catch was only 126,000 pelts, a very modest number in comparison with the 1902 figure, the future of the delta area is nothing if not rosy. The economic welfare of the native population east of The Pas can definitely be considered on the ascendant; and another achievement in wild life conservation can be credited to the foresight and energy of Canadian effort.

Churchill's Quotation

(Toronto Star)

It was somewhat of a coincidence that Mr. Churchill should end his Sunday address with a quotation from the Douai Bible, for Douai, where it was prepared, is in the battle zone in northern France. In choosing a memorial for Great War monuments, Kipling also went to that Bible, and selected, from the apocryphal book of Ecclesiasticus, "Their name liveth forevermore."

Churchill's quotation, beginning "Arm yourselves and be ye men of valor," was puzzling to many Protestants because it is from the First Book of Machabees, which the Protestant Bible does not contain. The two Machabees purport to contain "the history of the people of God under the command of Judas Machabeus and his brethren," and the words quoted by Churchill are attributed to Judas. In a slightly different translation from that used by the British premier they read:

"Gird yourselves and be valiant men, and be ready against the morning that you may fight with these nations that are assembled against us to destroy us and our sanctuary. For it is better for us to die in battle than to see the evils of our nation and of the holies. Nevertheless, as it shall be the will of God in heaven, so be it done."

TOLD IT IN MOVIE

LEBANON, Ind. —(CP) — To announce their daughter's marriage, parents here invited friends in and showed moving pictures of the wedding.

The Poets' Corner

THE PASSER

Last night I woke and heard
Softly as a sigh,
Out along the dark sea
Beneath the dark sky,
A boat going by.

It was so far away
I heard its engine-beat
Like a tired heart
Or two stumbling feet—
Repeat and repeat.

Not a single star
Made a pin-prick of light;
Jet-smooth the sea,
Jet-dark the night,
But the boat steered right—

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Willing to be
Lost, lost at last,
Taken tranquilly
By the jet-dark sea.

—Audrey Alexander Brown

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