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

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Honored Visitors

An honoured and most welcome visitor to Charlottetown this evening will be the Hon. Ray Atherton, United States Ambassador to Canada. Mr. Atherton will be accompanied by Mrs. Atherton and by Mr. Dana Doten, of the U.S. Embassy at Ottawa, and Mrs. Doten. Mr. Atherton will be guest speaker at a combined service club dinner here this evening, and will meet representative citizens for the purpose of learning as much as possible about the Province. On Wednesday he will pay an official call upon the Lieutenant Governor and Premier, and will leave Wednesday afternoon by plane for Sydney.

Mr. Atherton's career has been a most distinguished one. He spent several years in banking and architecture before joining the U.S. Consular service in 1917. Since then he served in China, the Philippines and Greece before coming to Ottawa. He was appointed Minister to Canada on Aug. 3, 1943, and raised to the status of Ambassador on Nov. 18.

Our citizens will extend a cordial welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Atherton and party on this occasion, both on their own account and by reason of the high position Mr. Atherton occupies as the official representative of our great neighbor and ally to the South.

The Manpower Problem

In Vancouver the regional director of National Selective Service announced that new job transfer and loan plans have been made necessary by the lack of reserves of artillery shells, the shortage of 150,000 men in essential industry, and the need by the armed forces of 90,000 men. In Ottawa, Munitions Minister Howe has declared that the need for 10,000 workers in the ammunition industry is urgent, and Labor Minister Mitchell has announced a three-point plan to intensify the search for manpower.

The crisis that has now come upon us, says the Montreal Gazette, is one that has been looming for months. The Government has been warned time and time again that it was imminent. The Government itself knew that it would arrive sooner or later. That it has come at the moment when the thousands of our countrymen on an alien shore need every scrap of help the motherland can extend is a bitter commentary on political boondogging on the home front.

But this is not the time for recrimination. We must look to the future, not to the past. The men must be found for fighting and for producing. The Government must use without further hesitation the wartime powers it possesses to place the citizens of this country, men and women, where they are most needed and in the jobs they can do best.

Everything possible must be done to back up the Government to the hilt. The co-operation of employers and workers in the industrial mobilization survey is imperative. It is evident that the country is about to be called on to shoulder a great share of the burden of the war than it has borne until now.

In one respect we have been luckier than our allies. Our fighting men have only just entered the battle in large masses. It is only from this moment that our casualties will call for heavy replacements. We could have been much worse off. But we have no assurance that from today our old makeshift manpower plans will serve. It is already apparent that the expenditure of munitions is beyond the expectation of the Allied leaders. The expenditure of men may also outrun our calculations. The policy of patching here and patching there, struggling along from year to year, has patently failed. The Government must get to the roots of the problem on a nationwide basis, and it must act now.

Maps For Invasion.

For the last two years the Department of the Director of Military Survey at the War Office has been working on the task of providing the necessary maps for the invasion of Europe. The vastness of the undertaking is illustrated by the fact that, in the final stages, every firm in the country capable of printing a map has been working on the job.

Security is, of course, of paramount importance, for the map is the only mass-produced military article which betrays of itself the very purpose of an operation. In this case, security has been maintained by the splitting up of the huge job into innumerable fragments. Each draughtsman, each printer, has a minute portion assigned to him, and has no knowledge of how his morsel of the jigsaw puzzle fits into the complete plan. He is thus in no position to determine whether or not he is working on a vital zone.

In the case of France, to mention only one theatre, the basis of the maps produced by the Directorate of Survey has been the pre-war survey work of the French Government, which itself was based on the original mapping done under Napoleon. It is unfortunate that France was one of the worst served countries in the world in this respect. During the last two years the Directorate of Military Survey has, in spite of being denied access to the ground, produced more original maps of France than that country itself made since the days of Julius Caesar.

The largest-scale maps produced for the invasion are on the scale of 1,-25,000. These are primarily made for the use of artillery but their value is recognized by many other arms, all of which have demanded supplies. Every one of the 1-25,000 maps has been fully revised with the help of air photographs.

The help given by air photographs is immense, but nothing is further from the truth than the layman's belief that an air photograph represents exactly what appears on the ground and can thus be interpreted without specialized training. To the inexpert, air photographs provide misleading information. The effect of light and shade, for example, is greatly exaggerated in them; and the contrast between freshly ploughed and a stubble field is depicted as far greater than that between low gorse bushes and trees big enough to conceal a tank.

Again, air photography tends to throw into relief differences of scale such as occur when in a domestic snapshot somebody is photographed at full length with boots protruding towards the camera, with the result that his feet appear to be larger than his head. The same distortion, the same difference of scale, is evident in air photography when, for boots and head, the hills and valleys photographed by reconnaissance aircraft are substituted. Nevertheless, it is from experienced and informed scrutiny of air photographs that many of the largest scale maps used for the invasion of Europe have been carefully constructed over a long period.

The work of the Directorate of Military Survey does not include models, which are the responsibility of the Royal Air Force. It is, however, responsible for the production of maps for all United States forces based on or passing through Great Britain, and for all those used by the United States Air Forces as well as by the Royal Air Force.

EDITORIAL NOTES —

The output of warships in Britain up to the end of January 1944 was only very slightly less than that of the last war, and the ships are of much greater complexity today. There is a tremendous increase in detail of equipment.

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One of the German secret weapons that looked menacing a short time ago was the glider bomb. In fact it sank the brand-new Italian battleship "Roma" after the Italian capitulation. It has now been announced that British scientists found the answer to this threat. The nature of the new counter-device is, naturally enough, still secret.

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A Nova Scotian in Toronto named Matthew Janega (aged 20) adopted a strange means, it is alleged, to be discharged from a munition factory in order to return to the Maritimes. He was arrested at the war plant and put under bail of $5,000. He is an experienced machinist, and the police allege he purposely damaged the material in order to be discharged.

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William Butler Yeats, Irish poet, most distinguished representative of modern Irish literary revival, born this date 1865, his writing which includes poetry, drama, and prose are marked by individuality of thought and vision and subtlety and delicacy of expression; his poetry perhaps making the greatest appeal:

"But I, being poor have only my dreams.
I have spread my dreams under your feet;
Tread softly, because you tread on my dreams."

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The index of Canadian farm product prices moved lower in May, closing at 101.7 for the week of the 26th, compared with 103.6 a month earlier, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. Annual product prices dropped 3.2 points to 120.1 as a result of decreases in producers' prices for fresh milk and eggs which outweighed increases for live stock. Lower quotations for fluid milk reflected a reduction in producer subsidies. Field products, off 1.2 points at 90.7, resulted from declines for potatoes and rye.

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A girl the cause of all the trouble in Montreal. Justice Minister St. Laurent said in the Commons that the R.C.M.P., the Quebec Provincial Police and the Montreal Municipal Police were investigating the cause of recent street fights in Montreal and district between "zoot-suiters" and service personnel. Answering Mr. Gordon Graydon, Progressive Conservative House Leader, Mr. St. Laurent said preliminary investigations indicated that the fights were not due to any racial animosities, nor did they have "any political character." It had been found the first of the outbreaks was set off when a sailor took a girl from a civilian.

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The news of the battling it took to get through one of the largest convoys yet sent to Russia is a reminder that, although the U-boat menace has been beaten, it has not been removed. The convoy had to fight its way through swarms of German aircraft and a series of U-boat attacks. Two U-boats were sunk by the aircraft of the Royal Navy's Air Arm, aided by a destroyer. There were also some "probables." Not a single merchant ship was lost, but the operation did cost one British destroyer. It is clear that U-boats won't stay beaten for one moment unless substantial naval and air forces are kept in constant vigilance, and convoys to Russia still need powerful escort.

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In a speech calling for reorganization of Dominion-Provincial financial powers, Premier Stuart S. Garson, K.C., of Manitoba, told delegates to the Canadian Life Insurance Officers' Association in Toronto that "it is utterly hopeless to expect to finance the Dominion's post-war responsibilities out of indirect taxes." He inquired of his large audience whether such an outcome would not mean that after the war the Dominion Government must maintain at something approaching their present level the Federal taxes upon incomes, corporations and inheritances. "Hence," he said, "when the present Dominion-Provincial taxation agreement expires, the provinces will be given back — what? Their constitutional right to impose provincial direct taxation. But what good will this right be to the provinces if they have to reimpose their provincial rates of taxation in these fields on top of Federal taxes at approximately their present level." He said that each Canadian province must have a strong and sound credit in order to discharge provincial post-war responsibility.

Notes By The Way

There will be no beauty pageant this season on Atlantic City's sands. It is perhaps as well. Only her mother now remembers who was Miss America for 1943.—Milwaukee Journal.

In the Battle of Italy the Canadians are covering themselves with great glory, are fighting as their fathers fought at Ypres and Vimy. Than that there cannot be higher commendation. — Ottawa Journal.

While working in the British Post Office telephone department, Albert Edgar Coombs, of Winchester, gained certain information. He told his wife, who told her mother, who told another person. After a hearing in private at Winchester Police Court, Coombs was fined £20 for careless talk.—London Daily Mail.

We notice that the City of San Francisco is going to use women as traffic officers. However, the girls won't pack pistols. Their only weapon will be a miniature or "lady's size" billy. Does that mean they'll only be able to "slug" ladies, or that they'll only be able to deal out a lady-like slug?— Kingston Whig-Standard.

It may be that in a few years we shall have absorbed all the traditions of baseball (now being played by British troops), will rise in a body to stretch ourselves at the "sleepy seventh," and write of the game in language as palpably spirited as it is incomprehensible.—London Times.

Price control regulations extend to the train vendor, and here are the prices he is permitted to charge for his most popular wares: Sandwiches, 15c each; gum, 6c per package; chocolate and candy bars, 9c each; peanuts, 5c and 10c a package; soft drinks, 10c a bottle; milk, plain and chocolate, 10c in a sealed container; ice cream cones, 5c each; apples 5c each; oranges, 10c each.—Consumers' News.

Few poets have shown so gentle and tender a spirit toward the lowlier forms of animal life as did Burns. The mouse whose nest his plowshare overturned, the wounded hare that crossed his path, the song-bird shivering from the Winter's blast, appealed to his great human heart till their world of woe became his own.—"Our Dumb Animals."

According to one's viewpoint, the war has brought a terrible or a glorious shortage of bagpipes in Scotland. Mayor Kenneth Dobie of Dumfries moans: "How can our boys march into Berlin without bagpipes?" How, indeed? The "Ladies from Hell," greatest fighting men in the world, need them to bring out their flaming spirit. And think what terror the skirl o' th' pipes will strike in the heart of the Wagnerian-weaned Nazis! — Detroit Free Press.

This story of a German lieutenant captured by a British officer comes from Italy says London Answers. They talked about the war as they waited for an escort to take the prisoner down the line for interrogation. "Your bombing of Berlin is inexcusable," he complained. "But the Germans bombed London first," pointed out his captor. "Yes," replied the German, "but look how large your bombs are."

The Canadian Churchman tells this one: In an assembly of divines, the witty Archbishop Whateley was once asked to define the difference between the English and the Irish clergy. Replied the Archbishop: "When you are listening to an English preacher, you want to stay awake and he won't let you; when you hear an Irish preacher, you want to sleep, and he won't let you."

The professional soldier has the most thankless calling in the world. In peace he is looked upon as a consumer of public taxes. In war he is apt to be buried three deep by the inrush of amateur soldiers, each intent upon knowledge that takes a lifetime to acquire. You will find him in the honors list upon occasion, but ten to one it will have been the condescension of some amateur soldier placed him there. And yet were it not for the stiffening of professional soldiers each nation would go as a tyro into war. —Victoria Colonist.

We hear a lot of lament about the increase of juvenile delinquency and a lot of suggestions for its cure while all the time we know, if we would admit it, that the real trouble is parental delinquency and that the remedy lies in parents paying more attention to the training of their children and less to their own amusement—yes, less even to what is falsely glorified as "war work."—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

The commandant of an army camp tried to telephone an officer at his home in a near-by community, says The Nation. The officer's phone was on a three-party line, and for half an hour the commandant got nothing but busy signals. Finally, he called the operator and asked if something couldn't be done about it. "After all," he said, "it isn't such a long distance, I could walk there in half an hour." "Okay, Bud," replied the operator, "get walkin'."

Cigarette smokers in Canada reached an all-time high during the first three months of this year when they used up 3,022,000,000 tailor-mades, according to figures published in the Financial Post. This does not include cigarettes sent overseas to the armed forces. The continued climb of sales since the outbreak of war is probably a reflection of several factors. More women are smoking than ever before; there is more money around to buy the gaspers; taut nerves from war tension and overwork probably encourage chain smoking. In any event over three billion cigarettes in three months is quite a bonfire.—Winnipeg Tribune.

General Motors was having difficulty with the final cleaning of tiny holes in the injectors of Diesel motors, says The Wall Street Journal. Pieces of piano wire were shoved into the holes, with unsatisfactory results. Tom Sorrell, a supervisor in the plant, was cleaning his pipe one night when he began to wonder if pipe cleaners would do the bothersome job. He tried them the next day. They worked well, and the company has been using them in a standard manufacturing operation ever since. At first, General Motors had trouble buying pipe cleaners. Tom Sorrell sent his children all over the West Side of Detroit, hunting for the cleaners. Finally, the navy after sending officers to investigate, approved a priority under which the plant bought as many cleaners as it needed.

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Leave Big Ben Alone

(Winnipeg Free Press)

Some misguided people in Britain are raising a fund to repair the crack in Big Ben, the bell which strikes the hours from the tower of Parliament. This is a movement which deserves to fail. Big Ben cracked 86 years ago when he was recast and since then his sound according to the experts, has not been sufficiently musical. They want him to be cast all over again so that it may emerge with a new tone.

The government has set its face sternly against this reform and rightly so. The sound of Big Ben is music in the ears of the Londoner and it has been carried around the world by radio. All through the blitz Big Ben boomed out to the world on every radio to proclaim that London "could take it." Better than any other symbol it seemed to represent the unconquerable spirit of England.

Now Big Ben booms in more cheerful times and will continue to boom through the better days of peace. Big Ben is a veteran of five reigns, two world wars and nothing has disturbed or interrupted him. A successor, even made from the same metal, could never fill his place in the hearts of Englishmen and of free men everywhere. Let him boom on. His cracked voice is better than music. It is the ringing note of freedom.

The General Snatchers Of Crete

(British Information Bureau)

The capture, by British officers raiding Crete, of German General Kreiue, commander of the 22nd Panzer Grenadier Divesion (the 'Sevastopol Division'), is an even more amazing feat than might at first sight appear, because the Napis have made Crete a testing ground for anti-commando defense.

After the successful British Commando attack on Heraklion airfield in Crete on June 13 and 14, 1942, the German Air Ministry issued, on August 2, 1942 a long order analysing the British methods of attack and revolutionising the training of ground personnel. The reason, in the words of this instruction, was that "The Allies" specially trained sabotage troops are too good for our defenses." The instruction specified the Commandos as a new type of soldier, selected preferably from a profession like boxing, and then catalogued the Commando methods used in attacking Crete and other European objectives.

The new British attack methods, the document continued, demand new methods of defense: hence the Germans must imitate Commando methods. Troops and equipment must be specially adapted to night use. Every man must have a Very pistol, rifle and pistol sights must be improved for night firing, sentry posts must remove all shining equipment and improve camouflage, exposed areas must be methodically floodlit at irregular periods, bloodhounds must be used to pursue retreating Commandos and defense areas must be covered with trip wires, acoustic alarms and wires with electric charges attached. The document added that experiments on these lines were being conducted by the German Chief Engineer in Crete.

The German orders went even deeper by scrapping a large part of the previous training, in the hope of making the individual German soldier equal to the British. Thus barrack square drill was from then on restricted to pre-military training of boys from 10 to 17, after which the new recruits were to have intensive fighting training and night movement practice. On entering a combat formationn, the soldier was to be trained as an individual in addition to training as part of a unit. The document devotes particular attention to guards, saying they are no longer merely to report unusual events, but to train as fighting soldiers. They must be trained to stand motionless behind a tree for hours, like hunters, if attacked to jump at the attacker's throat and use British methods of close combat.

For 11 months, the German troops on Crete (as in the rest of Europe) trained, practised and prepared these methods. Then on July 4, 1943, British land forces again raided the very airfields of Crete to which the German instructions had most particularly applied. They destroyed a number of enemy aircraft and withdrew without casualties. For a further 10 months the Germans revised their defense methods.

Then a few weeks ago, British officers landed and carried off the commanding general under their noses.

ONE LETTER SHORT

LONDON — (CP) — Mrs. M. Marks of Montreal, Y.M.C.A. club hostess, interviewed a dejected Canadian who had received an unpleasant cable from his wife. Trans-Atlantic investigation revealed the reason. The wife had received a cable from the husband in which one word was garbled. It read: "Am on leave in London. Having wonderful time. Wish you were her."

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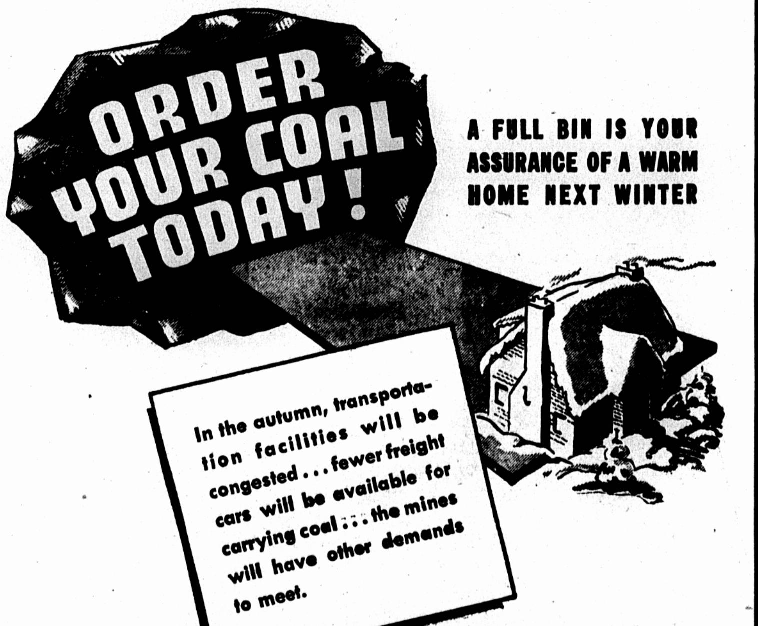

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