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

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Air Conference Pending

Of far-reaching importance will be the conference scheduled to be held at Ottawa next month, of representatives of all the United Nations with air training programs under way...

As a corollary to this announcement comes the statement from the Speaker of the U. S. House of Representatives to the effect that the United States is now turning out 3,300 airplanes a month...

It will be noted that in recent weeks, British air raids over Germany and German-occupied territory in Europe have been growing in intensity. According to the British Air Ministry news service, more than 1,500,000 German soldiers and civilians are fully engaged in defense against the raids...

Italy's Humiliation

In a message to the New York Times, a European correspondent dealt with what he described as the cut-throat competition between the so-called partners of the Axis, Germany and Italy. The latter, he said, had been milked by the Reich of everything that she possessed.

Hisself a bondsman of Hitler Mussolini has brought shame and ruin upon his country as well through his treachery and his ambitions. The opportunity his to lead Italy by legitimate means to a position of power and prosperity, he discarded that course to become a bandit. Now he has to surrender to the taskmaster whatever the latter may demand of Italy's goods and chattels.

Cars Still For Sale

Sudden changes in the war situation have made necessary some drastic alterations in Canadians' way of life. Imposition of restrictions here and the applying of parallel controls in the neighboring United States have led, in one or two instances, to a slight confusion in the public mind.

The Motor Vehicle Controller has put about 4,000 motor cars into an official "pool." None of these cars may be sold by dealers without permission of the Controller. These 4,000 autos are being held for the use of those engaged in health and fire-fighting services and other essential work.

According to this official's estimate there are now cars on the Canadian market now to meet the "necessary" requirements of purchasers for many months to come. The car dealers themselves are cooperating with the authorities in an effort to see that such new vehicles are fairly distributed where needed.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Nazis want more from the States who are to make up Hitler's Europe (the Napoleonic myth). For they are to be brought into his general plan for the future government of Europe and the future economy of Europe.

The situation, therefore, is one demanding common sense and good judgment on the part of the motorist, but it is not one requiring an end to all motor driving. If a man or woman wants to buy a new car for an essential purpose, or to trade in one car for another in better condition, there are no regulations to forbid such deals.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The George Cross is a fitting award for the Knights of Malta.

After the addresses of the Rt. Hon. J. L. Ralston, he who stays at home from the plebiscite must be a craven coward or abject traitor.

Tomorrow Primrose Day in England in memory of Lord Beaconsfield whose favourite flower it was. "You may think there are greater things than war. I do not, I worship the Lord of Hosts."

Long ago Goldsmith declared: "On whatever side we regard the history of Europe, we shall perceive it to be a tissue of crimes, follies and misfortunes," and it is still living up to its enviable, evil reputation.

American tourists are looking for a nice, quiet, inexpensive resort in which to spend a vacation, and inquiries are already reaching here on the subject, notwithstanding gasoline, rubber and other restrictions.

Ever bear in mind, lest you be discouraged Churchill declared in 1940 the crisis, not the victory, would be reached in 1943. He knew then our deficiency in shipping, tanks, planes and men, and that it would take three years at least to make it up.

Do you recall, or do you not, when mother, with her own hands, made all your shirts, pants, socks and suits even? Well, these days are speedily returning, when there will be no need for bridge, bingo, or other pastimes to fill up the idle hours, and keep mother from home of an evening.

Does advertising in the Guardian bring results? Read the following dated April 16, 1942: "Our clients . . . are swamped with orders which necessitates the holding up of all future advertising until they catch up with the orders now on hand." It pays to advertise.

Premier Hepburn of Ontario declares the hiring of six young Japanese from British Columbia to work on his farm near St. Thomas is "something of an experiment which I hope works." The premier said the young men, all Canadian-born, will be used in the milking of the 125 cows and tending the pigs from the 35 brood sows he has on his farm.

Justus Liebig, German chemist, died this date, 1873; discovered chloroform; made valuable contributions to the chemistry of agriculture and physiology; established by analysis the nutritive values of food; laid the foundations of ultimate organic analysis, invented potash bulbs and a condenser; published in conjunction with two other scientists, several learned treatises on chemical researches and discoveries.

"We have learned by experience that this war is no longer to be regarded as a contest that can be won by wearing down the enemy, confident in the strength of our resources. These resources are slipping from us. Vast potentialities or the prolongation of the struggle have passed to the Axis powers. Time is no longer a commodity of which we have an unlimited supply," says Mr. Harold Crabtree, President, Canadian Manufacturers Association.

A fibre made from casein is an outstanding new synthetic substance, extracted from skim milk by the wonders of modern chemistry. It is a by-product of skim milk and can be blended for hats with wool or fur in varying proportions. The new casein fibre which lends itself to so many uses is called "Aralac." It is more expensive than rayon or cotton and less expensive than fur or wool. Processing of fibre from milk is not new. Even before rayon was developed scientists were experimenting with casein fibre.

In Ottawa single men and childless widowers up to 30 years of age have been called to report for military training next month by national war services officials in District "C," the Ottawa-Kingston division. District "C" thus becomes the first area to take advantage of extension of the call-up age from 26 to 30 years. Originally it was not intended to call men over 26 until the new system of selecting draftees by lot came into effect, probably in June, but a shortage of available manpower in Ottawa-Kingston district forced officials to take advantage of the widened call-up ages immediately.

Are we here in danger of invasion? Let us recall an incident of 1938. A Jap came here selling artificial flowers in the month of June. As this was something unusual a representative of the Guardian interviewed him, discovered he was a B.Sc., in engineering of Vancouver University; had gone to the West Indies and British Guiana as a stoker "for experience," while in the latter colony, took an air plane trip to MacKenzie City, the headquarters of the immense bauxite industry which supplies the raw material for our aluminum production, visited the gold and diamond fields and the greenheart forests. Asked why he, a stoker (then alleged to be stranded) should go to all that trouble and expense, his only reply was "to get experience." He had in his possession an arial map and a road map of this province, and after three days here, Saturday, Sunday and Monday left for Summerside. Can there be any doubt he was a spy and carried away with him full detailed particulars of how easily and successfully the Island could be invaded by air and sea?

We all need to apologize to Russia for our failure to help her. Charles Lindbergh told Hitler that the Russians were no good, and when he came home, he told his countrymen that the Russians were no good. But Lindbergh is now perceived to have been in his prospect, nothing but one of the biggest miscreants of the age. He never got anything straight, because his mind works only in a crooked fashion. He even told us (do you remember?) that no nation could hurt America, and that all we needed to do was to mind our own business, and all would be well. — San Francisco Argonaut.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

"SAVING GASOLINE"

Sir:—We hear every day over the radio and from the Press about "Saving Gasoline," and last evening it was announced that the gasoline situation is serious. Yet our local government here is, so it seems, making no effort to co-operate with the Dominion officials. I do not think that it was necessary for the highways to be opened throughout the Island, as you know operating these snow-plows uses up a lot of gas, and the automobiles that are on the road now will use up a lot more. If we wished to conserve gasoline for war purposes, this was a very good time to do it. We could get along all winter without cars, and surely we could make another month's sacrifice? Would you call this Patriotism?

I am, Sir, etc. MOTORIST.

COMMENTS ON THE NEWS

Sir:—In speaking in the Budget debate in the House on April 1, last, the Minister of Agriculture sagaciously referred to "the terrible war which is upon us," and admitted that both parties had been guilty of placing items improperly in the Public Accounts. It is a sad commentary on our confusion of the voters, who often swallow this political bait without even looking for a hidden hook. It is a sad commentary on our loyalty to learn that Col. Ralston and other speakers should have to be fought and when it is better to remain inactive. And they not only lay down what ought to be done, but when anything is done contrary to their opinion they arraign the consul as though he were impeached before the Assembly.

This greatly interferes with the successful prosecution of a war, for it is not everybody who can know firmness and resolution in the teeth of hostile criticism as Fabius did; he preferred to have his authority weakened by the ignorant and the price of the people rather than gain popularity by disservice to the State. I am not one of those who think that generals are not to be advised; on the contrary, the best advice always acts on its own initiative shows, in my judgment, more arrogance than wisdom. How then does the case stand? Consuls ought first of all to get the advice of thoughtful and far-seeing men who have special experience of military affairs; then from those who are taking part in the operations who know the country and recognize a favorable opportunity when it comes, who, like comrades on a voyage, share the same dangers.

I am, Sir, etc. JOHN DOE

The Livery Stable Again?

(Trenton Courier-Advocate)

We used to think 'the livery stable was gone forever. We are not sure about that any more. If there are no livery stables in the war, and the war lasts indefinitely, there may be livery stables, throughout the land. And there will be a lot of livery stables in the papers, and advertisements in the papers, for circings and hame straps and breeching. And the sweet smell of the family circle may know without any help of a martingale is not a song bird, but a horse's belly-band between its front legs to an order or some cross shoe nail and some angle iron. And the garage sign over his front door will come down and there will be a sign that will tell you that "horse-shoeing" is his specialty. And the children will come to the smith's door, just as their daddies used to come, in the days of yore; and the spaw will be as busy hands turn out the things that time demands; and the smith's too busy to talk of strife will lead us back to the simple life.

Failure Not The Word

(Ottawa Journal)

No need to hurry. British flags over what has come in India. For if this be failure, it is failure in a role so magnificent that only defeat can be a consolation. It is ultimately, Hear Sir Stafford Cripps: "The discussions are over. They will slip back into history and they will leave their impress, a good, clear and healthy one, which will influence the future. But the present and future press upon us and must be faced. We have failed. Never mind the fault it is. Let me take all the blame if that will help in uniting India for her own defence. "Great Britain will do her utmost." No failure there. Loss perhaps, opportunity missed, the wrong turn taken at the cross-roads; but not defeat. Defeat could only be in inaction, in recrimination, in the spirit that tyranny and bad faith would reveal under the same circumstances. It has not place, cash but wither and die, in the nobility of the thoughts spoken by Stafford Cripps.

Anticipation there will be over this outcome; pessimists to recall Kipling's fatalistic lines— "For East is East, and West is West, And never the twain shall meet."

The answer to that is in the spectacle of China; a China fighting the West for the glory of her struggle for liberty, for all the things that the West has prized through the centuries. It is that spectacle that can surely believe that India's leaders will yet come to know the greatness and significance of Britain's offer to their country, of what it might mean at this time as a milestone in history. Certainly it is hard to believe that Indians of the mind and historic sense of Gandhi and Nehru can see other than desperate peril for their country in the hands of barbarians now gathering at her borders. Those of faith in freedom, and in order, must resist such pessimism: else to brief that India will be saved for civilization—for future willing partnership of liberty within the British Commonwealth.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"The time is here now. It has been here long since for every man and woman in this land to make the choice between a total effort for victory or total submission in defeat." — Gen. Angus Macdonald, Minister of National Defence for Naval Services.

Roosevelt And Livy

President Roosevelt, at a recent press conference, had some comments to make upon what he called the dear happy-thought people (commentators and editors) and other amateur strategists who tell him who should lead the American armies and when and where offensives should be undertaken. But he replied principally upon a Roman Consul whose remarks to the critics and armchair strategists of 168 B.C. are recorded in the pages of Livy. The remarks of Lucius Aemilius, who was in charge of the campaign in Macedonia, as read (with interpolations) by the President were as follows:

"In all public places where people congregate, and actually (would you believe it?) and in private parties (doesn't that sound like Washington?) there are men (today you could add women, the President said) who know who are leading the armies into Macedonia, where their camps ought to be placed, what strategic positions ought to be occupied, when and by what pass Macedonia ought to be entered, where the magazines are formed, by what mode of land and sea, and how we might add air, the President interpolated) transport supplies are to be conveyed, when actions are to be fought and when it is better to remain inactive. And they not only lay down what ought to be done, but when anything is done contrary to their opinion they arraign the consul as though he were impeached before the Assembly.

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"If then, there is any man who, in the interests of the commonwealth, feels confident that he can give me good advice in any matter which I am to conduct, let him not refuse to help my country, but will supply me with a ship, a horse, a tent, and with his travelling expenses as well. If any one thinks this is too much trouble, let him not try to act as a sea pilot whilst he is on land; let us that a classic? The President asked. The city itself affords plenty of subjects for conversation, let him confine his loquaciousness to these; he may rest assured that the discussions in our councils of war will satisfy us."

Reports Of German Torture Confirmed

(News of Norway)

Recently 17 Swedish newspapers were confiscated for publishing an article dealing with German torture of political prisoners in Norway. The article was based on testimony given under oath by Norwegians who had managed to get into Sweden after being released from an Oslo prison. All of these accounts are now in the possession of the Royal Norwegian Government in London and will soon be assembled with other authentic accounts of German torture in Norway, into a "white book."

HE LIKES THE SUN

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