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

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Our Parliament

Prime Minister Mackenzie King announces that the date of the opening of parliament has been set back from August 23 to September 6, because of the "rapidly changing war situation."

It is obviously impossible in the short time available between now and August 23 for the several departments of Government to complete the sweeping revision of plans which will now be required.

Now try Blackstone's Commentaries: The power and jurisdiction of Parliament, says Sir Edward Coke, is so transcendent and absolute that it cannot be confined, either for causes or persons, within any bounds.

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The Welfare Level

The main issue before the Dominion Provincial Conference at Ottawa is discussed with refreshing frankness by the Toronto Saturday Night, which says:

The case against the taxing of the wealthier provinces for the purpose of maintaining a reasonably uniform welfare level in the poorer provinces is one which it is almost impossible to argue explicitly without giving away the fact that it rests upon nothing but the baldest and most cynical selfishness. It would be no trouble whatever to find in the province of Ontario an area, and a population, about equal to that of the province of Saskatchewan, which is in taxable capacity as far below the Ontario average as Saskatchewan itself.

Rewriting History

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of any ruler manifesting signs of a disposition tending to lead them into dangerous adventures which might produce wars.

The readiness of nations to follow such rulers depends upon their political experience, the measure of freedom to express themselves in speech and writing which they enjoy, and their supply of leaders ready to check warlike tendencies through their conviction of the futility of war.

-EDITORIAL NOTES-

We are now at liberty to spend what remains of August in normal peace and quietness preparatory to the commencement of the Fall routine.

Princess Margaret Rose, second daughter of Their Majesties the King and Queen, born this date 1930; still at her education but active in the Youth Movement as a Girl Guide.

A distinct honour was conferred upon Rev. Charles Carnegie, Presbyterian Minister of Summerside, in being asked to conduct the Church in the Air Service over CBC on Sunday afternoon.

The Province had the good fortune to have a literally flying visit yesterday and today from Mr. R. M. Cantlon, President of the Canadian Daily Newspapers Association, and himself publisher of Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

Women may now become fully ordained ministers of the Methodist Church in England. The recent conference at Nottingham in deciding this also resolved that men and women in the ministry should have equal status, training, and allowances, and that the marriage of a woman minister should involve her retirement from the active ministry except for special cases.

Cheese producers in Ontario have agreed to co-operate in a plan with other dairy organizations in an effort to collect \$100,000 as half of the total contribution promised by the Ontario dairy industry for the erection in Toronto of a research laboratory in milk and dairy products.

A training centre for courses in the teaching of technical subjects will be set up at an early date in Great Britain, according to a news release from the British Ministry of Education. This will be part of the emergency scheme of training. The word "technical" as used in the release, covers crafts, commercial and women's subjects, as well as technology.

Just get this, if one can. A uranium atom's diameter is calculated to be a third of a half of a billionth of an inch. But the nucleus is confined to a space estimated at 100,000 times smaller.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of current events of interest. The Editor does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

Sir, - Your City Council should adopt an order for the erection of a public convenienc station with a minimum charge for use in some places and no charge for other places.

A VISITOR

I am, Sir, etc.

Notes By The Way

Amsterdam girls have served an ultimatum on Allied troops that fraternizing with Germany's fraudulent won't be tolerated.

Altogether, the recent trends in cancer mortality are encouraging, and it is believed that real gains are being made.

A strange flag floated over Saialand off Borneo, after Australian commandos had captured a mission preliminary to the attack on Tarakan.

In planning for post-war homes it appears that kitchens are returning to the position they occupied a century and more ago.

A firm of London manufacturers has just constructed the BBC's modern tide predictor. It is to leave England for the Soviet Union next morning.

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The three-legged race is still one of the popular events at the playgrounds. The kids like to run that way as it is something of novelty.

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Wartime Visit To Holy Land

By Warrant Officer Edward I. Balmer, R.A.F.

(Note: Warrant Officer Balmer, now with the Middle East forces, was stationed at the Royal Air Force Station, Charlottetown, for three years, leaving here in April, 1944.)

Having recently returned from a tour of duty in the Maritime Provinces of Eastern Canada, and now finding myself on a similar expedition in the Middle East, I thought an ideal holiday at an opportune time to make comparisons, would be a trip to the old world.

I found that this old world we have read so much about in the Bible, has taken on a new aspect in this last quarter century, especially the rich fertile plains of the Holy Land and the new modern European towns which have sprung up here.

My holiday started with an air trip from Cairo to Tel-Aviv (Palestine). Air travel is a very pleasant contrast to the rail journey, and one can visualize more directly the change from the Delta area to the barren desert sands and then again to the fertile green fields of Palestine.

Te-Aviv is a modern European seaside resort, with beautiful hotels and cafes overlooking the sea. The education of the local residents have suffered directly from the European war, and the looker this is not apparent.

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The Poet's Corner

THE WAYS OF DEATH

The ways of Death are soothing and serene, And all the words of Death are From camp and church, the fire-side and the street.

The summer night descending cool and green, And dark, on daytime's dust and stress and heat, The ways of death are soothing and serene.

O, glad and sorrowful, with trill, umphant mien, And hopeful faces look upon and greet, This last of all your lover's and to meet, Her face, the Comforter's, your spirit lean-

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entrance "the eye of a needle" made so to keep out animals and marauders, (ne find oneself in the naive of the Church which marks the site where our Lord was born. This Church is one of the oldest in the world. It was here that the Emperor Constantine built a sanctuary in 330 A. D., and today, a yard below ground level, in the nave of the Church, some of Constantine's mosaics can still be seen.

To the north below the floor of this Church by way of narrow steps which lead to the actual birthplace of Christ, I followed the path of millions of pilgrims who have made their way to Bethlehem to worship in the Stable, ever since the Shepherds came hurrying in from the fields on that night two thousand years ago. Of course it looks nothing like a stable today, and here many people may be disappointed. Centuries of worship by people with Eastern ideas of reverence and decoration has loaded the place with ecclesiastical ornaments. We must try to look beyond the veneer of ecclesiastical and picture the Stable as it looked on that first Christmas Day, where on the night before because there was no room in the Inn above, Joseph and Mary, already weary with journeying and laden with child, found rest.

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It was the first time a woman had won the professional Black Turned the trick at Vancouver, B.C., in 1939.

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