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

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An Opposition Champion Now!

Quoted on today's front page is an editorial from the Montreal Gazette, prominent St. James Street organ, which has been strongly supporting the Mackenzie King Government. The implication of the editorial is that the King Government is headed for defeat.

This also is implied in the swan-song delivered by Mr. King himself in a national broadcast on Friday night last. In his speech Mr. King declared that neither he nor his cabinet colleagues would enter the National Government under Hon. Dr. Manion, but that on the contrary, in the event of a Liberal defeat, "those of us who are elected together with our following, will not betray our parliamentary duty but will constitute His Majesty's Loyal Opposition."

Mr. King professes to be afraid that Dr. Manion's National Government might "follow the European pattern" and become a dictatorship; hence his concern, if defeated, will be to maintain the prestige of Parliament by refusing to enter the Government and by sitting, instead, in the Opposition.

This extraordinary statement by the Prime Minister merits consideration from many standpoints. In the first place, it is evident that he is "stuffing the pillow" for a fall from the administrative to the opposition benches. His cocksure attitude of a few weeks ago, when he prematurely dissolved Parliament without giving the Opposition any chance of probing into the Government's war record, has changed to one of recognition of the great importance of the Opposition under British democracy. He and his cabinet colleagues anticipate retiring into the shades of Opposition. They refuse (before they have been invited) to enter Dr. Manion's War Government. In the interests of "national unity", presumably, they are going to stand pat; they are going to stand, as Opposition members, for the supremacy of Parliament, the same Parliament that Mr. King dissolved last January, without giving it an opportunity even to pass the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne!

Mr. King's interest has suddenly shifted from winning the war to maintaining the supremacy of Parliament that he scuttled a month ago. It is all very strange and curious, these capers of a Prime Minister of Canada who sees the handwriting on the wall. Mr. King has often talked about the supremacy of Parliament, but after his dictatorial action last January who would have supposed that he would be again in the limelight as a defender of the rights of "His Majesty's Loyal Opposition"?

Mr. King is so afraid that a National Government might lead to "dictatorship"! At the present time there is a National Government in the Old Country. In many of the other Dominions and Colonies there are National Governments. The contribution in war effort from Great Britain and other Dominions and Colonies is very much greater than ours at the present time. But Mr. King doesn't wish his hearers to consider that fact. He imagines that the term "National Government" will be anathema to the electors of Canada, and that in preference to a government composed of the best brains of the country they will return him and his partisan Liberal colleagues to conduct Canada's war. If they don't, Mr. King says, they will get no constructive help from him and his colleagues. He and his pals will refuse to enter any government not entirely composed of Liberal politicians. They will preferably go into the shades of Opposition to "maintain the supremacy of Parliament."

The best thing to do to, in such circumstances, is to put them where they want to be.

Our Bacon Industry Sacrificed

A factor of vital importance in connection with Canada's war efforts is the filling of the bacon quota agreed upon by the British Government, and this happens to be one matter in which the farmers of Prince Edward Island are particularly concerned. This Island, a few years ago, was the only bacon-exporting province in the Maritimes. Yet the industry is now threatened with extinction due to exorbitant freight rates both on feed and on the finished product, and to huge importations of pork from the United States.

Ever since the Bacon Board was established as a war measure by the King Government, complaints have gone forward through the press and by individuals and organizations, demanding a readjustment of millfeed costs and freight rates. A resolution on this subject was passed at the recent Conservative convention in Charlottetown, and both the Queen's County Conservative candidates, Messrs. McLure and Hyndman, wired Prime Minister King personally as to the urgent need of granting a subvention to the extent of the difference between the domestic and export rail rates on feed. A pussyfooting reply was received, to the effect that the matter was "under consideration." Subsequently, the three Maritime agricultural ministers and officials had a conference on the subject. The Board of Trade also adopted a resolution on the matter. But still nothing has been done.

What have our Liberal representatives been

doing in this matter? Apparently nothing. Finance Minister Ralston, in a long address accepting re-nomination at the Prince County Liberal convention, ignored the subject entirely. Perhaps he regarded it as an irrelevant issue. Yet it is as much a matter of importance to Canada's war effort, so far as our farmers are concerned, as any of the items which he discussed.

As for American pork importations, a correspondent in a recent issue of The Guardian pointed out that these imports have increased by no less than one hundred thousand times from Sept. 1937 to Sept. 1939. Even as late as December 1938 the imports were only 587 lbs., whereas in December 1939 they reached the alarming sum of 4,614,000 lbs. The figure for January promises to be much higher, while for the year 1940 present indications are that it will reach the 100,000,000 lb. mark. This will mean 6 1-2 to 7 cent pork in the Maritimes.

The tariff regulation against this pork is only 1-4 cents a pound, but even this inadequate protection does not exist. Under the regulations the exporters may claim a 99 per cent drawback of the export pork products of equal quantity. They have been exporting bacon to Britain at the rate of 3,000,000 pounds per week, so that they are entitled to the drawback on all the U. S. imports.

Producers throughout Canada are demanding not only that the drawback be cancelled but that an embargo be placed upon imports of pork. But again, nothing has been done at Ottawa. The King Government is reported to be adverse to "any hasty action" which may interfere with its precious trade treaty with Washington.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Tom Moore died this date, 1852—the peerless Irish poet whose poems and songs are on everybody's lips. "Fellowship is heaven, and lack of fellowship is hell; fellowship is life, and the lack of fellowship is death; and the deeds that ye do upon the earth, it is for fellowship's sake that ye do them."

Here is pluck for you. Hon. Dr. Manion caught a severe cold attending the funeral of Lord Tweedsmuir. Notwithstanding he carried on, but when he reached Victoria, B.C., early Tuesday morning he had to enter the hospital. He remained only a few hours, however, and left to attend an afternoon meeting he was scheduled to address. A hospital nurse was on duty behind him during the meeting which Dr. Manion left to fly to the city of Vancouver for a night address there.

Prime Minister Chamberlain's umbrella—or one of his famous umbrellas—may yet be the proud possession of a colonel in the Canadian Active Service Force. A group of Canadian soldiers on leave, walking through Whitehall one day, wandered up narrow Downing Street and entered the portals of No. 10, historic residence of the Prime Minister. To one of Mr. Chamberlain's secretaries who received them they said they would like nothing better than to take back to their colonel at Aldershot a Chamberlain umbrella. The secretary promised an umbrella would be forwarded to them. Later the Canadians went to the Guildhall. As they were being shown through the building they noticed a discarded quill pen lying on the floor near the Lord Mayor's chair and there was a wild scramble for a souvenir. When the scramble subsided the soldiers took turns sitting in the historic civic seat of London's chief magistrate.

A top hat and umbrella dating from the beginning of the nineteenth century, recovered from the sea off the west coast of Jutland, are to be presented to Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, according to Copenhagen advices to the London newspapers. In 1808 an English frigate, the Crescent, was wrecked off Loenstrup and for some years past a local skipper, Sigurd Damgaard, has interested himself in the wreck and has recovered various articles from it. His latest find is a high silk hat placed over the handle of an umbrella in a stand in a corner of one of the officers' cabins. In the course of time the hat and umbrella have become firmly encrusted with salt.

Through the efforts of Sir William Craigie, who has a goatee and is editor of the University of Chicago's American English dictionary, it has been revealed after twelve years' research that goatee means "like a goat's beard." The dictionary, a massive work of twenty sections, shows what American usage has done to the English language. The term "goatee" first was used in 1844 by Lee and Forest in their "History of Oregon." They observed that "a few individuals leave what is called by their politer neighbors a 'goaty' under the chin." Goatee next was mentioned by John S. Robb in 1847 in "Squatters Life", who wrote "a kind of half-burnt prairie garbished his chin, which would have made a very warm-looking goatee if it could have been transplanted to one spot." Sir William completed editorial work on the dictionary and returned to his English home in 1936. Publication of the dictionary is expected to be complete by 1942.

A distinguished University Professor in Toronto, Dr. W. E. Blatz, professor of Child Psychology in Toronto University and Consultant Psychologist of Toronto Juvenile Court, believes in "white lies". He told the Gyo Club of "Toronto the Good" that: "Our difficulty is to teach children to use white lies skillfully. It is necessary to their social success. One of the reasons Canadians have not made as a great contribution to art and literature as other nations—and they should have—is because they have been raised too close to puritan standards." Dr. Blatz added that "very few Canadian children have any imagination left after they have gone through public and high schools. Canadians are a people with too little humor." After such exposures it will be necessary for both our churches and schools to change their training methods, in order to provide the nation with efficient white liars and pungent humorists to gain for us a reputation in art and literature, and to make a success of life socially.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Standard suits, shoes, underwear, stockings, cloth, and household linen by Italians have been approved in a resolution passed by the consultative committee of the Clothing Corporation. Their intention, the resolution states, is to counteract the tendency of a steady rise in prices. Control of quality has been found difficult owing to the multiplicity of the articles affected. Among the articles proposed are two types of domestic trousers for men and women, various types of men's and women's shirts and suits for men, and two types of stockings, one of cotton and the other of rayon, for women. The clothes will be made in a variety of colors and designs and must contain a certain percentage of artificial fibres. The press is warmly welcomed in the political and social policy of the Fascist regime. Times, it is pointed out, are hard and are likely to grow harder for all countries, without exception, hence the necessity to look ahead and take every possible precaution. — London Times.

Further proof of the rapid growth of air travel in the United States is furnished by the news that the domestic transport routes carried 2,100,000 passengers in 1938, as compared with 1,178,000 in 1938. Better than this great gain however, is the fact that it was accomplished by a remarkable advance in the safety record. There were only two fatal accidents on the domestic lines in the whole year. For the last nine months the constant shuttle of swift wings over the routes that crisscross the continent was accomplished without serious injury to a single passenger or member of crew. This record, which is a seasonal gain in December, is a record of safety in winter flying, under proper control, is dangerous. It is a splendid tribute to the co-ordination accomplished by the meteorological, the maintenance of the lines, the flying personnel of the lines themselves, under the common-sense regulation of the Civil Aeronautics Authority. — From the New York Times.

A long vista of roadway is "up" in the London suburb. Mysteriously surrounds the road, the work in hand, but sturdy navies engaged on the excavations believe they are laying a "P. enterprise." A perspective view is dotted by a perspective of red lamps to prevent bearded wayfarers from Fleet Street elsewhere stumbling over mounds of earth or coils of cable. One recent midnight, bitter cold and drizzly, the night watchman moved one to envy. There he was, snugly ensconced inside an ingeniously contrived and draughtproof cabin, seated by a gorgeous brazier of blazing coals, with his pipe in his mouth, he expertly superintended the cooking of a ham and a joint of bacon and sausages. One felt, sitting in that grateful aroma, here was the real life that one who sat with walled rooms by however good a fire could be. The watchman of one who toasts himself by a brazier in the nipping and eager air of the open Bacon and sausage, fresh fried on the witching hour, have a gusto about it. Needless to say, the night watchman had his war ribbon up. — The Journals London Bureau.

Recently, that stout fellow, Mr. Amandus Woolcott, offered the consolation of sympathy to the clergy. He conceded the merits of their complaint "about the light-hearted vulgarity of address—'So-and-so' and 'So-and-so' and 'So-and-so'." The former, of course, is frightfully sipped. Even when the strictly proper form of address appears too cumbersome it should be reduced to less than "Rev. John W. So-and-so." The other contraction makes no better sense than using "Hon. Meagher" in a reference to that distinguished member of Canada's Red Chamber. Nevertheless, some people "will do it ever time." Even ministers themselves have been known to offend! Of course, other citizens do things even more silly. There is, for instance, the classic case of the patriotic cigar manufacturer during the last war, who anxious to recognize the qualities of the British Army Commander-in-Chief, turned out a product branded with the striking but riotously inaccurate name, "Sir Ha-g." — Brantford Expositor.

It is a vice of the Germans that they are not always trying to terrify someone in advance. They proclaim that the next day is going to be the "turning point" of the war, and the next week will be "decisive" against us. They say that Hitler has dug up the identical trumpet with which the Jews destroyed the walls of Jericho and that he will shortly blow it against us. (It is not generally known, owing, no doubt, to the inefficiency of the Ministry of Information—that there is reason to believe that this is his secret weapon.) Most of all they seek to scare the neutrals by reminding them of what happened to Poland for daring to defy them. This is a lesson, which the little country had better bear in mind! The man, who is old enough; long ago Giant Despair and his wife applied it to the Germans. They said she... Show them the Bones and Skulls of those that thou hast already despatched; and make them believe, ere a week comes to an end, thou wilt tear them in pieces, as thou hast done their fellows before me. So when the morning has come, she said... she was his wife had bidden him. These, said he, were Pilgrims as you are, once, and... When I thought fit, I tore them in pieces; and so within ten days I will do you. Like Christian and Hopeful, the five States will find a key to their difficulties; they are courageous and independent and are not minded to obey German orders under threat of massacre. But do not the German people, when they read of their Government's endless bullying, think of the ill-will which it is everywhere sowing up for them? — From the Manchester Guardian.

Tales Of Youthful Courage

Five Year Record of Canadian Boy Scouts shows saving of 150 persons from death by drowning. Fire or Serious Accidents. Three young heroes pay supreme sacrifice. Since the beginning of Time one of the noblest traits of man has been his willingness to stretch out a helping hand to his brother in distress, even though sometimes by so doing he is placing his own life in jeopardy.

Concrete example of this exalting attribute of the human heart—proof, too, that the age of chivalry is not dead—is to be found hidden away in the official files of the Medical Board of the Boy Scouts Association at Ottawa.

Matter of Fact Official Reports

Like the records of a most any other efficiently operated organization, there is no place in the files of the Medical Board for sloppy sentimentality or hearsay evidence; here is nothing but matter-of-fact representations, verified and attested to by reputable eye-witnesses and supported by irrefutable evidence. But one can easily read between the lines, and even a cursory examination of the files over the five-year period ending December 31, 1939, indicates to what extent the Boy Scouts of Canada have kept their Scout Promise, especially that "part of which obligates them to help other people at all times."

112 Persons Saved From Drowning

Awards made indicate that the lives of at least 150 persons have been saved by Boy Scouts during the period ending December 31, 1939. A total of 112 persons were saved from death by drowning alone. Many others have been saved from possible death or permanent injury by the resourcefulness and bravery of young men and boys, Scout-trained in first aid, resuscitation, etc.

Various Awards for Danger Faced

It is interesting to note that during the five-year period under consideration the number of Scouts incidentally membership in the Scout Movement in Canada was increased from 65,000 to well over 100,000—the Medical Board awarded only five Bronze Crosses, its major award. The Board also issued 20 Silver Crosses, for acts of outstanding gallantry, and 30 Certificates of Commendation for outstanding services to others.

In saving the deeds of heroism covering the five-year period in addition to rescuing 112 persons from drowning, were four cases of rescue from fire, nine cases of major first-aid, two cases of rescue from the jaws of a shark, two cases of resuscitation from carbon monoxide poisoning, etc.

At a Theatre Fire

It is Christmas Eve, and the manager of a Brandon, Man., theatre is endeavouring to remove a live wire from a park pathway, because of the danger for others when the wire slipped and reached his hand, causing instantaneous death. Patrol Leader Ernest Callow, of Wellington, Ont. He plunged from a wharf to save a full grown man much heavier than himself and was seized and carried with him to the bottom. Scoutmaster G.R. Milne, who leaped into the icy waters of the Lawrence River at Sorel, to rescue a seaman who had fallen from a gangplank between a ship and the wharf. Of such fibre are the Canadian citizens who are being turned out of the Boy Scout Movement in Canada.

A Severed Artery

Again, it is a bright May morning in Toronto. Scout George Brennan, 16 years, is dressing for school. From next door comes the cry of a woman. The Scout rushes to her assistance, and finds that she has fallen with a class book and severed an artery in her arm. Swiftly the boy improvises a tourniquet and saves the woman's life. The woman's physician declared "I certainly believe this boy's prompt action saved my patient's life. A Certificate of Merit was awarded."

A Modern Indian Scout Hero

The scene shifts to the Blackfoot Indian Reservation near Calgary. Scout Arthur Yellowfellow, 13 years of age, awakens in the night to discover the cabin in flames. Instead of thinking first of himself, he awakens his father, three brothers and a hired man. It is difficult to arouse them, but they lie as though quizzed. But he persists, and finally the father and the hired man are on their feet. Then the young Scout catches the three younger brothers, and carrying them, dashes through the flaming doorway. The men attempt vainly to rescue the fourth brother, but the cabin is a raging inferno. One life was lost. Only for the Scout's cool courage all might have been burned to death. Today young Scout Yellowfellow wears the Silver Cross.

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From Drowning and Fire

The Scout Medal Award files are full of stories of trained resourcefulness and high courage in making rescues from drowning, such as that of a boy's scout, Eric Barnshaw, of Halifax. At the graveside, and after a protracted night against heavy seas and undertow, he brought ashore the full grown woman overcome while bathing at Peasey's Cove. There was the similar heroism of French-Canadian Rover Scout Maltais of La Tuque, Quebec, who fought his way into a burning building to rescue a baby, snuffing out the flames which threatened his life—and which also won for him the Bronze Cross.

Held to a High Voltage Wire

A little Winnipeg girl is looking for a spot in which to bury a dead sparrow. She selects a piece near an electric conduit pipe which has broken away from the side of a house. She touches the pipe. The 200-volt current shoots through her body. She cannot let go. In response to her cries, 11-year-old girl, Ruth Ralph Woods speeds to her aid. He grasps her arm, and is himself shocked, but thrown aside. He runs and secures a cardboard carton. With this he batters at the pipe until it falls, breaking the connection. Another life is saved.

When a Log Became a Bear

Again, and illustrating Scout "preparedness" even under peculiar circumstances: With his sister, Ken's Scout Kenneth Keeley of Bala, Ont., is rowing across a Lake Muskoka bay when a supposed log suddenly becomes a bear. Before they can pull away the bear gets his paws on the gunwale of the boat. In the boat a screw-jack handle, cool-headed, leaning to balance the boat, catches up the iron bar and pounces on the bear over the head. It falls back stunned.

A "Communiqué" Summary

To summarize briefly a few more stories from the files let us read some of the brief citations: "For presence of mind and courage shown in saving the life of a three and a half year old girl when her clothes caught fire." "For coolness and good judgment displayed in stopping a runaway horse." "For presence of mind shown in correctly diagnosing a double case of carbon monoxide poisoning and resuscitating the two women victims." "For the highly commendable work during the disastrous Thames Valley floods."

"Greater Love Hath No Man"

The list goes on and on. Fittingly may be concluded with the brief tragic record of the heroism of Wolf Cub, a Boy Scout and Scoutmaster who gave their lives as the result of first thought for other, and who were posthumously awarded the Scout V. C., the Bronze Cross. They were:

WOLF CUB GORDON BRUCE SMITH, of Windsor, Ont. With a stick he was endeavouring to remove a live wire from a park pathway, because of the danger for others when the wire slipped and reached his hand, causing instantaneous death. Patrol Leader Ernest Callow, of Wellington, Ont. He plunged from a wharf to save a full grown man much heavier than himself and was seized and carried with him to the bottom. Scoutmaster G.R. Milne, who leaped into the icy waters of the Lawrence River at Sorel, to rescue a seaman who had fallen from a gangplank between a ship and the wharf. Of such fibre are the Canadian citizens who are being turned out of the Boy Scout Movement in Canada.

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Daily War Survey By The Canadian Press Adolf Hitler's speech on Saturday was remarkable not for the things it contained but for those it omitted. Like most Hitler cravens it was full of abuse, boasting and distorted history but unlike others it contained no specific threats to Germany's enemies nor promises to the German people. He assured Germany of victory but did not say when or how it would be achieved. The threats of terrible aerial onslaughts against Great Britain of total and lightning war which pervaded most speeches by Hitler and other Nazi leaders early in the present conflict were lacking. This may be significant of much or nothing. It may be that the German high command is about ready to launch a surprise and does not wish to give the slightest clue to its secret designs. Again it may be Hitler finds he has talked too much in the past and is a bit afraid of leading Germans to expect spectacular action when none is in sight. If Hitler means to continue his forces tight and secure behind the Siegfried Line and fight a defensive war except for the present air, submarine and mine attacks on allied shipping the less said about the power of German arms and spectacular victories the better. If the German government hopes to feed its people and keep its war machinery in shape during the long years it would necessarily take to subvert Great Britain to submission by sinking ships Hitler must give the people a different kind of pep talk. HYGIENIC ROUTINE OFFERS PROTECTION AGAINST INFECTION Colds are prevalent at this time of year; they are infectious and often culminate in some serious illness in the very young, very old or in people whose health is not up to par. Hence anyone having a cold who has to attend to such patients should, if possible wear a mask over the mouth and nose. This will prevent "droplets" charged as they are with infectious germs, from reaching others especially susceptible to their action. Be especially careful for the baby for he more than others is susceptible to infective skin-troubles and chest ailments. Infection from the common cold of an adult may well, in him, produce such serious disease as bronchitis or broncho-pneumonia. A clean mouth and throat kept hygienic by frequent gargling and attention to the teeth, and a clean alimentary tract, kept so by regular habits of elimination, so far to protect us from the attacks of infective germs which can only germinate in suitable soil. C. C. F. TO HAVE NINE GLACE BAY, N. S., Feb. 22—(CP)—The Co-operative Commonwealth Federation will have "at least nine candidates" in the field in Nova Scotia for the general election, regional secretary Angus McIntyre said tonight after a conference of provincial executives.

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