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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.

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King vs Roosevelt — Outs?

An estrangement has sprung up between
Prime Minister Mackenzie King and President
Franklin D. Roosevelt, and the former has utilized
the Parliamentary correspondent of the
Montreal Gazette to advise the people of
Canada.

In this frame of mind, according to Mr.
Mears, the grandson of the "Little Rebel" gave,
in good spirit and decorous sentences from the
ancient Mansion House a piece of his mind to
the United States and to the President of that
great and friendly nation.

Not content with telling his American friends
and neighbors that Canada's choice for war was
a free choice, governed by the rightness of the
cause and not because of any political relationship
Premier King followed with his declaration
of this country's nationhood, also for the
consumption of Isolationists and others in the
United States who were suspected of taking bricks
from Canada's wall to build one in front of their
own country.

"Canada is a nation of the New World," was
his deliberate declaration of independence. Canada,
it may have asserted in effect, was not only
fully autonomous within the British Commonwealth,
but nobody in the United States,
should think that freedom meant the Dominion
was ready to consider any new partnership or
accept any inferior position in the Western
Hemisphere.

Here is a fine kettle of fish! In the midst of
the most momentous crisis in all history, Prime
Minister Mackenzie King seeks to endanger our
relations with the principal partner, because he
did not receive an invitation to the Atlantic
parley.

Conservative Meeting

The annual meeting of the Queen's County
Conservative Association this evening is for the
purpose, primarily, of electing executive officers
and for disposal of routine business. In addition,
however, there will be a special speaker
in the person of Mr. Gordon Graydon, M.P.,
of Brampton, Ont. As National Chairman of the
Conservative Party Mr. Graydon is conducting
a survey of the Dominion as a first
step in reorganizing the Federal Conservative
Party. The necessity for this work in wartime
was clearly explained by Mr. Graydon in an
interview published in yesterday's Guardian.

Provincially the Conservative Opposition,
though few in numbers, has lived up to the best
traditions under Hon. Dr. W. J. P. MacMillan's
vigorous leadership. It has concentrated on
issues of major provincial importance and at the
last session of the Legislature succeeded, among
other things, in putting through a resolution

cutting \$10,000 off the Estimates for Falconwood
Hospital maintenance, forcing economies in
this huge spending department which, under
the Campbell Government, were long overdue.
The thoroughness with which every item of
expenditure was discussed was in striking
contrast to the manner in which the Estimates were
rushed through prior to the last provincial election,
when there was no official Opposition.

Masterly Co-Ordination

The Temperance Federation was in session
discussing tourist scripts and other problems
arising out of Liberal prohibition administration
when the Campbell Government organ
came out yesterday. It contained a vitriolic
attack by an American writer on "The Age of
Prohibition!"

EDITORIAL NOTES

Conservatives of Queen's County meet in
Convention in the City tonight.

Hon. J. L. Ralston was sixty years "young"
last Saturday, but was too busy accompanying
Hon. Mr. Howe out West to hold a celebration.
He is expected back in Ottawa this week.

The Great Fire of London broke out this
date 1666, following the plague of the previous
year. It is said 13,000 homes as well as St.
Paul's and a great number of churches were
burnt; after which the city was rebuilt of brick
and stone, and St. Paul's and many other
churches reconstructed under the direction of
Wren.

Finance Minister Isley having concluded his
conferences with the other Provincial Governments
over Income Tax adjustments, etc., will
be engaged this week sitting in with representatives
of the Ontario Government. It is expected
"Mieth" will be on his best behaviour, and
meet the Federal Government's wishes in the
matter.

Kansas City school teachers were surprised
when Dr. Harold Hunt, Superintendent of
Schools, suggested three new "R's" to add to
those who teach reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic.
Over 2,000 teachers were beginning the new
school term when he recommended rest, recreation
and religion as essential to the satisfactory
discharge of their duties.

The Naval department announce that a
recent order-in-council has changed the regulation
that married men under 22 years of age in the
Royal Canadian Navy are not eligible for
dependents' allowances. Under amended regulations
all men who are married when they enlist
may receive dependents' allowances immediately
regardless of age, and single enlisted men
who marry after joining the service must wait
six months after their marriage before becoming
eligible for dependents' allowances.

Admirers of Dickens, will note that this
month marks the centenary of the first
visit of Charles Dickens to America, a visit that
culminated in Montreal in 1842, when the
novelist assisted the officers of the local garrison
with their amateur theatricals. There are Dickens
Fellowships in Vancouver, Winnipeg,
Toronto and Montreal, all of which intend celebrating
the event in a manner worthy of the
modern creator of Father Christmas.

Hon. Angus Macdonald "don't know where
'e are", as acting Minister of Labour. No
sooner had he assumed the duties on the departure
of Mr. McLarty for a holiday, than back
came Mr. McLarty with the announcement that
his holiday was off. Then Mr. McLarty intimated
he was going West on business, and his
duties at Ottawa would be undertaken by Mr.
Macdonald. Next day he returned by plane,
upsetting Mr. Macdonald's apple cart. Evidently
the Labour Minister has more on his hands
than he knows how to handle effectively.

Better late than never with the Mackenzie
King Government. Group Captain Frank S.
McGill, officer commanding the newly created
Royal Canadian Air Force Holding Unit on the
east coast will make a personal inspection of all
ships on which Canadian airmen sail from
Canada to see that living conditions on board
are satisfactory. Complaints have been made
about transport facilities and embarkation
conditions for airmen going overseas, as recently
disclosed, and it is hoped the new holding unit
will make it possible to improve conditions. Air
Minister Power will make a personal visit to
east coast air establishments soon to get a first-hand
view of the situation.

Crown Attorneys announce withdrawal by
the Quebec Government of its court action
against Mr. Charles Lanctot, former Provincial
Assistant Attorney-General, for recovery of
moneys at the disposal of his department during
his term of office. The withdrawal followed
Mr. Lanctot's decision to drop proceedings against
the government for renewal of his pension,
which was stopped by an Order in Council
May 7, 1938. The amount of the pension
payable annually upon his retirement had been
set at \$4,200. When Mr. Lanctot started legal
proceedings more than a year ago for renewal
of the pension, Quebec's present Liberal government
contested the action and later entered
a counter action for recovery from him of \$294,775
allegedly belonging to the Provincial Treasury

NOTES BY THE WAY

One of the surprising results of
the invasion of Iran was its effect
on Japan. When news that the
Russians and British had marched
in was flashed to Tokyo the stock
market tumbled abruptly and
responsible officials could not hide
their concern. This was not because
the invasion of Persia was a blow
to Germany, Japan's big brother
for the nonce, but because it was
a blow to Japan. Distant Iran had
become Japan's most dependable
market for the purchase of oil. Cut
off from the British oil, which the
buyers in the Dutch Indies, strictly
rationed by the United States
and unwelcome in markets
influenced by America, Japan is hard
put to it to find fuel for its
fleet and major land and maritime
power and must have oil to carry
on. She is said to have accumulated
reserve supplies which will last
from six months to two years. Yet
if Japan launched any of these
grandiose military adventures of
which she has been dreaming, "The
Iranian oil fields would be
available to her enemy. Now they
are closed to her. — New York
Times.

If President Roosevelt's notice
to Germany that we intend to
maintain our line of supply to the
enemies of Nazi-ruled Hitler
from fighting the battle of the Atlantic,
it brings the defeat of Nazism
substantially nearer. If Hitler
challenges the right or ability of
the United States navy to maintain
commerce routes, the most
serious part of the Maritimes and Nova
Scotians will be difficult to get
interested in saving quarters when
their government is spending thousands
of an unnecessary and unwanted
election being run purely for a
political purpose.

When the Royal Air Force flew
over northern France and dropped
a new artificial leg to their legless
comrades, Wing-Commander Bader,
D.S.O., D.F.C. they drew the
world's attention to the work of
British craftsmen who are giving
new limbs to those maimed by war
and to the mechanical genius that
came from a factory in London where
a hundred British citizens, both
servicemen and civilians, are fitted
each week with new artificial legs
that are as good as the natural
efficiency. Behind the quiet fitting
rooms large workshops hum
with drilling machines, sawmills,
lathes and presses at which 800
craftsmen are busy at work with
metal. Since 1934, the workshops
have made all the artificial
legs supplied to the public by the
U.K. Ministry of Pensions, and
the Government component parts to
the Dominions and the United
States. The largest organization of
its kind in the world, it owes its
origin to a Col. J. E. Hanger who,
losing his leg fighting for the
British in the Boer War, had
the idea of making an artificial leg
for himself. Many thousands of
people everywhere are to-day walking
naturally again on legs made
in Britain by his successors. Not
all of them have the boundless
vitality of Bader, who, legless
as he was, won his D.S.O.
of Honour in 1919 by leading a
band of commandos straight
into a lightly packed formation of
70 to 100 raiders and brought
eleven of them down. But many of
these legless men and women
will again be able to play tennis
of golf, ride on horseback, drive a
car, pilot an aeroplane or even to
dance. Fitting an artificial leg is
a difficult job made easier by the
co-operation of Wing-Commander
Bader, who could turn a
double somersault, was always
eager to try out new devices and
to offer suggestions. Only a fortnight
before he sailed for
France, he was in the leg-makers'
office explaining what he would do
if he found it necessary to descend
by parachute. To avoid jarring the
delicate mechanism of the legs he
planned to slither to the ground
on his buttocks, a trick remembered
from his Rugby football days.

A single goose, a spur-winged
bird from Gambia, was the one
casualty from 40 high explosive
bombs rained by Nazi raiders upon
Whipsnade Park, the London
Zoo's country home. It was
up by a direct hit into a shower
of feathers. The zebra house in
London was wrecked, but the
zebras just shook off the rubble
and went on eating. Other birds
fell near the monkey house and
one actually into the aquarium, but
neither was destroyed. The blast
from a 500-lb. bomb blew up the
cavers' cage and the ravens flew
off into the nearest tree. They
are now roaming about Britain's
countryside. Whipsnade Zoo is 35
miles out in the country but both
there and in London the birds and
mammals showed a fortitude equal
to that of Britain's human
inhabitants. Only among the herd
animals, such as deer, has the
terrible noise caused such
wiping. The danger of broken
legs. Animal lovers all over the
world have taken up the London
Zoo's adoption scheme, by which
people "adopt" an animal for the
duration of the war by paying a
weekly fee to cover the food bill.
The name of the adopter appears
on a special label on the animal's
cage. The outbreak of war has
become the foster-parent on an
elephant for £1 a week and of a
tortoise for one shilling. Since the
first animal was adopted one
month after the outbreak of war
"Whiskers", a binturong (an animal
which looks like a small bear
with a long tail) from the Netherlands
East Indies — more than 300
animals with females totalling 2,860
have acquired foster-parents all
over the world often in the
countries from which the animals
originally came. But there is still a
wide choice for prospective
adopters. From North America there are
raccoons, at 2s. 6d. a week, husky
dogs, deer and bears at 5s., bison
at 7s. 6d., deer and alligators at
3s. 6d., African animals such as
baboons, genets and civets can be
kept for 2s. 6d. a week, crocodiles
for 3s. 6d., hyenas, gnus, antelopes,
wild swine, ostriches and pythons
for 5s., buffaloes for 7s. 6d., che-
tches, zebras, rhinoceroses, giraffes
and pelicans for 10s., and chimpan-
zees for 15s. Australasian specimens
still open for adoption include
cockatoos, at 2s. 6d. a week,
and emus and dingoes at 5s. while

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY
FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR
"The struggle will be hard
and long, but I don't see how
Hitler can win." — Baron Sij-
verius, Belgian Minister to
Canada.

Election Casualty

(New Glasgow Evening News)
List among probable election casualties
the Dominion Government's
planned campaign in the Maritime
provinces to boost sale of War Savings
Stamps and Certificates.
This war being fought on a voluntary
basis in Canada, it is necessary
to "drive" the man to "drives"
from time to time to keep
the public pepped up.
This fall it was intended from
headquarters in Ottawa to have a
series of campaigns running across
Canada on War Savings—to keep
the quarters, halves and dollars rolling
into Mr. Isley's treasury, the man to
whom the bills for airplanes, tanks,
guns, ships and shells are sent.
It was to have opened in the
Maritimes, then gone on to Quebec
Ontario, the Prairies and British
Columbia. Speakers would move
from one district to another as each
campaign was finished and another
started.

It was hoped for a good showing
from the Maritimes to get the series
of campaigns away to a good start.
But Nova Scotia, the most important
part of the Maritimes and Nova
Scotians will be difficult to get interested
in saving quarters when their
government is spending thousands
of an unnecessary and unwanted
election being run purely for a
political purpose.
Sacrifice is necessary, yes; but the
public is demanding equality of sacrifice
and free-spending politicians
can't claim any hardships comparable
to the man and woman who are
actually giving up supplying themselves
with things they would like to
have that the war be financed. It
will be hard to ask these people to
give up still more.

For Skeptical Youth

(From The New York Times.)
Perhaps no generation in American
history has had a harder time
finding and justifying its beliefs
than that which was old enough to
fight in the World War and is now
too old to do front-line service in
any future war. Professor Charles
P. Bagley of Dartmouth College has
recently stated the case for those
among them who are convinced
American action against Hitler
must be early and vigorous. He begins
by quoting a familiar argument.

"This is easy to say when one is
comfortably sure of no personal
action at the front. The youth will
know to do the dirty work. They
will know it; so do you.
Professor Bagley, who "fought
through the last war as a volunteer
in the infantry," and would fight
again if it were necessary and he
were permitted, can at least speak
with the exact knowledge which
his youthful opponent lacked. He
makes certain further points for
skeptical youth to remember. Fasc-
ists and Nazi boys have been
taught that war is "natural and
glorious." American parents have
reared their children "to believe
that war is not natural and not
glorious," but have never taught
them "that it could be avoided by
simply shutting their eyes to the
fact." The most elemental facts
is that "the fight for democracy is
never ended." It must be carried on
by each generation. The best we
can hope is that it need not always
be carried on by means of war.

Appeasement Did No Good

In the present generation the
choice of war or peace was not left
to the democratic nations. The sur-
render at Munich did not check
aggression. Further surrenders
would not, have checked it. They
would have made it easier for the
aggressor. There could have been no
end to it until it was challenged
by force. Pacifism had to put on
armor and draw a sword in order
to have any chance to be heard.
I did this at almost too late a date.
"How many lives of young men all
over Europe," says Professor Bag-
ley, "might have been saved if
they had not given Hitler those
precious years in which to build up
his 'efficient war machine!'"

Middle-aged Americans can take
small pleasure in mortgaging the
economic future of this country in
order to play an effective, though
technically non-belligerent, part in
the struggle against nazism. But
since they must leave their children
some sort of heritage they may
prefer to leave them a heritage of
money debt rather than one of "col-
laboration" in a slave civilization.

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Table listing various goods and prices: 1939 Britain, 1940 France, 1940 Britain, 1940 Norway, 1940 Denmark, 1940 Holland, 1940 Belgium, 1940 Rumania, 1940 Greece, 1941 Bulgaria, 1941 Yugoslavia, 1941 Indo-China, Germany, Italy, Italy, Germany, Germany, Germany, Italy, Germany, Germany, Italy, Germany.

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1939 Poland, Germany
1939 France, Germany

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widening sheet
Of livid light across the city's brow.
These steeples that once pressed to
meet the sky
Are battered jetsam on a burning
stream.
And mingled with their blackening
ashes lie
The dying embers of a tyrant's
dream.
The strong wings of avengers hover
here
Above the ruins of a nation's pride,
And would-be conquerors sink in
cringing fear
Engulfed at last by Nemesis' vast
tide.
—Robina Monkman in the Toronto
Star.
there are Indian macaques and
mynahs at 2s. 6d., blackbuck and
Nilghai antelopes and wild swine
at 3s., rhinoceroses at 10s., tigers
at 15s., and elephants at £1.