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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Untimely Discord

According to our local contemporary, the Ontario Conservative convention after electing Colonel Drew as leader adopted the slogan, "Anything to beat Hepburn."

With the King Government as determined as Colonel Drew to beat Hepburn in Ontario, and Hepburn backing Dr. Manion ("at least he's human!") to oust the King Government at Ottawa, things should be pretty lively in the next election campaigns.

In the meantime, it is necessary again to recall that Premier King and his faction, and Premier Hepburn and his faction, are Liberal bedfellows. They campaigned together in 1935, urging the electors to vote Liberal to avoid "disunion and disunity" between provincial and federal administrations!

Sancho Wanted One Too

As noted before, Prime Minister King has given assurance that our present Lieutenant Governor is to remain in office at least until after the visit next Spring of their Majesties the King and Queen. This, from the public standpoint, is highly satisfactory, and would be still more so if His Honour's term were extended for another full five years.

If this consolation prove insufficient, let them recall the homely advice tendered by his better half to honest Sancho Panza in Cervantes' immortal story Don Quixote. Squire to the Knight of La Mancha, Sancho nursed a lordly ambition, nothing less than that of becoming "Governor of an Isle"; to which post if he did not attain before very long, he felt that he "would drop dead upon the spot."

"Not so, husband," cried Sancho's good wife Theresa. "Let the hen live though it be with the pip. Live you; and let the Devil take all the governorships that are in the world; without a government you came from your mother's womb; without government you have lived till now, and without government you will go or be carried to the grave when it shall please God. How many in the world are there who live without a governorship, yet for all that do not give up living and being counted in the number of people!"

Nothing like the Classics for putting one's little schemes in their proper perspective!

Making Our Flesh Creep

Not since the days of Guy Fawkes, says the Montreal Star ironically, has such a horrible conspiracy been unearthed as that disclosed by two federal ministers at Port Arthur. The essence of the vitriolic accusations against the Liberal Premier of Ontario is that he is party to an evil conspiracy to depose Mr. Mackenzie King from the Premiership of the Dominion.

The details of the "conspiracy," the Star notes, are a bit vague. The alarmed Ministers tell us that "the time has come for plain speaking," but they failed to "speak plainly"—or indeed at all—about what this modern Guy Fawkes plot is all about. Were Messrs Hepburn and Duplessis trying to suborn some of Mr. King's Ministers? Were they "boring from within" to honeycomb his majority in the Commons? Or were they going to emulate their great predecessor and blow up the Privy Council?

There does seem to emerge a sort of clue in a remark by Hon. Norman Rogers, to the effect that the Quebec and Ontario leaders were ready to make overtures to Dr. Manion, the Conservative leader with a view of ousting Mr. King from the Premiership. "Of course," says the Star, "this is the supreme reductio ad absurdum. Dr. Manion would never, never try to remove Mackenzie King from the Premiership. Or would he? We wouldn't put it past him. After all, he was recently elected by a great party convention to do that very job."

But except in a totalitarian State, opposition to a party or leader in power is hardly to be described as "conspiracy and intrigue," as the antithesis of "decency and dignity," or as the negation of responsible government. If all that Messrs. Howe and Rogers meant to say was that Messrs. Duplessis and Hepburn were politically opposed to the Mackenzie King Government, and that Dr. Manion might be found to be arched with the same brush, there was no need for all this melodramatic language and "crime club" mystery.

The fact is of course that Mr. King and his henchmen who spoke at Port Arthur had planned a piece of strategy which failed in its effect, and is now proving a political boomerang.

It may have been an attempt to build up the King Government in anticipation of 1939 general elections. But Premier Hepburn's blast in reply has proved much more devastating than the firecrackers exploded by Messrs. Howe and Rogers at Port Arthur. Whether the King Government succeeds in driving Hepburn out of the Liberal party and public office, or "Mitch" turns the tables and drives the King Government out of Ontario, the result, from the Liberal standpoint, will be equally disastrous. Like the Kilkenny cats, the antagonists seem determined to fight it out to the finish. If they succeed in eliminating each other entirely from the political picture there will be some chance of restoring that unity and harmony between the provinces and the Dominion which have been sadly lacking under Liberal administration.

Editorial Notes

Sebastian Cabot, the first Englishman to cross the Atlantic, became Governor of the Company of Merchant Adventurers this date, 1553.

Camillien Houde and Mitchell Hepburn may or may not, be crazy politicians, but they certainly know crowd psychology.

Export conditions in Halifax are reported to be so bad that pigeons in the vicinity of grain elevators are dying for want of food.

Every nook and cranny almost, associated in her way with fishing, seems to be sharing in the Federal Government largess these days. There should be plenty money for our deserving fishermen if properly handled.

The world record as a mother of twins which has been claimed on behalf of Mrs. H. M. Gilbert, West Croydon, London, who gave birth to her fourth set in 1928, is eclipsed by Mrs. R. Hammond, Surrey Road, Springvale, Wanganui, N.Z., who has had six sets, five of whom are alive today. Of Mrs. Gilbert's twins only three sets are living.

The extra help to be taken on by the Post Office this year shows an increase of about 500 compared with the 7,594 "supernumeraries" of last Christmas. They will work approximately from December 20 to December 26, and the temporary jobs will bring them a Christmas windfall averaging about \$20 each. Total cost last year was \$171,000 for the extra help, apart from such items as overtime pay cheques for the regular staff.

British Columbia intends to accept a road subsidy from the United States. The Legislature has granted \$25,000 for a preliminary survey of the proposed Alaska highway route, extending through British Columbia from the State of Washington to the territory. Premier Pattullo states that the United States offered to lend money without interest to British Columbia for construction of the highway and he intends to continue negotiations next year. Mr. Pattullo justified his action by declaring it was "good neighbor" policy to permit the United States access from one portion of its territory to another. But Poland does not regard it so far as Germany and the Polish Corridor are concerned.

Here is something should interest railways, bus companies, airways, and shipping companies individually and collectively. New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania have been so impressed with the "Save to Travel" scheme in Victoria, that each State has decided to adopt the scheme. It is in operation already in West Australia. It is the only scheme of its kind in the world to embrace travel by rail, sea, air, and road services. In its six months' operation in Victoria, travel service business has increased by many thousands of dollars. Under the scheme, travel stamps for trips in Australia and overseas are sold for twenty-five cents and a dollar, and when enough have been collected the intending tourist can go and book his passage to the destination he has in mind.

Strange reports are coming out of the West regarding political unrest and dissatisfaction with the Liberal party. It is just reported a Mr. F. D. MacCulloch of Saskatoon, has been appointed provincial leader of a new Western political party named the "Western Secessionist party" at a closed convention held in Saskatoon. The slogan of the new organization is a "Dominion of Western Canada," still an integral part of the British Empire, still under the Union Jack, and still loyal to British ideals and institutions, but independent. At the annual convention of the United Farmers of Canada, Saskatchewan section, in October members instructed their executive to study the question of secession by western provinces. No connection with the U.F.C., however, was indicated by the new party. Included among reforms proposed are debt adjustment by reduction of interest farmers are paying on loans; crop indemnities for farmers; rehabilitation of farmers located on land unsuitable for agriculture, and establishment of reciprocal markets for Western producers.

A sharp fall in exports of New Zealand butter and cheese during the opening months of the new season reflects a serious decline in dairy production which has occurred throughout that Dominion. Shipments of butter for August and September are 3305 tons lower at 19,398 tons in comparison with the opening months of last season, while the export of cheese in the same period has declined by 399 tons to 12,142 tons. Compared with the 1937-38 season, September shipments of butter are down by 2650 tons, or 22 per cent, while those for the two months have fallen by 14.5 per cent. The main reason for the decline has been the late spring and retarded pasture growth. In any case, however, the season is likely to reach a later flush. Although a poor beginning has been made the position is not irretrievable. This is indicated in the fact that although the 1936-37 season made a less favourable start than either the current or the past season, butter shipments in 1936-37 reached the record total of 149,003 tons. This result was brought about by a highly productive summer and autumn following a poor spring. Also, of course, to the bonusing of the industry and the ready market offered here in Canada.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A Russian farmer claims to be 141 years old and says he can remember Napoleon's retreat from Moscow in 1812. Then he can also remember probably when men gave up their seats in street cars to ladies, when people went to a dance to dance, and when fishermen went to fishing grounds to fish.—Chatham News.

It is interesting to note that the late John D. Rockefeller left an estate valued at \$26,410,837. It is even more interesting to note that his public benefactions throughout his lifetime reached the staggering sum of \$200,000,000. This is no attempt to canonize the Rockefeller memory. But the facts shown here indicate what can be accomplished by man whose genius is to the amassing of money.—Vancouver Sun.

The presence of Cardinal Mundelein in Rome has created a stir in Italy and Germany. The rise to a report that diplomatic relations will be established between the Vatican and the United States, to the same extent as they have been with the British Government, has an accredited representative there. The Germans are also interested in this visit, and more particularly because the Cardinal was the world's only contemporary referred to their Fuehrer as "a paperhanger, and a not very good one at that."—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Mussolini's wife is said to be almost violent in her hatred for war. Her sons have been militarized over her outraged protest—she looks forward to a career in the army. She is speaking the language of motherhood. The single faculty of bringing sons into the world to be seized by somebody bent upon conquest and slaughter in coveted lands is almost too much for spirit, flesh and blood to bear. Women have never fought much in wars, but they know more about war than men do.—Christian Science Monitor.

A commercial traveller, one of many who have been bemoaning the dearth of orders since the crisis, was sitting in his office writing a letter to his employer when a travelling salesman came in. The following conversation ensued: Traveller: "Hello, Smith, glad to see you are entering up some orders." Traveller: "I'm afraid I'm not, sir. Unfortunately there are none to be secured." Employer: "Ah, that's bad, but keep pegging away. Perhaps, however, you are filling in the reports of your calling." Traveller: "No, sir, I'm not even doing that. I'm writing to Hitler to tell him that if he wants any more theory he can have mine."—Exchange.

Mr. H. G. Wells once said that every time Europe looked across the Atlantic since Washington declared war on the British Empire, it observed in the rear end of an ostrich. America's avoidance of Old World entanglements is traditional. It has persisted ever since Washington declared that "our true policy is to steer clear of permanent alliances with any portion of the foreign world, though the ostrich-like attitude has one objection, it is not when vital American interests appeared to be threatened. Enlightened self-interest can, however, no longer be satisfied with eyes that are barred out. The ostrich is slowly dawning on the American people that complete isolation is no longer practicable in a shrinking world.—Trinidad Guardian, Port of Spain.

Right on the heels of the heavily critical biography of the late Ramsay MacDonald has come another about Anthony Eden. The reviewer judges from first dispatches, was also a first-class bit of vituperation, lightened up with such touches of literary talent as the claim that the Baldwin Government merely "sat, it never sat and thought." This is a new kind of "biographical tradition, and it seems to have inspired some success. Perhaps the Great War and its aftermath brought it on, for, to judge from the opinions passed on great military leaders and statesmen of that period, experts never really had a chance to advise them at a time when the main trouble in that conflict now appears to have been that Jellicoe committed serious tactical blunders at Jutland that almost any writer could have foreseen; that Haig could have done better; that the Kaiser knew nothing of modern warfare, and, of course, every one knows from the radio announcements just how dreadful a miscalculation Chamberlain made in the Battle of France. It would only seem reasonable, then, that in the course of her argument preparations, Great Britain should seek out these fellows who, unless they are sought out, merely have to fall back on their talent in writing epigrams when it is too late to apply their remedies.—Hamilton Spectator.

They grab a portion of a neighbor's territory with much less fuss in North America than they do in Europe. In the case of Barnhart Island in the St. Lawrence there is no suggestion that the error was anything but an accident. The island has an area of 400 acres and is located near the town of Massena, St. Lawrence County, New York. The map in error was in the New York Legislative Manual. The map maker had neglected to show that this was American territory. It was left in white, the way all the rest of Canada was left. Now the mistake has been corrected. No armies marched. And neither the American nor the Canadian Government was aware that it had had an international incident on its hands for several years.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

A great tragedy of this generation is that the application of modern medicine and surgery lags far behind the need. We have hard-won medical knowledge but do not put it to general use with respect to the removal of diseased tissue, the stamping out of tuber-

That Body of Ours
By James W. Barton, M.D.

FAITH IN THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN BRINGS BEST RESULTS

The recent death of Prof. Pavlov, Russia, brings to the minds of physicians his famous experiments with dogs. It is known that the digestive juices—mucosa, stomach, pancreas,—all begin to flow at the sight of food in man, dogs, or other animals. At the very moment that the food was shown to the dogs a bell was rung so that the dogs learned that at the sound of the bell the food would be there for them to eat.

It was found that the sound of the bell so acted on the mind or brain of the dogs that their digestive juices began to flow without any food being in sight. The same thing happens to all of us as we think of some food we greatly like. This is known as brain appetite and in man lasts for forty-five minutes after the sight, smell, or even thought of food like. This "extra" amount of digestive juices naturally aids digestion.

Similarly there are foods we do not like and the digestive juices are slow in appearing and may, in some cases, be less in amount than is needed to handle or digest the food properly. Foods we do not like should be eaten usually not digested but the process may take hours longer than it would if we liked them.

In almost all cases our reactions in our minds at the sight or memory of people, places, or circumstances, and so we may be pleased, comforted, afraid, anxious, or worried. These people, places, or circumstances have affected us in the past. It is the knowledge of what your family physician has done for you or yours in the past that gives what might be called a "faith" reaction when he comes to the bedside of the sick one. He removes the fear from your mind.

NEW AID FOR WHOOPING COUGH

SYDNEY, Australia, Dec. 9.—Six-year-old Joan Whittaker, who has been suffering from a serious attack of whooping cough, has shown great improvement since she was flown to a high altitude in an airplane recently. After the child had been ill for two weeks, her parents agreed to the flight, saying they would do anything to stop her coughing.

JAILED IN MONCTON

MONCTON N. B., Dec. 14.—(CP)—Raymond Gautreau, said to be wanted in Yarmouth, N. S., on a charge of false pretences, was in jail here tonight following his arrest yesterday at Cape Bald, N. B.

BUFFALO COAT AUCTION

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RED CEDAR POPULAR

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Six Tons Of Anemones

A "romantic new industry" is mentioned in the recent issue of the Bulletin of Britain's Industrial Development Association. The bulletin might more aptly have described the new industry as a floral occupation, for growing anemones back of Cornwall and Devon, but their cultivation was begun and mostly flourishes near Penzance, in Cornwall. More than 1,000 growers cultivate the flower as a crop on some 400 acres, while some 400,000 flowers are grown in the market for the flower stalls with the Jersey lilies that appear for Easter and the Irish violets that flower in the late spring.

The anemone became an industry in Cornwall through the mere accident. A Cornish resident travelling in France fifteen years ago was impressed by the beauty of the giant anemone. He brought some seeds with him to try in Cornish soil, just when some Englishman managed to steal away from Brazil with seeds of the rubber plant. The anemone seeds from France bloomed in the Cornish soil. The seeds exported by the Industrial Development Association, and the rubber seeds from Brazil developed into the huge rubber industry of Malaya. Casual discoveries like these, and intelligent transferences and transplantings, help create the romance so fascinating in the history of some industrial successes.

TO NUMBER SPURS

LONDON.—(CP)—Tottenham Hotspurs directors have decided to number their players in English Football Cup and other matches outside the jurisdiction of the Football League.

OLYMPIC MUSIC

HELSINKI, Finland.—(CP)—A brass band of 250 musicians drawn from practically every regiment in Finland, including the civil guard, is to play at the stadium during the 1940 Olympic Games.

Use Minard's for dandruff.

FILM ACTOR IN BRAWL

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A Warner Studio spokesman said today Errol Flynn said he knocked out polo player Aiden Roark at a cocktail party in the home of Mrs. Jock Whitney yesterday. The spokesman said he heard somebody else, unidentified, socked Flynn while Roark wasuffed and loosened some of the Irish star's teeth. "I didn't like some remarks he passed," the spokesman quoted Flynn as saying.

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Royal Air Force Bomber Missing
LONDON Dec. 12.—(CP)—Herald—The Air Force tonight issued the names of the crew and passengers aboard a Royal Air Force bomber which disappeared Saturday while flying from England to Cairo. They were sergeant Vernon Walker Garside, pilot; Reginald Walter Carpenter, Lewis William Cooper and Frederick Oscar Gamble, all aircraftmen, and captain John Barnett Harvey and squadron leader Percy Kinsey, passengers. Intensive search has revealed no trace of the plane.

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