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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
weakest Ink."
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Forest Fires

The exceptionally dry weather this summer
has added to the fire menace and it is not sur-
prising that forest fires are reported in many
sections of the Province. Every effort is being
made to keep them under control. Some of these
fires may have been caused by careless disposal
of lighted matches or cigarette ends. In any case,

According to the Canadian Forestry Associa-
tion, twenty per cent of forest fires are direct-
ly caused by campers and fifteen per cent by
smokers, making more than a third of all the
forest fires in Canada. Settlers clearing their
land and burning their slash make up another
16 per cent, much higher in certain districts of
new colonization. Incendiaries are serious in
some areas and a minor matter in others, but
coupled with the forest fires started by forest
workers, road builders, and a small contribution
by the railways add nineteen per cent to the fire
bill. Lightning starts 16 per cent and a category
called "unknown and miscellaneous" but mostly
of a suspiciously human origin completes the
remaining 14 per cent.

China of the Ages

The contemporary world, says "Contemporary
China," seems to be a reenactment of the Age of
the Contending States (480-221 B. C.), during
which China was divided into seven leading
states that were more or less equal in power:
Chin in the west; Chu in the south; Chi in the
east; Yen in the north; Han, Zhao, and Wei in
the central-north. They maintained an unstable
equilibrium of power and tried to balance one
another by forming temporary alliances. They
were playing the game of interstate geopolitics
and fighting against one another intermittently
for two and a half centuries.

It was during this age that Sun-tzu wrote the
Art of War, which is not only the oldest but also
the greatest classic of military science in any
language. It deals with the fundamentals and
principles of military strategy and tactics, which
are ageless. The book was well received and
widely read by the rulers of the seven states as
well as by military professionals and amateurs.
There were then many geopoliticians—no less
realistic and perhaps more original than Pro-
fessors R and S—who wandered from state to
state with a view to persuading the kings to em-
ploy them in military and political services. Two
of the most famous of such wandering geopoliti-
cians in the fourth century B. C. were Su Chin
and Chang I, who were, incidentally, friends
in school but foes in politics. At that time
Chin in the west became very powerful and
presented a constant threat to the other six states.
Geopolitician Su persuaded the six states to
form a "vertical alliance," whereby they agreed
that an attack by Chin upon any member state
would be considered as an attack upon all mem-
ber states and would be resisted jointly by them
all. Geopolitician Su himself became director-
general of the alliance and concurrently premier
of all the six states—the most powerful figure
for a time. The alliance, however, was short-
lived, for the six states were individually and
severally defeated by Chin. A few years later,
under the leadership of geopolitician Chang, Chin
succeeded in forming a "horizontal coalition,"
whereby some of the six states were brought un-
der its hegemony. The "vertical alliance" and
"horizontal coalition" were the most famous of
the numerous interstate ententes and agreements
to preserve a balance of power or to effect terri-
torial changes.

Toward the end of the Age of Contending
States, China produced the greatest political real-
ist in history, whose name was Hantzu. He stud-
ied men and institutions as they were, not as they
appeared to be or ought to be; he never indulged
in utopian dreams and fantasies. He made poli-
tics an independent science and divorced it com-
pletely from ethics and religion. Believing that
human nature is evil, he thought force was a
necessary instrument of state policy, an instru-
ment to conquer neighbours and to suppress in-
ternal rebellions. This great master of real poli-
tics was indeed a worthy predecessor of the
Machiavellian Prince.

Fortunately, while the geopoliticians and the
realistic philosophers were practising and teach-
ing the doctrine of power politics, the Confucians,
notably Mencius, were spreading the doctrine
of a rational and moral order, the Moecians
were teaching the doctrine of universal love,
and the Taoists were insisting upon the
doctrine of laissez-faire. Thanks to these great
teachers, the Chinese have not become militari-

tic and have decried the theory and practice of
power politics (at the perennial peril to the ex-
istence of the nation). It is interesting to note
that Sun-tzu's Art of War has been almost a for-
gotten book in China but has long been the
military bible of the Japanese, and that Hantzu's
essays on real politics, although comparable to
the Prince as a manual of statecraft, have never
won wide acceptance and admiration in China.
The contemporary world is indeed a reenactment
of the Age of the Contending States. There
are realistic thinkers and geopoliticians now as
then; there are moral and religious and human-
istic teachers now as then; and there is war now
as then. What will come when the present "age
of the contending states" is over?

EDITORIAL NOTES

Fire wardens have been on the job these days
fighting forest conflagrations.

The war saving stamp campaign will be for-
mally inaugurated on Friday evening.

It is too bad when, in a heading, the Mont-
real Gazette declares Saint John, N. B. to be in
Nova Scotia.

The House of Commons spent about five
hours in secret session, when no doubt the Gov-
ernment members were pined with plenty ques-
tions relative to coast defence.

Every slouch had worn by an Australian soldier
is made from the fur of about nine rabbit
skins which years of experiments have proved
unequaled for durability.

The Bank of Montreal Weekly Crop Report
states the pastures are in good condition. Potatoes
are making good progress with other root
crops and are farther advanced than usual, fruit
promises normal yields.

This is Premier "Mich." Hepburn's stand on
temperance: "I have long since, as my intimate
friends know, joined the ranks of teetotalers. I
am opposed to prohibition by coercive methods.
Rather, I prefer a campaign of temperance and
an appeal to the people to exercise restraint in
their personal drinking. The very bootlegging to
which Mr. Coldwell referred was under a prohibi-
tion law. Where there are no customers,
there can be no liquor traffic."

The Allies crossed the Marne in the Second
Battle this date 1918; that night the Germans
beyond the Marne began to retire, and a cor-
respondent wrote—"There is not a single Ger-
man on the south bank of the Marne, or rather,
not a living German." On the same date the en-
emy was forced to evacuate Chateau-Thierry,
and by the 25th, in spite of violent counter-at-
tacks, he had been driven beyond Ourcq. With
the retreat of the Germans across the Vesle the
Second Battle of the Marne may be said to
have ended.

The U. S. A. Securities and Exchange Com-
mission, in a supplemental list of salaries for
1941, report that the Sun Oil Company paid
Lowell Thomas, its news broadcaster, \$95,645
last year. Thomas' salary exceeded those paid
the company's president and vice president. Sun
reported \$63,386 paid J. Howard Pew, its president;
\$63,386 to Joseph N. Pew Jr., vice president,
and \$83,787 to J. Edgar Pew, another vice
president. It paid former Senator George Whar-
ton Pepper \$25,157 for legal services. Walter
Rothschild, president of Abraham & Straus, Inc.
of Brooklyn, crowded the top spot with his 1941
salary of \$100,000. The company paid Edward
C. Blum, chairman of the board, \$8,250, and
Sidney L. Solomon, operating vice president,
\$50,769.

How many votes of confidence, that is to say
of confidence in the principle of compulsory
selective service, does the Prime Minister want?
He already has one from the country and one
from Parliament. Is there any reason to assume
that, having refused to act on either of these, he
will act upon a third? He is playing politics,
party politics in the face of a peril which in April
last he solemnly asserted was never more grave
and which is far more acute now than then. If
some of his fellow Ministers are thoroughly dis-
gusted with this pusillanimous pussy-footing it
is anything but surprising. If they are not restive
they ought to be. If they know anything of the
temper of the people they will be. Perhaps we are
nearer now to the formation of a non-partisan
Government than ever before. It does seem that
the Prime Minister has at last gone too far, has
stretched the patience and the mistaken loyalty
of some colleagues to the breaking point. The
way may yet be cleared for the kind of Govern-
ment which this country so urgently needs in
order to make total war a reality rather than
a phrase.

Many here will join in the regret felt for the
death of Mrs. John Scott, Westmount, who, at
the age of eighty-eight has concluded a life de-
voted to women's suffrage. She was known to
many here, having summured on different oc-
casions at Brackley. The Gazette paid this tri-
bute to her memory: "Canada has had no greater
or more successful advocate of women's rights
than Mrs. John Scott whose long life ended yester-
day. She was in her eight-eighth year and
had fought the battles of her sex, particularly in
the field of female suffrage, over a very long
period. She had been an active figure in many
women's organizations and in federal and provin-
cial politics, speaking and writing with unusual
clarity and cogency on the causes which she
espoused. Possessed of marked platform ability
and mistress of a trenchant pen, she gave no
quarter and asked none, and in the main her
great efforts were crowned with success. Even
in her later years her published letters on ques-
tions of public concern revealed the clear vision
and the force which had always characterized her
activities as a younger woman. Born and edu-
cated in Scotland she made her name known
throughout Canada and she has left much more
than a memory. Her labors survive in Acts of
Parliament and in the rights which women now
enjoy."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Dollard went out to meet the
enemy, and that is why his mem-
ory is honoured. It was Dollard
and his companions who saved the
colony in 1660, not those who stayed
in behind the pillades and
yelled "Down with the Iroquois!"
We admire leaders who follow
the example of Dollard, know
how to lead, in place of following.
And these men of real courage.
On the occasion of the Dollard
celebration we heard the voices of
General Panel, Hon. Mr. Gou-
bout, General Vaner, Senator
Athanasie David, Captain Des-
champs and the aviators Robillard
and Morin, two genuine heroes
these. The true voice of Canada
is there. And the true voice of
young French-Canada is not the
raucous gullets of a handful of
adolescents rendered fanatical by
bad teaching, who know nothing
of the Dollard legend, with "Down
with!" It is in the mouth of Laur-
ent Robillard and Paul Emil
Morin. These are men! — Le Cana-
da (Montreal).

War pushes us toward the simple
life, much praised but little sought
and good walking legs again come
into their own. The motor car is
no longer so longed for to be
used for recreation; but for the
man or woman who can walk, the
motor car is an annoyance. For
lanes, its lakes and fields, still lies
open, waiting exploration. The
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On the province's (Bengal's)
ability to present a firm front to
the enemy depends much more
on the morale of the people than
on the strength of the army. The
Indian's fringes is now linked
irrevocably to the future of another
great Eastern country, China.

It cannot be doubted that
Japan is doing her utmost to wrest
economic advantages from her
victories. She has secured a large
quantity of raw materials and
finished goods. She has secured a
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finished goods.

We are puzzled and a bit wor-
ried over that newspaper story
about a piano stranded in the
stairway of a St. George's apart-
ment. So often these odd little
incidents in the day's news come
from distant places and are
suspended in our minds like a piano
between floors. In this case it
seems that one Tom Fleming, des-
cended as a music lover, was
undertook to take a piano up the
stairway of an apartment house
in Seattle. Perhaps he was a
good deed, or perhaps he was
changing to a higher apartment
and it was his own property.
But the piano could be piled
either up or down. So there was
Tom Fleming with a situation on
his hands. Tom Fleming scratched
his head in bewilderment and said
that wouldn't do at all. It was a
fine old piano, perhaps residents of
the block who were outside and
wanted to get in, and others inside
and wanting to get out, helped in
the decision. So he went to a moving
company, went to three of them,
and they all refused to help. An
amateur mover had got what he
wanted, and he was out of the jam.
Meanwhile the residents of the
block were getting pretty
frustrated. The piano was a
problem, and the whole we think
an excellent solution of his personal
problem and joined out and joined
the army, hurried away to the
war. What was a bunch of nasty
Japs compared with that wretched
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WORDS OF CHALLENGE

"Time is of the essence on
both sides and we can make
our ally, but on one condi-
tion only. That condition
is an all-out effort on the
part of every citizen of the
United Nations to discount
Halifax, British Ambassador
to the United States.

On the Warpath

A few weeks ago in a lawyer's of-
fice in Syracuse, the Iroquois Con-
federacy formally declared war on
Germany. It was a lawyer's office
in Syracuse, and Japan. Later,
when four of the chiefs went
to Washington to meet with Presi-
dent Roosevelt, they were
supported on the grounds that the
Six Nations of the Long House,
the oldest and most powerful
of the democracies.
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What Would Happen?

The people of the British Isles
have been ready to accept any per-
sonal sacrifice for the war effort and
for the defence of their country.
If invasion should come they
will fight the enemy, whether he
be on the sea or air, with the
same fortitude which they have
shown during air raids and with a
courage which has been
the English are the most hated
of all Germany's opponents both
for their way of life and from the fact
that they have successfully with-
stood attack after attack. Hitler has
stated that he considers 15,000,000
of the most that the islands can
support. The present population being
45,000,000, there are thus 30,000,000
to be disposed of, and the British
are under no illusions as to how this
would be carried out.
Such men and their families as
could be employed either in agri-
culture or in the mining industries
would be fed as well (or as badly) as
Polish workers, and no doubt with
the same success. The rest of the
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MEETING AT NIGHT

The gray sea and the long black
land;
And the yellow half-moon large
and low;
And the startled little waves that
 leap
In fiery ringlets from their sleep,
As I rain the cove with pushing
crowns
And quench its speed 't the slushy
sand.
Then a mile of warm sea-scented
beach;
Three fields to cross till a farm ap-
pears;
A tap at the pane, the quick sharp
scratch
And blue spurt of a lighted match.
And a voice less loud than yours
thro' the
joys and fears,
Than the two hearts beating each to
each!

ANNUAL REPORT OF BRACKLEY PT.

The Brackley Pt. Red Cross
Unit held eleven meetings during
the year ending July 16, 1942.
Twenty members were enrolled
with an average attendance of
11.8, four members having perfect
attendance.
Five quilting parties were held
and the following social entertain-
ments for raising funds: — Dance
at Mrs. John MacCallum's, Dance
at Mrs. Howard Cudmore's, Card
party at Mrs. Willard Mac-
Callum's, Bridge party at Mrs.
Walter Gregor's, and a Bingo
party at Mrs. Louise Shaw's. All
these besides being highly profit-
able were most enjoyable.

The grand sum of \$216.88 was
raised, this being divided among
the following funds: Canadian Red
Cross, Queen's Fund, Blanket Fund,
and the greater part going to the
Canadian Red Cross.
Work done for three years, end-
ing 1942, July:
3 red boys suits, 2 green boys
suits, 2 blue boys suits, 10 baby
coats, 9 babies bonnets, 2 pr. 2
pr. 17 gr. dresses, 1 blue knit
dress and panties, 1 pink knit dress
and panties, 2 rayon jogging set,
2 white pyjamas, 4 pr. pink
pyjamas, 3 pr. brown stockings, 2
pr. white socks, 28 pr. grey
pr. seaman stockings, 8 pr. grey
socks, 2 pr. white socks, 28 pr.
white socks, 5 pr. airforce socks,
1 3 ribbed helmets, 3 navy scarfs,
1 pr. 2-way mitts, 1 pr. A. F. mitts,
1 pr. navy mitts, 12 pr. grey gloves,
7 pr. khaki gloves, 1 pr. navy
knit gloves, 8 A. F. sweaters, 5 men's
knit sweaters, 7 boys' heater
sweaters, 1 navy sweater, 1 K. T.
neck sweater, 3 navy T. neck
sweaters, 7 green heater
sweaters. Donated: 1 slip, 1 apron,
16 handkerchiefs, 2 dresses, 1 sun
hat, 2 pr. boots, 1 pr. ankle
slippers, 2 pr. stockings and 5
quills.

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Paralysis)—J. W. MacKenzie, M. D.
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Nursing Care of Poliomyelitis—Katharine MacLennan, R.N.
Demonstration Iron Lung.

WEDNESDAY—Cundall Home 8 P. M.
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Nursing Care of Burns—Sister Angela, R.N.
Blood Plasma—Annie MacEachern, R.N.

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Instruction of a patient on a diabetic diet—Mrs. Marjorie
MacQuarrie, B. Sc.

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