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

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The Economics Of War

The Bank of Nova Scotia in its current monthly review tackles the complicated subject of the Economics of War in a manner which is both interesting and enlightening. Emphasis is placed, first, on the fact that finance is not the fundamental aspect of war or war preparations: financial outlays are no more than an outward sign of the inner reality. The true measure of a country's ability to prepare for or to wage war is the degree to which it can enlarge and redirect its productive capacity to this end.

Germany and Japan have been drawing from all sources of the "real war fund." Both countries have long since utilized their resources of idle men and equipment. In order to expand production still further, their citizens have sacrificed leisure and worked longer and harder. Personal consumption has been limited and reduced. Much of the normal investment of capital has been prevented. The national capital has been depleted not only through inadequate maintenance of plant and equipment, but through the sale of foreign assets and the export of gold.

Great Britain, on the other hand, notwithstanding the tremendous increase in government outlay for the year ending March 31, 1940, running to roughly 40 per cent of the total national income, is still well within the safety zone. The London Economist estimates that if necessary the maximum war proportion of the national income could safely be put at 60 per cent without pushing the individual standard of consumption below that of the last year of the great war.

From the economic standpoint, France now appears to be reaching much the same stage in her war effort as Great Britain. At the other end of the scale are to be found such countries as Canada and the United States, both of which have been devoting very little of their energies to war preparations. In this country there remain large reserves of idle labour and capital which could be drawn upon before any serious pressure upon the standard of living would develop.

The Role Of The Jackal

Analyzing the speech of Molotov in Moscow last week, the Winnipeg Free Press comes to the conclusion that it merely confirms the assumption already made that Russia proposes in this war to play the role of the jackal. She will hover on the flanks of the belligerents, waiting for the prey to be pulled down. She will then take whatever share of it can be got without too great risk.

The reassuring factor is that each time the Soviets take one step forward, the dreams of Hitler are forced back a stride. Contravise, when the Nazi regime collapses it will drag down with it the pseudo-friend it now has in Stalin. Time enough for that when the moment comes.

Just now the task is to destroy the major partner in this sinister alliance. Its jackal is not likely to linger on the scene when that has been done, for the jackal takes quickly to flight. That is why the Allies are concentrating on smashing Nazi Germany, and ignoring, for the time being, the part Russia is playing in European affairs.

"On The Side Of Liberty"

Some 30 religious leaders in U.S.A. appealed in no half-hearted manner to the House of Representatives to support the revision of the Neutrality Act as now passed by both Houses. They said: "We support revision because we believe its safeguards are not only best calculated to keep us out of war but will throw the vast moral and material weight of this country on the side of liberty, in which alone religious institutions can flourish. We, therefore, urge our Congress to stand fast and express the will of the people by revising present law which puts this country in the false position of supporting wrong, encouraging its spread and condoning the destruction of all the religious and other liberties that mankind holds precious. Among the signatories are: Dr. Arlo Ayers Brown, president, Drew University. Dr. Henry Sloane Coffin, president, Union Theological Seminary. The Right Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop, Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Oregon. Dr. F. Slade Danzoll, St. Michael's Church. The Rev. William Horace Day, pastor emeritus, United Congregational Church, Bridgeport, Conn. Dr. Robert C. Dexter, secretary, Department of Social Relations, American Unitarian Association. Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, corresponding secretary, Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Right Rev. Hoyt M. Dobbs, Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Louisiana and Mississippi. The Rev. J. Stanley Durkee, Plymouth Congregational Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn. Dr. Samuel A. Eliot, Arlington Street Church, Boston. The Rev. Frederick J.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

Milton died this date, 1674. Is the Armistice between the Liberals and Conservatives at Ottawa an end?

The expectation now is that Parliament will meet in January, have a short session, be immediately thereafter prorogued, and an election ensue in June or early July.

Premier Hepburn is not enthusiastic in his reconciliation with Prime Minister King. The Toronto Evening Telegram reported: "Mr. Hepburn admitted to The Evening Telegram that he might have the new post (the Air Ministry) if he desired it. He told this paper, however, that he was 'lukewarm' on the question."

The export of bacon and hams to the United Kingdom in September was 11,266,900 pounds valued at \$1,897,731. The export of meats to all countries was \$2,224,830 compared with \$2,998,899 for August and \$2,424,883 in September, 1938. The amount to the United Kingdom alone was \$2,008,085 and to the United States \$86,505.

Nice, sweet juicy plums are falling from Ottawa to the rich men's hands these days. In addition to the High Commissioner of Australia to which Hon. Mr. Ralston's late law partner, Mr. C. J. Burchell, Halifax has been appointed, there are similar High Commissionships to New Zealand and South Africa to be filled as well as the Canadian Ministry to Tokyo. And there are others too numerous to mention.

The nomination of Hon. J. L. Ralston, Dominion Finance Minister, as candidate for the late Mr. A. E. MacLean's seat in the House of Commons is advocated in the Summerside Liberal press by Dr. John F. MacNeill. Dr. MacNeill urges Prince County Liberals not to demur at this proposal and ask, "What did King ever do for us when he represented us at Ottawa?" On the contrary, they should be prepared to make sacrifices. "Is it not time, with this Great War to face, that we should say to our Government, what can we give, not what can we get?"

The output of cheddar cheese registered an advance of 2.2 per cent in the three months ended August as compared with 1938, amounting to 64,530 pounds compared with 63,175,964. The increase in production is attributed in part to the unsatisfactory condition of the butter market, particularly in the early spring. Likewise, the payment of a government bonus for high quality cheese and the financial assistance provided for amalgamating and enlarging factories, focussed attention on this industry and encouraged farmer-patronage. This was evidenced in the establishment of a large number of new factories.

The fact that Holland has opened her dikes once more recalls a day, 361 years ago, when the Prince of Orange ordered the sluices opened against the invading Spaniards. Recently Holland again opened some of her dikes and flooded some lowlands to test her defenses. In other words "Gen. Dike" will play a prominent part in the defense of the Netherlands, something that Frederick the Great realized only too well when he was parading his six-foot grenadiers before a visitor from Holland. As Frederick sought his visitor's reaction to the magnificent, stalwart guard, the Dutchman kept muttering to himself: "Too small, too small." When Frederick asked his visitor for an explanation, the Dutchman said: "Well, your majesty, despite their height, your grenadiers will be drowned like rats should they attempt to invade my country." The grenadiers would have had to be well over nine feet tall to avoid being drowned.

Modern scientific "discoveries" are just a reminder there is nothing new under the sun — only rediscoveries under different conditions. For instance, the Psychiatric Division of Bellevue Hospital, New York report: "We in Bellevue have found hand puppet shows to be an excellent medium for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes in our handling of children with behavior problems. We have learned to understand their verbal expressions in discussing the show and through their own puppet activities." It was just for such diagnostic purposes that ages ago the public schools of England insisted upon the teachers participating in school games with the children to find out their reaction. Any irregularity of conduct was thus detected and the youngsters treated accordingly. It was on this account that Wellington declared the Battle of Waterloo was won on the playing fields of Eton.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Too much has already been sacrificed on the altar of "appeasement." War is rooted in the very foundation of Nazism: its use of force is merely as an interval of preparation for a real war. It is, therefore, the view of the Labor party that there are no terms upon which peace can be made with the Hitler government. Once it has been overthrown, most desirably by the effort of the German people itself, new horizons open with new opportunities. The business of the Labor party is to use all its strength to see that these are employed for socialist ends. — Laszki in New Republic.

In the Lindsay Collegiate many of the girls go to school in neat blue uniforms and light stockings. They look very nice in the uniforms, too, and there doesn't appear to be any serious objection on the part of the young ladies. The usual attire, if the editor's memory isn't mistaken, is a blue tunic and white blouse. Often the school crest is sewn into the material of the blouse. We don't believe there is any regulation saying the girls must wear such uniforms, but there are a large number of students voluntarily appearing at class in their neat looking but identical raiment. — Lindsay Post.

In the last three decades Western Ontario has forged far ahead of Eastern Ontario with its industrialized areas. The primary reason has been available electric power at a low cost and proximity to several highly industrialized areas in the United States. To those who have been closely following the electric power trends in this country recently, there is a growing conviction that for practically the same reason Eastern Ontario is now on the threshold of very extensive development. The sources of developed and potential power are now on the Ottawa and St. Lawrence rivers. The triangle bounded by these rivers is Eastern Ontario. Electric power and energy is always the cheapest and most satisfactory at its source. — Bowmanville Statesman.

Philip Gibbs, once more a war correspondent with a British army in France for 25 years, calls himself a Rip Van Winkle; but that would be true only in the sense that he finds himself in a veteran among young men. He is not Rip Van Winkle who came back to a world he could hardly recognize. Philip Gibbs finds only too many familiar things. The old place names, rich with tragic and proud memories, are there; over this his cavalry charged 25 years ago. In this field the German dead lay thick. Everywhere the British Expeditionary Force of 1939 is to be seen in the familiar French barns with the farm-yard, and the same sour stench that we had in our nostrils in the old days. — New York Times.

A news story says: "The short 'British warm' coats may not be worn on parade except by general officers, brigadiers and officers of the Foot Guards." The coat warm is steadily rising in dignity. Like many other things, it originated in the Indian Army. On the frontier and in the Punjab and Baluchistan troops marching before dawn may be freezing and an hour after sunrise sweating. A coat to be pulled on and thrown off easily, worn over full equipment and inexpensive because of possible loss or damage when discarded in a hurry, was needed. Each Indian Army commanding officer clothes his unit much as he pleases within a cash allowance called half-mounting. This coat warm came into being and was given a name which may be translated donkey coat. From the Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

It is inevitable that Egypt should be, at this stage in the war, kept in a state of military preparation. If not expectancy, it being hard to foretell what the future may bring. His Majesty King Faruk has this week been himself to Merza Matruh to inspect as Commander-in-Chief of the Egyptian Army, his forces on the Western frontier and those of the Allied Power, while he took the occasion to receive the chiefs of the Bedawin, from whom he received assurances of loyalty and service in emergency. It is unnecessary, perhaps, to record the heartening effect on the Royal visit on the troops at the frontier, where they are separated from the Nile Valley by so many miles of desert. They are naturally delighted to receive visitors and infinitely so when it is their sovereign who thus shows his interest in them and his appreciation of what they are doing. — The Sphinx.

In London comment of the swift march of events since the fateful decision, a tribute is paid to the speed and efficiency with which the economic system has been adapted to war conditions. What has been done is described as a mixture of control and the maintenance, so far as possible, of existing institutions. At the same time, it is obvious there is none of that spirit of "business as usual" which marked the opening stages of the war in 1914. The slogan may have been admirable then as a sign that the nation was not cast down in despair by the ordeal at hand. But it was open to misunderstanding, and on the testimony of sound witnesses, it was sadly misunderstood abroad. In France, particularly, it was said to have done great harm. Many factors — notably the enormous financial and economic strain of modern war, and the submarine campaign — proved that business as usual was not possible with the lesson still remembered. It is not now being suggested. In itself this is a favourable sign. — Auckland News.

Japanese Megalomania

(Hamilton Spectator) Every now and then one gets reports from Japan of projects which would dwarf anything ever before undertaken in any part of the civilized world. Stupendous engineering feats are casually discussed, as if difficulties were non-existent, as if nothing of their prohibitive expense. A little time ago the building of a series of mammoth bridges to join Japan to Korea was under consideration, necessitating spans of proportions never before attempted. Then there has been much talk of strategic canals on a scale of unprecedented proportions. The rapidity with which the Japanese have absorbed the principles of Western science has produced a momentum which they feel, apparently, must be continually accelerated. Nothing is impossible for a race conscious of heaven-born prophecies and a super-human destiny.

According to the Japanese American Review, published in New York, Tokio has started "an ambitious ten-year plan of city planning and social welfare," with the slogan, "The City of Tomorrow," aiming at a population of ten million people and so becoming "the largest single city in the world." It is promised that everything in the way of modern improvements will be provided, attention being given not merely to industrial expansion, but to transportation, public works and all public requirements. It is to be the "most progressive metropolis in the world," a city beautiful. For all this the cost is set at 640,000,000 yen which seems modest enough in view of what is contemplated.

The same edition of the Japanese news sheet also tells how Nippon is "stealing a march on Einstein." It's all very complicated, but, according to this group of Japanese scientists, "in order to express physical phenomena as a state of space-time." This conclusion, it is blandly remarked, is "easily drawn." Einstein, is on the wrong track, we take it, but there is still hope. "While Dr. Albert Einstein, a Jewish mathematician, driven out of Germany by the Nazis" — now in New York is working on his new development of the unified field theory, Japanese scientists are trying to solve the enormous difficulties in the way of a unified picture of the world by the route of a new geometry. "Meanwhile there are more pressing problems nearer home."

Commodore Perry certainly started something in his historic mission of enlightenment in 1853. The papals are growing up with a vengeance!

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The Poet's Corner. Between the avenue of cypresses All in their scarlet capes and surplises Of linen, go the chanting choir-laters. The priests in gold and black, the villagers. And all along the path to the cemetery The round dark heads of men crowd silently. And black-scarfed faces of women-folk watch at the banner of death, and the mystery. And at the foot of a grave a father stands With sunken head, and forgotten folded hands; And at the foot of a grave a mother kneels With pale shut face, nor neither bears nor feels. The coming of the chanting choir-laters Between the avenue of cypresses, The silence of the many villagers, The candle-flames beside the surplises. — D. H. Lawrence.

I. Ins. Fully Says. Statistics. Are as dry as dust to me—but the other day, when the agent of the National Fire Insurance Company of Hartford was renewing my Automobile Collision insurance, he mentioned some facts that seemed pretty darned important. "He said that only 45% of all collisions involve another car—and even then there's only about 15 chances in 100 of collecting damages from the other fellow. That's enough for me! I would be 100% sure that I'll collect, if I have a blowout and my car runs into a tree and tears off a fender. I'll stick to National Fire protection—and let somebody else take chances on getting by with no insurance."

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