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

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Stalin Strikes

Following Germany's gangster methods with weaker neighbors, Russia has struck at Finland and the seriousness of the situation is evident from the despatches in today's Guardian.

Great Britain, it is pointed out, has no obligation to go to Finland's assistance, though there can be no question where her sympathies lie.

In the meantime, it is questioned whether Russia will attempt to overrun Finland or merely grab the strategic points she has been demanding.

When the allied democracies have finished with Nazi Germany, there will, let us hope, be a day of reckoning for Stalin and his gang as well.

Passive Resistance

In the Old Country the "conscientious objector" seems to be less in evidence today than he was during the Great War.

To which the Manchester Guardian replies: "Whether or not Mr. Gandhi has got all that he wanted, one rather important difference between the two sets of circumstances is that he had the relative good fortune to be dealing with the British Government and not with Hitler."

It is one thing to try passive resistance with an elephant, which in spite of its size is said to be a sagacious and not unkindly creature.

G. B. S. As Prophet

Even the ablest writers should be wary of making prophecies. Here is one, made no later than January last by the great George Bernard Shaw.

"What would happen first in a world war? The airplanes of A, B, C and D would bomb the cities of E, F, G and H so effectively that the white flag would be hoisted at approximately the same time in the several capitals, and abject pleas for peace would cross each other in the air."

The woods, comments an exchange, are full of fireside statesmen who knew this war would never happen, of arm-chair strategists who knew and still know with great positiveness and detail a great many things which have not and will not come to pass.

Health Problems In Canada

A two-year study of the distribution of medical care and public health services in Canada has been completed by the National Committee for Mental Hygiene (Canada) whose report, just issued, is the first comprehensive analysis of its kind and reveals some disconcerting problems.

"The outstanding weakness in our public health services," says the report, "is that, with the exception of those in the Provinces of Quebec and Prince Edward Island, the rural areas of Canada are insufficiently served by full-time health units."

Group schemes for the provision of medical care are described, the most novel development being the municipal physician system in Western Canada, particularly in Saskatchewan. Under this plan, a physician is engaged on salary to provide general practitioner care for approximately two thousand people, the cost, averaging \$2.12 per person in rural areas, being met by a tax on land.

Grown hospitalization, or the purchase of hos-

pital care, not including medical care, on a prepayment plan, is reported as having extended rapidly in recent years.

Voluntary health agencies such as the Canadian Tuberculosis Association are commended as making a fine contribution to improvement of health conditions.

As to the best means of providing medical care, the committee confesses "we are not sure." Different plans are suited to different areas. What they claim for their report is its value in presenting the problem in such a manner as to cause it to be readily grasped.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Rose Queen", Alexandra, born this date, 1844, died Nov. 20, 1928.

The Scotsmen's reflections of the morning, no doubt, bear out the festivities of the night before.

President Roosevelt declared at Warm Springs Ga., the other day that he hoped "by next spring there won't be a war."

At a meeting of directors of Consolidated Paper Corporation, Montreal, Hon. Charles A. Dunning was elected to the board.

In these days of war and destruction may Whittier's words find no echo:

"The sun that brief December day
Rose cheerless over hills of gray,
And darkly circled, gave the noon
A sadder light than waning moon."

The Government of Alberta has called the attention of the Minister of Defence to the outrageous contention of certain Federal officials there, that able-bodied unemployed could not get relief so long as they could enlist.

It is now a year since the United States and Germany withdrew their respective ambassadors, but feeling in the Roosevelt administration continues such that high officials say there is not the slightest intention of sending an ambassador to Berlin.

Montreal-St. James to which Mr. Ralston was supposed to look for representation in Parliament has a plethora of expectant candidates.

If present price controlling policies of the Canadian Government are continued, price levels will not rise during the present war as they did in the Great War.

After ninety-eight seasons, remarks the New York Times, the Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra has permitted the saxophone to achieve the dignity of a solo instrument.

The National Grange convention at Peoria, Ill., heard Mr. Louis J. Taber, its chief officer assert that the depression cannot be overcome until agriculture is on a "parity" with other groups.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Since Canada entered the war censorship has been tightened considerably and as a consequence newspapers are greatly restricted as to the news they may print.

The question of finding new badges and mottoes for units called into being through the expansion of the Territorial and Auxiliary forces is under consideration in official quarters.

The ready-to-wear clothing Schurman evidently dealt more in men's lines than ladies', or perhaps here was a third as ladies' ready-to-wear in that day.

I was interested in reading in your paper that Gen. MacNugton had decided to discard the kilt because "in these days of mustard gas soldiers' clothing must cover the whole body."

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The Christmas bells ring out in staid
On this their annual morning;
Let us hope they don't obliterate
The siren's air-raid warning.

Swine Breeders Attention
Now is the time to guard against PIG-WORM
By using the most effective remedy on the market.

Gassy Stomachs Relieved
Every person who is troubled with gas in the stomach and bowels should get a bottle of Dr. Evans' Gassy Stomach Mixture.

When to the dug-out we depart,
And each with care descends,
We still can find it in our heart
To think of absent friends.

Shop-Keeping In Pioneer Days

THE STORY OF BEDEQUE'S FIRST STORE
By E. S. D.
From the Day - Book of William Schurman, merchant, "on the Island of St. John," begun 1784

Powder and shot were among the minor necessities of life in pioneer days. Schurman very seldom gave the weight of powder sold, so it is difficult to give the price.

The charging up of half a suit of clothes is a quaint book-keeping item in the record of 1786. It is charged with a suit of clothes at \$4.80.

Next to shoe leather, handkerchiefs were more frequently dealt than any other article of clothing. Now there are handkerchiefs and handkerchiefs, and the man's handkerchief was no doubtly blue and white lined.

In Canada, the story of typhoid control parallels that of the United States. On the basis of the 1938 death rate in this country, a lone doctor in a community of 2,750 would expect on the entire Canadian average to lose but one patient from typhoid fever in a little over 20 years.

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The Health League Of Canada

FROM THE HEALTH LEAGUE OF CANADA
A lone doctor in a town of 2,750 people in 1900, on an average would have lost one patient from typhoid fever in his practice each year;

This striking method of calculation is used by the official bulletin of the United States Public Health Service to emphasize the progress made during the present century.

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THIS LITTLE GIRL WILL HAVE A HAPPY CHRISTMAS

but
Tuberculosis is still the greatest killer of youth... and takes fifty per cent more girls than boys between the ages of 15 and 21.

Your purchases of Christmas Seals make it possible not only to teach people that tuberculosis is preventable and curable, but to look for early stages of this dread disease among children who seem to be in good health.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS
We have set up in our efforts. Chamberlain drops pamphlets instead of bombs to arouse the German people to their danger.

These little Christmas Seals are the bombs to arouse the people of Prince Edward Island to their great and immediate danger from Tuberculosis.

through intelligent teaching. The skillful teacher will discover the children's interests and associate them intimately with the activities that make up the school programme.

In his foreword, Dr. Henry F. Munro, Superintendent of Education for the province, says that a truism to say we are living in a period of revolutionary change.

JUDGE SAUNDERS AND FARM REHABILITATION
Sir-There are in Prince Edward Island many people who are familiar with farming conditions but it is doubtful if any one of them has been placed in so exceptional a position to know of the real distress from which a large proportion of our farmers have for years been suffering as has Judge Saunders.

"TIRED" ALL THE TIME

She felt miserable - draggy - low in vitality - lower in spirits. She hadn't thought of her kidneys, until a friend suggested Dodd's Kidney Pills. At once she took Dodd's. The "washed out" feeling was soon replaced by clear headed energy and restful sleep.

For Vitality always use BRAHMIN ORANGE PEKOE TEA

HICKEY'S BLACK TWIST CHEWING

Has that extra something which has made it an unshaken favorite for many years. Don't forget that many Island soldiers look for it when they receive a box of comforts from Home.

