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

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Enemy Propaganda

Enemy propaganda assumes subtle forms; the more casual and circumstantial it appears to be, the more likely it is calculated to achieve its ends...

Still No Tanks

Bitterly but with an unanswerable logic Judith Robinson writes in the Globe and Mail: "German tanks have smashed through Arras toward the Channel..."

Italy's Naval Position

Immediately the war began Mussolini made a point of attending a course of lectures on naval strategy. Unless these deliberately distorted history, the effect must have been to make perfectly clear the unhappy position in which Italy would be placed in the event of war with two first class naval powers...

The present strength of the Italian Navy includes two modern battleships of 35,000 tons, the Littorio and Vittorio Veneto, armed with 15-inch guns...

motor torpedo boats. As a result of the war, this force had been considerably reduced, but it has been increased recently while still allowing for an ample margin of strength over the German fleet.

Malta and Gibraltar are the principal British bases, but Alexandria and Haifa have been developed as secondary bases during the past five years. France has always maintained her position as the principal power in the Mediterranean by concentrating the greater part of her naval strength there...

It is apparent, therefore, that the French Navy alone should be fully equal to the task of dealing with the Italian fleet should such an unfortunate necessity ever arise.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Have you invested in War Savings Certificates? Farmers are now too busy to worry over a change of the clock in Charlottetown and Summerside.

The 8th Battery have left on the first lap of their journey overseas—"Better lo'ed ye canna be, will ye no come back again?"

Fuehrer Hitler is unexcelled for cold bloodedness. He boldly announces that when he reaches London he will line up 10,000 Englishmen and shoot them all if the British Fleet be not turned over intact to Germany.

It is announced there is to be a tremendous increase in the requirements of naval ratings, why then was recruiting slowed up and young men discouraged from enlisting?

Water-power developments in Canada has increased from 173,000 horse-power in 1900 to more than 8,100,000 horse-power in 1939, the latter figure representing an estimated capital investment of \$1,640,000,000 in development, transmission and distribution.

A mother who misrepresented her 5-year-old son's age so he might ride free twenty years ago has at last squared herself with her conscience and the Grand Trunk-Canadian National Railways.

President Beaven told the graduating class of Colgate-Rochester Divinity School in his baccalaureate sermon that should the United States stay out of war, their neutrality "will be a sleek, dangerous and hellish thing for the soul of America."

The subsidy for the Wood Islands Car Ferry is \$28,000, and as if that were not enough, the spend-the-money thriftless Mackenzie King Government have decided to add another \$14,000 to the Hochelaga to run in competition with the Prince Nova during June and July.

There is no mistaking the urgency of the call of the Mother Country, yet a partizan administration seems satisfied with sending out letters and telegrams to contractors who should have been speeded-up months ago, and sending the few airplanes available.

William Pitt, statesman, born this date, 1759. When the French revolution broke out he did not perceive its international importance until his ally, Holland, was attacked in 1792, and until he was forced to repress seditious writings and call out the militia in London.

As part of the Australian Federal Government's plan to save dollar exchange, it has been counting the cost of the fictional magazines imported into the Commonwealth from non-sterile countries.

While there is every prospect that Australia will spend more on this war than she did on the last, she is not likely to suffer as greatly economically.

"NERVES" SHE CALLED IT Losing interest—losing friends—she never went out any more—her days were numbered...

"The other day Dr. Currelly, director of the Ontario Museum at Toronto, kindly invited me to a session of his priceless curios. He showed me the stone knives. It is

At Malland street crossing of the C.N.R. in London, a man and boy were instantly killed when the car in which they were riding collided with the side of the locomotive hauling passenger train No. 5, Montreal to Chicago.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Perhaps those who have visions of the wealth of the people of St. James street can find something consoling in the fact that a "five and ten store is to be opened on the "Thoroughfare of miseries" — right opposite the head office of one of the country's biggest banks. — Montreal Financial Times.

Mr. Sumner Welles, President Roosevelt's special representative says he is "silent as a carp." I hope no one misunderstands him. But it's a tricky word. A French guide, showing British and American tourists around the 13 shops at Versailles, told them where they could buy "bread for ze carps." "Oh George, isn't that just too cute!" said a feminine voice. "Fancy feeding bread to the police!" — Exchange.

A great deal of this war is all being done in the way of it will become increasingly so as the progress. That is, the outlay of money for war purposes will grow in volume with each additional dollar that is vital, therefore, that Canada exchange around the 13 shops and services for cash as she possibly can. Some of this may be accomplished in the good old p.o. order of exporting products. Some of it can be secured by accounts established by selling Canadian services to visitors to Canada. — Winnipeg Free Press.

"Yarn duty removed," says a report from Ottawa. Some of these foreign yarns, especially those from certain "well-informed commentators," might well be barred from this country. — Hamilton Spectator.

When German perpetrates a black fraud in the form of a White Book the contents of the volume and the ostentatious purity of the title suggests that the letter has been deleted deliberately. — New York Herald Tribune.

Loons of live carp captured in shallow waters near Wallaceburg by Indians are being shipped to the Montreal and Toronto markets. If a similar attack could be made upon the carp of the upper St. Lawrence it would be an excellent thing for its game fish upon which the latter species are accustomed to prey. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Lady Angela Kinross is a gifted artist. She is seriously handicapped in the business of painting pictures, however by her determination to do without green. She neither wears it on her canvases. It would be no good asking Lady Kinross to paint a picture of cows grazing in a Devonshire field. — London Daily Sketch.

Another reason it costs so much to live in our neighborhood are always buying something we can't afford. — St. Louis Star-Times.

Poomindale's book department got a sharply worded note from one of its charge customers last week. "Will you please call for a book?" it said. "Among the books purchased from me of in the Sunday paper, I bought a Thousand Ways to Please a Husband. You in no way indicated this to be a cookbook. Please credit my account." — New Yorker.

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Louvain Library

Wisp of smoke arose once more from the ruins of Louvain library and Hitler seems to have definitely settled the long mooted question of the "war guilt" inscription. There never was much question about it, but it was natural that Monsignor Ladeuze, rector of the University should not desire to perpetuate war hatreds. As a result, the fire which destroyed in 1914 the famous university library, built in 1317, and much of the city of Louvain was the deliberate act of the Germans in retaliation for alleged attacks by Belgian civilians on German soldiers. The destruction again may have been deliberate, for the library still standing when the British made their strategic withdrawal because of the break in the French lines further west.

The new library was scarcely the old "restored" as it was built on a site a mile distant from the old. The old library contained a collection of 600,000 books, many of them valuable. The new library is a collection of even more books, many of them valuable. The John Rylands library of Manchester, England, contributed more than 60,000. Most of the funds for the rebuilding came from the United States, and much of it from American children. A carillon was the gift of American engineers.

Whitney Warren, an American, was chosen by the Academy of Fine Arts, Institute of France, as the architect and he conferred with Cardinal Mercier, war hero and Primate of Belgium. Warren maintained that the Cardinal proposed an inscription for the balustrade of the new building: "Furore Teutonica Diruta: Dono Americano Restituta." That is to say, "Destroyed by German Fury: Restored by American Generosity." The Cardinal said Warren never gave later instructions or suggestions.

Cardinal Mercier died in 1926 and was buried in the Louvain cemetery. In 1928 he forbade the inscription, saying that the Cardinal had said that "it was no longer necessary to think about that inscription," presumably in answer to the pleas of Monsignor Ladeuze. In 1928 he forbade the inscription, saying that the Cardinal had said that "it was no longer necessary to think about that inscription," presumably in answer to the pleas of Monsignor Ladeuze.

Warren appealed to the highest Belgian court in vain, and four years after the advent of the war memorial to 23,700 Belgian civilians, killed in the war, was unrolled in Dinant with the inscription in letters three feet high. The inscription used by Monsignor Ladeuze, however, did say that the former edifice and library had been burned by the German army August 15, 1914.

Russia Hides Herself

(New York Times) Friends of Soviet Russia always complain that Russia's motives are misunderstood abroad. At the present time they may say, quite truthfully, that the foreign press tells little of what is going on inside the Soviet Union. But are the friends of Russia to blame for this? The Finnish war ended two months ago and the wartime excuse of censorship has disappeared, yet the censorship in Moscow remains so strict that the news from Russia scarcely reaches the outer world at all. Despatches are sometimes slashed by the Russian censor until only the sting remains. Russia's policy in the world is a vital question for all countries, it is unknown to foreign newspapermen in Moscow write trivialisers or twiddle thumbs. The news from Russia scarcely reaches the outer world at all. Despatches are sometimes slashed by the Russian censor until only the sting remains.

The Poet's Corner

IN TIME OF "THE BREAKING OF NATIONS"

Only a man harrowing clouds In a slow, silent way With an old horse that stumbles and nods Half asleep as they stalk.

Only this smoke without flame From the heaps of couch-grass; Yet this will no longer pass: Though Dynasties pass.

Yonder a maid and her wight— Come whispering by: War's annual will cloud into night Ere their story die.

—Thomas Hardy.

interesting to picture the first man who cut his finger on a flint and soon was cutting limbs off trees with it. The first man with the flint knife. In another case were metal knives and Dr. Currelly referred to Sanson's daughter of the Philistines with "the jaw bone of an ass." From the jaw bone came the curved knife, the scythe and the sickle. "Sanson" was, of course, really, "evidently used a scythe-like weapon on a long pole, a most terrible weapon." — Editor Canadian Churchman.

FRENCHMEN'S DRESS PARIS — (CP) — Andre Billy, writer for one of the Paris daily papers declares the Frenchmen the least well-dressed man in occidental countries, but French women wear the clothes with taste and refinement.

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Life Or Death

(An Editorial in the Financial Post)

The war has begun. The sitzkrieg is over. This is no longer a war of waiting. The stark and ominous fact the Allies face is that they can no longer take time to work out plans for winning the war in 1941 or 1942.

They must decide how they are going to keep Hitler from winning the war in 1940. England, moved from her passive spirit of lethargy, has aroused herself to strike back. The overpowering majority of Mr. Chamberlain has been swept away in a few hours. New men have taken over. Who comprises the new Cabinet is less important than the fact that the English people have moved swiftly to meet the new challenge of Hitler's effort to win the war this summer.

What did Canada do on the day England gave herself a new war Cabinet? On that very day Prime Minister King "rebuilt" his Cabinet; he rewarded two of his followers for their loyal support by giving them Cabinet posts. There was no question of finding even the best men in Canada for the two positions. There was much less thought of reorganizing the Cabinet as a whole to give the country a war leadership worthy of its war spirit.

That sort of approach by Canada to the new conditions that have arisen is not good enough. Our very political system, our economic system, our way of life are threatened at this very moment by the most terrific attack ever launched by a military power. And we have seen only the spearhead of the attack yet. Germany will not spare a man or a mark to win in this lightning thrust.

Our power to focus on his great gain for world mastery. He will use every ounce of that power. It will take every ounce of our own power to hold him in check.

Hitler's power is great because he has planned for this moment; he has planned for this moment; he has planned for this moment; he has planned for this moment; he has planned for this moment.

What may happen in 1941 is now of academic interest. We have to meet challenge that is here to-day.

The gangster, as Lord Lothian has remarked, always has the initiative. Hitler has the initiative now. That initiative cannot be wrested from him as our democratic machinery moves so slowly as it has moved in the war to France or in Britain or in Canada.

Canada's biggest role in this war is scheduled to be the supply of the material sinews of war and the supply of trained pilots.

In neither case can we continue to work on blueprints. Now we have to produce results, and produce them with amazing speed.

No mine or factory in Canada should be allowed to wait another week for its orders from the High Command at Ottawa as to what its production job is to be.

The Air Training Scheme will have to be speeded up so that in some way pilots can be turned out this year.

In both the production of munitions and in the training of pilots we are today suffering because our machinery has been years of malnutrition and neglect. It will be a task of fearsome proportions to get immediate results. But those results must be had.

They cannot be had from a war Cabinet that does not embrace the whole of the most able men, men whose record is one of getting results and getting them quickly.

Our machinery of preparation must be made to move much faster. Ottawa has co-opted a number of first-class business executives. It has three serving as deputies in the Department of National Defense. It could use a dozen more in similar key posts. These men must be given every power to slash away departmental red tape, to banish the spirit of hopelessness from the armed services.

Effective dynamic leadership is needed as it was never before needed. Mr. King should act to speed up our war effort as he would have acted if the bombs that fell in Holland's tulip beds had fallen on Ottawa or Victoria.

The bombers are on their way to Canada. If we can help to stop them before they reach Holland or Belgium we can save our own cities.

POTATOES Hunter River Starch Factory is now open to receive potatoes paying 50c per 100 lbs. at the factory for potatoes grading number one small or for scabby potatoes and slightly less for culls. GEO. E. FULL & SON

Provincial Plebiscite--1940 APPOINTMENT OF AGENTS Societies or organizations wishing to appoint Agents in the various Polls at the forthcoming Provincial Plebiscite should apply to the undersigned in writing not later than the 1st day of June proximo. O. W. CAMPBELL, Acting Deputy Provincial Secretary.

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The Best Antidote (Brantford Expositor) The best antidote for the jittery pessimism that seems to afflict some citizens as they scan war news is a perusal of the history of the opening days of the last war. Then a thoroughly armed and prepared enemy did not wait for eight months to commence his blitzkrieg against the forts at Leige; he struck at once, and successfully. All along the line the advantage was with the Germans and to a terrifying appreciable extent. Yet, in the end, he was vanquished and not only (as German historians like to "explain") by economic pressure, but actually on the field of battle.

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