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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than
the Weakest Ink."
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Confidence In Agriculture

Hon. J. G. Taggart, Minister of Agriculture
in Saskatchewan, expresses confidence in the
future of western agriculture after the war. The
demand for farm products would continue strong
and grain surpluses would be used up by other
countries, he said in an address in Regina. He
did not agree with those who believed that the
production of livestock would be reduced at the
close of hostilities and that the day of wheat
farming would be over.

Noting that Canadians had become great
consumers of livestock products during the war, he
said that they were using more today than ever
before and that they would continue to do so
after the war had been won. He believed that
the European countries would become great
markets for western farm products because it
would take them years to build up their own
livestock and grain resources.

Mr. Taggart showed the great increase in the
shipments of livestock, dairy, poultry and other
products to Britain since 1940, and he remarked
that the figures showed that the farmer was
receiving a steady income nowadays from other
sources than wheat growing. No longer was
wheat the main economic foundation of business
in Saskatchewan; after many years of exper-
imentation and experience, the farmers of
Saskatchewan had agreed on the type of agricul-
ture best adapted to the climatic conditions.

There is ground for the same optimism shown
by Mr. Taggart, both as to increased consumption
of food products in Canada after the war and
the demand from other countries for some
years. This should interest farmers east and
west, and justify them in all plans for maintain-
ing their wartime production at the highest level.

Triumph By Murder

A warning of a danger that may not be ap-
parent in the midst of the war was voiced at
Leeds, England, the other day by M. A. Michalopoulos,
Minister of Information for the Greek
government in exile. He said that even at the
present time there were those in Germany who
recognized that a military victory was impossible
but who were determined that Germany should
emerge from the war the only strong Continental
Power. The slaughter of thousands in the
occupied countries and the destruction of indus-
tries fitted in with this determination, Mr.
Michalopoulos asserted. "Let the great Allied
nations take this warning," he said. "It is their
duty to keep the strength they have built in these
war years. For the sake of the peace of the
world they must retain that strength and use it
wisely."

Long before the armistice of 1918 there were
men in Germany, as we know now, who saw that
military victory was impossible, but who were
determined to start then to win the next war.
The first line of defence against a repetition of
what happened after 1918 may be the general
desire of the world for peace after this conflict
is ended, but behind that first line, as Mr. Michalopoulos
points out, a second line will be
needed, manned by those who have the power to
prevent a repetition of history.

Sicily

Frequently mentioned as one of the most likely
bases for an Allied invasion of Europe is the
island of Sicily, at the toe of the Italian boot.
This is not surprising. The island has been
overrun times without number, its cities have
been sacked and destroyed and laboriously re-
built. First came the Phoenicians, a thousand
years or so before Christ, to plant trading posts.
Then came the Greeks, the Carthaginians, the
Romans, the Franks, the Gauls, the Norsemen,
the Spaniards, the Teutons and the Italians. It
was a maxim that whoever controlled the ports
of Sicily held the key to the Mediterranean. In
this war it was a great Axis base for the assault
on Africa and it is altogether likely that it will
prove of equal value to the Allies.

Packed into Sicily's less than 10,000 square
miles are more than 4,000,000 Italians. The
north coast is generally steep with an abundance
of good harbors. On the west and south the
hills are lower and are farther back from the
sea. Although there are few good harbors on
the south coast, the beaches are ideal for landing
barges. The southern half of the island is given
over to large-scale agriculture. This relatively
flat part of the island will have a large place in
any invasion by air because emergency air fields
can be quickly constructed in pasture lands.

Across 60 miles of shallow sea from Sicily's
most vulnerable side lies Malta, the great British
air and naval base. Across a hundred miles of
sea from Cape Bon lies the vulnerable south-
western shore and the port of Marsala. Circling
the island is a single track railway from which
branch lines run to the interior. At last re-
ports there were in all about 1,200 miles of
railway on the island.

With Sicily, and to a lesser extent Sardinia,

in Axis hands, our shipping in the Mediterranean
is threatened with attack from the air on the
way to Malta. But with Sicily in our hands a
great hazard would be removed and at the same
time we would have another springboard for
invasion of the continent. From these factors
the concern of the Axis over the defence of
Sicily becomes logical, for Sicily seems about to
assume a role it played so many, many times
before.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Not another holiday until July 5, Dominion
Day.

Last year planting was all finished by May 16,
a well-known farmer informs us. But then that
was "some year" as summers go here.

An Ottawa correspondent predicts that Premier
Walter Jones will seek another mandate
from the people late this Fall or next Spring;
that there will be an Ontario election in July,
a Saskatchewan appeal by Mr. Aberhart early
next year; while the Federal general election will
take place next year, after the redistribution
measure becomes law this year.

Hon. E. C. Manning, Alberta's Provincial
Secretary and acting Premier during the illness
of Premier Aberhart, is regarded as the latter's
most likely successor. Mr. Manning, representing
Edmonton in the Legislature, was one of the
first Social Credit cabinet ministers sworn in
when the Aberhart Government came to power
in 1935. He holds the dual portfolio of Provincial
Secretary and Minister of Trade and
Industry, and was the Premier's "right-hand
man" from the start.

Rt. Hon. William Maxwell Aitken, 1st Baron
Beaverbrook, of Beaverbrook, New Brunswick,
and Cherkley, Surrey, England, born this date
1879; with the Canadian Expeditionary Force
as Eyewitness in 1915; officer in charge of
Canadian War Records, 1917, M. P. for Asht-
on-Under-Lyne, 1910-16; Chancellor of the
Duchy of Lancaster and Minister of Informa-
tion, 1918; raised to the peerage in 1917; active
member of the Churchill Government in vari-
ous capacities since outbreak of the war; accom-
panied Prime Minister Churchill to Wash-
ington on recent visit; has two sons on active
service, one recently decorated by the King.

Following the announcement recently by the ration
administration of the Prices Board that
100,000,000 pounds of sugar would be available
in Canada this year for home canning it is an-
nounced the coupons required to be used when
purchasing sugar for home canning in the
province will be distributed by the local ration
boards. Distribution will be made by June 1.
Applications for canning sugar were forward-
ed to the local ration boards throughout Canada
last month. Ration officials announced recently
that a tabulation of returns from these ap-
plications revealed that a grand total of 209,995-
368 pounds of sugar for home canning, preserv-
ing and making jams and jellies had been
applied for. It was necessary to reduce this
quantity about one-half or approximately the
same amount as was used by housewives for
home canning last year.

For the first time since the war began, Great
Britain now has more German prisoners than
there are British prisoners in Nazi hands, a
fact that may have considerable bearing upon
the prisoners in German camps. Last Octo-
ber, when the German Command ordered the
shackling of prisoners, the Nazis held about
80,000 Britons, compared with 23,000 Germans
in British camps. The British and Americans
together have captured more than 150,000 in
Tunisia. Italy has about 70,000 British prisoners,
but the British now have some 300,000 Italian
prisoners, not counting native troops cap-
tured while serving under Italian colors. Thus
the Axis holds about 160,000 British prisoners,
compared with 450,000 German and Italian cap-
tives.

Pte. Marcel Shedeur, 35, Montreal faces
district court martial of six basic charges of ob-
taining money under false pretences and six al-
ternative accusations of conduct to the prejudice
of good order and military discipline. According
to the charges, Pte. Shedeur "with intent to
defraud," obtained amounts of money ranging
from \$25 to \$677 and totalling nearly \$1,300
from six recruits at the district depot, Longueuil,
where the court martial is being held. The in-
vestigation, conducted by Cpl. Chamberlain, un-
der orders of Insp. Lemieux and at the request
of Col. S. Echenberg, officer commanding the
Longueuil depot, was started last December
while the general court martial into irregularities
in the district recruiting office in Quebec City
was being held.

It will be recalled the powers-that-be at Ot-
tawa decided to remove the H.M.C.S. Brun-
swicker, the navy training centre, from Saint
John, N.B. An agitation was immediately start-
ed in opposition to this move, headed by the Con-
servative M.P.'s for the city, and strongly back-
ed by the Telegraph-Journal. The result was
the Federal Government took back water, and
not only reversed their decision, but decided to
erect new and greatly improved headquarters
to take the place of those now in use. Work of
constructing the Canadian naval base on Britain
Street will begin "almost immediately," the Ot-
tawa correspondent of the Telegraph-Journal
was informed at the Federal capital by Naval
Minister Macdonald. The contract has been let
—the name of the contracting firm was not an-
nounced—construction will proceed under the
supervision of the department of munitions and
supply, and the total cost of operations will be
about \$346,000, Mr. Macdonald stated. Then
work will be started on a naval barracks, the
statement said. The building on the Britain
Street site will, it is believed, house all of the
administrative offices, sleeping quarters, sick
bay and other facilities of the regular naval per-
sonnel. At present navy men are scattered over
the city in separate buildings.

Notes By The Way

The folks who have drunk out of
saucers most of their lives are the
first to be hit at handle-less cups.
—Brandon Sun.

"China has no desire to replace
Western in Asia with an
Oriental imperialism, but with an
Oriental imperialism of her
own kind." —Chiang Kai-shek.

It is nothing short of shocking
to witness the continued activity
of Japanese in this province try-
ing to thwart the proper and well-
considered designs of the authori-
ties regarding their affairs and prop-
erty. These examples of Japa-
nese effrontery are pretty hard to
explain. Perhaps not so hard, in view
of some of the despicable occur-
rences recently in Tokyo. They have
gall enough for anything.—Van-
couver Sun.

The war will play havoc with our
forests and woodlots, but that will
not be regretted if it helps us to
win. What we should be doing is
getting ready to plant our quota of
the millions of young trees now in
the nurseries. There is always a spell
before seeding when one can plant
trees for trees, for windbreak purposes
and to cover up sere or waste places
on the farm. Every property owner
could well plant 500 or 1,000
trees each year and never miss the
time it takes to do it.—Farmer's
Advocate.

Amphibious jeeps, ingenious vehi-
cles built to carry soldiers on either
land or sea, proved to be ideal life-
saving craft during the recent flood
in the Arkansas River Valley. Di-
rected by short-wave radio, the
"swimming" jeeps sped over roads,
floated through swirling waters, and
reached marooned parties and
then transported them to first-aid
stations back on land. There is no
way to know just how many lives
this device saved, but this saving
authorities said it amounted to scores.
No combination of boats and ordi-
nary land vehicles could have been
one quarter as effective. It looks
as if the amphibious jeep might
well be adapted for regular
life-saving service.—Boston
Post.

It is a tradition of the House of
Commons that the senior doorman
should offer snuff to Ministers
and members who may like to take
a pinch on their way in or out of
the Chamber. A new holder of the
office, Mr. F. J. Sandell, was equip-
ped, before Parliament rose for
Easter tide, with a new snuffbox.
It was made by craftsmen on the
premises and is a piece of oak rescued
from the ruins of the old Cham-
ber, destroyed by enemy action in
1941; and is a replica of a casket
presented to the late Speaker Fitz-
roy in 1834. Mr. Sandell's gift was
a wedding. Upon the lid is sil-
ver plate to bear names of Mr.
Sandell and his successors.—London
Times.

Believe it or not, Russian Imperial
bonas have gone up, in over-the-
counter trading. These recent as-
saults on the market have caused a
one-nose ouster circular under
the caption, "Active Foreign Secur-
ities," as high as a 3-8. Just why,
is anyone's guess, but probably the
best explanation is that jobs like
to gamble and somebody is always
ready to give them a run for their
money, or a walk for it, anyway.
But as for the blood just being
ing, if easy money is just burning
one's pockets, we can see no reason
for a chronic longshot hound not
buying a Russian imperial bono. As
soon as the market goes up, a long-
shot, Russian issues of the World
War I period have gone up, except
the ten-year loan of 1910-1916.—
Chicago Daily News.

Words are tricky things. A reliable
chronicle once wrote of Peter Jer-
erson, father of Anomas, that he
could raise a hoghead of tobacco
with one hand. The magazine, in a
recent issue, quoted a correspondent
at that time as saying that Jerer-
son picked up that phrase about his
father —but said "it" instead of
"raise." But — a hoghead weighs
100 or 200 pounds, and is therefore
a great amount of tobacco. The
mistaken, research revealed
what had happened. The phrase, as
used in the old chronicle, meant
that a farmer could produce a long-
head of tobacco with one hand
of one farm hand. A man who could
do that in a colonial day was
quite a farmer — and a hero. We
are assured, was a fact.—
Minneapolis Star Journal.

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mine.
No
The
Guardian.

If the enemy has not been
rolled back he has been stopped
from going farther. Despite insuf-
ficient force and war material,
Australia's need for invasion, has
been turned into a forthright
case for the decisive battles to
come. In the Coral Sea and in the
Solomons the Japanese have been
battered in their plans to take the
American line of communications
with Australia. With air force alone
MacArthur has driven the enemy
from the entrenched positions on
land and has waged an extraordi-
narily fruitful campaign of destruc-
tion against enemy shipping. The
battle of the Bismarck Sea is the
most spectacular example of his
methods; the invention not of new
essays alone but of new and bold
concepts of warfare. The time is
coming when General MacArthur
will have the means to carry out
the plans he has developed. Mean-
while, the score has chinked up
in the hard and bitter war when
he has had to fight with token
forces in a once a year victory
generalship and the best omen of
the success that will attend our arms
when at last we attack in full
strength.—New York Times.



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Hangar Language

(London Calling.)

"There's no doubt that the R. A.
F. have their own language," said
Flight Lieutenant Ward Jackson in
introducing a sample of it to British
listeners. "At the same time you
shouldn't get the idea that every
airman talks quite so slangily as
this."

"I was beetling towards the Y
round the perim the other night
at about twenty hundred with my
flit comode stopped me for my
twelve-fifty. I flung one up, and
showed him the cogage. He told
me there was a flap on—the tannoy
had just given the grif. A bunch of
brown types were having a belt at
the camp and everyone was to get
beat them. And I had a difficult
time. Sarge tore me off a strip, but
then, he always was a bind. Believe
it or not, we were at it till O-four
hundred. Those Army types put up
a wizard show, rolled up three
sheds and a dozen Wimpeys. But
on the whole the erks shot em down
in flames. And so I was shot down
in flames the following night when
I saw my piece of knitting — she
wouldn't believe it was a panic that
had pranged our date. Holy smoke
she cheated when she found out
she's had it."

As translated: "I was proceed-
ing around the aerodrome perimeter
track towards the Y.M.C.A. canteen
at about 8 p.m. the other night when
my flight commander challenged
me to show him my identity
card, salute him, and produced
it. I told me there was some excite-
ment occurring—the station public
address system had just given out
the warning. An Army detachment
was about to attack us, and every
one was to take up action stations.
Been out on the aerodrome I hadn't
heard this, so I hastened back to
the barracks and obtained my rifle,
anti-zas respirator, and steel helmet.

Mr. Churchill's Hats

(Manchester Guardian)
The news that battle dress khaki
berets are to replace gradually the
light service caps at present issued
to soldiers is a reminder that if
hats in the present war are not
quite as gay as they were in Nap-
oleonic times they are at least as
various in shape.

This is appropriate enough at a
time when the country's first citi-
zen, Mr. Churchill, holds what is
probably a world's record for the
number and variety of his head-
gear. As far back as 1929 someone
drew up a list of coverings which
had had the honor of gracing the
Churchill head. They included
three species of top-hat, five kinds
of trilby, a cap, a cap with a peak,
two kinds of bowler hat, a naval
cocked hat, a court full dress
cocked hat, an Irishman's "Paddy"
hat, an "Oxford degree" hat, the
degree hat of a Scottish university,
an old army "pill-box" hat, a hus-
sars' helmet, two kinds of panama,
an artist's beret, an army service
cap, a steel helmet, and a sombrero.

In the succeeding 14 years Mr.
Churchill must have almost dou-
bled that record; but there are still
words left for him to conquer. So
far as is known, he has never worn
a turban, a balacava
helmet, or a Convent Garden por-
tlet's leather helmet. No doubt he is
reserving these for trial in times
of peace.

War—25 Years Ago Today

(By The Canadian Press)
May 25, 1918—Allied airmen
bombed German concentrations at
Arrmentieres and Merville and
docks at Bruges; eight enemy planes
shot down. French troops repulsed
German raid north of Bailleul on
the Western Front.

(By The Canadian Press)
Johnny Doolson, the Toronto
sculler, became a "Theodore" swim-
favorite, seven years ago today
when he won the 2000 metre event
at Hamilton. Germany in record
time. He won several important
European events that year but at
Heny he was unfortunate—his
shell tipped shortly after the start.

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just in time. The sergeant reprimand-
ed me slightly but then he al-
ways was something of a bore. Be-
lieve it or not, the exercise lasted
till 4 a.m. The Army did well, cap-
tured three hangars and a dozen
Wellingtons, but on the whole we
beat them. And I had a difficult
interview the following night when
I met my girl—she would not believe
it was unexpected duty that had
caused me to break our appointment.
Holy smoke, she was miserable when
she realized I was not going to ap-
pear."

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O thou with dewy locks, who
looked down
Through the clear windows of the
morning, turn
Thine angel eyes upon our western
island
Which in full choir halts thy ap-
proach, O Spring!
The hills tell one another, and the
listening
Valleys hear all our longing eyes
to the are turn!
Up to thy bright pavilions: issue
forth
And let thy holy feet visit our
clime!
Come o'er the eastern hills, and let
Kiss thy perfum-ed garments; let
us taste
Thy morn and evening breath:
scatter thy pearls
Upon our lovesick land that mourns
for thee.
O deck her forth with thy fair
fingers; pour
Thy soft kisses on her bosom; and
put
Thy golden crown upon her lan-
guish'd head,
Whose modest tresses are bound
up for thee.
—William Blake.

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