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

Quite clearly, they would make every effort to encourage desertion and duplicity in the enemy camp."

Dr. Klein recalls General Smuts' warning that "the most vital theatre of this war is the Mediterranean base." A base is something from which to operate. It is this sea which washes the coasts of the Balkans, France, and, first of all, Italy.

NOTES BY THE WAY

For the momentary gratification of their blood lust and their passion for destruction Hitler, Goering and their ill-omened crew have sacrificed every principle of civilization.

In the not distant future guests in even some of London's large hotels may be required to make their own beds, keep their rooms clean, and shine their own shoes.

There is no need for a post-war depression, says U. S. shipbuilder Henry J. Kaiser, who rather foresees America entering her most prosperous era.

When Bruce Bairsfather's Old Bill

Bill inquired of his comrade-in-arms, "where did you go, 'Erbert'?" he was guilty of a breach of discipline, as discipline appears to be understood in a sphere within the jurisdiction of the stern military.

It need scarcely be pointed out that any talk of "inhumanity" from any Japanese in uniform is pure hypocrisy.

A good nurse usually is called upon to display these qualities in the sick room of a home or a hospital, but it was during the many hours of Tuesday when flames engulfed the interior of the St. Joseph's Hospital.

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The march of science sometimes pushes us in directions which we are loathe to take. Now, we learn, the trumpets used in the U. S. Army are to be made of cellulose acetate in order to conserve brass.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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

U. S. AND PROHIBITION

Sir.—The objections raised by Mr. J. C. Lewis against a by-law in the town of Alberton may be well taken or otherwise. His remarks however, regarding the Prohibition Amendment in U.S.A., with which he prefaced his objections were entirely gratuitous.

The truth of what happened is revealed in the records of an organization known as the "Association Against the Prohibition Amendment." This association, the A. A. P. A. consisted of a body of men and women, some high placed, who worked day and night for years to bring the law into disrepute.

We are, Sir, etc.
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Dominion Status

If one may judge from numerous comments a similar one to the now notorious open letter to Britain from the Editors of "Life," there is still a widespread misapprehension in the United States as to what the British Empire really is, and also what is going to happen to it at the end of the war.

One would be tempted to think that the significance of the Statute of Westminster would be something upon which instruction would be given in American schools. Yet we have the remarkable instance of M. Robert St. John, an American correspondent who has been broadcasting interesting messages from London to the United States.

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The tallest American Indians were found in the centre of the continent, near the Mississippi.

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North African Offensive

It seems almost too good to be true, but there is no questioning the evidence that Rommel's divisions in North Africa are being routed by the British 8th Army.

With all these hopeful possibilities, we may expect no letup in the demands for endurance and sacrifice which the war will make upon every member of the United Nations.

Diplomatic Appointments

At long last, Prime Minister Mackenzie King has gotten around to appointing Ministers to Russia and China, in keeping with his assurances given several months ago.

In any case, the appointments have evidently been made with care. Major General Victor Odlum, who goes as first Canadian Minister to China, was a Brigadier-General at the age of 35.

Mr. L. D. Willgress, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, becomes Canada's first Minister to Soviet Russia. Mr. Willgress had his early schooling in Yokohama, and spent a number of years in Russia and other parts of Europe as Trade Commissioner.

The Axis Weakness

A vital difference in the nature of the alliances of the United Nations and the Axis powers is emphasized in the current issue of "The Voice of Austria," by the editor, Dr. Franz Klein, who is scheduled to speak here on Sunday evening.

"The United Nations," Dr. Klein points out, "are kept together by a bond stronger than that enjoyed by any alliance in history. This bond is the fact that it is impossible to compromise with Hitler. Peace with Hitler is worse than war with Hitler. This is, by now, known to every nation. What, on the other hand, is the tie around the Axis allies? Nothing but fear of Hitler, distrust of Hitler. All his allies know that Germany's final triumph would degrade them to Germany's slaves."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Will this province exceed its Victory Bond quota? It will take every dollar that can be raked in between now and tomorrow night.

Nothing like assiduity. Bank manager W. H. Walker at Elmrose, Sask., conducts a war savings sales talk at the public school every Friday and children from the town of 250 have purchased certificates and stamps close to \$2,000.

Politics may be taboo at present, but that does not mean the electorate should go to sleep. The meeting at Braddallane the other night indicated that the taxpayers are very much alive and kicking.

During a visit to Exeter after a Nazi reprisal raid, Queen Elizabeth made the acquaintance of triplets, Jeffrey, Jennifer and Judith Mills who received the King's Bounty at birth. They are now five and Her Majesty congratulated them on having escaped the blitz.

Returns to the fold. Hon. H. H. Stevens will be one of the British Columbia delegates at the National Conservative convention in Winnipeg in December. Mr. Stevens was Minister of Trade and Commerce in the Bennett Government and from 1935 to 1940 was member of the House of Commons for Kootenay East.

Princess Charlotte Augusta, only child of Prince George of England, afterwards George IV, died this date, 1817; she was betrothed to William of Orange, but the contract was broken, and she married Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg instead; she died after a year of marriage, greatly deplored, leaving no child to inherit her presumptive right to the throne; the capital city of this province was named after her.

The sea-saw of world warfare continues. Because victory meantime rests on Allied Nations pennons does not imply hostilities are about to cease. Alas, it will be many moons before that happy occasion is reached, and every effort on the part of everyone must be put forth to provide the sineqs and to continue the supply of tools for our brave forces at sea, on land and in the air.

Prime Minister Churchill addressed a private meeting of some 1500 ministers' leaders on the war situation, his appeal being so touching and heart-rendering that many of the hard-boiled, husky miners were in tears. One sequel. Seven Scottish collieries, employing about 7,000 men, have agreed to work a 12-day fortnight instead of the present 11 days in order to increase the coal output. The miners also agreed to a 7 1-2 hour day on Saturday instead of 6 1-2 hours.

General regret will be felt throughout the province at the announcement of the death of the Hon. J. Fred Fraser, of the firm of Davis and Fraser, who may be classed among the successful Islanders at home and abroad. Though he made Halifax his headquarters, he was ever in close touch with his extensive business here, and was well and favourably known to the farming and business communities. He was keenly interested in public affairs, and allied himself with the Conservative party, holding a non-partisan membership in both the Rhodes and Harrington ministries in Nova Scotia.

How long will the war last? This is a question of expert opinion; those behind the scenes are in a better position to judge than those even in the ring side seats. It will be recalled that the Hon. Humphrey Mitchell, Minister of Labour, has quite definite convictions on the subject. In the House of Commons in reply to Mr. George Black, M. P., for the Yukon he declared: "I am one of those who think the war is going to last to years, and I hope I am wrong." He has been in London since then, and has not seen fit to modify his declaration.

It is rare an opportunity is given the intelligentsia here to listen and see an intellectual with a European reputation ready and willing to discuss with them international questions of the hour. Such an opportunity is being presented by the Canadian Authors Association after church on Sunday night, when Dr. Franz Klein, distinguished Austrian exile will speak in the Hotel Charlottetown on "Russia and the Future." It is questionable whether the accommodation will be sufficient for the large attendance expected.

Newspaper wits in England are reported to be suggesting that the King and Queen serve fish and chips for Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt on her present visit to England. That would be a sort of reply in kind to the hamburgers and hot dogs which the English royal family sampled in the 1939 visit to Hyde Park. Humorous, it is pleasant that the heads of the two great English-speaking countries are on terms so friendly that little jokes of this kind are not amiss. And it was a lead-pipe chin that the British public would take Mrs. Roosevelt to its heart, just as the American public has. She is a guest whose visit her hosts enjoy.

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