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

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Mr. Churchill's Broadcast

The historian of the future may perhaps be able to estimate the value of the speeches delivered by Prime Minister Winston Churchill in terms such as our politicians use in describing armament production.

"We believe there is a broad and sure justice running through this theme. It is time that the Germans should be made to suffer in their own homeland and cities something of the torments they have let loose upon their neighbors and upon the world.

"The details could be worked out—questions of supplies, ground crews, anti-aircraft defence, etc.—the proposal would have distinct possibilities. It would mean, in effect, that every last spot in Germany could be reached by bombers of both Russia and Britain, and that isn't a prospect the Nazis would enjoy at all.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Mussolini has ordered another shakeup in his staff, to re-model the work he still has an army. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

As one might say: there'll always be an England, as long as Scotsmen like Robert Allan Watson Watt go about inventing things like the radio plane locator. — Brantford Expositor.

In the West a fair co-ed conference has not paid for a dinner since September last. This answers a reader's query in the same issue. "What is the food wine of dates?" — Portland Oregonian.

Grapefruit prospects are not all dark. The gloom born of the difficulties of shipment to Britain is relieved by the fact that the U.S. will see our biggest export of grapefruit juice to Canada. The Dominion took 60,780 cases of our grapefruit juice last year; this year's shipment is expected to total as many as 180,000 cases. — Trinidad Guardian.

"The American people are willing to spill their blood to crush Adolf Hitler and are eagerly awaiting responsible and authoritative government leadership to put forth a program to defeat the Axis powers." — U.S. Senator Claude Pepper, Democrat, of Florida.

If, in the words of the Prime Minister, "Hitler should batter his way to the gates of India," the fighting men of India will give him a fitting reception. Here in England the policy of the government of offering Indians of all the parties the fullest share in the war effort, while making a constitutional change to give the Indian people of the leading political elements in India, deserves every support. It is desirable that final decision should await victory. For when the whole energies of both Britain and India are devoted to the winning of arms, it is impossible in either country to devote to the complex political problems of India the care and attention which are their just due. — J. C. French in London National Review.

EDITORIAL NOTES

This is St. Swithen's Day.

King George has cut down on his cigarette smoking because of the shortage. Queen Elizabeth told workmen in a North London dormitory. The King normally smokes from 10 to 15 cigarettes daily. The Queen did not say how many he had decided to go without.

Mrs. A. C. MacLeod, 1360 Cameron St., Regina, Sask., in forwarding her annual subscription for the Charlottetown Guardian writes: "Although I am nearing 85 years of age I am still interested in news of my native province."

World shipments of wheat during the week ending July 5 amounted to 8,698,000 bushels as compared with 6,993,000 in the previous week and 7,336,000 in the same week last year. During the forty-eight weeks ending July 5 world shipments aggregated 299,209,000 bushels as compared with 495,991,000 in the corresponding period of the previous crop year.

Those bureaucrats are the same here as there, and need rough handling by our duly elected representatives. Postmaster I. A. Smoot, of Salt Lake City, is fascinated by the accomplishments of high-ranking executives in his country. Mr. Smoot tried for seven years to get authorization from Washington for repairs for a leaky post office skylight. Assistant Postmaster General Walter Myers went to Salt Lake, heard of Mr. Smoot's plight and made a brief but pungent phone call to the Capitol. The skylight is fixed.

Grains are making good progress in the Maritimes says the report of the Bank of Montreal Hay is being cut in some districts and reports indicate a good average yield. Pastures are in good condition. Potatoes are comparatively free from disease and, like other root crops, they are doing well. Orchard conditions are, on the whole, favourable and the set is average. Good quality strawberries are coming in and a plentiful yield is indicated. There is ample moisture in nearly all districts and continued warm weather is needed.

Official buying and selling rates set by the Canadian Foreign Exchange Control Board of \$4.43-\$4.47 for sterling and \$1.10-\$1.11 for United States funds remained unchanged during June at levels which have obtained since September 18, 1939. At New York sterling free market rates were slightly easier, closing at \$4.03 1-2 against \$4.03 3-4 at the end of May. On the other hand, Canadian funds at New York stiffened from 87 3-4 cents to 88 5-16 cents on increased seasonal tourist demand.

Prime Minister King, having done the Prairies and B. C., keeping his ear well to the ground all the time, is now slated to visit Western Ontario and the Maritimes. When he reaches Sydney, he may take a corvette or other war vessel to pay a call on Newfoundland before returning to Ottawa. Having obtained a complete picture of the war situation here, he may venture a flight to London to convey to Mr. Churchill his views on the situation, which no doubt will include the favourable prospects of conscription without an election.

What in reality constitutes a benevolent God? Certainly not a Deity who is a good-natured old grandfather and who in lazy indulgence watches with detached amusement the antics of His children. A cheap compromising age has little conception of the relationship of human sin and a Holy God. What seems benevolent in sinful man with his limited knowledge may not be at all benevolent with a holy and all-knowing God. We believe in God's benevolence because of Jesus Christ. We believe that His presence in the earth 2,000 years ago, His death upon the cross, His resurrection and promised return is the kind of interference in human affairs that is in keeping with God's holiness, justice and love. The true Christian believes that even today God is ordering disorder in order to ultimately bring divine order out of human disorder.

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PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian will necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

THE TAKING OF THE CENSUS

Sir—As one of the enumerators who took the recent Canadian census, I must protest against your assertion in today's editorial notes to the effect that it would have been better for the Dominion Government to have omitted this last census and thus saved \$2,000,000.

You speak of the census taking in obviously important on all regular occasions, it does seem to me that never in the history of Canada has it been so important, if not absolutely necessary, as at the present time when all the different provinces of Canada are loudly demanding particular rights the justice of which must be ascertained largely on data that can only be furnished by a proper census—and along with this of course must be taken speedily and intelligently the work of reconstruction on the part of the Canadian government following the close of the present war.

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The gilded flap-jack for this week's most notable stupidity must be the high valleys of the West Kootenay where the City of Banff sits in queenly splendor at the head of the lake. Moved by the intemperate benefits conferred on humanity by the late Sir Frederick Banting, they have the Ontario map in the grounds of the Kootenay Lake Hospital in his memory. That was a right and a beautiful thing to do. But it is further regretted that he buried a box of insulin beneath the maple tree which seems to be rather overdoing it. Perhaps, however, it was a sugarmaple. — J. B., in Vancouver Province.

Canada is becoming increasingly important as a market for Australian dried fruit. Last season's exports of 19,900 tons of Australian dried fruit to Canada were the highest on record, and represented about a quarter of the total exports. Canada formerly obtained a large portion of her dried fruit requirements from the United States but the dollar exchange position and abnormal war demands have recently favored the growth of trade with Australia. — Australian Press Bureau.

Who would have expected a few years ago a leading article in the Times suggesting that Sir Stafford Cripps should join the War Cabinet? Not so long ago he was the special adviser of the heavy iron in which the Times has always specialized. War has changed all that. Sir Stafford's despatches from Moscow were the highest on record, and represented about a quarter of the total exports. Canada formerly obtained a large portion of her dried fruit requirements from the United States but the dollar exchange position and abnormal war demands have recently favored the growth of trade with Australia. — Australian Press Bureau.

It is a strange war which began by a sort of mass strike around the Magnit Line. Parties to the fight looked at each other like china dogs until the china broke for good. Yes, a strange war in which armor-plated men replace human bodies and in which Germany seems to prefer to direct her warfare against civilians rather than against military objectives. A strange war in which tools for the most part are replacing men and horses. There is more economizing of lives than in 1914-18, more prodigality of gold. Our victory could be in the first place a voluntary obliteration of our wealth and our fighters. Above all because this war, our war and a noble war, resembles a crusade. — Montreal La Patrie.

The Pope's message to the world recently was an eloquent plea for faith despite the storms of the world, and an auger for a happier future in the shaken nations of mankind. The Pontiff's continued direction of the world's attention to matters of faith and morality is a great beacon light in the vast confusion today. We are too prone to forget matters of faith and morality and to renew them when it is too late. He pointed out that morality and faith survived in times even more exciting and more devastating today. Without faith mankind would stumble lower and lower along the pathway to spiritual destruction. With it there is hope even in the darkest hour. His holiness does humanity a wide-spread service in reminding us of things spiritual, no matter what our creed. — Boston Post.

Through the fog of claims and counter-claims the impression grows that the Germans have obtained a check. Perhaps it is only momentary, and the battle will roll on tomorrow; even so, in more than two weeks of heavy fighting they have achieved no strategic success comparable to the Sedan breakthrough, they have clearly failed to cut the Red Army into fragments or paralyze any great sections of it. So Napoleon, advancing in the famous Summer of 1812, with his earlier version of the same tactics of speed and encirclement, consistently failed to close his pincers, to bring off his combinations and to secure the decisive battle on which he counted. And so the pale ghost of that earlier corporal looms, just a little larger than before, just a shade more ominous, over the Hitler field head-

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vacation on the Island told me that the island informed me that instead he was going to Maine and New Hampshire. In Boston last week two families who had planned to spend their vacation on the Island told me that instead they were going to Quebec and Ontario. The reason given in both cases was that the island had been closed to tourists.

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