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

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Selective Service Czar

It is not obvious, but it is generally understood that Mr. D. O. Stewart's appointment as Enforcement Counsel under the Wartime Prices Board, is something apart altogether from the administration of the National Selective Service, though in the public mind it is somewhat difficult to distinguish the difference.

There is a co-operation between the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and the National Selective Service with regard to which the specific functions are:

The National Selective Service endeavour to find essential labour and if and whenever they are short of supply they so report to the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and in so doing may indicate the industry from which the essential labour may be obtained.

The Wartime Prices and Trade Board thereupon consider where the essential labour may be obtained and proceed to work out and put into effect some kind or other of restriction upon the industry from which it is desired to obtain the essential labour, which restriction is designed to free the essential labour required.

At this point (and before any action whatever is taken) the Departments involved contact the industry generally and ask their assistance in the nomination (or election) of an advisory committee for the industry consisting of an equal number of representatives of employers and employees.

The details of the squeeze and how it will be put into effect will then be worked out by the officials with the assistance of the Advisory Committee.

The Test Of Success

The response by large corporations has been good thus far in the Victory Loan campaign. If the pace is kept up, the expectation of half a billion dollars from this group of special names will be realized. Employees in industrial plants are showing an excellent spirit. But while money from these sources constitutes a necessary solid foundation for the objective set, upwards of two million individual subscriptions from the general canvass are needed to make the Loan a success. From this general canvass must come the difference between roughly $500,000,000 and the big over-subscription of $750,000,000,—the minimum objective of this campaign.

The man who shrugs his shoulders and says, "They will never miss my little $100 or $200 purchase," is the big worry in the minds of those who have the Third Victory Loan closest to their hearts.

German Losses

A Reuter's despatch from Moscow quotes figures, compiled from Soviet Communiques, showing German losses in men killed on the three Russian fronts to have aggregated almost 850,000 in less than two months. The period covered is from August 25, when the Nazi offensive was launched against Stalingrad, to October 20.

Here is the breakdown published by Reuters:

In the Mozdok sector of the Caucasus, from September 1 to October 20, the Germans lost 39,000 men killed and 772 tanks destroyed. These figures are based on the daily communiques for the period in question.

Around Novorossisk, from September 2 to October 20, they lost 45,000 men killed and 130 tanks destroyed.

On the Stalingrad front from August 25 to October 19 the German losses aggregated 150,000 killed and 2,200 tanks destroyed. The grand total adds up to 234,000 killed, and 3,102 tanks destroyed. These figures touch the top records of the worst slaughter in World War One. Such losses cannot fail to weaken tremendously the powers of endurance of Hitler's military machine. Another winter like the last should give it the finishing touches preparatory to its final knockout on the second front.

Indians In Canada

The births and deaths of Indians in Canada comprise only a relatively inconsiderable portion of the whole, but this is not so true of certain provinces considered individually. Moreover, in particular aspects of vital statistics, the figures for Indians assume an importance beyond the numerical proportion of this class in the population. For statistical purposes the term Indian includes half-breeds and other Indians non wards of Canada. As to reported causes of death amongst the Indian population a large proportion of these are from other than physicians. Here are some enlightening facts from the 1940 report on Vital Statistics. The number of Indian births, exclusive of stillbirths in 1940 totalled 4,964 which was distributed as follows by provinces: Prince Edward Island, 13; Nova Scotia, 62; New Brunswick, 69; Quebec, 335; Ontario, 970; Manitoba, 881; Saskatchewan, 792; Alberta, 893; and British Columbia, 949. The total deaths of Indians, exclusive of stillbirths in 1940 aggregated 2,811, by provinces as follows: Prince Edward Island, 3; Nova Scotia, 29; New Brunswick, 41; Quebec, 193; Ontario, 452; Manitoba, 523; Saskatchewan, 431; Alberta, 505; and British Columbia, 644. The downward trend of our Indian population has been halted, and during the past 15 or 20 years there has been a maintained steady increase. The natural increase from 1926 onward has been as follows: 1926, 704; 1927, 775; 1928, 824; 1929, 859; 1930, 1,138; 1931, 1,340; 1932, 1,734; 1933, 1,658; 1934, 2,026; 1935, 1,803; 1936, 1,574; 1937, 1,145; 1938, 2,115; 1939, 2,022; 1940, 2,153. The Vital Statistics Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics states that the growing natural increase has been due in large measure to the improvement in medical facilities carried out by the Department of Indian Affairs. The sudden drop in the natural increase in 1937 was due mainly to an epidemic of measles in the three most weseterly provinces.

EDITORIAL NOTES

All Souls Day.

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Whatever any other part of the world may be up against we living here can have no kick coming, every prospect pleases, even Hallowe'en guisers being not so vile as they heretofore have been.

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Mr. J. Gordon Taggart, Prices Board Foods Administrator, reports that beef slaughterings now are back to normal and that it appears that beef shortage difficulty has been largely eliminated.

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Hull, Quebec, has gone over the top and then "some". Are we here, with the reputation of having 10 per cent of our manhood enlisted, not to mention the large contingents of our womanhood, going to lag behind in the 3rd Victory Loan Campaign?

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Of the 457,401 inhabitants of the province of New Brunswick in 1941, 291,023 could speak English only, 82,381 French only and 83,660 both English and French, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In 1931 the population totalled 408,219, of whom 267,371 spoke English only, 66,255 French only and 74,080 both tongues. In 1941 there were 337 persons who could speak neither language, while in 1931 the figure was 513.

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John Benbow, English Admiral, died this date, 1702; was a diplomat as well as a sailor, and was sent with a squadron to the West Indies to settle disputes with the Spaniards over the Darien settlement; William Paterson, the Scotsman who founded the Bank of England, started in 1695 an emigration scheme to colonize the Isthmus of Darien, and sent 1200 colonists there; they were withstood by the Spaniards, and went short of provisions; disease broke out, and only a remnant returned to Scotland; Benbow was able to adjust matters, and on his way home fought a battle successfully with the French off St. Domingo.

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Old age pensioners who receive separation allowances on account of their sons being overseas, are to have their old age pensions restored, though originally they were discontinued. The Labour Minister of Quebec made the announcement as follows: "I am pleased to announce that we have been successful," he said, "and that the Federal Government, which pays 75 per cent of the pensions to the aged and the blind, has granted our request. From now on, the aged and the blind whose sons have enlisted shall receive a pension equal to that paid to them previous to their drawing any part of their son's pay." The Labour Minister said also that the Provincial Government which pays 100 per cent of the pensions to needy mothers, would adopt the same principle for such cases.

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In a press interview in London, our Labour Minister Mr. Humphrey Mitchell was introduced by British Labour Minister Bevin who had this nice commendation to make of Canada's contribution to the war: "I do not want the contribution merely measured in terms of quantity because sometimes that means a vast amount of material which is unusable. The weight and resiliency of Canadian output in the last two years—particularly during 1940 when we had not many friends—were a salvation to us. Canada has played a great part in the equipment of the Middle East army and the forces of this country. Now we have lost certain raw materials Canada is a savior to us by moving men about to increase production of vital metals like nickel. An immense help not only to us but to all the Allied nations in a period of great need. I feel this thanks not only comes from me and the British government but from the whole British people."

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Choosing non-essential goods and services will be the task of the various administrators who already control practically all the nation's industry—the food administrator, fuel administrator, power administrator and so on. It is perhaps the most difficult job any Canadian public official has ever been called upon to do. They must frame orders which will, inevitably, drive many a citizen out of business, drastically reduce the output and therefore the profits and living standards of others. These orders will cause the most intense resentment on the part of their victims, a resentment only too likely to find spokesmen not only in Parliament but even in the Cabinet itself. The fact must be faced, however, that the job has to be done. Individual deprivation and even outright suffering are not only possible but likely, but these "casualties" of the home front can no more determine the Government's judgment than the suffering of a wounded soldier can sway the strategy or tactics of General Headquarters. The only question should be "Are the generals competent?" The civil generals in this case, Mr. Gordon and Selective Service Director Elliott M. Little, have given every reason to believe they are as competent and as fair as any two men in the country who could be found for the job. They therefore must have a free hand, though that means the unfortunate victims must grin and bear the consequences.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Latest item of consumer goods to come under price control is second-hand clothing, and from now on there will be less bargaining under the sign of the three balls in the shabbier shops of Canadian cities. Price Chief Donald Gordon, administrator of used goods, has ruled that secondhand dealers must turn in lists of used suits and overcoats in stocks and may then sell them at either their base period prices of $20 each, whichever is lower, until Sept. 30, after which they go under an $18 ceiling. Such suits and coats must be free of holes, darns, patches, and missing buttons. —Chicago Herald.

As one method to make the Nazis stop chaining our prisoners of war, Mr. Edgar Louis Granville, M. P. for Eye, suggests that the Germans be told to unshackle the prisoners or Berlin will be bombed with mass raids without respite. But, why wait for something like that to bomb Berlin? Many people have been wondering why Berlin has escaped the aerial bombardment. Only a few raids have been attempted on the Naiz capital and none of these did much damage, according to information available. Mr. Granville does not say it, but his implication is that for some reason our side has been refraining from making Berlin a target. —Windsor Star.

It has been said that Germany must run short of U-boat crews. Encourage no such belief. Hitler has 300,000,000 human beings in his power. Most of the seaports, fishing villages and nurseries of seamen in Europe are his. If he cannot force or cajole conquered seamen to serve in his navy he can put them into work which releases young German seamen for the new mass-produced U-boat service. Don't expect shortages of ships, engines or men to trip up Germany in the sea war. Don't expect anything but a long, hard struggle before the Navy and the R. A. F. drive the U-boats off our sea routes. Don't look for American brain-waves for using transport planes in place of ships to save us. We shall find safely and victory only from our own efforts. We must double the output of our own shipyards. —London Express.

In a certain Canadian military camp a number of soldiers recently volunteered for training as parachute troops —perhaps the most dangerous form of service that the army has to offer. It is no distraction from the merits of other soldiers to say that the paratroops have an extra dash of the heroic in their composition. But one sergeant in this group of volunteers is said not quite up to the specifications of the complete hero. As the group entrained for the school in the United States where they receive instruction, he said to another sergeant who had come to see them off: "By the way, old man, I've been unable to get my nerve up to tell my wife that I've volunteered. You might let her know I've gone, will you?" The second sergeant delivered the message — by telephone. —From The Printed Word.

The opening of the great interior of Brazil has really not progressed any further than did the opening of the North American continent in the years prior to the Civil War. Yet the food products and vegetable raw materials that the Amazon basin (occupying one-third of the entire South American) might produce, are almost immeasurable. Besides rubber, there are at present at least 160 known varieties of plants from which oil-producing seeds, nuts and fruits could be harvested. There are also excellent native hard fibres. —Magazine of Wall Street.

One of the Canadians returned from Japan in the diplomatic liner Gripsholm confirmed in an authoritative tone what has become increasingly apparent since Japan scored her initial successes after Pearl Harbor —that the alliance between Nippon and Germany is a marriage of convenience, and, evidently, was never anything else. They trust one another about as much as a mouse trusts a cat on the basement floor. The material which binds the men of Tokyo and the men of Berlin to the Axis coalition, in other words, is much more plastic than cement—with Japan twisting the mixture to her own pattern. —Victoria Times.

The fantastic war-time earnings of children — a question which crops up nearly every day —is a great and growing evil. It is not only corrupting the tastes, outlook, and future of boys and girls just out of school, but is undermining the stability of family life. Nobody has the right to cast stones at these children. If a boy is paid more than his father ever earned in his life, what is he to do? Refuse to take "the rate for the job"? And if such unwonted affluence goes to his head, who is to blame him for lacking the balance of maturity? He may want parental direction, for the father may be in the services and the mother on war work, at the behest of the community. It is, therefore, the duty of the community to care for this boy and the many like him. London Daily Mail.

An Ottawa bulletin dealing with the use of chemicals in waterworks reveals the fact that Toronto's purification system in 1941 required 52,021 pounds of granular aluminum sulphate and 173,660 pounds of lump aluminium sulphate (both alum coagulants for the raw water entering the mechanical filters), 292,542 pounds of chlorine, 309 pounds of anhydrous ammonia, and 207,408 pounds of liquid sulphur dioxdie. This is the chemical used to kill the taste resulting from the overdoses of chlorine which are sometimes necessary. A curious item on the bulletin's list is the 1,000,000 pounds of salt used annually by the North York system. In that township it is necessary to soften the water supply, and the sands used for that purpose have to be rejuvenated by washing with a salt solution. —Toronto Daily Star.

Mayor Lewis has come out stoutly against the compulsory billeting of war-workers in the homes—in Ottawa homes, at least. He points out that householders of Ottawa have responded splendidly to the request that they open their spare rooms to newcomers, and takes the ground that the people should not be compelled to sacrifice their privacy to relieve a situation which neglect by the government has brought about. This is a sensible point of view. It is not selfishness which actuates opposition to the official suggestion that compulsion might be exercised to open up unused bedrooms —thousands of Ottawa homes which never before had a "roomer" have cheerfully done their part to meet the emergency. It is rather resentment at the thought of compulsion in such a matter, a belief that its necessity has not been proved, and above all the common knowledge that the government itself has done nothing as yet to relieve a situation it created. The mayor knows the householders of Ottawa have cooperated closely with the authorities over housing and that theirs is not the fault. —Ottawa Journal.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sir,— Any educational system is falling short of what God meant it to be unless, "The Bible, The Word of God" is included in its Curriculum, as the Main text book. The Bible is a guide to our feet, and a light to our Path.

In my school days on Prince Edward Island our teachers read a portion of the Bible, and prayed before we began our studies.

Not having finished my schooling in P.E.I. before going to Boston, I attended Evening High School, where some of Harvards teachers taught special subjects, consequently there was no Bible reading before our classes. The word of God had been left out of the program, seemingly unnecessary.

A friend of mine presented me with a set of "The Warner Classics" of "the Greatest Authors," philosophers, scientists, poets, novelists. I must admit that poetry was the only subject that I had been familiar with at that time, never having studied the other subjects. and as I was reading through philosophy, I learned about Darwin's Evolution theory, I became curious to know if there was any mention of philosophy in the Word of God. To my surprise I found that there was only one place in the Bible where philosophy was mentioned and it read thus:—

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world and not after Christ," Col. 2:8. So I didn't spend any more time with Darwin's philosophy, I learned that Darwin did not believe in my Bible, nor did he believe in God's power to create man after His own image. He tried to teach men that they originated from monkeys or ape. What an insult to Almighty God who made Man in His own image, who had power to create all things. I also learned that Darwin's weakness was that of using snuff and he spent his latter years smoking cigarettes.

So the Darwinian diabolical theory spread in our Universities and schools and so did cigarette smoking.

Are we going forward or backward to the dark ages?

This supposedly great philosopher handed down some research work to our college professors and students: the task of searching for the Missing Link between the ape and human beings and their research has been in vain as was Darwin's.

Darwin denied the power of God, he missed the links that would have bound him to God through Eternity, how tragic! "Eternal doom!"

Boys and girls who are seeking higher education, do not follow after the traditions of men; Follow after God and His righteousness and all things shall be added unto you, "Seek first the Kingdom of God" let Him be your guide.

German modernistic professors worked their way into some of our universities and schools of learning and spread their atheistic doctrine among our boys and girls in America; Thank God there are some universities and schools still true to the Word of God.

Prince Edward Island young students entering college, include the Holy Bible in your daily study; It will be a guide for your feet and a light on your path, it will point you to Jesus and lead you on the safe way to Heaven, it will never start you on the wrong road. No detours; straight ahead.

The Bible is the most up to date book that has ever been written every word is true. "It is an infallable book". "It is a Divine Book," everything that has been prophesied within its pages have come to pass up to date.

This wonderful "Book of Books" must be placed in all our universities, schools and homes and theological seminaries and recognized before there can be peace in this world.

We must get back to God in full confession of our sinfulness of leaving God out of our program.

The Gideons are busy placing Bibles in hotels all over the country. The Gideons are business, Christian salesmen who travel for large firms, and do a wonderful work for the Lord.

A man by the name of LeTourneau who invented a wonderful machine for excavating rough roads and cutting through mountains and who employs a great many men is a Man of God, and leading souls to the Lord Jesus Christ, holds services for his employees in the large shops. So God is using men and women that belong to Him in spreading the gospel.

The time has come to hold up the blood stained banner of the Cross, we have heard very little about it in some of our pulpits in this age of grace. So fathers and mothers of Prince Edward Island and other countries as well must set up the family altar and teach their children "the Living Word".

I praise God for the Bible institutes and preachers here in California and elsewhere who are holding high the banner of the Cross.

Geo. T.B. Davis writing in the S.S. Times says that one of the greatest miracles of modern times is the preservation of Switzerland as a free and independent nation in the midst of desolate Europe. There is only one reason for this amazing fact, and that is God's protecting care over the land in answer to believing prayer. The rulers of Switzerland do not hesitate to declare openly their faith and trust in God's almighty and protecting power.

Not long ago the Government of Switzerland sent out an official call to prayer. Complete independence upon God is displayed in every word. Here is a part of it.

Let us remember this word of the Holy Scriptures, except the Lord keep the city, the watchman watches but in vain, the Lord watches with our Army which stands sentry for our country. In the peace of liberty and order we have been able to sow our fields and the Lord has blessed their fruitfulness, therefore we appeal to you people of Switzerland to spend the national day of repentance and prayer in quiet reverent concentration, and not to desecrate the quietness of this day by pleasure seeking and noisy entertainments; give honor to God as a free and praying nation, and give thanks for the protection which we enjoy as a free gift from our Heavenly Father's hand. Let us ask Him to watch over our country in the future with His might and strength."

What a challenge to American Christians in this hour of crisis.

I was so glad to hear our beloved President Roosevelt recently promise the fathers and mothers of our boys in camps and the Navy, that they would be taken care of physically and spiritually, that they would be supplied with chaplains to look after their spiritual welfare, and I am sure each one a Bible.

I am also glad for a King and Queen of Britain and her Dominions who believe in the inspired word of God, and are guided by the "Book of Books."

May we pray earnestly that our freedom and liberty will be preserved and for great victory over our foes.

I am, Sir, etc.
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Those U. S. Elections

(Ottawa Journal)

War or no war our American neighbors are not denying themselves the sport of an oldfashioned election—the Congressional elections in November. Judging by their newspapers, it is a fight in which no holds are barred. Thus the other day Chicago's Democratic Mayor Kelly said of Republican Senator Brooks, candidate for re-election in Illinois: If there were only four voters in this ward—Hitler, Goebbels, Goering and Mussolini—'Curly' Brooks would get them all."

Col. McCormick's Chicago Tribune, supporting Brooks, and carrying on a terrific campaign against all and sundry favorable to Roosevelt, countered with a colored picture on its front page showing Mayor Kelly addressing a German-american meeting in Chicago in June, 1940, with the Swastika on the platform, and under this a representation of Brooks going up against German barbed wire at Soissons in 1918.

That looked like a knockout for Kelly, but Mr. Marshall Field's Chicago Sun had the last word. The Sun showed that the Swastika on Kelly's platform was a fake, and that the Tribune, which had run the Swastika tale a year ago, had subsequently apologized for it.

To an outlander, one of the odd things about this election is the way in which candidates and newspapers refer to the war records of individuals. Men who were isolationists before Pearl Harbor are bitterly assailed, spent half their time in defending their position.

And there is one other notable feature in this election: the fact that both the major parties and all candidates stress the argument that when this war is over the United States must work with other nations to enforce the peace. To those who recall the old traditional United States doctrine of "no entangling alliances", plus what men like Lodge and Borah and Hiram Johnson did to Woodrow Wilson over the League, it is an extraordinary change.

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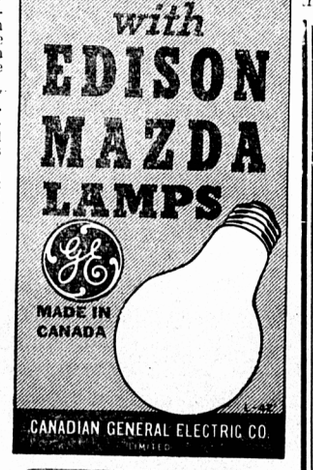

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