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

MONDAY DECEMBER 13, 1943. Mr. Bracken's Speech

Friday's address by Hon. John Bracken at Hamilton, which appeared in full in Saturday's Guardian, will appeal to many thinking people as the most statesmanlike utterance to emanate from this country for a long time.

Mr. Bracken is not the first public man to be blanketed on the airwaves of Canada's own radio system. It will be recalled that in the early days of the war Mr. George MacCallagh, publisher of the Toronto Globe and Mail was similarly pilloried by the CBC governing board when he launched a campaign to warn Canadians from the dangers of complacency as then holding sway at Ottawa.

The CBC, although the governing board seem to have entirely forgotten, is a public utility owned by the people of Canada and radio owners are taxed a high enough license fee to maintain its operations. The people are, therefore, entitled to and have a right to expect a utility entirely independent of political control, not one where expression of views on public questions is opened wide to the Prime Minister and members of his government, while to leaders of other parties the right of free expression of opinion is gested.

Holiday Mails

Postmaster General Mulock advises citizens that their help is positively essential if the holiday mails are to be delivered on time—there is a patriotic obligation to mail early for Christmas. All are urged to mail their Christmas letters, greetings and parcels as soon as possible—not later than December 20th for local delivery.

"Early Mailing" this year is the only solution to the problem of "Delivery on time", because of the abnormal conditions under which the Post Office is working. Ordinary mail has expanded to record proportions—there is an acute shortage of transportation facilities—and the additional influx of Christmas mailings will aggravate the situation.

Despite the caution to "Mail Early" last year in some centres the public failed to co-operate and on the last day or so before Christmas—even on Christmas eve—heavy mails were posted, which it was physically impossible to segregate, sort and deliver by Christmas Day.

The Canadian Postal Service asks the public to "Mail Early" so that prompt and efficient service can be maintained during the "peak" season.

Omitted Words

Lou's P. Lochner, Associated Press writer who knows Germany better than any other non-German newsmen in the world, observes that the most significant fact about the Teheran declarations, from the viewpoint of their effect on German morale, is the absence of the words "unconditional surrender."

One doubts, suggests the Sydney Post-Record, that "statesmanship" had anything to do with the omission. The obvious reason these words

Notes By The Way

British Board of Education has kicked the legend of the stork bringing babies, right out of the schools. Nevertheless the stork will continue to deliver—St. Catharines Standard.

The time has long passed since any significance can be attached to any thing this arch liar (Hitler) has to say about any subject other than a blanket confession of defeat—something that his distorted brain will never permit him to declare. His latest speech was merely the ravings of a madman at bay. Hitler's screedings belong to the psychiatrist; they are no longer of any military value.—Detroit Free Press.

A new type of airplane propeller is now in use. Only the core is of metal. The rest is of hard rubber into which bubbles of gas have been blown so that the inside looks much like sponge cake. Over this hard sponge is a shell of rubber and neoprene, polished and lacquered.

An astonishing number of dog-owners have sent accounts of the immediate response of their dogs to the siren. The latest story re-

were not used again at Teheran was that they had already amply served their purpose, that the whole world knows and had known ever since the Casablanca Conference that nothing short of the unconditional surrender of the Nazi Government, its armies and fighting forces of all kinds, will ever bring peace to Germany. There was no appeal to German morale at Teheran, nor is it probable that there will be anything of the kind till the end of the chapter. There is only one way to get Germany out of the war, by smashing her armies and wrecking her whole industrial structure, her air fleet and submarines and naval bases. And the Teheran declarations, which have omitted nothing necessary, have made it clear that the United Nations are determined to do the job just in that way.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Now it won't be long, Christmas is coming, as well as Christmas exams.

Christmas tree shipments from New Brunswick to the United States this season show a decrease of about 50 per cent compared with the average volume.

Federal Parliament will be asked to vote \$94,000,000 for European relief at next session, this being at the rate of one per cent of our national income, the amount agreed upon at the recent conference of UNRRA.

One of the most popular women story-writers in England, Mrs. Arthur Dashwood, has just passed away at her home in Clumpton, Devonshire, at the early age of 52. Under the nom-de-guerre of E. M. Delafield she wrote some 40 best-selling novels and crime stories. Her outstanding successes were "Women Are Like That," published in 1928, and "Diary of a Provincial Lady," which was the best seller of 1931.

Lt.-Col. D. H. Williams, venereal disease control officer for the Canadian Army, told the recent conference in Ottawa that if one-third of the money spent in treating venereal diseases was spent on establishment of more recreational facilities for youths, the number of cases of syphilis and gonorrhoea would be cut in half. A sounder foundation for the control of venereal disease has been laid in Quebec than in any other province.

This is not so good news for the kiddies. It appears the increased supply of chocolates, candies, suckers, etc., promised for Christmas is confined, more or less, to Ontario and Quebec, which share most of the good things of this life between them. Local wholesalers are not only under restricted quotas, but have to share some of their quotas with those centres where war work has increased the population appreciably above what it was in 1941.

It is as well to have it on record, lest we forget. The British-American Allies have lost 5,023 men killed and 16,800 wounded and 5,823 missing in the fighting in Italy, a total of 27,646 to November 23. British casualties in Italy from the invasion on Sept. 3 to Nov. 23 were 3,212 killed, 9,709 wounded and 3,153 missing. Separate Canadian casualties were not given. War Secretary Henry Stimson announced in Washington that American units of the 5th Army had lost 1,811 killed, 7,091 wounded and 2,670 missing since the beginning of operations on the Italian mainland.

The Navy League is not functioning here at all, but this is what the Saint John Telegraph-Journal says: "The announcement that the Navy League is going to establish a hostel on Orange Street is—in the fifth year of the war—welcome but belated news. The league has been doing magnificent work throughout Canada, at the request of naval authorities at Ottawa, but apparently these authorities had not until recently, in all their wisdom, considered this community of sufficient importance as a seaport and naval centre to warrant their serious attention. They have now changed their minds. At long last we are to have the badly-needed hostel."

Dr. Samuel Johnson, man of letters, died this date 1784; were it not for Boswell there would probably be little heard of Dr. Johnson today; in criticism Johnson belonged to the "correct" school; he deprecates Milton's freedom of prosody; he objects to the Romantic Movement, and is suspicious of Gray's poetry; yet he is a great critic, in spite of his "Correctness"; "The Vanity of Human Wishes" is not great poetry—it is too correct, too scholarly; the novel "Rasselas" fails in character delineation; nominally it is a tale of Imhac, an Abyssinian prince, in reality it is a book of wisdom and literary criticism; his prose is much Latinized, sometimes ponderous; it is balanced, but regular antithesis sometimes makes it rhetorical.

"Turn on the glittering bribe thy scornful eye, Nor sell for gold what gold could never buy."

fers to a six months' old dachshund which boils to an Anderson-type shelter in the garden directly the siren sounds and stays there till they proper "all clear" is heard, paying no attention to the observer's "all clear". As a resident in the Eastern Counties the dog had much experience, and it may be claimed that Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex pheasants have equally learned to respond to wartime noises.—London Spectator.

On a Peterborough bus an elderly woman was sitting near a little boy who was snuffling and clearly needed to blow his nose; at last she, rudely, "Say, haven't you got a handkerchief?" to which the boy replied pettily: "Yes, but my mother said I wasn't to lend it to nobody."—Peterborough Examiner.

The idea of chaplains in the factories is growing, says The Manchester Guardian. Coventry was a pioneer in this, and now the Church of Scotland has a group of younger ministers as factory chaplains. One of them is in a paper mill, where he spent six months as an ordinary laborer. He said his wife

Bracken Boys

(Windsor Star)

Progressive Conservatives of Essex South are getting their plans in shape for the coming Dominion general election. Already four candidates are seeking the Bracken Party nomination. The choice will be made on Monday, February 7, at the Essex Town Hall in the city.

J. George Brown of Amherstburg. He has been the adjutant officer for the Canadian Legion in this district for some time. He was also campaign manager for William Murdoch, M.P., the only successful Progressive Conservative candidate in the four Essex County seats in the recent Ontario general election. Mr. Brown has been active in his campaign and he has had petitions out through the country.

Albert L. Bruner, well-known Ojinda farmer, who is an old hand at the Conservative stand. He was the unsuccessful Conservative candidate in the 1940 general election. Mr. Bruner has been prominent politically for a long time.

William D. Conklin, Kingsville barrister and present secretary of the party association in Essex South, is a newcomer as far as an active candidate is concerned. But, he is also well known and the Conklin name is familiar to everyone in the county.

J.R. Morris, Leamington barrister, is also in the running. He was the Stevens Reconservative candidate in Essex South in the 1935 general election, when Murray Clark won the seat for the Liberals as the Conservative split the vote.

There will probably be others mentioned before the convention is held in February. Forbes Geddes, Essex barrister and president of the constituency association, may be in there. Austin R. Smith, Kingsville barrister and former M.P.P. for Essex South, has many friends in the county.

The Progressive Conservatives getting busy down in the county is a healthy sign for John Bracken.

now live in a three-roomed house near the mill, and he does a week in the mill and has three services a Sunday for the workers. Another in a Clydebank factory, and does his chaplain's work mainly amongst the fire-watchers. It takes him 18 weeks to get around the factory with his lectures and talks. In one Clydebank shipyard a chapel is to be built as the result of a chaplain's work. One chaplain reports that the method of teaching is helping to break down the barrier between religion and the workers.

The parlor stove—base burner, some prefer to call it—is part of the history of America. Boys and girls have looked through the mica square in the stove door and seen the flames curl from the chunks of maple, oak and hickory. In many farm homes today, sections of the parlor stove are still in the Fall and removing it to the back kitchen or woodshed in the spring are regular semi-annual tasks. The countryman has special fondness for the parlor stove. It is a back and forth. It sits on a square of zinc in the living room, placed reasonably far from the wall. Not so much as one might think, to give opportunity to all members of the family to sit around it. For a stove is merely a cage for fire, and fire is merely a means of heating the room. In winter, second only to the kitchen range, the parlor stove is the heart of family life. Tall, polished, black surfaces polished to a gleaming lustre, its nickel scrollwork shining like silver and its ornamental top polished to a mirror, its purpose well—New York Times.

On several occasions in the recent past the stork has been dished again, by reports of "cures" for the common cold. It would appear that medical science actually has made some progress in its search for preventives, but "cures" as such, have not come up to expectations. Now, however, comes news and new hope from England. Professor W. E. Giles, of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, has been performing some experiments with patulin, a mold-derivative not related to penicillin, and his findings may be of great importance. The Lancet leading British medical journal, says patulin was tried out on British naval personnel, and the results completely cured fifty-seven per cent of the men treated and cured within the brief space of two weeks. Of a corresponding group which did not receive patulin only 9.4 per cent recovered in that time. It is also stated that an inhalant containing patulin proved effective in quelling the inflammation of the nose and throat. This being the case—and further experiments will soon confirm or upset the findings—may be the completely cured people may soon owe another immense debt of gratitude to the researchers. If patulin turns out to be as effective as reported, millions of people may be saved inconvenience and illness and millions of man-hours of labor may be thus salvaged. This hope is heightened, moreover, if the word that patulin is easy to make and does not cost much.—Brandford Expositor.

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Samos Rich In History

(Stratford Beacon-Herald)

War is nothing new to Samos, the third of the Aegean islands yielded to the Germans by British-Italian garrisons. It is quite a small island—only 27 miles by 14—but it has been a part in the world out of all proportion to its size. It was there in the Aegean Sea when Jason and his Argonauts passed it on their way to Colchis to find the golden fleece. It was there when the Greeks passed by the thousand and ships Helen's beauty launched in the Trojan campaign.

It had a strategic position on some of the trade routes of the ancient world and by the Seventh Century B. C. was one of the principal centres of Greece, having extensive trade with Egypt and the Black Sea. Its people were enterprising and its sailors are credited with being the first Greeks to sail the Straits of Gibraltar.

It had a part in the Persian war and in the bewildering tangle of civil wars in which Greek fought Greek. At one time its navy actually owned one-third of the world.

Samos was the birthplace of the philosopher Pythagoras. His wine, available in quantity at the court of the tyrant Polycrates, is said to have inspired Anacreon's verse. It was famous for its sculpture and its poetry. The temple of Diana at Ephesus, which was regarded as one of the wonders of the ancient world, Herodotus says it was the largest temple he ever saw.

In its time Samos was ruled by Greeks, Persians, Romans, Syrians, Romans, Genoese, Turks and Italians. Several times in the centuries, its people, or most of them, have suffered from the ravages of a fair distribution among all the population provided. For thirty centuries it has been stewing in the pot of Mars with the fires sometimes blazing and sometimes hardly warm. Now, the fires are "hot" up again.

Maple Sugar Rationing

(Moncton Transcript)

Some encouragement to maple sugar producers is given by the Wartime Price Control Board in increasing the value of 'D' coupons for the purchase of the product. The board might go farther to provide an increased supply by removing the ration restrictions on this commodity entirely.

In the Maritime Provinces, at least, the greater part of the product to the consumers. Rationing will do little to ensure a more even distribution among all the provinces, but it will prove a handicap to the producers in disposing of the syrup.

The result is likely to be that many farmers will be unable to obtain the tapping the trees, already partially discouraged by the difficulty in finding labor to help them, in obtaining the sap, and in making a profit on the product, will throw up their hands and refuse to bother with it.

It is desirable to protect the interests of the consumers, although it is questionable that rationing of maple syrup will benefit them, and this is a case where the interests of the producers will likely take precedence. Most of our output is furnished by farmers who find it difficult to make a profit on the product. There are a few of them who do not need the extra money so obtained, but they are a small minority. It is to be hoped that they will be encouraged by rationing rather than discouraging production.

Ancient Buns Studied

(London News Letter)

Three scientists are probing a mystery concerning two ancient currant buns, left over from the last century. Bun I was baked in 1893 to celebrate the wedding of the Prince of Wales and was given to the Queen Victoria's Jubilee. They have analyzed the buns and found the result so puzzling that they have written a long article about it. They explain that the buns are not their high content of riboflavin, or vitamin B2. After giving a scientific exposition, they come to this conclusion: "The buns are so far from being completely satisfactory in their riboflavin values found in these ancient buns. It is either due to the high value of the yeast or beer of those days or to the larger quantity that could be used. The bread made at that time would probably also have a higher riboflavin content than today."

Defying The Ration Laws

(Ottawa Journal)

In Toronto an important businessman, head of an important company, was prosecuted for hoarding foodstuffs—he had accumulated more than 200 lbs. of butter, 200 pounds of tinned butter. He was fined \$5,000, with the alternative of three months in jail.

This seems like a stiff penalty, but in fact it is richly deserved, and many will think the magistrate should have added a period of imprisonment. Sympathy should not be wasted on those who selfishly put their own comfort ahead of the common good.

It is to be expected that persons of wealth and position should set an example in strict adherence to control regulations made for the good of all. Coupons alone cannot be relied upon to control shortages and shortages are accepted cheerfully by the masses of the people in the assurance that rich or poor, all are treated alike. When it comes about that a man of position and standing ignores his responsibilities and sets the sort of example re-

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vealed in this Toronto case the effect upon the public mind is disturbing and certainly not calculated to encourage respect for the control laws. Those laws it must be clearly understood, are intended to assure a fair distribution among all the people of essential commodities in short supply. And "all the people" means just that. Within the law there are no special facilities for gathering in quantities of goods which for most are available only within the limits of a rigid ration. And those are the very people as we have said, who should set an example by strict adherence to the rules.

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MOMENT MUSICAL

The round moon hangs above the rim Of silent and blue-shadowed trees, And all the earth is vague and dim In its blue veil of mysteries.

On such a night one must believe The Golden Age returns again With lyric beauty, to retrieve The world from dreariness and pain.

And down the wooded aisles, behold What dancers through the dusk appear! Piping their rapture as of old, They bring immortal freedom near.

A moment on the brink of night, They tread their transport in the dew, And to the rhythm of their delight Behold, all things are made anew!

—Bliss Carman

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