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

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"Credit" For Canada?

If the human spirit is to live and flourish, parochialism must die; isolationism must go; international co-operation must grow. All the more shocking, then, says the Globe and Mail, is the crassness and unsophistication of the statement by Air Minister Power that there must be "Canadianization" of the Royal Air Force by segregating Canadians so that Canada will get more "credit."

Did Canadian boys join the Air Force for credit? Are they offering their lives for credit? Have the very choicest young men met the enemy in air combat just for credit? Or have they fought alongside their comrades from Britain, from Australia, from New Zealand, from all parts of the Empire, to save us from oppression?

Similarly the Montreal Gazette comments that if the attitude expressed by Air Minister Power is to govern the operations of all the Canadian fighting services, the Navy, the Air Force and the Army, the result is likely to be an unseemly scramble for fame rather than a co-ordinated effort for victory.

Other Dominions are not pot-hunting. They are contributing everything they can in a common crusade, and will be satisfied with the success of that crusade. Australia and New Zealand are not crying out "look at me." Why should Canada? Above all, why should the first of the British Dominions attempt to advertise her war effort in any way other than that of deeds?

C.P.'s Anniversary

The 25th anniversary of The Canadian Press, which occurred this month, provides the opportunity to refer to the organization on which Canadians mostly rely for the news of the day. Particularly has this been the case since the outbreak of war. Vivid stories of the exploits of Canadian forces overseas have been brought to the people at home, an outstanding example being the graphic narrative of the Dieppe raid written by Ross Munro, CP war correspondent attached to the Canadian army, now in Canada for a brief period after having flown the Atlantic following the raid. How Mr. Munro covered his assignment and how his story was delivered by The Canadian Press around the allied world, is told in an illustrated brochure which has just been published.

This is but one of many reportorial achievements of which CP is justly proud. Since it evolved in 1917 as a result of a merger of previously organized news gathering associations, it has succeeded in providing the people of the Dominion with a news service unsurpassed for accuracy, comprehensiveness and speed. Its membership now comprises 99 newspapers (a majority of the dailies published in the country) and it is also allied with The Associated Press, the great co-operative news gathering association of 1,400 daily newspapers in the United States which operates on a world-wide basis.

As far as the human element is concerned, The Canadian Press has been particularly well served. Mr. J. E. B. Livesay, former general manager, set an example which has become typical of the whole organization. The present officials, of whom the general manager, Mr. J. A. McNeill and the general superintendent, Mr. J. Gillis Purcell, may be specially mentioned, devote their energies and talents to the work of the organization in a way which provides inspiration for all the staff.

Clearing Brazil

Since Brazil entered the conflict against two Axis Powers, scores of Germans and Italians have been arrested there and plans are being carried out to evacuate all Germans from the country's coastal areas. Brazil at war realizes the dangers of a fifth column and its Government takes no chances. It never did since Getulio Vargas early this year clamped down on the activities of Fascist groups without even awaiting action on resolutions before the inter-American Conference to curtail Axis propaganda in the Americas. It is almost five years since the Integralista party, which lived on German gold, was dissolved by Presidential decree.

The Axis worked hard in Brazil. The so-called German "colonies" in the three southern Brazilian states were to form the nucleus for a South American Germany. But President Vargas's foresight nipped the Fascist plan in the bud. He closed 2,000 German schools, and Brazilian teachers now conduct courses in Portuguese instead of German. Uniformed militias no longer drill in the interior regions. The flow of gold and dozens of German business houses and banks into the vaults of Nazi auxiliary forces has been

stopped. The skies over Brazil have been cleared of German-owned Condor planes. The activities of the Transocean News Agency have ceased to stir up sedition in the republic. Brazil's fifth column is doomed to failure. President Vargas as a contemporary remarks, has already won the first round of the battle.

Hitler's Bottlenecks

The Stockholm correspondent of The New York Times reports that the gravest difficulties now confronting Germany's military leaders are manpower losses and lack of facilities for producing heavy bombing planes. Estimates based on trustworthy sources in the Reich capital, this correspondent writes, "are that up to the end of June this year the Germans lost some 1,800,000 men, killed and missing alone, and that the number of men permanently incapacitated either by wounds or frostbite must be at least half again that figure. To fill these gaps by new conscription and transfers from the ranks of civilian workers, and to make Germany's industry produce the masses of new equipment required for carrying out the plans of the generals, are the main problems which the German leaders must solve and which are causing them grave concern, in the frank opinion of qualified military observers stationed on the Continent."

This is certainly no overstatement of Germany's gravely acute manpower problem. The estimates given relating to Germany's military casualties are based on Berlin's figures and are certainly much below the reality. Nevertheless they indicate that the manpower of the Reich had been reduced by at least two and three quarter million men up to the end of June last. Meanwhile Hitler's manpower requirements, both civilian and military, are greater and more pressing than they have ever been, and continue to increase steadily.

EDITORIAL NOTES

New building erections at our two airports would indicate the authorities are satisfied peace is not on the horizon.

Merchants and others in town and country are waiting to see what the new 56-hour week implies.

Mr. Robert Patterson, the American Under-Secretary for War, discloses that the United States would produce more than 50,000 aeroplanes this year "by a healthy margin."

Births registered in cities, towns and villages with a population of 10,000 and over numbered 10,722 in July, deaths 4,201 and marriages 6,518 as compared with 9,543 births, 4,330 deaths and 6,110 marriages in July last year, showing increases of 12 per cent in births, 7 per cent in marriages and a decrease of 3 per cent in deaths.

The new chairman of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts Association is Mr. R. C. Stevenson, C. A., Montreal, who succeeds Mr. J. F. M. Stewart, Toronto, who held the position for eleven years. A member of the board since its inception in 1931, Mr. Stevenson is president of the Montreal District Boy Scout Council, and chairman of the Sea Scout Committee and Honorary Commodore of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club.

Speaking at Johannesburg, Mr. Stuttaford, South African Minister for Commerce and Industries said that arrangements had been made for the United States, the United Kingdom, and South Africa to buy practically the whole supply of tea in the world, and to apportion it having regard to previous requirements. It will be noted Canada is not in the deal.

A parent's occupation has much to do with the size and weight of the Canadian child, Dominion Bureau of Statistics records show. A Bureau publication detailing the finding from an examination of 78,000 Toronto school children in 1939, revealed that the children of owners and managers and professional workers are the tallest groups, while the children of unemployed and pensioned and retired classes are the shortest. The study cited the findings of other similar studies that on the average, "with heavy emphasis on the word 'average'," the more intelligent student as measured by school progress and other tests was larger and more nearly perfect physically than his less brilliant fellow.

James Fenimore Cooper, American novelist, born this date 1789; did more to put the United States on the literary map than most of his predecessors or contemporaries, as he wrote for boys and had an enormous following in all parts of the world. Who in the last three generations has not read "Last of the Mohicans," "The Pioneers," "The Prairie," "The Pathfinder," etc? His stories which have been translated into many languages reveal great inventive faculty and picturesque and descriptive gifts: "A soul, a spark of the never-dying flame that separates man from all the other beings of earth."

The upward movement in food prices in Australia has been small, due to the fact that the country is fundamentally self-sufficient. War-time shipping problems have had an adverse effect upon domestic food prices, since the commodities are largely on an export basis. Groceries have shown an increase of 20 per cent; dairy products 1.5 per cent; and meat products 7.9 per cent. Allowing for appropriate statistical weighting, the aggregate variation for the group has been 3.7 per cent. Rents have been remarkably stable, having advanced by only 0.9 per cent. The reduction in the number of men by enlistment in the services has resulted in a doubling-up of occupancy by wives of servicemen endeavouring to economize, which has almost nullified the improvement in the ability to pay higher rent by wage-earners benefiting through increased earnings from war industries. The most substantial rise in the price index has been in clothing, which has advanced by 41.4 per cent, comprising better than two-thirds of the total advance since the beginning of the war—of 12.3 per cent in the retail price index.

NOTES BY THE WAY

The Norwegian Government has issued a challenging statement on the broad aim of its policy for peace. It disclaims any special interest in those projects for a northern union on which a good deal of eloquence was expended a few years ago. It declares Norway's attachment to the Atlantic allies, Great Britain and the United States; and its reserves for Norway, in the future ordering of international relations, the important function of standing as a bridge between the Atlantic allies and Russia. The split behind this declaration is unmistakable. Those who have defied persecution to keep their churches and schools pure from "Nordic" teaching of Germanic tincture are utterly determined to place Norway's independence henceforth on a plane where it will be beyond assault or challenge. Its background will be provided by the principles of the Atlantic Charter, embodied as the Norwegian Government foresees, in new international institutions. —(London Times).

GARDEN THEFTS

Sir:—It would be of interest to many to know what penalty is involved by children stealing and destroying vegetable gardens. The little sneak thieves, sink into our gardens and pull and destroy our vegetables. They come by day and they come by night. Just at this time corn is their objective, and as they do not know the ripe corn from the corn not properly developed, they pull indiscriminately (any kind and turn away most of them). The names of these children are known—and the parents, but we hesitate to prosecute, as we would like to believe the parents are not aware of the facts—but we now give warning if any more vegetables are stolen we will prosecute for whatever has already been taken.

I am, Sir, etc. VON CLURE GAY

COMFORTS FOR NAVAL MEN

Sir,—As was noted in The Guardian, there have been a couple of meetings called and an effort made to form a citizens committee for the purpose of providing warm coats and other needed articles for the crew of the H.M.C.S. Charlottetown.

There was a meagre attendance at these meetings, but the enthusiastic few who were there suggested opening a subscription fund so that others interested might contribute to the cause. So far, the only parties heard (apart from the meeting) were two societies whose contributions will be duly acknowledged in the press. No subscriptions have been received from any of our citizens. Surely it cannot be that they are not interested in our navy or indifferent to the welfare of the boys who are fighting our battles on the stormy seas. These lads work in all kinds of weather in rain soaked garments and in icy cold, and surely it is up to the city of Charlottetown for which the Corvette was named to see that they have at least the necessary comforts. For our own credit, if for nothing else, we should be as generous to them as the other cities are to the ships named so and sponsored by them. So—somebody start the ball with a good push!

I am, Sir, etc. A SAILOR'S MOTHER.

By Their Fruits

(New York Times) The first is not yet on the pumpkin—not by quite a spell, we hope, but the fox grape is in the vine and the Autumn berry is in the bush. Most of them are still green, for, unlike the breakfast-table berry, their season comes late. They reach their prime just in time to fatten the birds for the autumn journey or for the Winter here and there. But they make the late Summer woods a place of discovery.

The fat berry cluster of the Jack-in-the-pulpit is already showing signs of its ultimate laceration. The dogwood of the new blossom lifts its fruit to the sun for rearing; the pinnate dogwood and the red cedar, of tumbler bloom, are already flaunting wax-white berries on blushing stems. Solomon's seal danglers tiny ear-drops in the wind. Dark, heavy umbels of the elderberry are already past their prime, but the inkberries and the purple bounty of the pokeweed hang deceptively enticing.

Bittersweet has fat green fruit awaiting only the frost to split its outer hull and delight the eye. Benzoin with its tiny April buds, the lowlands with its tiny April buds, is ripening the fat berries that give it the name of spice bush, and Great-grain-themes may yet give to do the same. Almost unnoticed, the lowly partridge berry—ripe among the shadows with its green dewdrops that will gleam so valiantly red against the Winter snow.

Germany From Within

(London Daily Telegraph) Conditions inside Germany as the war draws near to the end of its third year are described in the Zurich newspaper, Volkrecht.

The writer who describes his first-hand experiences, records these three salient impressions: 1.—The food situation in Germany is serious. 2.—There is no present chance of a revet. 3.—The German people are less interested in victories than in the war ending. "They are all in fruit, the numberless viburnums, the snowberries, the winterberries, the barberries, which yielded fragrant wax for backwoods candles. They won't reach their height of beauty for another month or more, but many of them will be gone by then. Woodlands long after the leaves are around them have blazed with color and gone their Fall-time way."

Mr. Gladstone Murray is admittedly neither a financial genius nor a skilled accountant. But he is something much more important than either of these things. He is a man of wide interests, culture and imagination who knows radio and the radio needs of the Canadian people. He has not only a very good ear for the voice of Mr. Murray's capacity and capacity in the organization of radio can be found. Mr. Murray, considering the handicaps under which he has been compelled to work, has not only given the public everything it wished. A board of archangels could not do that. But he has accomplished a great deal, and given the opportunity, could accomplish a great deal more.—Vancouver Province.

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There is much dismay at the thought that Germany might lose the war. It is feared that the Germans might sink to the level of coolies, and have to build up everything (that has been destroyed. This fear binds many to the Nazi regime.

To the question whether there will be enough woolen goods for soldiers at the front, this Winter, the writer received the reply. The Nazi authorities ought to search the houses of those who brought car and goods-wagon loads from France. There everything would be found, even furs.

C.N.R. EARNINGS

MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 11.—The gross revenues for all inclusive Canadian National Railways system for the week ending September 7, 1942 were \$7,307,000 as compared with \$5,847,000 for the same week of 1941 an increase of \$1,460,000 or 25 per cent.

KILLED INSTANTLY

DORCHESTER, N. B., Sept. 13.—(CP)—Pie, Kenneth Wheaton, 23, stationed at Fredericton, was killed instantly Saturday in a collision of two trucks near here. He was in a truck driven by William Sliker, Newcastle, when it collided head-on with one driven by Leonard Smith, Penobscot. A verdict of accidental death, with no blame attached to anyone, was reached at an inquest.

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SCYTHE SONG

Mowers, weary and brown, and blithe, What is the word thinks ye know? Endless over-word that the Scythes Sings to the blades of the grass below? Scythes that swing in the grass and clover, Something, still, they say as they pass; What is the word that, over and over, Sings the Scythe to the flowers and grass? Hush, ah hush, the Scythes are saying, Hush, ah heed not, and fall asleep; Hush, they say to the grasses swaying, Hush—'tis the lullaby Time is singing— Hush, ah heed not, for all things Hush, ah hush! and the Scythes are swinging Over the clover, over the grass! —Andrew Lang.

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