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

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Penalizing Queen's County

Waiting, presumably, for the appointment of Hon. B. W. LePage to the Lieutenant Governorship, the Campbell Government delayed reorganizing since the provincial election until yesterday, when the Premier announced the new Cabinet lineup. Replacing Hon. Messrs. LePage, Allen and Prowse are three new members without portfolio, namely, Messrs. Horace Wright, Donald MacKinnon, and H. H. Cox. This gives the new Cabinet setup by Counties as follows: Prince County: Premier Campbell, Hon. W. H. Dennis, Hon. Marin Gallant, Hon. Horace Wright. Queen's County: Hon. M. R. McGuigan, Hon. Donald MacKinnon. King's County: Hon. J. P. McIntyre, Hon. J. A. Campbell, Hon. H. H. Cox.

It will be noted, in the first place, that Queen's County, with the largest population, has only two Cabinet members as against three for King's and four for Prince. This reverses the rule of representation in the House of Commons, under which Queen's County holds two seats as against one seat each by Prince and King's Counties.

This rank discrimination against Queen's County reveals the partisan attitude of the new Campbell Government. It is an ominous beginning, and is particularly objectionable in view of the fact that this Province, like the rest of Canada, is now at war and every effort of the Government should be directed to giving non-partisan administration.

It will be noted also that both Liberal members of the St. Peter's district, Hon. J. P. McIntyre and Hon. H. H. Cox, have not only cabinet seats but additional emoluments. Mr. McIntyre holds his former portfolio of Public Works and Highways while Mr. Cox, without portfolio, is appointed to the Treasury Board as well as to the boards of Falconwood and Education, while he also falls heir to Mr. LePage's salaried job as chairman of the Fishermen's Loan Board.

Contrast the plums that have fallen to this one district in King's County with the niggardly treatment given the whole of Queen's by the Campbell Government! To describe the new regime in terms of modern world politics, one would say that it is dominated by the Campbell-McIntyre "axis". The capital County of the Province, which showed too much independence at the polls to suit these provincial dictators, has been penalized, in violation of every principle of democracy, for the defense of which our gallant soldiers are now being recruited. And we looked in vain for one word of protest against this glaring discrimination in the columns of our local contemporary!

Red Cross Meeting

By direction of the National Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society, the Prince Edward Island Division is taking measures to obtain the co-operation of leading citizens throughout the province in the formation of Committees to carry out the many duties devolving upon the Red Cross while the country is at war. To this end a meeting has been called to be held in the City Hall, Charlottetown, on Monday, Sept. 18, at 8:00 p. m. At this meeting the representatives of this Division attending a session of the National Council of the Society to be held at Ottawa on the 12th instant, will report the recommendations of the Council; decisions will be made as to the general lines of activity to be entered upon here; and the necessary Committees will be appointed.

The Red Cross has now for many years been preoccupied with its peace-time programme; but while it is hoped to prosecute this work without interruption it must be remembered that the original purpose of the Society was to mitigate as far as possible the suffering caused by war, and when war breaks out the Red Cross is called upon to put forth every possible effort and concentrate the force of its great organization on war work.

All persons and organizations willing to give their counsel and advice or assist in organizing the work are urged to attend the meeting on the 18th instant. Clergymen and officers of associations are specially requested to attend and give the matter publicity and use their influence to secure the attendance of others so that the meeting may be as representative as possible.

The Italian Pendulum

A writer in the New York Times suggests that one of the first major casualties of the war may prove to be the Rome-Berlin Axis. Secret negotiations between Italian and British diplomats during the past few days lend support to this surmise. Much may depend on whether Italy, the pendulum of Europe, swings east or west. This is true even were Mussolini able for a time to maintain the neutrality the Italian people desire. In Italy's geographic and political position it would have to be a benevolent neutrality toward one side or the other, and that would inevitably involve participation in the conflict.

Undoubtedly Britain and France are working

hard to influence the decision. Rome has become the diplomatic battlefield. For the question involved is not merely the guarding of the French-Italian frontier or the opening of a path via Italy for the Franco-British Armies to push into Germany. It is not merely a question of the Pyrenees frontier, although the attitude of Nationalist Spain will be affected by Italy's. The position of all the countries in the Balkan peninsula, the alignment and character of the naval war, in the Atlantic as well as in the Mediterranean, are bound up with the Italian decision.

It would be Mussolini's choice, no doubt, to hold the balance in suspense and keep Europe guessing. If he were free of all entanglements it would appeal to the astute pupil of Machiavelli to exploit this enviable position to the limit. But he is not free. His tie-up with Germany forces him either to denounce the Axis or to support Hitler. If some secret condition in the agreement does not release him, the Nazi-Soviet pact supplies him with an "out" if he wants one. He is bolstered up by a Mediterranean agreement with Great Britain more explicit than the pledge not to go to war with England which bound Italy in 1914. There is good reason to believe, moreover, that France, which gave more to get the support of Turkey than Italy asked in Tunis, the Suez and Djibuti, is no longer averse to a "reasonable settlement" of Italian claims.

It would not be fantastic, says the Times writer, to imagine that Italy used the Axis as a lever to pivot herself into the present position in respect to her old allies. Supposing that Italian interests, like those of every power in Europe, drive her to oppose the expansion of Germany, why would she not manoeuvre herself into a place where she could throw her weight on her own side on better terms than in 1914? The answer to this vital question, which holds up the action of London and Paris, and may make all the difference in the future course of Berlin, will soon be forthcoming. So will the answer to the puzzle of Russia's military movements. The fronts are not yet formed, and until they are, the decisions of the so-called neutrals are almost more important than the moves of the belligerents.

EDITORIAL NOTES

First balloon ascent in England this date, 1784.

The population of Great Britain today is 5 per cent greater than it was twenty-years ago, but the students in high schools and universities have more than doubled.

This week the gallant Black Watch Regiment, and plucky Signal Corps, left our Island on the first lap of their heroic war service. Here's to a speedy and safe return!

Unless we have an independent Patriotic Society, as in the last war, fighting for our military rights and interests as a province, we are likely to be treated at Ottawa as though we were merely a backwood settlement.

It's just a year ago since Adolf Hitler said it at Nuremberg: "I trust that no mother will ever have cause to weep in consequence of any action of mine."

Mexico has cancelled a \$20,000,000 oil deal with Mr. W. R. Davis, New York, who had been shipping 75 per cent of it to Germany, which sent merchandise to Mexico in exchange. Mexico's under-secretary for Foreign Affairs says his government will now sell oil and other products to belligerents "which deserve our sympathy"—Britain and France presumably, who soon will have the European monopoly of the seas.

Over 1,000 Canadians in England have applied at the High Commissioner's office, London, for enlistment in a Canadian Expeditionary Force. Applications come from originals of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. One joined up August 7, 1914. Indeed, the whole tenor of these present applications is reminiscent of the raising in Canada of that famous regiment in the early weeks of the last war, when hardly a private was accepted who had not held at least non-commissioned rank in the Empire's previous wars. They clamored to go overseas immediately and they went to achieve imperishable renown.

Mr. Ben Gitlow, general secretary of the U.S. Communist party from 1922 to 1929, testified before the Congress committee investigating un-American activities that the party received \$100,000 to \$150,000 a year from the Communist International in Moscow during that period. Although he had no first-hand information as to whether the payments have continued since, Mr. Gitlow declared that the party set up and activities convinced him that the subsidies were still being paid. Mr. Rhea Whiteley, committee counsel, said later witnesses would present evidence to this effect.

Patrons of a night club in traditionally dry Kansas were pictured recently in a civil damage suit as "cavorting cavemen", "pre-historic playboys" and "circus clowns." The description was given by an awning manufacturer in answering a suit resulting from collapse of a canopy at a Wichita night club. The defendant asserted the canopy was constructed "in good and workmanlike manner" suitable for "a place of decorous and decent amusement" and had been weakened by customers of the club who climbed and swung on its framework. "On the night the club opened," his answer said, "more than twenty cases of whiskey were sold and consumed on the said premise." The results produced on the customers indicated this was not singing or vocal whiskey, neither was it wildcat nor fighting whiskey, but by the actions of the customers was proven to be squirrel whiskey. The canopy was built to withstand the ordinary wear and tear of civilized occupancy but not to meet the stress and strain of cavorting cavemen, circus clowns and colossal celebrations of pre-historic playboys. The awning maker pointed out officers had raided the club and arrested its operator.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Man near Meaford has a team of horses and four combined age of ten years, which he has been using for some time. They were allowed to sit on the porch for a while in the afternoon.—Peterborough Examiner.

Although all of Europe is now ablaze it is still possible to pick up a copy of the New York Commercial newspaper, the Daily Worker, and read that the Nazi-Soviet non-aggression pact "is a might weapon in the struggle for peace."—New York World-Telegram.

The pedestrian, according to a Chicago court ruling, has the right of way when the red light is against him. Oh, well, that'll give the poor sap something to mumble about while they're cutting off his clock and getting the anaesthetic ready.—Windsor Star.

An agitated housewife who had caused a tremendous variety of stores in a vain effort to purchase tiny American flags for a patriotic party called the Oregonian. "They haven't any," she reported indignantly. "They say that the little American flags are made only in Japan is that true?" An investigation into that it was true.—Portland Oregonian.

One of the most cheerful items reaching the Tribune recently was a publicity letter from Berlin inviting us to the Olympic ski contests at Garmisch-Partenkirchen on February 7. The envelope carried the slogan "Travel in Happy Germany." We mean to, some day—to Berlin.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Out of the British White Paper emerges the picture of a jittery, unsteady, unprepared, and not as extreme as his lack of any sense of responsibility. Mr. Hitler's interchanges with the British Government show that the British must have his way without interference, and that unless he has his way at once he will bring down the curtain on the process. It is doubtful if ever before the head of a great nation has taken on himself so frankly the responsibility of starting a war.—New York Herald Tribune.

War brings with it its infamies and degradations, and our earnest prayer as a people must be that Canada's record will not be marred by senseless and senseless wars innocent people. Let there be no witch-hunting and persecution of any of us who bear no responsibility for the war. Let not the sins of one mad man be visited upon the children of German Canadians into the third and fourth generations. Their records justify it because they could not be trusted to refrain from trying to do the work of their fathers. Let us try. The Government will attend to this, but it is to be assumed that the authorities will show moderation.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The Master of the Gardiner's Company has sent the Lord Mayor a basket of mulberries picked from the tree growing in the garden of the company's hall in Basingstall street. The tree is of some age, and was probably planted just after the city was rebuilt. In the same garden, a small but beautifully laid-out garden, are a fig tree and a grape vine. The fig tree is invariably prolific in foliage but seldom bears fruit. The grape vine occasionally does so. The oldest mulberry tree in the city is in the garden of the De La Roche Company, which was founded in 1686, and was flourishing many years before that disastrous period in the city's history.—London Times.

The family album is back—but not on the parlor table. It will be a fashionable feminine near the coming season. It will hang suspended from slim waistlines—behind and before. Not, of course, the old-fashioned album, but the pictures of Grandfather Brown when he was the responsible head of the house, and of Rover who always had his head when he was on the ground in the gate, and of the bewhiskered ball team whose redoubtable first-baseman was Uncle Rod. The family album is now being turned apart and distributed throughout the Woman of Tomorrow's wardrobe a bustle here, a muff there, and hats that were called (or were news) amazing. One wonders, of course, what the 1940 rumble-seat girl will do with her 1930-style affairs. The rumble-seat is extraordinary fecundity of the south as compared with the rest of the country. The birth rate in the southern states is far above that of any other section. That is not, contrary to a widespread impression, characteristic of the southern negro only, but of all southerners. In at least four southern states—Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee and Texas—not only is the birth rate above the national average, but the death rate is below it. The answer? Obviously, that, just as the star may extend to the southern states, so may take the country, and there seems to be nothing that can be done about it.—Baltimore Sun.

Shocked or not by Soviet trickery and Nazi bribery, Whitehall has replied to the latest turn in European events by asserting firm adherence to the only course honor dictates. While expressing belief that a war can be averted, and offering assistance to reason, Parliament is summoned to pass emergency measures for implementing the pledge to threaten Poland. An amicable solution has been made more remote by Moscow's

Bombs Over England No Longer A Terror

(By J. V. McArae, in the Globe and Mail) Germany has made her first air raid on England, and it ended in failure. It had been expected before the war that immediately after declaration was made bombs would be dropping on London. When they did not drop the idea was that Germany was either too weak or that her strategy determined that she would injure Britain as little as possible, so that she might more safely propose a peace after Poland had been overrun. But there is another idea and a cheering one. It is that British protection against aerial raids is now close to perfection. It was the lack of this protection that spelled out the word M-U-N-I-C-H last fall. A year ago air manoeuvres made glaringly manifest the weaknesses of this arm of defense. Those held within a month showed its strength. In a series of tremendous manoeuvres have been made, and these, perhaps more than anything else, have explained the quiet confidence with which the British people, and especially the Londoners, accepted the issue of war and awaited the onset. As Nigel Tangye said in the House of Commons, "The degree of pessimism that impeded our efforts twelve months ago has given way to a stimulus provided by the assured ultimate defeat of heavy raids, and this encourages us to perfect our weapons of defense so that the enemy's raiding power is smashed at the earliest possible stage of the war."

Costly Raiding This is not to say that there will not be raids and that heavy damage will not be done. But it will be done at a disproportionate cost to the enemy. It is calculated that German resources are such that they could, assuming weak opposition, maintain raids on Great Britain at the rate of 200 machines a day. But the latest peacetime air manoeuvres showed that the British could count on disabling 10 per cent of the raiders. Even if this reasonable estimate should be halved it would mean that the raiding forces would have to be renewed entirely at the end of three weeks. It would mean that an officer's mess of twenty pilots would be reduced to ten in the same number of days. Such a casualty list would undermine the stoutest morale in a short time, and the casualty list might well be greater. Nor is there any reason to suppose that German morale will be high after a few air raids. The German airman has been arrogant enough in the past few years, believing themselves to be invincible, and their equipment superior to that of any possible enemies.

Morale Not Stout Substantial opposition will dissipate this feeling more quickly than if it had been more moderate. To illustrate what is likely to happen to German morale, the story is told by an eyewitness of the limping Italian bomber which was shot down after it had been hit by two bombs from a Spanish loyalist plane. Six men had been killed, but the attitude of the crew was as if they had just survived a major engagement. This is not to underestimate their bravery, but merely to show that they were not invulnerable. Their attitude is that expressed in the historic exclamation of indignation and horror "Good heavens, they're firing on the Guards!" The state of British searchlight batteries some time before the war was mentioned as a weak link in a powerful chain, but we may take it for granted that this weakness has been repaired. Once a light has spotted a plane and can hold it, the fighting plane can almost certainly be brought down by the eight machine guns with which the defending plane is equipped.

Little Precision Bombing But even if this weakness persisted, this encouraging enemy planes to attack in the dark, they would be undertaking a thankless task, for they would in most cases be reduced to indiscriminate bombing, as it is rarely possible to do precision bombing at night. They might at the beginning of the war be willing to waste thousands of gallons of gas and hundreds of tons of bombs on the chance of a lucky hit, but they could not afford to keep it up. The cost of modern war is so vast that wasteful offensive effort cannot be countenanced.

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Gone are the days when a heart murmur alarms the physician and in most cases the patient also. Yet, during the early part of the Great War recruits with a heart murmur were rejected, as were also those who did not have "perfect" vision in both eyes. A heart with a slight leak and eyesight that can observe features or colors at a reasonable distance give no cause for concern. However, now that heart disease in the heart region does cause alarm and not without reason as angina pectoris and coronary thrombosis both cause pain at or near the heart region. That there are many false alarms in heart disease was reported some weeks ago in *Health*, the health magazine, by Dr. Ernst P. Boas, New York. Dr. Boas states that in many instances heart conditions as in heart murmurs and pain in heart region, dreaded symptoms of heart disease, may mean very little to one's health. In other words, other organs than the heart are responsible. And even when there is so serious as many persons suppose. The so-called heart murmur may be a true heart murmur due to a leaking valve or it may not arise in the heart at all. "If the murmur is not due to organic heart disease it is a factor of less importance in his life than whether his hair is dark or blonde, whether he is tall or short." Even if due to a leaking valve, if the heart muscle is doing its work, the murmur is not important. What about heart pains? Dr. Boas points out that while pain in heart region may mean true heart disease, many disorders of the chest may cause pain. "Often the discovery that the pain has nothing to do with the heart is often enough to make it disappear."

I remember a case where the patient insisted on having three physicians in attendance at one time because of her heart disease, whereas, the cause of the severe pain was neuralgia and myalgia (pain in nerves and muscles of the chest) in heart region. Neuralgia of nerves going to the heart can also cause pain over the heart and also can gas pressure from stomach and intestine.

tenanced. Precision bombing will be far more difficult than ever it was because of the highly ingenious methods devised to camouflage military objectives and airbases. The malignant English weather will also have an opportunity of doing its bit and justifying its existence. When it is bad it will confront the attackers with almost insuperable difficulties unless they are content merely to dump a cargo of bombs overboard and turn for home. Because of the balloon barrage they will not be able to drop below the clouds. How high this barrage will be floated in wartime is a closed secret, but the Spectator writer, speaking as a result of considerable professional experience as a flier, says that nothing would induce him to fly on any occasion at

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