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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Precept And Example

The Minister of Finance assures us that further reductions will be made in Dominion Government routine expenditures. That is good news. Economy, as well as production, is needed to win the war.

We have had eight months of the year. Total non-war expenditures of the Government—eliminating war and defence—have dropped by \$35 millions from a year ago.

War traffic has reduced the operating loss on Canadian National Railways by \$26.5 millions. This two fortuitous items more than account for the savings that have been shown.

The people are being appealed to save, save, save; to deny themselves luxuries and even necessities; to be frugal in their personal spending; to make the sacrifices that are necessary if we are to win the war.

The advice is good. If it is not taken war savings and war loan campaigns will fail. We shall have inflation and our war effort will be impeded.

Ottawa must, however, do more than implore people to economize. It must set the example itself. We hear of treasury officials burning the midnight oil to pare appropriations to the bone. Where are the resultant savings, if they exist?

A glaring example of wasteful diversion of labor, steel, cement, brick and other sorely needed materials is to be seen in the Montreal terminal project. It is being proceeded with for purely political reasons. That is not the kind of example to set to a people who are being preached at and scolded for their private spending.

The Government, concludes the Financial Post, is not practising what it preaches. If it is practising what it preaches then there is something mighty misleading about the figures it puts out.

Depends On Canada

In writing on the United Kingdom's supplies of timber which have been severely affected as a result of the war, the London Times and Trade Engineering states that "Fortunately the forests of Canada, particularly of British Columbia, have during the last few years been furnishing Great Britain with increasing shipments of timber and, in so far as ocean transport difficulties are progressively overcome, a substantial and expanding contribution of excellent timber from the Dominion may be expected to meet the deficit caused by the interruption of imports from European sources."

"Canada's timber reserves are enormous and her lumbering industry, which accounts for more than one-fifth of the value of her total exports, is prepared to meet Great Britain's needs in woods for all ordinary purposes. Already Britain is the largest buyer of the Dominion's timber."

The Democratic Test

At a meeting of some 50 ex-child phenomena in New York, 20 years after they had first entered school, the consensus of opinion among them was that it is a huge mistake for a child to be exceptionally brilliant—it handicaps him when he enters the world. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, in the keynote address at the morning session, told an audience of 500 that the education of the gifted child was, from a fundamental viewpoint, the chief problem of democracy at a time when that form of government is "on trial for its life."

The Lion Of Judah

Don't—warns an exchange—overlook Haile Selassie. The little bearded and turbaned man with the sunbonnet but flaming eyes is back in Northern Africa, watching events; watching and waiting. The Lion of Judah is ready to spring.

No Ignorance Is Haile Selassie the pathetic figure he is depicted when making his fruitless appeal to the League of Nations: an appeal against Mussolini's brutal attack on the poorly armed people of the Ethiopian Kingdom. With solemn dignity he accepted humiliation at the hands of fellow-members of the League; then retired

to seclusion in England, that haven of the unfortunate. Since then he has been watching—and waiting.

Now his day appears to be at hand. By native telegraph—that medium of communication which baffles scientists—Haile Selassie's people in Ethiopia know immediately what is happening to Mussolini's cohorts in Egypt and Libya; know more, perhaps, than do the white people of the world. The native intelligence department is functioning with all its primitive but amazing efficiency.

Ethiopians have a score to settle with Mussolini's gangsters. They recall the glee with which the young Vittorio Mussolini, seated in his bombing plane, slaughtered virtually defenseless men, women and children—as is the habit of invading dictators in all the lands they overrun. What fine sport it was for the gallant lad from Italy!

Now, in Libya and in Albania, gay young Victorios are taking great gulps of their own medicine. The tide has turned. Haile Selassie heard what Premier Churchill told the people of Italy regarding their African Empire; and that means: Get out of Ethiopia!

EDITORIAL NOTES

The days are on the stretch, though not noticeably yet.

One more day and Nineteen-and-forty will be counted among the "has-beens."

Two men met in a grocery store recently where one of them worked. The grocery man grinned and said: "Howdy, I'm Claus." Smiled the other: "Howdy, I'm Santa." They were Eugene L. Santa and William E. Claus.

The trade of the British Empire increased 33.2 per cent in the past year, which is striking testimony to the strength and efficiency of the Navy, whose ships keep the sea lanes open not only for us but for all peoples of good-will.

Most of the heavy traffic tending to delay train service is at an end for the season, but there is still likelihood of hold-ups due to the exigencies of military service carrying troops to the seaboard.

Many of us will be counting the blessings enjoyed in the past year and comparing our happy lot with those of hundreds of thousands elsewhere who, not infrequently, have not had a place to lay their head, having lost their all through the wanton onslaughts of the aggressors.

It was unfortunate the 'flu laid Premier McNair on the eve of the Maritime Premiers' conference on Saturday. There will be yet time for a meeting to discuss the common ground on which the Maritimes can take a stand at the Federal-Provincial Conference, and to find out the particular points which the individual provinces wish stressed.

The Society of Jesus (for which letters S.J. are commonly used as an abbreviation) founded by Ignatius Loyola this date, 1534. The members are bound by three religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, to which a fourth was added—to undertake any mission upon which the Pope might send them, even at the risk of life. Three forms of activities are peculiarly the function of the order—teaching, preaching, and guiding Christians in the way of perfection.

A real practical industrialist has been secured to direct the Department of Munitions and Supply, in the person of Mr. Garfield Evans, industrial adviser to the Bank of Montreal and a widely known mechanical engineer. Mr. Evans was born in Lacoste, Que. He entered the employ of Canadian Pacific Railway in 1907. From 1910 to 1914 he was mechanical engineer in charge of the design of locomotives and repair equipment and held the position of superintendent of the Angus locomotive shops in Montreal from 1914 to 1917. From 1917 to 1919 Mr. Evans operated a steel mill making products for the French Government, and in 1919 he was named industrial adviser to the Bank of Montreal.

Nearly all the ministers who were in office when Prime Minister Churchill began his regime by making a re-shuffle have now been provided for with offices suitable to their abilities and qualifications. The latest is Col. Sir Reginald Hugh Dorman-Smith, who was Minister of Agriculture at the outbreak of war, and who has been appointed Governor of Burma. Sir Reginald is a former president of the National Farmers' Union and has represented the Petersfield division of Hants in the House of Commons since 1935. He attended Harrow and the Royal Military College at Sandhurst. As Minister of Agriculture he launched Britain's drive for home gardens to help offset the island's dependence on sea-borne foodstuffs, and insisted upon bonusing production to increase domestic supplies. At the re-shuffle he was succeeded by Mr. Robert S. Hudson.

"It is an ill-wind" etc., applies to women's fashions as to other things. Mr. Phil Fainer, president of the Montreal Dress Manufacturers Guild, announces that invitations have been sent to a number of noted French dress designers now in England to come to Montreal. He said the invitations were extended by a group of Montreal dress manufacturers who are interested in developing a Canadian style trend based on Parisian and United States fashions. "These couturiers" should be right at home in French Canada," he said. "Their original ideas will prove a great boon to the industry here, which turns out approximately 75 per cent of all dresses manufactured in the Dominion." Mr. Fainer revealed that Canadian girls and women are divided into two groups as far as style requirements are concerned. In Ontario, along the prairies and on the Pacific Coast, the tendency is towards mannish type dresses and sport tows, while in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces the preference is for more feminine attire, featuring frills and bows

NOTES BY THE WAY

Mistrustfulness in international relations and a resolute effort to put its house in order were guarantees of a tranquil existence. Greece, like the countries invaded by Germany, could have counted upon a long period of peace and prosperity. After the detentions and tumult of the Four Years War and the failure of the expedition into Asia Minor, Greece seemed to have been a model State. The first task was to settle the thousands of refugees who poured into the mother country from across the Aegean. A larger policy was devised and carried out with the help of the League of Nations, and it was soon extended and merged into a larger policy of exchanging alien minorities with the two neighbours equally concerned to become more homogeneous, Turkey and Bulgaria. Again with the valuable assistance of Greece, more immigrant families of Grecian race were settled on lands vacated by Turks and Bulgars; and this policy was further upheld by a friendly approach to the Turks for a more general agreement. Though the two races had come to regard each other as enemies, the statesmanship of Atatürk on the one side and Venizelos on the other achieved a reconciliation which has accepted a policy of co-existence in active force without interruption to this day. — The Times (London)

If new blood gives life and vigor the Essex County Ex-Wardens' Association has a message that it should carry on indefinitely as every year it receives an injection of a new personality into its ranks. The association held its annual meeting at the Essex County Hotel in attendance a mixed group of young men and men grown old in the service of their municipalities and the county. This year more than just a get-together for graduates from the county's highest office. It is a forum where ideas are exchanged and practical knowledge is passed on to the uninitiated. Methods of improving the county are discussed and suggested. The meeting is held in the Little Parliament. Many of the ex-wardens have retired from active participation in civic matters but their interest in the welfare of the Essex County has not lagged and they can still come up with good advice. — Amherstburg Echo

When the archerimperial Hitler loosed his Huns as he thought for the welfare of the German people, he was bidding them up for sudden death by deciding the future of Germany for the rest of the world. He was a humbug, like the Kant and Hegel of German myopia, which we rejoice to think that German bombs tossed to pieces in the hands of German soldiers in the University library of London. We are going to make a job of living under fire, as Churchill phrases it. But why? Not for the sake of Germany, but for the sake of the world. They'll be here all right, and looking after themselves, we all hope and trust. No; we are going to do it for the sake of our own decency and self-respect, and indeed for the sake of the comfort of us British here and now present. Being by nature the most ingenious race in earth, we should do well at this business of adjustment. See what progress we have made already. A few weeks ago the Government was in a quandary as to what to do about the German war effort. Now they spend the night. — Daily Express (London)

"What are the feelings of a man of culture and refinement when he drops bombs on an enemy's territory?" This question was put by a representative of the Associated Press of America in Berlin to a German university graduate who, in a career of journalism and service as a Government official is now in the crew of a German bomber. A married man with a family, this German had come in contact with people of many nations and confessed to liking the British as individuals. His answer to the American was that bombing the enemy was the duty of a military command, the discharge of which brought relief. "There is so much anger stored up in us that the command to start on a bombing raid evokes cheers and sighs of relief," he added. "We drop bombs not because we want to kill English people, but because we feel somehow that the best way to end the war quickly is to cause just as much destruction as possible." The culture and refinement of this man are subordinate to his blind obedience to orders. Fed on racial pride in a system which admits of no free thought, he can combine the best of both worlds: a complete disregard for the lives of English women and children simply because his Fuehrer wills it. — Belfast Telegraph

The message of Mr. Bevin's vigorous speeches and broadcasts recently is all one: if we want to win we must work as never before, going on through the alerts until the end of the war. The energy of his visits has made work hard enough for the body, trying also to the nerves. Every removable anxiety must go if the roof-raising system is to succeed; that is why Mr. Bevin will shortly order all employers to protect glass in the factories and why forms of safety must be put up to guard against blast. This cannot abolish all risk, and the strain of long hours will remain. This winter a great battle for the health of workers must be fought in the factories, and that again is very largely the employers' responsibility. Mr. Bevin said in his broadcast that they must give one meal they might think of adding one small one more at the end of the shift. During his tour of Lancashire he urged employers to give girls a ten-minute break during the last hour in which they could have coffee and a little rest before beginning the often long journey home in the cold. "Little considerations of that kind might save him millions of hours." — Manchester Guardian

Here are a few words for Sunday Chronicle readers in the dominions and other lands overseas: This newspaper was brought to you in a British ship, which also carried thousands of letters and postal packages and thousands of tons of British export goods. The same ship returning will bring you thousands of tons of food, raw materials, and other things that we buy overseas. You may thank the Royal Navy, which keeps the sea lanes open, for your being able to read this message today. And you

Ignorance And Prejudice

(Toronto Telegram) Discussing possible choices for the post of British ambassador to Washington, a correspondent of the New York Times says there is a feeling in London that Lord Halifax is "too closely identified with Neville Chamberlain's appeasement policy to be the ideal choice as United States ambassador." Lloyd George, he says, is regarded as a man who would appeal more to the American people.

It is probably true that Americans who would welcome Lloyd George would view Halifax with dislike because of his part in Chamberlain's peace policy. The campaign of slander waged against Chamberlain convinced many that there was something shameful in his pursuit of peace, and they cling to the belief despite the evidence of the facts, or because the facts are not told them. As a result, ignorance and prejudice have to be reckoned with in such matters as the selection of an ambassador.

Facts are that the man who has just been acclaimed as one of the greatest ambassadors Britain ever had to Washington was strong for Chamberlain's policy. That Halifax was resolute for war like Chamberlain when the time came, and that he was not a peace man who proposed peace negotiations after the war had begun was Lloyd George. It may be added that the American president and the American ambassador in London, as the New York Times recently observed, labored long and hard for the task of preserving peace, and that the American people, who are displeased because Britain did not go to war before they themselves had themselves still bent on keeping out of the struggle.

Lloyd George, who is reported to have declined the post because of his age, engaged in the closing years of the last war a position comparable to that of Winston Churchill today. After the war he was Prime Minister of the coalition government but at the end of its term he found himself out of power and without a party. For some 15 years he has had no following save for members of his own family. The peace movement, which he organized at the beginning of the present war failed so completely that it is now scarcely remembered.

may see in it the reply to Hitler's last that he is blocking these islands.—London Sunday Chronicle.

Theodore Bear, toy manufacturer, has just died in Chicago, and the obituaries say that he gave the world the teddy bear, which was called after him. Perhaps. But by United States and English dictionaries it was called after Teddy Roosevelt in humorous reference to his bear hunting. Although the name originated in the present century, its source is in doubt. — Toronto Star.

It's still news when man bites dog, or when a motorist pays damages for running into a railway train. As result of a level crossing accident in Glenora, Ont., a Frankfort man was sued in Supreme Court by Canadian National Railways and made a settlement. He pays \$2,168. The man was injured to the extent of \$3,630 for personal injuries to two railway employees. — Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

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Little things that run and quail And die in silence and despair; Little things that fight and fall And fall on sea and earth and air; All trapped and frightened little things. The mouse, the coney, hear our prayer: As we forgive those done to us, The lamb, the linnet, and the hare. Forgive us all our trespasses. Little creatures everywhere. —James Stephens.

The Life Of A Bone

(Peter Stewart in "The Listener") Are you bone conscious or just bone lazy? When you're hacking away at the Sunday joint with the carving knife, or trying a couple of chops, does it ever occur to you that the bone has only just begun to fulfil its destiny and that it's up to you to give it a chance to carry on? Don't on any account do your dog out his legitimate rights in that bone. It is his to gnaw and worry and to do just as he likes with, until he gets tired and buries it in the garden to spite the cat, who's probably a vegetarian anyway. Dig it up when he's not looking, wrap it in a bit of newspaper with all your other household bones and give it to your dustman.

It'll be bundled up in big sacks and taken off to a glue factory to be tugged out on to an endless moving belt which carries it to the crusher. By the way, I recommend film producers in search of a new, really sinister sound effect to record the most gruesome noise I've ever heard—bones being smashed to smithereens by two interlocking rollers. Your bone is then sterilized and de-greased by being boiled in benzine in colossal cauldrons holding ten tons or more. Then, just by way of shaking it up a bit, the bone is whirled round in a revolving drum that takes off any remaining meat and polishes it smooth.

The big moment in the life of a bone now approaches. For now, by a complicated process of high pressure steam the glue liquor is extracted. Even then your bone still has value, for it is ground into fertilizer for crops. Saying goodbye to our bone, let's stick to our glue, which now appears as a liquid, foaming-colored jelly poured into metal trays rather like those that make ice cubes in a refrigerator, only on a giant scale. Finally the glue is packed and starts off to play its part in the making of airplane cases for shells and for smoke flares, camouflage paints and other vital war purposes.

QUEEN RIDES ARMORED

LONDON.—(CP)—One big task of the A.R.P. organization in bombed British cities is rescuing pets left in bombed homes. The injured animals are destroyed. Fright makes the pets hard to handle in a bombing raid. The Royal car stood waiting for the Queen, but her Majesty carried an armored car of the Royal Armored Corps standing by and "besged a lift." She got in and was "surprised at its speed and comfort."

Soviet agriculturists report that cucumbers, radishes and cabbages are being grown in northern areas where the temperature may drop to 55 below freezing, Centigrade, in July.

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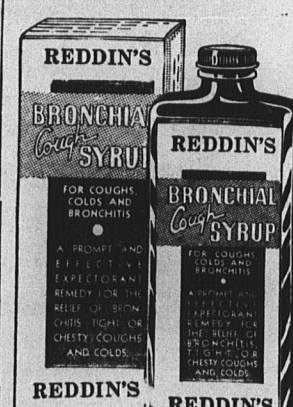
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