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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Detailed Information Promised

There will be general concurrence in the suggestion made by Hon. H. B. Hanson, leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, that opportunity be given, before Parliament prorogues, for a general discussion of the Government's war effort.

If necessary, Mr. Hanson suggested, a secret session of the House could be held for the discussion of these and other questions of paramount importance at the present time.

U. S. Bases In Nova Scotia

In a leading editorial the Halifax Chronicle comments favorably on the proposal, now before the military committee of the U. S. House of Representatives, that the United States establish an airplane and navy base in Nova Scotia.

Our Halifax contemporary admits that the question is debatable from the standpoint of international law, and that there may be complications because of Canada's active participation in the war and the neutral position, at present, of the United States.

This comparison scarcely does justice to Canada's status in the British Commonwealth, or to the far-reaching consequences of permitting the establishment of coastal bases in this country by a foreign power.

Amazing, If True!

How lying enemy propaganda tends to defeat itself is well illustrated by the following ironic comment from the Chicago Daily News:

"The Germans don't have all the military secrets, or at least they don't have all the naval secrets. The case of the British aircraft carrier Ark Royal shows that the British have a few tricks up their sleeves, too. Here, as far as is known, is the first submersible warship, and while we get only occasional glimpses of what the Ark Royal can do, they indicate that it must involve several new principles in naval construction.

"We know, for instance, that the Ark Royal was sunk on Sept. 26. This was officially announced, with natural pride, by the German command. It was a telling blow. The Ark Royal, Great Britain's finest aircraft carrier, was done for. Far from ending the story, however, the Ark Royal's destruction only sends it off to a good start.

The next development comes when an American naval attaché says he has breakfast on the Ark Royal, a feat that smacks of Mr. Beebe and his bathysphere. Later it is announced that the Ark Royal has engaged in a long sea chase, ranging the Atlantic in search of the German pocket battleship, the Graf Spee. On Nov. 8 Mr. Churchill announces that the sunken ship has

captured a valuable prize, and in March it is announced that the Ark Royal is back in port, breaking water, presumably, like Moby Dick.

"Finally, a good 10 months after she has been sent to a watery grave, the Ark Royal appears in the news again, this time being credited with playing an important part in the frigate raid at Oran, when the British turned their guns on the French fleet.

"Now you might assume with some basis in reason that the British, when they say the Ark Royal is still in combat condition are covering up.

"On July 11, however, corroboration comes from an unexpected quarter. A surprise witness appears. The Italians announce with suitable satisfaction that intrepid virile, Italian aviation has scored a direct hit with an intrepid, virile bomb on an aircraft carrier known to be the poor old Ark Royal, smiting a mighty blow against the very ship their allies sent to the bottom last Fall. It calls for a little better co-ordination between the publicity departments, possibly, and the victory writers, but it writes a new chapter in the history of one of the war's most interesting warships."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mexico is the latest to resort to conscription. Uncle Sam being thus between two conscription territories will have to follow suit in order "to keep up with the Joneses."

G. B. Shaw, play-writer and cynic, born this date, 1856: "Those who minister to poverty and disease are accomplices in the two worst of all crimes."

Canada's lobster has won her world renown and this succulent delicacy from our coastal waters has, for many years, been considered by the majority of those in the Dominion a dish for special occasions. Now the habitual eating of lobster has become a patriotic duty.

Addressing a Dominion-provincial agricultural conference at its concluding session, Mr. G. S. Peart, plant products division, said the expected price rise in fertilizer might start next month and was caused by the war.

Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, who will pay her first visit here next month with her husband, His Excellency the Earl of Athlone, K. G., etc., is the only surviving daughter of H. R. H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, eighth child of Queen Victoria the Good. The Princess married in 1904 and had two children, Lady May Helen Emma, who married Major Henry Abel-Smith, now with her two children at Rideau House; and Viscount Tremanton, who died in 1928. This province is more fortunate in the present regime in having a visit from the Governor-General's partner, for Lady Tweedsmuir was never able to make the journey thus far from Ottawa.

It is officially contemplated to unify all public appeals for funds for the support of what are classed as war charities. Organizations such as the Red Cross, Y.M.C.A., the Canadian Legion, the Salvation Army, the Knights of Columbus and so on come to the public with separate appeals, and the responses are invariably generous, but there is necessarily in such a procedure a great duplication of effort and organization which could and should be avoided.

According to a despatch from Ottawa, Hon. J. G. Gardner, Minister of National War Services, said that the national registration questionnaire . . . was designed to ascertain what people could do and for that reason no information was sought that would indicate "conscientious objectors" to military service.

The ship news men had better get ready. Out beyond Quarantine, if they look hard enough, they will find a long line of ships, battered and dented and caked with salt spray. The captains will tell you interesting stories, tragic stories to tell; for these are the ghost liners in the sea, the liners that have been lost in the New York waters. They will never see them again except in memories. The Champlain is the latest to have joined the ghostly procession. It was lost last year, or thereabouts, on the night of the 18th. She first sailed up our harbor, she was then the beauty of the French merchant marine; not the largest ship of all, she was graceful and lovely, and she kept a Gallic quality about her on all her voyages.

It will be recalled that when in opposition Mr. Mackenzie King kept harping on the alleged unnecessary expense of the Government employing autos for ministers, heads of departments, and others, and promised to get rid of them should he be returned to power. He did defeat Mr. Bennett, he did hold an auction of government cars, he did announce that every government-owned auto would bear the Government department's name in a conspicuous place so that it would be used for no other than departmental purposes.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

It is well to keep in mind that whatever differences may develop between the Federal Government and the Government of Great Britain on matters involved in the capitulation to Germany and Italy these do not contain or imply any reflection upon the French people themselves. The French people have always possessed virtues that have appealed to the British people, and the courage of French soldiers and naval men were never doubted.

The government is to be commended upon this latest evidence of its determination to carry out its pressing task. The will of the Canadian people to serve is manifesting itself in the response of first-class executives and skilled craftsmen wherever they are given the opportunity. There is still much to be done to mobilize Canada's full effort, to enlist the whole power of the nation.

The Columbia University Press has just published a wide body of readers for the "Living Brick." Other terms to describe Nazi aircraft are "bathtub" and "trunks." All metal aircraft is "brass donkey," a heavy bomber is a "pan-technion."

In the little village of Saint Lin, about thirty-five miles north of Montreal, Ottawa reports that resolute in the childhood home of Sir William Laurier has been completed by the National Parks Bureau of the Dominion Department of Mines and Resources.

Up in Toronto, Acting Premier Nixon has announced the ordering of a salt campaign affecting all Ontario government departments. Public reaction there will be highly favorable and in the light of Canada there will be (and is) a strong feeling of indignation at all provincial capitals.

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Slang of This War

(From the New York Sun)

The European war has contributed a considerable addition to the stock of the world's slang. "Some never-never" says a Royal Air Force authority, "are 'fan' for aircrew, 'station master' for the commanding officer, and 'spun-in' for a bad mistake. To 'pancake' an airplane is now to 'crack down on the deck.' This calls for 'tearing of a strip,' otherwise to reprimand. No longer does an enterprising airman 'win a wanted article' or 'organize.' When supplies have been arranged, those supplies have been 'laid on. If an airman is 'fed up,' he is 'browned out' or 'something displeases,' a poor view taken of it. Something badly done is 'a black.' The correct method of doing anything is 'the right drill.' Bomb 'dropping' is the 'A. F. pilot's egg-laying.' And 'blonde job' we are told, is a young woman with fair hair.

The German airmen, says the same British authority, also have their slang, "some of it quite incomprehensible even to the most orthodox Nazi layman." The famous Messerschmitt plane is commonly called the "flying brick." Other terms to describe Nazi aircraft are "bathtub" and "trunks." All metal aircraft is "brass donkey," a heavy bomber is a "pan-technion."

The general name for German pilots is "Emil" and for observers "Franz." An observer is also a "staff-goggles." A young airman is a "staff-pilot" or a "canon"; an old pilot is called "peaceful Emil," and a crew is called a "term meaning more or less a flying family." Bombs are "eggs" or "clappers." To open fire with a machine gun is "to beat." Searchlights are "glowworms"; to be shot down in flames is "disinfectant." The weather forecasts of the Reich meteorological service are cynically called the "false prophets."

"Quisling," the "Fifth Column," the "Trojan horse" and "Blitzkrieg" are among the most widely known slang words born of the present war, and all four are likely to find a permanent place in the world's language. The name Quisling, says Wittwoche, a Zurich correspondent, will go down in history not because he was the spearhead of the fifth column which helped pave the way for the German conquest of Norway, but because his name has entered the languages of the world as a generic term for a new type of traitor who hope to win at least a nominal power by surrendering to the countries to foreign aggressors.

Napoleon And Hitler

(Exchange)

The fact that not since the campaigns of Napoleon have so many European nations been overturned and so many countries seized by a militant dictator as in the present extraordinary chapter of Nazi conquest has led to comparisons between the two chapters of history. Except for the military and political domination which ensued on both occasions, however, contrasts are striking as resemblances.

Napoleon's conquests occurred largely where the people of the conquered country were in sympathy with his policies. He freed the Italian people from Austrian tyranny; the people of Holland were pro-French in the beginning; the smaller independent states of Germany as it then was were divided in sympathy. As the price of military victory, Napoleon wrested territory from such larger states as Austria and Prussia, but he would not leave the existing governments to continue functioning.

It is true, he created kingdoms out of the smaller states like Holland and Westphalia, over each of which he placed a brother of his own as ruler. But that was a matter of personal ambition, culminating in the disastrous attempt to install his brother Joseph on the Spanish throne. It is also true that, even in Austria and Prussia, he undertook in matters of policy to create a hegemony of his own. This kind of domination went so far as, in the later years of his career, to require military service undertaken by citizens of the defeated countries. In his greater part of Napoleon's army of 600,000 men drawn from other countries than France, even Prussia and Austria contributed 50,000 as the quota imposed on them after their defeat in the field.

Nothing like this has yet been visible in the Nazi campaigns; nevertheless, the Germans have a vastly larger problem on their minds in endeavoring to impose on conquered countries not only political restraint but their own social and economic ideology, which the people of countries like Norway, Germany and Holland (not to mention France) detest. Napoleon was too wise to do this. Nor did Napoleon make a point of denigration and terrorism of the civilian population, such as was lately visited on Poland. To match the Nazi record in this regard, one must go back to the Thirty Years War, and even so, one must remember that the particular horrors of that conflict were the work of undisciplined armies, whereas up-to-date "Schrecklichkeit" is deliberately planned, threatened and carried out under orders.

LAHORE, India (CP) — Simultaneous raids at 16 cinemas here were carried out by police in search of suspicious coins of different denominations.

Indian Ocean, only to meet its fate in the cold waters off Iceland. All of them were part of the peacetime world that has vanished with them. They stood for friendliness and free communications between nations. They were good friends whenever they sailed. On their return they shall hear their sirens, and we shall remember them. — New York Times.

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The Great Columbia Icefield

(Major Fred Brewster in "The Canadian National Magazine")

On Dominion Day, at the Athabasca Glacier Chalet, a pair of golden scissors snipped a white ribbon stretching across the wide, even surface of a highway. Then a magnificent, scenic drive was officially open to the tourist.

To construct this new Columbia Icefield Highway through the heart of the Rocky Mountains was an engineering feat. In some sections the driveway is almost 5,000 feet above sea level. It takes its name from a profusion of color between the heart of the Rocky Mountains was an engineering feat. In some sections the driveway is almost 5,000 feet above sea level. It takes its name from a profusion of color between the heart of the Rocky Mountains was an engineering feat.

We stare with unbelieving eyes. No matter where we look, even to the far-off skyline—everywhere we see masses of snow-capped mountain peaks, their sides aglitter with low-hanging masses of ice. There seems no end to this vast, white land. But it is not a dead land. It is very much alive—alive with veins of fire that glint in the sun.

I have often been asked the depth of the ice packed on this great Columbia Icefield. No person knows. I only know that from the highway you and I may see towering ice-cliffs, 500 feet high, almost the height of the tallest building in the British Empire. I also know the Athabasca Glacier, a part of the mighty Icefield, comes so close to the Columbia Icefield Highway that one can get out of a car and walk in perfect safety upon its pitted surface. Yes, this glacier itself covers the five peaks of Mount Athabasca. And so thick is this ice on the mountain top that its chain of five peaks appear as one big mass of snowy ice.

This Athabasca Glacier is only one finger stretched out from the Columbia Icefield. Yet, the ice is so thick it crawls over both sides of the mountain and blots out its range of peaks. In those 110 square miles which the Icefield covers, there must be valleys, completely choked by ice. How deep they are no one knows. Snowy Dome Mountain in the heart of the Columbia Icefield is 11,340 feet high. And glaciers cling all over it. So one can only guess the depth of the Icefield.

Over from the Glacial, the winter of the Continent was almost blotted out by a relentless shifting of billions of tons of ice and snow. All that was left of the continent was crushed beneath its enormous weight. After tens of thousands of years, the glaciers melted and drew back to the Arctic. The Columbia Icefield was left, so man might know something of the vast forces of nature.

Now, the construction of the Columbia Icefield Highway makes it possible for anyone to come and see what the world looked like in the Glacial Age—many thousands of years ago. It was a world of awe-inspiring beauty, a world of wonder, terrible in its implacable, glittering death. But we may be grateful that the Columbia Icefield remained as it was. Today it is one of the wonders of our modern age.

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The Poet's Corner

Lines on the Expected Invasion (1803)

Come ye—who of (which Heaven avert!) the Land Were with herself, at strife, would face your stand Like gallant Falkland, by the Monarch's side, And, like Montrose, make Loyalty your pride— Come ye—who, not less zealous, might display Banners at enmity with regal sway. And, like the Pyms and Maltons, at that day, Think that a State would live in sounder health— If kinship cover its head to Commonwealth— Ye too—whom no discreditable fear Would keep, perhaps with many a fruitless tear, Uncertain what to choose and how to steer— And ye—who might mistake for sober sense And yet reserve the plea of indolence— Come ye—whatever your creed— O waken all, Whatever your temper, at your Country's call; Resolving (this a free-born Nation can) To have one Soul, and perish to a man, Or save this honored Land from every Lord But British reason and the British sword.

—William Wordsworth.

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