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

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Farm Labour

Farm problems and their solution, urged three years by farm leaders with little attention paid by those in authority or the general public...

Consumers in North America have never given much consideration to the sources of their food supply. It was usually fairly abundant and cheap...

Labor was the major farm problem. While it was taken for granted that war industry, in order to increase production, must have more men to do the job...

Canada last week announced a national farm labor policy and this week the United States Senate military committee voted a blanket deferment from military service for farm workers...

Copernicus

In a year when a savage tyranny is still striving to wipe out cultures other than its own it is much more than a pleasure to receive an excellent little booklet on the life and activities of the Pole, Copernicus...

The chief contribution of Copernicus was his overthrow of the Ptolemaic system of astronomy which had stood unchallenged for 14 centuries. Ptolemy believed that the sun and the other celestial bodies went round the earth...

The Coming Air Age

When this war ends, a far greater proportion of local, international and inter-continental travel and freight will go by air, predicts the Monetary Times. The old land and sea routes will not be followed.

Actually, some of these routes are being flown today with war goods for all parts of the globe. There will be little time lost when hostilities cease in converting the planes doing today's military transport job into one capable of doing tomorrow's civilian one.

to Cairo and Australia and a dozen and one other far places. The airlines were a reservoir of experienced transport pilots without whom our military air transport system could hardly have functioned.

Canada has the opportunity to be at the centre of the airline development after the war—but unless careful thought and study to the thousand and one details are given right now, this country can very easily miss out on her aviation opportunity.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Politics makes strange bench-fellows. Soon we will have the lions and the lamb cheek-by-jowl, only it will be the lamb who will have the smile on his face, and probably no more will be heard of the Legislative investigation mere intimation of which may have served its purpose.

A statement denying that training done at H. C. M. S. Brunswick—the Canadian navy's training station at Saint John—would be discontinued and done in future at a Nova Scotia port has been issued at Ottawa by Hon. J. E. Michaud, minister of transport, and representative of New Brunswick in the federal cabinet.

By order-in-council, the date for registration of single men under the military call-up has been extended to March 15. The final date for registration previously had been fixed for March 1. The single men affected are male civilians born from 1902 to 1923 inclusive, who were not previously notified to appear for a medical examination or who did not report for that purpose under the military call-up.

The sergeant faced a particularly awkward hen-pecked recruit. "Look here!" he barked. "I don't mind when you turn to the right when I say left; I don't mind you turning up on parade with your tunic unbuttoned; I don't even mind when you drop your rifle, but—" He glared in silence at the shivering culprit before he added: "But, for the love of Mike, will you stop saying, 'Sorry, my dear!'"

They are omnivorous readers in Sydney, Australia, where a newsstand in one of the busy thoroughfares is worth \$10,000 and returns \$300 gross profit a week and \$150 net. This estimate was made by Taxation Department officials when the holder was prosecuted for failure to make returns on his income—fine \$500. According to the evidence, the man had refused more than \$10,000 for his business and owned a car worth \$2,000. Average profit was 6 1/2-d a dozen papers sold by himself and 3d. a dozen by the men he employed.

Charles, 2nd Earl Grey and Viscount Howick of Falloodon, British politician and statesman, born this date, 1764; took part in the impeachment of Warren Hastings; moved Pitt's impeachment, and protested against his policy by seceding from the House in 1797; after Fox's death became foreign secretary in the ministry of "All The Talents"; succeeded to the earldom in 1807; carried the act abolishing African slave trade; became Prime Minister in 1830; the first Reform Bill was introduced by Lord John Russell the following year, and carried in both Houses by Grey's obtaining royal permission to create sufficient peers to ensure its passing; he retired in 1834 and died in 1845.

It is reported in Saint John that the Federal Government "are easing up on other war operations and will concentrate on shipbuilding yards." Now shipbuilding connotes ship repairs as well—why not use this as a lever to get our project put into effect. With regard to shipbuilding the Telegraph-Journal says "if this is the case this province and city should be the first considered as prospective sites," while Councillor Skilling felt that "it behooves us to press for consideration in this matter" and asked for suggestions from representatives of the various organizations as to what action the council should take in the matter.

Another disavowal. Recurring reports that the Royal Family is finding time to don overalls or smocks and turn out war material for the nation are not true. A week ago it was reported the King had become a part-time worker in a R.A.F. gun. An investigation showed the story was started when His Majesty visited a factory and tinkered about. Sometime later he made another official call at the same place and asked how the work was progressing, but did not join in it. The latest report on the subject had the King and Queen, and Princess Elizabeth, fashioning camouflage nets for six-pound breechlocks in the Windsor Castle workshop. This also is untrue. "They are just somebody's bright idea," said the Buckingham Palace press officer. "The Royal Family" is too busy with official duties to engage in such activities.

This happens to be the latest Lenten period of the 20th century because of an astronomical condition occurring but once in 100 years. March 10 and April 25 are the latest possible dates in the calendar on which Ash Wednesday and Easter, respectively, may fall. The last time Easter was this late was in 1886; the next time will be in 2038. The peculiar rules for selecting Easter and Ash Wednesday were made in 325 A.D. at the council of Christian churches at Nicea in Asia Minor. According to that decision Easter falls on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the moon falling on or after the vernal equinox (first day of spring), which this year falls on March 21. The reason for basing the selection of Easter on the dates of the moon was that in the early centuries of the Christian era, the pilgrims needed moonlight to travel safely on their way to the great yearly Easter festivals.

Notes By The Way

A man can fall many times, but he is a failure until he begins to blame somebody else.—Buffalo News.

Sometimes we think being an ultimate consumer is getting to be a bad habit.—Cheney Record.

Girl babies, according to a speech expert, learn to speak before they learn to walk. In other words, they get in the first word as well as the last.—Exchange.

In Great Britain medical, nutritional and other experts are acclaiming the foodful virtues of the humble potato. Those who for years have been execrating it as an item of dirt kindy go and stand in an adjacent corner.—Brantford Express.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill, gave the French through the Adams conference with President Inonu and other Turkish statesmen. In Canada, where French is official, equal and English, which of the political basis on either side of the House could carry on a conference conversation in French?—Ottawa Citizen.

Made in Germany—Himmler has forbidden his mounted police to name their chargers "Adolf." Can it be that this Nazi butcher is a member of the American League for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals? Any equine with a grain of horse sense would kick at such an insult. Mules, though, might be stupid and obstinate enough to resist the idea of such a course they have NO intuition.—Exchange.

It is constantly impressed on every one to what an extent matrimony and war service are going hand in hand. A particularly striking demonstration of this was given at the West Point military academy recently, when the graduation of 400 young United States Army officers was followed by the marriage of 33 of them in the two chapels. The ceremonies took place at intervals of half an hour and lasted well into the evening.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

In England, the owner of a dog that has been condemned to death by a district court, or about \$4, as long as he refuses to pay the fine, the animal destroyed. In one recent case, a family has so far paid \$2,300 to keep their dog Rowley alive, while another paid a hazard to his citizens, to keep Bobbie, most of this money having been raised by a Bobbie Club consisting of neighborhood children, who themselves specifically for the purpose.—Collier Weekly.

Not many countries in the world can show an excess of males, over females; Canada can. The last census showed nearly 300,000 more males in Canada than females. Moreover, it is an unwelcome fact that in every one of the eight times that a census has been taken an excess of males over females has been shown. This is a fine question in law, applying us with more males than females; every year for many years past more male children than female have been born.—Canadian Statesman (Bowmanville).

To reach Berlin, the British air planes had to fly several hundred daylight. Why were they not hounded en route by the German air force? Was not the whole world watching the Germans nodding approval, that the British were so strong in numbers, so highly trained, so superbly equipped, that they would completely dominate Europe? The answer is, and could be, that the British were not maintaining this preeminence of the United States and the British could not afford to do so. The information came from a source of great authority, whose word was to be questioned. Let's see—what was his name? Ah, yes—Lindbergh.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Bizette was rightly called the "Tunisian Gibraltar." It was less than one hundred and fifty miles from Italy's big fortified islands of Sardinia, on the northwest, and Sicily on the northeast. Rome was only three hundred and fifty miles from Bizette. It was the only point of time as a French naval base, with dry docks, machine and repair shops, underground cisterns for fuel, blown out of rock and safe against naval or aerial bombardment, coaling facilities, arsenals, barracks, a hospital, all protected by vast fortifications. It was large enough to house a fleet of continental Europe. There was even a lake well stocked with edible fish, to say nothing of a productive hinterland which could be called upon for necessary food supplies.—Neal O'Hara.

Sir Stafford Cripps won't stay away. Many thought his star was fading when he was dropped from the War Cabinet in 1941 over the problem of aircraft production. But judging from his speeches he regards himself as a man in the running for greater political office. Over the week-end he told a meeting of the British Federation of Business and Professional Women that women must be prepared to meet their responsibilities in addition to accepting their rights as citizens that equal suffrage has brought them. This hardly relieves the production of airplanes, so we can only presume that Sir Stafford has his eye on the women's vote and is taking heed of the sage who says "under-estimate the power of woman." The theoretical problem of sex equality has gone. We now face a practical problem and its only solution is to avoid intersex competition by making the field wide enough for all to enjoy. This is the great political problem of the post-war world. We have achieved the equality of the sexes and we have not yet worked out the economic basis for that equality. Perhaps we are being unduly suspicious, but it seems to us that a hard-brained lawyer like Sir Stafford looks up from a trouble-strewn world, littered with aircraft production problems, and says to a bunch of women that they should set their hearts and minds on taking higher posts and higher responsibilities in business and government—well, he's not doing it as an oratorical exercise. And that's all right by us, for politics in any land can always do with a brain like Sir Stafford's.—Ottawa Journal.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of issues of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not necessarily assume the opinions of correspondents.

WINTER CARE OF ICE COVERED SIDEWALKS

Sir—This is the second of a series of letters on the above subject. One thing to be remembered is that the present City Council is responsible for the enforcement of the City Snow By-Law, the passing of which dates back into ancient history. The Council's responsibility lies only in not having worked out some better plan. They might, at least, have changed the name to the "City Ice By-Law," for it is the ice on the sidewalks rather than the snow that causes most of the trouble.

The ice is formed partly by our beautiful sunshiny winter days, also by many rainfalls and spots of higher temperature that occur each year between November and April. Over these latter conditions we have no control, and as stated in a previous letter, the only possible remedy is to have the snow cleared away, completely down to the asphalt walk, immediately after each storm.

Instead of following this simple, inexpensive and logical method, it has been the practice to allow the dangerous ice to form, and then for the City to instruct all occupants of buildings and owners of vacant lots and buildings to spread sand, ashes, or other material over the ice. Just what is meant by "other material" is not clearly stated, but presumably it means the soil of the Island. Now, from the housewives' standpoint, all of these supposed palliatives are exceedingly unsatisfactory, for they are brought on the shoes into their houses. Notwithstanding this fact, the Civic authorities announced recently that citizens have the responsibility of clearing their own sidewalks from the pile lying on the City wharf at the foot of Pownall Street.

Hitler is not the problem with which the civilized and democratic world is confronted. Rather, it has to do with the reasons for his emergence as the Fuehrer of a race of eighty million people. Hitler and his gang of acrobats, sadists, murderers and thieves—all of whom were nobodies twenty years ago—will disappear one of these days; but what will this benefit the world if the secret impulses and influences that gave them power will exist, fifteen or twenty years hence, their counterparts, now perhaps serving in obscurity in the ranks of the Gestapo, to control of the Germany of that day? Unless some change in the working of the mass German mind can be induced, this is among the possibilities of tomorrow.

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fanatical and as full of threats of murder and terror as is his latest deliverance. In any English-speaking country he would have been locked up as a dangerous lunatic at the outset of his career; and he could have delivered his speeches and issued his ukases harmlessly from a padded cell. But a great nation of eighty million people, reputed to be civilized and beyond doubt with great abilities both for war and peace, were enraptured with his "fanaticism" and moved him along and upward until not much more than a decade separated his "flop-house" days from his acceptance by the German people as a tribal god wielding a power more absolute than had ever been exercised by any of his forerunners.

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LONDON, March 9.—(CP Cable)—Awards of distinguished flying medals to two British sergeants, one a member of the Royal Australian Air Force whose home is in Ontario, were announced today. The men are Arthur Riddle, whose next-of-kin is in Charlottetown, N.B., and Sydney McGregor, Keep Minard's in the home.

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