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

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Shocking Tragedy

The casualties in the train wreck at Almonte, Ontario, on Sunday night, first reported as numbering five persons killed and fifteen badly injured...

A searching inquiry is already under way as to the cause of the accident. As Mr. W. N. Neal, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway...

Maritimes Still Leading

The most recent figures of present strength in the Canada's three armed services as compared with the number of men enlisted or drafted into the services is as follows.

Table with 3 columns: Service, Enlisted, Drafted. Navy: 46,374, 50,000. Air Force: 158,342, 140,000. Army: 476,899, 390,000.

Comparisons of enlistments in the three services by districts shows striking variations in military age. The national average is 27.9 per cent with military district No. 6 (Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) showing a high mark of 37.9 per cent.

These percentages are raised when the total "intake" including draftees is used as a basis of comparison. The national average is 30.8 per cent with Nova Scotia and P.E.I. in top place with 41.5 per cent and New Brunswick (district No. 7) second with 39 per cent.

Unshared Prosperity

The province of Alberta, recently presented its public accounts for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1942, showing a surplus of \$7,200,000. During the Third Victory Loan campaign Alberta subscribed for \$4,000,000.

Payment of full interest on Alberta's funded debt during the most recent fiscal year, says the Financial Post, would have meant expenditure of another three millions or so, which still would have left a healthy surplus in excess of four millions.

The financial showing now being made by Alberta removes the last vestige of excuse for not fully servicing its bonds. When interest was cut to half the coupon rate, it was argued that the province's creditors should share in its decline of revenue.

Butter Rationing

A great many people, well informed on matters pertaining to the production and distribution of dairy products, have gone on record with explanations for the butter shortage which directly contradict Mr. Donald Gordon's. They are more inclined to lay the major part of the blame, not on hoarders but on the price-ceiling policy of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board...

that in all areas where the retail price has increased since October 30 of this year, the price must revert to that October 30 level.

Of course, producers are to be compensated by an increase in the government subsidy paid on butterfat used in the manufacture of creamery butter. This, in turn, will be paid by the public in the form of taxes instead of in the price they pay for butter; but making a reduction in price a part of an effort to deal with the shortage of a commodity is something which is very different to the principles expounded by Adam Smith in his classic, Wealth of Nations.

EDITORIAL NOTES

For the remainder of the Winter, at least, every pound of butter sold in Canada will cost the Government at least ten cents. That is the amount of the new subsidy which went into effect with the rationing plan.

Did you share in the turkey crop? Seventy-five carloads of dressed poultry, totalling 1,500,000 pounds were shipped out of Alberta for the Christmas markets in the east, a survey shows. Ninety per cent of loadings consisted of turkeys.

On a ship that sailed for Ireland recently there was a cargo of dried and evaporated milk, cheese, dried eggs, canned and cured pork, lard, flour and canned vegetables. So great are the advances of science in preparation of dehydrated and concentrated foods that, it is estimated, the cargo of this one ship represented a year's production of 3,800 average Canadian farms.

One of the outstanding Christian characteristics of our people, love and consideration for others was amply exemplified over the Christmas week-end where homes of every description were thrown open to welcome "the strangers within our gates." Truly it may be said of Islanders whatever faults and shortcomings we may have, we try to live up to the Pauline injunction of "distributing to the necessity of saints, given to hospitality." The Navy reports that all the boys of the H.M.C.S. Queen Charlotte had invitations for Christmas in Charlottetown.

Sir Archibald Alison, historian and legal writer, born this date, 1792; Lord Rector of Glasgow University, 1851; created a baronet, 1852; wrote the History of Europe (10 volumes, 1833-42, and 9 volumes 1852-9); Lives of Marlborough, Castlereagh, and others; "Principles of Population," "Principles of Criminal Law"; held in high esteem in literary and historical circles as the best informed man on these subjects of his day and generation; his father was a litterateur, also named Archibald, wrote "Nature and Principles of Taste"; while his second son, Sir Archibald, 2nd baronet, became a distinguished British General, serving in the Indian Mutiny, Ashanti War and the Egyptian War.

The "autograph quilt" which wives of Canadian Air Forces Officers have made in Ottawa is a "Who's Who" of the United Nations. When the quilt was on the point of completion, one signature—a rather important one—was missing. Mr. Winston Churchill had not signed. Air Marshal Billy Bishop came to the rescue. He collected the British Prime Minister's autograph when he was over in London and took it back with him to Canada. The quilt is made of red, white, and blue squares, embroidered with the signatures of world-famous people, including President and Mrs. Roosevelt. Recently it was touring Canada as part of a war-savings drive, and one day Churchill hopes to see it "over there."

Despite the increased beef cattle sales by farmers, practically all the animals are being bought for the Canadian market. In the week ending December 17, 1941, 7,220 beef cattle were sent to the United States but in the same period this year none was exported. From October 1 to December 17 last year, 54,300 beef cattle were sent to the United States, against 176 this year. Until such time as home requirements are met fully and there are indications a surplus is likely to depress Canadian prices, exports probably will not be permitted by Prices Board authorities, officials said. While beef cattle exports have declined, a gain has been shown in export shipments of dairy cattle. During the week ended Dec. 17, 547 dairy animals crossed the border compared with 407 in the same week of 1941. For the present year thus far, dairy cattle exports have totalled 24,032 head against 21,291 in 1941.

The by-election sensation in Quebec had its final sequel on Thursday last when Mr. Justice Fabre Surveyl, in the Superior Court gave judgment quashing the writ of habeas corpus on which Marc Carriere sought to be liberated from Bordeaux Jail, where he is detained by order of the Minister of Justice for having committed, in the course of a public speech in Montreal in November last, a breach of the Regulations for the Defence of Canada. His Lordship ruled that Mr. Carriere is legally detained and that if he has a grievance his only way to seek a remedy is by submitting his case to the Consultative or Advisory Committee which has authority to hear grievances and make recommendations thereon to the Minister of Justice, who is the final judge in all these cases.

Arrangements are to be made today for the ordination of Mr. John Carson, B.A., just graduated from the Presbyterian College, Montreal. The entire third year class will take up work as ordained missionaries in various parts of Canada instead of returning to classes after Christmas. The second year students will graduate in the Spring. The move has been made necessary by the acute lack of ministers, there being an immediate need for about a hundred men to maintain the ordained fields. It is expected that seven of these will be obtained from the final year class, Montreal, and 12 from Knox College, Toronto. Women are preaching in some centres in western Canada in the capacity of deaconesses, though they cannot perform all the functions of an ordained ministry. One of the outcomes will be that there will be practically no work for the faculty next year.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The heart is said to be the first to wear out in the universe. It beats more than 3,000,000,000 times between birth and death at normal age. No wonder it is called the seat of the emotions.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Women seek only cushy jobs, is a charge sometimes made by the specific media. President Roosevelt is found in the statement by a New York shipbuilding corporation that 3,500 letters of application have been received from women seeking employment in shipyards and ship repair plants. Such jobs are in the heavy class, which is proof that the women have no fear of hard labor. Montreal Gazette.

All save the doctrinaire critics will reserve judgment on the specific media. President Roosevelt may propose for the economic rehabilitation of the world. He can be expected to make mistakes in his domestic program; and if so this newspaper will not hesitate to oppose them. But on the basic principles of the program to improve living standards, increase productivity, lift purchasing power and broaden economic opportunity, we are with him—not because he is Roosevelt, not because the principles are his, but because here lies the path of justice and progress.—Chicago Sun.

For the first time, millions are driving at 35 m.p.h. and love it, much to their surprise. Now to learn how to make coffee properly.—Detroit News.

The "Never Again" Association has its headquarters at No. 1A, Brompton London, through its efforts to hold its functions at the Savoy Hotel or Park Lane's Grosvenor House. Its program is defined by its Organizing Secretary, Ernest Pitt-Gee, as "Never again must the German people be allowed to organize for war; 'Never again must we win a war and lose the peace; 'Never again must we sign any Treaty with any German Government until the German people have proved that they honor their pledges and their obligations to their neighbors; 'Never again must the security of the country and the lives of our children be jeopardized because of a mistaken tenderness to brutes; 'Never again must we listen to the blarney of Germany's friends in our midst; 'Never again must we rely on anything but our own strong arm and that of our proved friends."—British News Review.

The masters of destruction had time to ponder before they visited LeVinsky. There they repeated all the steps of their other perfidy, but added a detail. They killed the women as well as the men. Unless they kill the children too, and add a preliminary torture to the rape, the master of destruction further. Human imagination cannot picture these inhumanities. Not even Swift, before madness darkens the terrible and considered infelicitous, could have done justice to these scenes. It is with no fleeting anger that civilized people regard these horrors heaped on horrors, but with a deeper, sterner feeling that these reckless killers of the body, who seek to kill the mind and soul, must be put down and kept down.—New York Times.

Women guards are proving efficient. The crew of the naval air base in South Weymouth, Mass., relieving Marines and civilian men guards for other duties, Lieut-Col. Chester Knowles said recently. The men taught the women how to use riot guns from the hip—they're good shots at 200 yards, the officer said—and how to man machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns. All the women, numbering about 25, are from civil service lists.—Hamilton Spectator.

As recently as a year ago, eyebrows would have been raised in many quarters had it been suggested that the rubber of the United States and the United States would be among the world's leading producers of rubber and exporters of rubber products. Yet, despite the acute shortage of rubber in the United States at present, that is the way the situation appears to a spokesman of the American Chemical Society. Inquiries are being made by the end of 1944 both countries will be producing about 600,000 tons of rubber in excess of their peacetime needs. The rubber plantations of the world, of course, but the uncertainties of the post-war period are such that this may be the only kind obtainable in quantity for years to come. The rubber plantations of the Eastern Pacific, now being despoiled by the Japanese, is anything but bright.—Windsor Star.

Those who consider it wise to provoke controversy in wartime in the hope of reaching an agreement before the peace, and who are much concerned about Britain's intentions with regard to India, might discuss Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Rumania. In all the talk about liberty and among all the demands for specific statements of intent with regard to particular places, there has not been one word about the future of these little states, all of which were kept in terror before the war and all of which were attacked, looted and despoiled after war broke out. There have been attempts to justify the aggression on the grounds of military necessity and who are anxious to know whether military necessity in future will require that they be enslaved and whether the professions of liberty would again prove their enslavement.—Toronto Telegram.

Heavy toll of panic again takes a flying toll of lives and another appalling warning is given for more effective safeguards in all public premises where large numbers of people are gathered. In Poland, construction, the abolition of inflammable decorations and the presence of one or two watchmen should all help to reduce the hazards. But there is hardly anything that can prevent lives from being lost once panic lays hold of an assembly of people. That is the awful lesson of St. John's Newfoundland. No public building is safer than the fears of its audience when a fire breaks out.—Hamilton Spectator.

"It Tolls For Thee"

(Vancouver Province) There was a despatch from Ottawa the other day that must have come some very close to some people in Canada. It was the news of three casualty lists of the Canadian Active Service Army. It said that 238 men previously reported missing after the battle of Dieppe are now reported prisoners of war. Or, on a further paragraph of this despatch: "The lists also named one man previously reported missing now reported safe and eight prize money reported missing now reported killed in action."

They had been waiting since last August for this news, all those people in Canada whom this news most closely concerned. They were mothers and fathers, wives and children, sisters and sweethearts and brothers and near friends. They had been waiting through the days, hoping against hope, building the eternal refuge of hope against the slow days of the suspense and the strain, waiting for Casualty List number something other than that answering the dreaded question at last.

Well, the question was answered in the casualty lists for the month of people of 238 of those circles, families and friends, wives and mothers and sweethearts and all, of some of our overseas. It was happily answered for them, with such a lifting of their hearts as only such as they may know. Their men are all alive. And for eight other such Canadian groups, the suspense also has been lifted and the strain of waiting is over, but their men will not come back to them again. This is the war, your war and the war of deepest meanings for us all. And here, by way of the burden and the lesson, are two quotations, from two great passages of the Book of Lamentations: "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? From John Donne: 'And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls: It tolls for thee.'"

Looking Ahead

(From "A Message for the New Year" by A. R. Mosher, President of the Canadian Congress of Labour) Already there is evidence of wide differences of opinion with regard to the maintenance or release of the controls which have been established by the Dominion Government over industry, and the carrying on of productive activities under public ownership and operation. The advocates of "free enterprise" as it is called, are already demanding a restoration of the competitive economic system, in spite of the depression which the people of Canada suffered for ten years prior to the war. It is almost certain that the result will be a reversion to the pre-war status quo; at any rate, efforts to re-establish it will arouse strong opposition on the part of the workers and the public as a whole.

The capacity of Canadian industry to produce in almost unlimited quantities has been amply proven during the war; we have in Canada today national resources, technical skill and industrial machinery, all of which have been developed on a large and increasing scale, and there is less excuse than ever for unemployment in Canada, with its consequent poverty and distress. If Canadians enjoying such a fortunate situation, cannot develop an economic system which will provide a high standard of living, the nation will be considered indolent, but there are growing indications that the people of Canada, and particularly the organized workers, have determined that they will not go back to the conditions which existed prior to the war, and that whatever changes may be necessary in the economic system to provide for the security and well-being of every citizen, will be demanded.

The name which a satisfactory economic system bears is of no importance; it is the fact alone which will be insisted upon. The war has proven beyond any doubt that financial barriers to industrial development are artificial, and that what is physically possible is financially possible. The same national resources, in the depths of the depression, waiting for to be mobilized, are the property of hundreds of thousands of people on relief, now finds it necessary to utilize the services of an able-bodied adult, and this is a lesson which surely will not be readily forgotten. When the war ends, and there is a vast market in Canada and in other countries for the commodities which Canada can produce. In the field of housing alone, there will be room for enormous numbers of workers to be work available for all who are able and willing to perform it. By a realistic approach to the problem, waiting for to be mobilized, Canada will be able to produce in peacetime on a scale as great as that required in war-time. The reconstruction of a world of peace and justice must go farther than economic re-adjustment. Canada must take her place among the nations of the world in laying the foundations of a new world order through the provision of adequate machinery for mutual protection against injustice and oppression. Polish Jews are being carried out on a breadth of a clarity of vision, courage far beyond anything which we have known in the past, both in domestic and foreign policy. And the people of Canada whose sons are fighting in far-off lands, are learning that the world is a more just and happy home for the human family.

Jewish Persecution

(Exchange) An extract from the text of the Polish report, obtained from the Polish legation in Ottawa, follows: "A separate page in Poland's morning papers is devoted to the persecution of the Jewish minority. In Poland, Hitler's disposition that 1942 must bring an end to at least half the Polish Jews is being carried out with such ruthlessness and barbarity as history has never known. Out of 400,000 people in the Warsaw ghetto, 200,000 have been liquidated from July 17 to the present in less than three months. Mass murders are committed all over the country. Polish Jews as well as Jews from other countries brought into Poland are being starved to death. From Poland comes violent protest against this slaughter and robbery. 'Following protest from underground Poland is one of the main foci which reached the Polish government.'"

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"In the Warsaw ghetto, behind walls cutting them off from the world, hundreds of thousands of doomed are awaiting death. No hope of rescue exists for them. From nowhere can help reach them, in streets the patrol assassins shot everyone who dares emerge from a house. They also shoot anyone standing at a window. On the pavements lie unburied bodies. Daily a prescribed number of victims amounts to from eight to ten thousand. The Jewish police are obliged to hand them over to the German executioners. If they do not, they are killed themselves. Mothers are put into trucks. This is carried out in such a brutal manner that very few reach the ramparts alive. Mothers to mad watching this. The number of those who have gone mad from despair and terror equals the number of executed. At the ramparts, railway cars wait. Executioners drive 150 of the doomed people into one carriage, the floor of which is covered with a thick layer of lime and chlorine sprinkled with water. The car doors are then sealed. Sometimes the train starts immediately after being loaded, but sometimes it stands on the siding for a day or two. This no longer matters to anyone. People are packed so tightly that those who die cannot fall but remain standing side by side with those still living or dying slowly from the fumes of lime and chlorine, from being deprived of water and food. Wherever and whenever death trains arrive they contain only one view of these sufferers: only a speedy death can bring release. And the assassins forewarned of the water and food. There are no weapons. The only thing that remains is to throw one's self from the window onto the pavement. Many of the doomed elude executioners in this way. What has been going on in the Warsaw ghetto has been going on for the last six months in hundreds of other smaller and larger Polish places. The total of Jews murdered already exceeded one million; this figure is

increasing day to day. All are perishing, rich and poor, old and young, women, men, youths and children; Catholics who die in the name of Jesus and Mary, just as orthodox Jews. All guilty of having been born Jews are condemned to annihilation by Hitler." There are 6,000,000 Jews in territory occupied by the Germans. Since the Nazi campaign of extermination was launched last spring, this number has been reduced to half or possibly by one-third, it is estimated. In addition to the enormous disappearance from the ghettos, as described in the Polish report quoted above, the programme of extermination has been carried out by mass executions, details of which have been received from Poland.

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