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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the
Weakest Ink.
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Installments Still Legal

Some misunderstanding has arisen over the
Government announcement re purchases on the
installment plan. This mode of easy purchase has
not been prohibited, only restricted. Competition
in this line of merchandizing undoubtedly led to
abuses which the Government has sought to
rectify without unduly interfering with the
freedom of trade in the interest of those of
small means who require time and terms in
order to furnish house or add modern facilities
and appliances to their home equipment.

Navy Week

Tuesday, Oct. 21, is Trafalgar Day, and this
no doubt has inspired the movement, sponsored
by the Navy League of Canada, to make next
week Navy Week. This special tribute to the
men of the Allied navies and merchant services
has been endorsed by governmental, educational
and religious authorities from coast to coast. On
Sunday next, the prayers of all churches have
been requested in a special remembrance day
for sailors. For the programme during the week
a booklet entitled "Daring Strategy and Courage"
has been prepared by the Navy League and is
being circulated throughout the schools of the
Dominion in order that children may be inspired
by the example of brave men to play their
part as worthy citizens. An appeal will also
be made to Canadian school children to
contribute to the work of the Navy League in
caring for Canadian and Empire sailors and
merchant seamen, through envelopes given them
during Navy Week.

Flu Germ Tracked Down

The Institute of Medical Research, South
Africa, has announced that the influenza germ,
the "elusive Pimpnel" in the microbe world,
has at last been isolated. Making the announcement,
Dr. E. H. Culver, Director of the Research
Bureau, said that many claims have been made
in the past that the influenza epidemic germ
had been discovered, but they were found to
be unjustified, and added, "We are absolutely
certain that we have isolated the right germ,
and hope that the vaccine which we shall soon be
preparing will be wholly successful."

Russian Guerrilla Tactics

A former Spanish officer, writing anonymously
in The New Republic, saw the Russian
guerrilla tactics as they unfolded themselves in
Spain. He says they are extremely damaging to
an army's morale, especially when the army is
retreating. In Russia the guerrillas would number
perhaps tens of thousands, not mere snipers
armed with rifles, but small mobile bodies
equipped with dynamite and gasoline as their
main weapons and fortified by ingenuity and courage.
They have the initial advantage that in Russia
each reservist has been permitted to keep his
side arms after he has finished his training. He

is therefore nominally a farmer or a laborer, but
actually a soldier who has been trained in modern
warfare and has weapons with which he is
similar. These peasants, multiplied by a million
in the territory over which the Germans
have advanced, are not to be regarded as unarmed
and helpless civilians, but as an army that
has been trained for the tasks which immediately
confront it. The more the German hordes
pour through to the fighting fronts the more
their rear and their communications become
vulnerable.

Says the Spanish writer: "The development
of modern warfare into a colossal tactic of infiltration
and consolidation against a defense in
depth has made the role of an armed civilian
populace more important than it has ever been.
That there are no non-combatants now is true
not just because planes bomb cities blindly, but
because armored columns flow past villages,
towns and cities expecting supporting infantry
to conquer them. To support his plunging spearheads,
an invader must constantly widen the base
of the triangle whose apex is the armored columns.
He must mop up. Upon the length of
time it takes to do this mopping up and upon
the amount of material lost and the number of
casualties suffered depends, to a great extent,
the speed at which the spearhead can advance—
and, ultimately, whether it can advance at all.
In previous German campaigns the mopping-up
has been a relatively easy process. The defending
armies were either encircled and destroyed by
the operations of the advance guard, in which
case there was no point to civilian resistance in
unconquered territory, or were forced to retreat
to avoid encirclement abandoning towns
and cities which had not yet even been attacked."
It has been different in Russia.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Better weather for both harvesting and
shipping.

The City Council are not permitted to pay
for their new equipment on the instalment plan,
but the citizens must.

Talks on science are among those provided by
3,000 lecturers to Britain's military forces as a
part of an adult education program. More than
1,000,000 men and women in the army attended
educational lectures during a recent month.

Canada is following Great Britain's lead and
going all out on aid to Russia. A minimum of a
hundred tanks has been promised by the end of
this year, and everything that can be spared
from shipments to Britain will be added. One
big item Canada is furnishing is boots.

Frederic Francois Chopin, Polish composer and
pianist died this date 1849. A native of Warsaw,
he settled in Paris where he became friendly
with George Sand, Hiene, Berlioz, Liszt, and
other famous contemporaries. His compositions,
mostly for the piano, have marked Polish characteristics,
and are full of originality and lyric
beauty; wrote sonatas, ballads, etudes, nocturnes,
preludes, polonaises, valse, etc. too numerous to
mention.

While Canada is helping Soviet Russia, the
Justice Department's ban against the Communist
party in Canada remains in force. "Our policy
remains unchanged," Justice Minister Ernest
Lapointe declared when asked if there would be
any change, in view of the fact that Russia was
now an ally. He indicated that the question had
been discussed by the Cabinet, but that no change
of policy was likely, at least until after the matter
had been discussed in Parliament. The Canadian
Communist party was outlawed soon after the
outbreak of war. Those of its officials who did
not go into hiding were interned. Tim Buck, the
Communist leader, was one of those to evade
arrest.

The war is certainly benefiting the trade of
our neighbour to the south of us. United States
exports to British Empire countries during the
first half of 1941 were valued at \$1,301,000,000
an increase of \$456,000,000 over the corresponding
period of 1940, according to United States
trade figures. Shipments to the United Kingdom
totalled \$623,400,000 and showed a gain of
\$264,500,000; while shipments to Canada showed
a gain of \$103,100,000, and to other Empire
countries, \$88,400,000. Shipments to the British
Empire accounted for 62.4 per cent of total United
States exports in the period as against 40.9
per cent for the same months of 1940.

One of the most outstanding problems facing
the Empire the next few years must be the
fate of the British West Indies. These sugar
producing colonies have had more ups than downs
since the liberation of slaves and the introduction
of British free trade—now abandoned in
favour of protection of British beet grown
sugar, Canada afforded a fairly good market
for Demerara unrefined sugar, but now that it
is threatened with extinction by the policy of subsidizing
the beet sugar industry throughout the
Dominion. Work has commenced on the first
sugar beet refinery to be established in the province
of Quebec at St. Hilaire, according to J.
S. McGowan, director of colonization and agriculture,
Canadian National Railways, who adds
that other plants are under consideration to take
care of the industry new to Quebec. To meet
the requirements of growers, the Canadian National
Railways will provide a large number of
cars to transport the sugar beet crop gathered
from the 12,000 to 15,000 acres to be cultivated
in the Richelieu and Yamaska valleys. This plant
will produce 27,500,000 pounds of sugar yearly.
It will give work to 150 permanent employees
and for 100 days following the harvest an extra
500 to 600 workers will be given employment.
The Canadian National Railways will be called
upon to transport 100,000 tons of sugar beet, 10,
000,000 pounds of beet pulp used for fertilizing,
and about 8,000,000 pounds of molasses utilized
as feed for livestock. Each refinery requires approximately
15,500 tons of coal, 5,500 tons of
limestone, and 600 tons of coke. Also 400,000
bags of other materials are necessary for proper
sugar beet refining.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Already stripped of many old
traditions, England's Eton recently
sacrificed one of its most
sacred, its uniform. The world's
best-dressed schoolboys always
had to wear black striped
trousers with their Eton jackets, a
different prescribed outfit for every
occasion, every sport. Headmaster
Claude Elliott sent to parents of
prospective matriculants a sad
note: "It has been decided that the
college dress shall remain unaltered
except that any kind of
grey trousers may be worn with
tails or jackets. In addition, new
boys may continue to wear at Eton
the overcoat, shoes, grey flannel
trousers, football boots and five
clothes which they already possess.
The Eton tailors have a large
quantity of second-hand tail coats,
jackets, waistcoats and trousers
which can be purchased without
travelling at small cost. The use
of these will help to conserve
existing supplies of cloth and
clothes." — From Time Magazine.

In a country with a climate as
mild as ours, furred coats and
men are more a matter of affection
and ostentation than of need.
When a civilian can or could
travel from the end of the country
to the other without getting
his head wet or his feet cold, the
possession of a fur-lined coat with
an astrakhan collar merely symbolized
an attitude of mind and
either a bank balance of fair proportions
or else the owner's
status as a residuary legatee. In
Central and Eastern Europe however,
fur as a material for overcoats
is by no means the prerogative
of women, nor are fur coats
emblems of prosperity, and if, as
is reported, Hitler has resigned
to the Eastern front, the fur
million fur coats which are being
collected for Nazi troops will not
be enough to spare them the rigors
of snow and biting winds. —
Glasgow Herald.

Rumors cannot always be officially
denied—this is particularly true
to reports on the loss of ships.
An official denial frequently does
more harm than good since it
gives undue prominence to a rumor
that would perhaps not otherwise
have got into print. It may also
provide the enemy with information
which he is seeking, e.g. the
disposition of the ship in question.
An excellent example of this was
the faked distress message from
the Empress of Australia which
was directed to a U.S. commercial
station. The enemy obviously
hoped to obtain from official
sources a statement as to the
vessel's position. The best thing
to do on hearing a rumor of this
or any other suspicious variety, is
to report it immediately with all
possible details as to the source,
with a service authority. —
Tribune Herald.

The last time I came back
from the African Desert, I traveled
in a hospital ship which was
taking Australian and Italian
wounded from Sollum to Alexandria.
The Australians were in fine
form, but the Italians sat around
the deck in small dejected groups
and they hardly even talked to
one another. As we got near to
port a little party of Italians came
and stood over the side of the
ship near where I was standing
and pointed to the beautiful white
skyline of Alexandria. "What is
that place we are going to?" asked
one of them who spoke a little
English. It was Alexandria, the
andria. He laughed at me. "Oh
no," he said, "that can't be Alexandria.
Why, the Italian radio told
us long ago that our Italian
cavalry had completely destroyed
Alexandria. It must be some-
where else. We had a notice of
later we were in Alexandria and
my Italian friend was rubbing his
eyes at the sight of that majestic
city while I myself was dashing off
the latest despatch from the Western
Desert on Reuters' teleprinter
to Cairo. — London Calling.

The changes in public health
methods and manners are not
the least significant of war-
time social phenomena, writes C.B.
The "neat-handed" Phyllis and
the physically elegant Fred of the
bar who dispensed smiles with
drinks have been succeeded to a
considerable extent by others
whose "true intent" is anything
but the delight of customers.
Landlords are very arbitrary
gentlemen, opening and closing their
trousers as seems expedient to them.
But other and worse things are
sent to try those of us who may
live in a new district with one
house to serve a big population.
Not only must one take what is
going but frequently find a
bass to scintillate the desired stimulant.
Incidentally the glass shortage
is one of the public's problems
today. While it may do no
harm for every man to become his
own waiter, drinking from ac-
cidentally unclean glasses is not only
unhygienic but dangerous. Dr.
Johnson thought a tavern chair
the throne of human felicity, and
Shenstone, the Halescwen poet,
sighed to think he had found "his
warmed welcome in an inn."
Were they living today they would

The Poets Corner
FAITH
We have been fools, and grievous
our sins are—
Wrangling in hate and blood and
Just of power
Which spoil the joy and freshness
of man's hour
Of tiny life upon this lovely star.
Could they have voice, star systems
from afar
And planets dead in meteoric
shower
Would scorn man's claim to have a
godlike dower
Of heavenly wisdom, whom such
fallings mar.
Yet somewhere, throned invisible in
space,
The Eternal Architect who built the
skies,
Who is the Fount of beauty, truth
and love
For some majestic purpose formed
our race
And quickens our waywardness. Faith
lifts her eyes
And sees His constant guidance from
above.
—Frederick George Scott.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A THOUGHT A DAY
FOR A PEOPLE AT WAR
"The Canadian people, in
the preparation for the future
will show themselves worthy
of the heroes of the past and
of the greatness of the tasks
which will be imposed upon
them." — Alward Godbout,
Prime Minister of Quebec.

think differently. — Birmingham
Mail.

In one of the workshops of
the Paorique National d'Armes de
Guerre at Herstal, near Liege, the
workers succeeded in making
1,500,000 cartridges for the Ger-
mans without putting any gun-
powder in them. This deliberate
omission was discovered and the
Germans arrested the number of
foremen in the workshop and 100
workers were dismissed. — London
Times.

A seaman on leave in Belle-
ville has been telling a service
club the story of how an armed
merchant cruiser of the Royal
Canadian Navy overtook two armed
enemy merchantmen in making
1,500,000 cartridges for the Ger-
mans and captured 153 prisoners.
What is wrong with the Navy pub-
licity department that, after the
lapse of months it lets a seaman
give Canadians the first details of
the war? — Brockville Record
and Times.

Paper box manufacturers were
told at a meeting in Chicago re-
cently by N. A. McKenna, chief
of the paper and pulp section of
the OMP, that broad changes in
sizes, paper and board weights
and other economies must be made
to offset the rising shortage of
paper and pulp materials. He
said that a paper shortage was
certain, but that by using thinner
boards, packaging more economical-
ly, and changing carton styles to
use less materials the worst of the
effects could probably be averted.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the
discussion by correspondents of
issues of interest. The
Charlottetown Guardian does not
necessarily endorse the opinions
of correspondents.

SAME TOTAL ALWAYS

Sir—In your Oct. 15 issue you
published a guess from a Frederic-
ton paper, showing that when
you added up the years of Hitler's
birth, when he came to power, how
long he has been in power, and his
present age, the total would
amount to 3882. At the same time
with Mussolini, Stalin and Presi-
dent Roosevelt, they would add
up to the same. That is correct.
But—take the year of anybody's
birth, the year they started (say)
to work, how long they have been
working and their present age
and you will find that the figures
always add up to 3882.
I am, Sir, etc.,
ELMER MATTHEWS
O'Leary, P.E.I.

AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP

Sir—As of possible interest to
you, I am pleased to inform you
that the United States Congress
has passed and it is believed the
President will shortly approve an
Act amending Section 409 of the
Nationality Act of 1940 providing
in substance that naturalized citi-
zens of the United States who have
resided in the country of their
former allegiance for a period of
three years, or in any other for-
eign country for a period of five
years, will definitely lose their American
citizenship on October 14,
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1941, as provided in the original
Section 409 of the Act.
I am, Sir, etc.,
THOMAS D. DAVIS
American Consul
Saint John, N.B.,
October 15.

Hitler's Dead

(Manchester Guardian)
There are no casualty lists pub-
lished in the Third Reich. Typical
of the Nazi method is the printed
card sent out to the next-of-kin
of the killed, which reads: "Your
son (husband) will not be coming
back. He'll be in the Reich." The laconic
message is bad enough, but even of
the duped Germans some must
wince at the incongruous closing
formula. The approved style of "In
Memoriam" notice published in the
"Volkischer Beobachter" is a little
better: "... met a hero's death
fighting for Fuehrer and Reich."
From this spate of mourning
notices now appearing in the vari-
ous newspapers we know that the
inhabitants of the first of Hitler's
conquered territories are aware of
the toll of German lives that is be-
ing taken by the Russian campaign.
What perhaps has not been appre-
ciated over here is that in a press
which is gagged and bound these
"In Memoriam" notices are them-
selves, in many cases, made to serve
as a unique opportunity for free
expression. "Die Zeitung," the Free
German daily newspaper published
in London, has made an interest-
ing analysis of these grim commen-
taries. In place of the "Heil Hitler!"
party formula of the "Volkischer
Beobachter," for instance, there are
found in the one-time bourgeois-
democratic papers such as the
"Frankfurter Zeitung" or the
"Monchener Neueste Nachrichten"
in the simple but, in the circum-
stances, significant "... killed
fighting for Germany (or) for the
Fatherland."
In some cases, any mention of
Hitler and Germany is omitted.
Thus, "Our dearly loved son"
fell in action on July 16 on the
Eastern Front," or, more pointedly
"our only son ... was called
upon to give his promising young
life ..." In Catholic regions of
the south and west is frequently

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