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

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Britain's Warning

Announcement of the German-Soviet non-aggression pact has been followed promptly by unofficial news from Germany that Hitler plans sending his troops across the Polish Corridor into Danzig on Thursday. If Poland resists, it means war; war in which Great Britain and France will also be involved.

The German declaration of designs on Danzig was accompanied by assurance of a twenty-five years' peace pact with Poland. But it was only last March that Hitler gave a twenty-five year guarantee of the independence of Slovakia, which is today under Nazi military domination.

This is the appalling tragedy of the situation. Danzig is not worth a world war, but how long can war be averted by throwing Danzig to the Nazi wolves? Just as long, evidently, as it will take them to prepare for fresh conquests.

In the meantime, Britain has sounded a warning that her pledge to Poland stands unaltered by any non-aggression pact which may be signed by Germany and Russia. The British statement declares that there is nothing in the present situation "which would justify the use of force involving a European war with all its tragic consequences."

This, after the experience of Munich and the repudiation of the pledges solemnly given by Hitler at that time with regard to abstaining from acts of aggression, is the only course that Britain can take.

The Montreal Gazette thus sums up the situation: "There will be no second Munich. If, as is conceivable, Hitler is only engaged in a 'war of nerves,' he is conducting a lost cause. Britain and France are not 'nervous' in the sense they were a year ago. Their 'nerves' will not crack, and in the knowledge of a much better state of military preparedness, it may safely be predicted they will stand by their pledges to assist Poland immediately in the event of aggression."

A Fatuous Commendation

More than the proverbial grain of salt will be required to swallow the resolution passed at Tuesday's Liberal convention, commending the King Government for having "successfully dealt with important national problems" and in particular for having handled the unemployment problem "in a statesmanlike manner."

What are the facts with regard to unemployment? The pledge given by the King Government was to deal with the emergency features through a "Representative National Commission" working in cooperation with the provinces and municipalities; and, as a permanent measure, to introduce "a national system of unemployment insurance."

It is evident that after four years the Government has not yet got down to considering "permanent" measures. The National Commission after functioning at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars, was abolished and the major recommendations of its report are still unimplemented.

Under Conservative government, the increase in unemployment was halted in 1932-34. From then onward a gradual reduction was achieved. But in 1937, under the King Government, unemployment began to rise again, and has continued to rise except for a brief period toward the end of 1938. Canada, according to International Labour Office reports, is one of the few countries in the world showing increase in unemployment at the present time.

United States, on the other hand, reports a drop of 43 per cent in unemployment for June, the total unemployed being the smallest since December, 1937. Great Britain issued official figures on July 10, showing the lowest unemployment in ten years.

No less signally has the King Government failed to grapple with every other "important national problem." With the biggest parliamentary majority since Confederation, its record of achievement is as barren as are the prospects of its candidates in the next election contest.

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Bartholomew's Day.

Now, Hitler willing, we are all set for a Fall election.

Another ideal half-holiday to add to the number.

Evidently the Liberals, judging by their votes for Federal candidates, have not much use for their Provincial representatives.

According to the Bureau of Statistics the value of the manufactures turned out in this province in 1937 was \$3,566,991, compared with \$3,311,223 in the preceding year.

The Mother Country has prohibited the importation of margarine unless bearing an indication of the country of origin.

Learning geography or keeping track of it, is getting more and more difficult. The latest official announcement is that good, old Siam, one of our allies in the Great War is to disappear from the map and to be replaced by Thailand, to which it has changed its name.

Great Britain's Royal Navy, most powerful in the world, is thinking of using its rapidly growing fleet of aircraft carriers as commerce protectors in the event of a new World War. This suggestion comes from a source close to British aviation officials, the Society of British Aircraft Constructors. It counters a previously advanced German idea of using similar ships as the bases for commerce raiders.

No Royal train will be available to the Duke and Duchess of Kent when they arrive in Australia because of variable railway gauges.

If a teacher gets a good time out of life and is happy, her pupils will also be happy and will learn more. This is the assurance of Dr. Percival M. Symonds, of Columbia University. Even beauty aids and dress appeal may yet be part of a new philosophy of glamour in the classroom, he says.

The connoisseur of hyphenated names would no doubt admit that Plunkett-Erle-Drax is a pretty stout effort, but he would also have to admit that when it comes to three-hyphenated names the army beats the navy both on the score of the number of names and on that of the number of syllables in the names.

Now that the situation in Europe is near another crisis, the United States is regretting more and more the action of the Senate in turning down President Roosevelt's policy. Had Mr. Roosevelt, beginning with the Chicago "quarantine" speech in 1937, pursued a less aggressive verbal foreign policy, and had he refrained from certain alarmist statements implying the extreme probability of war, it is probable Congress would have acceded to his request and abolished the wartime arms embargo.

A hub-bub was raised in newspaper circles in England when it became known that two nephews of the King had scored a "scoop" in describing in their home-made newspaper, a new gun supposed to be on the "secret" list.

It is said western farmers do not want an election this fall. But farmers seldom get what they want from governments. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Mr. King got a medal at the banquet, but a lot more things will be pinned on him when the election campaign gets going.

A boy of a Toronto suburb, "hitch-hiking" a ride on his bicycle by hanging to the side of a big truck climbing a steep hill, was thrown under the wheels and killed when the driver changed gears.

Everyone thought of radio as a wonderful boon to people in the remote north country.

One of Canada's interesting and successful school Boy Scout troops is sponsored by the agricultural school orphanage of St. Ferdinand de Halifax, Que., under Scoutmaster Victor Curran.

There is only one difference between the Germany of today and Germany in 1913. In the opinion of Harold Nicholson, M.P., "the war Germany was governed by the view of the officers mess. Today it is governed by the views of the sergeants' mess."

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The story is an old one but with another heat wave apparently upon us it is a timely one. Don't go in swimming soon after eating. Be particularly careful of water when you do not know the depth.

One legend that Germany was not beaten in the field, but "tricked into surrender" by reliance on President Wilson's promises has been repeated so often—it is being aired again today in articles on the 25th anniversary of the outbreak of war—that some people even in this country are disposed to believe there is something in it.

Among those in the youngster himself is the intellectual factor—below or above average; the physical factors—infection, chronic illness; the emotional factors—the timid sensitive child and the aggressive child with temper tantrums who tries to boss the family.

PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open for the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Charlottetown Guardian does not assume responsibility for the opinions of correspondents.

MR. HEMMING ANSWERED

Sir,—Without doing obedience to any self appointed and biased judge, may I answer Mr. Hemming's extraordinary criticism of my letter of Tuesday.

He declares the "chier offense" of (my) letter is the supposition that the citizens of Charlottetown will repudiate their just debts unless compelled to pay by seizure or judgments of the courts.

His statement that I "dilute upon" the terms of seizure goes to slush out money in wanton waste, because the city officials attach a 2c stamp to the envelopes addressed to the City ledgers.

As a publicist he cannot be ignorant of the English text of a letter which distinctly referred to the squandering of an admitted waste of over \$7,000, in attacking by letters and demands, those on whom there are no lawful "debit balances" on their ledgers.

And in the climax of his perverted judgment he declares,—that my advice that "debts" "allowed to remain unpaid for a period of six years should be struck by a red ink pen is laying down a principle of dishonesty that would undermine the very foundation of the community principle.

He asks for a name, instead of a pseudonym. The name of Moses is given by the author, that of The Parliament of Canada, and of the Legislature of Prince Edward Island as sponsors.

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1. There were disorders of movement resembling chorea or St. Vitus dance, convulsions resembling epilepsy, and paralysis resembling brain tumor.

2. Disorders of sensation in throat, chest, and abdomen—loss of appetite, vomiting resembling heart disease, bed-wetting resembling bladder disease.

3. Disorders of body sensation including pains of covering of the heart, pleurisy, arthritis, and loss of sensation in various parts of the body.

4. Disorders of behavior with disturbances in the intellect and in the emotional control, resembling various mental diseases.

Dr. William A. Hawke, Toronto, in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, in reviewing these twelve cases from records of the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children, states that in these cases the symptoms of which resemble true organic ailments, these disorders do not arise in happy, well adjusted children, nor do they arise (of themselves) in normal children.

In every case there has been some frustration, dissatisfaction, or loss of security which has led to the presence of these abnormal symptoms. He groups the factors causing these symptoms into two types—those which arise within the youngster himself, and those arising from his environment—home and school life.

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The factors in the environment

the Armistice was signed. Hindenburg and Ludendorff left the government no option. According to them, even twenty-four hours' delay might mean new and grave disasters. It was on their insistence and theirs alone that the government approached the Allies and ultimately signed the Armistice on November 11. — London Spectator.

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DID QUICK JOB NEW YORK (CP) — It took 10-year-old Mario Marion only 120 minutes to stirrup his way through an 18-inch section of watermelon and win the watermelon crown at a picnic here. Eleven-year-old Jose Dano, hampered by long hair and giggles, took six minutes.