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

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"Dig For Victory"

Postal cancellation stamps in the Old Country now bear the slogan: "Grow More Food; Dig for Victory." In pursuit of this objective there is now a great campaign, sponsored by the British government, to induce citizens to grow their own vegetables, and to keep more "backyard hens" and even pigs.

According to the British Ministry of Agriculture, no fewer than four hundred such clubs were formed during the last Great War, which added to the pig meat supplies of the United Kingdom at the rate of nearly five million pounds a year.

Nazi Paganism Foretold

"Christianity has to a certain extent mitigated the old brutal Germanic lust, but it has not succeeded in destroying it. If one day the restraining tali-man—the Cross—collapses, then once again the fierce spirit of the ancient warriors will break forth, the senseless berserk frenzy found so often in the songs of the Northern poets will flood the world."

The Governor-General

Prime Minister Mackenzie King has stated officially that Lord Tweedsmuir will not consider an extension of his present term of office as Governor-General, and will return to the Old Country in the summer or early fall of this year.

Robbed Of Usefulness

The Halifax Chronicle, long the stalwart exponent of Liberalism in Nova Scotia, expresses doubt that anything will result from the report of the Dominion-Provincial Relations Commission, more often referred to as the Rowell Commission, which has just been presented at Ottawa.

to plain that governments turn over to commissions problems which they lack the courage or the ability to grapple. Most of the commissions produce reports which gather dust on the shelves of the Parliamentary library.

EDITORIAL NOTES

There are many aspirants for nomination as second Conservative candidate for Queens.

There were plenty sinners walking on slippery places yesterday morning.

Earl Beatty, Admiral of the Fleet in the Great War, commanded Grand Fleet 1916-19, born this date, 1871.

From now on farmers will have time to devote to their social functions, and then their annual conferences, which will be of more than usual importance in this war year.

During the last 15 years no animal plagues such as Foot and Mouth disease, rinderpest or pleuro-pneumonia have occurred among Canadian livestock.

"I look for a long war—a horrible, bloody, brutal war—and I look for more vacant seats when this House meets again," said Mr. Hepburn at the opening of Ontario's legislature.

Convening in the capital of the Province in which their industry originated, the members and directors of the Canadian National Silver Fox Breeders Association received a cordial welcome yesterday.

Here is depopulation for you. In September last London's population was given as 8,500,000, today the patrons of the Gas, Light and Coke Co. which monopolizes the city's public utilities, shows a decrease of 1,500,000 in its list of patrons, which means that at least 3,000,000 people have been evacuated.

What's in a name? About a week ago mainland newspaper headlines proclaimed "Abe's Resignation Believed Certain." We thought for a giddy moment our friend Abe of Alberta had been and gone and done it, only to find farther down the column that it was another Abe in far away Japan that was concerned.

The Nazi party chiefs, it is reported, are seeking to prevent what is believed to be a growing practice in some restaurants of turning off the radio sets when the news broadcasts begin. Proprietors have been warned, it is said, that they will lose their licenses to do business if this continues and appears to be done with malicious intent.

War is the great iconoclast, destroying long-held myths. One of these myths has been that democracy, by its very nature, could not successfully defend itself against the concentrated war power developed under a dictatorship.

Three Canadian officials visited Chairman Emory S. Land of the Maritime Commission, Washington, to discuss the possibility that Canada might obtain ships in that country.

We have not heard much about the abandonment of the Irish Hospital's Sweepstakes; nevertheless January 16th ends them—and why? Because they are proving a losing game to the promoters as well as the thousands of gamblers.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Sir:—In a roadside lunch wagon the counter was nearly filled with intently truck chauffeurs and incidentally motorists. A hard-looking woman entered, middle-aged, poorly dressed, sordid face scored with the ruts of a terrible life.

In the long record of human courage there has been nothing more heroic than the stand which Finland, with a total population less than that of North Carolina, is making against a country with as many inhabitants as are found in all of North and South America combined.

The constant and abject licking of Stalin's boots is a depressing example of the lengths to which human abasement can go. It is surely not without its warning for the Western world.

The people of Canada must realize by now that our participation in the World War is in process of bringing about changes in the country, the consequences of which are still incalculable.

In a New Year's proclamation to the Nazi party, Hitler predicts that the year 1940 will be the most decisive year in German history.

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Scandinavia Unafraid

The reaction to the Nazi warning issued to the Nordic states is probably not just to the German liking. The Scandinavian nations declare that any attempt to intimidate them or to violate their neutrality will mean a fight.

Like Soviet Russia, Germany is trying feverishly to create the impression among her own masses and neutrals that the Finnish war is not due to the Russian invasion of Finland but "it represents part of the scheme of Britain and France to involve the whole of Europe in war."

With their own neutrals the Reds and Nazis are meeting with a certain measure of success, but neutral Scandinavia and Southeastern Europe fail to be shaken in their knowledge that the Soviets invaded Finland.

Will 1940 Be Peace Year?

(Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph)

There has been a lot of talk about European peace during the past few weeks, and there will probably be a lot more in the days to come.

Influential leaders of Church and State have set up a chorus of pleas for peace. Added to this have been the efforts of secrets of influential persons, acting unofficially.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Queen's County National Conservative Association

STRAND THEATRE, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30th. 1940

At the same time and place a Convention will be held to nominate a Candidate caused by the resignation of Mr. John H. Myers.

Each Poll is entitled to five delegates. Those from the FIRST and SECOND DISTRICTS will meet in the Main Auditorium promptly at 12.30.

P. J. ROSSITER, Acting Secretary

P. W. TURNER, President

Conservative Meeting

Meeting of the Conservative workers, Ward 5, in the McLure Building 8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 17. to appoint delegates to the National Conservative Convention and annual meeting.

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