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

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"The Man With The Umbrella"

Victor Hugo's character sketch of Louis Philippe might with slight revision have been written of the late Mr. Neville Chamberlain: "Well read, but not very appreciative of letters; a gentleman, but not always chivalrous; simple, calm, and strong; worshipped by his family and his house; a seductive talker; a deceived statesman; interiorly cold; ruled by the present interest; governing always by the nearest convenience; incapable of malice; pitilessly wearing out superiors upon ineffectives; able in opposing through parliamentary majorities those mysterious minorities which mutter almost inaudibly beneath thrones; making England afraid of Europe and Europe afraid of England; loving his country incontestably; prizing domination more than authority, which is profitable to this extent, it preserves politics from violent shocks, the State from fractures, and society from catastrophes; minute, correct, vigilant, attentive, sagacious, inflexible; contradicting himself sometimes, and giving himself the lie; brave, as antagonist, courageous as a thinker; anxious merely before the chances of a European disturbance, and unfit for great political adventures; endowed with observation, not with divination, needing to see in order to judge. Incorruptible, this entered into his popularity. He had no clique. He went out with his umbrella under his arm, and his umbrella for a long time was a portion of his glory."

Could comparison be more apt? History will assign a high place to Mr. Chamberlain as a statesman; the very Munich agreement which now is largely laid to his debit, will in the long run be to his credit, for it was that which gave Britain a year to prepare for the oncoming onslaught, an onslaught Hitler had made inevitable, but for which previous governments had failed to guard against. Neville Chamberlain is the most outstanding war casualty thus far.

Remembrance Day

Today's anniversary, dedicated first as Armistice Day and subsequently as a memorial to those who paid the supreme sacrifice in the last War, and now being commemorated in the midst of a still more ruthless conflict with the same aggressor nation, is freighted with thoughts too solemn for adequate utterance. It is a day of memories, hallowed by the passing years. It is also a day of re-dedication to the ideals which ennobled the lives of those whose memory we hold so dear. To none more prominently than to the veterans of the last war now again under arms, comes home the meaning of today's anniversary. The Legion parade to the War Memorial may be smaller than in other years, because of the number of Legion members on active service at home and abroad. Those at home will be parading with their own units; others can only be present in spirit. Middle-aged now, and with graying hair, they all have something precious to bring to the shrine of remembrance; memories, most precious of all, of intimate comradeship with the heroic dead. To younger soldiers will come, perhaps for the first time, the full meaning of Remembrance Day. They too, in the years to come, will be "veterans"; will have treasured memories to share, of trials and sacrifices, of high hopes and aspirations pointing, as did the hopes and aspirations of all our soldiers in the last War, towards a better and more stable civilization.

War is good when the stress is past
And the ranking stars grow old,
For its rigours fade and its glimmers last
Till the sombre grey turns gold;
And the hunger and thirst and the bitter days
No more in our thoughts find place,
But we mind that we trod life's roughest ways,
And met death's face to face;
And the soul's astral and the brain's affire
For the good fight fought before,
But the heart knows well there is something higher.

Planning For Victory

If we are to reach the maximum of which we are capable in our war effort, the Dominion needs an inner War Cabinet which could take a wide-angle view and make the long-range decisions which are imperative. This argument, which is widely supported, is discussed in a leading article in the Lehighbridge Herald, which is published by Senator W. A. Buchanan, one of the most independent of the Liberal members of the Senate. It is contended that our present effort is piecemeal. We have different departments of the Government pulling against each other because the men at the head of them are too preoccupied with their own concerns to see the whole picture. Thus, one branch of the Government is seeking to mobilize men for the home defense force while another is seeking to keep skilled labor producing machines the army needs. The Minister of Munitions demands new factories, and the Minister of Finance wants money to run the war. One of the means of getting it is by taxation, which discourages the establishment of industries. Nor is this all. The Ministers of key departments are so busy running their departments,

attending Cabinet meetings and committees or sitting in the House of Commons that they have their hands full sixteen hours a day. They have no time to sit back and view the whole picture, and no opportunity to decide what is of primary importance and what is of secondary importance.

It is believed an inner War Cabinet composed of outstanding men who were completely relieved of departmental routine and responsibility—men who can look ahead and plan the broad policies for the Ministers in charge of war departments to follow and put into effect—would make for greater efficiency. Britain has such an inner Cabinet, headed by the Prime Minister himself.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Remembrance Day.
Feast of St. Martin, the end of St. Martin, or Indian Summer.

The Legion is taking time by the forelock in organizing for the reception of the new war veterans into their numbers.

Not much is heard of departing youths for the Navy, Military and Air Forces, but no doubt they are still going and still being remembered.

Triplets born in New York on 4th inst, the eve of the Presidential election, were named after Willkie in anticipation of a Republican victory. Now the mother would like to re-name them after "Winston" who actually was the real winner.

Over \$595 millions of capital is invested in the Dominion's pulp and paper industry, represented by 99 pulp and paper mills, according to the Bureau of Statistics. Quebec leads not only in number of plants but in a capital investment of \$311 millions, followed by Ontario with \$175 millions; British Columbia \$47 millions and other provinces \$62 millions. The latter group includes plants in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba.

"An association of men who will not quarrel with one another is a thing which never yet existed from the greatest confederacy of nations down to a town meeting or vestry. You have not been mistaken in supposing my views and feeling to be in favour of the abolition of war. . . I hope it is practicable, by improving the mind and morals of society to lessen the disposition to war; but of its abolition I despair." — Thomas Jefferson.

In a thirty-page decision expected to set a chancery court precedent, Advisory Master Dugal Herr, New York, has ruled that a court may not order a blood test to determine paternity of a child, on the ground it would be an invasion of personal privacy. The advisory master's opinion voids the effectiveness of a blood test law enacted in New Jersey in July, 1939, although it did not declare the act unconstitutional. The opinion was given as a result of an application by Victor Bednarik of Westfield, an employee of the Prudential Insurance Company, who wanted to submit to a test and also have the court order a similar test for a 2-year-old girl born to his wife, Mrs. Nancy Bednarik of Plainfield. The latter, who is seeking a divorce from Bednarik on multiple grounds, opposed the application. Mr. Herr said to require a person to submit to a blood test against his will would be "an assault and battery" and "if we admit such an encroachment upon the personal immunity of an individual, where in principle can we stop?"

Boer farmers in Johannesburg report that some of the storks arriving there in their annual 7,000-mile migration from the Netherlands are carrying written messages on the condition of the Netherlands under Nazi rule. One farmer said he untied this scribbled message from the leg of a migrating stork: "We inhabitants of Bergen-op-Zoom tell you German occupation is just hell." Another said, "The Dutch people are dying under injustice." The Boers, still speaking Dutch dialects, went to South Africa from the Netherlands more than a century ago and were absorbed into South Africa, now a British dominion, only after the Boer War at the turn of the century. Many of them still oppose South Africa's participation in the war against Germany, and no doubt their opinion will be changed considerably by reason of this direct advice from their relatives and friends in the old Holland homeland.

In this war that touches everyone, each should endeavor to find a niche and work in some effort that will be devoted to the common end. This was the message Col. W. C. Nicholson, D.S.O., M.C., left with the members of the Westmount Women's Club. He said the people of the British Empire must not and would not lose their morale, and suggested a number of methods of maintaining morale in Canada. Col. Nicholson urged women to keep their health and their sense of humor, not to be dismayed by the fall or unduly elated by the rise of events. "We have to keep latent the courage to rise and deal the knockout blow," he said. He told them not to believe everything they read, but to view with suspicion the news coming from so-called neutral or non-belligerent countries in Europe. He admonished them not to complain without cause, to withhold criticism of those in high places, and not to spread rumors of disaster or of a scandalous nature. This might take the spice out of living, he said, but it was necessary. Fear, doubt, inertia and complacency were the enemies of morale, he said, and weapons that were being used as effectively as arms in this war by Germany. Once a victory is scored over civilians, fear and doubt are communicated to the fighting men. The countries that have fallen to Hitler may be said to have defeated themselves. He pointed out how the miracle of Dunkerque had acted effectively to banish fear and complacency from Britain. The sources of unrest in Britain were eradicated and the doubt in the country's leaders replaced by steadfast confidence.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Whatever happens, the position of Palestine is more exposed at this moment than at any time since British rule began. There have been dark hints in Rome and Berlin of a confederated Palestine in any redistribution of empires. Vast investments of material and spiritual capital in the British Mandate for Palestine have been made. The life-and-death struggle in Europe. With the German-Italian thrust in its ears, the Zionist leaders have urged the British to let them form an army of four divisions for the defense of Palestine. It is not a simple matter to decide, for the British are thinking also of the great Moslem world that stretches as far east as India and Malaya; but the British know that there will be little security for the Arabs or for the Indian Moslems, if Syria and Palestine fall into Axis hands. — New York Times.

Since time out of mind men have dreamed of a golden age, usually in the past but sometimes still to come. It has meant peace, plenty, good health, good-will, no jails, no crime, no shedding of man's blood by man. The golden age was golden in the golden age. It shone on shepherds tending their flocks, on brawny smiths standing at their anvils, on the sturdy Moslems, on happy parents surrounded by their children, on vistas of calm seas and ships bearing wanderers safely home. This issue of dreams, that the Newfoundlander has chosen as his theme, "Education for Democracy in War and in Peace." With this theme in mind the committee chose one of its sub-topics, "The Three-fold Partnership—the Home, the Church, the School. These are probably the 'Big Three' in the building of citizenship."

By strict adherence to economy and a unity of purpose that has never flagged, the civic administration under the leadership of Mayor Morrison has produced results which are stupendous. The city's financial position Hamilton's gross debt, as of October 15, totals \$2,888,974. This is a record for the city. In 1935, the gross debt was \$1,754,662. — Hamilton Spectator.

"God blew with His winds and they were scattered," was the pious legend used on the Armada medals bearing the effigy of Queen Elizabeth. England gave thanks to the Almighty for the defeat of the Armada, but no small deed of gratitude was also due to her seamen. Without them the country would have been lost. It is the same in our case. These thousands of British seamen, whose cargoes in their small ships perished to part would have to be collected by the British Navy. — By "Traffalor," British Naval Writer.

You can't beat turnips as a cash crop for the man who has live stock, says J. H. Purvis, of Ontario County. "If the market is good, a farmer can get more than the land is worth on which they grow. If turnips are in over-supply and the market price low, they can be sold for a profit. — Family Herald and Weekly Star.

What's the Fuehrer to do with a race whose reaction to his rain of death is a rule adopted by one Hitler's golf club? "I had my first death from a bomb crater without losing a stroke?" — Detroit News.

Photographs of the fruit and vegetable barrage taken down against the Detroit Tigers indicate that the chief aggressors were women fans. Ladies' day in the big leagues may be possible only if the women are checked at the gate. — Fredericton Daily Gleaner.

Britain decides that, after all, it will recruit men for service in the Far East and other outlying possessions. Good—it might even be that the last man in the British Empire colony could be a deciding factor in proving the declaration that Britons never, never will be slaves. — Washington Star.

When Colonel Charles Lindbergh takes to the air, it is to be borne in mind that it is a part of Her Majesty's Government to share with him in a belief in the beauties of the Nazi philosophy who is speaking. — Winnipeg Free Press.

There is a story about an important invention in Germany intended to fly backward, the advantage being that coming over England in reverse, they will be practically on the way home as soon as the Hurricanes and Spitfires appear. Whether this is true or not, it is the well-merited confidence of the British in their R.A.F. This confidence is matched in Canada as the training of air crews and the production of an increasing variety of aircraft sets well under way. — Canadian Aviation.

There is no doubt considerable confusion in the minds of the public with regard to the developments which have culminated in the formation of the Canadian Congress of Labour. The Labour movement almost invariably is presented to the public in an unfavorable light. As Elbert Hubbard once wrote, "Happy lives make dull grovelers." The growth of a Labour union or a central Labour body is not news, but when workers are forced, as a last resort, to go on strike to protect themselves against exploitation, that is news, especially when the employer hires thugs and "goons" in an effort to break the strike. When there is complete harmony between groups of workers, there is no "stacy" for the papers, but differences of opinion, no matter how trivial the subject may be, get plenty of publicity. — Canadian Unionist.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondence of questions of interest. The CharloTTetown Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

EDUCATION WEEK

Sir:— Throughout Canada the week from November 10-16 has been set aside as Education Week. For several years we have had an Education Week for the purpose of stimulating a greater interest in Education. A closer co-operation between the different elements of the community and the school has long been regarded as desirable if not essential.

It is not unfitting that Remembrance Day should come at the beginning of Education Week. Many valuable lessons might have been learned from the last War and we trust that many will be learned from this one. Much as we may respect the military régime, we must recognize that they saw from the first the importance of youth. It was the youth of the land that formed the basis of the Nazi and Fascist régime. We of the democratic nations must also pay a closer attention to the education of our boys and girls. The basic principles of democracy must be inculcated in our youth at an early age if we are to retain our liberal institutions and individual liberty. For that reason the committee organized the program for a National Education Week. The theme is "Education for Democracy in War and in Peace."

Another sub-topic was "Inculcating the National Loyalties." In the present time of stress everybody will recognize that this phase of our National Education is very important. We have asked the provincial branch of the Canadian Legion to take charge of this broadcast. "Developing Human Resources" is one of the main functions of Education and it is generally conceded that the school should help the child develop himself. It is also true that the parent may do much in helping the child make the necessary progress. And for that reason, we hope that all parents will cooperate to make Education Week a real success. All of the above topics will be discussed over the local radio station during Education Week.

The National Education Week should do so of her own free will and on terms which would make her a contented partner. It has been the traditional policy of the Canadian Government to refrain scrupulously from any action of expression of view which might, however erroneously, be regarded as a form of coercion; and without waiting for knowledge of Ottawa's official attitude towards the question which has arisen with some acuteness and is being discussed in an atmosphere of fear at St. John's, Newfoundlanders may be assured that Canadians would from any project designed to link Newfoundland's political fortunes with those of Canada without accredited representatives of the Island being allowed to enter freely into negotiations for her inclusion in the Canadian confederation, so that, were such a course decided upon, it would be under conditions which would create and maintain a good and sound understanding between the two countries.

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EDUCATION WEEK COMMITTEE OF P.E.I.F.F.

THAT'S AN IDEA

LONDON.—(CP) A newspaper correspondent has suggested the barrage balloons in Britain be made to pay for themselves by carrying advertising replacing the aerial advertising of pre-war days.



FOR THE FALLEN

With proud thanksgiving, a mother from the mainland
Britain mourns her dead across the sea.
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal
Sings sorrow up no immortal spheres.
There is music in the midst of desolation
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle,
They were young,
Straight of limb, true of eye,
Steady and aglow,
They were staunch to the end
Their odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

Newfoundland And Canada

According to the St. John's Daily News, a very real fear persists in many minds in Newfoundland that means are being sought to what is termed "railroad" that country into the Canadian confederation. It is true, as The Montreal Gazette says, that the question has been raised in some quarters in Canada, but discussion has been entirely "off the record," and the alarm which many people are expressing in the Ancient Colony surely is false and unjustified. Newfoundland's entry into the Canadian confederation is not likely to be raised either as a political or an economic issue at this time when the common desire in both countries is that nothing shall be allowed to impede their respective war efforts. Such a big and important question as Newfoundland's political union with this Dominion would doubtless stir a controversy to militate against the unity that is essential to proper fulfillment of the common purpose in both countries at this time.

However, as there is evidently a positive fear in Newfoundland today that the confederation is being "railroaded" into Canada in a manner that would be a negation of the principles of democracy which we all profess to be jealously defending, it might perhaps be the part of prudence were the authorities to make assurances doubly sure that Newfoundland's union with Canada is not an issue and is not likely to become an issue. That Newfoundlanders should not become as reasonably certain as Canadians are that there is no thought of an authoritative movement to bring the Island willy-nilly into confederation with the Dominion of Canada.

Before Newfoundland herself can consider confederation, she will need to enjoy responsible government once more, and that may not be accomplished until after the war has been won. If the issue is then raised, it must be by the will of the people of Newfoundland, and not without pressure from outside. The St. John's Daily News is quite reasonable in insisting that "if and when the time should come for us to consider confederation as an alternative to responsible government, it will have to be done on our own initiative and discussed in an atmosphere of cold reason in which the people would have opportunity to weigh the pros and cons before making their decision."

It is axiomatic that if Newfoundland should at any time enter into political union with Canada she should do so of her own free will and on terms which would make her a contented partner. It has been the traditional policy of the Canadian Government to refrain scrupulously from any action of expression of view which might, however erroneously, be regarded as a form of coercion; and without waiting for knowledge of Ottawa's official attitude towards the question which has arisen with some acuteness and is being discussed in an atmosphere of fear at St. John's, Newfoundlanders may be assured that Canadians would from any project designed to link Newfoundland's political fortunes with those of Canada without accredited representatives of the Island being allowed to enter freely into negotiations for her inclusion in the Canadian confederation, so that, were such a course decided upon, it would be under conditions which would create and maintain a good and sound understanding between the two countries.

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The Folly Of Neutrality

(Vancouver Province) Once more the folly of neutrality where a ruthless aggressor is concerned is being driven home. Britain and Greece are fighting on the same side now, but joint operation is handicapped because, during the long months of waiting, Greece maintained her neutrality meticulously and held no staff talks with the British. As a result, when she war came to Greece there were no plans for joint action. It was the same in the case of Norway, in the case of Holland, in the case of Belgium. All these nations played the game with Germany. They might have made arrangements for joint defense. They might have thrown in their lot with Great Britain and France in an anti-Nazi alliance. Good sense suggested that they should.

However, they preferred to trust the promises and pledges of Hitler, though Hitler had told them himself that his pledges were no good and his actions in the successive Austrian, Czecho-Slovakian and Polish crises had established him as an aggressor to whom the rights of other peoples meant nothing. The neutrality of the little nations of Europe was the principal factor in their fall. It enabled the Germans, and later the Italians, to attack them one by one, trample them underfoot and ensue them. And the operation still goes on. There are not a few neutral nations left in Europe, but such as there are are marked out for conquest, either by arms or duplicity. And after Europe, unless Britain succeeds in stopping the march of the dictators, there are other continents.

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