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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

Parliament And People

At long last Mr. Mackenzie King has indicated that he is favourably considering the suggestion, mooted by the Opposition leader some time ago, to have Parliament adjourned rather than prorogued.

This is a war parliament elected to do a war job and it should be neither adjourned nor prorogued without some definite statement from the Prime Minister as to the probable duration of the recess and the conditions under which the two Houses will reassemble.

The British Parliament is in practically continuous session and the British people are in constant touch with their elected representatives and with the leaders of the nation.

The war, moreover, is reaching its most critical stage, and the people are anxious. They have not lost confidence in the outcome but their anxiety is nonetheless natural.

At Westminster the people of the United Kingdom have both a National Government and an Opposition. The Government has all the support that it needs and is still subject to the constructive criticism which is the safeguard of any representative assembly.

No arrangement which keeps the Government out of touch with the people through their Parliament will meet the conditions under which we are living. The people of this country have too much at stake to be satisfied with any long interval between one session of the House and another.

Fruit Production

The preliminary estimates of fruit production in Canada this season are generally smaller than the 1939 estimates. Substantially reduced apple crops are in prospect in all producing provinces except British Columbia where only a slightly lighter yield than the record production of last year is expected.

this country's history and recognition of it becomes a Government obligation. The people would like to have a National Government at Ottawa but if this is denied they should at least have such measure of national representation as a sitting Parliament affords.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A. W. Kingslake, British historian, who first used the now historic expression "thin red line" in his "Invasion of the Crimea, born this date, 1809: "Soon the men of the column began to see that, though the line was slender, it was very rigid and exact."

An esteemed subscriber asks us to call attention to the progressive slackening-up of home training as evidenced by the behaviour of youngsters in the street.

Straws are showing how the wind blows. Concern over the fate of possessions of European belligerents in the Western Hemisphere have led the State Department at Washington to order the re-establishment of the American Consulate at Georgetown, British Guiana, closed seven years ago for reasons of economy.

The Petain Government has perforce to adopt the Hitler attitude towards women, and are discouraging their employment in business. A writer in Paris says that young women should not seek any profession other than that of wife, mother and housekeeper.

This is the gist of a warning to U. S. A. by M. Adrien Marquet, Minister of the Interior in defeated France: "In 1932 when I was in the States," he said, "a young man with average brawn and average will to work could have hoped and did hope to amass enough to live comfortably. When I returned in 1939 I was astonished to find that the American youth no longer wished to work, no longer had ambitions, and preferred the relative 'security' of a civil service job to running in the race for fortune."

The Ovidian metamorphosis of a Non becoming a porcupine receives a realistic allusion by the military correspondent of The Times of London, who describes the surface of Britain as bristling with thousands of little camps, placed on strategic sites and ready to launch their "deadly quills".

A notice posted in the Press Gallery at Ottawa may possibly be a little surprising. It reads: "All Canadian newspapermen visiting the United States must obtain special permits from Washington hereafter, it was announced today by the external affairs department. Applications for such permits should be made to United States consulates in Canada and should be made at least two or three days in advance of the day upon which the journalist wishes to leave for the United States."

NOTES BY THE WAY

In the British Empire there is neither legal nor popular prejudice against the re-election of a Prime Minister for a third or even a fifth term. Gladstone was Prime Minister from 1880 to 1884, from 1886 to 1892, and from 1894 to 1894, when he resigned. Macdonald was Premier of Canada for three terms. Laurier was Prime Minister for fifteen years, and Mackenzie King has broken that record.

A four-year-old victory visitor, who arrived in Winnipeg from England this morning, has a word for us. During the last three nights before the family left Devonshire, there had been air raids or air-raid alarms every night. It had been necessary to spend an hour or two in an air-raid shelter each night. By this time the visitor had become thoroughly familiar with other phases of wartime England.

Good news comes out of Chicago, from reports prepared for the annual national convention of the W.C.T.U. next month. Despite the fact that more money is being spent for intoxicants and that liquor is much more available today than ever before, distinct gains have been registered for the cause of temperance.

The Three Principles
We have no desire to be pedantic, but we do wish to restate the Nazi-Prussian has been schooled to carry out certain of Clausewitz's principles. Three of these relate to the conditions precedent to absolute and unqualified triumph once an enemy has sustained defeat in the field.

A few days ago "Temperence" wrote to the Times to say that he had sent to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, as a contribution to the expenses of the war, the sum of £2,500, which was about the tenth part of what he possessed.

An important question is that of the so-called excessive profits tax. We have neither the time nor the space required to devote to a long commentary thereon today, but we have reason to believe that the investment of capital in industry and business becomes, as a result, practically impossible.

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The Nazi Bluff

A Myth Exploded
By "Runnymede"
(Reprinted from "The Legionary," National Magazine of the Canadian Legion.)

Clausewitz had no ideas whatever on the "Fifth Column." Wars were for soldiers, not for weasels and rats. He was, however, an ardent apostle of "war to the limit". He believed that "to introduce into the philosophy of war itself a principle of moderation would be an absurdity."

The foregoing observations are introductory to an examination of some of the Great Principles propounded by Clausewitz. We are concerned particularly with the recipes he gives for finishing of a defeated enemy, for putting the last bit of polish on the destruction of the enemy in retreat.

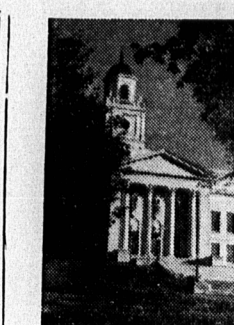
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The Special Show-Troops And...
In and around Potsdam, Hitler, emulating Old Fritz, used to maintain one or two regiments of well set-up, grim-looking, young Nazis. These fellows were Hitler's "Excellence" specially drilled to the minute. Their main job was to stage those daily spectacles so dear to the Teuton heart, those comforting assurances of unconquerable strength with their glowing promise of future Weltmacht and its ultimate realization of Germany's Weltanschauung.

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