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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.

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The Great News At Last

With Japan's acceptance of the Allied terms of surrender the world is once more at peace. The great news was flashed prematurely on Sunday night, and though there was disappointment when it was officially contradicted, it was generally realized that the Pacific war had quite definitely reached its final phase.

The Prime Minister has intimated that a day will be set apart for the observance of victory by prayer and thanksgiving. This is as it should be. Never in human history has the hand of providence been more in evidence.

It is fitting, also, that there should be general rejoicing on this great occasion, which though it comes like an anticlimax after V-Day, really is more important as marking the road back to world peace and sanity.

Disappearing Airfield

One of the most ingenious examples of successful sabotage in the Netherlands during the years of Nazi tyranny, has now come to light. Seemingly "cooperative" Dutch engineers, at work on the construction of the Valkenburg Airfield near The Hague when the occupation began, offered the Nazis their whole-hearted cooperation.

But during the winter of 1940 this costly airfield, right before the incredulous Nazi eyes, began to turn into a sea of mud. Soon the whole field was covered with water and became completely unusable.

But hardly had The Hague been liberated, in the beginning of May, 1945, before the same Dutch engineers began reconstruction work on the silt-drowned field. This time they made good use of the accurate drainage information which they had so carefully withheld from the enemy.

Ottawa's New Deal

The outstanding weakness of the new deal proposals submitted by the Federal government to the Dominion-Provincial Conference, in the opinion of the Vancouver News-Herald, is the failure to deal with the debt problems of the municipalities.

stances, it is argued, the first duty of any conference called to deal with reconstruction problems affecting the welfare of the Canadian people is to refund municipal debts on the credit of the national government.

In other respects, as previously noted in these columns, the new proposals do not adhere closely to the Siris Report recommendations.

Instead of the system of equalization grants designed to benefit some provinces at the expense of others, the new idea is to make the same grants to all provinces on a per capita basis.

In consideration of a per capita grant of \$12 payable by the Dominion to the provinces, the latter are required to surrender the tax on incomes, corporations and estates to the Dominion. The subsidies at the commencement of the scheme would amount to about \$13 millions more than the taxes surrendered.

The Dominion now undertakes to bear the whole cost of a national pension scheme by which everyone at 70 will receive \$30 a month. At present 50 per cent of the cost of old age pensions is borne by the provinces.

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Some weeks ago we called attention to the stupidity of the government's regulation of distribution of silver pins to step-mothers. Some reason which no sensible person could understand, the Government refused to issue these pins to stepmothers, though they go out automatically to the natural mothers of the boys.

Military surgeons have just completed two queer operations successfully. The patients were an officer and a private who had lost their right thumbs and so were unable to grip anything with the right hand. In each case, the surgeons removed the index finger and re-planted it in the socket of the missing thumb.

To quote General Slim—"The Jap army is the only one which, when it says it will fight to the last man and the last bullet, really does so. And when that last bullet has gone, then they come out—as they have done in Burma—with their bare hands, seeking death with the bravery of madness; if you can call it bravery, this half-crazed suicide complex which has little of the transcending qualities of humanity in it."

Napoleon Bonaparte born at Ajaccio this date 1769; of unbounded ambition, perfectly unscrupulous as to the means by which he might accomplish his ends, and tinged throughout by an utter selfishness and regardlessness of others, he can be deemed no more entitled to a real intelligent admiration, than a previous occupant of the French throne, Louis XIV, brilliant in many respects, though the reigns of both of these men undoubtedly were; one qualification, however, of a great general, the capacity of recognizing and rewarding merit, in whatever position it might be found was eminently conspicuous in Napoleon; favouritism, and the influence of pull, were entirely unknown in his army; the circumstance that, bravery, talent, devotion to duty in whatever capacity, were certain to receive their due reward in promotion or otherwise, gave every man a personal interest in the triumph of Napoleon's arms.

World, thou choicest not the better part! It is not wisdom to be only wise. And on the inward vision close the eyes. But 'tis wisdom to believe the heart. Columbus found a world, and had no chart. Faith deciphered in the skies; To trace the soul's invincible surmise. Was all his science and his only art. Our knowledge is a torch of smoky flame. That lights the pathway but one step ahead. Across the void of mystery and dread. Bid, then, the tender light of Faith to shine. By which alone the mortal heart is led. Unto the thinking of the thought divine.

Editorial Notes: Proverbial Old Home Week weather up till yesterday anyway. The Japs announced their defeat at the 13th hour (1 P.M.) of the 13th day, but of the eighth month, there being no thirteenth. It was better than pre-war days at the Exhibition yesterday, gay spirits prevailed; hand shaking and congratulations being the order of the day.

Notes By The Way

Athletic contests will be held this year in all districts, cities and regions of the Ukraine. One hundred and sixty thousand sportsmen will participate in the events. Final take place in Kiev. - Soviet Information.

Gen. Jacob Devers, Commander of the 6th U. S. Army Group, says he thinks the Russians play the game "like we do—right out on the table." Main thing is to see that someone doesn't tilt the table. - Brantford Expositor.

With the return of meat rationing the only difference we can see in our way of life is that we will instead of going on long way for a little meat. - Toronto Saturday Night.

The latest accusations by Premier Van Acker against King Leopold that he had revealed the same information against the Germans in force to retain his throne, the whole story might have been different. - Ottawa Citizen.

The automobile and rubber industries expect to be able to produce 600 million tires that will run 100,000 miles and that will be practically blowout-proof and that will be possessed of greater non-skid qualities for use in the post-war world. So it is quite possible that motorists will be far better off in the next war. - Chatham News.

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The move of the United States army to seize control of the "management, assets and plants" of the vast I. G. Farben Industries within its zone of occupation is highly important. The word Farben means simply dye. The German firm developed to include more than fifty per cent of the whole chemical industry of Germany. Moreover, it has been the outstanding example of international cartel, exercising far too great influence in countries other than Germany. - From Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

The construction of a 20-square-mile power station, complete with power stations, concrete water reservoirs and miles of roads and railways, was only one item on the war-time program of the United Kingdom firm. Since the completion of the factory in 1942 the company had not had to carry out even the slightest maintenance of repairs. One contract for the construction of a huge oil plant involved in addition to every extensive concrete building, a gasoline crane track, a reservoir, huge pipe ducts, roads, railways, and an outfall drain 1 1/2 miles long on a piled foundation in the sand. - British Information Service.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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P.E.I. HOSPITAL ANNEX

For over sixty years the public of Charlottetown and indeed of the whole Province have been uncasing in their generous support of the Prince Edward Island Hospital and all its undertakings and advances. Today this community finds itself the envy of most cities in the province of approximate size in respect to its hospital facilities, while since its erection our present building has been visited by a stream of delegates from other hospital organizations and medical men from far and near seeking ideas for the modernization of their own institutions and suggestions as to design and equipment of new buildings.

The Prince Edward Island Hospital has been served by many capable and faithful trustees over the years, who have given lavishly for the benefit of the hospital. The promotion of the interests of the institution and the results have been rather notable.

For many months now there has been unprecedented demand in this Province as elsewhere for hospital accommodation with which all of our local hospitals have been quite unable to adequately comply. Our own institution has been continuing to accept patients far in excess of the number which it was designed to serve, with always a waiting list of those whose admission could be deferred until a bed, even in an out-patient ward, could never intended for patients accommodation is available.

The nursing staff has worked with a degree of faithfulness and constancy beyond praise and frequently almost beyond the power of human endurance. The situation has had the constant consideration of the Board of Trustees, and plans for additional accommodation have been made and remade. First for 50 more beds, and finally for 100 more beds, but as the need for additional beds increased, the possibility of constructing the type of building planned, and the securing of elevator and other equipment necessary became more remote.

Finally in July this year when Mr. James Govan, the noted Toronto architect, who designed our present hospital, was in Charlottetown for the meetings of the Maritime Hospital Association, the trustees were delighted to receive constructive suggestions from any and all. More particularly from those who have had practical experience in modern construction or special knowledge of hospital needs. In ordering immediate construction of the annex, the trustees believe that they have taken one more forward step to help meet a very pressing need, and they are confident that they will receive the whole-hearted support of the local press as well as the approval and progressive people. When the present building was constructed there was a good deal of uninformed criticism as to the decision to start construction at once. But time has made ample justification for the steps taken by the trustees with the informed preference of Parliament and we are confident that our new annex, in largely increasing quickly the capacity of our hospital, will be an added blessing to this community and especially to the countless sufferers who might otherwise be denied hospital accommodation.

It is pointed out by other authorities that, while the party caucus might nominate a Prime Minister, it would still have been within the prerogative of the Duke of Gloucester as the representative of the Crown to reject his nomination, provided he was sure that his rejection would be endorsed by the voters. So there was no invasion of the Crown's rights.

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not in accordance with the popular will. This prerogative was exercised once in the Federal sphere when a Governor General rejected the request of a Prime Minister for dissolution and as an umpire in the Governor of a State (whose position is analogous to that of a Governor in Canada). It is not both cases the decision of the Crown was endorsed by the voters. The idea that the representative of the Crown is an automaton who must always accept the advice of the Prime Minister of the day has many fervent exponents in Canada. It is not the Crown that has definite functions to perform as a guardian of the public interest and as an umpire in party warfare. On several occasions within living memory the personal decision of the Crown has determined the choice of a British Prime Minister. In 1894 Queen Victoria selected Lord Rosebery in preference to Earl Spencer, whom Gladstone, when he retired, had picked as his successor. When Mr. Bonar Law resigned in 1923, King George V. chose as his successor Stanley Baldwin in preference to the Marquess Curzon, who had prior claims from the point of view of both ability and seniority, but was in the House of Lords.

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Judging Program PROVINCIAL EXHIBITION AUGUST 15 and 16, 1945

The following are the dates for the judging of the various classes at the Provincial Exhibition.

Exhibitors are asked to note carefully the time their entries will be called.

CATTLE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th, 9:00 A.M. Jerseys, Holsteins and Shorthorns

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16th Guernseys, Ayrshires and any other Beef Breeds

HORSES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th Class 1. Standard Bred registered and Class 2. Broedsters

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16th Clydesdales, Percherons & Draft Horses

SWINE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15th

SHEEP

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16th

POULTRY

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY AUGUST 15th & 16th

Horses and Cattle will be judged in separate rings with covered seating accommodation. Swine in new exhibit rings. Sheep in covered building and poultry in new poultry building.

ard works on constitutional problems, as laying down the doctrine that the selection of a Prime Minister has always been recognized as the free and unbiased choice of the Crown." He also quotes a Conservative Prime Minister of Britain as holding that this section is "almost the only act which is the personal act of the Sovereign," and argues that the action of the Labor caucus was an infringement of the prerogative of the Crown which should have been avoided.

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