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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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Unity And Reconstruction

Speaking to members of the American Chamber of Commerce in London, Lord Woolton, Britain's new Minister of Reconstruction, said he looks ahead to a world in which poverty will be vanquished and real prosperity will prevail.

Lord Woolton voices the warning that the people will not be deceived by catchwords or empty slogans when the conflict ends. As he views it, reconstruction must be conceived and accomplished on unprecedented lines.

Lord Woolton tells of how the British Government has embarked on a bold and determined policy of reforms, some of them revolutionary. It has begun with education and health, covered by measures recently brought before Parliament.

China's Example

Convinced that a strong, well-organized China also must be a healthy China, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has drawn up a ten-year health programme which calls for 232,000 doctors and 1,000,000 other medical workers.

Dr. Greene pictures the Chinese leader as feeling that if China is to develop transportation, heavy and light industries and education, which will fit her for leadership in Asia, she must attain better health.

Election In Offing?

Non-committal as usual. When Mr. Stirling asked the Prime Minister if the statement on elections which Revenue Minister Gibson was reported to have made in Hamilton, Ont., could be taken as a government statement, the Prime Minister said he had noticed the statement made by Mr. Gibson, but "I did not read it with any degree of care."

Weight Of Allied Air Power

In 50 hours last week Allied aircraft dropped 11,000 tons of explosives upon Germany and targets in Occupied Europe.

Force last week sent out more than 1,000 four-engine bombers—Lancasters and Halifaxes—to pound the German war machine. A thousand bombers had not been used in one night's operation since the famous experimental raid on Cologne—and on that occasion more than two-thirds of the machines involved were the much smaller two-engine type.

Since Cologne, too, the technique of bombing has been vastly improved. By a miracle of planning and navigation hundreds of these huge machines find their target and bomb it within a few minutes, smothering the defences and causing tremendous damage.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is not a case of—"is the car ferry safe?" but "is the government safe?" Which is why an appeal for an "altogether pull" for an independent organization fails to materialize.

Why worry about tunnels and causeways when we will soon all be flying? Henry Ford predicts the eventual abandonment of railroads. On the future of aviation he says: "With the full development of the airplane . . . as many railroads won't be needed as were needed in the early days of the development of this country."

Mr. John Drinkwater, poet, critic and playwright, died this date 1937; his works include "Poems of Men and Hours," "Poems of Love and Earth," "Cromwell and Other Poems," "Swords and Ploughshares," "Poems"; he also wrote the following plays: "Cophetua," "Rebellion," "The Storm," "Fawns" and "Abraham Lincoln".

"Knowledge we ask not—knowledge Thou hast lent, But, Lord, the will, there lies our bitter need, Give us to build above the deep intent The deed, the deed."

See how they grow! Government departments have appointed 43 Boards and Commissions with a total of 12,101 employees and a payroll totalling \$2,519,102, it was reported in a return tabled in the Commons for Mr. W. K. Estling (P.C.-Kootenay West). Largest number of employees, 5,234, is in the Unemployment Insurance Commission which, although appointed since the war, is a permanent body. The Prices Board with 5,123 employees and an annual payroll of \$731,999 was the largest of the wartime departments. Among the departments labor reported the largest number of boards appointed, 18, including 13 mobilization boards with 159 employees. Agriculture reported five boards with 107 employees.

The three new portfolios in the Federal Government will be, as stated in a notice of motion by the Prime Minister, Reconstruction, Veterans' Affairs and Social Welfare. The Department of Reconstruction would have authority to formulate and coordinate reconstruction plans and carry out such plans for a certain number of years after the end of the war. The Veterans' Affairs Department would replace in part the Department of Pensions and National Health and would handle all matters relating to the care, treatment, training or re-establishment of members and former members of the armed forces. The Social Welfare Department would include that part of the Pensions and Health Department not transferred to the Veterans' Affairs Ministry. It would handle matters relating to the social security and welfare of the people of Canada.

"On everybody's lips today we hear expressions of the 'brave new world' that is being established after victory has been ours." Mr. Leo Dolan told the Montreal Irishmen. "Can we in Canada make a contribution to this brave new world if our hearts and souls are tinged with national prejudice and racial, religious and geographical bickerings? Is it not time that we of Irish descent took our stand against those things which would make of Canada a number of Balkanized provinces?" In conclusion Mr. Dolan offered the hope that Irishmen in Canada "may march forward with a new hope and a new confidence that we are successfully waging a war against those forces which divide and destroy, which separate class from class and nation from nation, and make this earth a place of torment for the multitude, for which a Child was born in Bethlehem and a Cross carried up the hill of Calvary."

Women working in Britain were in the habit of turning up to work with curlers in their hair. They said it kept their perm's in shape longer. The men workers objected to the practice as unsightly and it is not on record whether the women denied this. But they did dispute the management's contention that it was not sanitary, that hair in curlers in the factory could not be kept free of dust and dirt. Curlers were prohibited. The women tried to ignore the order and the disobedient were denied admission. Then a compromise was arranged. Curlers may be worn on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays, but not on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. That is a characteristically British middle way—in this case North British, says the Telegraph Journal. The management tolerates a practice it believes to be not sanitary and the men acquiesce in what they consider unsightly for three days in the week; and the women resign themselves to halving the added life of their perm's by abandoning—unreasonably they hold, but what is mere reason compared with a quiet life?—curlers for the other three workdays. It is such a simple arrangement in the interests of harmony that reason-worshipping foreigners will hardly appreciate its seemingly illogical commonsense.

Notes By The Way

They say it's pretty hard to get a "Help Wanted" sign in a hurry now, on account of the help situation in Kansas City State.

It is interesting to know that scientists at the University of California have discovered a substance capable of making small persons grow large, but we do hope it won't come into general use until the street car and bus congestion eases up in Kansas City.

Let the Burns Societies throughout the world take it up (Churchill's suggestion for basic English). Basic English is indeed Basic Scottish is the thing. Scots have 't' Bobbie bleed. The test? If 't' is a heavy, bright, moonlight night, the night—'ere a right, ye ken.' — Detroit Free Press.

A recent survey shows that 10 per cent of farm owners now over 60 have no direct heirs to follow through on farming the land. However, the survey shows that 70,000 farmers are not considering retiring for a while yet. Who ever thought of that? After getting his farm in shape, paying off the mortgage and getting his affairs in order, he begins to enjoy farming without a lifetime handicap of poor health. He has no more to worry about than what he observes; statistics may be very different, however. — Elmira Signal.

Historians may differ as to the qualities of R. B. Bennett's statesmanship but his fellow-Canadians agree that his humanitarianism and interest in the poor was always meant as an opportunity for service as most of kindly heart and open hand, ever ready to translate generous impulses into words and deeds. A citizen of this Dominion whose conception of success in life is not measured in terms of money, position, material and spiritual, he can make to his country. Let it be noted that the late Bennett has set, that the way he has opened with these princely gifts to the poor. His statesmanship, education, may be followed by other Canadians of wealth and enlightenment. — Sydney Post-Record.

This country has no room for smugness; it has too much need of reform in its social and economic life. In its political and educational concerns, but we are not content with the things we approach. Let us have a more realistic technique of our service. Let us have discussion, by all means, but let us have it as dispassionate as the air. Let us have it with common sense, and spirit, and sportsmanship and fairness. Nature shows us the technique of the catbird, which cures for Franco, and of course, the technique of the banker thrown in, will get us nowhere—except for the pompous and well-to-do and the radical radicals. — Ottawa Journal.

Dr. Edward DeWitt Jones recently wrote in praise of the nightingale. It has a song which has inspired many poets. "The nightingale is a most beautiful bird. We have songsters that can compete with it." Chase S. Osborn believes the brown thrasher is the bird of the future. He says some of its more cloaked characteristics are soft and and is an excellent comedian. A cardinal talking to himself is interesting. Nature shows us the technique of the catbird, which cures for Franco, and of course, the technique of the banker thrown in, will get us nowhere—except for the pompous and well-to-do and the radical radicals. — Ottawa Journal.

Asounding as the new jet propulsion method of driving high speed airplanes, the nightingale is a familiar only with propeller propulsion, it has been successfully used for nearly a century by the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in powering its lifeboats. The nightingale is in powering one of its most hideous marine creations, jet propulsion engines of marine type have saved lifeboats and their crews from the danger of racing propellers and the loss of their shafts by rope lines. Long before jet propulsion engines were used on lifeboats, the nightingale was in providing the octopus with means of propulsion. Devoid of arms or tail, the octopus shoots through water as it shot out of a gun, dragging its eight tentacles behind it. It accomplishes this by filling the two cylinders of its lungs with water, closing the intake valve and forcing the water through its propulsion tube. — Vancouver Province.

Nobody seems to know who wrote it, but here is a jingle which means a lot to the writer. It is the picture of Mrs. Roosevelt's picture rubbing noses with a native Maori woman in New Zealand. "A poor benighted heather, with a jungle for a home, Who'd think my fame would spread afar, to lands across the foam? I wasn't very handsome, I wasn't very bright; But now they come to see my nose, and the island's greatest sight. My nose was once simple nose, a little flat and bent, But now my nose is not a nose, it is a monument. So tourists, take your place in line and stand, for a moment. Rub the nose that rubbed the nose of Mrs. Franklin D. A thought has just occurred to me which I find rather stunning; Since my nose rubbed the Roosevelt nose, will it too keep on running?" — Minneapolis Star Journal.

He was a young Canadian sailor with a luxuriant red beard. He was in his early 20's. If he was even 20. The beard was the envy of the crew of human affairs we have ever seen. We asked the sailor if he had asked permission to grow the beard. He had. In the navy, a boy wanting to grow a beard must persuade before his commanding officer and seek permission to grow a beard. It is usually granted. But there is a catch to it. Once permission has been accepted, the sailor cannot shave for at least four months. During that time he has to cultivate and trim his beard. He cannot use permission to grow a beard for not shaving for a couple of weeks. The boy with the

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of subjects of interest. The Editor reserves the right to delete any contributions.

ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES

Sir,—For the information of farmers who may be interested in price setting and foundation adjustment of the P. E. Island potatoes, last year several car loads of potatoes were shipped to B. C. where they were sold for \$4.00 a bushel, while the Island farmers only received \$1.40 a bushel.

Since P. E. Island was one of the first provinces to enter Confederation, they should take the initiative in planning better rights for the people. The Beveridge Plan is not sufficient and the late Premier Aberhart of Alberta did not receive credit for his plan. It is said our money is not necessarily backed by gold bricks, and if a movie star is not expected to live more than three thousand a week, why should a household be maintained on less than ten thousand a year. — I am, Sir, etc., "FOR OTHERS."

THAT CAUSEWAY

Sir,—At last we are getting some information about the construction of a causeway. "Naive" is good at figures and is the first person to get in black and white. The millions of yards of material required. Also he suggests the cost of the material and the cost of the labor. It is a pity that the number of yards of material it will take, will be good enough to estimate the cost of the material and the cost of the labor. — I am, Sir, etc.

BOARD OF TRADE

Sir,—In reading your report of the Board of Trade council meeting, I noticed a great deal of stress on the post war work, especially the constructing of a new dry dock at Charlottetown, but I think a more important duty is the immediate transport difficulties which affect the whole province. We are advised as soon as the ice is gone the present car ferry is to be replaced by a great big steamer. The report said that the steamer from the island were the old Scotia being at Borden and the steamer from the island were the old Scotia being at Borden and the steamer from the island were the old Scotia being at Borden.

ANOTHER FAVELLER.

Sir,—I am, Sir, etc.

How about the Prince Nova? Complaints were current last fall that his boat had steering trouble; is so, has that been attended to? You don't want any steering going wrong in the open season and have her run on the sand banks at Caribou in the rush season.

It was also mentioned that Caribou needed to be lighted, dredged or buoyed. By the look of the Caribou sand banks when you get a larger boat you will need a dredge and buoy. Last fall a letter in your paper suggested that when the new boat would be available the would go to Pictou, some miles further, which would save all that expense of light dredging and buoying which would be thousands of dollars, even the expense of a telephone on which there was considerable newspaper talk last year. — I am, Sir, etc.

SLEEP AND AWAKE REFRESHED

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Lenten Meditations

from The London Times

SPIRITUAL HEALTH

When in 1662 the English Prayer-book was given its present form an interesting change was made in the collect used on the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity. The ancient Latin prayer from which it was derived, asked that Christians might be able to do good without being hindered by the devil, and so "with pure hearts and minds to follow thee, the only God." To avoid the infections of the devil, remained in the Books of 1662, 1669, and 1680; not until the year 1801, when it was altered to "for grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil."

Whatever may be thought of this alteration there can be no doubt that the older phrase suggested a striking and valuable idea. It pictured sin as a form of infectious disease, as a noxious germ so to speak, which lodges in and gradually paralyses the soul, and experience confirms only too well the truth of this analogy. Ordinary thought limits the term "sinner" to the man who "does wrong," though in our Lord's view it included those who failed to do right. It was indeed these "sins of omission" which were most severely condemned in his teaching and in his pictures of a divine judgment. Yet the victim of the "diabolic infection" often has an almost unperceived consciousness, on the ground that he has abstained from gross forms of wrong-doing. And atrophy of conscience is among the results of this diabolic infection, which slowly weakens every form of spiritual activity. The infection, derived from the source of evil is communicated to others in turn by influence and example; they, too, are led to suppose that mere abstinence from obvious sins represents something like compliance with the Christian standard.

The older wording of the collect is useful also in its suggestion that sin is a disease, communicated to the soul from without, and not an inevitable characteristic of its life. Often enough the world supposes that a high standard of goodness is possible only for people of a special temperamental endowment. But our Lord's view regarded sin as an external and foreign; it is at best momentary, he taught, that a man is most truly himself; those who have come to recognize sin as a disease which mars human personality.

This War—Four Years Ago

(By The Canadian Press) MARCH 24, 1940—British Army reported sinking of German trawler Loch British submarine sank German freighter Hsiao Sing off Danish coast. Pope Pius XII pleaded in Easter homily for "peace, concord and unity" among nations.

FOLDED WINGS

Plucked into heaven from the womb. A vivid wreath. Laid flaming on his tomb; now those beneath the dagger and unstrung the bow. The arrow soared. For one brief arc of glory . . . quivering, fell into the swollen bosom of reward. He flew into the teeth of danger and his laws. Amid the applause of vultures and their clapping wings. He power-dived. To death unquestioned. His soul poised on his lips. And the roaring carnage arrived. That was his flight. Pause not for tears. None may defer his fate. Across the years. The younger are the greater prize. As only the young can fly, who Homecoming in their eyes. —Mary Elizabeth Bayar.

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