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The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink.
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The Polish Agreement

London commentators emphasize that the Polish agreement has been made among the Poles themselves. The commission set up at Yalta, consisting of M. Molotov and the British and U. S. Ambassadors, has performed its main function in bringing together the three parties of Poles—that is, representatives of the so-called Lublin Poles, representatives of the London Poles, and other Polish democrats.

Eclipse Weather

"Eclipse weather" incidental to solar eclipse on July 9, 1945, will be of minor importance in the Maritimes, where the greatest obscuration of the sun by the moon will be less than 0.60, expressed in decimals of the sun's diameter, as indicated by a chart of the Hydrographic Office, U. S. Navy Department.

Sugar Quotas

An Ottawa correspondent warns that there is no hope of any increase in the sugar ration for preserving purposes this year. With fruit coming into the market in larger quantity as the season advances, it is disappointing not to be able to can more of it, owing to the restrictions on sugar purchases, and there have been well-meant suggestions, and a certain amount of criticism, on the part of those who feel that the situation might be improved by the application of the principle of self-help.

production would increase our ration of sugar by only an infinitesimal amount," says the Wartime Prices and Trade Board. "Increase in domestic production would decrease our supplies from the world pools since the total supply of sugar available from all sources must be shared."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Feast of St. Peter. The gale did not include us in its itinerary. Monday being Dominion Day, means that this will be a long week-end for those in a position to enjoy it.

The I. O. D. E. are greatly concerned over the lack of respect shown to the rendering of the National Anthem, and would like theatre-goers, and the public generally, to bear in mind that it is sacred, deserving and requiring the same reverence and respect as is given anthems and other sacred music in our Churches.

Peter Paul Rubens, Flemish painter and diplomatist, born this date 1577; besides being a creationist in art, he was an organizer as well, organizing a school of artists who were able to carry out his designs, the pictures being signed and credited to him, hence the number of Rubens bearing his signature; he delighted to paint the exuberance of life, and his pictures are notable for marvellous spontaneity, creative vigour, superb animation, and magnificent coloring; his greatest work, The Descent From The Cross, decorates Antwerp Cathedral.

At the obsequies of Mr. R. G. Fulton, Saint John, the services were conducted by the Rev. T. H. Littlejohns, Westfield United Church, and formerly of Charlottetown, assisted by Rev. A. J. McQueen of Centenary Square United Church, the choir of Centenary, assisted by friends rendering Mr. Fulton's favorite hymns. His son, Brigadier Fulton, O.B.E., being overseas, was represented by his wife, and his daughter, Mrs. William Fair, Montreal, also accompanied her mother as chief mourners.

Owing to a burst in the intake water main of Quebec City last Wednesday the citizens and visitors were waterless for almost ten days, being deprived of drinking water and water for all other purposes. Relief was given to the extent of buckets of water supplied from civic water-carts which went round for the purpose. Bad as the situation was for the citizens — and they did not know when the evil was to be abated — it proved even more serious for visitors, notably the representatives of various countries attending the International Labor Office parley, for they were not accustomed to the breaking of the 40-inch water main upon which the water supply of Quebec depends so much.

Ladies may be prepared for censored costumes. The City Fathers of Hull, Que., and of Aylmer of the same province, have forbidden the wearing of shorts by women in public. This recalls vividly when slacks for women were first introduced here. Two Island girls returning from Boston wearing them, were forthwith arrested, and brought before the late lamented Magistrate K. J. Martin. He ordered them to discard pants and return to petticoats, etc. They explained that the only wardrobe they had with them was what they wore. He thereupon ordered them back to Boston, and the police saw them off by train. We have travelled a long way since the days of those unfortunate martyr fashion pioneers.

A new Speaker must be chosen to replace Hon. J. A. Glen, now Minister of Mines and Resources. The job is supposed to be held by a married man, who should have his wife with him in Ottawa when he presides at social functions. It is a French speaking member's turn, as they are chosen English and French alternately. When a French Canadian member presides in the Commons, an English one occupies the pointee is also expected to be a lawyer. The apolitical prospect mentioned so far is Mr. Jean Francois Pouliot, who has been a thorn in the Prime Minister's side for long. This would be one way to get rid of his opposition and criticism. But following the promotion for a similar reason of Jerry McGee to the Senate it would be more than a joke.

It is pointed out in London that by the capture of Okinawa the Americans have received first-class Naval advantages, and an island large enough to provide space for airfields capable of maintaining the heaviest machine. These anchorages and airfields are less than four hundred miles from Japan and the same distance from Formosa, and the nearest point on the south-east coast of China. Thus land based fighters will be able to support bombers attacking any of these places. Fighter cover can be given to shipping operating in this area, which will be made more dangerous than ever for Japanese shipping. Okinawa will also be useful as a jumping off place for future operations. But it is emphasized in London that wherever the next jump lands them, the Americans are likely to meet for the first time the principal land forces of Japan. Thus, it is not improbable that some time will elapse between the capture of Okinawa and further ad-

Notes By The Way

That great host of two-flange typists will be amazed and mystified by the news from Denver that a Mexican in the United States printed these types in 120 words per minute in English—which, not read,—Toronto Globe and Mail.

The world is grateful to the man who bore that burden, who hurled that defiance. His voice was the drumbeat that rallied the men everywhere, the "Marsellaise" this war, confronting the cold and unrelenting logic of the big battalions with the splendor of faith and purpose. Unmentioned in the speech, mentioned in the record, the voice, the heart, the mind and the will, Winston Churchill unite to form one of the greatest facts of the last five years of human history. —New York Herald-Tribune.

The conquest of Louis XIV of France is responsible for the rise of high heels, it is said. The King was distressed over the fact that he was shorter than the women who surrounded him. He ordered shoes made with heels that added several inches to his height. The style spread throughout Europe, though women, rather than men, adopted it widely.—Pageant.

It is easy to understand why Great Britain is anxious to have the trouble of the Pacific dealt with as quickly and as equitably as possible, for in the British Empire there are 11 million Mohammedans who are watching what is happening in Syria and Lebanon. In India alone, Britain has 100,000,000 loyal Mohammedans who are keenly interested in what is happening to their co-religionists in the East. —Nisarga.

Princess Alice has commended the establishment of bursaries so that young Canadians might be able to study in the United States. Her view is evidently shared by young Canadians themselves, for there has been an overwhelming response to the offer by the University of Sydney, the only one of course, open to students from Canada. —Ottawa Citizen.

The most encouraging sign for a considerable growth in trade between Canada and China is seen in the report of the Natural Resources Commission of China who have been inspecting the facilities for the export of Canadian goods to China. The spokesman, C. Yun, in referring to the unsatisfactory condition and the high cost of shipping Canadian goods to China, said that Canada is not going to export cheap labor to fulfill her hopes of raising the living standard then she will have removed the chief barrier to trade. —Vancouver Province.

I was called up this week by an unknown Australian, asking me to sing a song to him. He said it was a nightingale and when the bird ceased singing. In my neighborhood, though there are several pairs in residence, the nightingale has been scarce. On the other hand, I never heard a louder or more continuous singer than the nightingale, which is further north, and the singing was in full swing. The noise of many passing lorries seemed to stimulate the bird. Yet the further south the better is probably the best advice to a would-be listener and Surrey up to the edge of London is always popular with vocal nightingales. The song is as melodious as the second week of June, but my experience is that the song is heard later at night as the season advances. One nightingale party last June would have had to wait till 2 a.m. to hear the singer, as the sulkiest host discovered. —London Spectator.

One of the French papers, speaking of the state of the concentration camps, with their devilish apparatus for torture, made an apt comment. The writer said: "The Nazis were taught to flinch at nothing, to master whatever sensibility possessed, and to learn to enjoy inflicting pain. From this beginning Hitler created his huge army of torturers and his finished system of barbarity." —Manchester Guardian.

PACIFIC ROUNDUP

(Canadian Press Staff Writer) OTTAWA, A series of developments in the last few weeks have supplied answers to many questions regarding Canada's Pacific commitments but have posed others, of most import of which is the matter of operational bases.

Here is the lineup:— The new 11,000-ton cruiser Ontario, which will soon join her sister ship, Uganda, and the 60-ship fleet that will fight under British direction and possibly in co-operation with American over-all command.

Already 32,000 men have volunteered for the Pacific war. The total requirement for the war against Japan is 37,000 men. The balance of 5,000 will be used in Canada in administrative and instructional capacities.

(Maj.-Gen. Bert M. Hoffmeister, 38, of Vancouver will be returning to his own 8th Pacific Division at Brockville, Ontario, on completion of his leave in three weeks.

The Far East force will "smart-up" at Debert, N.S. Barrfield, N.S., will be discussing the preliminary work of grouping which will see volunteers serving with famous 1st Division, British Commonwealth, and according to geographical affiliation, will be completed in August and the whole force will move to Camp Breckinridge, Ky., in September.

Already 26,000 European veterans have volunteered for Gen. Hoffmeister's army and he has chosen an "all-star" team of brigadiers and colonels with fine fighting records to lead his outfit. American type regiments of infantry and armor.

The R.C.A.F. has not yet announced the size and nature of the force which Air Vice-Marshal Roy Slemmon, 40, of Winnipeg is organizing. The R.A.F. Vice-Marshal Slemmon arrives here Friday, Saturday to plan the organization of his command. He will talk to Air officials here who this week talked to Air Marshal Sir Hugh Fugh Lloyd, British Pacific air chief, under whom the Canadian air force will fight.

In The Pacific

By Kirke L. Simpson (Associated Press News Analyst) The radio rumor factory in Tokyo is working overtime with reports of impending further Allied landing operations on Borneo or in northern Ryukyu north of Okinawa, virtually on the threshold of southern Japan. Whether these are pure fishing expeditions or actually based on the sighting of naval task forces troopship convoys by enemy air scouts remains to be seen. There seems logical reason to anticipate further developments, however, on both flanks of the China sea battlefield.

Full effective use of Okinawa as a major air and sea base for concentration of amphibious forces for the next major operations would seem to call particularly for the use of the Amami group of islands, of which Amami Oshima is the largest, second only in size to Okinawa. It lies virtually midway between Okinawa and the south coast of Kyushu. As a flanking protection for Okinawa in prospect of being more completely fitted with airstrips than any similar small land mass in the world, Amami Oshima would seem to be particularly well suited for the final blasting attacks on Japan.

R. N. EXAMS FOR GRADUATE NURSES SEEKING THE R. N. DEGREE WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS JULY 4th, 5th, and 6th. Nurses from Prince County write at Prince County Hospital. Nurses from Charlottetown Hospital write at Charlottetown Hospital. Nurses from P. E. I. Hospital write at P. E. I. Hospital.

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