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

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Premier Churchill's Speech

The speech yesterday of Prime Minister Winston Churchill, broadcast throughout the Empire, was such as to inspire courage in the faintest heart. Mr. Churchill made no pretense of minimizing the gravity of the situation on the western front. At the same time he declared: "We must not allow ourselves to be intimidated", and said we may look "with confidence" to the stabilization of the front in France, notwithstanding the furious drives of the enemy. "I have," said the British Prime Minister, "invincible confidence in the French army and its leaders." He pointed out that only a very small part of that splendid army has yet been heavily engaged, and only a small part of France penetrated. In order to accomplish what they have done, the Germans are throwing everything into the scale. They cannot, in view of the British blockade, afford a protracted war. What they are seeking is an immediate decision. The Allies, on the other hand, have time on their side. "Our task," as Mr. Churchill expressed it, "it not only to win this battle but to win the war," and to that end "every last ounce and last inch of our effort" will be required.

Time and again the Prime Minister referred to "our reserves"; forces which have not yet been brought into action and which are awaiting the psychological moment when the enemy, exhausted with the titanic effort of smashing through strongly fortified positions under devastating bombardments, will be met with equal or superior forces on ground of the Allies' own choosing. At this distance, and with the meagre official bulletins to guide us, it is impossible to form an accurate picture of the titanic engagement now in progress. We must believe that Mr. Churchill speaks with surer knowledge when he says that there is no cause for hopelessness or despair, and that ultimate victory, now as in the earlier stages of the war, rests with the forces that are fighting for the rights and liberties of human kind.

The Prime Minister closed his speech with a biblical quotation. It implied a realization of the moral issues involved in this conflict, of the fact that these issues transcend all other gains or losses, and that behind the material defenses of the Allies there stands a bulwark not made with hands, a rock of defense which in this hour of crisis, as on many occasions in the troubled history of Christendom, remains unshaken and unsubdued. This sudden transition from matter-of-fact statement of the war situation to an expression of firm reliance on spiritual aid, unprecedented in Mr. Churchill's public utterances, marks the mood of the British people of whom, at the moment, he is the inspired mouthpiece.

Is Canada Really At War?

Under the above heading the Ottawa Citizen publishes the following statement from Hon. H. D. Herridge which thousands of Canadians who are far from being in agreement with Mr. Herridge's political views will indorse to the limit: "The Empire's peril puts the stamp of shame upon Canada's contribution to the war. And soldier Canadians will be the first to say so. Where are the comrades who should back them up? For years before this war came, we had the growing proof that it would come. Is Canada yet prepared to fight? For eight months now, there has been war. Is Canada yet prepared to fight? For some days now, the signs of Armageddon have been manifest. The Germans move nearer to the Empire's gates. Democracy is fighting for its life. Where is the flaming purpose, the indomitable will by which this country's leaders should inspire our people at this critical time? Where is the iron resolution to prevail which should exalt this country's government to give our all? Where is Canadian leadership? We waited, last Friday, to be told. We thought perhaps that at this solemn hour, the elected leader of this country at last might give

us leadership. There came to us, over the radio, at night, the negation of all leadership; the same old pallid phrases and shopworn platitudes. We got a wordy sedative. We heard the rhetorician's lullaby. No wonder we are a nation walking in its sleep.

"But there are Canadians who realize our danger and our duty. We want action. We are content to wait no longer. We have had our fill of windy promises. We are sick to death of futility and incapacity. We do not mean that Canada shall perish for lack of leadership. Parliament is meeting. Parliament must catapult Canada into war. Without delay, Parliament should call half a million men to the colors and mobilize ten divisions for the battle front. Parliament should drive through the Empire air training scheme. Canadian pilots and planes should now be pouring into Europe. Parliament should compel the upbuilding of our naval and coast defenses so as to free the British Navy for its work elsewhere. Without a day's delay, Parliament should demand a war cabinet invested with supreme authority to get results. The machinery of peace-time democracy was never meant to work in total war. To preserve the essence of democracy, we must in time of crisis be willing to reshape its form.

"To get results, Parliament must enact the law of national service. It must draft the man power and material resources of the nation. But the government has given a pre-election pledge against conscription. It promised not to take the action which every warring nation in the world has found itself compelled to take. "Are we a warring nation? Does this government mean that Canada shall really fight? This crisis demands a government that does. Whom do I speak for when I speak this way? I hope I speak for the soldiers of the last war, for the soldiers of this war, for those who have known sacrifice, for those who are now prepared for sacrifice. I hope I speak for Canadians who still believe that their country is worth fighting for."

EDITORIAL NOTES

If crops had been in the showery weather of the past few days would have been all the more appreciated.

The mention of Islanders among casualties, and among those saved, brings the War nearer home to every one of us.

Summerside Town Council has followed the lead of Charlottetown City Council, and decided to advance the clock one hour on Empire Day.

Christopher Columbus, of Genoa, Italy, discoverer of America, died this date, 1506. Adolf Hitler would like Mussolini, even at this late date, to annex his discoveries.

Empire, or Victoria Day falls to be celebrated this week—Friday, 24th. The City Council recommend that at midnight, or rather 12:01 a.m. clocks and watches in the city be advanced on that date an hour to provide for Daylight Saving time. That is, day-light savers must rise an hour earlier. Outside the city and Summerside standard time will prevail.

In view of our approaching Beer and Wine plebiscite it is interesting to recall that in ancient Rome the kiss was something more than an expression of courtesy. Women were forbidden to drink wine, and any male relation had the right to kiss a woman on the mouth in order to find out if she had transgressed the law.

In connection with President Roosevelt's message to Congress it is interesting to note United States battle fleet will remain in Hawaiian water "indefinitely". Admiral James O. Richardson, commander in chief of the fleet, said that the Navy Department had approved his request that the fleet remain in the Hawaiian area for further tactical exercises and training.

A parent asks why so much was made over the prospective departure of the 8th Battery and the practical ignoring of the equally deserving units, 2nd Battery, the 6th Signallers and the Black Watch. The explanation is that, as the result of the recent election, there has been a speeding up of officialdom at Ottawa, and now instruction have gone forth to give departing units their due, as was done in 1914. The 2nd Battery, the 6th Signallers and the Highlanders are as dear to the hearts of their parents and friends as are those of the 8th Battery, only they had the misfortune, or fortune to depart for duty for King and Country before our politicians and officialdom had time to wake up.

In proposing to wipe out provincial indebtedness, the Sirois Commission are following the example of the British Colonial and Welfare Bill which provides for the converting of \$55,000,000 Colonial debt into grants to the respective colonies, and the expenditure of \$25,000,000 a year on the British Colonies for a period of ten years. In addition the bill provides for the expenditure of \$2,500,000 a year on Colonial deficits and the remission of advances made to colonial governments out of British funds, but not funded. So there is still nothing new under the administrative sun that the Mother Country has not anticipated and practised.

The budget this year will have to raise a huge sum of money for war and general governmental purposes. Thus new taxes probably will be imposed and existing tax rates may be increased. In order to let the public know as soon as possible the taxes they will have to pay it is probable Mr. Ralston will present his budget at the earliest date possible. Thus whatever new taxes are decided upon will go into operation earlier and yield more revenue and the uncertainty about budget proposals which tends to slow up business transactions will be checked. When a budget with new taxes is in the offing persons who are likely to be affected are inclined to go slowly on their commitments until they know how the tax program will affect their undertakings.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Why do our public men, disregarding the multiplied evidences that American sympathy is overwhelmingly with those who fight against such dictators as those of Hitler and Stalin, seek after the applause of the timid few who tremble before the ruthlessness of a bloody-handed tyrant? They would "shush" every utterance that told in simple words American abhorrence of the Stalin-Hitler alliance, and its brutal inhumanity, injustice and rapine, practised at the expense of those who cannot defend themselves? — Chicago Daily News.

You leave France celebrating Allied victories and the next day in Italy these victories are either played down or celebrated as defeats. The Italian press received orders to headline German successes the day before Hitler invaded Norway—a pretty clear indication that Rome was apprised of what was about to happen. But the Italian press did not mention soft-pedal Russia and not to mention the Axis, and this adds to the sum of contradictions which make the situation in Rome confusing, baffling and perilous.—Anne O'Hare McCormack, from Rome to the New York Times.

The Eastern Irrigation District, with headquarters at Brooks, was under the direct supervision and control of the Provincial Government for nine months last year, following the dismissal of the board of trustees late in March. The annual report shows that during 1939 maintenance and operating expenses advanced by \$58,488 to a new high total of \$70,912 while revenue from water rate levy showed a decrease of \$7,692 from the previous year. There was a deficit for 1939 of \$14,930 compared with a surplus the year before of \$48,380, or a difference of \$63,310. — Calgary Herald.

It is unlikely that anybody has been worrying about moisture conditions hereabouts. But, in case there is such a person, he will be reassured by a report published in Winnipeg. It shows that the Edmonton precipitation from September 1 to March 31 was 8.69 inches, as against 5.67 in the normal year. The average was 5.14 in 13 Western points, which have normal precipitation for the period covered. The heavy snowfalls during the early part of the present month helped to put the ground in good shape for seeding. This is likely to become general about the right time and send the crop off to a good start. — Edmonton Journal.

The professional fortune tellers have evolved a new device for uncovering the future. It is the Danish doughnuts in coffee and read rate from the splashes. Fortunes, it seems, can be read from almost anything—if you have the gift. Soothsayers use all sorts of methods, including cards, spheres, playing cards, the stars, the lines of your hand, tea leaves, and plain old-fashioned trances. With these various methods so widely accepted there is no reason why doughnut-dunking should not be added. The future can be observed, but must be just as pregnant with meaning as the leaves in someone's teacup. Nor does it make any difference if the doughnut is nibbled in the process, say the fortune tellers. It's the splashes that count! The future can be observed, but must be just as pregnant with meaning as the leaves in someone's teacup. Nor does it make any difference if the doughnut is nibbled in the process, say the fortune tellers. It's the splashes that count! The future can be observed, but must be just as pregnant with meaning as the leaves in someone's teacup. Nor does it make any difference if the doughnut is nibbled in the process, say the fortune tellers. It's the splashes that count! — Halifax Chronicle.

Denmark is putting up a strenuous fight to keep possession of her shipping. Any Danish vessels on the high seas or in Allied or neutral ports are claimed by Denmark as belonging to the D.S.s. Protests are made against their seizure as Nazi craft. The Danes had fought half as hard to protect their country from absorption by the Nazis, they wouldn't have to be worrying about their ships now. — Clark in Windsor Star.

The secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society may be regarded perhaps as the banner-bearer of Sabbatarianism in this country, but he has been giving some account of the way in which he would, within the memory of some old people today, have got him in to trouble with the stricter Sabbatarians. This he has mentioned a walk both in the morning and in the afternoon of Sunday in the city. He said that he had the theory being, no doubt, that to take a walk does not force other people to work on Sundays. But that would not have been accepted by the stricter Sabbatarians of the day. He said that he had the theory being, no doubt, that to take a walk does not force other people to work on Sundays. But that would not have been accepted by the stricter Sabbatarians of the day. He said that he had the theory being, no doubt, that to take a walk does not force other people to work on Sundays. But that would not have been accepted by the stricter Sabbatarians of the day.

An educated man is not a person whose head is filled with all the knowledge he requires in order to be a success in life, because to one head could hold all the knowledge it is necessary to have at one's command in order to get through this world creditably. Education teaches men to think clearly; but most of it teaches them where and how to look when they are to discover knowledge which they do not possess. — Chatham News.

Enlistment of all classes talk of what they expect of the war and the role they will follow. They are expected to

Wilhelmina

(Monique Transcriber) The House of Orange-Nassau traces its origin as far back as the year 800. The Nassaus settled in the Netherlands in 1400, and a century later the principality of Orange came into the family. In 1568 the armies of France overran the Lowlands and the Lowlands became the Batavian Republic, paying a large amount to a French army. In 1806, Louis Bonaparte was made King of Holland, and four years later was added to the French Empire.

On the fall of Napoleon, the Orange-Nassau House was restored to power and, with some exceptions, the country has been at peace ever since. The exception occurred when Belgium obtained independence, but more than a century has gone by since that affair was settled. The father of Queen Wilhelmina died in 1890, too despotically for the democratic Netherlands, who recalled that his mother was the daughter of a Russian Czar. Early in the reign of Queen Wilhelmina, at age, at eighteen in 1890, the good Queen Mother Emma, who died only a few years ago, had created not only a new popularity for her royal daughter, but also for her royal daughter-in-law, who had founded a queen deserving of it.

Queen Wilhelmina was born on August 30, 1880, and the picture of her as a child may be found in the book "The Queen's Childhood" by school boy's collection, but time marches on and the Queen will reach her sixtieth birthday this summer. A week after she reached her sixtieth birthday, on September 6, 1898, a fair girl of eighteen, clad in a long white silk robe and an ermine-caped red velvet cloak embroidered with golden lions, rose amidst the great throng of guests to the throne of the Netherlands. That promise she has most honestly maintained.

Recalling Queen Emma and Queen Wilhelmina is it any wonder that the Netherlands have looked ahead hopefully to a Queen Juliana and then a Queen Beatrix, compliance with the peace and security of the future. Not a single ruler is left of that multitude of kings and grand dukes, of princes and princelings, who wielded power when she came to the throne. Revolution and war toppled many a throne.

The Queen and her government avoided alliances and preserved neutrality, even in spirit, although three years ago, when Princess Juliana was married, as some recall just now, there was a gala performance at the Hague Opera House. The Dutch national hymn was sung with fervor, the German national anthem was played in honor of the guests of the bridegroom's family but it was noticed that when "God Save the King" was taken up by the orchestra, in honor of Princess Alice and the King of the Netherlands, the guests who had just assembled joined with obvious pleasure.

Yet despite her unimpeachable neutrality, the Nazi hordes have not hesitated to invade the Netherlands and her family have sought shelter in Britain. "Safe in the Midst of the Waves" is the motto of the House of Orange-Nassau. It seems appropriate at the moment.

The Poet's Corner

BOYS! O BOYS! O Boys, the times I've seen! The things I've done and known! If you knew where I have been, Or half the joys I've had, Or never had, but me alone; But better me to tell, Swearing to keep it dark, What I know quite well: Would break out and go mad; And all the dogs would bark!

There was a young fellow of old Who spoke of a wonderful town, Built on a lake of gold, With many a barge and raft Afloat in the cooling sun. He said he had been there, Played by such courtisans The sight was enough to take The reason out of a man's head. Babbling of lutes and fans.

The tale was right enough: The town and lake were real; And ladies skilled in love, But they listened only to smirk, For he spoke of incredulous foils, And many, many were sorry to speak; For no one believes in love, And Peace on Earth is a joke. Which, anyhow, telling destroys; So better to keep the story dark: But Boys! O Boys! O Boys! —Oliver St. John Gogarty.

WASNT MAPLE SUGAR

The latest case of violation of the Maple Act occurred in Montreal recently where a company operating a chain store was fined \$10 and costs for selling as maple syrup a product which did not contain any maple syrup of maple sugar. The charge was laid under Section 4 of the Act. This section reads: "No person shall sell or offer for sale in possession for sale in Canada or ship or cause to be shipped any maple sugar or maple syrup that is adulterated or that fails to comply with the provisions of this Act or of the regulations thereunder."

was bombed, to be exhausted by years of fighting and to have lost everything at the end. Everything but their souls. There is fire in the eye of the most stolid Britisher when he tells you that he will fight on to the last. Paul's and if the barbarian hordes overran England the Union Jack will be hoisted at Ulma Thule. — New York Times.

How Are Your Eyes?

If you are having symptoms of strain—headache, sore eyes, or dizziness—consult a specialist. At your service with years of experience and a thorough refracting service. Call in and discuss your difficulties. G. F. Hutcheson G. F. HUTCHESON F. G. HUTCHESON THE TWO MACS

PUBLIC FORUM

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TEACHERS' QUALIFICATIONS

Sir—I read with interest a letter by Reginald McDonald who conveyed the idea that many ailments of our present school-system would be obliterated by the hiring of experienced teachers only. There is no one but will agree that the past two decades have brought many improvements consequent upon the advances made by educational methods must not be overlooked. Not many years ago it was possible for a student to obtain a first class license from Prince of Wales College on the merits of his high standing in the first year's work. That persons going out into the rural schools to teach under such circumstances had no real standing in teaching ability was naturally inevitable, and that experience would change this condition to any great extent is an idea not founded on sound reasoning. But now all that has been changed. During recent years much greater attention has been given to the training of teachers in ability and instruction in devices for holding pupil-interest, without which a pupil's thirst for knowledge is quenched very early by a boring daily routine.

Many of us only now in our twenties, have too painful memories of the well-meaning old teachers who selected the best and most and had him draw a dozen or more lessons for the rest of us to copy. Under the guidance of our present teachers of today, we would not have been cheated out of the instruction that was rightfully ours and the best of our present teachers have fostered his skill rather than developed an acute distaste for art.

Contrast the conscientious young persons possessing well grounded knowledge of the necessity for motivation, and with just one of his modern teaching ideas, he is able to teach a pupil to read his listening audience, the class—contrast this person with that antiquated specimen of the teaching profession who has a bored pupil copying off a reading lesson while the others follow with opened books. It is like comparing a modern car with a 1940 model. We are passing up an opportunity for the greater efficiency of the new.

All teachers will admit that there is a certain degree of teaching ability that comes only by experience, but this is a relatively small amount when compared with the greater knowledge of an increased variety of subjects on the part of our modern teachers. The members of a certain type of experienced teachers, unfortunately few in number, who have availed themselves of Holland and in the school or a year's additional normal school training. Here is a teacher to be commended, a teacher interested in bettering himself in the teaching profession in learning of and putting into practice newer and better teaching methods, more than living in the past, some additional bonus will be given him by the Government in view of his antiquity.

Whenever mention is made of increasing the standard of qualifications for a first class license, the experienced teachers are the first to commend it, but when a proposal is made to bring into existence whereby these "old-timers" were compelled to avail themselves of an additional teacher training course, the uproar would be tremendous. Volumes could be written on the impracticability of a trial on the "hire only experienced teachers" propaganda. One of the unavoidable results would be that the future generation would suffer acute narrow-mindedness. And what of young Canada? Once to prove its worth, the people of Prince Edward Island are too level-headed and too fair-minded to pay any particular attention to any group of individuals desirous of preventing the youth of our land from having their chance to reach the top of the ladder.

FAIR PLAY

OFFICER TO WED AN ENGLISH GIRL LONDON, May 18 (CP)—The engagement is announced here between Sub-Lieut. Theodore Douglas Izard, R. C. N. W. (Izard, of Victoria, B. C., and Pamela Marie, only daughter of Major and Mrs. A. M. Cather, of Thornhill Villas, England.

GETTING THEIR GOATS

S. CALLEN, Switzerland (CP)—Hood and mouth disease has begun to sweep the Alpine Chamols, tiny goat whose hide provides the well known polishing rag.

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Mussolini's Dilemma (Globe and Mail) Anti-British demonstrations throughout Italy, the virulent poster campaign, street clashes and songs of hate are stage-managed by Mussolini's personal impresarios. And being whipped up fanaticism and tumult, the Duce goes through the motions of trying to keep the fires in check, meanwhile throwing cordons of troops around the British and French Embassies. Nothing more hypocritical or shallow could be imagined, barring the works of Goebbels and von Ribbentrop.

CHORUS BEAUTY IS MOTHER, TOO NEW YORK, May 11 (CP)—One of the trim-and-twenties in the chorus of "Too Many Girls" the long-run musical comedy, Betty De Elmo, Betty is coming to have a five-month-old baby, a stage-door admirer, her baby's name is Cathy; her husband is Lanny Dalton. Betty enjoys her work in the chorus, but she also likes being a housewife. She keeps house and takes care of the baby herself. Last November she took a year from the show. Cathy was born Dec. 12. Betty returned to her place in the line Feb. 3. Her day starts at 9:30 a. m. when she feeds and bathes the baby. Then she wheels her a turn or two around the block. The other girls in the show often come around to watch and learn. Betty gets home from work around midnight and wakes Cathy for her bottle. On Tuesdays Betty goes home between shows. Her husband is connected with the house staff of a theatre. He doesn't waste any time getting home after the shows. Betty calls from Texas. Her father was a circus performer.

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