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

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A Red Letter Day

All Prince Edward Island, seemingly, participated in the enthusiastic demonstration yesterday, marking the ceremonial arrival of the Victory Torch and the last lap in the War Loan campaign.

The speechmaking at the Exhibition grounds was commendably brief and to the point, leaving ample time for the other programme features which concluded with the solemn dedication of the Torch, and the National Anthem, followed by a march around the track of all the parading units.

Of special interest was the announcement by Premier Campbell during the ceremony that the Provincial quota of \$1,500,000 for the War Loan had been reached and passed, thus placing Prince Edward Island in the lead of all Canada, as it already leads in the number of enlistments per capita for the service forces.

This morning, Summerside will be the centre of interest, where a splendid programme has been arranged in connection with the arrival of the Victory Torch at 8:30.

Vichy Representative

There have been many indications at Ottawa during the week, says the Monetary Times, that the Dominion Cabinet must soon deal with the problem of the continuance of recognition to M. Ribbentrop, diplomatic representative of the Vichy Government to Canada.

Air Cadet Training

Air-minded Canadian youths have deluged national headquarters of the Air Cadet League of Canada at Ottawa with requests for information on the new organization for boys between the ages of 12 and 18 eager to obtain preliminary training for an aviation career.

In clearing the way for establishment of air cadet units across Canada, the following suggestions have been offered for groups desiring affiliation: The members of the National Board of Directors have returned to their various provinces in order to set up Provincial Committees and, therefore, there will be a little further time required before they are ready to function.

Each Unit will be administered by a Local Committee. Applications to form a Unit of the Air Cadets of Canada must be forwarded on the prescribed forms through the Provincial Committee to the Honorary Secretary, 122 Wellington Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

ment of National Defence for Air or the Air Cadet League of Canada.

Completed applications for appointment of the proposed commanding Officer and Medical Officer must be submitted with the application to form a Unit.

Attention is drawn to the fact that boys wishing to be air cadets do not join through the League's Ottawa Headquarters. They should watch their local situation and join the unit in their districts when it is formed.

EDITORIAL NOTES

It is well over the top in every sense, spectacularly and financially. But there is still a lot to do to defeat Hitler and Hitlerism. Buy more Victory Bonds.

The Nova Scotians, jolly lot that they are, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather have thoroughly enjoyed their visit, and look forward to coming again some other day.

With 110 octogenarians enrolled, the empire's "oldest group of war workers" is busily engaged at a home in Kildenninstown, England, making maps for the navy.

A Californian, Mrs. Libbie Willcox, who likes to experiment with trees and flowers, has discovered a coreless, seedless apple. The United States Department of Agriculture says it is the first of its kind and is experimenting with blossoms seeking the secret of the fruit.

Prime Minister Mackenzie King was scheduled for a speech at New York yesterday in connection with the Associated Canadian organizations of that city. He has not delivered a speech in New York for several years, and great importance was attached by New York Canadians to his address.

Will this remove the curse? Grundy County, Ill., of which Morris is the county seat, was officially organized 100 years ago. On Friday, June 13, Morris was the centre of an elaborate celebration commemorating its birth.

The Battle of Waterloo was won this date, 1815. After the undecisive battle of Quatre Bras, Wellington, by arrangement with Blucher, retreated to Waterloo, where an eight hours' battle was furiously fought, and at eight o'clock Napoleon's Old Guard advanced in four columns against the British right centre.

All is not gold that glitters nor are the letters after a man's name always genuine. Recently discovered in New York was a "ghost" writer with a factory of nine employed in producing "theses" for post-graduate students desirous of obtaining higher degrees.

When the Victory Loan campaign of 1916 ended, the number of applications has reached 1,104,107 and the aggregate subscription had totalled \$695,389,277. This amount was far above the objective. A year later, with the number of applications reduced to 830,602, a sum nearly as great was raised—\$682,032,215, and it is quite obvious that with anything like an equal number of subscribers now it will be possible to raise a very much larger sum than the Government is seeking.

"The tuberculin test can be the small spark igniting the flame which can and will completely eradicate tuberculosis from this country and from every country willing to make the effort," Dr. Fred Shippam, of the staff of the Montreal Child Welfare Association and the Children's Memorial Hospital, declared.

Using a novel method to illustrate his sermon on an all-out effort to win this war, Capt. Fred Williams, Protestant chaplain of Jeanne Mance Camp and ordinarily chaplain of Farnham Training Centre, formerly of Malpeque, conducted Sunday church service at the camp. He told his listeners that half measures would not do, we must go all-out or nothing.

NOTES BY THE WAY

J. B. Priestley, renowned for his plain-spoken talks to ordinary, everyday people over the radio, has expressed some progressive ideas about women. For instance, he has advocated that when the turn of war is over and people settle down to reconstruct society on a new basis, women—and middle-aged women at that—should take over at least 50 per cent. of the government of every country.

There is simply no possibility of anyone engaged in war business in Canada growing rich. The fifteen per cent. drop in the average price level of the stock market at the end of 1940, below that at the end of 1939, is one proof that profiteering is out of the question.

Portugal is the most cosmopolitan country in Europe today, according to a traveller recently returned to Manchester. The people are living in a strained atmosphere, but the returned traveller mentions an amusing incident at one of the cinemas in Oporto which gives a clear indication why their sympathies really lie. The news reel showing the movement of German mechanized units was received in stony silence.

Step by step, the government of Canada has penetrated into control of the country's economic life to a point where almost nothing is allowed to occur that has not first received the government's sanction. Yet today the people are confused; their mood is uncertain. With a framework of wartime legislation set up giving the government the widest possible powers, the government has, as yet, failed to utilize these facilities.

On one of the United States warships in the north Atlantic occurred this incident. The writer of this letter is a keen observer, a naval man. We break into a paragraph that made the proud of the men who are ready to fight for Canada. The gesture aroused the admiration of every man on this ship.... Today, somewhere in the Atlantic, a convoy of about 15 ships, a dozen cargo ships escorted by one converted liner. You would recognize the name at once if I told you. Now we were about ten or twelve miles away when we picked them up. On signal, the convoy scattered, but the converted liner, probably carrying eight six-inch guns, turned right toward us.

By order-in-council the minimum wage which may be paid to any man working on a Government contract for the manufacture of munitions is set at 35 cents an hour. This is an increase of five cents an hour. The regulation reads that the contractor must not pay less than the rates in force under the law of the Province where the work is performed, and never less than 35 cents an hour for adult male employees and 25 cents per hour for female employees. Special permits are required to employ beginners or handicapped workers at lower rates. The new rates are effective immediately on contracts now in force on ten days after notice is given to the contractors. Special rates are provided for an employer who is training young men and women for jobs. These regulations once again compel attention to the effect of Government competition upon domestic labour economy.

There used to be two names you could not mention in Italy: Adowa and Caporetto. Now there is a third: Cunningham. The Cunningham brothers—Alan and Andy—have done more than any other two men to destroy Il Duce's dream of Empire. The Cunninghams have always been kept through friendly rivalry when they could find any hunting or growing roses—their three favorite hobbies. Of late they have been playing a grimmer game—war against the Italians—and the competition between them has been hotter than ever. Every time Andrew sank an Italian ship, Alan captured another village in East Africa. And though Alan wiped up Ethiopia before Andy could strike the whole of the Italian fleet, the honors are really even. Il Duce's navy just wouldn't come out and fight. — Current History and Forum.

It is reported that since the outbreak of war members of the medical profession in Canada to the number of 1,200 have volunteered and been accepted for active service.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR

"Hitler is out to enslave the rest of the world. There are too many who say a German victory will mean nothing to this continent. These people must wake up. Canada must wake up." — C. Jeffares Moles, minister of St. Paul's and St. Andrew's, New York City.

New Minister From Within

(Globe and Mail)

One merit in the appointment of Mr. Joseph T. Thorson, K.C. of Manitoba, as Minister of War Services, is that it terminates an anomalous and indefensible situation, under which a single ambitious Minister was trying to run two important departments and managing neither very well. Mr. Thorson should bring a reinforcement of comparatively youthful energy to the Cabinet, if not the political independence sadly needed at this time.

He meets one of the paramount qualifications for admission to the present Cabinet, rigid party regularity, and his loyal fidelity to the Ministry has lately been demonstrated by his zeal in the role of chairman of the Special Committee on War Expenditures for taking elaborate precautions that no revelations embarrassing to Ministers will be produced by its investigations. We have seen no evidence that Mr. Thorson is not a whole-hearted supporter of the present war, but we also cannot banish from memory the recollection that in the days when the stage was being set for the present struggle he was one of the most ardent Parliamentary exponents of the isolationist creed, whose vogue prevented Canada from having any effective say in the foreign policy of the Commonwealth, and that in the session of 1937 he was one of the few English-speaking members who opposed the modest program of rearmament proposed by the King Government. If he ever finds himself conceiving the notion that his judgment is infallible, he should reread the Hansard report of the speech which he delivered in February of that year, in which he said, among other things, "My stand (against the rearmament program) is one of warning protest against a policy which I believe at the present time is unnecessary, and in the future may be fraught with serious danger to the welfare of Canada and the Canadian people."

Mr. Thorson has also been an advocate of the abolition of appeals to the Privy Council, and he can fairly be ranked as a member of the extreme nationalist school of thought. However, what matters today is his capacity as an administrator, and, while we have grave reservations about the soundness of his views, his abilities as a Parliamentarian are proved.

The Story of "Lobby Lobster"

(By G. F. E. C.)

Now wasn't it just like me? I knew I'd get the darned thing. I looked it over for a whole week and despite warnings it fascinated me beyond control. What a lobster. I suppose my turn had come to go the way of all good islanders of my time. I mean a lobster. I had no other thought. However, what matters today is his capacity as an administrator, and, while we have grave reservations about the soundness of his views, his abilities as a Parliamentarian are proved.

After that and I were shaken out of that pot I met a lot of friends. They too had been inquisitive and had mused into one of those cages. All of us were handled pretty roughly until we put up a bit of a kick, then those who didn't know anything about us, kept their distance. We're snobs, we islanders large and small of us. I could have pulled the noses of some of them for the treatment we had. However, we were eventually taken in hand by a kindly wife of a fisherman, and much to my surprise boys and girls alike as naked as we all were, were put together in a boiling pan. Was my face red. After ten minutes of that I didn't mind what happened. All resistance and kick had gone from me. What a party. Some of my friends got properly canned but I fortunately sobered up with some ice and slept. The next thing I knew, and this will take some believing, I was being gently creased by the most beautiful woman I've ever seen. I was lying on a wonderful white plate surrounded by some green foliage. The man in my made me out on a tough front but only in a half hearted way, and because I'm an islander I was most tender with her, responding to her caresses in every way, and oh boy how she deceived me and how I liked it. We islanders it seems are always lucky. I expect its because we have sweet and tender natures. I bet you wish you were with me now.



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Advertisement for E. A. Foster Central Drugstore. Text includes: 'NOTICE TO FARMERS' and 'The Story of "Lobby Lobster"'. It describes a product for farmers and includes a price list for various items.

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