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

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Liberal Seats Unsafe

According to a calculation by the Canadian Press, it is too soon for Mr. King and his party followers to do any celebrating over Monday's election results. In no fewer than thirty Liberal seats the majorities are so small that the final decision will rest with the service votes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

We may now, weather permitting, settle down to enjoy the summer.
In Queen's County there was considerable split voting, and not a few plumpers.

Ever so many people discovered to their surprise Monday that their names were not on the electoral roll.

In this Province the electors seem of the same opinion as heretofore—no use for third parties.

Until after this day week, when the overseas military vote will be received, the final result of the election will be uncertain.

The production in Britain of coal-tar oil, as a substitute for imported liquid fuel, has been increased during the war from less than 100,000 tons to over 600,000 tons.

Even when all the evacuees have returned to London there will be 100,000 fewer children in the metropolis than there were in 1939. This is mainly due to the industrial migration from London during the war years.

The total of Britain's direct small savings, mostly through Savings Certificates and Savings Bank deposits, had by March 31 last reached the figure of \$15,241,265,137.53—a sum eight times greater than the amount saved through the same channels in the five years from 1914-1919.

A Constitutional Question

The validity of many wartime controls still in operation has been questioned by Dean MacDonald of the Dalhousie Law School, on the ground that the emergency powers under which the Federal Government has operated for the past five years no longer exist.

In support of this argument, Dean MacDonald directs attention to the attitude of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in 1937, when that body held that certain statutes introduced by the Bennett Government and designed to meet the immediate social and economic problems arising out of the depression, were unconstitutional.

One Thing Needed

Every forward step in the long march of human progress has occurred "when men understood, and practised in some measure," the commandments which Christ gave to His disciples.

A new electric car with record speed range and low operating costs, has been specially designed by a firm of English engineers for export purposes. It is used mainly as a commercial delivery van in cases where frequent stopping and starting make the petrol-driven car uneconomic.

A new and economic method of household heating which requires only one coal fire for four rooms has been developed by a British inventor. The principle of the system is utilization of waste gases from the ordinary coal fire. The heater is similar in appearance to a normal grate, but the gases are passed through a radiator which heats a panel facing the adjacent room.

The destruction and damage of Europe's flour mills has led to the development of the portable mill by a British manufacturer who has already shipped several hundred such plants, each capable of grinding 1,600 lbs. of whole grain flour an hour, to France and Italy, where they will mill this year's harvest.

Thomas Arnold, public school reformer, and greatest of English schoolmasters, died this date, 1842; was headmaster of Rugby (Churchill's School) from 1827 to 1841; his remarkable influence over his pupils is well depicted by Thomas Hughes in Tom Brown's School Days: "First religious and moral principles; secondly, gentlemanly conduct; thirdly, intellectual ability."

Nimble fingers are going to be making over about 20,000 Wren uniforms sometime in the peaceful future, as a result of a naval service announcement that now Wren ratings will be allowed to keep all the kit issued to them in the Women's Royal Canadian Naval Service. This means an average of two summer and two winter jackets and skirts for each of the 6,000 Wrens now on active service.

A small advertisement in a Brussels newspaper has aroused widespread comment throughout Belgium on British business prestige. The advertisement, by a prominent United Kingdom firm ran: "With a view to settling outstanding claims, all workers employed on May 10th, 1940, are requested to inform the company of their present addresses."

Notes By The Way

Peace in our time also means, if there is to be any reality to it, peace with a lot of people we don't like and a great many we disagree with.

An unusual case was heard in Penticton police court a few days ago. Magistrate K. Cameron sentenced a 24-year-old man to three months imprisonment on a charge of transmitting venereal disease. A physician testified that the man had shown symptoms of the disease for two years but had refused to have treatment. He had made no effort to co-operate voluntarily with those who are endeavoring to stamp out VD in the Penticton area.

Finding a defect in your car ignition system—usually a laborious and dirty task—will be as simple as getting a motorist to read the speedometer. The machine, well advanced for providing the ordinary motorist with a simplified testing machine, is used for tracing faults in aero and tank ignition systems. The machine, which is a view of an exhibition of Napier engines in Kingsway, is about the size of a cinerama. It immediately shows on a tiny viewing screen reveal the exact nature and situation of the fault.

When Waterloo Bridge across the Thames in London was closed for demolition and a new one was being built, a temporary iron structure took the place for several years. It carried millions of people and a multitude of vehicles. The bridge was opened a few years ago. The structure was dismantled, but someone appeared to have had a prophetic vision for the occasion. He was not disposed of, says the St. Thomas Times-Journal. As they were being dismantled, the Germans destroyed the great Mediterranean with "Force H", where among notable exploits of the Ark Royal were the action on 27-11-40 in which hits were scored on one Italian battleship and two cruisers, and on 8-12-41, when they participated in the naval air bombardment of Genoa, Leghorn and Pisa. In the North Atlantic in May 1942, the Ark Royal, assisted in the attacks on the Bismarck. Finally she was back in the Mediterranean, where the Ark Royal, like the Barham, fell victim to intensified German U-boat activity, being torpedoed on 13-11-42.

If a grain of pity could be found in the hearts of any of the Big Five of Nazidom, it would be accorded to Rudolf Hess, who earlier this year was released from the party in Berchtesgaden and flown to Scotland with some hurried idea of negotiating a peace. Hess is the only one who believed the fantastic superman doctrines of Hitler really portended good for humanity. All the others did what they could for personal aggrandisement. Three of them are almost certainly dead—Hitler, Himmler and Goebbels. Goering prepares in prison a brazen attempt to prove that he knew the worst of them. They were all in their dangerous way abnormal. It is an ironical thought that the only honest man in the Nazi camp was probably mad.

Dante, Britain's unbeaten two-year-old wonder colt from Middlemarch, was the racehorse nobody would buy. He might have been bought in September last year for the trifling sum of \$14,000. Nobody would buy him because he did not reach the reserve figure in the sale ring and was rejected by his owner to go to the five-year-old trainer Mr. Peacock and break and train. Peacock soon discovered that Dante was a racehorse out of the Manchester meeting—Stockton—on Easter Monday, opening day of the flat season. He was left at the post several lengths, but that made no difference to the result. Dante won the race centering by three lengths. He won his next race still more easily. Several would-be purchasers then appeared and he was asked him to place a figure on Dante. But no sort of price would tempt him. He was then bought by "You people," he replied, "are the better judges of his value, but he is not for sale at any price, certainly not \$20,000." On Saturday Dante showed what he could do by winning the English Derby.

Canada, and for that matter most of North America, was an unpromising land of almost impassable mountains, rivers and insurmountable mountains when 275 years ago King Charles II granted the letters of patent and charter to the Hudson's Bay Company. It is an amazing scroll from the top left-hand corner of which the names of some of King Charles' look out from under a curly wig that falls upon his shoulders. Its chief importance, is that it elevated the Hudson's Bay Company to the status of a British business enterprise. The history of the Hudson's Bay Company has its ups and downs, but it is a story of triumph for every one of the latter there are many more that redound to its credit. The company did much to explore, to settle and to develop the coast line and the commerce of Canada. Today it is a well-managed business enterprise without a rival in the world.

Plauen was the first Nazi party centre in Saxony.

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British Naval Losses

Although five British Fleet Air-craft carriers have been lost, four of them were not the Ark Royal. They were old vessels, and have been more than replaced by new carriers (e.g. H.M.S. Implacable, Indefatigable, Illustrious, Victorious and Formidable). The Courageous (sunk down in 1918) was torpedoed in the North Atlantic in 1942. The Royal Navy's landing of the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau during the withdrawal from Norway after she had already performed valuable convoy work in the Indian Ocean, recalls the fact that Germany, despite her inferiority did not possess adequate sea and air power to prevent the Royal Navy's landing of the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau during the withdrawal from Norway after she had already performed valuable convoy work in the Indian Ocean.

The Ark Royal (famous for being the most renowned British warship by German propaganda) began her valuable war career on 28th Nov. 1939, when she was the first German plane of the war to be destroyed (over the North Sea on 28th Nov. 1939) on which the German Lieutenant Francke obtained the Iron Cross for "sinking" the Ark Royal. The Ark Royal carried on her service the ubiquity of the Royal Navy. In the South Atlantic in December 1941, she was the only ship to search for the Graf Spee; at Narvik in May 1940, and in the attack on the Scharnhorst at Tromsø in June 1942. She was also in the Mediterranean with "Force H", where among notable exploits of the Ark Royal were the action on 27-11-40 in which hits were scored on one Italian battleship and two cruisers, and on 8-12-41, when they participated in the naval air bombardment of Genoa, Leghorn and Pisa. In the North Atlantic in May 1942, the Ark Royal, assisted in the attacks on the Bismarck. Finally she was back in the Mediterranean, where the Ark Royal, like the Barham, fell victim to intensified German U-boat activity, being torpedoed on 13-11-42.

The great value of British Fleet Air-craft carriers in offensive and defensive operations in the Mediterranean is illustrated by the career of H.M.S. Eagle (launched in 1938). After initial service in the Indian Ocean, where, among other things, she escorted the Australian convoy to Aden, the Eagle participated in the first major action against the Italian Fleet off Calabria on 8-7-40. "Aircraft from the Eagle threw the Italian Fleet into confusion, so that the six Italian battleships were forced to retreat. The Eagle's attack on the Italian coast was the first time that the Italian coast was attacked by land-based planes and submarines was turned into a disaster. The Italian fleet was forced to retreat, and the Italian coast was attacked by land-based planes and submarines was turned into a disaster.

The loss of H.M.S. Eagle demonstrated the heavy risk in the Fleet carriers for escorting convoys. Fortunately, the new "escort carriers" of about half the size of the fleet carriers, were coming into service. The first escort carrier was H.M.S. Audacity, 5,600 tons, converted from a merchant ship. The Audacity began operations in the Mediterranean in 1941, and immediately began taking heavy toll of U-boats and important convoys. In one five-day battle only two merchant ships were lost out of over thirty, while the Germans lost three U-boats and a destroyer. The Audacity demonstrated that "flying off" and "landing on" were possible in Atlantic winter weather, despite the small size of her flight-deck. In fact so successful was she, that the Germans made determined attempts to sink her in which she eventually succeeded in December 1941, in an attack by at least 17 boats. From that time a large force of escort carriers was rapidly built up. Not only did these carriers provide a "gap" in the mid-Atlantic between the British and the German-based aircraft, but they also became valuable elements in landing operations in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily and Italy, making possible the provision of better cover over the invasion beach. H.M.S. Avenger was lost in the North Atlantic landings in November 1942. At Salerno, the Fleet carrier, the Victorious and "Formidable" were supported by five escort carriers. (The remaining British carriers were the "Dasher", also of escort type; but details of the loss are not yet released.)

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