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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."
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An Important Treaty

A reassuring result of the cessation of hostilities in the Far East is the 30-year treaty of friendship which has been signed between our two great Allies, Russia and China. The treaty binds Russia to give aid to China solely through the Chungking government, to the exclusion of the Northern China Communist regime, and provides for complete Russian recognition of Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria. This agreement is the best evidence of Soviet good faith in its dealing with other Allied countries, and is likely to result, among other things, in eliminating the threatened danger of civil war in China. On all counts, it is to be hailed with satisfaction. The main terms of the treaty are:
1. Russia to give military supplies and moral support to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's government.
2. Russia to withdraw from Japan's stolen empire of Manchuria within three months after Japan's formal surrender.
3. Russia to keep hands off China's internal affairs.
4. The Manchurian city of Dairen to be established as a free port, open to all nations, but administered by China.
5. The key Manchurian harbor city of Port Arthur to be used jointly by Russia and China as a naval base.
6. The Chinese eastern and southern Manchurian railroads to be operated jointly by Russia and China.
7. China to recognize the independence of Outer Mongolia if a plebiscite there confirms the people's desire for independence.
8. Russia to respect Outer Mongolia's political independence and territorial integrity.
9. Russia to avoid interference in the internal affairs of Sinkiang province, between Mongolia and Tibet, which embraces Chinese Turkestan.
The agreement was signed in Moscow Aug. 14.

Home Rule, For Britain

The last American troops stationed in Britain are expected to return home by Feb. 1, according to a news despatch from London. When the Canadian and Polish forces still in Britain are sent home, the British people, for the first time in six years, will again experience the joys of home rule.
At the height of the "foreign occupation" of the United Kingdom, there were some 3,000,000 Americans, 250,000 Canadians and 50,000 Poles based on the British Isles. These armies requisitioned and occupied vast blocks of flats and offices in London and other cities, took over great estates, and very largely regulated their own affairs.
All that is over now, and the first successful invasion of the British Isles since 1066 has almost passed into history. Every inch of British soil will again come under British rule.
But memories of the invasion will linger on for many years to come, remarks an exchange. It is not for nothing that British teenagers have learned to cut a rug, to boogie woogie, to chew gum and play baseball. Some 40,000 British families will be learning from their daughters who married Canadians that the Canadians are a pretty neck lot when at home, as compared to their antics abroad. In Scotland, Polish polkas will vie with Highland flings for favour, and in Devonshire and Somerset there will be long thoughts for the youth of France, Belgium and Czechoslovakia. The pattern of British life will be a little brighter for having been altered by this invasion.

One Tax Authority

The proposal made at the Dominion-Provincial Conference by the Dominion Government that there be, in effect, one taxing agency instead of a multiple system, has met with widespread approval from those directly concerned.
The Vancouver Province currently reports that industrialists in that part of the country are emphatically in favor of such an arrangement in the matter of collection of income and corporation taxes and death duties. "It is not to be wondered at," says The Province. "The wonder is that Canada's businessmen have endured for so long the costly, inefficient system of double taxation and double tax reports."
Noting that the wartime application simplified collection of income tax, the Vancouver paper points out that so far as succession duties are concerned, however, the double system still prevails. "There are double reports and double taxes and double checks by the officials of the two governments—all making for additional tax costs and legal costs and delay in winding up estates."
It is clear that there exists a need for putting all such levies on a standardized and businesslike basis. As matters stand, it is now possible for the Dominion Government to appraise an item at a certain figure for tax purposes and have Provincial Government make a different estimate altogether.
In any case, as The Province says, the single taxing authority system is less costly, causes

less trouble and annoyance, avoids double taxation and is more efficient because, where the Dominion Government is the authority, it can collect anywhere in the country and the chances of evasion are reduced to a minimum.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The last days of the vacation months, at the close of which most of our summer hotels will themselves be on vacation.

Tomorrow, His Honour the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Bernard will hold their first reception, which is certain to be largely and influentially attended.

The Liturgical Congress is one of the events of the week. Every evening there will be service in the Basilica, at which an outstanding ecclesiastic will deal with the nature and object of the liturgy of the Church.

The Dog Show now comes to be looked upon as an annual event of equal importance with the Fox Show, and a recognized date in the world of dogs all over the Americas, will occur attention of dog lovers tomorrow. It is great having experts and the choice of breeds visit our shores, and it may tend in time to persuade the authorities to bring to an end the free and indiscriminate herding in our streets of all kinds of destructive mongrels. Breed up, not down, should be the watch word.

St. Augustine, usually styled "the greatest of the fathers", died this date 430; he is held in about equal reverence by Catholics and Protestants; Calvinists and Jansenists especially have resorted to his writings for sympathy and authority; he entered the priesthood in 391, was raised Bishop of Hippo five years later. The composition of his great work De Civitate Dei is believed to have occupied him seventeen years; his 232 separate books and treatises, including his Confessions, were fortunately saved from fire in the Vandal onslaught on Africa. "The playthings of our elders are called business. . . . Too late I loved Thee, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! too late I loved Thee; And lo! Thou wert within, and I abroad searching for Thee. Thou went with me, but I was not with Thee."

Here is a discovery which will rejoice the hearts of thousands of men and women, but especially the latter. United Kingdom scientists have found a simple means of making clothes permanently mothproof. The agent is D. D. T.—the anti-malarial, anti-typus powder developed in Britain during the war, which has already saved thousands of Allied lives. In its new role of moth-killer it is dissolved in oil and applied to the wool during manufacture, thus becoming a permanent part of the wool's structure. A minute quantity—0.1 percent of the weight of the wool treated—is sufficient to make the cloth mothproof however many times it is washed or cleaned. D. D. T. can also be used for temporary mothproofing of clothing already in use—i.e., by mixing with the solvents used in dry-cleaning. Cocking cleaned regularly in this way would be nearly 100 per cent mothproof. This new application of D. D. T. was developed by research workers of the United Kingdom Wool Industries Research Association.

About dandelions there are many theories and methods says the Ottawa Journal. Some people just let them bloom, being philosophical about it, and admire both the flowers and their persistence. Some say that if the foliage is cut often enough the root will wither and die—but nobody has proved that. Some advocate salt. Others declare that nothing can stop a dandelion from growing except removal from the earth of every last fragment of root, and that means a long series of major operations on the lawn, which does the lawn no good at all. But all this is to be changed. Scientists of the Dominion Rubber Company have invented a preparation they call, in the engaging way of scientists, 2-4-D—dichlorophenoxyacetic acid—to be known familiarly as "2-4-D"—which is death to dandelions, also burdock, bindweed and many other common weeds, and which may be the answer to the poison-ivy pest. It is sprayed on the lawn or the garden, when it hits a susceptible plant it is absorbed through the leaves into the trunk, and the weed shrivels and dies to "the farthest root tip." And the grass is not harmed. This 2-4-D is a highly selective killer, in fact, and picks its victims with commendable discretion. The preparation apparently is a by-product of war research. It is curious to think that the world had to raise up a Hitler so that we might find a sure death for dandelions.

Municipal councils in the western part of Saskatchewan, where crop conditions are unsatisfactory, have been urged in a letter from the provincial department of agriculture to take the lead in setting up an organization to procure fodder where it is needed. The letter points out that there is a considerable quantity of hay in southeastern Saskatchewan, which will not be cut unless outsiders who need the hay organize to have it put up. The provincial government will assist with payment of freight charges on outward movements of haying outfits, and in moving hay from Saskatchewan points to crop failure districts when the hay has been baled and loaded. The government owns a number of hay presses, which will be loaned to organizations requesting them. Possibility of the need for conserving feed grain is also stressed in the letter, which asks that the department "be advised promptly regarding points where an outward shipment of feed grains should be stopped." If it is necessary to retain wheat for seed or feed, the department should be informed before elevators are emptied. The government will pay local freight charges on grain moved from one elevator to another for livestock feed, if local production is inadequate.

Notes By The Way

The Dominion-Provincial conference has been wound up in an atmosphere of good will and excellent augury of unity which has been accomplished and can be remembered they are Canadians first before they are Ontarians or Quebecers.—Niagara Falls Review.

Worrying about sickness, or any other ailment, is profitable only to the point where it induces you to do something about it. If the worry goes beyond that point, or does not induce any corrective action, it is absolutely fruitless. It is likely to end up in something about which you will have real cause for worry.—Health Magazine.

Under peacetime conditions the railways of Great Britain run 25 per cent more trains daily than they do in the country in the world, says The St. Catharines Standard, and the average number of trains per mile of line through-out day, compared with nine on the same basis in the United States according to the British Railways.

With the calendar reformers we would like to reckon time in hours from one to 24, instead of in lots of 12 hours each. What would be the advantages of such a change? Is the present system inconvenient for anyone of normal acuity? Why should we scrap every clock in Canada, to replace it with a new face with 24 numerals on it for this very doubtful benefit? Push on such nonsense!—Peterborough Examiner.

Russian is to be taught next year in high schools in New South Wales, Australia's most populous State. It will be an alternative modern language and teaching staffs are now being secured. Classes in Russian have been conducted since 1933 by the University Extension Board—the university department which brings higher education to the people—and at Sydney Boys' High School for the past three years. Russian is the most popular language course, with Chinese second.

Charles F. Lummis was a hard man, and the harder the going the better he liked it. On September 12, 1884, the Chicago News writes, he set out from Cincinnati on a round-about walk that ended February 1, 1885, in Los Angeles—3,607 miles in 143 days! On his best day he covered 49 miles. He cured blisters by walking on them. He broke his arm, set it himself, through the snow-bound Rocky Mountains.

A Toronto writer says the wrong people are doing too much drinking and the right people not doing enough. He naturally calls for explanation, found in the following statement that the wrong people are those who stay in the beverage rooms for long periods and the right people are those who are presently abstainers because they like conditions about the beverage rooms. It is assumed they are the right people to drink, because they know when to quit, while the wrong people to drink are those who say too long on the tables. Is it all plain?—From Evening News-Chronicle.

If representatives of the Halifax press had known how to walk into my office like gentlemen they would have been in receipt of a lot more news during the past six years. I am a high ranking member of the Halifax Daily Star. The army officer, who evidently had a high opinion of himself, was very angry when a newspaper photographer appeared at his Lieutenant-Governor's investiture in his shirt sleeves told the reporter: "Your presence ought to provide you with morning coats for occasions like these—it's disgraceful." "What do you mean, you're here on a courtesy only and you have in a manner like that. You come here on courtesy only—the army can bar you from getting news on all its properties—we don't have a right to a thing," he said.—Halifax Star.

Perhaps the worst feature of the British leadership was precisely that it sided the nation into two areas, living under totally different conditions. Not a doubt about this factor to damage French nationalism. In the long view of history it seems inconceivable that any true patriot could have aided and abetted such a partition of his nation as did the marshal. Here now that the fundamental goal of his leadership has been established, Frenchmen can once more stand fast together, accepting and then forgetting the errors of the past, building resolutely the future of a greater France.—New York Herald Tribune.

The helicopter is ready right now for civilian use as an aerial taxi for all short-haul transportation work up to 200 miles. For a while, it will not be able to take over the street controls of the helicopter, because of the delicate co-ordination required, but thousands returning military aviators will be able to fly with ease. Howard Waldorf writes in Collier's. There will be no competition between the helicopter and the fixed-wing airplane; rather they will help each other. The helicopter will be used for short-haul jobs, and the airplane will carry them in trips of over 200 miles. On the other hand, the helicopter will be serious competition to the automobile in the short-haul field.

During the last 12 to 15 years of depression and war, the considerable increase in the total accommodation available in Canadian mental institutions has not been able to keep pace with the much greater increase in the number of admissions. Between 1931 and 1943, the latest year for which statistics have been issued, normal bed capacity increased by more than a third, but resident population over capacity was 10 per cent at the end of 1943. Coupled with the increase in mental illness from war, among the things that have made of an accelerated expansion of mental treatment facilities. The progress that has been made in the recognition and treatment of mental and psychoneurotic ailments from a program of inclusion among postwar reconstruction projects.—Montreal Gazette.

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Secret Gadgets

(Trent Fayne in the Globe and Mail)

One of the best kept secrets of the war as far as the R. C. A. F. was concerned involved a half-dozen gadgets by which aircrew could find their way after they had been forced to bail out over enemy territory.

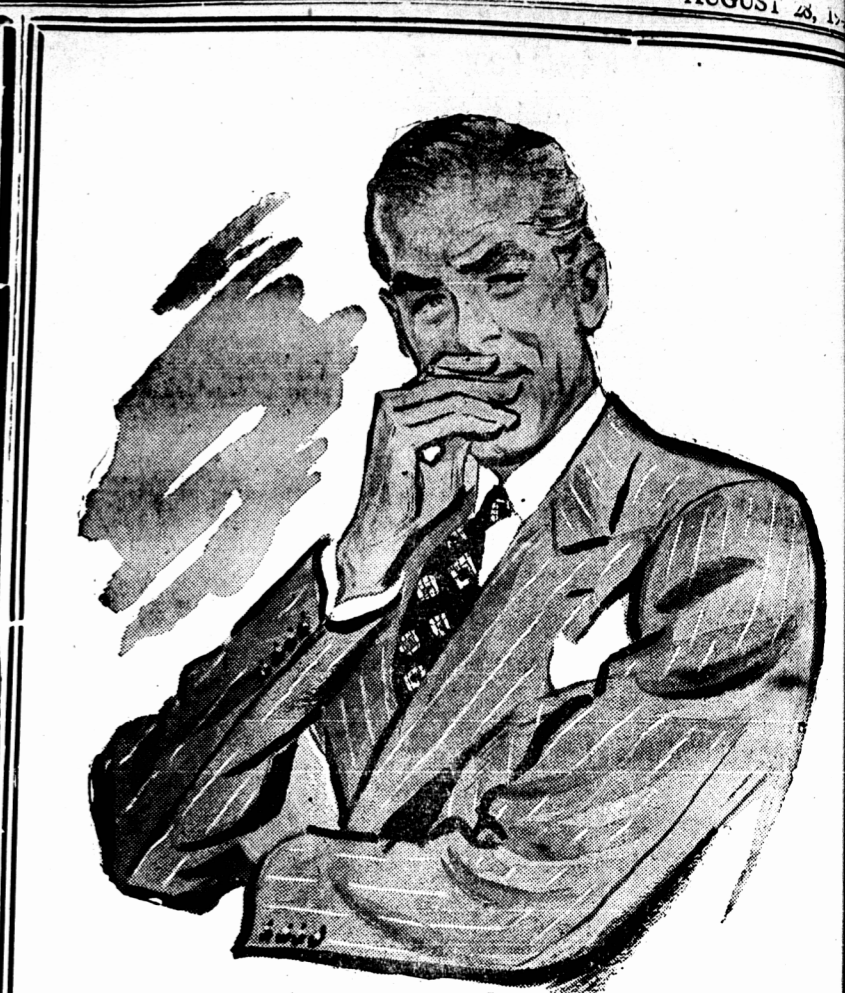
Phil-Lt. George Sinclair, just returned to Toronto after 2 1/2 years as a navigator on Sterling (first tour) and Lancaster (second tour) bombers, talked about the gadgets which he was quick to point out that, fortunately, he had never had to use them and that there were probably hundreds of airmen in Toronto today who could tell a better tale about them.

Sinclair brought one of them with him and, as the photograph on Page 1 shows, it was a cunningly concealed compass hidden inside the second button on his tunic. By using a combination something like that of a safe, an airman could insert a tiny compass north pole were two tiny phosphores dots so that day or night, the airman could quickly get his bearings.

The point which makes this secret one and the one that is that thousands upon thousands of Canadians have returned with knowledge of it but, except possibly in family circles, they have never revealed it. Other items were equally ingenious. For instance, if a man were a pipe smoker, his compass was hidden within the stem of his special issue pipe. And inside his tobacco pouch were maps of France and Germany. Another hidden place was in the back of a comb. This contained a magnetized needle.

"Just break the comb, remove the magnet and get it up on a pin," explained Sinclair.

Aircrew carried language pamphlets which contained pronunciation of German words. Classes were held to teach men German script, the unusual, curving characteristic of some German penmanship. "Destination of German trains was written on the coaches in this script," said Sinclair. In addition, aircrews were issued with the currency of the countries over which their aircraft would take them in the event their aircraft was shot down. One Toronto airman shot down over Germany, Wing Cmdr. Hank Dow, D.P.C., was asked if he had used any of the gadgets before being picked up by the Germans. "Just the emergency kit," he said. "I was picked up after 10 hours." The emergency kit, he explained, was carried by all aircrew and



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Uplift our prayer and evening song.
Do not Thou, with heaven in Thy ken
Seek still a dwelling place with men,
Wandering the world in ceaseless quest?
O Man of Nazareth, be our guest!
Lord Christ, the bird his nest has found,
The fox is sheltered in his ground,
But do not Thou still this dark earth tread
And have no place to lay Thy head?
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