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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Shall Russia Fail?

The fact that Nazi mechanized forces are ploughing their way towards the encirclement of Russia's western cities may be disappointing, but should not be discouraging.

If the expected happens and the cities of the West fall what then? Russia's plight would indeed seem desperate had she not turned her mind eastward, to the new industrial and oil-producing areas in the Volga-Ural region and in the huge Kazakhstan Republic, stretching from the Caspian Sea to the borders of China.

How much of the strength in these new regions goes directly into armaments and munitions? That is harder to specify. Some aircraft and tank factories have been working for years.

The last question is whether the Soviet Government have lately brought many skilled workers eastward to the new factories from the threatened areas.

As the threat in the west grows the Soviet newspapers as a whole dwell even more than usual on the increasing productivity of the new regions.

Cynical Election Judge

In the Stanstead, Que., election petition, when Mr. Davidson, Liberal member was charged with distributing liquor and other gifts, likewise attending a smoker the cost of which, including the liquor, was allegedly provided by Mr. Davidson,

In the course of their judgment the learned jurists contended that the custom of "treating" would be considered reprehensible if it had been done by the candidate "instead of by his helpers."

The Court further stated that a broad view must be taken of what was corrupt treating and what was not. To go by the strict letter of the law often would produce very grave wrongs.

when impartial, had always been allowed. Although some charity was a specious and subtle form of bribery, it was no crime for a man simply to bestow gifts on his constituents.

"God Speed The Plough"

Prime Minister Churchill has sent the following eloquent appeal to English farmers, which is not altogether inappropriate to our own: "Never before have farmers and farm workers carried such a heavy responsibility as you do in this struggle.

"But there can be no relaxation. Far from it. The enemy's attack at sea will be intensified. The situation demands from each one of us still greater efforts, still greater sacrifices, than we have yet made.

In an address at Norwich, Mr. Hudson, Minister of Agriculture, said that thanks to the prodigious efforts Britain had virtually managed to make good in twelve months nearly the whole of the losses in imported feeding-stuffs.

A Little More Sugar Temporarily

In sending parcels overseas don't forget to include some tea and sugar. The boys and their friends like both.

Despite large shipments of sugar to Russia, Britain has been able temporarily to increase her ration of sugar from eight ounces per week to twelve ounces which is not very much, is it?

These are temporary measures for the Winter months and may be withdrawn "suddenly if there should be heavy military demands on our shipping, or should our allies need supplies."

The rationing scheme covering canned goods, largely from Canada and the United States, will go into effect on Dec. 1. This means that housewives will then be able to buy canned meat, fish and beans only with a special ration book similar to that for clothing.

EDITORIAL NOTES

December this year means price ceiling as well as Christmas.

With so many fathers and big brothers "doing their bit," let other church members keep a kindly eye on the little folk and see that they are not neglected.

If we let up on sending Christmas cards, we are depriving the Government of much needed postal revenue to carry on the war. Let us send all our friends and acquaintances as usual a cheery reminder that the Prince of Peace still is, and that we remember them.

Preparation at McGill University of a report on university war work to be forwarded to the Dominion Government, and which incidentally will require more than 50 closely typewritten sheets, has revealed the fact that between 16,000 and 17,000 students, past students and graduates are on active service.

Charged with giving a show on the Sabbath, the Belmont Theatre, Montreal, through its counsel, pleaded guilty and informed Judge Monet the Crown would be satisfied with a fine of \$10 and costs, or eight days.

Queen Alexandra, wife of Edward VII, mother of George V, and grandmother of our present King, born this date, 1844, daughter of King Christian IX of Denmark; took a deep interest in the welfare of her people; she reorganized the Army nursing service, and during the Great War emerged from the retirement in which she had been since her husband's death, and worked devotedly on behalf of hospitals and other organizations for the relief and comfort of soldiers.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Sir John Dill, from Northern Ireland, retires as chief of the general staff, to be succeeded by Sir Alan Brooke, also from Northern Ireland.

Two of Premier Pattullo's ministers have resigned, and two others have tendered their resignations, yet the British Columbia premier says he will attempt to carry on in the house with the Liberal strength is 21 in a total membership of 48.

William M. Birks, chairman of the Montreal Protestant Central School Board, issued the night note yesterday, in his demand for an addition to school revenue of \$800,000, as requested by the Montreal committee of the Council of Education, which has a total of \$2,939,000.

A big man has been chosen for a big job. The man is Donald Gordon and the job, the enforcement of the Saskatchewan and Alberta wages throughout Canada. It is the most revolutionary step ever taken by any free country.

In British Columbia Premier Pattullo finds himself without a majority in the Legislature and with two of his principal ministers deserting him.

From various bureaus and government departments at Ottawa, prodigious quantities of mimeographed circulars are mailed to the press. Most of this is obviously intended for publication in newspapers, or as the basis for editorial comment.

British Columbia seems to have hit on a clever plan of using practical psychology to aid the gasoline conservation campaign. The issue of "gallon cards" to motorists on a voluntary basis will have the effect of making them feel that they are owners conscious of the need for cutting down on consumption.

We shall not defeat Hitler by making faces at him across the Atlantic, and our War Department is finally beginning to recognize the realities. I am reliably informed that for the first time plans have been drawn up commensurate with the situation that confronts us.

LONDON (CP)—Nearly 3,000 Londoners in 1935, but the revised list, due in 1939, will not be published until after the war.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A Thought A Day For A People At War
We, who are still free, must save the nations which would be free once more. All over Europe the nations held captive by the tyrant turn their eyes towards us, and assuredly we will not fail them.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

CANADIAN WHEAT CROP

Sir—I have seldom seen the position of Canada's wheat farmers concentrated into such a graphic paragraph as the following penned by the Hon. Mr. J. E. Phipps, in the course of his address at the 67th annual meeting of the shareholders of the Imperial Bank of Canada.

The Canadian wheat crop for 1941 is placed at 306 million bushels, a falling off from approximately 350 million bushels last year. This decline is attributed in almost equal measure to the wheat acreage reduction program and to unusually light yields in wide areas of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

It seems like a goodly stem but, on balance, the crop is somewhat against the shrinkage of 244,000 bushels, to which Mr. Phipps refers, and which would have been valued at \$22,000,000 to growers.

POULTRY SHOW

Sir—The annual Poultry Show will be held on December 1st, at 8 o'clock P.M. in the showrooms of T. G. Ives & Co., George St., and will be officially opened by His Honour, Lieutenant-Governor LePage.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK

Sir—I would esteem it a privilege if you would grant me a few lines in your "Public Forum" column in reply to a letter in Saturday's issue regarding the "First day of the week."

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Blenheim—And Libya
(Ottawa Journal)
"The desert army" said a messenger from Mr. Churchill on the eve of the launching of the new Libyan offensive, "may add a page to his story which will rank with Blenheim and with Waterloo."

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