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

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The King's Birthday

The birthday of His Majesty King George VI falls actually on Dec. 14, on which date he was born 45 years ago. The inconvenience of a public holiday within a fortnight of Christmas Day was the reason propping His Majesty's request that the date of the official observance be changed to June 9. Last year the anniversary was observed on June 8 while Their Majesties were crossing into the United States from Canada on a tour which was the occasion of unprecedented demonstrations of loyalty and enthusiasm. June 9 falling on Sunday this year, the official holiday has been set for today, the 13th.

Incidentally, it was on June 14—a year ago tomorrow—that Their Majesties visited Charlottetown. In replying to the address of welcome on behalf of the Government and Province, the King expressed the hope that "at some future time you may be able, accompanied by our daughters, to visit us again." The Empire was then at peace, though ominous clouds were gathering on the horizon. Today we are engaged in the most momentous conflict in world history, and there is an ever-growing desire throughout Canada to express in deeds and by the consecration of all our resources to the Empire's war effort, those sentiments of attachment to the Crown which were voiced in Their Majesties' gracious presence a year ago.

Worth recalling today are the solemn words which His Majesty addressed to his subjects throughout the world on May 12, 1937, immediately after his Coronation in Westminster Abbey. "To many millions," he said, "the Crown is a symbol of unity. By the grace of God and by the will of the free peoples of the British Commonwealth, I have assumed that Crown. In me, as your King, is vested for a time the duty of maintaining its honour and integrity. This is indeed a grave and constant responsibility, but it gave me confidence to see your representatives in the Abbey and to know that you too were enabled to join in that infinitely beautiful ceremonial. Its outward forms come down from distant times, but its inner meaning and message are always anew, for the highest of distinctions is the service of others and to the ministry of Kingship I have, with your sharing, dedicated myself with the Queen at my side in words of the deepest solemnity. We will, God helping us, faithfully discharge our trust."

Noblely has His Majesty, with the Queen ever at his side, implemented this assurance, and followed in the footsteps of his worthy father, King George V. It is with heartfelt gratitude that his subjects renew their pledges of loyalty and affection on this anniversary occasion. Sovereign "by the grace of God and by the will of the free peoples of the British Commonwealth," the universal prayer is that he and his gracious Consort may long reign over us, victorious over the forces of aggression that are threatening free peoples everywhere, and continuing to set an example of devoted service and self-sacrifice.

Every Assistance Welcomed

Washington announces that "vast stocks" of Great War rifles, field guns and ammunition are available at once for use by the Allies. Sale of this war equipment immediately is made possible by the Attorney-General's ruling that the transaction will not be a violation of international law. The weapons and ammunition will be supplied from United States Army stores.

The equipment remains effective, and it will be welcomed by the Allies as compensating to a large extent for losses suffered in the evacuation of the Dunkirk area. The French 75 mm. guns, splendid in the last war, have proved surprisingly effective against the latest armored machines launched by the Nazis.

The reference to international law, comments the Globe and Mail, brings up again the question why there should be meticulous observation of regulations in dealing with a nation that has no regard for any law, international, human or divine. This devil of nazism must be fought by fire. A conflagration is raging in Europe, and the most effective method of extinguishing it is the only one that should be used. The niceties of international legal enactments are futile when the fire is spreading furiously.

The masses of the American people realize now that Hitler's military machine is more than a local threat; realize that if the crawling monster be not stopped in France nor at the shores of Great Britain, it must be met on American soil. The first law of nature, self-preservation, prompts that there should be no limit now to help give the gallant soldiers of Britain and France who are face to face with this ruthless force that seeks to dominate the world.

While older types of war equipment are of great value, supporters of the Allies' cause hope that supplies of urgently needed modern weapons—the finest in airplanes and all available tanks—will be speeded to the utmost capacity of production. United States authorities need not fear public opinion in its present state. Only out-and-out pro-Germans in the country will object to anything Washington may do toward destroying nazism; and this is no time for pandering to pro-German elements.

The people of the United States know now the meaning of nazism; know also how active have been its agents in fifth-column work aimed to injure their own country. Patriotic American see now that democracy as they know

and cherish it is threatened at home; not some time in the distant future, but now. The need for help in checking this peril is immediate and pressing. The issue—the survival of democracy, freedom of the individual, all that Western civilization means—is of paramount importance to patriotic citizens of the United States. The others do not count now, except as nuisances. With this supporting background United States' provision of modern war equipment for the Allies should be limited only by the capacity of industry to produce it. Fortunately that appears to be the prospect.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The War is overshadowing the plebiscite, but not to the latter's disadvantage.

Imp! The "fiery furnace" which consumed Meshach, Shadrach and Abednego is said to have been a convenient burning oil and gas well owned by King Nebuchadnezzar near Kirkuk in Iraq, says the American Petroleum Institute.

One of the four large limousines used by the King and Queen during their tour of Canada last year has been acquired by Government House for use of the Earl of Athlone, new Governor-General of Canada. The Earl is expected to arrive from England within a short time.

The Province is looking at its loveliest just now with its fresh greenness and its apple blossoms. One does not require to go to the Annapolis Valley to feast on nature's loveliness. Take a run over to Southport and see Mr. Reeves' orchard.

Gentlemen, (and the term includes the ladies as well) the King! Our King, King of Canada as well as of the Commonwealth. Long live the King, send him victorious, happy and glorious, long to reign over us (and all who believe in Christian Civilization) long live the King!

William Butler Yeats, poet, born this date, 1865:

"I have believed the best of every man, And find that to believe it is enough To make a bad man show him at his best, Or even a good man swing his lantern higher."

A new 14-ton tank with armored power-controlled gun turret is under production by Great Britain. In demonstrations the tank, a four-man cruiser type, has been able to travel 30 miles an hour on the flat and 15 to 20 miles an hour over rough country. The tank is said to be highly manoeuvrable with swift acceleration. The turret, with gun and wireless, weighs 2 1/4 tons, and can be swung completely around in five seconds.

There appears no doubt that the U. S. A. has taken the bit between its teeth and is going to make Mussolini smell Hades. Mr. James W. Gerard, United States Ambassador to Berlin prior to the United States entry into the World War, declared following a luncheon conference with President Roosevelt at the White House that "we cannot let Germany win the war." This was true, he asserted, because "there would be great danger to this country if Germany is victorious."

As Italy has openly entered the war on Germany's side she no longer enjoys the friendship and aid of the civilized Christian powers. She has deliberately discarded her independence and been reduced to sharing the resources of Germany and the territories occupied by her. From the moral standpoint, Rome, in the eyes of the United States and other American republics, as stated by President Roosevelt, has definitely become part of the enemy camp, separated from all countries of occidental civilization by an abyss that can not be crossed.

Mr. J. R. Beattie has been appointed deputy chief of the research department of the Bank of Canada. Mr. Beattie is 30 years of age and joined the research staff of the Bank in 1935. He was graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1930 where he won the Governor General's Gold Medal and a Rhodes Scholarship. At Oxford he took an honors B. A., in mathematics at Queen's College and obtained first class honors. Mr. Beattie has been acting chief of the research department of the bank for the past two and a half years while Mr. A. Skelton chief of the department, was serving as secretary of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, which recently presented its report.

The fact that the Federal Government is moving somewhat more rapidly and is extending the Dominion's war contribution, welcome as these changes are, does not imply participation to the utmost strength, says the Gazette. It does not imply the mobilization "with ruthless speed" of "every resource of this vast country"—the course which James Sinclair of North Vancouver, Liberal, has declared to be necessary, and which the Canadian people have been demanding. At long last the Government is beginning to move, but under compulsion, and in the face of severe criticism, and the public do not believe that an Administration which failed so miserably in its duties to the Allies for nine months can be trusted now to do all that is necessary in the time available.

Mr. Beaudry Leman, president of the National Bank of Canada, has been giving some sound advice to depositors. He told a gathering of Kiwanis that it was always temptation on the part of the public to withdraw their money from the banks during these periods. "It may be a natural reaction but it shows complete ignorance of what money really is," he added. "Those who would make withdrawals fail to realize that what they receive is not money but only paper and that there is nothing to prevent the Government from printing as many of these pieces of exchange as it desires," he continued. "To make unwarranted withdrawals only serves to decrease the value of currency." Mr. Leman said Canada had never been obliged to enact compulsory loans to find revenue to meet its expenses and the likelihood of such a thing happening in this country could be discounted.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A Berlin broadcast says that Hitler will shortly make all the world happy! Is he contemplating suicide? — Montreal Herald.

Pleasant to note that the good qualities of the Earl of Athlone, Canada's new Governor-General, include an excellent broadcasting voice. — Toronto Telegram.

Clear and concise is the opinion of wounded British soldiers. Talking about the Nazi war machine the Germans say: "We've got something to beat." — Sherbrooke Record.

After eating a meal, Finnish children shake hands with their parents and thank them for the food. They are most courteous, probably skip out before anyone mentions the dimes. — Sherbrooke Record.

The prejudice against May weddings is gradually passing and the war may give it a knock-out blow, for registrars and clergymen are busy as busy as ever marrying war brides. But a few years ago ten times as many society weddings took place in April as in May, so strongly did the prejudice hold sway. — Manchester Guardian.

Only by combining substantial aid to China with economic measures against Japan can the United States hope to accomplish what for forty years has been the projected aim of American policy in the Far East—namely, a China growing to industrial maturity and free to carry on economic and cultural relations with all countries on a basis of equality. — Hong Kong Weekly Press.

How bad are conditions in Germany? Here's a clue. The Bata shoe firm in German-occupied Czechoslovakia now advertises in the press that its wooden shoes are better than its leather shoes. German papers furnish fashion articles about wooden shoes. — Financial Post.

Hitler himself has said that the outcome of this conflict "decides the fate of Germany for the next 100 years." He talks of 300 years of Anglo-French rivalry, of the German nation down. He over-looks the fact that just over 100 years ago the Germans and the English were allies against the French when Napoleon attempted to unify Europe by the sword. Hitler is attempting to do today. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

German air attacks upon motor ambulances and clearly-marked hospital ships are in accord with the traditions of that country and prove this to be a far more direct succession to the traditions of the hospital ships and bombed base hospitals during the Great War. — Brookville Recorder and Times.

A Canadian Press dispatch from Edmonton says that the former "Social Credit" member for Pinch Creek, the Rev. Roy Taylor, is to be appointed provincial chaplain. This office was considered of so little importance by the "Social Credit" Government that it was discontinued in 1935, but when a job is to be found for a former "Social Credit" member, its value is recognized. — Calgary Herald.

Canada is more favorably situated than any other country for out-letting of supply to be drawn upon. At this time of national peril, there is a grave responsibility upon the government to utilize every possible worker, to mobilize every available machine, to set wheels in motion, to get work-shops to provide the weapons at least for Canada's own divisions and to use forces on active service. — Ottawa Citizen.

A miracle is necessary in Europe, and miracles occur in human affairs when out of the depths of the human soul there are evoked the ultimate and prodigious energies of the spirit of man. The retreat from Manders is such a miracle, as great as the miracle of the Marriage at Cana that could not have been expected under any ordinary circumstances. — Walter Lippman in the New York Herald Tribune.

Lewis W. Douglas, former Director of the Budget and now President of the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, was 20 minutes late for a luncheon date with Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, one day this week. Having been detained, by President Roosevelt at the White House "What were you doing?" asked the Secretary. "That would be the toughest job I ever tackled," Mr. Douglas replied. — Christian Science Monitor.

The marvel is that the British put up with Sir Oswald Mosley for eight months. Behind their country was at war. Behind a cloak of super-patriotism, he did what little he could to befuddle the British mind and undermine British will-power. He and his movement were never formidable in themselves, but they had sympathizers outside their ranks. For that reason the arrest of Mosley will be worth the price of a new coat of arms, a clean-up of other fifth columnists whatever their connections may be. This has begun. — New York Times.

What's the use? Here, in a land of plenty, some of us have been living on grass juice and cranberries, and not too much of either, in order to take off embossed and get back that sweet tigris, and along comes a Philadelphia educator who says forget the canons, heavy eaters are best. What's the use. — Buffalo Courier-Express.

Our suggestion that the eight recruits for enlistment (in the Canadian Army) might better be discarded now (they probably will be later anyway) is prompted by the realization that General Grant would not only never have got to the top, but would never have been able to become a soldier at all if he had been one of the Allied forces is "carriers" more than five feet tall and weighs only a hundred and twenty pounds, nevertheless he is said to be quite a fighter. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

We are at war, and we cannot afford to overlook any measure which might add to our security, or reduce the strength of our subversive elements. Beyond question most aliens in Canada are friendly, would not harm this

Tourist Dollars

(Exchange) United States tourists to the number of fifteen or twenty million are expected in Canada this year. With £1.25 out of the holiday travel, p.o.d. Canadian officials look for a minimum increase of \$100,000,000 over the tourist revenue of last year, which totalled \$275,000,000.

American tourist dollars will fight for us. They will buy the shovels of war. If the tourists spend up to \$400,000,000 in Canada this summer, the importance of that expenditure in the Canadian economy is obvious.

The Dominion Government is appropriating \$700,000,000 for the war effort during the fiscal year 1940-41, ending March 31 next. Every American dollar spent in Canada helps us to fill the reservoir of United States exchange to meet war contingencies. America can supply warplanes and other essential equipment.

It is good business to encourage our American neighbors to take their vacations in Canada. They will not only enjoy the scenery, the climate and the fishing, but will see something of the war effort we hope to make. The overwhelming majority of them are in sympathy with the Allied cause.

Every American dollar is worth \$1.10 in Canada at the present time. We should give tourists their money's worth and a warm welcome. Twenty million satisfied Americans returning to their homes after a good holiday in Canada can help the Allied cause. Their attention will have a tremendous effect on public opinion in the United States.

Against Fifth Column

(Brantford Expositor) The Royal Canadian Mounted Police "round-up" of subversive and possibly subversive elements in this country has already proved that the Fifth Column is no mere far-fetched myth. Subsequent developments may show further the actual menace from such sources.

The question now arises: "What can the individual citizen do to assist in this regard?" The answer, in three words, is: "Use common sense." Because someone has a "foreign-sounding name" or because his aunt's sister-in-law visited Bingen on the Rhine in 1905, it does not necessarily follow that that someone is a trusted agent of Hitler. Neither is it to be taken for granted that everyone who claims to be a Czech refugee is, forthwith, a million of Goebbels in disguise.

At the same time, a relatively unsuspected person may be German agent. It will not do to be too trusting in this particular. Between the extremes of keen suspicion and unsuspiciousness lies a logical middle course. Without playing Paul Pry and certainly without miserably "snooping," it behooves all loyal citizens to keep eyes and ears open. If you learn from Mrs. Smith, who had it from the next-door neighbor, that Mrs. Blank is a German sympathizer, do not start the gossip off. Send the report to the right officials.

America's War

(Sydney Post-Record) The critical war situation in Europe has stirred the public of the United States with deeper and more intense concern than was ever in evidence in the years preceding that country's entrance into the last great struggle in April, 1917. From the press and the pulpit, from both Houses of Congress, from Republican and Democratic leaders, the Government at Washington is urged to send war planes and munitions, in aid of all kinds to the Allies,—to do everything which can contribute to their success, "short of an actual declaration of war." The question is, why this vital reservation? The menace Britain and France are fighting with all the power they can command, with sacrifices such as no civilized countries ever made before in the world's history, is exactly the same menace to the United States as the free nations of Europe. The herculean task of preventing Germany from destroying all that is worth living for in this civilization, is no more the responsibility of the British and French Empires than of the powerful Democracy in the

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