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

Oil Resources Plentiful

It may help to console us for the failure to discover oil in this Province to know that there is no threatened shortage of this commodity elsewhere.

The Imperial Oil Review takes a cheerful glance back over the gloomy prophecies of "eminent authorities" made from time to time within the last few decades as to the depletion of the oil supplies on this continent and the grave outlook for the future.

The Atom And Security

The history of science leaves no doubt that the fundamental principles of the atomic bomb, like those of all great discoveries of the past, cannot long be a secret either of any one group of scientists or of any nation.

The capacity for destruction which so startles and alarms the world today is probably no nearer its final control than the early uses of gunpowder compared with the explosives of the World War.

Dr. Showell is optimistic on this point. The whole structure of the United Nations Organization, he points out, is functional. Each part is designed to meet a particular need, and the organs which it created or endorsed are adjustable to the practical purpose in each case.

The problem of security can now at last be adequately dealt with, for war has become too dangerous an enterprise for any civilized nation to risk its existence by the use of so great and incalculable forces.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the note about St. Bartholomew, in yesterday's issue, read "Armenia" for "America", which was a misprint.

We have often been told "one half the world does not know how the other half lives." The war has solved this as well as several other problems—the other half are bureaucrats.

Sergt. Charles A. MacGillivray, C. M., has brought honour and glory to his native province by winning the coveted Congressional Medal, equivalent to the Victoria Cross.

It is something of a consolation to learn that the Government has not forgotten its promise to pay back a portion of the Income Tax it collected. But, as usual, no date has been set for the fulfilling of the promise.

Evidently Russia does not know the formula of the split atom, and some members of the British House of Commons are anxious Britain, U. S. A. and Canada should share the secret with her.

John Fletcher, poet and dramatist, who collaborated with Francis Beaumont, died this date 1625; of the 50 plays attributed to them, The Faithful Shepherd, by Fletcher alone, is considered the finest, and ranks only below the masterpiece of Shakespeare.

Ye Gods, I see that who unrighteously Holds wealth or state from others, shall be cursed

At the end of this month sinking for oil off Governor's Island will be closed down after a depth of 1,400 feet has been reached, the greatest depth ever penetrated in search of oil or any other thing.

It was revealed in the British House of Commons that the casualties suffered by the belligerents during the Second Great War totalled more than 47,000,000, according to incomplete estimates.

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Whithall Notebook

(By John Dauphinee, Canadian Press Staff Writer, London)

Criticism of three phases of the British parliamentary system is contained in the memoirs of Viscount Simon, Liberal leader in the House of Lords, his publisher here (By Cresset Press):

1. The system of voting is "a far from ideal method of selecting a government—a true reflection of the feeling of the country."

2. A multiplicity of political parties has reduced the chance of a stable government by making a clear majority in the House of Commons more difficult to obtain.

3. The present hereditary system of membership in the House of Lords is "intendible" and a concrete method of appointment should be found.

Revision of the voting system to provide for proportional representation was promised by the Liberal party in its campaign for the July general election. Lord Samuel mentioned the position after the 1929 election as basis for his argument a change was needed. At that time the Liberals polled more than 5,000,000 votes out of 22,000,000 recorded but a quarter of the votes gave us only a tenth of the seats.

This book has been written later than the time of the 1929 election. It could have used this year's election as an example. For one-tenth of the total vote cast his party elected only a dozen members to the 640-seat commons.

"Look round on the course of events in Europe during the present century," he wrote, "in Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, the Balkan States, the parliamentary system fell."

"Those countries fell into disaster for lack of strong government—strongly supported by a stable majority in the elected assemblies. And that was largely due to breakdowns in the party system—a multiplicity of parties, impotent separately and incapable of combining."

Lord Samuel said it is probable that "a great majority of the present members of the House of Lords would agree that its composition was indefensible, and would be ready to vote for a drastic change."

He referred to a plan he drafted for a cabinet committee in 1923 proposing election of a second chamber by the House of Commons.

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In The Pacific

By DEWITT MacKENZIE Associated Press Foreign Affairs Analyst

The vast reverence which the Japanese people have for their God-Emperor is being demonstrated daily as the Tokyo government proceeds cautiously with the dangerous task of implementing its capitulation to the Allies.

Now that reverence has nothing to do with Hirohito's capabilities. It would still be there if he were a moron. It rests in the fact that the people believe they are ruled by a divine being—a living god.

They've believed it since 660 B.C. when, according to legend, the first Emperor ascended the throne. The Mikado is the last word in the life of the Jap. Actually Hirohito has been more or less of a figurehead—but even the greatest and most progressive of his subjects approach his presence with diffidence.

We see an excellent example of the Mikado's power in the attitude of Field Marshal Count Juichi Teruchi, Japanese commander in southeast Asia. Despite Tokyo's capitulation the Count refused to surrender to Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten until the Emperor himself had given the word. These have been similar cases in other fighting zones.

This is a situation which can't be brushed aside lightly—fact that the Allied leaders recognize it's all very well to about "hang the Mikado"—as more than a few are doing—but it would be a perilous experiment to commit such violence on the primitive ideas of Japan.

If we use the big stick to uproot Shinto, on the ground that it's an improper religion, we are taking in a lot of territory. After that do we deal with the Confucianism of China, with Buddhism with Hinduism and what not?

The best answer to all this pro and con is that if western ideas and ideals are presented to the Japanese people in the most favorable light, we may win them over to our way of thinking. We must remember that, after all, they are largely a primitive people who literally are generations behind our times. And it's only a little over 300 years ago that some of us were burning witches at the stake.

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DEATH Death is a dialogue between The spirit and the dust. "Dissolve," says Death; the spirit, "I have another trust." Death doubts it, argues from the ground. The spirit turns away. Just laying off, for evidence, An overcoat of clay. —Emily Dickinson

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