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

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National Registration

In telling Parliament of national registration plans, Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Minister of National War Services, said: "We have chosen the judges so that the people of Canada will be assured that an independent tribunal has dealt with individual cases and has classified the man as either immediate or postponed. In this way, no undue, improper pressure can be brought by any person to have a man's name placed on the postponed list." It is hoped that this policy will be rigidly implemented.

An army of men and women will be employed in the work of registration—some 70,000 throughout the country—but it will be mostly voluntary work. The Government has rightly felt, from the spirit shown by the Canadian people, that it could count on voluntary service and thus save the Government a large sum.

When the classification of men of military age has been completed, those in the first category—single men in the early twenties—will be called up for military training, probably two months from now. Those not physically fit will be exempt. The men will be called up, not for active service, but for military training for 40 days. They will be included in the non-permanent militia units. Having completed this period of training, they will go back to their jobs, and another category will be called up for training. The number called up at any time will depend on the training facilities available. Then they will all await the call for active service, according as they are needed. It is not the intention that any class of men, physically fit, shall be permanently excused from military training.

Hundreds of thousands of Canadians will be trained and made ready for active service under this plan. Many of them will, no doubt, volunteer for overseas service. It is all part of the total war which we must wage against the totalitarian, gangster nations—the fight for justice, freedom and peace which demands from every Canadian the best that he can give.

Controlled From Berlin

The New York Times claims that France's new leaders "seem to be forced to co-operate at every turn with the nation that ravaged their soil and spread untold misery among their people." Commenting editorially upon the reported rupture of relations between Great Britain and the Petain Government of France, The Times said the French Government complied with every German demand, "even to the repatriation of 400 captured German aviators who are now free to drop their loads of death upon England." It added: "These are not the decisions of a free people. They are the actions of puppets, obedient to every pull of the string in Berlin or in Rome. Every weapon of German propaganda will now be used to widen the French rift with England. The French people will be forbidden to read Mr. Churchill's account of the battle at Oran; they will be told only that hundreds of brave French sailors were killed by the British. It is even possible that Pierre Laval and Adolf Hitler will push France through the motions of declaring war against Britain, and of stationing a French division along the Channel as a symbol of the new partnership between France and Germany. Confronted with the tragic spectacle of a great nation wronging itself under duress, Americans who love France will not give up hope for her redemption. They will continue to believe, with Mr. Churchill, that a generation of Frenchmen will arise who will clear the national honor."

Jerseys From Jersey

In the House of Commons Agricultural Minister Gardiner stated that practically all the herds of Jersey cattle were removed to England before the Island of Jersey was occupied by the Germans. In Brantford, Ont., Mr. Duncan O. Bull, largest importer of Jersey cattle in America, made public a private cable received from England which said "no cattle evacuated from the island."

These conflicting reports, says the Ottawa Journal, are evidence of the concern over the fate of those famous herds of purebred cattle which have provided foundation stock for the best now existing in North America. To the city-bred laymen the fate of cattle herds in The Netherlands, the islands of Jersey and Guernsey, may appear unimportant when compared with the vast amount of destruction this war has entailed and will entail in the future. True the fate of herds of cattle is unimportant when compared with human suffering, but when the days of reconstruction come the loss may loom large.

The cattle of Jersey serve as an illustration. The foundation stock of Jersey herds the world over came from this island upon whose shores no animal from outside has set foot for generations. This rigid quarantine of the island has resulted in disease-free animals of the purest strain.

It may well be that should this all but priceless foundation stock fall into Nazi hands and be slaughtered for food Canada may become one of the sources of supply for future stock of this famous breed of dairy cattle. There are many fine herds here from which a start could be made.

Although not so prominent in Canada as in the United States the Guernsey breed is another which apparently has felt the heavy hand of war. But already there are several herds in

the States, and some in the Toronto area and in the Maritimes, which could well be used to replace those of the Channel Island.

The loss of the great Friesian herds of The Netherlands will not be felt so keenly in America. The Holstein-Friesian breed, the famous big black-and-white cows that produce a large part of the milk used in Canada and the United States, originally came from Holland, but it is years since there have been any notable imports. The breed is well established here. Our other great milk-producing breed of cows, the lovely moulded Ayrshire from the Scottish lowlands, is not likely to meet the fate of the Jersey or Friesian, with a great navy and army standing between them and the Germans. Canada still imports many foundation animals from the herds of Scotland, but this country now has fine herds and outstanding animals of its own.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Surely Prohibition cannot be blamed for an elephant going on the rampage in Summerside—or could it?

General United States Grant, eighteenth President of the United States, died this date, 1885: "I know no method to secure the repeal of bad or obnoxious laws so effective as their stringent enforcement."

It was significant that at the Democrats' Convention in Chicago, which nominated Roosevelt for the third term, by orders from headquarters, the Democratic battle song, "Happy Days Are Here Again" was shelved.

The Department of Munitions and Supply announces that construction will begin immediately somewhere in Ontario on another major plant to cost about \$11,000,000 and be financed by the British Government for the manufacture of ammonia, ammonium nitrate and other chemicals required for the production of explosives.

Earth tremors shook Glasgow, Falkirk, Denny and other parts of central Scotland last week, giving rise to fears on the part of some persons that the disturbance was from bomb concussion. The tremors were so severe in places that people were thrown out of chairs, and office desks slid out of their places. Just before midnight a slight earthquake was felt in Birmingham. Last February earth tremors caused alarm in Strling and other Scottish towns.

Dr. Thierry de Martel, France's most famous surgeon, committed suicide the day the German Army occupied Paris. The doctor, chief surgeon of the American Hospital in the Neuilly suburbs of Paris, committed suicide with an injection of strychnine. He left a message to United States Ambassador William C. Bullitt saying: "If I stay in Paris it is like putting in a signed check in the enemy's hands. If I stay in Paris dead it is a check without funds." He was trapped in Paris by the German forces of occupation because he promised his superiors that he would remain at his post. The doctor became famous during the World War as a brain surgeon and was the originator of neuro-surgery.

If marriage were dictated by reason instead of love it would be an easy matter to avoid marital unhappiness and disaster. Self-confidence is the sole requisite for happiness in marriage, Mr. Ernest W. Burgess, University of Chicago sociologist, told students at the Art Institute the other day. He said research and tests proved that self-confident persons were practical, congenial and sanguine, all they need to be to qualify as good husbands and wives. Professor Burgess advised persons lacking in confidence to choose mates of a dominant type, and vice versa, contending that opposite personalities are more likely to succeed in marriage. "The sociable and the solitary, the extrovert and introvert, have the same excellent opportunity for happy wedded life if they select mates with opposite personalities," he asserted.

One of the most noteworthy tributes to the Allied cause has been a widespread apostasy in the ranks of the pacifists, says Montreal Gazette. Bertrand Russell, who went to jail for his opinions in the last war, proclaims his change of heart. Archibald Macleish now only announces his conversion but shouts "Mea Culpa" from the housetops, blaming himself and his fellow-writers for destroying youth's idealism. A. A. Milne, who five or six years ago wrote a pacifist tract called "Peace With Honor," is credited with the fine war poem signed "A.A.M." which appeared in a recent "Punch." Each would probably give a different reason for changing his stand, but one thing must be common to all—one way or another, present events have shattered the faith which made them abjure war, and which some of them were able to maintain throughout the last great struggle.

Britain more than lived up to her agreement to aid France with troops and planes before the French surrender, the British Library of Information, New York, declared in a statement just made public. By the end of May 415,000 British troops had been sent to France, according to the statement. "This was fully up to the number that the French had been led to expect at that stage of the war, and compares with 382,000 by April 1, 1915, in the World War," the statement continued. "Throughout the great battle Great Britain met all French requests without any regard for the exigencies of home defense. In addition to the troops sent to France, large numbers of troops were sent to the Middle East and the Mediterranean, with the full agreement of the French Government." The Royal Air Force, according to the statement, also sent reinforcements beyond the number of planes agreed upon when the Germans broke through the French line at Sedan, and bore the major share in the air fighting. "In order to sow discord between the Allies the German propaganda machine has alleged that Great Britain did not support France. The truth is that the British military contribution originally fixed was substantially increased and that additional troops were sent as fast as they could be shipped."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Howard, of San Francisco, have sent a cheque to the Red Cross at Vancouver for the purchase of an ambulance. As the ambulance is from the proceeds of a biscuit, it is the racehorse which is helping in the war effort. A motor ambulance from a horse!—Amherst News.

The practical wind-up of the League of Nations may appear to be one of the major casualties of the war which has brought ruin to so many nations. The League staff have been notified that their resignations are due this week. Two or three may be kept on to handle the League's affairs in a shadow existence, hoping that a British victory may yet prolong its life.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

One U. S. tourist at Gananapoo oached a cheque on which there was \$15 exchange in his favor. He handed the \$15 back and told the cashier to send it to the Government to buy bullets. The cashier is not for us to suggest that the plan should grow, but we can at least say this country would be entirely thankful if it did.—Peterborough Examiner.

The sea bottom is the natural home of the adult lobster, source of its food and the scene of its activities. The adult lobster never forsakes the water nor leaves the bottom of its own accord. In search of food it wanders both close to the shore and out to the depths of over 10 fathoms. The lobster travels nimbly over the bottom on the tips of its slender legs but when transposed to land, due to the weight of the body, can only crawl at a low rate of speed.—Fredericton Gleaser.

Wendell Willkie is a fighter. He is independent, courageous and forthright. His views are frank, vigorous and inspiring. The politicians may not like a man like that, but the people do. He interests and attracts. That is why he was able to rise in a few brief months to national eminence. That is why he was nominated for the presidency in the Republican convention at Philadelphia. For it was the people, not the politicians, who nominated Willkie.—Chicago Daily News.

The Archbishop of York, speaking at York Diocesan Conference, said that it was not impossible that historians of the future, looking back on the events of the war, would see the defeat of Leopold of Belgium, because it led to the collapse of France. The result was the agency of the British power of the British Army in defence of Britain itself, and there came the necessity that Hitler was to go forward he had not the resources.—London Times.

The New York of "Life with Father" is a man's town, much like London, but that phase belongs to the past. New York today thanks its leadership from its women, including notably the Park Avenue set, and draws much of its inspiration from the Broadway stage, which is feminine in appeal. Incidentally, the success of "Life with Father" derived in no small degree from the presentation of a quaint period in New York life when women didn't get their way as a matter of course. The literature of New York is almost entirely womanish. It is true that more men and women are to be found among its authors, editors, and columnists, but that doesn't make much difference. The quality of most of its product is feminine.—Chicago Tribune.

Reference to "The Old School" is commonplace in New England in England. But Manchester and other manufacturing have gone into the cravat problem seriously and materials used in the making of ties—even the loud Christmas ties—absorbed by conservative males, but holding an unflinching attraction for the friends—came largely from Austria and Slovakia. Now factories in England have captured a sizeable slice of the market. The ties are made of silk and rayon mixtures have been developed for the neckwear lines and are reported to be comparable with any formerly coming from Europe.—Brantford Expositor.

The Government of Australia has just banned importation into that country of any 300 American magazines and newspapers. Other magazines are admitted only on a subscription basis. Now the reason for this action is not as one might suppose, to preserve the morals of the Australians or to save them from impairment of literary taste. It is not even to keep out foreign propaganda as would be the natural suspicion. The reason, for instance, to give such an order. On the contrary, so far at least, American daily newspapers are excellent. No certain journals of the current opinion. No magazine is not political at all, but economic. To buy American publications the Australians must have American dollars and when had must be put to other and more essential uses, Australia, like Canada, is at war, and foreign exchange is too precious to be wasted on luxuries. The February of this year Australia imported United States goods to the value of \$8,800,000 and exported to the value of \$1,861,000, leaving a credit of \$1,689,000. That's a sizable deficit for a country like Australia to make up, although the United States exports 1,680,000 ounces of gold last year, which, at \$35 an ounce, runs to \$59,000,000. If the excess of Australian purchases over a year's time continued at the February rate, that country's entire output would not be large enough to balance the account. So something has to be done, and every little bit helps. Probably sales of American magazines in that far-away country do not bulk very large and publishers will never realize their loss. It does illustrate the straits to which practically all customers of the United States are reduced in these times.—Montreal Standard.

Defence is now "The Business", the biggest business Canada has and will have while this country remains in danger. Its direction and control must therefore lie in the hands of the very ablest men Canada has. War is no longer the manipulation of bodies of infantry. It is a technical profession dependent for its success in war on a score of skilled trades. The old days of drill ground and field manoeuvre are

Named For Third Term

(Bydney Post Record) The nomination of President Roosevelt as the Democratic candidate in the November election has occasioned no surprise either in the United States or abroad. For the past year it has been perfectly obvious that the Roosevelt could more the nomination, in spite of the anti-third term tradition, if he were willing to accept it. Now was the magnitude of his majority in the convention a surprise to anyone. The division showed over 946 votes for Roosevelt and a half of the votes for four other candidates. James A. Farley his nearest opponent obtained approximately 100 votes. Vice-President Garner 61, Tydings 94 and Hull 5 2-3. Each of the unsuccessful contestants promptly retired from the running and Mr. Roosevelt's nomination was made unanimous.

The overwhelming character of this endorsement is a conclusive answer to the traditionalists who set up against Mr. Roosevelt's nomination the unwritten rule nearly a century and a half old that a Vice-President who had served for two terms in the Presidential office should become a candidate for re-election. All traditional laws, customs, conventions and principles which prevail in democratic countries owe their sanction solely to the popular will. The fact that six-sevenths of so representative a gathering of Americans as named Franklin D. Roosevelt as his own successor for a third term election, is an unanswerable proof that, so far at least as the Democratic party is concerned, the anti-third term tradition no longer rests on the popular will.

Two considerations prompted the Chicago convention to place Mr. Roosevelt in the White House. One was of national significance, the other related to party expediency. Obviously an overwhelming majority of the delegates were convinced that the nation should not be deprived of the services of one of the greatest Presidents that ever occupied the White House. His re-nomination negated a tradition which owed its origin to conditions which had ceased to exist a century ago.

Will Mr. King Move Now?

Under the above caption, The Montreal Gazette sets forth that if Prime Minister Mackenzie King has been honestly seeking a means of forming a more representative war government, New Zealand has shown him how it can be done. The sister Dominion has what are to all intents and purposes two cabinets, one dealing with the war and one with domestic affairs. Prime Minister Fraser in forming his five-man War Cabinet has included in its personnel two members of the Opposition. One of these is the common leader, Adam Hamilton, and former Prime Minister J. G. Coates, who will be associated with Fraser himself, with Finance Minister Walter Nash and the Minister of Defence, F. Jones. In the creation of this War Ministry Mr. Fraser has followed the British pattern, his object being to ensure unity in counsel and action in prosecuting the war effort to the fullest in support of Great Britain. The conduct of domestic affairs is left to the general cabinet without any change in the distribution of portfolios but in all matters relating to the war the War Cabinet will reach its own decisions and these will be final. The plan is novel but seems to be no reason why it should not prove workable. The Prime Minister has undertaken to ensure necessary co-ordination between the two administrative groups. There is nothing whatever, it is pointed out, to prevent Mr. Mackenzie King from adopting this procedure at Ottawa. He has already acknowledged the principle in the efforts which he made to secure leading businessmen for Cabinet posts. He must know that public opinion throughout Canada is very strongly hostile to party government under existing war conditions. The evidence in this regard being overwhelming. As a politician he has shown himself upon repeated occasions to be extremely sensitive to changes in public sentiment and to possess the ability to capitalize upon such changes. He should be not less able to demonstrate this highly developed sensitivity to the higher field of statesmanship.

New varieties of lima beans produced by United States Federal agriculturists are considered promising for frozen food requirements.

The Poet's Corner

TAKE COMFORT Open the window to the night and stars And healing silence that is more than sound; Beyond all wars and rumors of all wars Lies this still peace that wraps the spirit round. This is God's hour of respite for the brave; Give yourself now to silence as to sleep— A shining water rippled by no wave, A lovely and lullable deep. Day-long we walk in steel, bitter to the bone; Now may we loose the stifling mail and hood. Free our cramped bodies, drink the evening air. Heartening as wine, be soothed with solitude. Can we look long on night, can we look long On the sure stars and not grow sure of soul? On the strong hills and not ourselves grow strong? Silence shall touch our wounds and make us whole. Whose are the glittering marchers of the skies, Whose is the pulse that sets the quickened sod? Be comforted: our suffering world still lives Safe in the hollow of the hand of God. —Audrey Alexander Brown. Some armies must be led and directed by specialists whose acquaintance with Field Service Regulations, necessary enough, is secondary to their organizing, administrative and technical knowledge and who have the ability (which civil industry must ever cherish) of rapid adjustment to ever changing conditions.—Winnipeg Free Press.

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A Free Press

Assurance was asked in the British House of Commons the other day by Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha that Parliament and the free press would be fully maintained so that the Government should not be cut off from their stimulating power. In connection with that question, the Manchester Guardian contains a timely editorial on the subject which would like to subject the press to a stricter censorship, and would perhaps apply this not only to news but also to the expression of views. As the Guardian puts it so well: "Such an extension of the censorship could not be justified on the ground of anything that has happened under the present system, which has worked well. Nor could it be justified by consideration of the public interest, to which, indeed, it might be disastrous. Many of those who have been in France since the war began think that the collapse was in part due to the gagging of the press, so that public opinion was not well informed, was not prepared for what happened, and was in no position to inspire and uphold the Government. In our own country it was public opinion acting through a free press and through Parliament which, late and only just in time, gave us the present war Government. It is not Government or Parliament or press that can by itself save this country and bring victory. That will be done by the people, which, apart from its daily task, will assert its will through all three channels. Among these it uses a free press as a means of informing itself and of being criticized with discretion, and promoting by all possible means the most resolute conduct of the war."

FORMER MINER PEER

GLASGOW.—(CP)—Miner in Canada when he was 18. Col. Charles Ian Kerr, newly created peer, has been the title Lord Teviot of Burchclere because he was born and bred on the banks of the River Teviot in Scotland.

FIGHT FIRES FROM TRACKS

LONDON.—(CP)—A week-killing railway train here has been converted into a mobile fire-fighting unit with a squad of six men to deal with air raid and other fires in emergency.

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