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

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Historic Conference

Details of the history-making conference between Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt in North Africa appear in today's issue, and will be read with great interest.

The conference took place following the capture of Tripoli by the British 8th Army and the conquest of Mussolini's African Empire.

The Atlantic Charter was the outcome of the first conference between the leaders of the two great English-speaking democracies.

"If The Farmers Struck"

Under the above heading the Globe and Mail draws a striking moral on the subject of wartime strikes. Many farmers, it points out, have been meeting recently.

Nevertheless, no class of workers has a greater grievance than the farmers. They have put \$4,500,000,000 into 55,000,000 acres of land, buildings, live stock and equipment in order to keep the population healthy and vigorous.

But they don't talk of striking, of quitting their jobs. They ask only equality of opportunity. They meet and discuss how they can do better themselves, how they can double their efforts with food as well as the workers in factories and others of the home population.

Farmers in Canada, operating under the greatest obstacles, receive the least attention. They are the victims of the Government's attitude toward a manpower policy, a fact they will never forget.

Business Conditions

In the first month of what promises to be a momentous year Canadian business conditions are being adjusted in ever-increasing degree to the imperative demands of wartime economy.

primary iron and steel industry, at a high level in 1941, recorded further advances. Retail sales gained 15 per cent and there was a substantial expansion in railway traffic.

New restraints have been placed upon business and it is to be expected that more will follow. A revised consumer credit order, to become effective February 1, will have the effect of consolidating previous orders and of effecting closer control of credit buying.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ottawa will be the centre of interest from now on.

The Canadian Army Overseas is on the alert "to do or die"—and, one of them writes, "it is more likely to do than die."

The U.S.A. War Production Board has authorized a 30 per cent increase in the production of farm machinery in the current year.

Reminiscent of the dark ages, Halifax's housing situation reached a new high with the report that a family of 10 have been forced to live in a single room for a year despite the fact the household's weekly income is \$55.

Sir Edward Creasy, English historian, died this date, 1878; was the first professor of history in London University in which capacity he had a distinguished career; wrote many outstanding historical works, chief of which was the well-known "Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World"; that was, of course, before the World War I, which was not decisive in any particular in the sense in which Sir Edward wrote.

It is announced that in the age groups eligible for compulsory military service who have already volunteered for active service and been rejected for medical reasons will have to undergo another examination to establish their status under the new registration of eligible men.

According to Mr. Bracken the Ruml Plan for the collection of taxes, or an adaptation of it that would fit the particular needs of the Canadian taxpayer and the government, is the obvious thing for Canada.

What is not rationed now, or won't be rationed in the next six months, is really negligible. Canada and the United States, two of the greatest suppliers of the United Nations, must continue to tighten their belts to ensure the utmost weight behind the striking force of the democracies.

It may be recalled that in the recent Victory Loan campaign one of the most appealing addresses on the necessity for an all-out war policy was made by Major Eric Knight, the British author, resident in Boston.

The London correspondent of New York Times gives voice to the recent dissatisfaction existing over the North Africa situation. The early enthusiasm over Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's expedition to North Africa has dwindled somewhat with the stalemate in the fighting, and is yielding now to misgivings and anxiety.

Star girl writes: Prices of some handbags I have seen in London are staggering. For one handbag in a West End window I saw one of bags, over \$40 was asked. There were many leather bags at \$15 and \$20. \$25 being the price for what a saleswoman called "cheaper ones."

Notes By The Way

In Bergen, the street cars got into the habit of forgetting to stop to pick up German passengers. Orders about this had to be issued and Norwegian were told, moreover, to get out and make room for Germans when the cars were full.

The boss caught Jack, an old factory hand, on the fire escape, and said, "I'm surprised at you wanting your time worked here thirty years and never been late or had a half-day off. Are you ill or something?"

Sound advice has been given Canadian farmers by the Dominion Department of Agriculture. They have been warned against selling laying hens in order to take advantage of a firm poultry market. Such marketing means of killing the goose that lays the golden eggs.

Socially speaking it's not the same world as it was in the 1920s. In the United States, the bottom dropped out of a weakening structure of social etiquette when Emily Post blandly informed the Office of War Information that it was both proper and patriotic for women war workers to thumb rides to and from work.

Scientific wonders are bringing a lot of light to our minds. A new General Electric microscope is said to have a lens that reveals what we have long known, namely that the mosquito doesn't bite but uses a saw. But he gets there all the same.

As it was in the Great War, the Canadian Corps undoubtedly again will be the spearhead of the Allied attack when the invasion of Europe is started and all the years of waiting, of training will be forgotten.

A musical instrument believed to be unique has been presented to the Art Galleries and Museums by Mrs. Jane Allison of 34 Greenless Road, Amulsoy. It is a walking stick!

As fire-fighting becomes more scientific, the way of the arsonist becomes harder. Skilled investigators ascertain whether a fire was accidental or planned, and what can be learned by observation usually can be brought to light in a laboratory.

Those who grumble about their children going to school in the morning are wrong. It is still a bit dark when they are awakened, but by the time they are struck by a bomb and 39 boys were killed. Some of the bodies were picked out of adjacent trees. A few were never found.

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Now is the critical period when the United Nations are beginning to win, and for that reason every hour should count, every effort should be put forth on the home front to support the fighting men the support they deserve.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Editor reserves the right to accept or to refuse any communication.

PROHIBITION AND JURIES

Sir—As reported in your edition of yesterday, a respected clergyman solemnly told an audience that the Attorney-General had said that Juries would not convict in Prohibition cases.

I have too much regard for the Attorney-General's knowledge of the law to believe that he made any such announcement. With all due deference to the "colob," one would expect that a person who undertakes to instruct the public should first ascertain the facts.

BEETS IN WARTIME

Sir—Since the entry of Japan in the war the canning of vegetables has been greatly curtailed. It is now contrary to regulations to preserve beets, in any form, in tin cans. This makes it imperative that we use every means at our command to see that this useful vegetable is kept in edible condition over as long a period as possible.

On the way of doing this is to extend its planting over a long period. The first sowing should be made in a box indoors or in a hot-frame in early April. The seedlings should be started once before being set outside. Plants properly hardened off may be set in the ground when the early vegetables are being sown. At the same time the "fir" outside seedling should be made. The sowings may be repeated several times until July.

I am, Sir, etc. G.C. WARREN, Assistant Superintendent, (Horticulture) Experimental Station, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Jan. 26, 1943.

Significant Victories

The news that has come out of Russia during the past fortnight has been almost too good to be true. After being forced back to the streets of Stalingrad and the central Caucasus by Hitler's summer offensive, the Red armies have shown such great recuperative power that they have already re-taken the last lost territory. But the most important development has not been the recapture of territory; it has been the capture of the last lost territory and the capture of the last lost territory.

Charging The Jury

Surveys a judge should say in charging a jury: "Remember that this is just another chapter in the long history of strife and bitterness between communities on one side and needy pockets of officers on the other. Remember that the defendant, Zilch, is one of the have-nots and that he felt he was forced to use his brass knuckles on the complaining witness before the latter could call a policeman who might have hurt Zilch's head with a club—and that the defendant, Zilch, has a reasonable plea of self-defence. Remember, furthermore, that Zilch has repudiated the leadership of Adolf Goelich, former master mind of his gang."

THE LAST WORD

Creep into thy narrow bed, Creep, and let no more be said Vain thy onset! all stands fast. Thou thyself must break at last. Let the long contention cease! Geese are swans, and swans are geese. Let them have it how they will! Thou art Fred; best be still. They out-talk'd thee, hild'd thee, (ore thee) Better men faced thee before thee; Fired their ringing shot and paid! Holy charged—and sank at last. Charge once more, then, and be dumb! Let the victors, when they come, Find the forts of folly fall. Wind thy body by the wall. —Matthew Arnold.

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