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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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Then And Now

The Financial Post recalls that twenty-three years ago, when Canada was at war, an industrial relations student by the name of W. L. Mackenzie King had some strong things to say on the subject of strikes.

Mr. King's volume was an argument for conciliation as a preventative of labor troubles. Like most theoretical books, it fell short of telling what should be done in those particular cases where the theory failed to work.

Mr. King approvingly quoted in his book the wartime message of the President of the United States asking that "there shall be no discontinuance of industrial operations which would result in curtailment of the production of war necessities."

Today, says the Financial Post, the production of war necessities in Canada is being curtailed by strikes. The respectable labor leaders of Canada have voiced their disapproval.

But the government headed by the man who wrote the words quoted above is not standing behind the respectable labor leaders. It is appeasing the agitators who are trying to sabotage our war effort.

"Part of the answer," says the Post, "lies in the incredible weakness of the Minister of Labour. But the responsibility to end the present intolerable danger, to get Canadian factories into full war production against Hitlerism, is upon the Prime Minister. He is our great theoretical authority on labour problems. He is the head of the government. He has not said a word in this war about the mischief of war strikes or rebellious labour tyrants, half as strong as he said in the last war when he had no authority, no responsibility to act."

The Rocky Point Ferry

The Rocky Point ferry goes on a new schedule at the end of this month, and there is considerable dissatisfaction with the proposed change. At present the ferry makes two late crossings, one from Charlottetown at 6 p. m. and from Rocky Point at 6.30, and another leaving Charlottetown at 8.30 p. m., and Rocky Point on return at 9 o'clock.

In addition to Rocky Point residents and local citizens who will be inconvenienced by the new schedule, there are many soldiers and air force men who take advantage of this service, and whose outings will have to be curtailed in order to catch the last boat from the other side at 5 o'clock.

It has been suggested that if the September schedule cannot be continued next month, at least the 6 o'clock trip from Charlottetown, leaving Rocky Point on return at 6.30, should be maintained. The aim should be to provide such service as is required, and the requirement in this case is not unreasonable.

"Nothing Much"

"Pepsy" of the Ottawa Citizen in his story of Sunday, September 14th, has this to say:—"So home past noon and my wife asked me what news there was, and I said, 'Nothing much,' and then fell to musing on the crassness of such a reply, for there was 'nothing much' save that seven million men were engaged in the greatest battle of all time in Russia, the outcome of which will decide the pattern of the future; 'nothing much' save that millions of others suffer under the yoke of conquest and seethe with hatred for their would-be masters, 'nothing much' save that thousands rot in concentration camps, while other thousands man ships and guns and airplanes and hold the enemy at bay, the while I do go home on a pleasant Sunday afternoon and say the news is 'nothing much.'"

"A Point There"

Under the above heading the Winnipeg Free Press, (Liberal), concedes that it might have been better if the speakers over the national

hook-up in the Reconsecration Week series had not been all members of the Government, but had included leaders of the other political parties. That this was not done may have been due to inadvertence on the Government's part, or to the fact that Mr. Hanson was on his way to England.

But Reconsecration Week, says the Free Press, was a good time to show complete absence of party considerations and unity of all parties behind the vigorous prosecution of the war. Senator Meighen or Mr. M. A. Macpherson of Regina could have spoken for the Conservative Party, and Mr. M. J. Coldwell for the C. C. F.

The Winnipeg paper concludes: "While we adhere to the party system, the Government and the opposition groups have their legitimate parts to play. But the elimination of party feeling and activities is absolutely necessary if we are to make a maximum war effort. The Government, with its great majority in the Commons, is in a strong position, and the better the example it sets in avoiding politics or any appearance of politics, the better the prospect for the other groups doing the same. In this grave crisis, a little generosity in all the groups would make it easier to maintain the unity of purpose which is so essential."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Change of time in Charlottetown goes into effect tomorrow, Sunday; all church services will be on standard time.

The following adv. recently appeared—evidently for a superman: "Wanted—Single man to help milk and drive truck."

With the induction of Rev. T. H. Bussell Somers at St. James Church Thursday evening all the City Churches but one are in a position to go forward fully equipped for their Fall and Winter's work. With the same could be said of the country churches.

Should the coal strike continue householders will have to pay \$15 per ton for Philadelphia coal by rail. Meantime coal is being rationed, firms in the habit of buying by the car-load through local dealers being restricted to one ton at a time. It is not so long ago since we could import our slack coal from Pictou by schooner, and have it delivered at \$1.75 per ton.

Lord Stamp is to be succeeded by Mr. J. M. Hynes as director of the Bank of England, while Mr. Montague Norman will continue as governor, notwithstanding he has passed the limit age of seventy. In a message to the general court of the Bank, Mr. Norman quoted the rule that no member of the bank directorate seek re-election after reaching the age of 70 "unless otherwise requested," adding he had been requested to announce that no change in the governorship had been recommended.

Horatio, Viscount Nelson, born this date 1758; was a delicate, ailing child when he entered the Navy under his uncle Captain Suckling of H. M. S. Reasonable; rose quickly in the service. By disobedience of orders Nelson won for Sir John Jarvis brilliant victory off St. Vincent against Spain; in the battle of the Nile destroyed the entire French fleet sailing to invade Egypt; dealt heavy blow to Napoleon's plans by great victory of Copenhagen. Urged by Nelson the French admiral in the West Indies ventured to put to sea and the battle of Trafalgar followed. Nelson was shot through the lungs and spine; his last words were: "Thank God, I have done my duty." He remains the greatest British naval hero; displayed boldness and conception, impregnable determination, and the intuition of genius; the leading principles of his tactics are traditional in the British Navy.

Segregation of bright and dull children in New York schools is to be discontinued after five years experience. The Teachers College so recommended. "The education of slow learners cannot properly be delegated to special classes or special schools except as a last resort," said the report. "The type of education such pupils need is qualitatively the same as that needed by all the other pupils in the city. The organization of special schools and classes tends inevitably to emphasize spurious differences rather than genuine similarities. The report notes that gifted children often become conceited and self-centered when placed in heterogeneous groups, but have some of this conceit removed when grouped together with those of like capacity. Gifted children, the report adds have a definite contribution to make to society; they must not be overlooked or lost and their ability must not be allowed to go undeveloped. However, the program recommended for intellectually gifted children is not one of acceleration, but an enrichment program built around special projects. Stressing that academic learning is not enough, the report warns that supervisors and teachers should always have in mind the social development of the children and their ability to get along with one another.

Here is heartening news in more ways than one. Peter G. Lehman, 24, pilot-son of Gov. Herbert Lehman of New York has volunteered and been accepted, for service in the Royal Canadian Air Force. Governor Lehman issued this statement from his Park Avenue home: "I am proud that my son Peter has volunteered for service in the Canadian Air Force. Peter holds a pilot's licence for which he trained upon his own initiative with a view to serving in the United States air force. He has for many months tried to enroll as an aviation cadet in either the United States army or navy air service. The rule prohibiting the enrollment of married men as aviation cadets in the United States air service has prevented him from doing so. He has now volunteered in the Canadian Air Force with the full approval of his wife and his parents. I hope that he will be able to render good service."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Mayor La Guardia of New York City, in his capacity as American chairman of the Joint United States-Canadian Defence Board, met with the board at Montreal, and immediately afterward was closeted with President Roosevelt. While little was revealed as to the discussion, it concerned measures for the joint defense of the Pacific Northwest. The President, revealed La Guardia, favors an immediate real survey of proposed routes, to be followed by early beginning of actual work on the road to Alaska. This land link between Washington state and Alaska has been often proposed, and preliminary surveys have been made. Surely the urgency of the Pacific situation suggests that a time has come to set the dirt flying. — Calgary Albertan.

It is whispered in well-informed naval company that, before she was sunk, the Bismarck's crew refused to work their guns. This was after she had been wounded by an aerial torpedo and when the Rodney and George V have within range. The report is that the officers forced the mutineers back to the action stations, but that discipline was broken. Coming on top of the Graf Spee episode, where the German crew also mutinied, this is really significant. The German Navy's discipline ranks highest of all the German fighting forces. Yet it seems that it is, at any rate in two notable instances, not equal to a real desperate emergency. It was a mutiny by U-boat crews who were being constantly ordered back to an ultimate certain death, that started the German debacle of 1918. Is history going to repeat itself now? — Ottawa Journal.

The benefits conferred upon the people of the U. S. A. were once more shown in a deal in finance carried out by the state of New Hampshire recently. It had occasion to raise a loan of considerable proportions and the money was secured in a serialized, comparative short term loan, at a rate of 6 1/2 per cent or 7-8 of 1 per cent. This represents approximately the real cost of issuing credit and is quite a contrast to the four per cent paid on loans by our province, all too often. This is not the fault of the province, nor was it altogether the astuteness of New Hampshire politicians that they were able to secure the advantage. In both countries the federal government holds control over the financial policies of the nation. We have advocated, loudly and long, that the federal government should resume its sovereign control over all money, including credit. Quotations could be made to show that the principle was agreed to by many of our leading statesmen. It is in the application of this principle to the control of credit that our country lags. — Fundy Fisherman.

Action against headmasters of public schools in respect of accidents sustained by their pupils are always regrettable, except in the singularly rare cases where there has been flagrant negligence. The court of appeal last week, by the unanimous findings of its three judges, gave a decision which should do a good deal to discourage such litigation. The case was unusual. On a Sunday afternoon— which is holiday—some twenty boys from a well known school in a Midland County had volunteered to help a farmer by weeding and hoeing. Ragging developed, and one boy threw a stone, which hit but a third in the eye, injuring it so severely that Mr. Justice Cossels awarded the boy and his father over £200 against the headmaster on the ground of the latter's negligence. In reversing this judgment the Court of Appeal gave a decisive and important ruling — the limits of a headmaster's liability. He clearly cannot be responsible for every act of every boy through every hour of the day. — London Spectator.

There exist in the United States, at the latest count, more than 9,000,000 vehicles which are equipped with air-inflated tires, steering apparatus, transmission systems and brakes, but require no gasoline. At this moment of American history, when the unfortunate gas-consuming habit of the automobile arouses difficulty in the East, attention turns to the humble bicycle. Consider its recreational advantages — for it is only on the recreational use of the motor car that Oil Commissioner Ickes now looks to put the brakes. The bicycle is more open to the air than the most luxurious convertible. Banked to a sharp curve, it mimics the graceful all-terrain-guided turn of an airplane. Coasting down a long hill it brings to earth the unharmed thrill of a glider. The motor must be put in on the uphill grind, to be sure, but it is the kind of work that build leg muscle and hardens the flabby abdomen. On the basis of these inherent merits the bicycle had come into a recreational renaissance long before any raising of motor fuel was thought of. Spurred by the shortage of petroleum products to burn, many more of our joyriders should rediscover this old-fashioned way of scorching the roads. — New York Times.

As far back as the oldest stomach in a desert squadron of the R.A.F. could remember, it had had nothing in the way of food that had not come from a tin. But, close at hand, the blue Mediterranean lapped the sands of the North African coast. With a sudden flash of insight, one or two of the most astute minds grasped the fact that this blue water, Mr. Solmi's very own Mare Nostrum, could solve the problem of gas-tronomic monotony. They got the lines made, hooked up the fish for bait and fished assiduously with watering teeth, for hours on end. The fish sniffed at the bait, sneered, and swam off. It was, therefore, something tough on the fish that an S.A.F.V.R. Officer, a one-

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR
"The oracles, therefore, of the conquered peoples will be hard. We must give them hope. We must give them the conviction that their sufferings and their resistance will not be in vain. The lunell may be dark and long, but at the end there is light. — Winston Churchill.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

CANADIAN JEWELS SPITFIRE FUND

Sir,—The Central Committee of the Canadian Jewels Spitfire Fund were gratified this week to receive the sum of two hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixteen cents from a group of Charlottetown people. Much credit is due Miss Margaret Home, the "key" member, and her efficient committee. We are informed that these patriotic friends of the fund raised this sum by means of teas, dances, picnics, bridge parties and donations. May I say that this fine effort shows very clearly where the people of Charlottetown stand with regard to determination to "win the war." The committee would be pleased indeed to hear of continued support also of any other groups in Prince Edward Island who wish to follow the example of the Charlottetown folks. Their help will be greatly appreciated. If you will be able to include this letter of thanks in your columns. We feel this is our very best way of expressing our thanks to all supporters in Charlottetown. I am, Sir, etc., (MRS.) PEAKLE DIXON, Chairman of the Canadian Jewels Spitfire Fund, Sussex, N. B. Sept. 26, 1941.

SOIL NUTRITION

Sir,—I read with a great deal of interest the paper published in your issue of Saturday, September 20th, by Mr. F. C. R. Douglas, M.A., M.P. on "Economic Aspects of Soil Fertility and Nutrition." The discussion that followed the reading of the paper before the Royal Society of Arts in London England, brought out many important facts and opinions regarding the building or maintaining of soil fertility, which is so important in both the Old Country and here. I heartily agree that there is an appalling loss of valuable soil nu-

The Poet's Corner

THE BAY
This azure plain is filling with a tide
Serenely mute from the sun-gilded sea.
On the sand ridge I stand and watch
Of ripples past its shadow. Gracefully
The dolphins play below me, astance-husned,
Letting the current course along
And saucily veer, by wind and roller rused,
Marking the prime with swiftly fading tracks.
Nothing impresses this great bay
Can carve it, and no whim of man
To chain it in the patterns of the dust;
Nothing can mar its blue beauty
And as I view the tide's titanic flow,
My cares, with all the dolphins, dip and go.
—Douglas V. Kane in the New York Times.

time Kenya gold miner, was working nearby blasting trenches out of the rock with H. "Fish" had said, "I'll get you some fish. Next day he was seen walking down to the beach with a number of beer bottles in his hand and a posse of stout swimmers at his heels. The bottles contained H.E. and fuses. Shortly afterwards there was a dull rumble, the sea heaved slightly, the swimmers plunged in and returned with shoals of stunned fish in their arms. There was fresh fish for everybody that night. The toast in the Mess was: "To the greatest fisherman the R.A.F. has ever known!" — London Calling.

Mr. Emil Schram, the new president of the New York Stock Exchange, starts his work when the securities business is at a very low ebb. The volume of transactions has been shrinking steadily in the last few years and in the first six months of 1941 was the smallest since 1915. In 1929 the brokers did as much business in 10 days as they did in 1938 in the last six months. He admits he is not familiar with all the intricacies of the brokerage business, but the brokers have some faith and plenty of hope that he will administer the affairs of the exchange so as to revive the business to something like its old prosperity. Whether that can be done is a question, as aside from all the new laws and rules that tend to restrict trading in the old style, the high taxes on stock market profits are the most effective curb on the big speculators who made the bull markets of former years. — Boston Post.

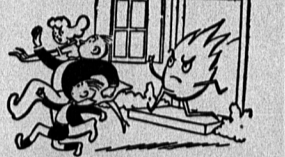
trients in the present methods of sewage disposal of most cities. The paper and the discussion bring out very clearly that this cannot go on indefinitely without causing the eventual depletion of farm lands. It is also shown that where lands are so depleted of certain essentials, the food products produced on these lands are also deficient in essential constituents necessary to the health of animals and man. The dangers of specialized farming is pointed out and the advantages of mixed farming shown particularly in building up humus in the soil. The value of fertilizers is shown particularly when used with barnyard manure. The real stress, however, is placed in returning all waste products back to the land in the form of humus. I am heartily in accord with this and think its importance should always be stressed.

I am, Sir, etc., DR. J. A. CLARK, Superintendent Dominion Experimental Farm, Charlottetown.

ARCHBISHOP FINED

LONDON — (CP) — Mgr. de Jong, Catholic Archbishop of the Netherlands, has been fined 500 guilders for failing to obey a German police order, according to "Vrij Nederland," Free Netherlands newspaper published in London.

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