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

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**To Him That Hath**

The West is the acknowledged granary of the world and the annual crop is produced with practically little trouble compared with the mixed farming in the East and Maritimes. The wheat ranchers as a whole do not require fertilizer, they merely mine the land, selling the produce without reducing the fertility. A day comes when sand replaces soil, the rancher moving on to virgin territory to repeat the performance. Many of the ranchers live like princes, spending their money by a watering in California. There are others, especially those induced to take over the old homesteads, who live from hand to mouth, wondering what a day may bring forth. But when the average wheat grower out West is much better off than their fellow agriculturists elsewhere in Canada. Yet they receive more consideration and favours from successive governments than all the other farming communities put together. Recently the Minister of Agriculture announced that arrangements had been completed for the sale of 100,000,000 bushels of wheat to the British government at a rate higher than the market price, which is all to the good. But the same time it has been decided to raise wheat to the extent of 15c a bushel, which the bakers or consumers (if they bake their own bread and pastry) must absorb. Why should the ordinary retailer and family man be penalized to this extent, without getting any compensatory advantages? Take our own case. We want markets and reduced freight rates, which we can get if we have our water front facilities looked after. But nothing doing, the work on which a considerable sum has already been expended, because forsooth, we must economize, has been discontinued. At what expense is this economy being practised? It surely is false economy to stop work which would produce markets for us, and save exorbitant freight rates.

Similarly with the Wood-Island-Caribou Car Ferry. The work has been completed, the Ferry steamer ready, but the Government has taken over the Ferry, it is alleged to be used as a mine sweeper. This is simply absurd. The Car Ferry could never be reasonably expected to undertake such arduous duties, and more than probable would be sunk by the mines intended to be swept. But that is the excuse offered for holding up our long anticipated Car Ferry service, and in its place the economical Government is paying \$1,000 additional a month for a service which in no way can compare with the Wood-Island-Caribou promised service it has ousted. Truly to him that hath shall be given by this Federal Government now lordling it over us.

**No Sacrifice Here**

"Serve by saving." So the Government, and quite properly, urges Canadians. Everyone is adjured to make sacrifices in order to speed the war effort. Investors are asked to buy 3% bonds or war savings certificates. Taxation is at the highest level in history. But, says the Financial Post, Ottawa continues to sell government annuities at bargain prices. Not only does the Government pay the costs of administration of the annuity office; but it pays the equivalent of 4% compound interest on the annuities that it sells. Many, if not most, of these annuities are sold to well-to-do people who know a good thing when they see it. This practice may encourage saving but it is saving at a great cost to the general public. And it is not sacrifice. It is a gift from a Government hard pressed to pay for the war.

**The Right Note**

Much has been said of the danger of "fifth column" activities from the foreign-born element in Canada. The other side of the picture is the genuine loyalty to Canada and the Empire of the great majority of these people, who are appreciative of the privileges and duties of British citizenship. An example comes to hand in a German language newspaper "Der Nordwesten," published in Winnipeg. After stressing the importance of national registration of all Canadians as a timely and necessary action, "Der Nordwesten" goes on to say:

"We are keenly appreciative of the difficulties that the tragedy forced upon us, brings to loyal German Canadians. Many of them still have close ties of kinship with their Fatherland and the sentiments which arise from that fact are not readily eradicated, nor should they be under less dangerous circumstances. This, however, is the day of stern realism. All those who love Canada must put Canada first, and must act with all the force of which they are capable, remembering that the War is not of Canada's creation, but of Britain's creation, and was conceived and plotted in the Chancelleries of Germany and Italy, with the dominating object of crushing all nations that would not bow the knee to the Dictators' views of civilization. This is the challenge which Britain and her Dominions (with their own absolute power of self-government) present. This is the war which, with Canada's help in man-power, supplies and financial courage, must be won, and will be won if all that is worth living for is not to vanish from this land which we cheerfully accept as our home. As a newspaper now serving its nationality

throughout the Dominion over half a century, we feel that there should be no misunderstanding among our people. If there are any newspapers printed in the German language in Canada that are not dealing with the realistic realities of the War and that unequivocally, they are rendering a disservice not only to the country, but to the vast majority of the German people whose loyalty to Canadian institutions is not now, and never was, in question."

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Safely garnered is the hay crop. Huge quantities of poison bait are being rushed to Alberta to repel an invasion of grasshoppers now on the wing from Oklahoma. A week from today, Charlottetown's summer festivities open, welcoming friends from away and the renewing of acquaintanceships from North Point to East Cape.

Alfred Lord Tennyson, Poet Laureate, whose poetry is richly decorative and finely finished, born this date 1909: "Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the King—else, wherefore born?"

Anyone not fully in sympathy with our national war effort would from henceforth be wise to keep their thoughts to themselves, as the Treachery Act, now law, provides the death penalty for certain acts against the public interest or assisting the enemy by lowering the morale of the people or otherwise.

The British Government has purchased from the Canadian Red Cross in the United Kingdom some 42,000 pounds of bacon which has been sent by the people of Canada as a gift. The Red Cross will get the benefit of the money and the United Kingdom will get the benefit of the bacon.

The great business optimist and prophet, Mr. Roger W. Babson has been adopted U. S. A. Prohibition candidate, but evidently does not overestimate his own prospects. He told a Press Conference that the United States is short of only two things—parking space and character. "Character is the thing that will save Great Britain. The lack of it lost France," he declared, "Men and machines win battles, but courage and character win wars." It was on this principle Mr. Babson said that he will fight for his party's cause through 1940.

Argentina has prohibited the export of wheat and wheat flour immediately because poor crop prospects indicated there would be only a slight surplus. Thus, by decree, further sales abroad of the Argentine's biggest money crop were chopped off except by special permit. The decree empowered the Ministry of Agriculture to issue permits for sales to neighboring countries in amounts which would not endanger the home supply or to fulfill commitments already made. Argentina's winter wheat crop has been hard hit by prolonged rains and lack of cold weather needed for hardening.

Here is an illustration of the difference between theory and practice in non-combattiveness. A couple of hundred British conscripts (conscientious objectors) who were excused from joining the fighting services were sent to the Channel Islands early in June to help with the potato harvest. Many of them told the conscription tribunals that they would be quite unconcerned if the Nazis invaded Britain; others said that they would just as soon live under Hitler as under a democracy. When German invasion first threatened the Channel Islands, most of the conscientious objectors tried to get back to Britain. Some stowed away in cargo boats. Others were allowed to evacuate after the women and children and the fighting men had got away. A number were too late. A few preferred to stay and live under Nazi rule. These had decided to take over empty farms and run them on the communal system, if the Nazis would let them.

Some doubt still exists in many minds regarding the conscription of Canada's man power. Col. Ralston told the House, in explaining the new training policy, that commencing about October 1 and as a result of the national registration of the country's manpower, single men of the aged of 21 and 22 years would be called up at the rate of 30,000 a month for a month's training, and that in a year a total of at least 300,000 young Canadians would receive initial military training. Col. Ralston also disclosed the fact that as a result of consultations with Major General H. D. Crerar, now chief of the general staff, who recently returned from Britain, Canada was now not only engaged in helping to win "the Battle of Britain" which was the second phase of the war, but was also planning for the ultimate offensive by which alone could the war be decisively won. The Government now realizes, what it should have years ago, that "Be Prepared" is the only safe policy to adopt.

Nazi Germany has been canvassing for orders in Central and South America on a money guarantee that the goods would be delivered in October as the war would end in September. Investigations show that the bluff was carried out by ordering the goods in U. S. A. on a money guarantee, but very few orders had been received. The Export Managers Club of New York got their secretary, Mr. O. O. Gallup to report which he did as follows: "There is every reason to believe that Germany hopes to use American merchandise to make good her promises of delivery in October. American exporters resent the idea that their goods are to be used to service orders which the Reich booked to bolster her own prestige in the Latin-American nations." He added that as secretary of the exporters' organization he has had an opportunity to compare notes with many of the members who have become suspicious recently of the type of buying that has been done by companies that are German-owned. Virtually all the orders in questions came from companies on the British Government's "blacklist" of companies the Empire has reason to believe are owned by enemy interests.

**NOTES BY THE WAY**

The CBC interviewer going abroad "somewhere in England," interviewing men on guard and other duties and asking participants for transmission to home listeners was "the weekly broadcast recently, skating on pretty thin ice. Why give information to the enemy about the road conditions for motorcycles and lorries? Why ask a guard what he would do if the enemy appeared? Is there no limit to lousy stunts by the radio? — St. Catharines Standard.

Nurses enlisting for service with the Australian army overseas are subject to military discipline. They are not allowed to use lip-stick or rouge when on duty. The order is final, but the controversy rages. Some of the nurses consider that the order is an infringement of every woman's right to look her best. They protest that no nurse wants to appear on duty made up like a movie star. That their make-up might disturb the patients, but so they argue, would a face without some of the ordinary beauty aids. — Australia Press Bureau.

Closing overseas markets to Nova Scotian fresh apples last year compelled a resort to processing on an unprecedented scale, and more than 7,000,000 gallons of canned apples and approximately 8,000,000 pounds of dehydrated apples were prepared and shipped. This enormous quantity of approximately one-half day's supply; the rest, the property of the Dominion Government, remains in warehouses. Growers and government officials are still arguing the case, for months have directed their attention to disposing of this balance. — Halifax Herald.

We have a stake in this war and, more than that, a bet on the winner, and, in spite of a good deal of hopeful avoidance, that fact is becoming clear to every one so concerned with their future. A few salient facts from their minds that they still talk as if the United States could face with equanimity the Nazi-dominated chaos. After all, if standards of living are slipping, our ship along with the others. Hitler's talk about ending "plutocracy" is another way of saying that the present standard of living is to be discarded. The system of free enterprise and political liberalism under which we have attained a new high in living standards, and the substitution of bureaucratic absolutism operated for the benefit of a "superior" Nazi gangster minority.—Frederic Neilson in the Baltimore Sun.

Odd items of news are appearing these days in English newspapers — as, for instance, reports of the lining of farmers for the falling to plow and under the direction of the officials of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Cultivation of Land Order. In a case thus reported a Lancashire farmer was fined £15 because he had failed to turn 9.38 acres of his 61 1-2 acres of grassland into plowed land. In a second case a farmer was fined £20 for the same offence, the officials informing the court that they took the grass as the visible view of the case. When the defence presented the prosecution with "dictatorship," the prosecuting lawyer said it was "to prevent dictatorship in a country that 99 percent of the farmers and others had voluntarily submitted to the regulations." — Winnipeg Free Press.

The police of St. Louis have been armed with a bylaw which is much needed in St. Thomas and in probably every other city for the control of the automobile nuisance which came into being with the automobile age. The order is that people who go chasing after newswires with their fingers steadily pressed down on the horn button shall be escorted to the police station. The horn-blowing pest is common to St. Thomas and elsewhere. The police officers are annoyed to see people or those who may be taking an afternoon rest. They make a noise like the German screech bombs, and they were stopped, our guess is that most of the newswires would be glad to be spared the embarrassment of being general attention called to their new status. — St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Magistrate Fitch made a gentle decision recently to a young school teacher found guilty of making disloyal statements before his pupils. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to a month's imprisonment. He was given nine months' remand. The Herald does not feel that the deeply religious views of the accused are a sufficient reason for lenience. Such views should be used as a loophole for disloyalty; the Dominion Government has taken this stand in suppressing the newspaper called "The Jewish Witness." Regardless of the magistrate's decision, it is certainly not advisable for this young man to admit to a profession where he can sow doubt in the minds of young Canadians. The Department of Education should take action in this and in other cases to preserve law and loyalty in Alberta's schoolrooms. — Calgary Herald.

Needed: Fellow-Feeling — The Greek word for fellowship is sympathy; the Latin for it is humanity; but to freshen its meaning, let us think of it as fellow-feeling. It is the best and finest trait of human nature—the deep inward consciousness that we do not live into ourselves alone, that self-interest is not, as some once-fashionable philosophies would have us believe, the root virtue of society. If all men had it, the Ten Commandments would be unnecessary. It makes obedience to the Golden Rule a matter of course — and makes duty a pleasure. It puts other people's happiness, other people's interests, other people's high purposes, on a level with our own. — Sir Robert Gordon, distinguished Australian Rotarian, writing in the current Rotarian Magazine.

During 24 hours of every war-torn day, an unimpressive little vessel of drab grey, sleekly crafted spotted at all of Canada's ocean harbors, bobs and tosses in the waves of the Atlantic just off the coast to an east coast port. The insignificance of the little vessel is shamefully contrasted against

**The Nazi Bluff**

A Myth Exploded By "Runnymede" (Reprinted from "The Legionary," National magazine of the Canadian Legion.) (Continued)

The pageant made the Germans forget for the moment the anaemic-looking and manifestly undernourished youths who made up the bulk of Hitler's new cannon-fodder. There is nothing of Nietzsche's Superman about them. It is not they who qualify for the well stage-managed campaign photographs of Germany's troops in action which adorn the issues of the neutral weekly magazines on this continent. Doktor Goebbels knows his business better than that. Weedy, pimply-faced, dull-eyed, clock-work automatons, out of whom whatever individuality they might have had has been lacerated, they form the vast mass of Hitler's land forces. And, after their exhibition at Dunkerque, after their complete failure to do their job when every favourable factor postulated by Clausewitz for the total destruction of a retreating enemy was present, neither Hitler nor his generals can feel the pruritic happy about this exposure of Germany's "invincible might."

What it all adds up to is that even when everything a soldier can do is thrown in to weight the scales on his side, the Nazi still lacks something. He still lacks that particular something essential to gain victories over an enemy that is disposed to face up to him. The German soldiers of the Great War had the same failing; consequently one is forced to the conclusion that that weakness is simply inherent in the German system and in the German make-up. When Germany's enemy in due course provides him with a few numbers of free and freedom-loving men, and the material necessary to place him on anything like an even footing with the German, he will be vanquished. The outlook for Germany will indeed be blacker than it has ever been in all the truculent, swaggering, trouble-making history of the Teuton.

**THE COUNTER-WEAPON**

A survey of the foregoing leads us to only one conclusion and that is that this war is as different from any previous war as night is from day. Armed conflict plays a subordinate role. The real arm of aggression on the Nazi side is the propaganda division of the "Fifth Column." Our own services have been organized and are being operated in anticipation of a war that would follow a course along orthodox lines. The King's ships oppose the Nazi navy—that there is of it. The Royal Air Force successfully combats the Nazi airman. The armies of the Empire are our weapon against the Nazi goose-steppers. But what of our weapon to combat this other new and most startling effective Nazi arm—the "Fifth Column"? One must acknowledge frankly that this, which undoubtedly is the "secret weapon" whereby the Nazis have boasted, has found us totally unprepared; and due to the nature of its operations as already outlined in the early portion of this article, it has made tremendous headway. It has won for the Nazis victories which their armed forces did not have to extract themselves to exploit. News from overseas clearly indicates that it is still winning them.

With that in mind, our own job simplifies itself. We have simply got to view this thing as another arm of warfare; and we have to organize an efficient weapon of our own to combat it. No man can in justice be critical of the Government or governmental authorities for having failed to grasp the enormous importance of it before now. It is a waste of mental and physical energy to embark on a civil war between the past and the present. The business of Canada is to concentrate on the situation as it presents itself now in order to ensure the victory of the future.

That being so, the suggestion is advanced, in a spirit of good-will, that the organization of the efficient weapon to counter the "Fifth Column" be placed on exactly the same footing as our Navy, Army and Air Force. It is thoroughly appreciated that an efficient cutting edge of that weapon is the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The Mounted have done, and continue to do, a fine workmanlike job. But, although the Mounted can intern enemy aliens, they can't intern enemy alien ideas and rumours. Propaganda has to be met with counter-propaganda, no matter how distasteful the word sounds in our ears. We must remember that the 4,000 miles of undefended frontier can be a weakness as well as a strength, and that south of it is a vast republic which is tolerating the operations of the "Fifth Column"; and, without knowing it, many of the influential figures of that republic have actually fallen victim to it.

South of that republic there are other republics, within whom the Nazis are working day and night. They are working to stop, and we, whose responsibility it is to combat it, are doing nothing at all.

**YOUR SURE SHIELD**

For the Canadian citizen the combating of the "Fifth Column" is a definite duty. Your surest shield against it is your own, sound common sense.

Don't attempt to see in the grandiloquent claims of the Nazis any more than that common sense tells you is true. Don't magnify the appearance of the running lines that do that sort of thing much better than you can. They operate a tremendously expensive overtime one of the lean, grim ships of the British or Canadian fleet slips past her. But with all of her hump-back appearance, she commands the respect and immediate attention of every merchant ship, be it proud liner or rusty tramp. She is the ex-emplary vessel of the Royal Canadian Navy and to disobey her warning to stop would bring a hail of shrieking steel from the every-ready muzzles of coastal batteries concealed among the pleasant green foliage of the shoreline. — Dissector Public Information.



**FROM "THE WOODS OF WESTERMAIN"**

Enter these enchanted woods, You who dare. Nothing harms beneath the leaves More than waves a swimmer cleaves. Toss your heart up with the lark, Foot at peace with mouse and worm, Fair you fare. Only at a dread of dark Quaver, and they quit their form: Thousand eyeballs under hoods Have you by the hair. Enter these enchanted woods, You who dare.

Here the snake across your path Stretches in his golden bath: Mossy-footed squirrels leap Soft, as winnowing plumes of sleep: Yafes on a chuckle skim: Up to laugh from branches dim: Low to the pine, where sits the star, Rattles and the moth-and-bird war. Each has business of his own; But should you distrust a tone, Then beware. Shudder all the haunted woods, All the eyeballs under hoods Shroud you in their glare. Enter these enchanted woods, You who dare.

organization just for that alone; and they are not governed by any considerations of modesty. When there are bigger and better lies to be told, Doktor Goebbels will tell them. He doesn't need your help. Of course the operations of the "Fifth Column" are not quite so easy to recognize as most people think. The "Fifth Columnist" isn't a fellow who travels around wearing false whiskers and looking like a stage assassin. Even loyal, patriotic and sincere citizens can be the most potent agents of the "Fifth Column" by yielding to depression and giving voice to apprehension, repeating rumours and gossip.

The derisive person who "knows Nazi propaganda when he sees it" is not so well armed as the person who makes no such claims, but who is resolved not to become infected by it.

**DON'T LET YOUR MEN DOWN**

The civilian population have a most important duty to perform in this war, and that is to keep their courage as high as that of the fighting troops. We in Canada have not had much experience of wars; but in the few we were in our fighting men made a very excellent job of their end of things. And it can certainly be said that they didn't let their home folks down.

We are now in another war. It is one in which the enemy is leaving nothing undone to debauch and demoralize the home folk. Knowing that, and remembering that the job of our sailors, our soldiers and our airmen needs all their concentration on the task at hand, the very least they have a right to expect from you is that, in your turn, you don't let your fighting men down.

You don't belong to the breed which lets itself be panicked by the bluster and the bragging and the bogey-man threats of these teutonic, iron-men, screechrows and cowardly lions, by the hysterical screeches of beer-hall Napoléons. You have got lots of stuff that the Nazis don't have. The main element of that is Liberty. Fight to retain it—and you will.

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

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**HOG EXPORTS**

Sir.—In your issue of July 26th, "Marketing Scheme is Discussed," Mr. Gillies is reported as having stated that approximately 43,000 hogs were shipped out of the Province in 1939, an increase of over 1,200 hogs over the 1938 figures. At the annual meeting of the Marketing Board Mr. Gillies reported: "This year's volume of hogs shipped was the largest on the records of the organization, 22,433 hogs marketed by the Board this year—1,700 over the previous year." No doubt part of these hogs sold by the Board went to our local packers and the balance out of the Province. Is there a mistake in the figures quoted in your issue of July 26th, otherwise where did the difference—over 21,000 odd hogs go?

I am, Sir, etc.,  
**INTERESTED PRODUCER**

(Mr. Gillies states that 43,000 was the approximate total number of hogs marketed by Island producers last year. The other figure quoted refers only to the hogs marketed by the Livestock Board. —E. G.)

**LEGACY FOR DURATION**

GRESHAM England — (CP) — Mrs. Julia Scames has left income to her grandchildren "until the conclusion of the war upon which H. M. King George VI is now engaged with the government of Germany."

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