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

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Thanksgiving Day

Canada can observe Thanksgiving today with a brave heart and a faith undisturbed by troubling events in Europe. However long it will take to bring the war to a successful termination, we are in it "to the finish." We can dismiss thoughts of a Hitler-imposed peace from our minds. The peace which must be established is one based on freedom and justice, factors which involve the complete elimination of all that the Nazi regime in Germany stands for. In the meantime, our thoughts turn on this occasion not to war but to the fruits of peace. For an abundant harvest, particularly in the wheat fields of Western Canada, there is special reason for the observance of our National Thanksgiving Day. In this Province, as noted in Saturday's review of our agricultural and fishery activities, there is also much to be thankful for. Weighed in the balance against the situation in European countries, we are indeed fortunate. It should be with humility as well as thankfulness that we observe today's holiday, which takes on a deeper significance in view of the momentous events which are happening across the Atlantic.

Lest We Forget

Now that we are fighting a war against Hitlerism, it is worth bearing in mind how governments get that way, and why eternal vigilance is necessary to preserve, even in this democratic country, the basis of our freedom from oppression. Incidents which have been cited many times in these columns, and which our readers will have no difficulty in recalling, give point to the following warning from the current issue of the Fortnightly Law Journal:

"One of the essentials of Hitlerism as it appears on every hand is that the government should be above the law. One of the essentials of democracy—and whatever its shortcomings in other respects it would appear that if we cling to this one essential we shall never be in danger of dictatorship—is that no one, however great, shall be above the law. To ensure the preservation of this principle, no one, whether the Crown or the legislature, can be permitted to force the Courts to serve extra-legal purposes, or dispense with the Courts as the ultimate resort of the individual when he feels himself oppressed whether such oppression is backed by majority or minority opinion. Dictatorship of a majority is still dictatorship. Majority opinion may be entitled to prevalence, but if so it should not fear submission of its rights to the arbitrament of law. It is only when dictatorship knows that it is not entitled to enforce its desires that it refuses to negotiate and makes war. So when we find a government resorting to legislation to impair the powers of the Courts, we know that an attempt is to be made to enforce by unconstitutional methods a power that cannot be sustained by methods within the constitutional powers of democratic government."

Concrete Immortality

The Maginot lines have already become a metaphor. They guard the homesteads of France twice in half a century ravaged by her Teuton neighbor, against another devastation. Their author and namesake, Andre Maginot, born in Paris of Lorraine ancestry, was Briand's Under-Secretary for War in 1913, and insisted when the war came, despite Briand's entreaties, on joining up as a private poilu. Fighting at Verdun as a sergeant in 1916, he was severely wounded in the leg, and walked for the rest of his days with a limp.

In Tardieu's 1929 Ministry he was Minister for War, and promptly gave effect to his cherished idea, under expert technicians supervised by Weygand and Debeney, of the Ligne Maginot which will be his memorial forever. A regular Porthos of a man, over six feet in height, and a great trencherman, he died, before he could see the completion of his great £80,000,000 fortress line, at the age of 54. His demise was due to typhoid through eating oysters, of which he was especially fond. But for that, it is probable Ex-Sergeant Maginot might today have been France's War Minister.

Patriotic Channels

Quoting a report that the Massey Foundation will devote $1,000,000 toward establishment of a military hospital in England, the Globe and Mail recalls that during the last war, while the immediate call was for men, other help was quickly forthcoming. The Canadian Red Cross sent a fully equipped field hospital, and an immense supply of clothing and comforts for the fighting force. The Canadian War Contingent Association, formed in 1914, contributed $2,000,000 toward the same end. The Canadian Field Comforts Association, also organized in the first year of the war, forwarded gifts and other supplies. The I.O.D.E. set up a home for Canadian nursing sisters, assisted organization of the Red Cross Hospital in London, and was generally a consistent promoter of soldier's welfare.

In addition to providing money and supplies for use in England and at the front, there was contributed to the Canadian National Patriotic Fund during the first months of the war nearly $6,000,000 to care for the country's soldiers when the conflict ended.

As the war continued approximately 1,000 women's organizations in towns and villages throughout Canada were contributing money and supplies. Maple Leaf Clubs opened in London in 1915 by Lady Drummond rendered invaluable service to soldiers on leave or recuperating from wounds and sickness. The women of Canada played a wonderful part in supporting the men under arms. The London Times History of the War records that, through the Duchess of Connaught, they sent as a gift £57,192, "£20,000 to be handed to the War Office for hospital purposes, and the balance to the Admiralty to build, equip and maintain a Canadian Women's Hospital at Haslar."

Eighteen Indian tribes in Canada raised approximately $16,000 as a contribution toward prosecution of the war.

The Dominion and all the Provinces sent as gifts to the Imperial Government large supplies of grain and food. Farmers in various provinces made their own contribution of these articles. All other Dominions and colonies forwarded similar supplies. As the need arises the same thing will be done again.

New Polish Cabinet

As was the case with Belgium, when it was over-run and occupied by the Germans during the Great War, Poland has found a temporary seat of government at Paris. Under the Presidency of Wyadyslaw Raezkiewiez and the Premiership of General Vladislaw the Polish Cabinet will, from that city, maintain the country's relations with foreign governments, and will cooperate in every possible way with the Allied Powers as long as the war may last.

Apart from what Poland's new Government may or may not accomplish in a military way, comments The Montreal Gazette, the step thus taken is significant of the unbeatable spirit of the Polish people, and the haven which France has provided is equally indicative of the Allied refusal to regard the conquest of Poland as final. It is clearly the intention to restore the country which has temporarily become the booty of German and Russian thieves, and the Poles themselves are looking forward to such restoration as soon as the war is over. The United States Secretary of State announced yesterday that the United States would continue its diplomatic relations with Poland, recognizing the new Government which has been set up in France and declining to accept the Polish conquest. This, of course, is the attitude of Great Britain and France. Politically and sentimentally, therefore, the setting up of a new Polish Cabinet is a matter of major importance and is bound to influence the course of world events during the progress of the war and to have an important bearing upon the peace terms, which the Allies in due course will enforce. Officially, Poland has risen again. The resurrection of the nation itself will come.

— EDITORIAL NOTES —

France has redoubled the Belgian line by continuing her own Maginot Line to the English Channel. There is no confidence in Germany on the part of any of her neighbors,—not even Italy which now has a German frontier through the absorption of Austria.

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Chief City Magistrate Jacob Gould Schurman, Jr., of New York, referred to recently in these columns, is a son of a distinguished Prince Edward Islander, Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, a native of Bedeque who rose to the position of American ambassador to Germany and President of Cornell University.

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One hundred years ago the Huon district south-west of Hobart, Tasmania, showed as a series of uninviting thickly timbered hills. Pioneers with a propensity for hard work pushed their way in, cleared patches of forest, planted their fruit trees, labored and prospered. Today these 12,750 acres are among the most fertile in Australia and have a rateable value of £100,000 and a population of 13,000.

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Major-General McNaughton, C. M. G., D. S. O., who will command the 1st. Canadian Division overseas, is personally known to a great many of our Prince Edward Islanders who were in the artillery during the Great War. It will be recalled that he visited here in 1934 as Chief of the General Staff, Ottawa, when he delivered a lecture to the members of the Army and Navy Club and inspected the militia forces.

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General conditions in trade in the United Kingdom are becoming more settled, control regulations are being more thoroughly understood, misunderstandings are being straightened out, and the fruit trade is rapidly settling down to war time conditions, assisted to an appreciable extent by the experience of 25 years ago, according to information conveyed to the Department of Trade and Commerce by W. B. Gornall, Canadian Fruit Commissioner in London.

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It is reported that the Russian government is disappointed over one phase of its entry into the German-Polish war. It had hoped that when its move into Poland was announced with its implied threat of taking the field along with Germany against Great Britain and France, that leftist workers in every country where communism had gained a foothold would begin manifestations of dissatisfaction with the war, just as the Paris reds are doing now to the disturbance of internal conditions in France.

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The State Hitler rules is, notes an exchange, industrially and technologically the most advanced in Europe and perhaps in the world, and was the most ready for political progress toward a higher civilization, yet he has given it the most reactionary government in the world, prostituting its technical arts to the satisfaction of primitive instincts, destroying its cultural ideals ... Like Mussolini, he cannot face with confidence either a serious war or a peace under the shadow of the democracies ... By blowing up the creed of nationalism too far he has exploded it; by following its logic to the end he has reduced it to absurdity, revealed its ugly emptiness.

NOTES BY THE WAY

In denying that there have been any bayonet charges by the French troops, a Paris despatch says that the development of automatic arms has relegateed the bayonet to the status of a museum piece. The bayonet is believed to be derived from the town and port of Bayonne, in France where in the fifteenth century a short dagger called the bayonette was made and used in affrays. It has had a long day, but now, like the sword, it is ornamental rather than useful, according to the Paris report. The soldiers today have more effective weapons. — Montreal Gazette.

Counting sheep is an aid to insomnia rather than to sleep, says Dr. Louis J. Karnosh, Cleveland physician. Dr. Karnosh, in a report to The Journal of the American Medical Association, advised against counting sheep, reading in bed and other mental gymnastics which require concerted thinking. "They are merely tricks for the repression of unpleasant ideas," he said, and actually lead the person away from, rather than toward, sleep. "The person with insomnia should be told to lie down, to let his muscles relax if he can, to let his thoughts wander where they will and to avoid the exercise of any sort of concentration of volition.

We now have two men who quite obviuosly did invent a better mousetrap than anybody else. They are Louis (Lepke) Buchalter and Grover C. Bergdoll. Far from beating a path through the woods to his door, the world never knew that Lepke was living comfortably in the Bronx for a couple of years while detectives were looking for him in Shanghai and Monte Carlo and perhaps Tanganyika. And now we have Grover Bergdoll's word for it that for seven years he was living in his own home in Philadelphia while supposedly a fugitive in Germany. The next time an American citizen finds it necessary to drop out of sight for several years all he need do is just to keep on coming down to his office every day at 9 o'clock. His own secretary won't recognize him. The only people who seem never able to escape discovery are female movie stars, try as they may to conceal their identity by walking up Fifth Avenue at noon in green goggles, slacks and leading a tiger cub on a leash. — New York Times.

The Kattegat, where the noise of canonading aroused speculation this week, is the second of the passages leading from the North Sea to the Baltic. The word means in Scandinavian "the cat's throat." The first of the passages is the Skagerrak. The Germans call the battle of Jutland; fought in the world war, the bottle of the Skagerrak, as it was fought in the North Sea near the mouth of that passage. — Toronto Star.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh advises the United tates not to go to war against Germany. It will be recalled that the colonel was given a high Nazi decoration by Field Marshal Goering. It will also be recalled that Colonel Lindbergh is an aviator who quit living in the United States, because he preferred England, where he was given a courteous welcome and allowed to live in peace and quiet. —Windsor Star.

Most people want to live decent, but they are prevented from doing so by their surroundings. Not even men and women cast in the heroic mould can rise above their environment when they are condemned to live in hovels four feet by twelve feet. Of such hovels many exist in Colombo, and the chief object of the League at the moment is to launch an attack on the slums. "With the clearing away of slums," says the report, "will come the clearing away of crime as a healthy, clean atmosphere will lead to healthy, clean thoughts, whereas a dirty, gloomy atmosphere can only lead to dark and dismal thoughts." The League wants to place men and women in the ideal setting. — Times of Ceylon (Colombo).

Uncle Sam has some very queer laws, states The Commentator magazine. All the laws cited are still valid, and all who violate them are technically liable to imprisonment. Here are a few: In Ohio all cats going out on the streets at night must have a red light tied to their tails. In Boston it is forbidden to play the violin and to have dogs more than a foot high In South Carolina it is forbidden to go to church with a revolver in your pocket. In Virginia baths in rooms are banned. People must bathe only in the yards of their houses. — Windsor Star.

Fifty thousand spare-time detectives guard the neutral air of America against the coded secrets of spies and informers for warring Europe. These "radio bugs"—operators of amateur stations throughout the nation—are the spearheads of a defense which officials believe will make impractical the use of America as a base for wartime tipsters. Behind them are corps of trained radio observers, experts of the great experimental stations of the army and navy and engineers at the seven monitor stations which police the air for the Federal Communications Commission. At sea and along the coasts the cutters and shore stations of the Coast Guard add a final check against mystery messages of unauthorized foreign agents. The chances of a spy radio operating long from a melodramatic hideout in an abandoned shack or aboard an interned ship are slight, officials believe. The only safe channel by which a foreign agent might get confidential information to his principals abroad, they declare, is the coded communique of diplomats. And there the enemy nations may be trusted to check each other—as they did in the World War.

Germans in Poland are gathering up all empty shells, cartridge clips and steel helmets to be shipped home for melting to be used again Next thing they will be digging their bullets out of their victims.—Toronto Globe and Mail

Such vivid bits as the The Great Man's remark he would rather have the war now, when he is 50, than when he would be 55 or 60, speak more volumes than 100 telegraphic despatches of the world war period. The Nazis may argue over their "right" to start a great war, but have hardly troubled to pretend that they were not doing so. — New York Herald-Tribune.

Cars That Will Not Stall

(Christian Science Monitor)

The "fluid-drive" introduced in some 1940 automobiles is no fly-by-night idea to increase motor sales and possibly to follow free-wheeling into the automotive discard. Engineers have been at work on this theory of transmitting power for nearly half a century because of its promise of simplified, economical operation. Now, with the improvement of automatic transmissions, the way is prepared for a motor that will not stall or jerk the wheels despite excessive trampings on the accelerator, that can be stopped in traffic without shifting out of high gear, that does away completely with the clutch pedal, and requires only the use of the accelerator, brake and steering wheel for nearly all driving.

First introduced late last season in high-priced models, the "fluid-drive" system is said to have been considerably improved during the last few months. Briefly, the system is described as an oil-pressure drive involving two circular rotors, one connected with the engine the other with the rear wheels. The effect of oil passing through the engine rotor into the blades of the rear-wheel rotor is similar to that of wind passing from one moving electric fan into the blades of another only a fraction of an inch away. The second fan is turned by air currents set up by the first fan. That, in effect, is the theory of the fluid drive; power is passed from the engine rotor to the rear-wheel rotor by means of oil set in motion through centrifugal force.

It is possible the "fluid-drive" will revolutionize automobile transmissions. The unskilled driver should find it a boon. It should reduce wear and tear upon car mechanism—not to mention passengers—caused by uneven operation. Holding a car on a hill or starting it on slippery ground is simplified. And highway safety should be increased through the elimination of some of the human element in the highway equation.

Wrong - Way Lindbergh

(Moncton Transcript)

The Toronto Telegram, with justification, would like to know how long Ottawa will continue to call its airport "Lindbergh Field."

A correspondent writes to The New York Herald-Tribune:

"In the course of his speech Colonel Lindbergh advises us to 'look behind every article we read and every speech we hear.' I have long been in the habit of so doing; therefore as I read his speech I remembered that during the last few years Colonel Lindbergh has spent much time in Germany, that he has been feted and flattered by Hitler and Goering, and that he has accepted a medal from the Nazi Government. In the opinion of many people, these facts have somewhat dulled the aura surrounding Colonel Lindbergh, once the idol of the American people."

When Lindbergh sought refuge, it was to England he fled, where everyman's house is still his castle, not to Germany where the Gestapo would have spies constantly about. When he undertook a scientific investigations with Dr. Alexis Carrel, making an artifial heart, they were able to carry out their work untrammelled in France and the English Channel islands. No one even knows whether they met with success. If they did, Dr. Carrel is not the one who is using the contraption. It was not he who said: "Let us be hard as nails." To the contrary, Dr. Carrel hurried to Paris to put his valuable services, as he had done twenty-five years ago, at the disposal of those who would protect civilization, religion and liberty.

Poland Unbeatable

(Exchange)

Referring to Hitler's boast at Danzig that Poland would never rise again, the New York Times observed that his prophecies, like his pledges, were no longer accepted at face value. It adds: Before committing himself to this one he should have hesitated. So other invaders before Hitler have willed and believed, yet Poland always came back.

Poland repelled the Mongols when, centuries ago, they overran half of Europe. Again, it was a Polish king, Jan Sobieski, who turned back the Turk from the gates of Vienna. Throughout the Middle Ages Poland was a bulwark of Christian civilization against the invader. Then three European monarchs combined to destroy her. Thrice she suffered

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That Body of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

PREVENTING PYORRHOEA — INFLAMMATION OF THE GUMS

In former days it was thought that it was natural as people grew old that the teeth should become loose in the gums and fall out due to pus in gums. At the same time rheumatism, stiff joints, and muscular pains were also supposed to be a part of the aging process.

Today it is known that pyorrhoea may start at any time in life, even in childhood when arches are narrow and temporary teeth are lost too early.

In his little book, The Teeth and The Mouth, Dr. Leroy L. Hartman, Professor of Operative Dentistry, Columbia University, says that the first stage in pyorrhoea is an inflammation of the gums immediately surrounding the teeth Because the body's resistance has been lowered in some way, the organisms in the mouth (which are harmless in a normal mouth) invade or enter the gums in an unhealthy mouth and set up an inflammation. If the condition causing the lowered resistance — infection, insufficient food, tartar accumulations, jagged edges or crowns, broken teeth — is removed. the gums will become healthy again and be able to withstand the organisms normally present in the mouth.

If the cause is not removed and the inflamed gums are neglected, then the second stage — active pyorrhoea — follows. "If food is permitted to continue wedging down upon the gum tissue or some other form of irritation continue, the fibres of the membrane helping support the tooth in its socket will gradually permit of a greater movement of the teeth than normal. The abnormal stress on this membrane when the teeth are brought together will cause a breaking down of the bony process, the blood supply is unable to pass normally through the tissues and infective organisms easily get the upper hand. If this continues, the third stage of pyorrhoea is finally reached and there will be a general movement of the teeth around the mouth in what are practically pus pockets. "The effects from these pus pockets usually are responsible for a tired and sleepy feeling, heart diseases, rheumatism, and some forms of nervousness."

The prevention of pyorrhoea is brushing the teeth regularly with soap and water and having your dentist clear off the tartar, correct faulty contacts between the teeth. and fill all cavities.

The Indian Frontier

(Moncton Transcript)

Soviet Russia, using the old Czarist diplomatic wiles to expand its territories and then communizing the conquered territory as fast as the Red Army marches in, provides a curious mixture of the past and the present.

More old-fashioned even than attempts to make the Baltic a Russian lake are the stories which come of Russia massing troops near India and of intrigue in Afghanistan, for this sort of thing created the bete noire of the Briton in the days before the Entente and the Great War. It was then that Kipling wrote of the Bear That Walked Like a Man.

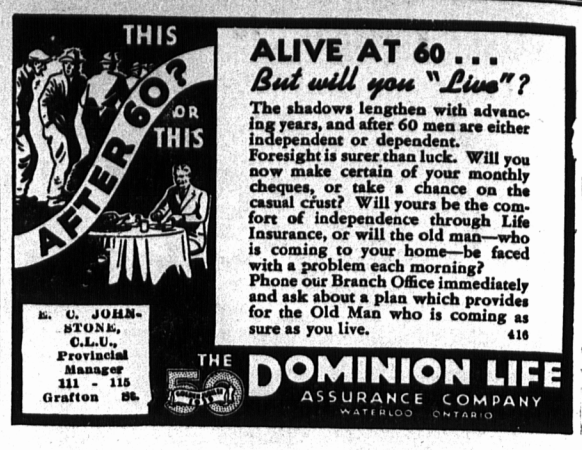
In one mountainous area, the border of India marches with that of Russia, but lying between Russian Turkestan and India is the little independent country of Afghanistan. Reports come that Afghanistan is mobilizing all males between twenty-five and forty-five in order to repel violations of the border by Soviet forces, and from the far western Chinese province of Sinkiang comes news of the Soviet authorities concentrating there 300,000 armed men by making use of the highways connecting the remote province with the Trans-Siberian Railway.

Under present conditions, Sinkiang appears to have considerable strategic importance. Apparently it is close enough to Afghanistan to cause the little country to mobilize It would be a still more logical point from which to strike at Britain in Tibet and on India's north east frontier. The Japanese, on the other hand, fear that the forces are being gathered to help the Chinese Communists in Shensi. In the last two months immense war supplies and many airplanes from the Soviet have gone to China. No supplies from this source have reached Chiang Kai-shek and his government at Chungking, but much has gone to the Communist army in Shensi.

vivisection, yet always the mutilated body retained life. Again and again that life manifested itself in revolts savagely suppressed, ever renewed. Against the indomitable spirit of Polish nationalism tyranny could do nothing.

Josef Pilsudski was a manifestation of Poland' spirit and the World War his opportunity. The ragged regiment he raised and led first against Russia, then Austria, became a brigade, the brigade a legion. Pilsudski, arrested and imprisoned in a German fortress, emerged at the Armistice to triumph at Versailles. Poland was recreated and under him grew strong. The marching song of his legion, "We, the First Brigade", became a second Polish national anthem.

Pilsudski died in 1936 amid such mourning as few peoples bestow even upon their national heroes. His heart is buried in Vilna as he had wished, but his body lies in the cathedral crypt at Cracow beside that of Jan Sobieski and Poland's other bravest. And in the plain below, whence his ragged legionaries set out against the foe, there rises a great mound to his memory. It is made of little basketfuls of earth carried there from every town and village in Poland and from every settlement elsewhere where Poles abide. Herr Hitler might well contemplate that mound.



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On The Shelf

(London Correspondent, Ottawa Journal)

When the guns went off in 1914, and four million of us rushed into khaki and allowed civilians to call us soldiers, it was a bitter blow to London's Chelsea pensioners. I remember writing about those fine old veterans then, with their obsolete war medals and tales of battles long ago, as obvious back numbers. It was quite plain that they were, and realized themselves to be, out-of-date.

At my club today I was one of a group of half-a-dozen men, all well in the forties or fifties, who were front-line soldiers in the last war. All were lamenting genuinely the apparent impossibility of taking any active combative part in this one. Presently one of the company ejaculated: "Do you fellows realize what we are now? We are in the same boat as were the old chaps with the Chelsea scarlet frock-coats and Afghan or Boer War medals twenty-five years ago. We are on the shelf, military has-beens, back numbers in the history book!" In a rather gloomy silence the rest of them cogitated this revelation. Except in a few cases, usually of officers of high rank, Anno Domini has doubled-crossed the old B.E.F.

The Poets' Corner.

ON A SLEEPING FRIEND

Lady when your lovely head
Droops to sink among the Dead,
And the quiet places keep
You that so divinely sleep;
Then the dead shall bless-ed be
With a new solemnity,
For such Beauty, so descending,
Pledges them that Death is ending.
Speel your fill—but when you wake
Dawn shall over Lethe break.

—Hilaire Belloc.

SAFER IN BAGDAD

BAGDAD— (CP) —Rauf Chadiriji Beg, Minister to London, has been deprived of a visit to America by the war. The former lawyer, who spent the last two years of the First Great War in Germany was preparing to leave when the storm broke.

INDIA IN THE U. K.

LONDON— (CP) —The High Commissioner for India, Malik Sir Firozkhan Noon, is compiling a register of Indian students in the United Kingdom.

WAR AND OYSTERS

COLCHESTER, England —(CP)— Colchester's annual "Oyster Feast" was scheduled for Oct. 26, but has been cancelled by the war, the mayor announced.

REMARRIES AT 71

BURY, England —(CP) —Veteran of the South African War and the First Great War, Col. Edward Mandesley Morphew, now 71, was married to Margaret Audrey Hudson. She is his second wife.

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