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

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Union Government Not Needed

Under the above heading the Financial Post says:
Nothing in past history or in current political experience supports the view that because Canada is at war, union or national government is essential.

On the contrary, there is as yet no sufficient reason for scrapping the two-party system and sacrificing parliamentary freedom.

In the early years of the last war, the opposition played an important role in checking waste and extravagance of the type which was so easily bred. Had it been even more alert and vigorous, some of the early, tragic mistakes might perhaps have been avoided.

More often than not union government breeds a wasteful type of administration. Coalition of a government party with opposition groups tends to remove what should be a healthy, restraining influence.

In the present emergency Dr. Manion can do his best work by co-operating with the Government on broad questions of policy, at the same time remaining free to criticize and expose any evidences of waste and inefficiency.

Already the Mackenzie King Government is hampered by too large a representation in the House of Commons. Were the Prime Minister to head a union government he would be further embarrassed by the demands of opposition groups who felt that they too had a right to ask favors.

As Liberal Prime Minister Alexander Mackenzie once remarked: "It takes more of my time seeing men seeking government jobs, contracts or other party favors than in governing the country."

A union administration at Ottawa would find this type of pressure doubled or tripled if the cabinet included men from opposition benches.

Why Germany Can't Win

In a book published several months ago on Economic Problems of the next War, Dr. Paul Fimzig, noted English economist, concludes, after an exhaustive analysis, that a coalition of democratic countries is bound eventually to overcome the formidable strength of Nazi Germany, even if she is supported by Fascist Italy. The result, he predicts, would be the same as it was in 1918—a complete defeat for Germany and her allies. He summarizes his reasons as follows:

- 1. Because the next war is also bound to be a prolonged struggle.
2. Because in a prolonged struggle the economic factor assumes a growing importance.
3. Because from an economic point of view Great Britain and her allies would be in a better position than Germany and her allies to stand the strain of a long war.
4. Because in a prolonged war the initial advantage possessed by a totalitarian State in the form of a disciplinary economic system would be bound to disappear after a while through the application of economic discipline and organization in the democratic countries.
5. Because conditions of production under economic autarchy in Germany would lead to an acute labour shortage and inadequate output in war time.
6. Because Great Britain and her allies would be in a position to draw upon the productive capacity of the whole world outside Germany to cover their war requirements.
7. Because the control of the seas by the British Navy would prevent Germany from importing the necessary food and raw materials.
8. Because that control of the seas would prevent Germany from replenishing and maintaining her gold and foreign exchange resources through exports overseas.
9. Because owing to the inferiority of Germany's gold resources she would not be in a position to make large purchases abroad apart altogether from the interference of blockade with her imports.
10. Because shortage of labour and raw materials would handicap Germany's sales overseas, apart altogether from the interference of blockade with her exports.
11. Because the attitude of most neutral countries in the matter of trading with Germany would be much less favourable to her on the next occasion than it was during the last war.
12. Because Great Britain, owing to the superiority of her gold resources, would be in a position to outbid Germany for the purchase of food and raw materials in the neutral countries of South-Eastern Europe.
13. Because Germany is not likely to be able to build up an adequate food and raw material reserve to face a long war.
14. Because the prolonged period of privation and food shortage which precedes the next war will reduce the physical and moral resistance of the German population when faced with the acute food shortage caused by the war.
15. Because on the other hand Great Britain has vast gold and foreign exchange resources by means of which she could secure the continuity of food and raw material supplies.
16. Because France too, in spite of her financial difficulties, has the advantage of a large gold reserve and foreign assets.
17. Because Great Britain would be in a position to raise credits abroad in addition to her

immense cash resources, while Germany would have to pay cash for everything imported.

18. Because in the event of Italy joining Germany, from an economic point of view she would be a liability rather than an asset.

19. Because, even if the United States remained neutral, the democratic countries could safely rely upon a high degree of economic support from her.

20. Because there is a strong chance that sooner or later the United States would enter the war on the side of the other democratic countries, in which case their economic superiority would become overwhelming.

21. Because lack of confidence would gravely handicap the German Government in its efforts to finance the war without having to resort to non-stop currency inflation.

22. Because the German public is much more inflation-conscious than the British public, and the evidence of crude currency inflation would lead to a wave of distrust in Germany.

23. Because the absence of a gold backing would help to undermine the confidence of the German public in the stability of the currency.

24. Because the chances are that Japan will remain neutral in the next war and, even if she should join Germany, she could contribute no economic assistance.

25. Because, even if Germany succeeded in securing complete political control over the Danube basin and the Balkans, their total economic resources would not be sufficient to make up for the deficiency of her supplies.

26. Because sooner or later the shortage of raw material would reduce the efficiency of the German fighting forces.

27. Because sooner or later a shortage of food would demoralize the German population and the army, as it did in 1918.

28. And because the economic superiority of Great Britain and her allies will enable her armed forces to hold out until the moment arrives to deliver the fatal blow to Germany.

EDITORIAL NOTES

General Viscount Byng born this date, 1862.

Prime Minister Robert Menzies announces that the entire Australian wool clip will be purchased by the government of the United Kingdom for the duration of the war.

On two points raised by Dr. Manion, we are told, "Prime Minister Mackenzie King gave the House of Commons the fullest assurance. These were the necessity of preventing profiteering and political partisanship". Do the local Liberals know this? As far as we can learn all the war patronage has been confined exclusively to Liberals. An investigation should be made at once, as Tories as well as Grits are rushing to the colours.

War is bringing to the United States Japanese machinery orders for about \$10,000,000. Soji Yamamoto, president of the Manchuria Motor Car Company, Limited, arrived in New York on August 23 and had planned to sail for Germany on August 30 to place orders for the equipment of his company's projected plant in Antung, Manchuria. The head of the Japanese corporation declared that the change in plans came to him almost as a relief.

All amateur radio stations in Canada will "be closed down for the present time" due to war conditions. Some 3,500 operators of amateur stations will be affected. Communication was forwarded to the Department of Transport suggesting that amateur operators might be able to serve by teaching the code to signal unit recruits, by manning listening posts, or in case of emergency should communication systems of the country suffer sabotage at any point. A reply has been received stating that the communication has been turned over to the Department of National Defence for study.

Nervous and ill-at-ease, fearing possible detention in Government internment camps for the duration of the war between the British Empire and Germany, nearly a hundred German aliens of Montreal visited the local naturalization office in a last-minute effort to obtain citizenship papers. So numerous were the applications that a large number missed the opportunity of filing their petition and were loath to turn away from the office. Although all the applicants were not German aliens, the preponderant majority were. Others included aliens from countries recently absorbed by the German Fuehrer, and many of these are somewhat at loss to know just what their status in Canada is during the war. The stand which the Federal Government will take on the matter remains to be decided, it is doubtful if last-minute applications will be accepted, particularly if the same rules are laid down as those enforced during the last Great War. The federal authorities at that time suspended all such applications.

Isolation at last of a germ that has been identified as the cause of rheumatic fever, principal ravager of the hearts of children and one of the commonest causes of all heart disease—the greatest single cause of death among "civilized" men—was announced before the Third International Congress for Microbiology at New York. The report was presented by Professor C. A. Green of the Royal Naval Medical School, Greenwich, London, and until recently of the University of Edinburgh Medical School. For years the evidence has pointed to a special type of streptococcus of the hemolytic group as the cause of the disease but no one had succeeded in isolating it. Dr. Green was the first to demonstrate its presence in the diseased valves of the hearts of children afflicted with the condition. What makes the discovery of supreme importance to hundreds of thousands of children and adults who lose their lives every year as a result of this dread disease, which leaves its victim crippled when it does not kill, is the fact that the germ now determined to be its cause is one of the family against which that recently discovered wonder drug, sulfanilamide, has been found to be highly effective.

NOTES BY THE WAY

How dangerous it is for an American publisher to issue an English book without careful proofreading—or vice versa. We are thinking of the novel by a distinguished English writer, about to be issued here, which contains a telegram (intended to be tragic) sent from London to the hero in South America. It says, "Father, passed out. Come home at once."—Review of Literature.

The City council may be doing a stroke of good business by giving its stamp of approval to the plan whereby a local office and a small farm with the proviso that the city wouldn't in the end be obligated to buy it. Under the arrangements, the city would make 18 monthly payments of \$20 which is equivalent to what it costs the taxpayers now per month to provide for the needs of the relief recipient in question. — Kitchener Record.

Hull's new country jail has no bars. The jailer relies on the prisoners' honor and very small windows of unbreakable glass. — Toronto Star.

There is a certain grim humor in the picture of Japan having antagonized the democracies in the expectation of German aid if she needed it, now showing great alarm because her best friend proposes to sign a peace pact with her erstwhile enemy. — Ottawa Journal.

Then there is that German research student who claims to have discovered that Great Britain has been invaded by hostile forces 60 times since 1066. But none of the invaders stayed long. — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

An India potentate has arrived at Rome with 12 wives, sons and daughters of an unspecified number, 50 servants and 650 trunks. Couldn't our Travel Bureau persuade him to visit this country? — Ottawa Journal.

It would be interesting to learn what former Kaiser Wilhelm thinks of conditions in Europe as brought about by the success of the German leadership. It may be that, despite his great downfall, he is happy in being altogether out of the political picture. — Montreal Gazette.

According to the American Institute of Baking, the wheat surplus would vanish if every citizen would eat an extra slice of bread a day: if this happened, the nation's 28,000 bakers would bake nearly 2,500,000,000 additional loaves of bread a year. — Path-finder.

The weller of international discords is apt to blind the eye to the amazing achievements of man in the present era. To the conquest of Nature through knowledge is achieved in a decade in the twentieth century than in all preceding time. In the rush and bustle of our own day we may be tempted at times to turn wistful glances to the leisurely life of "the good old days" but those who would deliberately push back the hands of the clock were it in their power are very few. It calls for a distinct effort of the imagination to picture ourselves living without the motor car, the gramophone, the cinema, the wireless, the gramophone, the telephone! So long as the earth endures, man will have no occasion to sit down and weep because there are no new worlds to conquer. No boundaries show. The onward march of science. Astounding as has been the supremacy in the field of scientific discovery the future holds achievements that will prove still more amazing. — Belfast Telegraph.

As to the "nation-wide drive on crime" which a Government attorney heralds in New York after a consultation with G-Men Hoover, a conception of the war on crime as something fitful and sporadic rather than a concerted effort of the loosely-linked underworlds of the cities which come to Federal notice, or traffic violations which are the subject of periodical local drives—leaves much to be desired. The assumption must be that the law, once there, not be enforced. An effective war on crime is steady and unremitting. Indeed, in this lies its chief potentiality as a deterrent of crime; that the underworld comes to know that there is no time when the "heat is off." — Detroit News.

The call for volunteers prepared to offer themselves for blood transfusion in the event of an emergency has received a poor response. This is partly due to a quite mistaken idea on the part of the public that there is something painful and dangerous about blood transfusion and partly to the fact that the need for blood transfusion volunteers has not so far been publicized with sufficient vigor and imagination. We would suggest that a short news reel should be prepared and shown in all cinemas to give the public convincing evidence of how little blood transfusion really means in the way of personal inconvenience and how much in the way of saving life. — The News-Chronicle, London.

Nearly years ago today the army acquired from the Wright brothers the first plane, an 800-pound biplane, with a twenty-five horsepower engine, a 125-mile range, the remarkable speed of forty-one miles an hour, and capable of being transported in an army wagon. Today, at Wright Field and throughout the country, biplanes, 350 miles-an-hour pursuit ships—15000 to 20000 military planes of all types and descriptions—will flash across the skies in a terrifying demonstration of power. — New York Times.

That Body of Yours

EMOTIONAL DISTURBANCES MAY CAUSE PEPTIC ULCER

For many years it was believed that ulcer of the stomach (gastric) and ulcer of the duodenum (duodenal), were due to infected teeth and tonsils. Most physicians still believe that infection is a big factor in causing stomach and intestinal (peptic) ulcer in that infection affects the lining wall and it loses its power of warding off the ulcer.

However it is becoming more and more apparent that the personality of the individual and his physique or build are more important factors in causing peptic ulcers. Thus, as mentioned before, there is the answer of the surgeon to the patient's question: "Now you have operated, I'll have no more trouble with stomach ulcer, will I?"

The surgeon's reply was: "You will not likely have any more trouble with that ulcer but you may continue to grow more ulcers if you do not learn to keep calm and free from excitement and emotional disturbances."

As many physicians and surgeons have been stating that infection and other conditions are mostly responsible for peptic ulcer, Drs. F. J. Callahan and D. W. Tingham, Saratoga Springs, N. Y., in American Journal of Digestive Diseases, state:

"Despite the criticism against the nervous and emotional cause of peptic ulcer, it is yet the most constant factor in causing the condition. The food habits of a patient with ulcer must be carefully studied, as a well arranged non-irritating, low residue diet (not much roughage or cellulose as found in bulky foods such as cabbage) is the foundation on which treatment is built. While heredity is not directly blamed, there is nevertheless an inherited personality and body build which accompany peptic ulcer."

To help their patients to understand the cause of peptic ulcer, these physicians show an equal sided triangle, one side representing the heredity factor which, of course, the patient can't correct, one side showing nervousness, illness in the family, financial or other worries as a cause, and the third side showing rough or unsuitable foods as another factor in causing the ulcer.

The triangle is present or there is a tendency to ulcer, treatment means the removal of any infection present, acquiring calmness of spirit, and the eating of non-irritating foods.

The New Prices and Trade Board has power under the War Measures Act to safeguard increases in domestic prices of foods, fuel and other necessities of life. It may regulate the operations of manufacturers and dealers if there should be any necessity to check unjustifiable trade demands in connection with essential goods. It has power to fix maximum prices of commodities and ensure regular distribution to consumers.

The Globe and Mail is informed by some of the largest Toronto dealers in food products that there is plenty in the country for everybody, and as the Prices and Trade Board has authority to prevent limitation of the manufacture, production, transportation, sale, supply or distribution of any necessary of life, there is need neither for profiteering nor famine. The Government quite properly exempted farmers from the provisions of the new regulations. It seems only fair that, after ten lean years, they should enjoy a period that is less lean. The people ought to have the utmost confidence in the personnel of the Prices and Trade Board. All three members served as combatants in the Great War and have had wide experience as trade and tariff experts during the twenty years' armistice.

IPSWICH, England (CP) — Mrs. Weisman an Ipswich housewife, has to cater for a family of soldiers. Her husband and four sons all serve in the 4th Suffolk Regiment, Territorial Army.

Advertisement for Mutual Life insurance. Includes text: 'CAN YOU STOP IN TIME?', 'Drive Safely', 'Your ability to stop your car when emergencies arise is much more important than to start it. Practice stopping at various speeds. Know what your car will do. Keep the brakes in order by having them inspected regularly. Your life and the lives of others may depend on this one safety factor.'

Advertisement for Windsor cigarettes. Includes text: 'In Montreal THE Windsor ON DOMINION SQUARE', 'J. ALDERIC RAYMOND VICE PRESIDENT'.

Advertisement for Western Canada Excursions. Includes text: 'Special Bargain EXCURSIONS', 'Low fares to all Western Canada destinations', 'GOING SEPT. 15 to 29 INCLUSIVE'.

Advertisement for Sleeping Car Privileges. Includes text: 'SLEEPING CAR PRIVILEGES', 'Above fares are good in Coaches only. Where sleeping car space is required, reduced fares are available as follows:'.

Advertisement for Canadian National. Includes text: 'CANADIAN NATIONAL', 'For Vitality always use BRAHMIN ORANGE PEKOE TEA'.

Advertisement for Hickey's Black Twist tobacco. Includes text: 'WHEN GUNS ARE POPPING', 'Whether in peace or war Tobacco soothes jittery nerves and is a consolation. It is recognized as a soldiers most appreciated comfort. Especially is this true of HICKEY'S BLACK TWIST 10c Per Fig', 'HICKEY and NICHOLSON TOBACCO COMPANY, Limited Charlottetown'.

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