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

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Churchill At Ottawa

It was "Churchill Day" at the Dominion capital
yesterday, where the British Prime Minister
arrived by special train from Washington to be
given what seasoned newspapermen described as

The reason for Mr. Churchill's visit to Wash-
ington and Ottawa at this time, necessitating his
spending the Christmas season far from his
beloved family circle, may easily be surmised.

Canada's Wartime Need

In its current issue the Financial Post enunci-
ates a new wartime editorial policy. "Up to the
present," it says, "it has been our conviction that
a party government, kept alert and efficient by a
vigorous opposition, could, did it so desire, prosecute

In Praise Of Potatoes

Our bacon, cheese and poultry producers are
being urged, and quite rightly, to maximum pro-
duction efforts in aid of the Empire's war effort.
But there is another farm product, the nutritive
value of which is receiving increasing attention in

At a time when the British Isles are fighting for
existence, the white potato, more than any other
single item of food, is depended upon to strengthen
the whole nation's resources. In "Food Facts,"
official bulletin of the Ministry, in daily
broadcasts and in cookery demonstrations

housewife can help herself by building at least her
big meal of the day around potatoes, and by serving
them frequently at lunch and even at break-
fast."
This is the kind of publicity which our federal
and provincial governments should be sponsoring
in Canada today. Our farmers need such en-
couragement, and the country would benefit by a
well-directed campaign along the lines conducted
by the British Food Ministry. The Federal Min-
ister of Agriculture, being a Westerner, probably
doesn't know much about potatoes, but it should
be the duty of our Maritime representatives at
Ottawa to make him acquainted with the immense
wartime potentialities of this industry.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Lieut. General McNaughton is again all right in
health, and will almost immediately resume the
duty of our Maritime representatives at Ottawa
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wartime potentialities of this industry.

Speak of coincidences: Months ago Mrs. A. A.
Vial of Greytown, Natal, was helping at a central
depot to mix cakes for South African troops
abroad when she missed her wedding ring. A note
was enclosed with each of 150 cakes which had
gone out, asking the finder to return the ring. She
has just received a letter from her son, Sgt. Ron-
nie Vial on duty in Libya, saying he had found it.

The miracles of modern surgery. Less than five
years ago Albert Wegner of Minneapolis lost his
arms and legs by amputation after he had been
lost in a Wisconsin blizzard. Today, at the age of
21, with artificial limbs, he can walk, eat with a
knife and fork, shave himself, write letters, tie his
shoe laces, drive his automobile and earn his living
as a machine operator in an artificial limb plant.

"The late Mr. King." He was late with his
war preparation, and has been making up for lost
time ever since. True to form, according to C.P.
report from Washington: The Canadian delega-
tion arrived here too late to take part in two meet-
ings today of what have come to be known as the
allied supply council and the allied war council but
they were brought up to date on the plans being
drafted on both the industrial and military side of
the war. These fateful words "too late."

Mr. John Masefield, England's Poet Laureate,
on prefacing the transatlantic broadcast, at the
BBC, London, the other evening introduced a
New Yorker as "my oldest American friend, Wil-
liam Booth." The poet had already mentioned him
in his latest book, "In the Mill," which, dedicated
to "Old Companions," describes Masefield's ex-
periences as a factory worker in the United States.
Booth was 17 when the poet met him, in 1895, and
obtained a job for him as "mistake-finder" in a
carpet mill in Yonkers. Until Masefield's depart-
ure for England in 1897, they lived at the same
boarding house in Yonkers.

Births registered in 67 Canadian cities and
towns having 10,000 population and over num-
bered 8,362 in November, deaths 4,253 and marriages
4,955 as compared with 7,857 births, 4,630 deaths
and 4,430 marriages in November last year, show-
ing increases of 6-1-2 per cent in births and 12
per cent in marriages, and a decrease of eight per
cent in deaths. Births registered during the eleven
months ending November totalled 97,450, deaths
49,682 and marriages 58,255, as against 88,741
births, 49,317 deaths and 59,080 marriages during
the corresponding eleven months last year. This
comparison shows increases of 10 per cent in
births and one per cent in deaths, and a decrease
of 1-1-2 per cent in marriages.

The traditional Christmas night dinner at the
Chateau Frontenac attracted a crowd of patrons
this year as formerly to hear Christmas carols and
old French-Canadian songs by the famous Dom
Bosco Boys' Choir. Composed of some 50 voices
this choir is directed by Brother Francois, well-
known musician who has previously been acclamed
at the Chateau on such occasions. The choir
performed in the foyer outside the main dining
room of the hotel, and assisted by Mr. Pierre
Marchand and his 18th century orchestra. Feature
of the Christmas dinner was, of course, the age
old parade of uniformed beefeaters and chefs with
the boar's head, sucking pig, baron of beef and
flaming plum pudding. A fanfare of trumpets
announced the procession.

Recently in New York City, a committee of
Canadians headed by Principal R. C. Wallace of
Queen's University presented an illuminated ad-
dress to Dr. Frederick P. Keppel, retiring presi-
dent of the Carnegie Foundation. Dr. Keppel had
headed the Carnegie Foundation for eighteen
years, and throughout that period had proved him-
self a warm and valued friend of Canada, and
especially of this province. Canada's presenta-
tion to Dr. Keppel was a worthy one, written by
Mr. John W. Daffoe, L.L. D., the president of the
Winnipeg Free Press, in his capacity as Chancel-
lor of the University of Manitoba. It was des-
igned by Mr. A. Scott Carter, R. C. A., of Tor-
onto, and bound by Mr. Douglas Duncan, and it
has been signed by representatives of all Cana-
dian beneficiaries of the Carnegie Foundation.

Rudyard Kipling, English poet and novelist,
born this date 1865; known as "the poet of
Empire" in consequence of his intensely patriotic
sentiments expressed in verse; was a journalist in
India before settling down in London where he
became one of the world's great short-story writ-
ers and patriots; has a long list of novels to his
credit, producing on an average one per annum
over a long series of years, including "Tales from
the Hills," "The Story of the Gadsbys," "The
Light That Failed," "Soldiers Three," "The
Jungle Book," "Captains Courageous," "Puck's
Pool," "Actions and Reactions," "Barrack Room
Ballads," "Collected Poems"; greatly extended the
bounds of literary art by the introduction of
strange experiences and new types of character
and of novel forms of presentation; perhaps his
chief characteristic is his versatility, his subjects
ranging from animals and children to the sophis-
ticated products of modern society. As a poet his
mastery of versification is complete, and few
modern poets have so well caught the ballad note;
awarded the Nobel prize for literature in 1907;
There is but one task for all—
For each one life to give.
Who stands if freedom fall?
Who dies if England live?

NOTES BY THE WAY "Surly Bonds Of Earth"

The fact that Norwegians poured
kerosene on oil for sale, never be-
lieved to Germany should
give Adolf a good example of what
Norway thinks of his protection
policy from the British. As the
oil was being raised by the R.A.F.
and celebrated after the damage
was done, provided another ex-
ample — St. Thomas Times-
Journal.

We must not expect the Govern-
ment of the United States to
regulate its conduct according to
the wants or needs of the belliger-
ent nations. Its first duty is to
maintain order in its own country.
That may seem illogical for in-
comprehensible. But wisdom de-
mands that we permit this con-
victed liberal to judge of the
means to take to prepare its
people patiently for inevitable
warfare as the Canadian people
entered this war of their own free
will, so the neighboring country
will enter it when it understands
that its honor and its liberties are
at stake, as are our own. — Le Soleil (Quebec).

Why must Hitler fall in the long
run? The dispatch recently printed
in the Swedish newspaper Dagens
Nyheter gives the clue. According
to this paper the "after-the-war"
plan for Norway has been agreed
upon between Quisling, Norway's
betrayed and the satrap Terboven,
in active charge there for the
Nazis. The Germans would remain
in the important towns as a guard
and a "guarantee of the security
of the country." Norwegians
would be allowed to govern the
rest of their country provided that
Quisling would not deeply
anchored in the rest of the country
that its permanent leadership is
considered assured. When that
happens the "New Order" will
be in effect. And when will that
be? Never, never, never! —
Vancouver Province.

Juan Gonzalez did not ap-
pear for his one year's military
service and had to confront the
judge. "I am a conscientious ob-
jector," he explained. "I want
to have a good look at you, first
bird of your feather I've ever
seen." "He is real!" commented the
judge and asked the youth "Do
you decidedly object to military
service?" When he said he did,
the judge retorted: "My boy, I am
sorry to state that you are worse
than a common thief. You take
from society every advantage that
civilization can offer though you
refuse to pay your debt by defend-
ing your own family and society.
I am sure you cannot get away with
it because you are actually serving
the army for two years as a
soldier-prisoner. And with that,
you are a fortune teller. You
claim that war ever dives on us,
and your kind of cold-footed rob-
bers who show their backs to the
enemy, will have to face the firing
squad. Take him out!" — Chilean Press Service.

The price ceiling and other legis-
lation to avoid inflation is an effort
to protect the value of the earnings
of the people of Canada. Inflation
ruins the value of the dollar and
the people hit hardest by it are the
working classes, who have been
making ends meet and striving to
raise their families in decent sur-
roundings and provide an educa-
tion for their children. What hap-
pened to the German mark? Take
pre-war inflation after the last
war demonstrates why precautions
must be taken to avert a similar
catastrophe in Canada. In 1918
there were 24 marks to \$5 in Cana-
dian money. Here is the way the
money value was destroyed. Five
dollars was worth these amounts
in the years designated: 1918: 24
marks. 1919: 38 marks. 1920: 188
marks. 1922: 780 marks. 1923:
33,500 marks. 1924: 18,300,000,000
marks. The same could hap-
pen to the Canadian dollar if it
is not taken and enforced to
avert such confusion. — Windsor
Ont. Star.

Belonging to the "Believe It or
Not" class is the fact that the man
who designed the first Hurricane
plane and subsequent improve-
ments, the Canadian, has been
been up on one. He is solely a de-
signer and does not know how to
fly except from theoretical knowl-
edge. At any rate he has not got
a pilot's license. But he produced
one of the two types of planes —
the other is the Spitfire — that
literally saved Britain and the
British Empire in the summer and
fall of last year. Sydney Camm
built model planes as a hobby
when he was a boy. During the
First Great War he was associat-
ed with M. Sopwith, who de-
signed Pups, Camels and Snipes were
the best British models at that time.
He also learned much from the
late Harry G. Hawker, the Aus-
tralian-born German who with
Captain Grieve attempted to fly
the Atlantic in May, 1919, before
Aloock and Brown made their suc-
cessful crossing a few weeks later.
Hawker and Grieve came down in
mid-Atlantic and being fortunate
enough to be picked up by a Danish
ship Camm had a hand in the de-
sign of the Hurricane and Hawker's
first models before he designed this
type of Hurricane in 1935. The Hur-
ricane at once demonstrated that
it was the fastest plane in the
world, but production was slow.
They cost more money than the
company could afford to spend and
the Government was chary about
making advances. It was not until
February, 1938, when a young
pilot climbed into a Hurricane at
Edinburgh and came down 48-min-
utes later at London, 327 miles
away, at an average speed of 408.7
miles an hour that the Government
was convinced and armed the air
force with Camm machines. — St.
Thomas Times-Journal.

The Game Export Act, designed
to prevent illicit traffic in fur and
other game products, has now been
proclaimed for all parts of Canada
except New Brunswick and Prince
Edward Island, reports the Depart-
ment of Mines and Resources.
The Act makes it a Federal of-
fence to remove game or fur from
the province into another, or out
of Canada, without authorization
from the province in which the
game was taken. Formerly, under
Provincial law, there was no mean-
ing of taking action against fur and
game bootleggers once they had
succeeded in getting their plunder
out of the province concerned.
Thus unscrupulous persons were
able to violate the Provincial game
laws and avoid payments of
Provincial royalties by removing
fur or game in their possession to
another province. — Canadian Re-
sources Bulletin.

ENOUGH FOR FIJIS
Only 198,379 people live on the
Fiji Islands.

WORDS OF CHALLENGE

A Thought A Day
For A People At War
"Believe we shall win, not
simply because we say so, but
because Canada, along with
the other democracies, will
stop at nothing which can be
effectively done to ensure that
the forces of evil shall be
stamped out, that the menace
of slavery shall be banished,
and that free men and their
families may enjoy the lib-
erty which, until this struggle
began, we in this Dominion
had somehow taken for grant-
ed. We cannot take it for
granted any longer. The men-
ace is against Canada as well
as against the rest of the
world. — J. L. Ralston.

The Case Of Timor

(Exchange)
It is a nice question whether the
Portuguese Government's protest
against the landing of Australian
and Netherlands troops on Timor
has been issued in genuine or simu-
lated anger. Premier Antonio de
Oliveira Salazar admits that nearly
two months ago his Government
agreed with Great Britain that
defence measures for Timor in the
event that it should be attacked by
the Japanese. "Portugal" agreed
to cooperate with British troops in
the defence of Timor in case it was
attacked and according to the terms
of the agreement. But appar-
ently the Portuguese Premier
considered it quite all right to leave
the door open till the horse was
stolen, for he goes on to say:
"We would also have accepted the
co-operation of Dutch troops under
the command of the British general
staff but exclusively in case of at-
tack."
The Premier asserted that "there
was no reason to consider that an
attack by the Japanese was prob-
able," and that while conversa-
tions were still in progress, Australian
and Netherlands troops invaded the
territory of Portugal—an ally of Brit-
ain.

Here then is another case of the
laissez-faire policy that proved so
fatal in the cases of Norway, Bel-
gium, Yugoslavia and Greece. It
seems incredible that the Premier
of Portugal takes his own argument
seriously—that he really believes
Japan did not contemplate a land-
ing on Timor, or that its defence
could have been as efficiently pro-
ceeded after as before an enemy
landed. It is a half dozen Euro-
pean states are now under Germany's
heel because they preferred neu-
trality to independence. Fisher's
slogan does not mean what he says,
or refuses to learn the ways of de-
fence by experience.

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