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

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Redistribution, Etc.

According to the Canadian Press, the redistribution of federal constituencies in accord with population figures of the 1941 census is proving something of a headache for the federal members who are studying it.

The loss of several seats by Manitoba and Saskatchewan, which follows from the existing law and the decline of the population relative to the other provinces, is not the only difficulty requiring adjustment.

Quebec there is a similar problem owing to the growth of Montreal relative to the population of the rest of the province.

Prince Edward Island's representation will not be affected one way or the other. Thanks to the foresight and initiative of the Mathieson Government, our minimum quota of M.P.'s is pegged at four — the same number as our Senators.

While there is no sign of a Redistribution Bill being introduced in the very near future, the King Government has decided to go ahead with the by-elections pending in four vacant seats.

Badly Blunted

The principal weapons upon which the Germans have relied for victory have been blunted into uselessness or wrested from their grasp, one by one, says an exchange.

France From The Inside

Mr. C. J. Fernand-Laurent, who used to be a Paris member of the French Chamber of Deputies, escaped to the United States last December and has written for Harper's Magazine of France as he saw it in some 18 months of the German occupation.

He summarizes the situation in this way: 1940, stupor; 1941, uncertainty and resignation; 1942, disillusionment; 1943, revolt.

By 1941, especially after Russia was attacked, the people began to have doubts of a German victory — Britain still held out. The fervent patriots started secretly to organize.

for a German victory. A few days later Petain over the same station declared that he walked "hand in hand with Laval", thus taking a stand "against the good of the country and the success of the arms of France."

Since 1941 the Germans have "systematically and pitilessly pillaged France" and the people have lived "in frightful distress." The Germans take "occupation costs" of 500,000,000 francs a day, although their occupation army now "is a mere skeleton".

France, declares Mr. Fernand-Laurent, is more unified than ever before, in detestation of the invaders, and is ready for revolt. "For obvious reasons of prudence and security" he writes, "I cannot tell anything about the military side of this resistance."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Magna Charta signed by King John at Runnymede this date, 1215; four of original copies still exist; it has been ratified and confirmed by different ruling monarchs since that date.

Through the shortening of the medical course as a war emergency the Dalhousie University will have no internes available for the hospital during the April to August period next year.

Who would have thought it possible? Crooner Bing Crosby received \$298,946 from Decca Records, Inc., in 1942, the Decca Company's annual report to the Securities and Exchange Commission discloses.

According to the Windsor Star, if plans now being considered come to fruition the airport proposed for the Windsor vicinity may be the largest in the world. We thought that distinction was reserved for Mount Pleasant. But Windsor seems to have the edge on us.

Long distance telephone calls of the three defence departments in Canada cost \$885,445 during 1942, according to a return tabled in the House of Commons at Ottawa.

With the revival in interest in the Island tunnel project as a possible postwar scheme, it is interesting to recall that just 100 years ago the first Thames tunnel, between Rotherhithe and Wapping, was opened by Queen Victoria.

Much that we admire in the English is symbolized by the way Winston Churchill pronounces the word "Nazi", says a U. S. exchange. In contrast to the careful, cultured, and somewhat respectful "Notzy" of the radio announcers, his "Nazy" is a simple snarl of derision, implying that it's impossible for a plain man to get the hang of any such foreign word and in this instance, certainly not worth the trouble.

Some of the briefs on National Health Insurance submitted to the Parliamentary Committee are prime examples of wishful thinking. Here is an extract from one of the submissions, quoted by the Ottawa Journal: "We suggest one national insurance fund under Federal responsibility and control, but with full responsibility for the administration of health insurance benefits in the hands of the provinces, without any embarrassing financial burdens."

Rumblings still are being heard over what many appear to think strange omissions from that King's birthday list of honors and decorations. Perhaps the critics had better wait until Dominion Day, when, according to the Ottawa Journal a fresh list of honors will be along.

Here is good news for Sea Cadets. From now on, candidates approved by a naval board of selection will enter as ordinary seamen. They will undergo a 22-weeks course as ordinary seamen and at the end of that time, if they pass qualifying examinations, will be entered as probationary sub-lieutenants at H.M.C.S. Kings, Naval Training College.

Contracts for addition to the Nurses Home, Saint John, have been let for \$180,000. Mr. T. C. Macnabb, chairman of the building committee, explained that in providing the 16 additional rooms there would be accommodation for 32 more nurses and a 25 per cent increase in the size of the building had been obtained at only a 12 per cent increase in cost.

Notes By The Way

"Soldiers from Eastern Canada Amazed at Size of Prairie Mosquitoes." In fact, we understand that at an Air Force station out near Saskatoon the other night a ground crew member put 25 gallons of gas into one of the crates before realizing his mistake. —Windsor Daily Star.

American ornithologists and food experts have broken out in a rash of controversy over the desirability of crow meat as food. Some are for it, others are non-committal, and one fellow admits that he tried it once and wouldn't eat it again for less than \$100.

Hitler's doctor, Sauerbruch, has not been ordered to be in constant attendance — not because Hitler is ill, but because his moods are said to be so erratic that medical presence is necessary. Sauerbruch will travel with his Fuehrer on all his missions. High Nazi circles in Berlin say it is now necessary for Sauerbruch to administer drugs in small quantities to calm Hitler in certain moods. —London Daily Sketch.

If Hitler studies all the suggestions for invasions printed in Allied newspapers, he will have a wide choice. —Edmonton Journal.

How soon will Germany crack? Fact is Germany cracked ten years ago this month, when the Nazis burned the books. Benito Mussolini saw a role of easy publicity in the book burning. Books by Dan Canfield Fisher tells the American liberals, are like vitamins. Without vitamins, she says food does not mean vigor, and without books and their ideas and leads a people can starve even in the midst of plenty. Or crack, we may add, even in the midst of conquest. —New York Times.

To repeat a well-worn word of caution: Don't glance at the headlines only, and then proceed on the assumption that you have kept up with your reading of the war news. As has been pointed out so often, even the most ingenious of briefing writers on the daily newspaper staffs have only so much space and so many letters to work with, and it stands to reason that it is not always the most important part of the story. Intelligent appreciation of the news, whether it be concerned with a battle, a campaign or the price of some domestic commodity, must depend on reasonably complete and intelligent reading thereof. —Brantford Express.

American boys, even in the heat of battle, have by no means lost that gift of phrase which has always made our American form of English so delightful. One of our related Word Study Magazine, thus Hugo Wren of the Third Army Signal Corps had a narrow escape while crossing the ocean. The ship was on fire and the flames were over fifty fathoms. "This boy," said Wren proudly, "can turn on a dime and get a nickel's change."

It is now agreed by eminent military strategists that one of the results of this war has been to bring the high-velocity gun into its own again, writes the London correspondent of the Ottawa Journal. The modern cannon still remains the queen of weapons. This was proved under such varying conditions as at Stalingrad and El Alamein. The advent of the air bomber and the tank was supposed in many quarters to have revolutionized warfare and superseded artillery. Precisely the contrary is the reality. Both the bomber and the tank, though the latter much more completely than the former, have been mastered by artillery. Even the heaviest of these combatants stand up to an efficient artillery barrage if it is concentrated properly. The role of the tank will remain important for rapid flanking movements, but as an instrument of frontal attack it can be blown to pieces with certainty. This fulfills a prophecy made to the writer by a former tank commander more than a year before this war started. Even the air bomber is being gradually mastered as a weapon of any precision by A. A. artillery. —Exchange.

A century and a quarter ago, American colonization societies founded Liberia as a homeland for freed slaves. Wednesday night President Edwin Barclay, of Liberia, a descendant of those slaves, slept in the White House. After the Casablanca conference President Roosevelt visited Liberia and now President Barclay is returning the call. The friendly relations existing between the two republics. —Detroit Free Press.

In proportion to population, Canada has the largest and best air force in the world. Canadians have always taken to wings as ducks take to water. There are now more than 200,000 Canadians wearing the air force blue uniforms. Of these 9,500 are women. Thus, Canada maintains the tradition begun in the First Great War. —Moncton Times.

A deeply engrossed sportsman who has shot most gamebirds in his life, a place said to me the other day: "I will never shoot a wild goose." Whether that was a vow or an emotional aspiration, I do not know, but it was evoked by first reading of "Snow Goose." The brief story is indeed a masterpiece. I should put it down as almost the best story I have read in literature since the Hans Anderson is in competition. Mr. Massingham, who of late has

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The Poet's Corner
TO THE POET BEFORE BATTLE
Now, youth, the hour of thy dread passion comes. Thy lovely things must all be laid away.

Remember thy great craft's honour, that they may say Nothing in shame of poets. Then Of praise the little versemen joyed to take Shall be forgotten; then they must know we are, For all our skill in words, equal in might And stout of mettle as those we honoured. Make The name of poet terrible in just war, And his a crown of honour upon the light. —Ivor Gurney.

The Hand That Held The Dagger

It is three years today since Mussolini, the "great miscalculator," plunged his dagger into the back of the Italian people. He has repented at leisure. This "balcony warrior" saw a role of easy publicity in the book burning.

As the end comes in this war — the end of victory — we shall hear much about "poor misled Italians" and "poor misled Germans." They are not misled. They made their own choices. They were misled by their leaders; gloried in the leadership; fitted enthusiastically and often maniacally into the whole vast vit machine. Any peace not recognizing that, giving these criminal nations a chance to make good their villainy again, will be a false peace.

On World Trade Lanes
Hon. James A. MacKinnon's announcement to the Canadian Manufacturers' Association that in 1942 Canada became the third largest trading nation, with export values the highest in history is gratifying evidence of the ingenuity of the country's manufacturing industry.

rather neglected birds for craftsmen and farmers, once claimed that geese were the cleverest of all birds. It should follow that when a child is called a goose, it should accept the compliment. The bird's gift of memory and its recognition of human kindness are beyond question. I could give many examples from my own experience. —London Spectator.

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REMEMBER THE GREEKS

And contribute generously to the Greek War Relief Fund
Esquire THE GORE FOR MEN

Progressive Conservative Conventions
for the purpose of nominating candidates for the next Provincial Elections will be held as follows:—
1st District at Souris Friday, June 18th
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3rd District at Cardigan Tuesday, June 22nd
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