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

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Betrayed From Within

Britain's refusal to regard the Petain Government as Boredeaux as anything but the servile tool of Germany and Italy has been indorsed by free French citizens throughout the world.

Speaking yesterday in the British House of Commons, Prime Minister Churchill revealed that on June 10 Britain had agreed to release the French Government from this pledge.

Reviewing the genesis of the Petain administration, the Winnipeg Free Press finds abundant reasons for assuming that it has played into the enemy's hands, Camille Chautemps, now vice-premier, is the same who precipitated a crisis in Paris in order to render the French Government impotent just at the moment Hitler marched into Vienna in March, 1938.

The Free Press finds grounds for belief that, come what may, the French navy will not pass into Nazi control. It is obvious that, among the French people themselves and among important sections of their naval and military thought, there is disagreement with the Petain policy of defeatism.

Addressed To Mr. King

In a leading editorial of unusual length, the Toronto Globe and Mail (Independent) deals with Prime Minister Mackenzie King's dog-in-the-manger attitude toward persistent demands from all over Canada for the formation of a national war administration.

While paying lip service to the power of public opinion the Prime Minister angrily rebukes newspapers which from motives of patriotism sincerely express the conviction that national government alone can rally all elements of the population behind the country's cause.

far as to suppress columns of comment which were considered unfair in their attacks on the Prime Minister. These were suppressed "not because we disagreed with their contentions but because we considered personal attacks upon the head of the Government as not being in the public interest."

"He has had the effrontery to stand before Parliament when the bill conferring upon a party Government extraordinary powers over people's lives and property was being discussed and had the audacity to lecture the Opposition because the measure was not being passed as expeditiously as he would have wished.

In conclusion it advises the Prime Minister to "escape from the sycophants who surround him and get the true measure of public opinion." Despite his boasted parliamentary majority, Mr. King cannot be happy in the knowledge that the majority of the valiant sons of Canada who serve in the Navy, the Army and the Air Force were against him.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There is no reason why potatoes should not be sent to the Mother Country now, except that we have none to send.

Your car will now cost you more, and unless you have successfully enlisted, your living generally will cost you much more. It is war.

"Be prepared" is a motto more necessary than ever—the Nazis will strike at the British Empire in the most unlikely quarters, and here as well as anywhere else.

Japan in the East and Russia in the Balkans are showing their teeth. No wonder U. S. A. has decided to halt the sale of mosquito torpedo boats to Britain—she may need them for herself in the Pacific before long.

Many oldsters are anxious to train as Home Guard, to be able to use a rifle, to know something of military drill and discipline, but they want a leader. Will any one so disposed please communicate with the Guardian?

George IV died this date, 1820. It was during his reign, thanks to Canning's foreign policy, that British influence was greatly extended on the continent, and the Greeks supported in their struggle for liberty. At home the Catholic Emancipation Act was passed.

From now on European Continental news outside the Mediterranean and Balkans areas will be of secondary consideration. Britain will be the cynosure of all eyes, and may Heaven abundantly bless and defend her in her heroic struggle in defence of world freedom and Christian civilization.

Government House is an ideal setting for the tea which is being given this afternoon by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Canadian Legion, Charlottetown branch, through the courtesy of the patroness, Mrs. B. W. LePage.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King is at last convinced a Union Government is necessary though he will not include any of the opposition now in the House. A prominent Conservative outsider is likely to be given the post of Minister of National War Service, and it is persistently reported that Mr. King will also name Mr. Tom Moore, prominent in labor organizations, to the post of the Minister of Labor, and restore the portfolio he was given when he entered the Government last year.

The war is beginning to cut into the lavish menus of some of the French and Italian restaurants in U. S. A. with many imported delicacies and Continental wines disappearing. New Orleans is noted for its Continental restaurants and food stores. They report a growing scarcity of French snails, Belgian biscuits, Dutch chocolates, German frankfurters, Polish ham, Norwegian herring, Italian spaghetti and Vermont, Swiss cheese, Bohemian and Pilsen beer and olive oil, olives, sardines, wines and hard liquors usually brought from Western Europe.

NOTES BY THE WAY

From Phoenix, Ariz., comes a report that a veracious engineer, Jack Tooker, has found a herd of dwarf horses ranging the foot of an almost inaccessible valley in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

Our economic system has been chugging along on six of its eight cylinders for too long a period. Millions of men, maintained in idleness, have been waiting in urgent demand. Many others have had no opportunity for training to equip them for industrial service.

To the aid of embattled democracy has come the material aid of the greatest of the non-belligerent nations, the United States. The Allies has been given with an enthusiasm not known in the Great War, although in that it was engaged in the struggle to save Europe, today they are more keenly alive to the fact that they must give their fullest aid to the Allies.

In the days before Munich a certain school of French junior officers, numerous mechanized divisions and the development of the tactics of mobile warfare. Brig. Gen. Charles de Gaulle, who was appointed by the French Government as Under-Secretary of State for War, foresaw the tactics of this war.

Some such action took place in January of 1840 when Peter MacAllum, sheriff, at the suit of Flora Townshend levied on the cattle of James Douglas, a certain member of the law, to recover certain monies due her. It is too far away in time to judge as to where justice lay in this matter, but the others heard of the auctioneer thought that Douglas was not getting a square deal. They conspired among themselves how to deal with the matter, with the result that one would bid above one shilling six pence (32c) for cows worth eight pence (8c) each.

Eugene Field liked old books and was quite poor for them. His means were, however, not adequate to his desires; and a quaint proof of this was a slip of paper, found in a purchase of an old volume. On the paper was written the following words: "Kind friend, for goodness sake do not buy the book you findest here: For when I do obtain the pelf I mean to buy the book myself."

There was a time, 40 or 50 years ago, when graduates could be witness a light verbal sugar-and-water concoction, but the time without too much harm being done. It was a sugar-and-water world. Graduates were fairly sure that they would get along. The life that stretched before them might get a little dull, but it was safe. That is all over. For sugar and water, the world has substituted blood and tears. It is going to be hard going in the years ahead, and we think the young folks know it. But many of them are whimpering, we haven't heard that, either. They come into a world that just isn't good enough for them, and they are crying it better. — The Albertan (Calgary).

Human beings have provided themselves with many conveniences such as bombs and diverse mighty engines, for carrying out their plans and insuring their particular future. They can oblige elephants, lightning and waterfalls to work for them, and are always talking of harnessing the sun and sea. Not one of these potent persons could tell you what was going to do this spring, though, with anything like the expectation of a pond lily or a seed. Some flying boys are busy up all his facilities for living: the caprice of one off eccentric might alter every plan. Life, or those condemned to "intelligence," has no certainty. — New York Herald Tribune.

This terrible striking power, and the equally strong power which an armed worker already possesses, will have, can be developed, only when we have a sufficiently large number of skilled men to work on service and diverse mechanized forms of warfare. The Nazis got a big start on the Allies in this respect. The lack of enough skilled workers already manifested in as our preparedness program develops. The President makes it clear that he has plans for training men and semi-skilled workers in manufacturing armament and also in the military and naval services, to make effective use of the highly mechanized defence forces which we are obtaining for Army and Navy. — Philadelphia Bulletin.

Souris Fair, 1840

(By E. S. D.)

(Continued from yesterday) To the small boy in the Souris of 1840 the last week of July must have seemed the best ever. Not only did he attend his first fair, but he had the very best day. Colonel Lane, adjutant general for Prince Edward Island, came to inspect the Militia. Souris and Bay Fortune at this time made up a company in the King's County Militia regiment which had other detachments scattered from Naufrage to Murray River. Who the officers were we do not know, though it would be surprising if the MacGowans or the Leslies did not fill at least one officer's rank.

At both the militia muster and the first fair certain of Bay Fortune's leading residents were present. A week or two before the fair at Supreme Court in Georgetown they had been convicted on the serious charges of riot, and assault on the person of the officers. The trouble had arisen, as much did arise then and later, from friction caused by the Landlord system of that day. The owner of Lot 43 in 1840 was Flora Townshend, relict of the late Hon. William Townshend, the Island's first custom officer, and for many years a member of the Executive Council. Widow Townshend had inherited Lot 43 from her late husband who had some years previously acquired it by sheriff's deed as a tax sale. The settlers, most of whom had long term leases for 999 years, paid yearly rent to Mrs. Townshend. If they, because of crop failure or other reasons, could not pay, or any other good or bad reason, did not pay their rents at the time and place specified in their lease, they were liable to have their effects seized upon by a court order and sold to pay the rent, and themselves liable to ejection from the premises.

Some such action took place in January of 1840 when Peter MacAllum, sheriff, at the suit of Flora Townshend levied on the cattle of James Douglas, a certain member of the law, to recover certain monies due her. It is too far away in time to judge as to where justice lay in this matter, but the others heard of the auctioneer thought that Douglas was not getting a square deal. They conspired among themselves how to deal with the matter, with the result that one would bid above one shilling six pence (32c) for cows worth eight pence (8c) each. This was the nature of the dispute which used at Mortgage sales in the many used western states in the 1931-33 depression.

However the Fortune men of 1840 were not just satisfied with bidding low prices on the live stock, they assaulted the sheriff with frozen dung, snow balls, and so on. They may have had considerable provocation but it was a mistake. The law of 1840 had a long arm and a strong memory for such offences against the peace. Only eight days before the Fair, on July 21 1840 the Supreme Court found James Howlett and William Blackett guilty of riot and fined them twenty pounds each and four months in prison. John Howlett was found guilty of riot and assault and fined twenty pounds and six months in jail. John Howlett was sentenced to ten months in prison, and John McKie on the same charge was given four months imprisonment.

Thus the men prevented from attending the first Fair. The descendants of the rioters, the landlady, and the sheriff, today live in unbroken peace with the men of landlords, all of foreign birth. Nothing is remembered in Fortune of riots a hundred years ago, just as the first Fair has dropped out of the collective memory in Souris. Only the power of the printed word, the power of the printed word, has kept these annals alive. When the Souris Farming Club was organized it was ordered by the executive that the constitution of the Club be printed in each of the Island newspapers. Most of what we have quoted is from the Royal Gazette. The other Island newspaper of 1840 was the Colonial Herald published also in Charlottetown.

Summing up the first Fair the Souris correspondent of the Gazette showed himself something of a pessimist. His last paragraph when he wrote: "This being a mere commencement of the Fairs in this County, may be considered a pretty fair beginning." A hundred years later we can agree that indeed it was a Fair beginning. The Fairs continued in Souris for some time. The August 15, 1845, edition of the "Islander" says: "A few weeks ago the annual Fair took place in Souris when considerable business was transacted, evidently every year increasing. The Exhibition was held on the Long Beach, Souris, and the Society have recently imported from Worcester, Mass., an American revolving horse rake, cost only \$7.00, of the latest improved pattern, a most efficient implement, and a small seed sower. The latter appears most complete, simple and light, cost \$6.00."

In this same year, 1845, the Central Agriculture Society of P.E.I. received the patronage of Prince Consort Albert and henceforth was known as the Royal Agriculture Society. It is not known how long the Souris Farming Club remained in the force, nor how long after the Fairs were confined. But doubtless both the Farming Club and Fair served their day and generation, and though the outward forms have changed, the spirit of enterprise and progress is still an outstanding trait of the residents of Souris and surrounding country in 1940 as it was in their ancestors who founded the Farming Club and held the first Fair one hundred years ago.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

GEORGETOWN EXHIBITION CANCELLED

Sir,—We have just received a letter from Mr. E. B. McLaren, secretary of the Georgetown Exhibition Association to the effect that their Association, on account of the war and the need of economizing in all possible ways in order to assist in the prosecution of the war, have decided to cancel their Exhibition for this year, expressing the wish that their annual grant be used for war purposes.

Who's The Boss?

(Financial Post) When big Bill Knudsen was asked by President Roosevelt to join a seven-man board in co-ordinating the American rearmament program, he asked "Who's the Boss?" The same question may properly be asked about Canada's war supply organization.

Prime Minister King told the House of Commons last week about the number of calibre of the industrialists who are helping to speed Canada's war effort in dollar-a-year jobs. Some of these men are as able, as vigorous and as efficient as any to be found in the country.

Fourth Contingent

(Halt! Chronicle) Canada's fourth contingent has reached Great Britain. With the troops were men of the cursing variety. To relatives and friends who know that these Canadians were on the high seas, the news brings relief that the perilous crossing has been completed. Some of those who sailed heard, before they left these shores, of German broadcasts which predicted the transports would be sent to the bottom. Others heard of the predictions while in transit. But the transports arrived without incident. All will be thankful for that.

These Canadians have reached the Mother Country on the eve of the blitzkrieg. Successive major air raids have given a foretaste of the wrath to come Great Britain, with quiet courage, awaits the fury of the German attack. Canada now has thousands of soldiers in Great Britain ready to stand up warriors of the British Isles, and well as men from other dominions, against any German invasion. Canadian at home are proud of their soldiers overseas. But mere pride is not enough. The men who wait, eagerly, for the Battle of Britain, are doing their part. Let each one of us ask: Are we doing ours?

CANADIAN CLUBS PRESIDENT

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