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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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No Twin To Roosevelt

Had the crisis over the lack of trained reinforcements not entangled Mr. King the new Liberal party line would be in wide use. This line would have been quite simple: "President Roosevelt was re-elected. Prime Minister King is the Canadian Roosevelt. Re-elect Mr. King."

That line may still be tried if Mr. King weathers the present crisis. It is a promising line, concedes a writer in Notes, except for one important thing: it doesn't fit the Canadian situation. Mr. King is no Roosevelt. His politics, like his friends, are the opposites of those of the President of the United States.

On international affairs Mr. Roosevelt has as his opponents the most isolationist groups in the United States. He has fought them continually, with all the ability and guile he could muster. The isolationists have always been part of Mr. King's backbone of political support and the all-out war people have been his main opponents.

Mr. Roosevelt was the man who insisted on the military service draft, first for the western hemisphere, then after Pearl Harbour, for anywhere in the world. Mr. King, until a very few days ago, opposed the draft and chose as his running mates those who were last-ditchers against the draft for service anywhere.

Mr. King is a definite "no commitment" man. Mr. Roosevelt is not only in favour of commitments but in his Foreign Policy Association speech, made in New York on Oct. 21, plumped for giving the United States delegate to the proposed World Security Council advance authority from Congress to act each time a branch of the peace developed.

Mr. Roosevelt is an internationalist, knowing and working on the principle that an over-emphasis on nationalism is dangerous. Mr. King approaches international affairs sideways, like a crab, with stress and overstatement on sovereignty and title nationalism.

Mr. Roosevelt is fought by some of the most powerful "interest men" in his country. Mr. King has given Hon. C. D. Howe the job of Minister of Reconstruction. It is hard to find a more rock-ribbed "interest" man in Canada than Mr. Howe.

Progressive groups, liberals, have been able to support Mr. Roosevelt, though with some reservations. Mr. King is a Liberal with a capital L only. He is not progressive.

Speaker has notified the Chief Electoral Officer of the vacancies. The prescribed six months are already up in the case of the St. James vacancy, and will be for Weyburn in the course of the next few days.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There are no Island Zombies in the so-called P. E. I. unit at Terrace, B. C.; only a few "foreigners" posing as such.

As Col. Ralston will not offer himself for re-election, it follows that Dr. Cyrus MacMillan will be raised to Cabinet rank, and Hon. Mr. Barbour be in the running for the vacancy in Prince.

Tim Buck, Communist, who was released by the King Government from internment, is out in support of a vote of confidence in the King Government in office until after the war, then start a Communist revolution.

Queen Alexandra born this date, 1844, died Nov. 20, 1925; eldest daughter of King Christian IX of Denmark; married the Prince of Wales, March 10, 1863; became Queen January 22, 1901 when Edward VII succeeded his mother Queen Victoria; inaugurated "Rose Day" which is still observed in her memory.

The British Government last year intimated to our Defence Department that they could utilize the services with the Imperial Army of 2000 infantry officers. When this was announced 673 responded, and are now in service at the war front. But due to their change of postal direction, many of them are failing to receive the parcels which friends are sending them from Canada. Mr. H. H. Hatfield, Victoria-Carleton, drew attention to this in the House this week, and the Postmaster General has undertaken to communicate with the British postal authorities on the matter.

An Oxford University professor, Dr. William Brown, who is adviser to the British Government on the state of Hitler's mind proclaims: "Hitler is finished. It is unlikely that we shall hear him again." He has studied Hitler's voice and mind since the Fuehrer came to power, and told an audience of undergraduates at Christ Church, Oxford, that Hitler is "a mad man with paranoiac-cum-hysterical tendencies, and suffering from acute megalomania, who is prepared to sacrifice millions of Germans to satisfy his insane ambitions." But hasn't he already done so? What we would like to know is—when will he and his kind be stopped?

The importance of genetics, heredity, and advanced business methods in poultry breeding were emphasized by Professor G. T. Klein of Massachusetts State College, Amherst, Mass., at a luncheon of the Quebec Record of Performance Breeders' Association, Montreal, referring to methods used by his institution, he urged poultry men to adopt a record of performance program in order to improve the quality of their stock. "Breeding results are obtained by keeping only the good families and that means selective mating," he said. He claimed the male bird is the predominant factor in successful poultry breeding and suggested that one rooster be provided for every 10 or 12 hens. At Massachusetts State College hens averaged 230 to 240 eggs a year. Vitamins A and D were used extensively to control hatching.

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Notes By The Way

A bridegroom is a bachelor who exchanges good quarters for a better half.—Kitchener Record.

The Nazis are finding, too, with the original cost as the upkeep Chronicle.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Premier Stalin has presented himself as a rival for Churchill in fact and optimistic viewpoint on the war and peace to be made afterward.—(Port Arthur News-Chronicle).

"To ensure success," the Charlottetown News advises, "mix one part inspiration and keep right on stirring." It's better to keep right on going, pal, as all that mixture ensures is h.o.—Ottawa Citizen.

Clear, logical thinking is taught in schools, yet officials of English schools who have included the game in their curriculum. And, of course, if vaudeville ever comes back apt students always get windings in living statutory acts.—(Windsor Star).

In the overcrowded United States capital "the Washington foot" is developing. This, says a radio newsman, is the result of standing in long queues to receive envelopes, and in other long queues in an effort to spend their contents.—Toronto Globe and Mail.

If we make peace with them (the Junkers) and recognize their authority, we shall help them make Germany, which has twice been a generation submerged in the world in blood. We have beaten Hitler. Let us beware of the German general staff.—Leslie Horne-Belsina.

Until rural people assembled locally in community groups give voice to their views and opinions no farm organization with headquarters in Ottawa can speak for the farmers of Canada. The roots of any farm organization must be in the soil—not in brick or in pavement.—(Farmer's Advocate).

A Boston barber has warned customers he will not give a haircut if they do not tip. This should add to the excitement of the customer of that moment when he is asked for a shave would go well enough with a half-victory over the Axis, with a tip of the hat to the barber.—(Stratford Beacon-Herald).

There is a general complaint, here in Canada, that the U.S.A. here in Canada is not as well as well, that it is easier to get clothing for grown-ups than for children. The complaint is that the controls have been slipping. There ought to be no room for the suspicion that children's clothes are being made to supply more profit in making something else.—(Vancouver Province).

Cigarette black market manipulators in Paris are to be court-martialed. Activities of these criminals are being snipped for disappearance of cigarettes sent from Canada and other lands to those who have been hoarding them. The controls have been slipping. There ought to be no room for the suspicion that children's clothes are being made to supply more profit in making something else.—(Vancouver Province).

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Transparent musical instruments made from perspex, which is now used for the manufacture of bullet-proof glass, are being made in the shops after the war. The London Daily Mail says that a good "muted" tone has also been developed. This is a good thing. Clarinets may well follow. Artificial eyes and other surgical requirements, as well as dairy equipment, will also be produced from perspex when perspex in short supply are complete.—(Vancouver Province).

Speculation as to the whereabouts and fate of the V-2's sent so high they never came down. People who allegedly have made "expert" statements as to their whereabouts are quoted as saying they probably have gone insane. Others who have made statements presumably no less "expert" are quoted as saying they probably have gone insane. Others who have made statements presumably no less "expert" are quoted as saying they probably have gone insane.

And now it is personnel. Fellow-Americans, please step forward for it is the new word that is sweeping the country, or at least the official bulletins from Washington and from the front, and in their wake dutifully come our newspaper columns. It now appears that our landing on the Leyte beaches was attended by very light casualties in machines and personnel, but the British landing on the Wabunan involved tragically heavy losses in machines and personnel. Only it is not Allied personnel which is fighting and dying for the defense of freedom. The fighting and the dying are being done by men.—(New York Times).

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"Life At Home"

H. V. MORTON
(Broadcast in the BBC overseas short wave service)

I live in the country about forty-five miles from London. I go up to town about once or twice on business, and it occurs to me that perhaps you may wonder what you would be like could you find yourself in a train in England today bound for Waterloo or Paddington. Well, I'll tell you.

My train is the 9.1, a train that has run to time with remarkably few lapses, right through the blitz during the more recent railway wars. When you get into the train, you find it is a train that has run to time with remarkably few lapses, right through the blitz during the more recent railway wars. When you get into the train, you find it is a train that has run to time with remarkably few lapses, right through the blitz during the more recent railway wars.

The train is crowded with business folk who go up and down to London every day, with soldiers and girls in uniform, and a good sprinkling of casual visitors to town. The only person missing is the woman who goes to run up to London from the country to do her shopping and go to a matinee. She is not in the train, and anyone who has not been to London recently would at once notice that the names of these stations are not now bawled out in a kind of masculine shorthand but are clearly enunciated in shrill feminine falsetto. There was at first something rather comical about this, but we have now become used to the woman purter.

The train pulls in, shall we say, to Waterloo. The station you notice is not the Waterloo of old days, but a new one, built of glass from its roof. It is also more crowded than it was in peace days. The taxis are not to be picked up haphazardly as they used to be; you have to stand in a queue and take your turn, so that most people find it quicker to purchase a underground. Here there is a terrific crowd that never seems to lessen throughout the day.

You see a fair accurate staircase into Piccadilly. If you are expecting a scene of devastation you will be grossly surprised. Piccadilly, a part from a few bad gaps which one doesn't notice now, is hardly any different from the old days. The cars are almost as crowded as ever, but there is much less traffic. For the first time in the old days, military trucks are driven by men. The conductors are women, very neat and with as many as fifty-two pupils enrolled. I think I have a right to voice my opinion. "Former Pupil" glances at a teacher sacrifices forty-eight out of fifty of her pupils for those who are ambitious ones who wish to enter Prince of Wales College. In my experience, all grades and pupils were treated alike and those in Grades IX and X remained in the evenings after school hours to receive their extra training, and to present their difficult problems. This was for the benefit of the pupils and not for the "grand showing" of the teacher's ability that the pupil speaks of. The teacher may have the ability but if her pupils have not enough grey matter or ambition to study and pass their tests, why blame the teacher?

"Former Pupil" also states that those wishing to enter Prince of Wales College are the ambitious ones. They may wish to enter High School but are they always ambitious enough to carry out their wish? In the different schools in which I had been teaching, I always found the little ones from Grades I to IV the most ambitious. While each of them was striving to get his or her work finished, to get new work, and to come out on top, the pupils in Grades IX and X were acquiring the dress or fair-do of another pupil and discussing it with the slily with their classmates. As for falling in one subject in Entrance, I do not think that she was bettered from Prince of Wales College, being proficient in all other subjects. I know a pupil who failed in two subjects, went to college, passed these two tests afterwards, and is now a successful teacher. I think if "Former Pupil" were really ambitious enough, she could have done the same.

"Former Pupil's" only reason for taking away mathematics is that she failed in the test. We who are teachers, present and former, wrote this test and were successful. Why should it be taken from the curriculum simply because "Former Pupil" was not capable of making the required mark? I am, Sir, etc.

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REPLY TO "A FORMER PUPIL"
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Figures Designed To Confuse

(Windsor Star)

Whenever a man with a weak case can find some statistics bearing on the troublesome situation, his wits are at an end. If he knows anything about the clever use of figures, it is not much of a job to work up an imposing defence. That is exactly what has happened in respect to the recurring situation in Canada.

Hon. A.G.L. McNaughton has produced a voluminous statistical report on the drafting of men under the National Resources Mobilization Act, and their disposition either through volunteering for active service, transfer to other services or discharge. There can be no suspicion that the figures are not correct. But running through the whole breakdown there is the most obvious attempt to confuse the public and to convey false impressions.

What has actually happened is that, on the eve of a session of Parliament, which will find the Government defending its stand in the midst of the worst crisis it has faced, there has been a desperate attempt to mislead the public. Figures that can be built up into the semblance of a good case, whether or not they are correct, are given. McNaughton, as leader of the Opposition, appears as the official sponsor of the report, and he will be made the chief spokesman when a clear-sighted Opposition sees through the subterfuge.

The way the statistics have been handled is familiar to those accustomed to this sort of thing. It consists mainly of drawing special attention to features that can bolster the Government's case, and away from the damaging picture which is made for instance, of the fact that, from June to October, the number of men volunteering from the draft, after army actuary exceeded the total called up.

Given is taken, of course, not to mention that this report in volunteering was entirely due to the enthusiasm created by the invasion of France on June 6. The figures given are on called up and 7,776 enlisted for active service. The suggestion obviously is that this is a fair picture of the situation, which, of course, it is not. A close examination of the figures shows that outside the usual period draft, 2,125 men volunteered out of 8,800 drafted. Casual mention is made of the fact that the proportion of volunteers dropped in October, though actual statistics are pointedly omitted.

Then there is the matter of comparison between Quebec and the rest of the Dominion. A table is presented showing the proportion of training. This shows that there are 12,100 who speak French and 17,800 who speak only English. A hasty glance at these figures suggests that French-Canadians are, and that, of course, is meant to refer to Quebec draftees—bear a special relationship to those from other provinces.

The figures given, however, refer to men now on the strength. They do not show the total number of proportion applies to call-up, and enlistments. They simply prove that this large number of Quebec draftees still remains in that classification.

The same is true of figures presented to show the call-up of the Quebec district. The total of 22,800, as against 15,000 for those in Ontario. Once again the totals apply to those who are still draftees.

It is possible to go on and on, and producing other instances, if not of deliberate misrepresentation, at least of the deliberate creation of a false picture. These examples, however, are sufficient to show how this pretence of frankness is actually being used to conceal and confuse the issue.

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