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

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The Balkan Campaign

Applicable to us in Canada as well as to our neighbors in the United States was President Roosevelt's timely advice to view the war...

At tremendous cost, the Germans are gaining temporary successes in the Balkans. In the meanwhile, this hold-up in their planned Spring invasion of Britain means loss of time which is becoming an increasingly vital factor in Hitler's calculations...

We should not, therefore, allow ourselves to be discouraged by reports of Greek reverses, or imagine that they affect in any decisive way the main issues of the war.

Glorious Greece

Under the heading: "The Glory that is Greece", the New York World-Telegram says: "How the battle of Greece will come out, we don't know."

"Such a people cannot be insensitive to the world's regard. It must help them to know that the prayers of multitudes in the enslaved lands, as in the democracies, are with them."

Calling Mr. King

It is reported from London, that Prime Minister Churchill is about to hold a conference with the heads of the Dominion Governments for consultation on war strategy.

This reference to Premier King, quoted from a Canadian Press dispatch from London, cannot fail to be of peculiar interest to the people of Canada.

Nothing, suggests our Sydney contemporary, should prevent Canada's Prime Minister from attending such a conference.

for the leader of this Dominion in such an emergency is at the council board where the supreme crisis of the Empire's most formidable war demands his presence.

Words In Season

If any country has reason for discouragement, it is Czechoslovakia, whose only hope of national resurrection is a British victory.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A coloured sergeant was drilling a band of rookies. "Eyes right," he bellowed. An exasperated trainee who was experiencing great difficulty in following commands, shouted back: "How does you know you is?"

Twenty-five tons of surplus Ontario fruit is being put to good use by the Ontario Women's Institute. It is being turned into jam for Canadian soldiers overseas and for London relief purposes as well.

St. George's Day celebration passed off all right, but without enthusiasm. Oh, for a Dr. Fullerton, a Father Gauthier, to rouse the people with their inspired oratory.

Daniel Defoe, English author and pamphleteer, died this date 1731. In 1719 he achieved success with "Robinson Crusoe," which has since been acclaimed throughout the world as one of the masterpieces of English prose literature.

Thomas Kondert, Rumanian-born and unemployed citizen of Kitchener, Ont., has presented the Dominion Government with a \$500 bag of gold left in his care several years ago and unclaimed since.

Mr. H. M. Hansen, ski expert and a native Norwegian, believes the army ski troops should substitute one long pole for the two short regulation poles.

Perhaps if more appeals were taken to Ottawa there would be more respect for law and order at home. Mr. K.M. Martin, K.C., City Magistrate, is to be congratulated on having his judgment sustained by the highest Court in the land.

"Needs must when Devil" Hitler, "drives." In view of serious shipping difficulties, the Australian Government is now making plans for increased domestic production of cotton.

It is to be hoped the voice of the Canadian Federation of Mayors now in conference at Ottawa will be heard and given attention to by Prime Minister Mackenzie King & Co.

What gets one's goat these days is the audacity of professional pacifists in blaming Britain and her Dominions for not having gone to war sooner.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The Continent strains and sweats under Nazi domination. Their workshops are organized to maintain our enemy, guns once intended for our mutual defence are directed against us.

Canada has shut down on further exports of timber and wheat to Yokohama. The fact will act like a jolt on the merchants of Japan who do not favor the situation.

A man called on a London Auxiliary Fire Service pal and found him standing on the hearth-rug waiting for the fire.

Every Canadian who has inherited money or accumulated money or is earning money for himself is on the financial front.

Discoveries of gold which show promise of commercial importance are reported by the Department of Mines and Resources to have been made in the Northwest Territories.

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Britain Sees It Through 'Conquered' Peoples Aid British As Spies

PAUL A. TIERNY— War Editor, New York Post (Copyright, 1941, By New York Post, Inc)

The first line of British defense is an information system which penetrates into every corner of Europe and is particularly strong in the German-occupied regions.

I believe that what happened at that time was this: Through their own and through Dutch agents, the British were given complete information of the times, places and methods of the invasion rehearsals.

My informants told me they believed the Germans may well have planned a September invasion, and that the shattering of the concentration camps may have been the result.

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The Poet's Corner

BIG BEN (The following poem by Rev. Dr. M. E. Geunge, appeared in a recent issue of "The Commercial", Charlottetown, N.S.)

Strike on "Big Ben" the measured watches of the night To those who watch the dawn of coming day!

The morning watch is here. "Big Ben" rings out, Clang! Boom! The night is past!

As sentinel, the old clock keeps the vigil of the night; Below, its children hurry to and fro;

The hole in the sand is about three feet long and two feet wide, and is the opening to an underground passage. The passage is indeed wet, and darker than dark.

But after some twisting and turning, we emerge into a small square place into which a bit of daylight filters through two small apertures.

Yes, the beach is honeycombed with a trench system, none of which is visible from even a few yards away, much less from an airplane.

An invading force, therefore, will be met by machine gun and anti-tank gun fire while still trying to cut its way through the maze of wire.

However, should the coastal defenses be successfully rushed at any point, the invader will still have to encounter the main defensive systems, which lie farther inland.

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