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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Substitute For Blood Serum

Amazing it true is the information coming from the University of Toronto, about doctors there using isinglass as a substitute for human blood serum in transfusions.

This experimental success has been somewhat confined in the laboratory to results derived from transfusions in dogs, cats, rabbits and mice, but clinical results have been tested by Dr. H. E. Pugsley and Dr. F. F. Farquharson in the Toronto General Hospital.

These researches, of course, may be taken as being still in the experimental stage. They in no way lessen the great and urgent need for blood donors across Canada.

Future For Agriculture

Commenting on Progressive Conservative Leader John Bracken's announcement of his party's national agricultural reform program, the Globe and Mail says:

In scope and in meaning the 30 points he outlined in his Lethbridge address represent a vast project. But it is an integrated project which ought to bring encouragement to every farmer regardless of the nature of his production or his locale.

Radical as the program may seem to some who think of it purely as "assistance," it is not actually new. In essence it crystallizes the reforms which Mr. Bracken and his colleagues have labored toward for a long period of years.

Essentially it is a program which places the emphasis "not on occasional handouts, having the character of charity," but on individual initiative, self-reliance, co-operative enterprise, hard work and thrift.

Assistance, as Mr. Bracken has outlined it, has the objective of promoting the self-reliance of the farmer within the national economy, and aiding him to advance to and hold a position of equality with other essential industries in that economy.

Notes By The Way

Two thousand men of the Canadian Forestry Corps brought back from Scotland can be a great help in getting out the timber that needs to be cut on this side of the Atlantic, where it is more plentiful.

Business men who have been bunched around in crowded railroad passenger cars the past several months can look forward only to a bigger and better buffeting in the months ahead.

The woodpecker is a realist. With its every knock is a boost. If it looks under a fold of bark it is for due cause. In the spring, it excavates a tidy nest, but only in a softened tree. Even then it will hide the chips just in case predatory eyes were watching.

An interesting feature of the problem of agriculture is that, while many farmers are obliged to sell out, city folk are buying adjacent farm land. The explanation is that while the former are in the clutch of circumstances, the latter are taking a long view of the situation.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

All Souls Day. Better not put off applying for those Victory Bonds lest the opportunity be lost.

Who are the "big shots" so far in our Victory Loan Campaign? The Holmans, Summerside and Senator John A. Macdonald, Cardigan. The former boosted Summerside's quota, and the latter Cardigan's.

"Uncle Dud" little dreamed what he was starting when, as an octogenarian, he re-entered benedictism. But since taking that step he has been followed by such distinguished world figures as Rt. Hon. L. Lloyd George (82) and Charles G. D. Roberts (83).

Jenny Lind, Swedish soprano, died this date 1887; after a phenomenal success on the continent, she visited England in 1847 as an operatic soloist, and the U. S. A. in 1850 as a concert singer; she attracted crowded audiences wherever she appeared and had no compeer till Madame Patti appeared on the New York platform in 1859; in her later years, Jenny, who married Otto Goldschmidt, was teacher of singing in the Royal College of Music, London.

Provincial rights will again be a subject of discussion when representatives of the provinces meet in Ottawa on the 8th of this month for the Federal-Provincial labour conference called by Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour to study the drafting of a new Labour Code.

It evidently is a costly luxury salvaging vessels, and no wonder Ottawa balked at attempting to do so in connection with the loss of S. S. Charlottetown. The U. S. Navy Bureau of Ships has just turned over to the Naval Board the U. S. S. Lafayette, former Normandie, marking the completion of an 18-month salvage job costing \$4,500,000 to refloat the vessel at an even keel.

Impressive figures show the extent to which the British people have translated the Government's call to grow more food at home into action. In four years, the number of allotment holders in England and Wales has increased by 700,000 to 900,000 and the grand total of allotment-holders now stands at approximately 1,800,000.

The vital importance of little things. Group Capt. A. Raymond, commanding at Uplands Air school, commenting on the protests against shining buttons, polishing boots, etc., said to recent graduates: "I cannot emphasize the 'spit and polish' discipline too strongly. You are going to be leaders. With leadership there comes added privileges, but there are also added responsibilities to be shouldered.

As harvesting began in Norfolk-shire, the Old Country papers carried a photograph of the King and Queen and the two Princesses on an inspection of the wartime farm effort at Sandringham. The Toronto Telegram relates. They were walking through a field of barley. The Princesses, dressed in what looked much like farmette dress, although perhaps slacks would have been a more appropriate item in that type of uniform.

When Gen. Sir Bernard Montgomery was talking to the boys of Amesbury school in Great Britain, shortly before he left for the attack on Sicily, he told them it would be the chief difference between the German and the British soldier is that the German soldier laughs at other people's misfortunes while the British soldier laughs at his own misfortunes.

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Ancient History Brought To Life

Edmund G. Berry, of the Department of Classics, University of Manitoba, in the Ottawa Journal. It is curious for a classical scholar to read the newspapers these days and to see old, familiar names appearing in the headlines, places fought over time and time again and now once more the scene of critical battle.

The Canadians went across from Sicily to Italy, from Messina to Reggio. Both were old Greek colonies, founded in the 8th century B.C. "They knew" Messina as Messana and Reggio as Rhegium, cities which centuries before Christ had a prosperous culture of their own and soon outgrew their parent towns on the Greek mainland.

The Allies landed in amphibious operation at Paestum, and I saw in several newspapers and magazines pictures of troops in the colonnade of the Greek temple. Apparently the Allies were seeking first a material kingdom. They have been trying to turn the gospel into a system of economics and have abandoned the doctrine of eternal life.

They returned to Normandy laden with rich presents and promises to bring back their countrymen to Italy. They did so, and settled in Southern Italy and Sicily, setting up a Norman court under the cultured soldier-prince, Frederick II. I wonder how many medical officers with their hands on the pulse of the Middle Ages. While scholars went for graduate study in Bologna, the medical professors of Salerno were unsurpassed and all European doctors studied there.

Only three weeks ago there was fighting among the ruins of Pompeii under the shadow of Vesuvius. The scene was sary, but it is good to hear that much of that city of the dead still stands, for here we can best see what the world looked like in all phases of its life.

One day in 79 A.D., when business was as usual in the town, a sharp eruption of the volcano took place and in the course of a single day covered the whole town with molten lava, catching many of the people in their houses and shops. It was buried and forgotten until the 16th century, and now little by little archaeologists have cleared the streets out, exposing houses and shops just as they were on that ill-fated day.

Just north of Vesuvius is the little harbor town of Pezuoli, which the Canadians occupied. Its ancient name was Puteoli. Roman times an important seaport. Cleo landed here on his last journey. He had landed at Syracuse and had stayed there three days. "And from thence we fetched a compass and came to Rhegium after one day the south wind blew, and we crossed the next day to Puteoli; where we found brethren and were desired to tarry for seven days; and so we went toward Rome." Paul was a prisoner in the city of Puteoli for five days and landed at Puteoli on May 3, 59 A.D. The "brethren" were perhaps slaves in the service of the Roman government.

On the south side of the Bay of Naples lies Capri, now occupied by the Allies. It is not many years since "Twas on the Isle of Capri" was heard everywhere; Canadian and American soldiers will remember it well. And many of them must now have seen the little island in the blue of the Mediterranean. Virgil mentions it; the Emperor Augustus took a liking to it and visited it for the last time four days before his death. But it was Tiberius who established himself there permanently in 27 A.D., and according to one account, spent the last ten years of his life in every sort of debauchery.

But Tiberius must have been an man by that time and the historian Tacitus listened readily to gossip. However Tiberius built 12 palaces on Capri, the different part of the island. The remains of one of them have been built into the walls of a Christian church. It is interesting to recall that for two years Capri was held and governed by the British - from 1806 to 1808. Admiral Sir Sidney Smith captured the island which was then garrisoned by Sir Hudson Lowe later Napoleon's keeper on St. Helena.

As the Allies advance nearer to Rome they will find themselves among more and more classical names and scenes. Capua was a prosperous medieval city and long before had been Hannibal's headquarters after he defeated the Romans at Cannae.



THE AIM O' Thou who lovest not alone The strife success, with the instant goal. But has a lenient eye to mark The failures of the inconstant soul.

Consider not my litas work— The mean achievement, stamped in act. The high resolve and low race. The dream that dare not face the fact. But count the rest of my desire. Let this be something in my sight— I have not in the slothful dark, Forgo the vision and the height. Neither my body nor my soul To earth's low case will yield consent. I praise Thee for my will to strive To earth's low case will yield consent. —Charles G. D. Roberts.

Reverse Gospel

(Lewis Mulligan in Tweed News) The churches have lost the power of spiritual healing because too many ministers have reversed the gospel of their Master and are seeking first a material kingdom. They have been trying to turn the gospel into a system of economics and have abandoned the doctrine of eternal life.

Daily Newspapers

(Financial Post) "It has become quite impossible," says a Toronto weekly publication to rely on the daily newspapers for any accurate account of the proceedings in the courts and council chambers of this country, however significant the news.

The high degree of accuracy in the press of Canada is one of the most remarkable things about it. In view of the difficulties under which it works, especially in wartime, and the speed of production which the public expects, the marvel is that there are so few errors.

Not the least of things against which the accurate reporter must guard is the numbers, unfortunately comprising many judges, parliamentarians, attorneys, mayors, aldermen, councillors, court clerks, citizens. And inevitably, a reporter must depend much on verbal information.

Equally dangerous are the people who profess to know; who are bursting to be helpful and are so sure of facts they don't know. There are as many words in the news columns of a daily newspaper as in a good-sized book. Yet the book produced over a period of months and with a multiplicity of checkers, is seldom without errors.

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