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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

Sarajevo 1914

A war party was in power in Germany in 1914. Resentment against France and Britain had been acute since 1912 when the dispatch of a British warship to Agadir had forced Germany to withdraw the gunboat which she had sent to take advantage of revolt in Morocco in 1912.

The murder of the Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand and his wife, nephew and heir to the Emperor of Austria, by an obscure Bosnian student was a slim excuse indeed for starting a global war.

It was also necessary to knock France out before turning on Russia, so that country was given no opportunity to remain neutral which she was only too eager to do.

That war led to disaster for Germany and near ruin for all the countries of Europe. It changed the whole balance of world power and economy. When Hitler tried to repeat the Kaiser's tactics with a faster-moving harder-hitting army he succeeded in the particular objective but was faced by the fact that the United States and Russia had become enormously more powerful in the interval between wars.

Pharaoh's Solar Boat

Pharaoh Khufu's huge stone-encased "solar boat" discovered recently near his pyramid—the largest and most enduring monument in history—has renewed worldwide interest in the religious beliefs of ancient Egyptians.

The Egyptian had two important convictions: (1) that he was immortal and that not only his spirit but his whole ego would live on after his earthly existence ended; and (2) that his life beyond the grave was to be an exalted version of his life on earth.

The dry climate of the valley of the Nile made Egypt a perfect storehouse for preservation of innumerable records and objects which its people loved to collect and put away.

name was Hetep-heres, was carried on visits to her royal son. Her jewels and the chair have come down through nearly 5,000 years and are safe in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo.

Slanted History

Under the above heading Canadian Business calls attention to a recently published book by Professor T. S. Ashton, British economic historian and professor of economic history in the University of London, which gives numerous examples of how not only capitalism but the truthful recording of history has suffered at the hands of many economic historians.

Prof. Ashton believes that probably the greatest harm has been done by presenting capitalism as an impersonal, inexorable force. Under this interpretation of economic history, it is no longer men and women, exercising free choice, who effect change, but a spirit conjured up to represent an abstraction.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Treaty of Versailles signed, 1919. Canada is again to have a nickle nickle. Present five cent pieces are of steel and have been minted of that metal for the past three years.

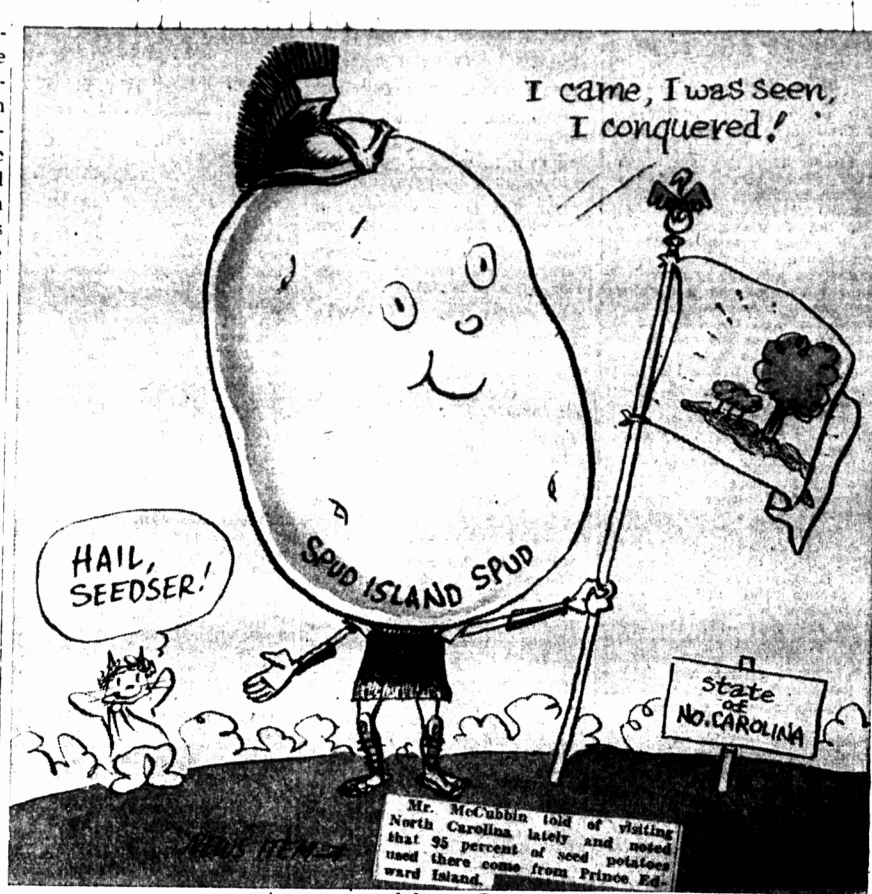
A climatological atlas published by the meteorological division of the Department of Transport indicates, among other things, that Victoria, Toronto and Halifax are the only Canadian capitals having a higher average temperature than Charlottetown.

The Dominican Republic's first ambassador to Canada is anxious to restore his country's sugar exports to this country as well as find markets for coffee, cocoa and possibly tobacco.

An Ontario Member of Parliament has made the charge that "Maritimers were subsidized and allowed to bring potatoes into Ontario." He needs to be reminded that Ontario cannot keep out potatoes grown in this part of the country and that all the Federal assistance did was prevent our farmers from suffering very serious loss.

It was a seaman who was directly concerned about a recent decision of the Income Tax Appeal Board, but many others will have cause to worry about the principle involved. The Board added \$228 to his taxable income for board and accommodation.

Joseph Joachim, Hungarian virtuoso violinist, conductor and composer, was born this date 1831. As a boy prodigy he visited Vienna, Leipzig and London, his talent winning Mendelssohn's recognition.



Among His Conquests

The Poet's Corner

NOVA SCOTIA SUNSET
Flamingo clouds cradle the golden west
Casting flamed patterns on the turquoise bay
As motley fishing craft, in bright array,

Keats And Shelley
(Ottawa Journal)
John Masfield, the English Poet Laureate, made one of his rare public appearances last week when he unveiled twin plaques in the Poet's Corner, Westminster Abbey, commemorating Keats and Shelley.

In Praise Of Fish
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The Age Old Story
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Christianity and Bombs

(The London Times)
The worth of the Archdeacon of London's Whit-Sunday sermon in St. Paul's on the Christian doctrine of warfare and its application to "unconventional weapons" consisted chiefly in two simple and essential points. The overwhelming authority of Christian opinion through the ages has been non-pacifist.

Old Charlottetown and P. E. I. CIVIC ADMINISTRATION
The first municipal administration on the island was formed on August 17, 1855, when civic elections were held under the City of Charlottetown Incorporation Act of that year.

Physical force must not be used for an aggressive or even a directly spiritual end; it may be Christian duty to use it for a defensive and temporal purpose, so long as no more of it is employed than is strictly necessary for the achievement of that purpose.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

The public, it is said, is becoming more "tree conscious." On the other hand the number of drivers who become tree-unconscious seems to remain about the same.—Edmonton Journal.

Victoria Day this year was not involved in the problem of observing holidays on Monday. The date and the day coincided but it will be different in 1955.—Fort Arthur News-Chronicle.

The Chicago Tribune says war between Honduras and Guatemala appears imminent. That can be taken with a grain of salt, but not too large a grain. Relations between the two little countries are what might be called strained.—Brantford Expositor.

On returning from Mexico, a French actor reported that many of the hotels in that country keep rattlesnakes to destroy the rats. The reptiles are quite tame and friendly toward patrons. However, the first time a patron encounters one in the hallway he is, understandably, a little nervous.—Hamilton Spectator.

Canadian newspaper production hit an all-time high in March of this year. The April figure stood at an increase of 3.9 per cent over April of 1953, but was three per cent down from the all-time March record. So what happens? A newspaper heading heralds the April production as "off." Such is human nature.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Gerhard Mortensen, a Danish mathematician, demonstrated he could multiply numbers quicker than a business machine which was on exhibit at Copenhagen. But the machine manufacturers will not be worried. Fortunately for them there are not enough Mortensens to supply the market demand.—Fort William Times-Journal.

Charles Elmhorn of Austin keeps geese on his farm as most farmers do but some of Charlie's are a little different. He has some that are crossed with wild geese. He tells of the cross breeding results in stronger, healthier birds and they are good, strong fliers. When it comes to eating them, they are tasty, the meat being a bit darker than the tame variety. The birds fly away once in a while but always come back to feed.—MacGregor Herald.

If there is anything more annoying and at the same time more uncomfortable than to be covered by black fly bites, we haven't experienced it. After singing the praises of Spring and early Summer for the past few weeks, we had completely forgotten about the dreadful little irritations, such as black fly bites, and as a result were totally unprepared for the onslaught. When and if we ever return to normal after being almost eaten alive by black flies in the weeks-end it should be just in time to fall prey to the mosquito. All we need now is to acquire a sunburn on top of our insect bites.—in which case it might be understandable if we start yearning for Winter and its freedom from these pesky irritations.—Brookville Recorder and Times.

Women have many peculiar ways, but none more peculiar than this one of the astralys. Just why should an astray be clean? An astray is like the fireplace in that as a result of its natural function it always becomes a little grimy. "There is sense in keeping the silver clean, of course, and to having even the kitchen plates spotless. But just why the astray? Just why among all their peculiar ways, do women go berserk at the sight of a little clean ash lying in the place designed for it?"—New York Times.

Interest and efficiency and the machinery set up in 1855 became appropriate for the amount of business involved.—The Government of Prince Edward Island (1951), by Dr. Frank MacKinnon.

Things are speeding up in the communications field. A telegraph system transmitting 600 words a minute now is being tested between New York and Boston. It is being used by The Associated Press to transmit stock market reports. The rate of 600 words a minute is ten times faster than that of conventional telegrams in general news wire service. (The above paragraph contains sixty words. Ten times that number are transmitted every minute by the new system.) The trial run of the new system will determine its reliability and the degree to which it can be placed in general use. The transmitter equipment consists of two cabinets, one containing a high-speed tape "reader" and the other an electronic apparatus which speeds the signals over inter-city circuits. Receiving equipment consists of a high-speed "punch" which produces tape at the 600 word a minute rate.—St. John Telegraph Journal.

It's not every day that one comes upon the story of a court dwarf suing a country for his overdue pension. In ancient times every king with any pretensions at all kept a dwarf at his court and paid him for his trouble, too. Kings, alas, aren't what they used to be. But the King of Iran seventy-five years ago had a dwarf named Ramazan Ali Hamadani—an excellent name for a dwarf—and evidently promised to take care of him in his old age. Government's change, even Iranian governments, poor Mr. Ramazan Ali Hamadani evidently was done out of his pension, which amounted to \$18.80 a month in American money. He has nine children on his hands, all dwarfs who can't get jobs because there are no jobs for dwarfs at kings' courts any more. So at the age of ninety he sued for restoration of his pension, and his plea has now been granted. Ramazan will get his \$18.80 a month and can rest easy in the knowledge that his long career has not gone unrewarded. But like many another pensioner, he probably wishes he was back in active service rather than wandering unappreciated through a humdrum world.—New York Herald Tribune.

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