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

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Fine Tourist Publicity

On many occasions the New York Times, one of the world's greatest newspapers, has given moral support to Great Britain in its fight against Nazi aggression and domination. Its strong pro-British attitude has been a powerful factor in influencing public opinion in the neighboring republic. Yesterday, in an editorial captioned "Canada Holds Open House," the Times came forward with a most timely boost in support of Canada's tourist traffic. The points which it made are precisely those best calculated to induce its American readers to spend their vacations here this summer.

After pointing out that our tourist trade, normally one of the largest sources of Canadian revenue, has shrunk dangerously this year because of misleading reports as to what happens to American tourists at the border, the Times says:

"The truth is that if the tourist is an American citizen not carrying arms, he is welcomed in Canada as warmly and informally as he ever was. Canada wants him to come, and, with the exception of a few areas where military secrets are guarded, the whole Dominion, from coast to coast, is at his disposal. He profits by a premium of 10 per cent which his American dollars command in Canada. He needs no passport to get in. When he is ready to go home the American customs and immigration officers will want to be sure, as has been the case in the past, that he is not avoiding payment of duties and that he really is an American citizen. An American who cannot meet these simple requirements probably ought not to travel, anyhow."

And it adds, for good measure: "If he goes to Canada he will find a vast country whose marvels and beauties match those of the United States. He will find a good many picturesque and charming things he can't find at home. If he happens not to like Adolf Hitler, he can feel pleased to know that the dollars he spends in Canada will go back to the United States to buy airplanes and other facilities that may put Hitler out of business."

A good deal has been said in the Dominion Parliament this session about undesirable American publications entering Canada during wartime. The other side of the picture deserves mention too. Papers like the New York Times, which have been consistently friendly in tone to this country and to the Empire in general, are more truly representative of American opinion; and it would not be at all out of place if their services were occasionally recognized on the floor of the House.

Exploding A Nazi Myth

An authentic and skillfully prepared exposure of Nazi fifth column activities appears as the leading article in the current issue of The Legionary, official organ of the Canadian Legion, B. E. S. L., which is especially valuable as giving factual disproof of the so-called "invincibility" of the German armed might.

The article tells in plain language how the Nazi propaganda machine worked successfully to undermine the morale and fighting spirit of neighboring countries to such an extent that when the mechanized hordes rolled in, the already broken courage of the populace resulted in but a pitiful show of resistance. It tells also how the Nazis are trying to sow the seeds of dissension and defeatism in other countries in Europe, as well as in South America, the United States, and Canada.

The point brought out clearly in The Legionary article is that Hitler's fifth column is of vital importance to him because of the vulnerability of his fighting men. They are inferior, not superior, in fighting qualities to the soldiers of the British Empire and if we do not fall victims to Nazi treachery and propaganda there is no question as to our ability to win in battle.

The concluding part of the article is addressed directly to Canadian citizens. Our job, it says, is to refrain from giving voice to apprehension, repeating rumors and gossip. "Remembering that the job of our sailors, our soldiers and our airmen needs all their concentration on the task at hand, the very least they have a right to expect from you is that, in your turn, you don't let your fighting men down. You don't belong to the breed which lets itself be panicked by the bluster and the bragging and the bogey-man threats of those Teutonic tinmen, scarecrows and cowardly lions, by the hysterical screeches of beer-hall Napoleons. You have got lots of stuff that the Nazis don't have. The main element of that is Liberty. Fight to retain it—and you will."

Placing Responsibility

Reliable commentators are unanimous in predicting that continental Europe is on the verge of a famine. Germany herself sacrificed more than butter to guns and tanks long before the war, and since then she has completely dislocated not only the agricultural but the economic machinery of six European States, two of them—Holland and Denmark—formerly huge food-supply countries. Nothing is more sure than that Germany will seize such supplies as exist for her own consumption. No doubt she has already looted much of this, without the least attempt to ensure steady new cultivation. When the pinch comes, as it

ment will industriously spread the theory that it is Britain's sea stranglehold that is starving all the unfortunate peoples concerned. The answer to this has been given by Prime Minister, Mackenzie King in a statement commenting on Hitler's speech of last week. Mr. King said:

"As to the threatened disaster to the peoples of Europe, none will regret a calamity to the innocent victims of persecution and aggression more than the people of Canada who have built this nation upon the foundation of tolerance, good will, peace and racial generosity. But if such a calamity does occur none will identify more clearly its creators and originators. The men who have brought famine to Europe will be the same men who have brought fire and slaughter to Poland, to Norway, to Holland, to Belgium and to France. Against all of Hitler's prophecies there stands another prophecy that throughout the ages has never failed to come to pass. Sooner or later sure retribution will overtake the tyrant who defies the law of God and man. Until that retribution comes to undo the wrong done by the guilty, the peoples of the British commonwealth will continue to face every ordeal with fearless eyes and unflinching courage."

Vacation Advice

One of the quickest ways to spoil the effects of a holiday is to take exercise too strenuously, warns the Health League of Canada, adding emphasis to a common-sense vacation note.

"If you are a sedentary worker of middle-age, don't imagine that the holiday miraculously enables you to plunge into day-long outdoor sports and compete successfully with your juniors." Start your exercise gradually, and don't mind resting when you are tired. Rest is quite as important as exercise. Over-exercise of the digestive organs is as bad or worse than over-exercising the muscular system, too.

Such advice is worth following, and not only by the middle-aged sedentary worker to whom specific reference is made. Rest and relaxation should bulk large in any vacation programme.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Robespierre guillotined tomorrow's date, 1794.

The ultimate in chic for day or evening wear, says the staid Montreal Gazette, is a collarless hip-length jacket made of four perfectly matched 24-inch platinum fox skins, valued at \$4,000.

In days past Sunday was looked forward to with delight as a day of undisturbed peace, quietness and spiritual refreshment; Hitler has made it a day of terror, anguish and blitzkrieg which the Christian world anticipates with dread and misgivings.

"This is the day of advertised goods," says Macy's, New York, in an interview. "The goods we sell and find a steady demand for, are those we prominently and persistently bring before the public in our daily advertisements." The prospective buyer, of course, reads the ads with his war news.

Christianity introduced into Russia this date, 988—rejected 1917: "Christianity without the Cross is nothing. The Cross was a fitting close to a life of rejection, scorn and defeat. But in no true sense have these things ceased or changed. Jesus is still He whom man despiseth and the rejected of men."

Mrs. Hugh Brady of Montreal has a letter she aims to keep for a long time, for apparently it went through a lot to reach her soldier son in England. Her son returned the letter in its original envelope, marked by salt water, but still legible. It bore an official stamp, "Salved from the sea."

The final steps to eliminate the market for free sterling has aroused universally favorable comment in financial circles in London. There is not the slightest doubt over the success of the move, while, as some commentators remarked, although perhaps with some stretch of imagination, something like the traditional gold standard now will govern the exchange rates between sterling and the United States dollar. So long as Americans, however, are permitted to sell sterling among themselves, free sterling will not entirely disappear, but this business will be so small as to be of no consequence and finally should disappear altogether. Nevertheless, there still are important countries, particularly the South American republics, outside the sterling-dollar area, but they probably will all be drawn ultimately into the orbit. "Pegging" of sterling as thus accomplished, must impart confidence to business, more especially the export trade. Indirectly, too, the "pegging" of the sterling provides some insurance against inflation because it keeps down the cost of Great Britain's imports and at the same time insures stable and better prices for exports than probably otherwise would be obtainable.

"Wake up America!" Such was the theme developed by Miss Dorothy Thompson, noted columnist and member of the staff of The New York Herald-Tribune, in an interview with The Gazette that served as a supplement to the telling comparison of Winston Churchill and Adolf Hitler which she has just given in an address over the CBC network. The tall, handsome newspaperwoman, who has had the distinction of being ejected from Germany for her outspoken criticism of the Hitler regime in the early days of the Third Reich, didn't mince words over the state of mind in her country. "It's appalling," she came out flatly. "Here we are, supposed to be a world power playing a leading role in this tremendous revolution, and we haven't even begun to appreciate what is involved. We haggle over the exact definition of the Neutrality Act. We fool with party planks. We tie ourselves up in bundles and bundles of red tape. And the world is burning about our ears. Frankly," said Miss Thompson, "if we don't wake up within a year we might as well give up, surrender everything our good, healthy pioneer fathers and mothers fought for, and just sit back as another nation who prefers peace with slavery. We have got to make our decision right now. If we delay it will

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NOTES BY THE WAY

We remember on one occasion an old-timer telling us, "I used to be able to catch 60 fish here in a morning 30 years ago. Now I'm lucky if I catch two." We suggest that he had caught 60 fish 30 years ago, he would be catching more today. He replied impatiently that he was painfully well aware of this, but that in his day no one had thought about it. —Kirkland Lake News.

An arrangement has been reached to put on end to the hold-up of Irish migratory laborers coming to Britain for harvesting. The men will now be let in for a limited period—probably a three-month stay. After that their stay may be extended by application to the police provided their work is of "national importance." Any seasonal worker desiring to come must have a definite offer of work on a day in this country. The employer's authorized agent for his group will then be able to obtain the permits from Sir John Maffey's office in Dublin. —Manchester Guardian.

It seems that the Ontario Government is receiving "strong protests" against the housing of German prisoners in "certain summer resort areas." If this refers to Algoma, it is to be hoped the Government will throw these protests in the waste paper basket. The Nazi régime has the greatest number of tourists here in Canada now, and Algoma would profit much from having several of them. The Soo take other money-making expeditions, take an immediate stand in being that private kicks are not endorsed by the public. Just as well to notify Toronto and Ottawa at once. —Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Great speeches—and there is no doubt but that this (of Mr. Churchill) was a very great speech. Not only the will of one man necessarily the will of a nation. Nevertheless, the loyal co-operation the Empire has given Mr. Churchill in the tremendous task of preparation still in progress, is a heartening unanimity of resolve. While Britain waits the great storm that is already breaking on her shores, her people must be contented that their determination to fight without stint or faltering so worthily expressed; men of lesser faith cannot but take strength from his strength. And those who are not ready to fight of a land as yet untouched by war, have presumed to cavil, stand rebuked. —New York Herald Tribune.

The attention of Americans is centered on England, where their hearts are, but they are interested in the Balkans because the outcome there may vitally affect Germany and England. A Soviet triumph over the Nazis—a triumph which unfortunately, seems absurdly remote—would be greeted joyously in these countries by those to whom Russian doctrine is almost as odious as Nazi-ism. It is as a defence against the Nazis, not the Soviets, that the United States has adopted its program, which is costing billions and may profoundly affect our economy and our way of life. We have little fear of communistic imperialism and its brutal force of an ambitious, merciless, faithless Germany which alarms us.—Boston Herald.

Santa Barbara, Calif., has decided to retire its school teachers when they shall have reached the age of 65. A great many teachers are not only efficient but downright brilliant at 65. In fact, it takes often 65 years to achieve certain pedagogical attitudes and skills. Our public life is repast with men and women, well past their prime, who are the best of their lives, work well advanced over that of younger persons. There is too much stress laid nowadays on arbitrary age limits in whether maximum or minimum. The wise and proper course is to determine the individual case. Many a dangerous and difficult course can be steered at 65 that could not even be charted at 50. —Milwaukee Sentinel.

Our Social Credit friend, Jacques of Wetaskiwin, told the House of Commons that the press were only three newspapers in all Canada that were without entangling alliances. The merit in those newspapers is that they believe in what Jacques thinks is right. Any newspaper that disagrees with Jacques and Social Credit consequently is a hireling of some dark and sinister movement. The only free press, free course, is one that believes as Jacques does, and that is the sort of freedom of speech and press we would have if the Social Credit M.P. controlled affairs. Actually, it would be the press that would have to outstep Jacques or go out of business. Hitler has exactly the same idea, and consequently the German press says what Hitler tells it to say. —Leithbridge Herald.

Sir—It seems to me that in the whole crisis between the totalitarian states and the democracies there has been in the United States too much talk, too little action. For just this reason, I am organizing a popular demand that all support, short of nothing, be given to neighboring democracy, Canada. We cannot be secure in any world in which there is not equal security for Canada. It is our purpose to have Canada exempted from all provisions of the present neutrality law. If the American people wish to contribute to the defence of Canada—as many of them do—the law should be permitted to stand that would prevent them. Also there should be no quibble over cash or credit. Had our northern boundaries been occupied by a hostile nation in the last century, instead of friendly Canada, the cost to us would have been almost incalculable. —Letter to the New York Herald Tribune.

It is both interesting and encouraging to note that the worthwhile and active organization of Ducks Unlimited is carrying on, despite the handicaps of the wartime economy existing in Canada. The latest evidence of its endeavor to keep at the job of increasing Canada's duck population is found in an advertisement in local papers asking for tenders for the construction of a reinforced concrete dam with radial gates near the town of The Pas. That area was once excellent duck habitat. It is a country, interlaced with lake and streamlet, and teeming with wildfowl and shelter for

Childish Thieves

(New Glasgow Evening News) Mona Lisa, thickly cased in a woden crate, may soon be on her way back to Italy.

There is a childish irrelevance about this performance that freezes the blood. Are wars and the bloody death of thousands for no better purpose than this? More than 400 years ago a man named Leonardo lived in Florence. He was a great man, one who was intensely aware of all aspects of life, one whose talents ranged the whole gamut of human capability. He was a painter, engineer, politician, writer, inventor, builder, poet—the sort of all-round man the world doesn't produce any more.

Leonardo painted a picture of a nobleman's wife. It's a small picture, not too impressive at first glance. But on the lips of Mona Lisa and in her eyes there played the ghost of a strange inscrutable half-smile which fascinated those who looked.

King Francis I of France bought the painting from Leonardo when the painter came to France to serve him. Years passed, and ever the hold of this small painting on its beholders grew and grew. Not only the Florentines, not only the Parisians, but people of all the world grew to know Leonardo's Mona Lisa.

Napoleon, flushed with his military triumphs, installed her in a Parisian gallery at a time when his legions returned from Italy and Egypt staggering under the weight of stolen works of art.

Later in the Louvre Gallery, Mona Lisa smiled down from the wall. Artists copied her. Introspective men wrote her love letters. One stole her and for two years she was in Italy. Then she was recovered and returned.

Now Mussolini is being urged to steal her back, and to take with her other works of Leonardo and Titian stolen by that other conqueror, Napoleon.

It is still pretty childish. What does the world care whether Mona Lisa hangs in a Paris gallery or an Italian palace? Blind in the darkness of her crate, Mona Lisa's mocking eyes will smile still at those who steal her away.

And Leonardo? He, too, would laugh at the strange spectacle and say, "Yes, it is true that I painted her and I am glad that my work is still found good after 400 years. But what are the artists painting today? Have you picture-grabbers, managed to produce a climate in which it is free to create?"

That, and not who manages to steal paintings 400 years old, is what is important.

The denuding of a large part of the forest coverage, partly by fire and partly by lumbering, has meant of recent years that the Spring run-off has been quick and comprehensive. The result has been low summer water levels, with consequent loss of duckings. —Winnipeg Free Press.

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Out of the Cornish sea Excalibur Will rise again to meet the pagan thrust. England will live while Truth has need of her! Freedom will march when Freedom's foes are dust!

—Vilda Sauvage Owens, in the New York Herald Tribune.

THE BREAKFAST TRAIL A POPULAR OUTING

JASPER LODGE, Alta., July 25 —To "breakfast out" is becoming traditional at Jasper. While breakfast rides are one of the popular features among the numerous trail enthusiasts, others have been beating a regular midnight trail to the summit of Signal Mountain, where they breakfast as the sun rises over the serrated Colin Range. Riders at the corral shortly after break of dawn, ride along the mountain bridge paths until 8:30 a. m. when they arrive at the shores of placid Lake Edith. There breakfast is served near fir wood camp fires, the riders later continuing along the high trails leading to the lodge.

The sunrise climbs, which literally have become popular over night call for four hours hike to the summit of Signal Mountain which years ago was a lookout signal p. t. among the Indians because of its commanding view over three valleys. The parties of hikers averaging about 115 in number leave the lodge and Camp Edith at 11 p. m. in the care of competent guides. Arrival at the west shoulder of the mountains generally at 2 a. m., is signal for hot cocoa and an hour of rest. Breakfast follows at the summit two hours later as the first red rays of the morning sun colors the slopes.

WOMEN'S WORK IN AUSTRALIA SYDNEY, N. S. W., July 25 —(CP) —When an official was reported to be shocked (pleasantly of course) by a woman applying for a job as a station hand in order to release a man for war service The Argus rose to sing the praises of the girl helpers in the great

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