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

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Farmers' Meetings

With the Legislature scheduled to meet on March 24, the annual meetings this week of the Central Farmers' Institute and the Dairyman's Association will be most opportune.

This is not British "propaganda," but the finding of U. S. officials based on the most authoritative reports from American and European sources. It explains why any relaxation of the British blockade would only result in prolonging the war and fastening the chains of slavery more firmly than ever upon the unfortunate victims of German aggression.

In a recent statement, Mr. W. G. Oulton, President of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association, summed up a situation which is very similar to that prevailing in Prince Edward Island.

He instanced the fact that in Ontario, a major competitor in many lines of farm products, production costs have been lowered by the Provincial Government absorbing transportation costs on feed grains and the further advantages from bonusing of high grade products.

Wealthy Ontario, with a reported million-dollar surplus this year, and even Nova Scotia, can do many things which would be impossible for our local legislators to attempt.

Relieving Cabinet Ministers

Discussing the problem of relieving cabinet ministers from their onerous routine duties, a correspondent in a mainland exchange recalls that during the Great War the Union Government had the assistance of capable men who deputized for the Ministers in the House of Commons when purely routine business was under discussion and took much of the load off them outside the House.

There was, for example, Mr. F. H. Keefer, K.C., of Port Arthur, who was the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs, and relieved Sir Robert Borden of much routine work. In the Department of Militia and Defense, Lieut.-Col. Hugh Clark of Kincairdine was Parliamentary Secretary and deputized for Hon. S. C. Mewburn, the Minister of Militia and Defense.

The British Blockade

Obviously inspired by their Nazi masters is the Vichy Government's threat to employ what is left of the French navy to convoy merchantmen if Britain persists in its blockade of France.

the course of a conference between the British Ambassador, Lord Halifax, and the U. S. Secretary of State, Lord Halifax is quoted as having given a firm answer on this point. Nor is it likely that there will be misunderstanding on the part of the United States Government as to the reasons dictating such a reply.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Some 58 judges are receiving pensions of \$302,000, or an average of \$334 each per month.

The Nazis have issued a State loan of 500,000,000 guilders (about \$335,000,000) in the Netherlands with the intention that if it is not voluntarily subscribed, a compulsory 40 year annual levy at 2 1/2 per cent will be enforced.

The two-months tour of Grace Fields through Canada last August and September netted \$99,306 of which \$74,479 went to the Navy League of Great Britain.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

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Britain's New Planes

How the Nazis lost the first Battle for Britain through their own "efficiency" in planning is some years ahead appears from a review of the race for air supremacy given in an interview by Major F. A. de V. Robertson, the British aeronautical authority.

"In line of war," he explains, "one of the great difficulties of a belligerent power is to maintain the supply of aircraft while at the same time arranging for the production in quantity of new types. It is no simple or quick matter to convert a factory from production of one type to production of something quite different. All through the early months of the present war Germany suffered from having arranged to build some five years ago for the manufacture in large quantities of the Heinkel III bomber and the Messerschmitt 109 fighter. By 1939 both had been outclassed by British types, and it was months, before the Junkers 88 bomber and the Messerschmitt 110 twin-engine fighter, both improved types, appeared in any numbers.

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The Poet's Corner

SILVER THAW
Diamond lights twinkle
And fairy bells tinkle
Rainbow sparks glitter on crystal-clad trees.

Of ruby and sapphire
Each shaft of light higher—
Colors iridescent glow in the night,
Lighting the cliff band
Thro' their white wonderland.

Topaz and amethyst,
Silvered and aureoled,
Gleam, deep mysterious, in the half-light.

Thus in sweet magic caught,
Beauty my soul is taught,
And death enchantment lies all thro' the night.

—Ariel.

BIG MONEY FOR FAMILY OF MILKERS

Melbourne, Australia. — A dairy farmer near Melbourne has offered \$260 a year, with house, milk and firewood thrown in, for a family to assist in milking a big herd of cows. Seven families which applied were unsuitable for the work.

ARMY KNITTERS WORKS IN AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, Australia. — Hitler will have to move swiftly if he wants to race Australia's army of knitters making comforts for the troops. When a German raider sank a vessel in the Indian Ocean, 3030 woolen pullovers and 16,000 mittens knitted by Australian women for their troops abroad went down with her. Eighteen days later, it was reported that in addition to routine commitments, the loss had been made good.

HUNTING FOR MOON

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — (CP) — A new treasure-hunt to California, when heavy seas wash rocks up on the shore, hundreds of people start searching for moonstones, worth about 50 cents a pound.

COFFEE GROUNDS CHICAGO — (CP) — New grounds for divorce — a pretty brunette asked the court that her marriage bonds be voided. Her husband went for cream for coffee four months ago and never came back.

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