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

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Grinding Down The Enemy

At the present moment battles on the Western Front appear to be largely attritional. This need not cause despondency since "attrition" today does not mean the same as it did in the 1914-18 war.

The figures recently released by S. H. A. E. F. illustrate the success the Allies are having with these attritional tactics. Between 8th and 13th November the Germans lost 152,000 men; this figure was made up of 74,000 prisoners and the rest killed or badly wounded.

Casualty rates can be fully assessed in relation to the potential intake of recruits; no army can afford casualties far in excess of intake, in the case of Germany this amounts to approximately 500,000 men per year.

At the present time dismemberment of Germans is of much greater importance than capture of ground.

Still Spending

Canadians are still spending on an unprecedented scale, according to the latest figures of the Bank of Canada. Its index of retail sales for August, 1944, the last month reported, stood at 174, that is 74 per cent higher than the average retail business in the years between 1935 and 1939.

Not only are we spending far more on retail goods than we spent before the war, but we are spending more now than we ever did before the war. At the end of 1943 the retail sales index stood at 160.8.

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more insistence than ever that the peace terms imposed shall be severe enough to keep Germany from ever again committing such crimes and that there shall be no escape from the death penalty for those Nazis who are tried and found guilty of atrocities in this war.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"The Boston Tea Party" this date 1773, when 350 chests of tea were thrown into Boston harbour in protest against the British Customs (Stamp) Act; this was a prelude of the American Revolution in which Boston played an important part.

At the suggestion of Dr. T. T. Shields of Toronto, Baptist clergyman who is president of the Canadian Protestant League, a public meeting at Prince Albert, Sask., passed a resolution asking a local physician to run as an "Anti-Catholic United Canada candidate" in the constituency in the next Federal election.

The Commission to investigate the taxation of co-operatives in Canada has been set up, with not a single member from the Maritime Provinces. Starting January 14, the Commission is scheduled to sit in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Moncton and Halifax.

Dairying has been identified with Switzerland for centuries, so it is not surprising that cheese figures prominently in one of the national customs. At the birth of a child, a cheese is made, named after the child, and carefully stored away.

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Notes By The Way

On the subject of millinery, we are virtually stymied, in that most of the currently styled hats are too small to pin up on a Minneapolis Star Journal.

Why is it that although the average motion picture is more comfortable than the average church seat, more people sleep through a sermon than through a movie.—Kitchener Record.

The composite opinion of world opinion is that we are not getting nearer than we think and farther away than we suppose. The war-wind had been hot but kept cool, and put everything in the punch, but don't press.—Winnipeg Tribune.

So revolting and diabolical are the German atrocities that the mind of civilized people find it difficult to believe that they have actually taken place. So says the United States War Refugee Board.

Malta held out when the Mediterranean was so dangerous that supplies for the British 8th Army were being sent around the Cape of Good Hope. One would think it might have been taken by paratroopers and glider troops, as Crete was. The attempt was not made. A light and a symbol.

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Capital Closeups

By JAMES MCCOOK
Canadian Press Staff Writer
OTTAWA—Joint Canadian and United States planning for the development of the Northwest has particular interest for a Canadian statesman, Senator Sir Allen Aylesworth, (L-Ontario) who celebrated his 90th birthday Nov. 27.

Although he did not attend the brief special sitting which closed last week, Sir Allen seldom misses a day in the upper House when the regular session is on.

Home Smokes: Before 1938, 90 to 95 per cent of all Canadian imports of leaf tobacco came from the United States and in 1920 the total imports were more than 18,500,000 pounds.

Customs: The Canadian reindeer in the Northwest Territories, whose fathoms came from Alaska under a Federal Government program, are running true to type.

Bevin Takes Lid Off
(BY Dewitt MacKenzie, Associated Press War Analyst)
Era st Bevin, England's square-jawed Labor Leader, likely has served the Atlantic Charter well by his argumentative outburst which is widely interpreted as confirmation that Britain and Russia are indeed in a position of establishing separate spheres of influence in liberated Europe.

Mr. Bevin took the lid off. He accepted his share of responsibility for the Government policy and declared that "long before this we had an agreement with Russia (whereby) Russia undertook to solve the main problem of Romania and Greece."

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