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The Strongest Memory is Weaker than the Weakest Ink.

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German-Soviet Pact

The significance of yesterday's unexpected news, of the making of a German-Soviet non-aggression pact, is difficult to determine. It is accompanied by the official announcement from Moscow that the agreement would not exclude negotiations, now nearing completion, of a mutual assistance pact with Great Britain and France.

If this correctly defines the limitation of the pact, its application to the Danzig situation will depend on how the Soviet leaders choose to interpret the actions of Germany. Hitler has demanded that Poland be returned to the Reich and that Poland grant to Germany a permanent corridor across the Polish Corridor. Colonel Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, has pointed out that in February, 1938, Hitler had declared his satisfaction with the situation in Danzig and that it was only after Munich that he had begun to make new demands.

Chiefly, one suspects, the Nazi agreement reached with Russia is for window-dressing purposes; a part of the "war on nerves" which is being waged on Poland, and which was successful recently in bringing Hungary into line. The price paid for the Soviet pact is not mentioned in the despatches, but it must have been substantial. Russia still retains her bargaining position with the "Peace Bloc" nations so far as negotiations for mutual assistance against aggression is concerned.

Power Of Empire

A remarkable commentary on the power of the British Empire was packed into a summary provided by a special writer in the New York Times recently. If it is largely statistical, it gains rather than loses by that fact: "The present King of England," this writer points out, "sees the British flag flying over fifteen per cent more of the earth's surface than did his father on his accession in 1910. British investments overseas total nearly \$18,000,000,000. Britain owns more than one-quarter of the world's shipping. She has 36,000 miles of vital sea communication, and every day sees British ships and cargoes afloat east of Suez of a value of more than \$500,000,000. Sixty million tons of raw materials and food come over the ocean to her ports annually. Of all her necessities of all sorts, 40 per cent is imported. She controls 20 per cent of the world's oil production at its sources. The seas constitute 80 per cent of the boundaries of the British Empire, which is tied together by 175,000 miles of British-owned cables. To defend the Empire the Admiralty gets what it wants. The Briton says: 'Get on with it!' What Britain is doing may mean peace for Europe."

No Resentment

It is nice to be assured, on Mr. Mackenzie King's own authority, that he "doesn't cherish resentment." He was warned against that by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and at the Toronto banquet he told his hearers it was a lesson he never forgot.

Mr. King's listeners were expecting to be told when the election was coming off. Many of them no doubt were expecting to hear a ringing affirmation of Canada's loyalty to the cause. Great Britain is standing for in this time of crisis for democracy. But Mr. King was in a reminiscent mood. Election dates did not matter. Unemployment did not matter. Canada's part in war did not matter. Nothing mattered but that the world should know that he did not cherish resentment. That was the striking fact that emerged from the Prime Minister's hour-long speech.

This, says the Toronto Telegram, must have provoked smiles from those who remembered the period when Mr. Bennett was in office. For those four years Mr. King forgot the teaching of Sir Wilfrid; throughout those four years he was filled with resentment. He showed it in every parliamentary session, in every debate. It was a bitter personal feeling, almost amounting to hatred of the Prime Minister. Others re-

membered his "Not a Five-Cent Piece" speech. There was no bigness of heart in that. And, speaking of bigness of heart, there was a recent occasion when it might have been shown. When Their Majesties arrived at Quebec there were several Conservative Privy Councillors present, men like Sir Thomas White, Dr. Manion, R. C. Matthews, Sir Henry Drayton and Howard Ferguson. They were at first not invited to meet the King and Queen on landing. Then invitations were sent by mail, arriving too late. They had been opponents of Premier King and were therefore deprived of the honor due to them. Sir Wilfrid was out of his mind for the moment.

Mr. King reminds one of Lloyd George. When the latter was in power after the war he was the most genial soul alive, just a father to his party. But when he was out of power—what a chance was there my countrymen. Perhaps when the next election is called and decided, Mr. King will remember Sir Wilfrid's advice. His past conduct suggests that he will rather follow Lloyd George's example.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Mons this date, 1914.

Rain seems pretty prevalent everywhere except here. Travellers report that all the way from Montreal to Moncton rain fell in buckets Sunday and Monday.

Parents and children's thoughts are now turning towards resumption of school and college. We have had a long spell of red holiday weather enjoyed by all, but now clothes and books must be got ready, and preparations made for settling down to another year of study and preparation for life's real work.

Complaint has been received of the neglected condition of the road from Rustico Creek to Rustico Harbour, over which, it is reported, a prominent Government member recently came to grief. As this road is at the entrance to the National Park, it is doubly hard to understand why it has not been given some attention.

Notwithstanding their pooh-poohing any idea of an election this Fall, the Queen's County Liberals have followed the example of their confederates in Kings and Prince in choosing their standard-bearers. As has been amply evidenced in our correspondence column they are not a happy family, crossing and double-crossing one another indicating that "all is lost including honour."

Mr. John M. Kantor, 60 years old, known to many here in connection with gold mining stock, who, in December, 1938 was questioned in the Federal investigation of the alleged looting of the McKessen and Robbins drug concern by the Musica brothers, again has been arrested in New York as a swindler. Mr. Kantor, who gave his address as 215-15 Jamaica Avenue, Queens Village, Queens, was accused in an indictment, handed up in General Sessions of defrauding Marcus H. Flatum of \$190. The indictment further charged he got the money from the complainant in the latter's office at 1,472 Broadway, in March, 1936, under pretense of selling Mr. Flatum a plot in the new Montefiore Cemetery at Pincelawn, L.I., which Kantor did not own. Mr. Kantor was lodged in the Tombs on a bench warrant.

"Churchill for Cabinet" movement in England is increasing in volume. A letter signed by 375 members of 22 British universities and colleges was sent to Prime Minister Chamberlain this week urging him to include Winston Churchill in his Cabinet. Among the signatories were 70 professors and six executives. Others who signed were fellows and men associated with the universities in various capacities. The letter followed recent agitation in the British press that Mr. Churchill, who was First Lord of the Admiralty during the Great War, and who has consistently warned against German rearmament, be brought into the Cabinet in view of the European crisis. The principal reason for his exclusion is that to admit him would probably mean war—he being all for action.

The Mackenzie King Government is gaining reputation for the protection of ladies' complexions, which is as true as Premier Campbell's reputation for supplying the King and Queen with unfermented wine. Under the Food and Drugs Act cosmetics and drugs sold in Canada are subject to continuous analysis by a chemist of the food and drug laboratory of the Department of Pensions and National Health. Recently Mr. J. L. Thomson, Vancouver consulting chemist, has been appointed to the post, because of the discovery sometime ago that certain Parisian preparations did not comply with the standard. Mr. Thomson, a graduate chemist with training in bacteriology as well, has had wide experience in manufacture of toilet preparations, according to the Civil Service Commission announcement, and has appeared as an expert witness in several cases involving the toxicity of certain cosmetics.

Experiments conducted at the Dominion Experimental Farm, Ottawa, over a four-year period show that erosion is probably the greatest single factor causing loss of soil fertility. Experiments showed a large percentage of the available plant food in soil is present in the weathered surface layer and may be permanently lost through the removal of that layer by erosion. Effect on crop growth of varying degrees of erosion was determined in the experiments by growing barley on plots from which different amounts of the surface soil had been removed. This dark surface soil, approximately seven inches deep, overlies lighter-colored subsoil. It was shown that when no surface soil was removed the average yield per acre of barley was 39.5 bushels, 32.7 bushels with three inches removed, 18 bushels with six inches removed, and 5.2 bushels with all surface soil removed. The results suggest the importance of employing soil-conserving crops, such as sod-forming hay, and of soil-saving cultural practices, such as across-the-slope tillage wherever danger of erosion exists.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Dictators evidently like mountain retreats, where they can sit on the heights and, like Rodin's Thinker, survey the scene and ponder on the aspects of humanity their own company excited. Perhaps Hitler has such a home and so has Signor Mussolini, according to a propaganda information sheet periodically issued from Rome. The Italian leader's place for reflection is Rocca delle Caminate, set on the brow of a hill in the heart of the Apennines, from which he may gaze on a splendid panorama from Monte Titano in the Republic of San Marino to the Paderno valleys, and from the blue waters of the Adriatic to the Rocco di San Casciano. — Montreal Gazette.

The year 1938 witnessed an increase in Canada's birthrate, a slight increase, it is true, but as this is only the second time in thirteen years that there has been even a fractional gain the occurrence is worthy of note. — Toronto Star.

Confused by the honking of a car behind, a Michigan City girl drove on to a railway crossing. The car was killed. The honker behind is one nuisance who should be eliminated from the road. He hasn't sense enough to know that for one thing the driver ahead is as anxious to get along as he, and for another that it is only the driver in front who can see what the traffic conditions are.—Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

I can hardly help admiring the pertinacious helpfulness with which the German State Railways are serving the people by their Land of Hospitality. We are of a land of hospitality, too—for thousands of Germans for whom Germany's rather selective hospitality makes life unlivable. — London Spectator.

"Two men who sought refuge from a storm under a tall elm tree were killed when lightning struck it. No doubt they knew perfectly well the danger of such a refuge in an electrical storm but they took a chance. See comments The Ottawa Journal. It is quite likely, however, that the two in question were primarily interested in obtaining shelter from rain, and did not think at all of the possible lightning hazard. For women obtrude as a reminder that it is not only property but lives that may be endangered in lightning storms, and that for those in the outdoors at such time, tall trees, particularly those standing by themselves, are a poor choice of shelter. — Frederick Gleaser.

We never lose an opportunity to say a good word about Women's Institutes for all the organizations rendering public and unselfish service to the community we place them at the top. Their activities are sensible and practical, mostly of a humanitarian character carried on without fuss or show to relieve and give comfort and happiness to those less fortunate than themselves. —Exchange.

Our favorite parson, who long ago told us of the penniless but appreciative bridegroom who in lieu of cash for the ceremony fixed the rectory gas meter so it wouldn't register, has a new story of the same ilk, the experience of a fellow minister to the souls of a fashionable congregation. A bright young parishioner, who had been christened and confirmed by this rector, was married after the ceremony the best man, with customary delicacy, handed the clergyman an envelope. The envelope was found to contain a cheque for \$10. This was deposited in the course of a day or so and in the course of another day or so it bounced right back. "Look here!" said the rector on the first occasion after the honeymoon when it was feasible to buttonhole the bridegroom. "That's not the way to start out in life. You shouldn't get into the habit of issuing cheques if you haven't the money in the bank. 'A cheque' asked the bridegroom, wide-eyed. "Let me see it.... Hey, Canon, look at that signature! That's the best man's signature. I gave him ten bucks in cash to pay you." —The Printed Word.

In several accidents recently, it has been noted that the driver does get off behind the wheel, the result generally being a car in the ditch or against a pole, the other occupants being either killed or injured. To repeat: driving should not be carried on until one is overtaken by fatigue. Under such circumstances, it is wise to halt the car in some quiet place and take a nap or at least complete relaxation for a few minutes before attempting to continue the journey. Traffic is too heavy nowadays for the driver to go to sleep. That was all right in the horse and buggy days when the horse might be expected to find his own way home, but that went out when men changed from horses and buggies to automobiles. In the old days one might have forty winks without anything serious happening, but that no longer is possible. — Port Arthur News-Chronicle.

Human nature being what it is, there is probably nothing very strange after all in the self-contradictory spectacles eternally presented in the unbridled slaughter of life on the one side and the earnest efforts continually employed to keep the vital spark alive in a single individual on the other side. It may be something to marvel over, even if it cannot be accounted for or its paradoxical character explained. Why should the same man, or group of men, who are busy with the building of engines of destruction and with the spreading of pestilence and death, be busy with the saving of life and the perfecting of some remedy

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion of questions of interest. The Charlotte Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinions of correspondents.

EXPENSES OF AUDIT

Sir,—Since the disclosure of the unfortunate circumstances in the Treasurer's office of the City Hall there have appeared in the local press a number of extraordinary letters, in many cases depicting a mental attitude which is hardly to be commensurate with the position. Of these the letter that appeared in yesterday's Guardian under the above heading signed by "Justice" is perhaps the most regrettable. Your correspondent at length dilates upon what he terms "a sluice gate to slush out money in wanton waste" and asks the city officials to attach a two cent stamp to the envelopes addressed to tax payers whose accounts in the City ledgers show a debit balance, surely a complaint and criticism that all sensible people will regard as both illogical and unbusiness-like.

The chief offense of the letter, however, is the suggestion by "Justice" that the citizens of Charlottetown generally will repudiate their just debts unless they can be allowed to pay them by means of a stamp. Such a contention is nothing short of an insult to the people of Charlottetown. There are, no doubt, among our citizens those whose financial circumstances unfortunately have become so dire that they are unable to pay their taxes; nor would it seem to be unreasonable that in such cases due allowance should be made to these people by their fellow citizens. The adjustments being made by a committee of representative tax payers, hearing the cases and adjudicating in camera, to say however, that because of a lack of system in the Treasurer's office, the accounts due by some people who are well able to pay their taxes should be allowed to remain unpaid for a period of six years should be stroked through by a red ink pen is laying down a course of dishonesty that would undermine the very foundation of the community principle.

I trust that, if your correspondent replies to this letter, he will not hide his identity behind a pseudonym.

I am, Sir, etc.

H. K. S. HEMMING

What, Corsets?

(Winnipeg Free Press) Corsets for women obtrude among other news of sinister import. They threaten to return, and this will bring surging of dismay into the hearts of men who never expected again to embrace the unresponsive sheathing that slimmed the waist till a lovely woman looked like an hour-glass.

And why should the corset return? It was thought to have gone the way of the crinoline. Then why restore anything so hampering? Of all the garments shed by women since the Great War on the corset, no other garment was thought less likely ever to be laced on again. The bad news that women may again be arming themselves in their corsets is brought by a lady connected with a Fifth Avenue store in New York. She has come back from seeing the preview of the fall fashions in Paris. And fashion, exerting its omnipotent sway, tells women that if they want to be smart they will have to get into corsets.

We pray the sisters to stay as they are without their corsets. For once, shun fashion. They released their waists when they shed their corsets, but did far more than that. They beautified themselves. They gained the health and the courage to engage in a hundred pursuits from which they had been barred by their corsets, and they engaged in games till they have created a world of sports in which women reign.

If women take back their corsets they will go back into purdah. They will be wheeled into the Victorian vice, the corset, and be not permitted to breathe a free breath. Emerge the lady with the ditsy codgers from New York. It tends to go against her own monetary interests rather than get into corsets. She may lose out on fashion, but she means to gain by staying dressed comfortably. "No

whereby the sufferings of the odd man, woman or child might be alleviated and perhaps banished completely from their beings? — Victoria Colonist.

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Tribute To Lord Baldwin

(New York Times) Thirteen years or more ago Lord Baldwin, who had been Prime Minister and was at the moment, by right of his familiarity with the classics, the president of the Classical Association of England, made an address under the title "Ultimi Britanni." Those who heard him or read his address on Wednesday night will know with what strength and guidance he has in his day carried the torch on high in that great "relay of heroes," fighting in preparation for the new age, "talking to the people about democracy" and exemplifying the democratic spirit, which refuses to underrate the ordinary man.

T. F. O'Connor, back in 1923, told of reading in Hansard's speeches made by Mr. Baldwin in his earliest Ministerial days, usually late at night and to a "thin audience," and of being struck by the neat "turn of the diction," his "points and lucidity," and, above all, by the frequent happy and good-humored phrases, comporting with the best tradition of the House of Commons. When the day of his ordeal came, and he had to enter the "fiery furnace" by rising to answer questions as Leader of the House, he passed the ordeal with a "smelt not of burning" or his garments. It was this same historical figure that Mr. Baldwin himself used in speaking to the friends of the classics of his passing through the ordeal of elections with the assistance of literature that prevented him from bowing to the idols of the market place. He was kept from sin of speech or oratorical idolatry by the wonderful clarity and conciseness of the ancient languages in which he had been disciplined in youth.

There had been fears at times since the World War when, as he said, "fears gripped us by the throat" "taking grisly shapes in the twilight"—fears that there might not be enough left of the "best breed" to carry on. But, as he had since said, in these later years, no one doubts that though their task is hard enough it will be accomplished. Our common task is greater "because our (common) ideals are far higher." A phrase of Homer or the end of a chorus in Euripides does "pluck" at our heartstrings, as the Premier has said, but they give a glory that is beyond all other guerdon to the human spirit. This great statesman, who spoke in his early Prime Ministry with a yearning sigh for his farms, who declined to yield himself tragically, and who has at great inconvenience come to speak to and of democracy in the world, has won the enduring gratitude of a new generation as well as of his own.

Corsets for me," she says. And so we hope, will say the rest of the sisters. They were a bit of a bore, mining and fainting in their corsets, and have had a women may again be arming themselves in their corsets is brought by a lady connected with a Fifth Avenue store in New York. She has come back from seeing the preview of the fall fashions in Paris. And fashion, exerting its omnipotent sway, tells women that if they want to be smart they will have to get into corsets.

A waterproofing material as flexible as rubber has been developed for textiles from milk by United States Bureau of Dairy Industry chemists.

J. Mrs. Folly Says:

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for the purpose of appointing the delegates to attend the Queen's County Annual Meeting
LEO J. REID, Chairman.

National Conservative Association
There will be a meeting of the National Conservative Electors of WINSLOE POLL
At the Home of Sidney Taylor
On Thursday, Aug. 24 at 8:00 p. m.
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