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

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Every Vote Counts

The excitement of a political contest is lacking in today's balloting on the manpower plebiscite, but this should not deter any elector from exercising his or her right to the franchise.

M. P.'s Occupations

A writer in Canadian Business has been analyzing what M. P.'s do for a living. The results are interesting, if not particularly significant.

If you cannot be a lawyer, and want to go to Ottawa, it would seem that the next thing to be a farmer, or at least, to be called a farmer.

In another category, numbering six, are those listed as "retired." An alternative term is "gentleman." Premier King, for example, calls himself "gentleman" because it is not permissible in listing one's occupation to put down a political office.

Air Training Problems

The Empire Air Training Plan has done an amazingly good job in developing the machinery for turning out those crews in Canada.

In a sober survey of the whole plan various doubts are advanced and as a solution it is suggested that the U. S. and Empire training facilities be integrated.

To maintain a flow of 30,000 trained airmen a year states the Fortune survey, the Empire Training plan needs at least 50,000 recruits annually.

education, only about 13,500 eligibles become of age each year in Canada. There is also a backlog of about 38,000 among the unenlisted youth of the Dominion.

Until recently the gap has been bridged by drawing on this current backlog and by drafts from the United Kingdom and other parts of the Empire, and, until Pearl Harbor, about 4,000 a year from the United States.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Vote today between 8 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Amateur florists and frolicing dogs are busy in the garden these days, competing one with the other.

After today, political parties will forget there ever was an armistice—of course, Prime Minister Mackenzie King never did.

This week-end Mr. John A. Stiles M. B. E., Chief Executive Commissioner for Boy Scouts will pay an official visit to the Province.

Everyone, twenty-one and over has the right to vote today and to say whether or not approval should be given to an "all out" endeavor to win the war.

The real thrill that comes once in a lifetime to a patriotic American: "I never caught a fish in my life. Never won a trophy in my life, but my boy shot down two Jap planes over Manila."

The Senate has now 15 vacancies, including the floating one for this Province, claimed to be in practical possession of Messrs S. A. MacLeod, MacIntyre, Allen and Dr. Grant respectively.

It surely was a remarkable coincidence that the "passing hence" of the creator of "Anne of Green Gables," one of the most immortal children of fiction," according to Mark Twain, should be announced on the eve of Youths Sunday.

Summer finery has at last a look-in, and children are delighted once more to be hatless and stockingless. Removal of storm windows marks the finale of Spring cleaning, and the "black-out" of the furnace is hailed with a sigh of relief.

The Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm newspaper, Svenska Dagbladet telephoned to his newspaper that "there are two schools of thought in the Reich—one favors speedy smashing of Russia, followed by an invasion of England; the other advocates peace with England to enable the Russian war to be brought to a speedy end."

The wooden tableware industry is once more booming in Britain. Shortage of crockery, combined with cheapness and utility of wooden ware has caused a demand exceeding the supply because wooden tableware production in recent years has been confined almost entirely to decorative articles such as bread platters and fruit bowls.

Ferdinand Magellan, Portuguese navigator, slain this date, 1521; did good service to Portugal; ill-rewarded, and, with his friend, Ruy Faleiro, entered into the service of Charles V, and won his support for a new attempt to reach Asia by the West; sailed down the east coast of America in 1519; turned into strait afterwards called Magellan's; crossed into a new and unknown sea which he called the Pacific Ocean; sailed as far as the Philippines (1521) which he so called, undergoing terrible sufferings; treacherously slain by a native Chieftain of Matan; of his fleet Victoria alone reached Spain in 1522, having circumnavigated the globe.

Here are the four requests of the Canadian Temperance Federation pre-emptorily turned down by the Mackenzie King Government:

- (1) That sale of alcoholic beverages in taverns, beer rooms, wine shops, &c., be discontinued and that sale of such beverages be confined entirely to government-owned liquor stores;
(2) That sale from government liquor stores be permitted only between the hours of 3 o'clock in the afternoon and 8 o'clock in the evening and on week days only;
(3) That all advertising of liquor in Canada be forbidden except in the place of sale;
(4) That when the request in Item I is implemented an order issue from the Department of National Defence closing all wet canteens in military establishments.

All the clergymen in Norway, with 18 exceptions refused to accept the Quisling Constitution of the Church which creates a "Norwegian Christianity, designed especially for Norwegian conditions, where the factors of race and living space would be taken into consideration." The Press also has been reorganized as far as possible, 71 of the 161 daily newspapers being wiped out, while their editors and staff have been sent to concentration camps or to prison.

NOTES BY THE WAY

"Budget highlights" are usually depression spots for the taxpayer. — London Free Press. . . .

Buying Coal Now Said To Be Patriotic—reading. Paying for it now would, of course, be miraculous. — London Free Press.

Cupid shoots down the average airline stewardess in about 12 seconds. — London Free Press.

World peace can come only through victory by the United Nations. Gangster tribes would only start another war over dividing the spoils. — Toronto Evening Telegram.

The British have rationed soap ever more severely, giving the average Briton even less opportunity for getting in a lather over anything. — St. Catharines Standard.

Another reason for confusion in these times is that you can't tell the difference between a man with his ear to the ground listening to public opinion or just sizing up his tires. — Des Moines Tribune.

Sometimes it seems easier to bear the actual wickedness of some people than to tolerate their aspersions and superstitions. The fact that some encourage the tolerance and even encourage the senseless chain letter course is a chain letter. At the very best the senseless chain letter is an evil not to be considered too lightly when it causes fear and anxiety and leads to waste of time and effort and postage. As matter of fact the law of Canada classifies it as a crime, the use of His Majesty's name being strictly forbidden for chain letter nonsense. — Huntingdon Gleaner.

Nothing is so galling as home truths told in so gentle a manner by a former friend to one who tries to drug his conscience. There is perhaps nothing more menacing in international relations than the calculated abandonment of conventional diplomatic niceties for the straight talk that calls a spade a spade. Small wonder then that Vichy flew into a passion when the American consul-general at Brazzaville in French Equatorial Africa. It is less apparent why publication of the report of the American consul-general at Brazzaville in French Equatorial Africa. It is less apparent why publication of the report of the American consul-general at Brazzaville in French Equatorial Africa. It is less apparent why publication of the report of the American consul-general at Brazzaville in French Equatorial Africa. — Saint John Telegraph Journal.

James Flenniken, now over sixteen, but under that age at the time of the crime, was arraigned at Goderich the other day on a charge of murder. He had quite a bad record, and had been in Goderich he beat a guard on the head with a hammer and made this verdict of manslaughter and a judge sentenced him to two years in the reformatory.

Afterwards, the young killer said: "I think I'm going to be hanged. He put it mildly when he said that. Two years for taking a man's life unless it was by accident." — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

The U.S.S. Shark, Lieutenant-Commander George H. Dyer, Jr., has been announced as our next so becomes the first American submarine to receive the silent and deadly epithet which normally is all that makes the name of the iron-hearted crews of the undersea service. Some day, when the war is over and records have been opened, it may be possible to trace back the facts as to where and how she perished; but she may have a chance at best, and they may not be the best. The submarine fights by stealth; the tactics in mystery; there are no glories or trophies to record the heroism of the men; and, if they die, there are no posthumous medals for the final exploit; for people die for the sake of the light it shed and if they lose they disappear with no word left behind them. — New York Herald-Tribune.

Here's the Rev. Gerald L. K. Smith again, the gent who used to bellow at the top of his lungs that his proudest possession was an old suit. Huey Long's hands before he was shot. Here's what he's up to now, according to a letter sent out by his newest sucker list: "After much deliberation and planning I have decided to establish what we shall call 'The Inner Circle' of One Million." The Committee of One Million, which Smith is national chairman, is a gigantic wheel. Then a wheel within a wheel. The purpose of this letter is to invite you to become a close consistent co-worker and be listed as a member of my personal inner circle. There's an opportunity for any feel who wants to help further American fascism. — New York Post.

A revealing list was shed, in a recent BBC broadcast, upon the stuff of which the Nazis have made. "Hors' Wessel" was the title of a feature program broadcast by the German section of the European department. Hors' Wessel was, of course, the writer of the Nazis' marching song, which has since become the national anthem of the Third Reich. When Goebbels needed killers to silence the party's opponents in Berlin; he wanted thugs who would be prepared to risk their lives and their death — provided their price was paid. The chief of the storm-troops in Berlin — Dalaise — said he had just the right leader for a new shock-troop. His name was Hors' Wessel. Wessel belonged to Berlin's shadiest underworld. There had long been feud between him and a competitor in Berlin, while slave exploits, one All Hohler, a member of a notorious criminal organization called the Ring society. Soon, the Hors' Wessel storm-troop was on the march, equipped with rubber truncheons and loaded revolvers. The decedent bully who led it became the terror of Berlin. Suddenly, in February, 1932, he was shot dead, and his rival, immediately he was strangled here by the Nazis. He had "died for Germany." They did not specify "gangster Germany." — Brandon Sun.

For hundreds of year the Chinese have been growing a vegetable which tastes like a combination of celery and lettuce. Lately, inquiring Occidental food experts discovered that this product was rich in at least four vitamins—A, B, C, and D.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"Before this war is over, there will be sacrifices that will be real and that will be terrible in blood and in treasure. In effort and in cost." — Captain David A. Croll, Oxford Rifles.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

A TRIBUTE TO MR. JENKINS

Str.—Allow me space in your valuable paper to congratulate our animal and bird friend, Mr. Ludlow Jenkins of Marshfield, P.E.I. I am sure everyone will approve his recent article entitled "The Steel Trap". He explains fully in this the pain and suffering our little woodland folk bear in the hands of unmerciful trappers and cruel traps. No doubt this article of Mr. Jenkins has touched all our hearts as he explains the suffering they bear by our hands. We must learn that those little folk of the woodlands do not belong to us but only to God.

A Bracing City In War Time

(George Burnett in London Calling) A lady who had been blighted out of an industrial town in the South came to spend the rest of the year in Edinburgh. When she had settled in and her three sons had been found places in famous schools she was ungracious enough to remark that the main difference between Edinburgh in peace and war seemed to be that the castle was no longer the main attraction. The teacakes in the bakers' windows were a luscious dream compared with the solid realities to which she had been accustomed at home. You could buy one packet of cigarettes almost anywhere, Princes Street was thronged with well-dressed people whose only object appeared to be killing time and showing themselves off. Her hostess explained that Edinburgh had always been notable for the variety and excellence of its teacakes, and short bread. Would she bring some back the next afternoon she was in Princes Street? She would. She went to several shops. The display of the morning was dissolved like dew. Cigarettes? The tobacconist girl told her they sold only regular cuttlers. Could her previous good fortune be due to her being recognized as a stranger in the city? Over the simple tea that followed her hostess remarked: "People say that a greater variety of uniforms can be seen in Princes Street than in any other street in the world!" Distinguished—even superior

There are three points about Edinburgh that apply as well in war as they do in peace. First, because of its geographical position and deliberate planning, Edinburgh looks good, distinguished—even superior. Second, its situation on the River Forth are indelible. These certainties and a written history of nearly a thousand years have an effect on its people. They are somewhat imperturbable; they have a sense of decency—in the original sense of the word—and will fight for what they consider worthy. Second: the activity of Edinburgh is not made obvious by belching chimneys-stacks. Its industries are not of the heavy type, but many of them are vital for war. Some of the most important are hidden away in backstreets and few people are aware of their existence. Third: as the capital of Scotland—capital in fact as well as in name—Edinburgh has accumulated resources that can meet almost any demand. The story of their use will not be told until after the war. A capital, too, feels obligations to the stranger within its gates. The latter sometimes in accepting its hospitality mistakes kindness for unlimited affluence. My first point about Edinburgh, its good-to-look-at, enduring aspect is unassailable, but it would be a great mistake to make too much of this physical fact. To London, Edinburgh has become the most cosmopolitan city in Britain. The Police have been telling us that Edinburgh reminds them of Moscow the Czechs that it is a second Vienna, our own people from New Zealand that it is another Dunedin.

All that is pleasant but good looks don't win wars. With this article in mind I telephoned the City Lightening and Engineering Department what they thought of my "dustbin." That, if anything, would be correct, romantic ideas. Within half an hour I was dressed in a khaki overall waiting for and G. It was not surprising, therefore, that a well-known American firm of plant-raisers and seed-distributors should have commenced, this season, the promotion of the plant, called "Venus" on this side of the Pacific. The vegetable is said to have several advantages. For instance, besides being vitamin-rich, it grows readily and has many culinary uses. — Bradford Expositor.

It's Your Privilege and Duty to Vote

There is nothing very strange about a Plebiscite. It is a direct vote of all the voters in Canada on an important issue to find out the views of the Canadian people.

All that is required is an answer to the following question: "Are you in favour of releasing the Government from any obligation arising out of any past commitments restricting the methods of raising men for military service?"

The polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Daylight Saving Time. This gives ample time for everyone to vote on : : :

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usually the headquarters for Scotland's War Savings campaign. Under the leadership of Lord Alness, the Scottish Savings Committee has raked in a great deal of cash. These collections bring in about £25,000 a week itself the average a head was £25. In the Warship Week, held last December, Edinburgh did even better, raising the average to £35. This average has been exceeded occasionally by small towns, but £35 a head is easily a record for cities in Great Britain. Citizens' investments in small savings since the War Savings Campaign began have now the £100 a head mark. Then we have developed the idea of Street Groups, basing the collections on Municipal Wards. These collections bring in about £350,000. In the December Warship Week the groups produced £350,000. But do not rush to the conclusion that all Edinburgh's streets are paved with gold. With Thomas Johnston as Secretary of State for Scotland, Government has begun to have a new (Continued on page 7, Col 8)

"I feared I would be sick" Mr. G. Burns assistant to Mr. N. G. Wilson, took me round one of his (or should I say our?) three great disposal plants. I was prepared for stink; indeed I feared I would be sick. But when I saw George picking the stuff up in great handfuls, extolling its virtues, praising the teamspirit of the city's dustmen, saying that nothing was lost, I smell nothing, and as for being sick I wondered why I hadn't gone into the business myself before Wilson and he thought of it. Nothing lost; mechanical and human fingers picked everything conceivable use out of the endless stream of what I used to call trash. A magnet was collecting old razor blades with such enthusiasm and certainty that I had a good mind to mark and risk a new blade in the bin, and then ask George to find it for me. Nothing lost! But the dust, just the dust? I asked. Oh, we're filling a quarry reclaiming a mile and a half of the foreshore, and making a promenade. Edinburgh being early in the salvage business in a big and intelligent way had less need of help from legislation than many cities. For example, it had a method of handling solid paper long before it became illegal to mix clean paper with other rubbish. And not many places I imagine, have thought it worth while to collect labels washed from bottles and paper from biscuit tins.

Scottish towns that have less worth preserving than Edinburgh like to joke about our domestic squabbles over amenity, the pulling down of railings, for example. Well, a mighty gap has been made in those round Princes Street Gardens. But for the war, and ailes would have fought a worthy battle in the City Chambers and in the Press, a fight that in all likelihood would have proved indecisive. Talking of the City Chambers reminds me that Lord Provost William Y. Darling, one of the most energetic men the city has known, has garaged his official Rolls-Royce for the duration. He will get about in something much smaller without losing a scrap of dignity. The Lady Provost (ex-) me that apart from the need for economy she preferred to ride in something that attracted less public attention. In sickle industrial war effort it is quite different from that of a place like Glasgow. While we manufacture articles that are used in every branch of the Services (you would be surprised at the list if I could give it) we are much engaged in precision work and in training personnel for a multitude of occupations. Lots of people who took up "delicate" work as a hobby in peace now find their skill of great use to the State. Many of our workers are salaried men, and the rest of us, but we may find them on an early morning tramcar or late at night; or a dozen or so girls in slacks emerge unexpectedly from a passage-way where in times past the main activity seemed to be gossip.

To the Electorate of Charlottetown

I most earnestly request that all citizens of Charlottetown vote "YES" in the forthcoming PLEBISCITE, thereby releasing the Dominion Government from any pledges which might hamper it in the all-out prosecution of our WAR EFFORT.

B. R. HOLMAN, Mayor.

To the Electors of King's-

Kings County is a small constituency but it is the percentage of "Yes" votes that will count for or against us when the ballots are counted.

Every "Yes" vote is a nail in Hitler's coffin and no one can drive home your nail but yourself, by going to the poll on plebiscite day and marking your cross after the word "Yes" on the ballot.

Kings County must not fail. The polls close at 8 p. m.

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