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

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More War Declarations

The Axis powers have acted with such consistent treachery that surprise was expressed yesterday that formal declarations of war on the United States by Germany and Italy were not preceded by fresh unprovoked atrocities.

Delay May Be Dangerous

summers has taken the initiative by calling a public meeting at which air raid precaution regulations were explained in detail.

The World At War

No fewer than thirty-five nations are at war today. Divided into two camps in each of two world sectors, they are thus listed by The Canadian Press:

EUROPEAN:
Germany, Italy, Finland, Rumania, Croatia (part of Yugoslavia), Hungary—the so-called Axis nations.

Britain and her Dominions of Canada, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand; United States, Russia, Netherlands, Norway, Free French, Luxembourg, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece, Ethiopia and China—the Democracies.

PACIFIC:
Japan and her puppet state of Manchukuo—Axis side.

The United States, Britain, and her Dominions, Netherlands and Netherlands East Indies, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Haiti, El Salvador, Honduras, Free French, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama and Bolivia—Democracies.

In addition several other countries have been involved in the hostilities. Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia along the Baltic have twice changed hands, first by Russian annexation then by German occupation.

Call For Army Doctors

The call of the Royal Army Medical Corps is the subject of a convincing article by Lieutenant-Colonel William J. Deadman, B. A., M. B., of Hamilton, in the Ontario Medical Association Bulletin.

in Libya undoubtedly has increased the immediate need for medical officers.

On the basis of the splendid effort of the Canadian physicians who were of military age in 1914-18, the 11,000 Canadian physicians of 1941 could furnish, as required, at least 600 medical officers to the Royal Army Medical Corps and approximately 3,000 medical officers to the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps.

It is difficult to imagine a more interesting or educative experience, or a more important contribution on the part of Canada to the winning of the war, than the presence in the armed forces of Britain and of Canada of competent young physicians who are eager to place their skill at the disposal of King and country in the life-and-death struggle now being waged in Europe and Africa, and the Far East.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It seems as though last winter is continuing after a short lull.

Olive Schreiner, South Africa novelist, died this date 1920; sister of William Philip Schreiner, South African statesman who was attorney-general in Cecil Rhodes' second administration and became prime minister of Cape Colony and subsequently High Commissioner in England; Olive married Mr. S. C. Cartwright, prominent in Cape politics, and in conjunction with him, wrote "The Political Situation"; she excels in depicting veldt scenery and Dutch character; author of "Story of an African Farm," "Dreams," "Women and Labour."

Newspaper men have been captured by the Germans in North Africa—worse luck, for they were among the best of our war correspondents. Harold Denny of The New York Times is one of two American newspaper men captured by the Axis forces in Libya.

Due almost wholly to a sharp decrease in sugar shipments, the total value of Cuba's exports in 1940 dropped by over 20 million dollars as compared with 1939.

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There are passages in Winston Churchill's speech in Parliament on September 29, which every war government might keep steadily in mind as a guide to action in the face of public clamor or carefully fomented agitation.

Major-General J. H. Elmsley writes to the Globe and Mail: As the terms "conscription," "compulsory service," etc., have been objected to in Parliament and elsewhere as being unsuitable for a democracy such as Canada, may I point out that the term "levee en masse" is embodied in our Militia Act, which reads as follows:

All the male inhabitants of Canada of the age of eighteen and upward and under sixty, not exempt by law, and being British subjects, shall be liable to service in the militia: Provided that the Governor-General shall require all the male inhabitants of Canada, capable of bearing arms, to serve in the case of a "levee en masse."

First class. Comprising those of the age of eighteen to thirty years who are unmarried or widowers without children.

Second class. Comprising those of thirty to forty-five years of age, unmarried or widowers without children.

Third class. Comprising those of eighteen to forty-five years who are married or widowers with children.

Fourth class. Comprising all those of the age of forty-five to sixty.

Order of service: The said classes shall be called up to serve in the order referred to above.

People, particularly women, who are afraid of compulsory service, etc., as it represents to their minds that a father as a wage-earner may be called up for compulsory service, should realize that over a million Canadian bachelors and widowers without children would be called up before one married man became liable for service.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Having spent too much of my earliest life in reading, I have in the last few years cut that practice sharply, much of the time thus saved is being spent in re-reading. Re-reading is a luxury we dare not afford as we grow older; aging rascals find it futile to chase every new rabbit.

Are the dignities and prerogatives of a few labour "leaders" more important than the preservation of democracy? The solution I suggest is that the only way to cure the evil would be to curtail the much broader proposal that all defence strikes be banned, whatever their provocation.

The C.C.F. will not strengthen its position in the country by its decision to oppose Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen in the constituency of South York. In the last federal election the C.C.F. candidate polled only 5,372 votes out of 32,584.

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On Monday, November 3, King Leopold of Belgium observed his fortieth birthday. For him it can be said that nothing but depression, but it at least provides an occasion for an expression of that sympathy which every Englishman feels profoundly for a man whose name has already been mentioned in the book.

What we find incredible is that any alien American with reasonable access to the elementary facts of world politics and strategy should make a distinction between our Atlantic problems and our Pacific crisis.

LONDON (CP)—"All you think of is making profit out of a situation in which the country finds itself," said Magistrate John Harris, imposing fines amounting to \$4,180 on two men for illegal dealings in molasses.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A Thought A Day For A People At War
"We can have one great object and one only—to re-investigate the war effort of our country in every sphere and phase, to light into flaming life the war spirit of our people, the resolve to do or die.—Arthur Meighen.

Building A Battle-Sight

A unique feature of Great Britain's developing organization for the final stages of the war, is the construction of a vast battle-site in the Middle East, where the last blow of the world's mightiest conflict is expected to be struck.

Not only are there thousands of British, Australian and New Zealanders laboring at the task, but at least 30,000 Arabs in Syria alone have been mobilized in work battalions to build airports and highways.

In this great arena, Britain's big offensive is expected to be launched next year and Armageddon may be fought on the historic soil where western civilization first struck its roots many aeons ago.

Netherlands India

(Hamilton Spectator)
The assistance which Netherlands India can give to the democratic cause is of no small significance. Study of the map will show the strategic importance of this long chain of islands, especially in the defence of Australia, also a participant in the war against Japan.

During the past two years large sums of money have been spent by the local authorities in preparation for the emergency which has now actually arisen with such startling suddenness.

There is a large reserve of trained men and a Home Guard for local defence. The islands of which there are some two thousand cover an area of more than 735,000 square miles.

AMERICA'S OWN
The armadillo is found only in North and South America.
"NERVES" SHE CALLED IT
Losing interest—losing friends—she never went out any more—A lady is tired, "Nerves," she thought—but it was her kidneys, the filters of her blood, that needed attention.

Dodd's Kidney Pills
The improved action of her kidneys helped to clear away blood impurities and excess acids. Fatigue, headache, backache, lack of energy, disappeared.

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