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

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Unsolved Farm Problems

With food shortages and rationing now a reality, and with further shortages and more rationing certain in the near future, Canada is heading straight for more serious difficulties and further embarrassment in her food supply situation during 1945.

Parliament, now in session, might well give heed to this warning. Mr. Hannan contends that the present method and setup under the Wartime Prices and Trade Board is "bogging down" its operation as far as food products are concerned.

Two aspects of this proposal, Mr. Hannan states, are fundamental. One is that there should be a cabinet minister definitely charged with the responsibility of obtaining an abundant food supply, and empowered with authority to provide payment and make regulations designed to achieve his objective.

Warning Voices

From two authoritative sources in the Dominion Government came warning this week against the easy optimism of assuming that the war has been practically won.

A similar warning was sounded by Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Munitions and Supply, in addressing the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston on Monday.

Not Working Well

Bureaucracy is not working well at Ottawa, or even at Washington for that matter. Take the food situation as the best current example. First, Foods Administrator J. G. Taggart assured the public there would be no butter rationing.

rationing of canned goods is planned; any housewife knows canned goods are phenomenally scarce, are rationed in the United States, and are the most easily hoarded of all food supplies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

And what did we get for it? The manpower plebiscite of last year cost \$1,503,158 with a few small accounts not likely to exceed \$3,000 still outstanding.

An authorized British source announces that the Fleet Air Arm now has a new torpedo plane to replace the old Swordfish which for years gave a good account of itself.

Canadian merchants have lost the right to make sale of butter conditional on the sale of other groceries. Prices Board officials said this practice was not frowned upon at the time since "shopping around" usually was a practice of the hoarder.

Five cents an hour is not an excessive rate of pay for agricultural labour, even for a boy. Arrangements are being made to use 100,000 students from Ontario schools on farms from April 15 to October 15.

George Crabbe, English poet, died this date, 1832; had early struggle for recognition and was befriended by Burke, Fox and others; took Holy Orders, and received the patronage of the Duke of Rutland and Lord Thurlow.

Lord Bennett, like Mr. Churchill, still swears by the glory and tradition of the great beneficent British Empire. He told the Canadian Legion in London the other day that "there is nothing finer in the records of mankind" than the British Empire.

Writes a reader: I notice in The Spectator an appreciation of a statement made by a Member of Parliament quoting a prophecy, on the future of British aviation, made by Thomas Gray 205 years ago. I think the following epiphany, found on a tombstone in Churchland, Essex, dated 1440, more than 500 years ago, may interest you:

Mr. M. Clement, dean of agriculture at the University of British Columbia, states post-war Canada should have a completely reconstructed plan which would place the farm people on an equal basis with other well organized economic groups.

A Toronto woman, Mrs. George Patterson who runs a hairdressing establishment in Aberdeen, Scotland, is the first fire guard — woman or man — to be selected for portraiture in a special section of the National Gallery set aside for heroes and heroines of the blitz.

Notes By The Way

A woman in England has left \$15,000 to a friend, on condition that she look after five cats. This is a legacy to the beneficiary. And if the beneficiary, her people claim a couple of the cats would be around for their share of the \$15,000.

Magellan, children, in some way haven't been minding your history teacher or your geography? The shortighted man who made the Big Mistake of calling it the Pacific Ocean. —Ottawa Citizen.

There is one man at least who does not sympathize with the self-interest of the common nowadays. He is Samuel Shelton, new president of Middlebury College, Vermont. He told the students: "I do not want to come of age in time to participate in this grim struggle against evil and in the task of fastening the better order that must follow. This new machine is generating an encountering tempering experience for making the best type of neither men. They will graduate with neither the energy, the respect, the to-do, nor into the economic generation of the 20's. No, the coming generation should be a different one; it should be envied. —Kitchener Record.

Ottawa rent controllers at least are consistent. A landlord has been fined for reducing the monthly levy. He had asked for permission—which no doubt is some kind of affront.

The ordinary ecologist of the hamburger has long been recognized and fittingly celebrated by the general populace in America. There has been, however, a certain hesitancy in some circles to admit the merits of this delicious Hamburg. For as its popularity has not heretofore been considered a dish fit to be set before a king. Now, however, a certain does not care to dine on hamburger any more. He has been told that his chances of having meat are slim, and that he must wait days for the only meat available at many butcher counters. As a result of this, he has decided to conquer the hamburger and to establish himself as the universal American dish. —Boston Post.

Mr. Lloyd George, in the course of the last year, once impatiently brushed aside some obfuscators with the words: "Let us get on with the war." It appeared that an American — almost any American — speaking today in a similar situation, would say: "Let us do nothing to impede the war effort." "War effort," "war effort," the phrase assails us from the radio, it is used little, if any, in the last war. But now it has crept into all our conversations. As an easy label for anything he is sure to be said for it. It isn't accurate. But isn't it just a bit too glib, or too becoming tiresome? It seems to imply a war, but not precisely fighting a war, but engaged in an attempt, a gesture, an effort. When a man goes to work in a munitions factory, or in a war bond, or sets out being a volunteer, he is "assisting in the war effort," or "contributing to the war effort," or "doing his bit for the war effort." —New York Herald-Tribune.

A child born shortly before the outbreak of war has just been presented with a dollar house. In this case the child is a girl, and she is almost at once she is shocked to discover "Why," she said, "I must do something about the war." She is present she is busy making so at details in regard to it that have been put in the world. It is a mile ready to be accepted, for it is a mile in circumference and 40,000 workmen are accommodated under a single roof. The maximum walking distance between two offices on the same floor is 1,800 feet. —Edmonton Journal.

Back from overseas, Private Logan Napier, a Scottish straggler, has heard of one of the young men who has made it impossible for him to get the hard training demanded, and he had to be sent home. It is hard for these details of the last war to realize that they cannot again "make the grade." The fact that they cannot keep up to the strong young men who are entitled to the highest honor for the attempts they have made to serve again. If spirit would fit them for combat, they would be the toughest soldiers we could have. —Windsor Star.

Young naval officers are not the only people to grow warlike heads. There was an outbreak of them among American technicians who came to Northern Ireland. The average age of a beard among them is reported, however, to be very short for some reason or other, but I have heard of one technician who made a bet about his beard, under which he must keep it until March. The result is that, though quite a young man, he looks like a Civil War general. One day he and some of his friends visited a ranch in Belfast and wished to reach the lighthouse. The lighthouse was very far — maybe you young fellows would walk up the stairs. "Well, be able to make it, room for you, sir," and so he did! —From Belfast News-Letter.

FIGHTING T. B. ADELALDE (OP) — During the last 10 years the death rate in the state of Victoria, Australia, has been halved. It has been proved that the disease claims most victims between 25 and 35 years of age.

PUBLIC FORUM

Supports Rev. Mr. Shaw
This column is open for the discussion of current events, and is not intended to be a platform for the expression of personal opinions.

My friends have suggested to me that ministers should write public letters to support Rev. Mr. Shaw and the Peace Committee of the P.E.I. Temperance Federation in the front stand that they are taking against the liquor interests.

We folk of the North Shore appreciate having in our midst such a broad-minded, sincere, fearless Christian minister as Mr. Shaw. And we fear that there is entirely capable of supporting the Temperance side of the controversy which is going to be the part of your paper. We need many more courageous leaders like Mr. Shaw if I have felt before this that I must write on this subject. Especially after reading letters concerning the "rights" of Government "control."

It was in New Brunswick when the Government of the province (misnomer) came into power some thought that the province would be a better place to live in. The striking example of this during Government said: "I have been many years under Provincial and I have lived for nearly ten years in Prince Edward Island and I know that drinking liquor is a curse and there are more tragedies due to liquor under Government rule than under Provincial rule. It is not minimizing the fatal accidents (due to intoxicating liquor) in Charlottetown and Summerside recently.

The manufacturers of alcoholic drinks are as much interested in the welfare of the province as the manufacturers of munitions are interested in the world which Hitler re-arm Germany has re-armed. If we could take the profits out of war it would go a long way towards maintaining peace. And if liquor we would now have a better appearing in papers is in the interests of Temperance and the brewers are not thinking of the manufacturers of alcoholic drinks as much interested in the welfare of the province as the manufacturers of munitions are interested in the world which Hitler re-arm Germany has re-armed.

Only a person absolutely blind and stupid could honestly say that liquor is a great benefit to our people. I am, Sir, etc. GEO. W. TILLEY Jan. 20, 1945.

The Secret of Russia's Success
The term dialectic materialism was an unfortunate one to use as the name of a philosophy if the history of the world is sought where a civilization, Christian at least in name, is dominant. Materialism is not a philosophy. It is a doctrine that mind is a function of matter, that both are the same thing. Dialectic materialism, in so far as it concerns itself with such a question, is a doctrine that mind is a distinct quality of matter and that there is something outside of matter which is not merely a mental projection but a reality. Lenin, in his argument with the really serious nature of the familiar words of another great philosopher. He said he knew that what he was saying was the same laws working in the mind that were also working in the stars.

Dialectic materialism does not concentrate its attention upon things but upon relationships. It holds that all life is in motion, that relations between things are always changing, and it tries to discover the laws of those changing relations. These include the relations between man and his environment. The man and his environment, given a knowledge of it, they can rule the process of human society even at once that law as a controlled therefore, a practical philosophy. So far, in their creation of a new society, the Soviet leaders have used three principles of dialectic materialism. The first teaches that quantity tends to change into quality and that quality in turn causes a change in quantity. An example of this is the growth of a crowd. A revolutionary outbreak on a greater scale we can see in the social transformations manifest in the world which result in the massing of workers into factories.

The second guiding principle of dialectic materialism is the law of the interpenetration of opposites. As explained by Lenin, it means that all things move in a unity of opposites which continuously struggle against each other until the breaking point is reached. An example is the classes. At the masses and the change, the student, the while the student, can be destroyed and which old need be developed in another direction to be understood. The principle of dialectic materialism will continue to be a revolutionary outbreak on a greater scale we can see in the social transformations manifest in the world which result in the massing of workers into factories.

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On the contrary, any layman who understands the principles for which Soviet Russia stands, can easily understand her foreign policy and, in many instances, anticipate her actions. The third principle of dialectic materialism is known as the negation of the negation which means that the victory won by the stronger opposite forms the basis for a new synthesis in which the more important elements are repeated on a higher plane until at last the victor is itself negated.

But, like a high explosive, dialectic materialism cannot be handled by amateurs — not even, at times, by those who, like Trotsky and Bukharin, had made it a life study. In 1917 Lenin's greatest trouble was to hold back his party until the strategic moment for the seizure of power had arrived. Dialectic materialism, as used in the Soviet Union was a theory of revolution and is today the only revolutionary theory of orthodox economics. It demands change and provides means for moving life from one plane to another higher up. Unlike the Utopian dialectic materialism is not static.

Naturally, any system, religious, economic, or political, which ascribes to itself the certainty of authority—and they all do that—gives enormous power to those who direct it. Under such conditions, it is easy for those who enjoy the authority to claim infallibility for themselves and to maintain that only their interpretation of their system's doctrine is correct. But dialectic materialism has safeguards against this abuse of power for its tests are concrete. In the last analysis, the need of the masses is the final arbiter. (To Be Continued)

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