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

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Good News From Saskatchewan

Heartened by the biggest cash income they have known in ten years, Saskatchewan farmers are showing their dollars into the channels of trade with a zest not seen since 1930. The Regina Leader-Post uses red ink in headlines telling about the bright outlook on the farm, and says wheat, the money crop of the largest grain-growing Province, has put \$40,000,000 more into the growers' hands this year than last.

Saskatchewan had a good crop last year, but prices barely exceeded production costs. This year the Province has a much bigger crop, and better prices to boot. An encouraging aspect is that there is abundant feed for live stock, and no lack of seed grain for next spring. With a full granary and plentiful fodder, the Saskatchewan farmer once more experiences a sense of security. It is estimated the 200,000,000 bushels of surplus wheat Saskatchewan has for sale will net the Province about \$100,000,000, and that other farm products will yield an additional \$85,000,000 or \$90,000,000.

War Aims And Pacifism

There was recently made public what purported to be secret instructions from the Nazi propaganda headquarters in Germany to their stool pigeons throughout the English-speaking nations; and one of the injunctions most strongly stressed was that they should actively associate themselves with pacifist organizations. It is safe to say, adds the Winnipeg Free Press, that there have been supplementary instructions to them that they are to join in the clamour that unless complete and satisfactory war aims are immediately forthcoming, there should be a cessation of hostilities on the terms offered by Hitler. Demands for the immediate production of a peace program or an acceptance of the suggestion that peace should be sought by an approach to Berlin are rightly subject to questioning. It is along this line that the insidious pro-Nazi assault upon the Allied intention to continue the war is now being waged over a wide front; and, of course, there are well-meaning people who will unconsciously help on the movement by joining in the cry.

Subject to the condition that there can be no kind of peace short of the overthrow of Hitlerism, the discussion as to the uses to which victory will be put is desirable and necessary. The main purposes of the peace to follow victory cannot be too clearly or too often proclaimed by the nations that have the place of honor and of duty in this war of defence. To sneers that victory in the last war resulted in a peace, in which the roots of this war are to be found, there is the reply that nations, like individuals, do sometimes learn by experience. And still more conclusive is the reply that if the peace does not follow Allied victory, it will follow Allied defeat. That is the hard and inescapable choice and if it is faced resolutely there will be an end to hesitations and doubts as to the duty that comes first. It is to make sure that the war will be won.

Nazi Mentality

The historian of the future, one of the most interesting and instructive documents relative to the present war will undoubtedly be the report, now published in book form, of Sir Neville Henderson and his relations with the Nazi Government as British Ambassador at Berlin. No more significant phase of Sir Neville's report will be found than that dealing with the Nazi mentality and its revelation of the narrow and shallow environment in which the cult was nurtured. Not one of the men whom Hitler takes into his confidence, it is revealed, knows anything of the world beyond German frontiers, excepting von Ribbentrop. Because he speaks three languages, was once in Canada and peddled champagne in London, Hitler regards him as a man of the world. The Fuehrer himself has been outside Germany but twice in his life. Both occasions were official visits to Italy, and after his rise to power.

Sir Neville associates these factors with some of the less admirable but most prominent characteristics of the Fuehrer himself; his "inability to see any side of a question but his own or to understand the meaning of moderation." Consequently all opposition becomes intolerable to him. "All those bold enough to express opinions contrary to his views are shed, one by one, and he is, in the end, surrounded by mere 'yes men' whose flattery and counsels alone are endurable to him."

The Ambassador lists a few of the advisers who were shelled to eliminate opposition, their places filled with party extremists and stooges: Field Marshal von Blomberg, War Minister; former Foreign Minister Baron von Neurath, Economics Minister Dr. Schacht, the late General von Fritsch and General Beck. Significantly their removals coincide with one "march" or another. More significant, the majority were not only "moderates" but pro-British advocates. Having watched the wedding out and having known the men and their successors, Sir Neville relates that for over a year the Fuehrer was

completely cut off from all moderating influences within the Government, the army and the party. What chance had reason in these circumstances?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Premier Hepburn is said to have withdrawn his opposition to the St. Lawrence deepening scheme, but Premier Duplessis remains adamant.

Daniel Webster, who negotiated the Ashburton Treaty which settled the boundary between Canada and Maine, died this date, 1852.

Most assuredly the other provinces of the Dominion have a profound concern in the verdict which Quebec citizens are to render on Wednesday of next week, says Montreal Gazette. Their attitude is deeply significant in one respect, namely, that in no instance has their criticism of Mr. Duplessis been accompanied with even the slightest expression of any lack of confidence in the loyal spirit of French-Canadian citizens.

Dr. William Brown, director of the Institute of Experimental Psychology at Oxford University, and a world authority on diseases of the mind, has concluded a year's study of the character and mentality of Adolf Hitler and reached the conclusion that the German Chancellor is suffering from a chronic form of insanity known as paranoia, which will gradually impair his intellect until he destroys himself or becomes a raving maniac. How long, how long?

General Tremblay, just appointed Inspector of Militia and Overseas Active Forces, is well known in the Maritime Provinces, as his late war battalion was brigaded with the 25th Battalion of Nova Scotia and the 20th Battalion of New Brunswick. The 22nd Battalion carried out part of its training in Nova Scotia, prior to leaving for overseas, and General Tremblay was a serving officer throughout this period.

The Federal Government announces that the Dominion Water and Power Bureau is collecting information on Canada's power producing capacity in existing plants and "through new development." This is the opportunity Prince Edward Island has been waiting for. The late Premier Stewart had a plan for the hydro-development of both East River and Winter River, but at that time financial difficulties stood in the way. That, or nothing else, should be permitted to hinder development at this juncture. Let the Government, Boards of Trade, Farmers Institutes, and other organizations get busy and demand that this Province should share in the hydro-electric development of the Dominion.

In course of time it will not be necessary to serve drinks at banquets, only fruit; that is, if the experiments now being carried out by Mr. Samuel Undermeyer, Yonkers, N. Y., realize anticipations. His gardeners have begun a series of transfusion operations upon the vines of honeydew melons to flavor them with cognac, port wine or benedictine—whichever a guest may desire. In each vine in the hothouse on the noted New York lawyer's estate an incision will be made. An absorbent cotton wick will be inserted, its other end resting in a bottle of spirits. Thus, if all goes well, the vine will absorb the stuff. Then, when the melons are ripe next month, the alcoholic content will be innocuously small—but the taste beyond doubt. Mr. George Chisholm, superintendent of the estate, has experimented already on a few melons with port and thinks his three-flavor plan will work out fine.

Announcing that he had been forced into the provincial battle by the attitude of federal Liberal members, Mr. W. Allen Walsh, M.P., for Mount Royal, addressed the radio audience on behalf of Mr. William Ross Bulloch, straight Conservative candidate in Notre Dame de Grace. "I have searched the pages of Canadian history and have yet to find any previous example of a Dominion minister or group of ministers staking their political life on the outcome of a provincial election," Mr. Walsh said, referring to the attitude of the Rt. Hon. Ernest Lapointe that they would resign if their Liberal friends were not elected in the Province of Quebec. "Not only is Mr. Lapointe's attitude somewhat childish," said Mr. Walsh, "but it savors too much of straight party politics, with the desire to elect to office in this province a Liberal administration. We should not lose sight of the fact that Messrs. Lapointe, Cardin, Power, with many other federal Liberal members and also the present Liberal candidate in Notre Dame de Grace, supported in every way that discredited Liberal regime that was thrust from office just three years ago."

The movement for organic union between the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America and the Protestant Episcopal Church, originating in an invitation from the last Episcopalian general convention to the Presbyterians to join in formulating a plan for such a union "is not tending to the declared goal," according to an editorial comment in The Presbyterian, a denominational weekly published in Philadelphia. The comment was made in connection with the open letter to Bishop William T. Manning of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York, to the Episcopal commission that met with the Presbyterians, urging that the proposed concordat between the two bodies be "laid aside." The Bishop expressed a hope for ultimate organic union, however, "with no compromise of catholic principle." Previously the Presbyterian periodical had published the concordat as originally drawn up last October at a joint conference, and also a revision of it and an article from the Rev. Dr. C. E. Macartney, former moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, expressing disapproval of the concordat. Bishop Manning's letter quoted Dr. Macartney's statement that the proposed concordat "is undesirable by the rank and file of both churches" and is "not necessary to good-will and brotherly relationship, for this already exists." In its comment The Presbyterian said: "It is obvious now that this movement for union between these two denominations is not tending to the declared goal, but rather tending in the opposite direction."

NOTES BY THE WAY

As an example of rapid depreciation it is hard to beat the case of a newspaper not from the press. An hour or so later, after the issue of a subsequent edition, it is obsolete for another four hours later the depreciation is virtually complete and it is good only for lighting fires. The one notable exception to this immutable rule is the case of the Gauntlet of War in Germany. Its publishers, with true Teutonic thoroughness, have hit upon an amazing plan to extend the useful life of each paper and add immensely to its value. With the war barely started they have already achieved a big boom in circulation and acquired a list of satisfied subscribers that is the envy of editors of every country. Business is expected to get even better as the war goes on and the population is pinched harder by the allied blockade. No editorial policy has accomplished the miracle. The Gauntlet has neither fewer nor more claims of victory than the Berliner Tagblatt, or for that matter the Paris Temps or the London Times. It is the business office that has turned the trick, by the simple device of using newspaper made from potatoes.

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Not so very long ago, in some of the Swiss Cantons over eighty per cent of the children attending school had goitre, which is the evidence of extreme iodine deficiency. By the use of iodized salt, and the distribution of iodine tablets and iodized chocolates, the situation has now been completely changed. —Eastern Chronicle.

Germany's "mysterious" perfect substitute for sugar, which Nazis claim will make sugar absolutely unnecessary throughout Germany for the duration" is no mystery to pulp and paper men here, who say it is a wood product. They see no need for such a substitute in Canada, but if there were a need, it is not likely that the new substitute would be the world's best. —Montreal Gazette.

It is good news to friends of the University of Western Ontario that the meteorite which fell recently in Kent County, Ontario, make its permanent home at the institution here. Many institutions and universities, including the University of Michigan, the University of Washington were anxious to secure this rare meteorite. Western is the logical place for it as it fell in this district and it remains the world's largest meteorite. —London Free Press.

In connection with the events in Europe, as the Star has said, it isn't our job to rush over into any other part of town to help the people there defend themselves. It is our job to keep the mad dog that is running wild, it is to keep the mad dog in the block who allowed the dog to get loose to look for him. Still, if the neighbors want to help, it is their business to help themselves, it would seem prudent to sell it to them. Then there would be much less chance of the mad dog's getting down our way later on. —Kansas City Star.

Hitler, at 67 stroke, seems to have gotten himself bottled in the Baltic, blocked in the Balkans and driven from the Black Sea. He has apparently lost the Italian allies and gotten himself in the doghouse with most of the world. There seems no way for him to get out of it in any direction there is nothing or need of certain slaughter, probable stalemate and, in either event, the end of Adolf. Old pickens would probably pay much better than the paw Adolf has sold himself down the river. —Hugh S. Johnson in New York World-Telegram.

The widespread opinion that bird life is negligible in the Rocky Mountains of Canada has no foundation in fact. A field survey in the Banff National Park, Alberta, during the past Summer disclosed the presence of more than 100 species. Of these, some thirty varieties are found in the west and the remainder are found in most parts of Canada. Included are song-birds, game birds, birds of brilliant plumage, a few species of waterfowl and a host of prey. —Canadian Resources Bulletin.

It (the Quebec election) is tragic strategy, Mr. Duplessis might fight it, against the wisdom of the real or imagined error, of any Federal financial measure touching Quebec. But to conceal his real purpose and difficulty by raising the question of Quebec participation in the war and with it to the cry of conscription, thereby fanning the flames of racial misunderstanding, embittering Canadian life and blasting at Canadian unity—that is tragedy. There is but one thing to hope for. It is that Mr. Duplessis, who must know something something about the Quebec temper at this time, and who must know as well how desperately precious a thing is national unity, will yet retreat from his position and can do so honourably. He can have his election; can base it upon decent, reasonable grounds; can fight the Foreign Control Bill; and still be blind to all considerations of unity in Canada, blind to all the desperately tragic and ugly, hateful things that can come of racial disunity, he will drop his dangerous talk about the war, and his fake cry of conscription. —Ottawa Journal.

The death of Dillon Wallace, explorer of the Labrador, recalls that on three of his expeditions early in the century he was given post, and notices of his death published Readers of the "The Lure of the Labrador" and "The Long Labrador Trail" have not

That Body of Hours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

THREE CAUSES OF STOMACH AND INTESTINAL ULCER

In my student days, we used to make up tables of the symptoms of the various diseases of an organ—stomach, heart, kidneys—and tried to remember which of these symptoms were found in each disease. Thus in diseases of the stomach—ulcer, cancer, chronic inflammation—we thought of the pain, presence, absence, and amount of gastric juice, appearance of the face, and other symptoms. Since that time there has come the X-ray, and the gastroscope (which allows the physician to see the lining of the stomach).

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The Poet's Corner

EVACUATION OF CHILDREN

The Pied Piper Calls Again) He even took the little crippled child. This time—whole hospitals of them, so white, And all the shouting, red-checked Behind him, they fled through an unknown door. His name is War. They did not understand. They only sought The gay excitement of a pilgrimage To promised countryside. The Piper wrought Such strange enchantment with his marching song. Will it be long? Will it be long, Dear God, before we hear The bells of childish laughter ring again? The Piper must be paid, but with what fear We listen to his price — "Buy their With Peace."

—Dorothy P. Albaugh, in the New York Sun.

forgot the suffering Dillon and his friend Hubbard experienced, the latter perishing in the grim fastnesses of the country. —Toronto Globe and Mail.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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BUTTER PRICES, ETC.

Sir.—A letter of October 23 signed "Economist" deals in personalities. Butter prices are discussed and profiteering, well, I submit two basic facts for "Economist." 1. The present price of butter, about 28 cents for jobbers has not been caused by the war. No butter has been exported.

Let Economist go on with these facts, and sign his letters "Nuisance" which would likely be as lucid as his real name. I am, Sir, etc., J. WALTER JONES

ASTROLOGY

Sir.—Many of your readers are disappointed at the absence of the daily horoscope, and would welcome its return. The study of astrology is an interesting avenue to a "way of life" and is becoming an exact science.

"Horoscope" of Oct. says, "Astrology, cannot die. In the United States alone, there are more than forty million persons interested in the subject, and the number is growing." Over two thousand years ago, WISE MEN followed the STAR, and in the light of world conditions, intelligent persons need not fear to follow their example. I am Sir, etc., A. CAROLYN BAYFIELD.

Author—THE MOON AND THE STAR.

Exhibit—World's Fair 1939. (The feature references in the present issue. Ed. G.)

PROFITEERS VS. PATRIOTS

Sir.—In my last I asked why the price of butter was jacked up 10c per lb. immediately after war was declared? There was no economic reason for this, beyond the greed of profiteers.

Why has Hon. Mr. Gardiner, federal Minister of Agriculture advised the country not to diversify from cheese making to butter because of the present high price of butter? He gives his reasons with common sense clarity. The British and allied markets are open to buy cheese while in Europe there is no profitable market for Canadian butter which is confronted with the sure prospect of a slump.

And why? The great butter producers of Ireland, Denmark and Scandinavian countries are shut out from enemy countries by the blockade, and examples from neutral countries' by prohibitive navigation risks. They have therefore to depend upon North America for a market for their vast output.

In the United States butter is cheaper than it has been for many years back, in comparison with prices in Canada. At the very time when Canadian profiteers were jumping up prices, anticipating bigger prices from the fields of Europe, prices in the States were declining. I have before me a recent advertisement in the Boston Globe quoting "creamery Butter 28c per lb." retail, against 35c in Charlottetown. I have purchased and eaten this butter (in Malden) and it is equal in quality and flavor to our finest Island product. Yet in recent years their market stood 5c to 8c higher than ours.

Minister Gardiner has the foresight to see this prospect visible in the atmosphere of commerce, and so advises these producers as preferable to slumping butter demand. I think such a conclusion will appeal to the common sense of any logical mind.

We must not overlook the fact that these price jacking exactions are not chargeable to the primary producers. Dairy farmers have not descended to this lower level of feeding upon the nation's distress. They take ungrudgingly the legitimate market price, as they have a right to do. The blood sucking lies from the speculative operators, with their millions of pounds in cold storage, and millions more contracted for, and some further millions expected from primary producers, who must sell to them, from which to reap their ill-gotten gains.

As a panacea for this national outrage upon decency the Federal Government should eliminate duty on imported butter, and give free entry from all British dependencies, at least until the price drops to last year's wholesale level.

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(about 24c) and thus clip the wings of the unscrupulous profiteers. And the "war price food board" should further see it that these prices should be diverted more to the primary producers who will in turn divert it to more patriotic uses in their generous contributions to war finances, for which the Canadian farmers have a praiseworthy distinction. I am, Sir, etc., ECONOMIST.

Changing British Life

(New York Times) Through the perilous darkness of the blackout London theatre-goers groped their way last week to attend the first opening night since the war began. The play was "Music at Night," by J. B. Priestley, staged at the Westminster Theatre in the center of town after the government had relaxed its ban on performances after 6 P. M. few of the first-nighters wore evening dress; all were equipped with gas masks. When they left the sandbagged theatre entrance toward midnight they stumbled along darkened streets.

The incident typified the alterations in normal civilian life that war has imposed on Britain. The nightly blackouts screening city and country from hostile air raiders—whose appearance was expected hourly, especially after Prime Minister Chamberlain's rejection of Hitler's terms for peace—have had far-reaching effects. Social life after dark has stopped. An eerie silence broods over the land. Traffic accidents on unlit streets and many injured, though pedestrians wear white jackets and, like blind men, tap pavements with canes. A train wreck outside London, in which four persons were killed and many injured, was attributed to the blackout.

In the day, too, life has changed. One-fifth of London's houses stand vacant, buildings are sandbagged, parks dug up for shelters, store windows pasted with paper strips as protection against concussion. Rationing of gasoline has curtailed the use of autos, leaving Piccadilly Circus and other busy thoroughfares strangely empty. Family life has been disrupted by the evacuation of millions of women and children from the cities to rural areas. Villagers who have taken in the urban refugees have had their problems. City workers have been separated from their kin. Cockney children from London's slums have been frightened by owls hooting in the countryside, bored by the lack of shops and cinemas, often mischievous. A steady stream of folk has drifted back to the dangerous city districts. Most disturbing has been the dislocation of ordinary educational facilities.

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