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

Two Separate Jobs

To aid him in his important task Hon C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, has many of Canada's greatest business executives now working for him.

Mr. Howe is trying to be both the policy-maker and the executive administrator of war supply. There are two separate jobs to be done.

The Post suggests that what the Minister of Munitions and Supply needs is a Sir Joseph Flavelle as chairman of war supply for Canada.

A Big War Asset

The fact that Canada has vast timber resources is known to every school boy. Not so well known is the important part which wood plays as a war commodity.

But this is not by any means the end of the story. Wood is marvellously adaptable, and some of its other war uses are quite unexpected.

And as if those contributions were not enough, wood is a war auxiliary of some importance. Rayon and staple fibre can be used to replace cotton; producer gas from charcoal can be used to develop power.

France Enchained

General Walther von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the German armies, has issued his decrees in Paris, the same as were announced in Poland, Belgium, Holland and elsewhere.

No French workman dare quit his employment, or his employer dismiss him, without inviting the suspicion of trying to embarrass German interests.

That last condition, says an exchange, is the one which must pierce the heart of every free man and woman, every lover of democracy, the world over.

The Penalty For Sedition

Strong protest is taken by the Fortnightly Law Journal at the failure of the Justice Department at Ottawa to institute criminal proceedings against Fascist leaders in Canada.

been, the most aggravated form of treason and sedition, treating with an enemy power for the overthrow of the constituted government of Canada, then surely the death penalty as prescribed in the Criminal Code is none too severe.

The Law Journal continues: "If our internment camps were the living death that the concentration camps of Germany are reliably stated to be, then perhaps we might have been content to waive trial of these men, knowing that their fate was not undeserved."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Summer was predicted a week too soon, the farmers then praying for the rain they got aplenty.

Evidently the ill-starred plebiscite is all over, including the shouting. Next time a Government wants to abrogate the Prohibition Law it must have the courage of the Stewart Government, and make the question an election issue.

Picturing the possibility of a "complete totalitarian triumph," with the added warning that "human liberty on this continent is now in danger," Dr. James Bryant Conant, president of Harvard University urges immediate compulsory military training and service in U. S. A.

The war is telling its tale so far as the one-time wealthy are concerned. In the greatest sale of jewels since the dispersal of the Russian crown gems 13 years ago, a single casket of jewellery offered by an unidentified mother and daughter in London brought \$80,803 (about \$350,573) at Christie's.

The internal troubles in Germany's conquered territories are just beginning. A German communique said: "It is expected in the highest interest of the Netherlands army and population that in the future no further disturbances of demobilization will occur; these would lead to the sharpest counter-measures by the German army."

Rev. Dr. Scott MacKenzie, Principal of Montreal Presbyterian College, now in our midst, comes from Marjante stock. His grandfather emigrated from Scotland to Cape Breton, and his father went west as far as Ontario, where the future Principal first saw the light of day.

The British Empire has no quarrel with our brave French Allies, who have been betrayed by over confidence and incompetence on the part of their politicians. They have our admiration and respect; our regret being that the exigencies of war necessitates our putting our foot down with a force and effectiveness which affects their corns, and our best friends do not enjoy having their corns trampled upon.

Percy Bysshe Shelley died this date, 1822: To suffer woes which Hope thinks infinite; To forgive wrongs darker than death or night;

To defy Power, which seems omnipotent; To love, and bear; to hope till Hope creates From its own wreck the thing it contemplates;

British political circles interpret the French-German armistice as meaning that if any French colony, or single unit of the French Fleet refused to obey German orders, Germany could denounce the entire pact. They cite Article 24, which says: "The present armistice is valid until conclusion of a peace treaty and can be denounced at any moment if the French Government does not fulfill their obligations."

The leading Quebec French newspapers are strongly behind conscription. L'Action Catholique, Quebec, concludes, "All for victory. At this moment, that should be the word of command for the civilized world in order to crush the despot and teach an abiding lesson to all those who in our day might be tempted to enslave the world."

NOTES BY THE WAY

In other words, Lindbergh declared that if the Americans thought it would be a good idea to establish in Canada, then the United States should send her troops right into this Dominion, push aside the Canadian people and set up a fort. Or, if the Americans wanted to put a naval base in Newfoundland, then the Americans would land marines in Saint John's, shoot down any Newfoundlanders who got in the way of the act, and go ahead and construct the base.

The real terror, however, and the real evil now afflicting Canada is the power of the Gestapo. It was already strong and pervasive before the military invasion, a factor that could not be ignored.

Even those Americans who are unmoved by the fate of France have felt anxious regarding the pro-dictator speech of President Vargas. The next day came the announcement from London that the Brazilian Embassy would look after Italian interests for the duration of the war.

A couple of mornings ago we were gliding with a Mr. A. in Windsor, Ontario, when a man left Mr. A. a Mr. B met us and informed us that to his horror his old friend, Mr. A. had been arrested for espionage. We hastened to inform Mr. B. that we had just left Mr. A. who was alive and free. We did not add the information that Mr. A. was in the hands of a Mr. C. had told us on his solemn honor that Mr. B. had been locked up 48 hours before and was now on his way to an internment camp. This is not a fair tale, it is just a little too hysterical over the war. Clark in The Windsor, Ont. Star.

The latest memorandum from the League of Nations announces that consideration is being given to the legality or otherwise of the British action in releasing British prisoners from the Altmark. That seems like ancient history today. — Calgary Herald.

With many of its principal actors fighting in France, the Oberammergau Passion Play (given once a decade) was cancelled for the third time since its inauguration in 1634. Not yet drafted was its Christus, long-haired, bearded, wood-carver, 40, too old for active service. — Time.

If Hitler is unable to reach his goal in Europe, his "punches" in Latin American governments will be definitely off. If Nazism wins the war, however, his ambition is almost certain to vault the ocean and land in Brazil, a country which has so many Germans it almost went Nazi a few years ago. — Sarnia Observer.

Respectable spinster Margaret Wilson, talented daughter of the late President Woodrow Wilson, decried the volunteer army as a disciple of St. Aurelianus and sought refuge from the world in the Brahmin retreat at Pondichery, India. — Time.

One of the most unfortunate consequences of the order of the Canadian Government that the Canadians visiting the country after July 1 must carry passports seems to be a marked drop in the number of Americans visiting Canada as tourists, perhaps because of a misunderstanding of the new regulation which does not apply to them at all. The more critical international situation, coupled with this passport order, seems destined to reduce the anticipated flow of tourists to Canada this year. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Every French-Canadian is capitally interested in a Nazi defeat, for it is a fight to the death between Germany on one side and on the other France and England, who are the champions of Christian civilization. Hitler has said that he wishes to dominate the world and, in consequence, replace

British Cheese Market

Farmers in Eastern Canada will welcome the announcement by Agriculture Minister Gardiner that the British Ministry of Food is possible of obtaining the largest possible quantity of cheese from Canada this season.

It puts the dairy farmer in a somewhat better position than those engaged in most other branches of agriculture. A demand for the output of his farm is now as assured as anything can be in such times. His outlook for the present year at least is considerably brighter than it was six weeks or two months ago when it appeared as if Britain was uninterested in any large supply of Canadian dairy products.

This assurance of a market is bound to have a good effect throughout all parts where dairy farming is still the mainstay of most rural communities. In all it affects some 25,000 to 30,000 farm homes, for in the present set-up within the dairy industry cheese prices and demand constitute a balance wheel around which other sections of the industry revolve.

About a month ago Mr. Gardiner announced the sale of some 78 million pounds of cheese to Britain at a fixed price of 14 cents in Montreal. Now word that the amount of cheese Britain will take is practically unlimited removes any chance of cheese surpluses disrupting the industry, and will also relieve the latter situation. It appears that the previously settled rate of 14 cents in Montreal will continue, and most cheese producers seem satisfied with this.

Cheese production has increased this year as compared to last season, and of still greater importance the quality has shown a substantial buttermilk. The amount of first-grade cheese has increased nearly eight percent compared to last year, and the value of the Dominion production on high scoring cheese is again demonstrated.

Spelling Test

Dr. L. L. Click, professor of English at the University of Texas, challenges copyreaders and newspapermen in general with a list of words to spell. He declares that any man who cannot spell eight or nine missing letters of the following is an irresponsible peddler and an embarrassed cobbler.

The Channel Islands (Exchange) Considering their position so close to the French coast the Channel Islands have had a very peaceful history. They are known in French as the lies Normandes, and in the mind of the Duke of Normandy, one of whose successors in due course carried out the English successful invasion of England. Ever since that time, though there have been periods of uncertainty, the islands have belonged to the English and British kings, clear from the reign of the reign of John (1199-1216). The islands were left only to be left alone and, because of the strength of their isolated island position, successive kings were unable to levy upon them as heavily as they would have some-

The Channel Islands

times wished. Hence there has been a long tradition of economical government and low taxation in the Channel Islands which, in the last half century, have therefore become a haven of refuge for many wealthy people (including some well-known Canadians) who sought to escape the responsibilities of their citizenship by establishing residence there. The immunity of the islands, however, lasted only until a hostile and aggressive power established itself on the adjacent coast and well equipped with bombing planes, gave evidence of its intention to destroy them. The British could have held the islands, but only at heavy cost, and doubtless decided that the military value of the positions would not be worth the price that would have to be paid for holding them. They therefore moved out and the Nazis moved in where they, in turn, will be subjected to the harassing fire of British planes and ships. The islands moved in where they, in turn, will be subjected to the harassing fire of British planes and ships. The islands moved in where they, in turn, will be subjected to the harassing fire of British planes and ships.

Understatement

(Halifax Chronicle) The Conservative leader has joined the ranks of those politicians who become masters of understatement. One of his comments yesterday was a gem of restrained expression. A Vancouver member asked the House about the release from penitentiary of one Joe Celona, who had served five years of a ten-year sentence for white slavery. The release, he said, concealed "every decent citizen in Vancouver," since Celona was formerly openly acknowledged vice lord of the city and dominated its underworld more completely than did Capone in Chicago. It was then that Mr. Hanson exhibited his gift for understatement. "This," said he, "is a pretty serious charge."

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