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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink."
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The Red Cross Drive

The greatest national appeal in the history of
the Red Cross Society opens on Monday, the
object being to raise \$9,000,000, which is the
minimum required to carry on the Society's
activities during the coming fiscal year.

NOTES BY THE WAY

It is said that woodmen coming
to the city with beams purchased
during the Victory Loan campaign
are paid 90 per cent. of par when
they deliver them in certain
quarters. There are always "buckets"
of beams in the yards. They are
not dealt with so gently as mere
—Port, Atlantic News-Courier.

All this interest in the far
corner of the drive need is not
without purpose. He is starting
up the whimsical romance that
made life so healthy and interest-
ing 25 years ago will be lived
again. For it was a genuine
all new, but a large part of Canada's
population still have pleasant
memories of the horse and
buggy days more numerous in
fact than they will care to tell.
—Farmer's Advocate.

Mussolini's Government has sent
a confidential appeal to local Italian
authorities urging that all
deportees should be immediately
released to increase the marriage
and birthrate in view of the de-
crease in 1941. The document, re-
questing figures not now allowed to
be published in Italy. There were
approximately 90,000 fewer mar-
riages in 1941 than in 1940. The
figure for 205,000 fewer births, an in-
crease of 17,000 in the death rate,
excluding war deaths. More because
of the food shortage. — London
Daily Sketch.

A large part of the street rail-
way system in Windsor was aban-
doned and the tracks buried under
the paving. Contractors are now
with its street railway a few years
ago and also buried the tracks.
These rails are now being torn up.
In the Windsor case the steel, some
2,800 tons of it, is being taken up
by the Ford Company of Canada.
For use in making war material. The
company paying all expenses of
removal and restoration of the
roadway. In the case of the
steel, sufficient to make 55 tanks,
of 20 tons each, but we do not
know what is usually, if any, done
with it. — St. Thomas Times-
Journal.

To every poet of reputation come
the young ones, the beginners, ask-
ing: "Will you look over my poems
and tell me whether they are good
or not?" The answer is usually, if the
beginner is told his poems are bad
or not so good or he needs more pre-
cision, he gets so angry that he
manages to still other poets of
reputation, hoping to find some-
one who says he has what it takes.
Often I have told a nice lad who
considered it important to know
whether he was wasting his time.
If you're going to be a poet, you'd
better know what you're doing.
What anybody but yourself say or
write. If you're afraid you're wasting
time, stop. If you're sure you're
writing something that will be read
and enjoyed, go on. — Carl Sandburg
in The Atlantic Monthly (Boston).

According to the Rt. Hon. Malcolm Mac-
donald, British High Commissioner at Ottawa
the only martial exercise in which Canada is
not well trained is "blowing its own trumpet." At
any rate this is what he told the British people
in a recent broadcast. He described Canada's
"magnificently trained troops" waiting to act as
a "powerful spearhead" of invasion on the con-
tinent and termed the growth of Canada's navy
"one of the minor wonders of the war." Canada's
"efficiency" had doubled the expected out-
put of the British Commonwealth Air Training
Plan. Mr. MacDonald added.

Sir James Matthew Barrie, novelist and
dramatist born this date, 1860; made his re-
putation with sketches and novels of Scottish
life, "A Window in Thrums," "The Little Min-
ister," and plays of a delicate fancy and
whimsical satire, such as "The Admirable Crit-
chton," and "Quality Street," the former recognized
as the finest comedy of recent years, "Peter
Pan," "What Every Woman Knows," "Der
Tag," "David," etc.; created a baronet in 1913;
elected Lord Rector of St. Andrews University
in 1919; and Companion of Honour (C. M.) in
1925; "Courage is the thing. All goes if cour-
age goes. . . you come of a race of men the
very wind of whose name has swept the ultimate
seas."

Hon. W. D. Herridge, former Canadian
Minister to Washington is not blind to the fact
that Canada may be drifting into the arms of
Uncle Sam. "A day may come" he says, "when
something unbelievable will happen. The United
States may have to intervene in Canada. We may
begin to take orders from Washington. But it would
be hateful to Washington. But it would
have no choice. Washington well knows what
happens to a leaderless democracy. It has
France painfully in mind. Washington cannot
afford to have another France in North America.
That might be the canker which would destroy
democracy throughout for New World. Unless
we can find leadership, I believe that the na-
tionhood of Canada is destined for the scrap
heap." Mr. Herridge said.

Pride of Ancestry holds good in armed forces
as well as in families and nations. May 4, marked
the 149th anniversary of the 3rd New Brun-
swick Coast Brigade. The oldest unit in Canada,
the brigade has been in continuous service in this
country since 1793 and has served in ten differ-
ent wars and insurrections. For 60 years the unit
was known far and wide as Capt. John Col-
well's Company. The unit went into active ser-
vice two days after it was first recruited. Fol-
lowing the passing around of the word that hos-
tile ships were in the bay, the unit manned the
Dorchester battery which was located close to the
site where the Saint John Iron Works plant is
situated today. The present New Brunswick
3rd Coast Brigade, a direct lineal descendant of
the original battery which sprang to arms with
the alarm that enemies were about to descend
on the coast, stands prepared to defend that
same coast and points with pride to the record
of its ancestry.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"Aggression has followed
aggression with such speed in
so many parts of the world
that no one now doubts what
new areas the war may reach
next year, next month or
next week. Danger threatens
us from the east and from the
west." — Rt. Hon. W. L. Mac-
kenzie King, Prime Minister
of Canada.

U. S. Wants To Know

(Financial Post)
"The tragedy is that at the present
time Canada is losing the support
of the people of the United
States. The American public right
now does not think of us as carry-
ing our full weight in the war. In
his mind the name of Canada now
does not stand high, and is dropping
lower all the time." — A. D. Dunton
return from trip to the United States.
This is a serious charge and un-
fortunately it is not an isolated
case. Similar statements have ap-
peared in several reputable Cana-
dian newspapers in recent weeks.
It is a matter the government can-
not afford to ignore any longer.
As Mr. Dunton further pointed
out, once the United States loses
its respect for us, that great
country begins to doubt our ability
and will to defend ourselves—then
the whole life of Canada as a nation
is placed in jeopardy.
Chief weakness in our relations
with the United States has been
the official reluctance to telling
Americans our full war story. From
the start of hostilities Ottawa
adopted the attitude that nothing
must be done to influence public
opinion in the United States, lest
our motives be misunderstood.
Otherwise, it was stated, we
simply be supplying fuel to isolation-
ists who would accuse us of un-
warranted interference.
As a matter of fact, the same
isolationists distorted our official
stance and accused us of contrib-
uting nothing but meagre and
paltry aid to the cause cham-
pioned by Great Britain. But this
official attitude of aloofness, weak
enough before Pearl Harbour, is
decidedly weaker and more danger-
ous to the public since the unfor-
tunate publicity of the plebiscite has added
to the growing misunderstanding.
From the beginning to have laid our
cards on the table. There was never
any intention of trying to influence
American policy. All that Cana-
dians wanted then, all that is
vital now, is an accurate American
understanding of the contribution
we are making to the war.
We must take steps, and at once,
to convince our big and powerful
neighbour that we are a full
fighting partner, that we are doing
our full part in this war, that we
are pouring out our men, our ma-
terial, our money in the com-
mon cause—that we are prepared
to go to any length, to make any
sacrifice to insure the victory.
After the war, we are a full
fighting partner, that we are doing
our full part in this war, that we
are pouring out our men, our ma-
terial, our money in the com-
mon cause—that we are prepared
to go to any length, to make any
sacrifice to insure the victory.
We must take it to them.
Canada must establish in the
United States a war publicity office.
This office should be headed by a
front-rank publicist, whose job it
will be to insure that American
editors get a first-hand picture of
Canada's war. The office must be
open at all times to explain Cana-
dian developments to American
editors; it must be on the job every
day, every hour, every minute.
Every piece of misrepresentation,
international or otherwise, about
Canada, should be promptly cor-
rected. Canada should maintain a
propaganda bureau to insure that any
organization desiring to hear of
Canada's war activities would be
able to get an informed speaker
and get him quickly.
No stones must be left unturned
to secure a first class presentation
of our story in the United States.
The United States people will wel-
come a move of this kind on our
part. They are not worrying about
"propaganda" from Canada. We
haven't any propaganda other than
an honest story, candidly told. We
have a long overdue selling job to
do in the United States. Let us get
busy before it is too late.

Hitler's Vichy Tool

(Sydney Post Record)
The news magazine Time carries
a wordpicture of Hitler's plant and
crooked French tool, Pierre Laval,
with some highlights which are
worth reproducing.
Pierre Laval, 58, (runs Time's
biographical sketch) whose swart
skin may be traceable to Morrish
ancestry, was born 12 miles from
Vichy at Cratelon, where he now
owns an old chateau. His father
was inn-keeper, butcher, and one-
man post-office. As a boy, Pierre
haggled with his father's customers,
was known as a vicious bully.
In 1914 he escaped military ser-
vice because of varicose veins. In
1917 he was elected to the Chamber
as its youngest Socialist member.
Shortly afterwards the Clemenceau
Government arrested him as a de-
fealist follower of the one time
Premier Joseph Caillaux, but later
promised him safety if he would
switch to other defecists. Many
were shot, imprisoned or deported.
Laval went free.
After the war he played both
sides of the Socialist, married the
simple homely daughter of Social-
ist leader Dr. George Clausen. He
has since kept Madame Laval in
the background. He began to pro-
pound a legal theory, moved to a
swank home in Paris, wangled an
amnesty law for defecists through
the Chamber, and struggled up to
influential Joseph Caillaux.
In the post-war years Laval was
variously a Socialist, Communist,
and numerous shades of Rightist.
Running the gamut he became a
past-master of French political
intrigue, served as Foreign Minister
and in other posts with several
Cabinets. He also began to make
big money as a corporation lawyer
and super-fixer. Said he: "I don't
like to work amongst files and
documents. Give me the human
element."

U. S. Wants To Know

Here is one of his typical
"human" transactions: Laval had a
friend who was a director of the
Commissary Department of the
Waron-its. Laval and he decided
to buy the bottled waters of Laval's
birth-place Cratelon, in every
French dining car. But the Govern-
ment sanitary authorities three
times refused to endorse the waters
of Cratelon, which had no special
properties whatever. Laval got
Laval's friend to resign his post.
Laval in a fast-disappearing French cab-
inet, got his endorsement, made
his sales. Laval's legal manipu-
lation was especially lucrative while
his friend Caillaux occupied the
Finance Ministry. He figured in
one more great financial scandal from
the Slavisky case down.
As France's Foreign Minister
Laval played constantly with the
Socialists and Nazis. Sixteen months
in advance he told Mussolini it
would be all right to rape Ethiopia,
and later procured the Hoare-Laval
Pact which sanctioned Ethiopian
enslavement, utterly discredited
Sir Samuel Hoare and almost
cracked the Baldwin Government.
He played up to Germany, ruth-
lessly after the defeat of France
in 1940, and bullied President Le-
gation into his defecalist decision not
to withdraw to Africa and continue
the fight against the Axis.

Time's article concludes with this
vivid sketch of Laval's physical
appearance and characteristics:
Laval devotes much of his time
to his toilet, but he is one of the
undisturbed political figures on earth.
The cigar, dropping from his lip
is always stained with spittle. His
teeth grow that way. His hair in-
sists on its greasy disorder. His
expensive grey suits wrinkle fast
over his fleshiness. He often
changes his habitual white ties sev-
eral times a day, but they inevitably
get soiled. He is a heavy,
un-French eater and uses his fingers
as a fork, his fork as a "scoop-
pick."
Such is the moral, physical and
mental monstrosity who now heads
Hitler's puppet government at
Vichy. He may be expected to pro-
duce fruits after his kind.
which a dainty lunch was served,
meeting closed with the National
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MOTHERS
Mothers are the queerest things!
'Member when John went away.
All but Mother cried and cried.
And when she said good-bye that day.
She just talked, and seemed to be
Not the slightest bit upset—
While the rest of us wept and wept!
Others eyes were streaming wet.
But when John came home again
On a furlough safe and sound,
With a medal for his deeds,
And without a single wound.
While the rest of us hurried
Laughed and joked and danced
about.
Mother kissed him, then she cried—
Cried and cried like all of us!
—Edwin L. Sablin.

PARKDALE W. I.

The May meeting of Parkdale
Women's Institute was held in the
school hall on the 4th inst. The
President, Mrs. R. Beer presiding.
Seventeen members and two visit-
ors were present.
After the usual opening exercises
and reports from the different com-
mittees, several items of business
were discussed and settled.
Mrs. E. H. Cook with assistants
was appointed to conduct the salvage
collection in the district.
It was decided to give fifty (\$50.)
to the Red Cross Campaign on May
11th.
Five dollars worth of groceries,
which was augmented by gifts from
charitable members was donated for
charitable purposes.
Red Cross report is as follows:—
Knit 11 pairs socks, 2 pairs
seaman's stockings, 2 navy sweaters
1 pair gloves, (ladies), 1 pair gloves
(men's), 1 knitted dress, (2 years).
Sewing 10 quilts, one of which was
donated.
Delegates appointed to the An-
nual Convention: Mrs. V. Shaw
and Mrs. A. P. Roderick.
Two competent committees were
appointed for the lunch, which is
to be served at the Convention on
June 17th and 18th. Lunch com-
mittee for June, Mrs. Shaw, Mrs.
Swan and Miss Smallwood.
After a social half-hour during

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Hides not at present required by
Britain's motor and upholstery
trades will be used for the utility
boots and shoes which are being
made in the United States.
The footwear produced for the
civilian population of Great Brit-
ain. The present are being
made into grain leathers, in a
range suited to various types of
shoes, from light walking to heavy
duty. The grain leathers are being
turned into mining,
agricultural and quarrying boots.
Apart from such leathers develop-
ment by the tanning industry to
meet special war-time needs, the
new utility footwear will include
leathers for the various types of
military wearers. Extra decorative
features are of course barred to-
day, but the utility canvas in-
cludes over eighty different kinds
of boots and shoes. There will,
naturally be drastic reductions in
the peace time price of shoes.
105,000,000 pairs for the civilian
population. Britain had already
concentrated that total to 80,500,
000 pairs, and further cut from
ten to twenty per cent. have al-
ready been announced to allow the
industry to meet the war-time de-
mand for boots and shoes for the 20-
000,044 men and women who will
soon be mobilized in the Services,
Civil Defence and munition work.
—Industrial Pub.

AMERICAN TROOPS

American troops landing on the
Free French island of New Caledonia,
thrust another rock into the
path of the Japanese. The United
States is building to block any further east-
ward moves by Japan in the
Pacific. New Caledonia lies be-
tween Australia and the American
islands of Samoa and the Fijis.
Our Pacific supply line to New
Zealand and Australia runs close
to the east of them, and if New
Caledonia fell into Japanese hands
that supply line, as well as our
nearby islands and Australia itself,
would be within closer enemy
range. Our reinforcement of New
Caledonia against this, and
strengthens the barrier between
Japan and the island stepping
stones on which she might attempt
to pick her way across the south
Pacific toward the Latin American
west coast and the Panama Canal.
—Minneapolis Star-Journal.

Which Is Our Choice?

A reader sends us the following extract from
the London Christian World, which makes ap-
propriate reading on the eve of our Christian
Red Cross drive:
If anyone still thinks it is possible, on the
basis of Christian patience and forgiveness, to
come to a peaceful understanding with Hitler

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