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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1946

More Alibis

There is little consolation to be taken from the assurance that Transport Minister Chevrier has our new ferry project "keenly at heart."

At that time, according to Senator McIntyre, the keel was laid; the steel plates were coming in by freight car "away ahead of time"; the Diesel engines were being built; the service boilers were being put together; the huge electric generators were being assembled, and all the different sections of equipment were being built in different factories.

It became evident however, that serious hitches had developed. Not only was the equipment unavailable which allegedly had been given top priority, but the plans themselves had to be changed after work had started, in order to provide sufficient accommodation for truck transportation.

Milk Prices

A further increase in milk prices to consumers is due October 1. The amount will depend on the final decision of the Government on a future subsidy program in relation to wage rates and the attempt to keep food costs under control.

Part of the milk subsidies was in the form of a two-cent consumer subsidy, discontinued some months ago when milk advanced by that amount.

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three cents might be demanded by producers in Ontario and Quebec. Retail milk distributors fear that a three-cent increase October 1, coming on top of the two-cent increase a few months ago, might have disastrous effects on the milk consuming habits of many Canadians.

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From the pen of Mr. St. John Ervine, famous Irish playwright and essayist, comes a new suggestion in favor of American-British friendship.

The United States, he says, always should like England because men from Northern Ireland—perhaps the most stubbornly patriotic part of the Empire—have taken so notable a role in America's development.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Canada was discovered this date 1508.

Veterans Week—be prepared to lend a helping hand.

Hope springs eternal in the Government's breast that the Opposition will let up in their discussions, and permit Parliament to rise this week.

Trouble almost everywhere these days, a sign of loosening of authority and the relax of discipline. The world must return to a respect for law and order, or the secret of the atomic bomb will be released—then chaos.

Monday will be one of the great and memorable days of the Province, when the hero of World War II, Field Marshal Lord Montgomery visits us. Lord Haig, last war's victorious Field Marshal, never reached our shores.

Put not your trust in Cabinet Minister is sound advice these days. After all the promises that have been made about the new car ferry, the Transport Minister now "presumes" a contract would be signed for the building of the docks necessary for the new steamer to get along side!

Agriculture Minister Gardiner reports that exports of beef to Britain have increased "greatly" since meat rationing was reintroduced a year ago.

How fashions fade out and revive unexpectedly. In the old days the English peasantry all wore smocks overhanging their pants, only gentlemen wearing blouses. Now gentlemen here wear smocks because they've got no shirts, and the peasantry no longer exists, rather never did, so far as Scotsmen were concerned.

Civil servants must live in hope for another year of getting increased salaries. Recommendations to Parliament arising from the report of the Gordon Royal Commission on salaries and working conditions likely will be deferred until the next session, State Secretary Martin said that due to pressure of other business the report has not yet been discussed by the cabinet.

Outsiders see most of the game, but do not experience most of the troubles of our transportation problem. We are dependent upon the honour and good faith of a Government which is evidently without either of these attributes, and treats us merely as though we were ill-begotten off-spring, better kept in the background out of sight, if not out of mind. What can we do with such a government but help to turn it out, lock, stock and barrel at the first opportunity?

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Is this a fast, to keep The harder lean And clean? No, 'tis a fast to dole Thy sheaf of wheat And meat Unto the hungry soul. It is to fast from strife, From old debate And hate; To circumsise thy life To show a heart grief-rent To starve thy sin, Not bin; And that's to keep thy Lent.

Notes By The Way

With all these notices of higher cigar prices, has anyone thought of the increased cost of having babies?—Ottawa Citizen.

Many men think it is their work which is burdensome, when it is the chin on their shoulder which is holding them down.—Klwanis Magazine.

Soviet spy links have been ordered to leave Canada Canadians who acted that way in Russia would go into the category of "missing links."—Toronto Telegram.

What with the human life-span increasing steadily the time may eventually come when a person may live long enough to reach the age of discretion.—Kitchener Record.

A writer on economics says only half a dozen men in the world understand money. We begin looking tomorrow for one who can furnish butter.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Eire is said to be desirous of joining the United Nations. Every club has had experience with an applicant who waits until all the assessments have been levied and then asks to be taken in.—Windsor Star.

The first edition of the printed English Bible known as Coverdale's Version was published in London in 1535. It was sold to Mr. Maggs, and the Great "HE" sign to Mr. Robinson. Price 10s. 6d. each. 10,000 copies.—London Daily Mail.

Those people who hanker to enjoy themselves on water should acquaint themselves with the simple rules for water safety, and while various safety promotion agencies continually issue warnings about the dangers that inexperienced boaters face, it is people who continue to lose their lives through drowning.—Elmwood (Man.) Herald.

Though polio remains in some respects a mysterious disease there is widespread confidence that all its secrets will be revealed by science before long. Methods of treatment have been evolved, crippling cases reduced and epidemics averted. It is recognized that extreme fatigue and chilling should be avoided, sanitation watched and the patient kept in a warm, moist, and restful environment.—Minneapolis Star.

A magistrate in the State of New Jersey has just established a method of dealing with careless drivers by the "incurious" Sun. Two youths convicted of careless driving were disciplined in a way which seems to combine both punishment and education. For the next six months the lads must turn in their drivers licenses each Friday but they may get them back on Monday. On their week-end excursions they must go about.

A Galt report says a farmer reported to the police that he got in a card game with two strangers in a hotel three on Saturday and Sunday. The two strangers, who were dressed in civilian clothes, were seen to play cards with strangers and let them get away with a wide margin. The farmer, who was with \$1,200 in his pocket, judging by the hard luck tales which were told, was not a simpleton. They just don't make that kind of money. Anyway, this man appears to have had better luck farming than in the card game.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

For years British Post Office engineers have carried on a war against the moth, the grub of which attacks the wool braiding on 1,000 spindles. The pest has been a constant menace, but changes in some respects their task has been a more difficult one than that of the housewife. The pest is now a more serious menace in the distribution frames are not easy to get at. Routine treatment with anti-moth chemicals, "Moth Proof" appears on all orders for new braided wire.—London Exc.

An outside racing saddle weighing 28 pounds was carried to victory by Australia's crack galloper, Berabroun, in the 2000 yard Donceun Cup run at Brisbane, Queensland, early this month. The champion to make up the difference between his jockey's weight of 107 pounds and the 151 pounds of the horse was the 10th successive win. Berabroun has now the enviable record of having won 21 races out of 28 starts. The horse, which is now said that the big saddle was to equalize the weight more evenly than could be done by the head bags usually carried. Most Australian saddles weigh seven pounds, some as little as two pounds.—Australian Sports News.

I noticed a considerable number of women shoppers signing a petition in Piccadilly, Manchester. I questioned 15 of them. Six of the women were of the opinion that they had not signed it; the decision of Manchester Corp. to increase bus fares four had not the slightest idea what they had signed, but "they" seemed to be doing it "two together" thought the petition was for the reprieve of a condemned murderer, one had mistaken the sign for the "Road" and the last one was the wife of a coal merchant who did not wish to lose his lorry. In fact the petition was protesting nationalization of road haulage.—Letter to Manchester Guardian.

It is impossible for Canadians and Americans to look with equanimity upon the rationing of bread in Britain, an austerity measure not taken during the war. On this continent there is an abundance of bread. Human consumption has hardly been curtailed by voluntary actions. Grain is still being fed to livestock, used for making beer, beverage alcohol and being converted into rich pastries. Britain which for so long bore the brunt of hardship in the war is now undergoing further hardship. Britain's action in voluntarily reducing its bread consumption in order that others may share the meagre food supply is an example of practical co-operation, of sacrifice for the common good, which stands out strikingly in a world shackled by suspicion, Canadians and Ameri-

PUBLIC FORUM

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PREDICTION OF AURORAS

Sir,—It is very frequently asserted that auroras are magnetic storms caused by sunspots. This Carrington myth will be 37 years old on September 1st. Overwhelming proof of its falsity is the fact that large sunspots often combine without magnetic storms, and vice versa. Official scientists are unable to predict the dates of arrival of sunspots at all, and they rely on the ancient myth to predict magnetic storms (after sunspots have arrived) and the storms themselves, situated at approximately both these events, and can predict them independently long in advance.

Some types of auroras can also be predicted, and the following forecasts are for those which develop Bands from east to west at right angles to the magnetic pole, sometimes having a ring of light at the zenith with streamers radiating in various directions. These are due over widespread areas on the Arctic region, and will be caused by dynamic ether action in connection with the groups of planets Mercury and Venus will be on duty at angles of about 58 degrees.

On August 28 Jupiter, Uranus, Mercury and Venus will be on duty at angles of about 62 degrees.

On August 29 Jupiter, Uranus, Mercury and Venus will be on duty at angles of about 67 degrees.

On September 1 the 87th birthday of the Carrington Myth will be celebrated by Mars, Saturn and Mercury at angles of 67 degrees, producing another type of aurora, and these planets will not take part in these main feature demonstrations, but other combinations will contribute to the stimulating assistance. I will appreciate reports from observers giving precise times and details of auroras, and those that they may see, if they will kindly send them to me at 2347 Wallace Crescent, Vancouver, B. C.

I am, Sir, etc. E. C. THURPP, M.E.I.C.

THE GEORGETOWN FERRY

Sir,—May I be allowed space to bring to the attention of the Government regarding the ferry service which is supposed to be in operation between Lower Montserrat and the mainland?

The Government apparently view this matter with an indifference which is the result of the administration, yet it is the public service most vital to the interests of the people of the many communities which it serves.

In 1942 Hon. Mr. MacIntyre, who was then Minister of Public Works, became the sole guardian of the Government was to discontinue the ferries both at Lower Montserrat as well as at the Lower Montserrat Garage to Georgetown and from launching place to Cardigan were put in operation.

The faked reason offered at that time for this contemplated backwater was the necessity of the administration, yet it is the public service most vital to the interests of the people of the many communities which it serves.

Mr. MacIntyre, however, soon afterwards found a berth in the home for aged politicians and Mr. MacIntyre became the sole guardian of the "destroy the ferries movement". How successful he has been in this role is very evident to the many who try to cross from Georgetown to Lower Montserrat for the past year or more.

Up to the present the Lower Montserrat and Georgetown sides have been allowed to fall into a state of disrepair, which the Department has seen fit to ignore. The signs which warn those using the ferries are only permitted their own risk. On the Lower Montserrat side the sand has so filled in the dock that it is now used as a parking place for cars.

So far electrically-driven cars have only been used as small delivery vehicles because the weight of the accumulators only permits low speeds. It has now been made known that one of Britain's leading motor manufacturers, working with an electrical engineering firm, has been carrying out secret experiments with an electric car and that these experiments have been crowned with success. The new car is capable of 80 miles per hour. Up to the present the weight of the batteries has been the main handicap in the development of electric cars. After years of research work it has now been found possible to use magnesium which is much lighter.—Fort William Times-Journal.

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wading pool by the pre-school age children of the nearby communities and that statement is no exaggeration. For many months the ferry could make but two or three trips daily so that if you went over by car in the morning you were obliged to remain on that side until late that evening.

Some eight weeks ago it was decided to send the ferry boat to Pictou for its annual overhauling, which always includes the copper painting of those parts submerged in water. Since her return a month or so ago it has been decided that the ferry should be overhauled in the morning and sent back to the dock at Newport. It took slightly over three months to do a job which should have been completed in 30 days.

The new car ferry for the Borden-Tormentine run will likely be ready for service by the fall of 1947. You can get odds of two to one that the new Borden ferry will be in operation before the Georgetown ferry will be in a position to serve the public.

On the whole, the silent William and talkative George might arise from their tombs and put their feeble efforts together in an endeavor to have some real action in this matter which is so vital to the farmers of these districts.

Those ferries will remain. The clergy and the people of Sturgeon, Georgetown, St. Georges, Cardigan, and other interested communities say "they will". The farmers of those districts who now through neglect and indifference of Messrs. Hughes and Saville must travel thousands of extra miles in the marketing of their produce and in obtaining their fertilizer say "they will". And these representatives had also better stop their whining or forever face the prospect of a more energetic and progressive citizens.

I am, Sir, etc. INTERESTED VOTER.

THE WHISPER OF DEATH

Sir,—It is amusing (if it were not so pathetic) for those who can read between the lines, to learn that the Prime Minister, in his largeness of heart, in the magnanimity of his soul has pardoned the thousands of writers, draft dodgers and deserters for their past acts of cowardice.

How is the mother who sits gazing with tear-dimmed eye, at the picture of her boy who didn't come back going to accept this act of Mr. King's generosity? This piece of distorted justice? How is the war veteran, who sees "the pardoned ones" strutting around in the sun or smirking behind their hands as they boast, they would not go, they let the other fellow

Their toughened tendons cooked, they lose For peril, in the dark they lose, Upon the hunt, are very close.

They ball their bodies to the face Of earth into the smallest space To shield from hurts in every case.

In the blackout of wood and sky, These little groundlings, wakaful, lie.

Their lives held 'round an ear and eye, In the uneasy stillness they, A long, long time, an endless stay, Keep vigil and wait for the day,

In Singing Quill.

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When the people of Canada wanted conscription, why did we not have the old our leaders of old Sir Wilfrid Laurier or Sir John Macdonald have been guilty of such favoritism? No, a thousand times No. They were men to whom duty and honor came first and selfish motives last. They were true patriots, not spineless, selfish jelly-fish.

How are the rank and file taking this last act of benevolence? As one who comes in contact with those of various classes and creeds, the writer finds little groups talking in whispers accompanied by ominous shaking of heads. Is this the whisper of death?

Is this a sample of our democracy for the wave to suffer and die while the coward and the shirker who sink to the woods or hide behind some friendly skirts, have a premium put on their actions by being freely pardoned? If so, then, we should hold down our heads in shame.

I am, Sir, etc. TRAVELLER

The Poet's Corner

FOREST AT MIDNIGHT

Fear quickens pulses in the night, The timorous forest folk sleep light Upon their feet, set to take flight.

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