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

Liberal Paper Protests

Strong condemnation of the move to centralize the C. N. R. accounting offices at Moncton is voiced by the New Glasgow Evening Chronicle (Liberal) which says: "The arguments for this move are as old as Confederation"

The Chronicle argues, with justice, that apart from every other consideration, this is no time to disturb domestic relations and turn the People's Railway into an instrument of oppression.

This is perfectly true. It applies with still greater force to the proposed removal of the accounting office from Charlottetown. This will mean, not only a community loss (inasmuch as the staff members will either have to remove to Moncton or lose their jobs altogether) but a direct threat to our status and rights as a Province.

Border Restrictions

Mr. P. J. Phillip, the resident correspondent of The New York Times in Ottawa, in a despatch to his paper has drawn attention to the drastic severity of the restrictions which prevent free travel across the border between Canada and the United States.

The consequence of these regulations, comments the Globe and Mail, is that the border between the two countries, which so long has been free, is now transformed into a frontier, and for the first time for many a long day the United States is being treated in Canada as a foreign country and vice versa at a time when through their partnership in the struggle for freedom their relations are closer than ever before.

There is substance in Mr. Phillip's allegations that the frontier now created between the two countries tends to separate them spiritually as well as physically, and that the existing precautions and restrictions have become far more a serious handicap to the joint war effort of the two countries than a help to either one.

Fish in S. A. Markets

The current shortage of supplies, coupled with the fact that dried fish in wooden cases, kegs or barrels does not usually arrive in good condition, has precluded sales of Canadian codfish in Peru.

Sales of Canadian canned fish in Ecuador will depend on the success with which competition can be met from the United States. The buying power of the native population is low, and sales are restricted accordingly.

Bolivia, being an inland country, is more dependent on imports than Peru, Ecuador or Chile. It is unlikely that dried or salted Canadian fish would withstand the long voyage through the tropics and the haul by rail into Bolivia from the port of entry.

eral lines of canned fish, particularly sardines, may be possible if United States competition can be met, as foreign exchange is freely available at present to meet commercial transactions.

Census of Agriculture

Census releases are now being issued by the Census Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The current releases deal with the number of farms. Elimination of duplication in the recording of "non-resident" farms makes comparisons with 1931 somewhat difficult in so far as number of farms are concerned but increases the accuracy of the 1941 census and is therefore most desirable.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Diners have been discontinued on British railways. Because of the high cost of whiskey due to war tax "hooch" is being manufactured for the first time for over a century, and sold in England causing the loss of many lives.

Nova Scotia and New Brunswick protested officially against alleged gas discrimination in the Maritimes. We have bravely endured in silence.

Over 500 Norwegian school teachers, who refused to bow the knee to Hitler, are believed to have been sent to the Russian front, as nothing has been heard of, or from, them since April 25 when they were shipped on the death-ship Skjerstad. Only 20 teachers submitted to Quisling, and they were said to be of German origin.

During the past year the cash average transactions of the British Post Office amounted to about \$25,000,000 every week-day. The number of employees is 290,000, of whom 110,000 are women, more than half of them recruited to fill temporary vacancies caused by the enlistment of men in the Forces. The transmission of letters and parcels during most of the war period has not been slowed down seriously and is amazingly regular and reliable.

William Ewart Gladstone, British Liberal Statesman, died this date 1898; was a brilliant departmental head, a magnificent party leader and orator, and the greatest parliamentarian since Pitt; Mr. Arthur J. Balfour, Conservative leader of the House of Commons at the time of his demise, spoke of him as "the greatest member of the greatest assembly the world has ever seen".

"My name may have buoyance enough to float upon the sea of time," while still at Eton. "He has erected the negation of God into a system of Government"—(referring to the then King of Naples.) "He has made an army, has made a navy, has made a nation,"—(referring to Jefferson Davis.)

"As the British Constitution is the most subtle organism which has proceeded from the womb and the long gestation of progressive history, so the American Constitution is, so far as I can see, the most wonderful work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man." In "Kin Beyond the Sea."

The Japanese military administration in the Netherlands East Indies has decreed that the Christian calendar shall be replaced by the Japanese calendar in the conquered islands. By Japanese reckoning this is the year 2602, the era dating from the mythical foundation of the Japanese Empire in 660 B. C. by the Emperor Jimmu. A dispatch from Tokyo states that the Japanese Government announces that henceforth "Dai Nippon" will be the official Japanese designation for the greater Japanese Empire.

The dispatch did not indicate the limits of that empire but dispatches from the Netherlands East Indies to Tokyo, reporting that the Japanese military administration had decreed replacement of the Christian calendar by the Japanese, hinted that those rich islands would be included. "Dai Nippon" liberally means "great sun-origins" and may be rendered "great sun-born land" or "great land of the rising sun." It has been used by the Japanese for generations to mean their own home islands.

The Montreal Gazette predicts that the beginning of the end of a united Liberal majority in Quebec will be reached before many moons, and that a coalition is in sight at Ottawa for the purpose of carrying on the war. "A coalition of Conservatives with a crippled but still powerful Liberal party would be Canada's greatest assurance of total war and the greatest assurance that could be given to our Allies," it says. "It is perhaps too much to ask Prime Minister King to approach the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen on a subject of this kind, or indeed on any subject," but the Conservative House Leader, Hon. R. B. Hanson, is near at hand. There might even be some sort of round table conference, or a caucus of both groups to bring about what is always an additional source of strength, namely union. If such a coalition were to survive the war, so much the better. There would be plenty of reason for it, and of work for it to do, but the first and immediate purpose is to win the war. A war coalition of the two older parties would have the support of the smaller groups to the Left in pursuing a total war policy. This would last for the duration. The post-war period will be another day."

NOTES BY THE WAY Thank God For The Truth

Britain used 1,500,000,000 fewer pins last year than in 1940, and there will be several million fewer pins this year. The BBC almost every day shows the value that is set on the BBC's European Service.

Throwing a shilling on the counter, the old gentleman ordered a pint of beer, and then, addressing himself to a young soldier, declared with feeling and a touch of asperity: "Young man, when I was your age I could buy with this shilling a haircut, a shave, an ounce of tobacco, half a dozen boxes of matches, a pint of beer, a better than this, and a special whiskey." He paused, drank, and proceeded: "One haircut, 2d. shave 1d. six boxes of matches, 1d. a pint of beer, 3d. a special whiskey 3d. And how much would that lot cost today? It would cost you six shillings. I don't know how the cost has risen, but it has."

Martinique and Guadeloupe should be taken away from the Axis. The State Department's recognition of Free France in the Pacific should be followed by its second step in the direction of Martinique and Guadeloupe in Vichy, or enemy, hands. They constitute a dangerous break in the semi-circuit chain of islands protecting the Panama Canal.

Folks in Agawam, Mass., are waking humbly these days. One got a Rotary Club luncheon and one got a Rotary luncheon. He spoke quite a piece about the curse of vanity and the need for confidence in things that are tried and tested. He said that he had a trouble which would not go away. He said that he had a trouble which would not go away. He said that he had a trouble which would not go away.

Out in Baltimore county a group of children were playing a game of hide-and-seek. The dog was attracted by the opening of a nearby drainpipe and crawled in. The children were appalled by the situation this created. What was the dog doing in there? It had been summoned in vain? Maybe they would all be sent to jail, just as if they had sent in a false alarm.

One of our local ministers of religion sends us a note which reads: "Can any consideration justify the expenditure of 25¢ on a bottle of whisky or smoking a cigarette which cost nearly a penny-farthing, penny and one-fifth to be exact? Surely it is a duty strongly to condemn such extravagance!" Yes, but all the same there is another way of looking at it. A person might say that a drink of whisky now and again he was quite prepared to pay 17s (which is about the amount of the tax) towards interest on the war, without expecting the man to back or asking for interest on it. Similarly, a man (or woman), having smoked a penny-farthing cigarette, might say: "There goes another three-farthings towards tanks and airplanes." It is very desirable that we should all of us lend to the Government whatever surplus we may be left with. But such loans are a liability to the State, and interest has to be paid on them. It could quite easily be argued that even better way to finance the war would be to smoke cigarettes at 10 for a shilling. In fact, we have not said that people who start smoking and drinking should merely that they could do so if they objected to paying the taxes. — Sheffield Telegraph.

Between 7,000 and 8,000 official statements have been issued by various military commands and government departments since the war started and until Tuesday night the Canadian Press carried on its leased wire from New York bureau every one of them. Every German, Italian and Japanese official statement has been carried. So has every statement issued by every department of the British government, army, navy and air force, by the Chinese, the Poles, the Finns, the Russians, the French, and all the others. In wordsage they ranged from the occasionally negative R. A. F. statement: "No enemy planes were sighted over Britain today," to the long and detailed Russian reports of last Summer that often totalled 2,500 words. — By the Canadian Press.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"It is our duty as Christian citizens to do our best toward winning the war, that we may keep open the possibility of a Christian civilization." — Archbishop of Canterbury.

Beyond Our Language

(Winnipeg Free Press) One of Nazi Germany's unsung triumphs of this war has been its defeat of the English language. Hitler's torturers have showed that our language is utterly incapable of adequately describing the bestiality of their conduct. We can pile adjective upon adjective, we can allude to previous reigns of terror and black holes of Calcutta. Yet none of these even begins to describe what the Germans are doing to the hundreds of thousands of Jews they have in their clutches. Their latest adventure into unbridled sadism was in Norway. Rather than submit to dictation the teachers were thrown into Norwegian school teachers closed their schools and went on strike. The Nazis rounded them up and shipped them to concentration camps in the middle of winter. There they were put through forced drills and made to do heavy manual labor on a starvation diet. When they collapsed they were beaten to their feet and suffered mass torture.

Unable to break their spirit, the Nazis decided to ship them off to the Arctic. The first leg of the journey was in cattle cars to the port of Trondheim. The teachers were packed into the cars so tightly that they could not sit down. At Trondheim 500 teachers were loaded into an ancient wooden ship which could accommodate only 250 when it was jammed full. There were cabins on the ship, but the teachers were thrown into the cargo space below deck. There was no place for them to sleep, they could scarcely find room to sit down. They had no blankets and the food, included in the 500 were many men who were seriously ill. Some had gone insane. Many were dying. But on April 13, despite the outraged protests of all Norway, the ship sailed for the Arctic.

Here in cold outline, is Nazi Germany's New Order in Europe. What happened to the Norwegian teachers has happened to the other classes of people in every occupied country of Europe. It has been happening to the Chinese for a decade and to the Koreans for over a quarter of a century. It is what will happen to the people of Canada tomorrow if this war is lost.

Canada's Example (Globe and Mail) The meetings attending Canada's introduction of a system of prices and wage control naturally on the heels of an experiment without precedent in any democratic country. It continues to be sound policy to examine the details from time to time for possible flaws or necessary strengthening. But Canadians can consider with satisfaction the manner in which the United States has coped the system in general, and is beginning to view favourably points rejected at first.

The position taken by Mr. Cardin is his personal right, though it is but fair to remember that it was the position taken by Mr. King and the late Mr. Lapointe and held by them steadfastly up to a few months ago. The said they were "all out" for the war, that the war was a "Crusade to save Christianity." But they added in effect that if they were asked to do anything to save Christianity, they would abandon the crusade and take instead to the back concessions and maneuverings which they were making today, after the people of Canada have voted unmistakably for conservatism. It is the party caucus that they go to.

The people of Canada, we think, have been patient with this Government. They have given it credit for the good work that it has done in some war fields, admit that it has done good work. But the people of Canada, we imagine, can not welcome the spectacle of party tactics and maneuverings which they are witnessing at this hour. Overwhelming verdict for conservatism has been given. What the majority must be expecting now is that their verdict will be translated into action—this regardless of what effect that action may have upon any party in any section of this country.

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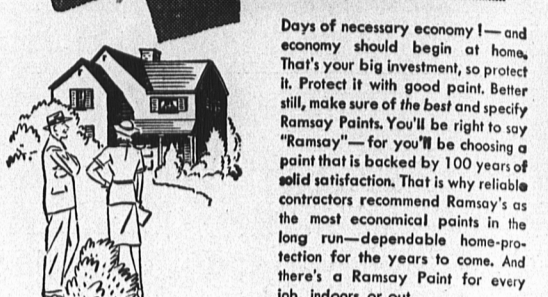
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taxes on lower incomes is receiving attention owing to the discovery that most of the increased buying comes from it is purchasing power and threatens to upset prices on commodities which are growing scarce. There is even talk of establishing a subsidy system similar to Canada's to meet the squeeze between retailers and manufacturers notwithstanding the initial belief that the subsidy would be unnecessary in a self-contained country.

Washington propped by the Dominion's bold example, and makes full acknowledgment of the assistance. The problem in its entirety is many times as large, affecting more than ten times as many people, and accordingly is being attacked by many critics. But the more it is picked to pieces the firmer Canada's well-planned operating stand up.

AIRCRAFT ARTIST LONDON—(CP)—So well does Cade, Flt.-Sgt. Roy Cross draw aircraft that his work now is being reproduced in the technical aeronautical press and he is given special facilities to visit R. A. F. stations for drawings of famous British aircraft.

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