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

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Avoid Fear

The mainland Press are evidently playing up the polio scare to our detriment. Do not let fear get control, there is nothing, or next to nothing to be alarmed about. No laboratory proof has been published so far to substantiate preliminary diagnoses.

"Pay careful attention to personal cleanliness such as thorough hand washing before eating," warns The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis in its list of precautions against serious attacks of the disease now threatening many communities in the United States. Scientific authorities agree on one thing about polio—the virus causing the disease is widespread during epidemics. How the virus gets into the body is a point upon which they do not entirely agree, but the bulk of the evidence thus far indicates that one frequent way the organism can enter the body is through the mouth. Dirty hands might readily carry the infecting virus into the body. How widespread this virus may be, has been indicated by many scientists. Some of the early polio fighters knew that the virus of infantile paralysis could be found in the bowel eliminations of many patients. What they did not know was how long the virus could be excreted from the human body and whether there might be chronic carriers of the disease similar to "Typhoid Mary" who innocently spread typhoid to hundreds of victims.

Our Situation—What Hope?

Today, as never before, there is a universal attempt to escape from a world of reality. This may be a common tendency after years of strife, but no excuse or explanation will "white-wash" the bald facts of history now being written.

Internationally the picture is a "snafu." For this we might blame the diplomats and politicians, but they are merely carrying out orders and instructions of their respective governments, and governments are the people. To remain in power a government, at home, must sound out the public always with an eye to vote-catching. Internationally it trains its sights on holding or extending its prestige. To do both calls for considerable political jockeying.

This being an age of escapism, with no real anchor of public opinion upon which those invested with authority can rely with any certainty, compromises rather than decisions are the order of the day, and these often reached with hesitancy.

Canada should be, today, facing a period of industrial expansion and her young manhood, especially those returned from the services, should be finding the security they were so lavishly led to expect. Instead, the industrial picture is a jigsaw puzzle with strikes crippling many plants and causing bottlenecks in others.

It is no secret that in the last war Britain had to disperse her industries throughout the country. How much more will this be necessary in the future? Canada is the logical country to draw British capital, but what business man or organization is going to gamble on the uncertainty of an uncertain people.

Possibly our neighbour to the South, while openly sympathetic in our industrial plight, may be secretly congratulating herself that she will not face any great competition from Canadian industry for years to come? The threat of Britain establishing and financing post-war industries here has suffered at least a temporary setback.

Our returned men, it is true, have justly enjoyed benefits never before accorded their like, but these are being nullified by a confused labor picture which directly or indirectly affects their rehabilitation. They want a stake in their country, and a feeling that they are wanted. Not merely Government handouts.

The situation is becoming intolerable. Capital and labour must quickly settle their differences if confidence in the future of the country is to be restored. From Parliament should come inspired leadership, understanding and vision. From the public, an awakening back to a world of reality.

Mistaken Identity

Says the Winnipeg Free Press: "Of all the immigrants who have steamed across Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific the lobster has been the least successful. He has never been able to establish himself in a Pacific home but he is going to try again. Lobsters from the fertile sea shelf of the New Brunswick shore have been moved out to British Columbia and turned adrift to fend for themselves. British Columbians welcome them, hoping that some day they, like the fortunate Maritimers, will be able to eat all the broiled lobsters they please. But the St. John Telegraph-Journal has doubts about it. The waters of the Pacific, it says, are too warm for lobsters and will persuade them, in the language of the Maritime fishermen, to take off their overcoats. In warm water, it seems, this misbegotten creature drops his shell and, without its

marine armor plate, is quickly gobbled up by his enemies. This, the Telegraph-Journal fears, is what will happen to the New Brunswick lobsters when they find themselves in the Pacific. You would think, to read this paper, that the Pacific was of a pea-soup temperature when, in fact, it is so cold that British Columbians seldom bathe in it, except on sun-warmed beaches. Perhaps the first immigrants from New Brunswick perished because they abandoned their armor but there may be other causes not yet understood. It is to be hoped that they will not prove fatal to the new experiment but it is permitted to suspect that the Telegraph-Journal has a secret feeling that lobsters belong in New Brunswick, that other regions are really not good enough for them. If this seems an excess of local pride, nature may confirm it."

How true are the words of the poet, that "When all its work is done, the fly shall rot; The truth is great, and shall prevail. When none cares whether it prevail or not."

The truth in this case is that the lobsters above referred to never saw New Brunswick until they were shipped from Prince Edward Island to Saint John to be packed and flown to the Pacific Coast. Some smart-aleck broadcast the misinformation that they were New Brunswick lobsters, and it was swallowed hook, line and sinker by newspaper commentators across Canada; though goodness knows every Maritimer is aware that the Island and not New Brunswick is the home of prime lobsters, just as it is the home of prime oysters, silver foxes and seed potatoes.

Like all Islanders our lobsters are virile fellows and if they take off their coats in the Pacific it will be because they are in fighting mood over being continually mis-called New Brunswickers. In that case other denizens of British Columbia coastal waters had better beware. Our Saint John contemporary's professed solicitude for their safety in such circumstance is too ridiculous for words.

First Things First?

Reconstruction Minister Howe held up authorization of construction of badly-needed apartment houses for our Charlottetown war veterans and their families, alleged reason being that the need was not sufficiently urgent. There are already 200 applicants but apparently that doesn't constitute urgency in Mr. Howe's mind. But note this question and answer from Hansard report of the House of Commons proceedings, Aug. 28:

Q.—What is the total value of construction permits which have been issued to breweries and distilleries in Canada since V-E Day? A.—\$2,779,759 (construction).

EDITORIAL NOTES

Following the custom of several of their immediate predecessors, the Governor-General and Lady Alexander will reside in their special saloon car when visiting the Province. They have done likewise elsewhere across Canada.

It is encouraging to find that in July our fisheries showed a substantial increase both in quantity and in price compared with the corresponding month last year, viz: 4,773,800 pounds, \$138,036; against 3,707,380 pounds, \$132,771.

According to The Letter-Review, the Parliament just adjourned may never reassemble. A general election in Canada is not yet certain, but there are some signs that it may take place before the end of this year.

Field Marshal Sir Henry Maitland Wilson, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., etc., Prime Minister Attlee's personal representative to the President of U. S. A. on Military matters, born this date 1881; had a distinguished military career; general officer commanding 10th Army, Iraq and Persia, 1942-3; Commander-in-Chief, Middle East 43-44; Supreme Allied Commander Mediterranean Theatre 44; head of the British Joint Staff Mission to Washington, 1944-6.

Mr. John Probe (CCF-Regina) told the Government it was "preposterous" that Canada had no highway system that would permit a complete east-west crossing. Mr. Probe recalled departmental answers to his queries in which it had been said that 1,997 miles of the Trans-Canada Highway had been completed and hard surfaced. But he had been told that the specific route had not been chosen finally and no definite standards of surfacing had been laid down. Some of it was "much below modern standards" and "will have to be rebuilt." It was "preposterous" for Canada to consider herself a "middle class power" when it was not possible for her people to cross her soil from east to west without entering another country. The Government should take a lead in eliminating this situation. The "enormously lucrative" tourist traffic would benefit.

Was any recovery of over-payments in war contracts obtained by the Mackenzie King Government? Members of the Senate War Expenditures Investigation Committee, Washington, would seem to have a lifetime job ahead of them if they follow up all the leads which some authorities declare point to needless squandering of "untold billions" on war contracts. So far the committee's one big effort has been in connection with the so-called "paper" munitions empire of the Garsson family but when this had reached its juiciest stage the committee passed the whole works over to the Department of Justice. Now the controller general of the Treasury, Mr. Lindsay C. Warren, has told the committee that while his office was able to recover \$200,000,000 from overpaid war contractors, that was only a drop in the bucket of such overpayments. During the turbulent early phases of the war, there was little thought of how much it cost to get the means necessary to salvation, and war contractors evidently took full advantage of the opportunity.

Notes By The Way

A move is on foot to abolish gambling in Nevada, and if it is successful, it will not be made to have the Eskimos stop wearing fur coats. —Boston Globe.

You'd never recognize them now, but we remember when Supply was the big fellow in the old-time economic depression and Demand. —Winnipeg Tribune.

Russia wants peace, but she wants a peace dictated and controlled by Russia. She is now told she cannot have it that way. This irrevocable decision by the democracies is the gain to be found in the Paris disarrangements, and may lead the way to a workable peace, though not the bright, unwarped peace all hoped for. —Vancouver Province.

A judge decided that just because she tried on hats for seven hours straight, a woman wasn't necessarily insane. A columnist suggests that maybe he didn't see the hats. This is the same line as these simple insanity charges: added evidence often messes them up, as in the case of the woman who had hysterics because she wore a Kingstons Wing-Standard. Assured by a psychiatrist that this was definitely not a sign of insanity, she warmly invited him to call, as she had seven trunks packed full of them.

The Free Press believes, with the Senate Tourist Committee that "a broadly planned tourist traffic policy has almost unlimited possibilities" and that Federal aid should be made available to an industry which holds such obvious possibilities. If the economy of this North American continent can be stabilized before next summer, if more accommodation can be set up on this side, if we narrowly avoid the Kingstons Wing-Standard, and if before a larger number of prospective travellers, our tourist trade in 1947 should prove to be profitable. —London Free Press.

What may prove a serious barrier to the success of the Saskatchewan Hospital plan is the present shortage of hospital accommodation in the province. Practically every hospital in Saskatchewan is filled beyond its normal capacity now. Many hospitals are obliged to refuse admission to less serious cases seeking accommodation in order to conserve space for persons with more serious illnesses. This is happening at a time when everyone who goes to a hospital expects to pay the full cost out of his own pocket. One can only imagine what will happen when every individual in the province, by paying his share in the right to a hospital bed in time of illness. —Saskatoon Star-Phoenix.

Endless other shortages, too obvious to require mention, have stemmed from the short supply of steel. The steel industry is unable to supply the demand for production purposes, says the Salt Sts. Marie Star. But the statement that you can't get peanuts in the United States is likely to be greeted with either blank amazement or derision, and the claim is short of the fact because of shortage of soda ash, which in turn is said to be in short supply because it is a by-product of the steel industry.

In a world intellectually deep in the process of a mental disintegration, jet-propelled transportation, and other cosmic-shaking pursuits, it is reassuring and refreshing to find that there are still a few people around who are content to make less spectacular contributions to society. A public-minded citizen in the United States has invented a silent paper-bag for the popcorn, peanuts and candy that are sold in the like manner in theatres. —Regina Leader-Post.

Many people were able to see for themselves how striking is the resemblance that Field-Marshal Viscount Montgomery, a official double agent of the United States, and Field-Marshal was at Gibraltar. Before the war, Lt. Clifton James was on the staff, and he gave an account of the Field-Marshal's voice, which impressed listeners who had heard that voice earlier in the day at the time of the Normandy invasion. He went about there in the hope that he would see the report that Field-Marshal was at Gibraltar. The Field-Marshal was at Gibraltar. Before the war, Lt. Clifton James was on the staff, and he gave an account of the Field-Marshal's voice, which impressed listeners who had heard that voice earlier in the day at the time of the Normandy invasion. He went about there in the hope that he would see the report that Field-Marshal was at Gibraltar.

As if the Palestine question was not serious enough and complicated enough in its own right, it has now become tied up with a political contest in the United States, and as a result there is now hardly the barest possibility of solving the problem of its own right. When the League of Nations took up the question of mandates early in its period of existence, it was suggested that the mandate for Palestine should be given to the United States. But the great American republic was then in the full tide of isolationism, and would have nothing to do with obligations outside its own four borders. So Great Britain added the Palestine to her other job and did her best with it. —Vancouver

Some of London's grim scars of war—areas where German bombs turned whole rows of houses into a mass of tangled debris—have been cleared and transformed into open-air playgrounds where small children, especially in crowded districts, play safely and happily under supervision of trained mothercraft nurses, says The Fort William Times-Journal. Mothers working a 30-hour week leave their youngsters at a charge of 20 cents a day. The children play from early morning until sunset to their hearts' content with swings, seesaws, rocking horses and rag dolls—still not easy to get in postwar Britain. Those under two years are given a complete change of clothing every day in return for one clothing coupon from their allowance. The daily three meals consist of breakfast (which includes free orange juice) and a cooked dinner and tea.

At home and abroad Americans face a real challenge to prove that their free system offers more of the good that mankind is seeking than does the Russian. We know it does, but we have both in spiritual and material satisfaction, more in equality of opportunity, in

Age Cannot Wither

(The Times London) Du Maurier once drew a picture, a companion to the Vikings of the Vikings of Whitley. Never can there have been one more worthy to figure in it than Mrs. Griffin, aged seventy-one and a grandmother who lately stroked a four-colored pig in a mile race at fifty years old and came in second, rivaling the feat of Mrs. Nettleton, who at the age of seventy-two gained third place in the woman's archery championship at Stockholm.

Fifty years before, Mrs. Griffin had rowed in the first regatta, so that to a general jubilee she added an individual one of 'brightest lustre. Her name may almost come to be remembered with that of the immortal Guy Nickalls, who in 1908, having been born in 1867, rowed in the Loander event that beat the Belgians at the Olympic regatta. It would seem that those who are past the first flush of youth are pre-eminently fitted for endurance if no longer for speed. In the Marathon race at the recent championship meeting the two men who fought out a desperate finish were each over forty and a fifty-year-old was fifth. No veteran capable of such feats can be said to have surrendered to age, and Mrs. Griffin may be moved to take an oval next year; but if this is to be her last race, it has truly been a sun-down splendid and serene.

All things must come to an end, and it is always as well to make it a good one. When W. C. Crane was 58, forty-one years after he had first played for the Gentlemen, he was asked to play for them yet once again at the Oval. He made seventy-four runs, which would doubtless have been many more could he have run them, and then threw his bat down on the table in the pavilion, tired but happy, and said, "I shan't play any more." He had sensed beforehand the chance of a great exit and triumphantly made it. And so at 71 these must come, even to those of the most indomitably youthful spirit, the going is still good.

There are those who act literally on this traditional piece of idyl-



The Poet's Corner

FOREST MOODS

There is singing of birds in the deep wet woods. In the heart of the listening solitudes. Peewees, and thrushes, and sparrows, not few, and notes of their throats are true.

The thrush from the innermost ash takes on A tender dream of the treasured and gone. But she sings with pride and cheer. Of the might and light of the present and here.

There is shining of flowers in the deep wet woods. In the heart of the sensitive solitudes. The roseate bell and the lily are there. And every leaf of their sheaf is fair.

Careless and bold, without dream of woe. The trilliums scatter their flags of snow; But the pale wood-daffodil covers her face. Agloom with the doom of a sorrowful race.

—Archibald Lampman, (1861-99), Montreal Gazette.

freedom for the individual to develop fully. But the better the pudding the clearer the proof. America is not making too rappy a showing today in places like Germany where a direct comparison is made, but parts of Europe that have been occupied by Russia are also disillusioned. There is still hope that people who have a choice will favor free ways. —Christian Science Monitor.

It seems it is becoming increasingly difficult for a large segment of the population to face up to reality, because the motives and more to underlying the basic desire for security. This state of affairs, according to the probes of the mind, has only been hastened by the terrible anxiety of war and the uncertainty of the subsequent period of "no war" in which we now live. Its origin dates back to the gradual deterioration of traditional standards which began prior to the First Great War. A few psychiatrists have suggested possible solutions. Dr. Bruce Childs, for instance, believes that strengthening the mind of a child to the point of being able to prepare him for the mental strains and shocks of adult life. Ability to face truth and accept it courageously can hardly be taught, however, in so complex a world. There must, in addition, be a rediscovery of faith, the strong and abiding faith which fertilizes our forefathers. This presents a great challenge to the church. —Galt Reporter.

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vice and vanish into private life when their power and their fame are alike at their height. Others, more careless of reputation and unable to tear themselves from the scene of so many pleasures are content to take an even lower place and go on numbly and happily. They seek nothing of that sort. Many more than Mrs. Griffin's grandchildren will rise up and call her blessed.

A Special General Meeting

of the CANADIAN FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE will be held in THE LEGION HALL, CHARLOTTETOWN on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th

This important Agricultural Conference will consist of three sessions, the first to open at 10 A.M. Daylight Saving Time. This will be the first time the Canadian Federation of Agriculture has held a meeting in the Maritime Provinces and it is of the utmost importance that every farm organization and farmers generally be represented at this gathering.

The Conference will be addressed by the three Maritime Ministers of Agriculture, the Hon. A. C. Taylor of Fredericton, the Hon. A. W. Mackenzie of Halifax, and the Hon. W. F. A. Stewart of Charlottetown who will outline agricultural problems in their respective provinces. Other outstanding leaders in Canadian Agriculture from various parts of Canada will also address the gathering. Maritime problems will receive particular attention. Ample time will be provided for general discussion on important problems introduced by the Ministers of Agriculture and outlined in the agenda. This event provides an excellent opportunity of bringing to the attention of the Canadian Directors who will attend from every province in the Dominion the serious problems affecting Maritime farms.

Farmers in this Province are urged to attend these sessions and assist in presenting a clear cut picture of our problems to the Directors of this great Canadian organization. P. E. I. FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE R. A. PROFITT, President W. R. SHAW, Secretary

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