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

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Canadian Airmen Participated

Details of the successful bombing attack by the Royal Air Force on the German fleet near Kiel Monday afternoon, given by the British Ministry of Information, reveal that Dominion aviators participated and that most of the Dominion representatives were Canadians who have been training with the R.A.F. for several months. The courage and initiative shown by the pilots are described as "splendid," and the results achieved "of the highest importance."

Prussia and The Crimean War

Accepting the premise that Russia's signing of the Soviet-German non-aggression pact is the Soviet's idea of "keeping the balance of power in her hands," Roger Fulford relates in The Times of London a similar diplomatic shock by William of Prussia which ushered in the Crimean War of 1854-56.

Imperial Russia had committed aggression against Turkey and both France and England had pledged themselves to come to the assistance of Turkey. The two Western Powers had every reason to suppose that Austria and certainly Prussia would join with them in curbing the illegal designs of Russia.

Prince Albert, writing to the heir to the Prussian throne, politely summed up the feeling in England:

"There is no justification for the attitude adopted by the Prussian Court towards the Western Powers. We had all four (England, Austria, Prussia and France) agreed that Russia had committed a strong act of injustice to an innocent neighbor, and had persisted in it, and that our duty lay in stopping it."

"In the fulfilment of this duty England and France alone had been bold and unselfish enough to make good their word by action involving heavy sacrifices and dangers, and now the Prussian Court goes on as if it was obliged to occupy an impartial position."

Nor are Queen Victoria's own words in a letter to the King of Prussia beginning "Honored Sir and Brother" without significance at the present time:

"I feel myself compelled to repeat to you personally that I am exceedingly distressed to see your policy deviating so far from the policy of England at this critical moment... What the immediate future holds in store for us the Almighty alone knows, yet I remain confident in the belief that He will reward that successful effort to protect international law in civilized Europe, and the welfare of mankind which is inherent in it, from injury at the hands of brute force."

"This force is employed by a power which has given us every day clearer proof of having for years exploited the progress of human mind, of having amassed and directed the physical and normal energies of millions of souls to the one end of restricting and forging the civilization of Europe by a mighty pressure of its own purposes."

Nor is it without encouragement that the unaided but united efforts of France and England were in the result sufficient to maintain the integrity of Turkey.

With Clean Hands

Never, says the Ottawa Journal, had nations at war a clearer conscience over its causes than have Britain and France today. For peace they took desperate chances with their safety. They have a horror of war, but a greater horror of the extinction of freedom in the world. They have shown infinite patience, vast tolerance, have made allowances for the mentality of the extraordinary Hitler and the temperament of a powerful nation which saw itself thoroughly beaten in the Great War. That patience had to end. One-way compromise could not save peace. Hitler was amenable to nothing but force. He chose war, when he could not have what he wanted otherwise, and war he will be given to more than his heart's content.

So once more the world is an armed camp, once more Britain defends the things she has won in centuries of struggle and progress. Hitler faces a Britain strong and ready, united and fiercely determined as perhaps never before, fighting for peace and decency, peace with honor, for the right of nations small and great to freedom, for free speech, for all that is fine and noble in human nature and human experience.

Harvard and Downing

At a time when the attention of the English-speaking world is fixed on 10 Downing Street and the gentleman who goes in and out of it with a famous umbrella, a Dublin paper, the Evening Herald, reminds us that the street is named for a Harvard man. Few members of the Harvard Club will remember him in the life, we fear, for Sir George Downing died in 1684. He was, in fact, Harvard alumnus No. 2, one of the four members of the class of 1642. His mother was a sister of Governor John Winthrop. She and

her family joined the Massachusetts colony in 1638, when George Downing was 14. Soon after his graduation from Harvard he went to the West Indies as a preacher and instructor of English seamen. Returning to England he became first an army chaplain and next scout-master-general of Cromwell's forces in Scotland. But he made his peace with Charles II. in 1660, and was knighted. From that time on he was busy in diplomatic posts and, to be near his work, built the house just off Whitehall which were the origin of the street that bears his name.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Flodden this date, 1513.

There has been a rush of women to register under the I.O.D.E. census.

A renewed interest in farming has resulted from the declaration of war. "Your country needs you" applies to production as well as destruction.

The 104 British school girls visiting Canada have been held-up here. They are being taken into private homes and sent to Canadian high schools and universities.

Church attendance was large everywhere last Sunday, notwithstanding Labour Day holiday following. Tomorrow it should be larger than ever, for religion is a very present help in time of trouble.

London's favorite and most revealing story-of-the-week was about an Irish militiaman who was asked: "Are you going to fight for King and Country?"

"To hell with King and Country!" "Well, are you fighting for Democracy?" "I don't give a damn for Democracy!" "What are you fighting for?" "To beat that bloody Hitler."

The ancient Essex town of Colchester has always been famous for its oysters, produced in the tidal estuary of the river Colne. The Romans were aware of their merits and so were the Saxons. For many centuries, too, a notable occasion has been the annual Oyster Feast. Until 1752 this Feast was held on October 9, coinciding with the St. Denys Fair, instituted by King Edward the Second in 1319. It takes place this year on October 26.

More and more of the red blooded are donning the khaki. Here is from the Saint John Telegraph-Journal: "The response to recruiting through the province has been excellent," Brigadier L. F. Page, D.S.O., officer commanding Military District No. 7, said. "Some batteries," he added, "already are practically up to strength." Recruiting was going ahead through New Brunswick, said the brigadier. Military headquarters had been deluged with letters from officers offering their services.

Negotiations between a Maritime Province syndicate with assets of \$4,000,000 and the Utilities Power and Light Company of Chicago for the purchase of four Maritime public utilities are underway. The four utilities are Canada Electric Company, Limited, Amherst, Eastern Electric and Development Company, Limited, Sackville, N.B., Moncton Electricity and Gas Company, Limited, Moncton, N.B., and Maritime Coal, Railway and Power Company, Limited, Amherst. The four firms have been subsidiaries of the Chicago interests since 1930.

"The world-girdling domain of palm and pine upon which the sun never sets and in which the people call themselves Bahamians or Rhodesians, New Zealanders or Canadians," says Time, Chicago, "but are at heart Englishmen first, last and always, is properly and politely called the British Commonwealth of Nations. In wartime, it is the British Empire. No test applied to its unity could be more certain of positive reaction than the test of Hitlerism: autarchic despotism v. the birthright of free-born Britons."

At a largely attended joint meeting of fishermen, members of the Shediac Town Council and Board of Trade, the matter of having the ban on oyster fishing in certain areas of Shediac Bay lifted so as to permit the marketing of oysters this autumn was discussed. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution to be forwarded to the proper authorities, urging that a re-examination of the waters of the bay be made to determine whether or not contamination still exists there. Fishing officials present, who addressed the meeting, were Col. A. L. Barry of Newcastle, district supervisor of fisheries, Dr. A. W. H. Needler, oyster expert, Ottawa, and Dr. G. F. M. Smith, of the Atlantic biological station, St. Andrews. A resolution favouring the proposal adopted has now been forwarded to Ottawa.

Suggestions for provincial help in developing New Brunswick's potato export industry were advanced by a group representing the Associated Potato Growers and Shippers of New Brunswick. Headed by Mr. A. D. McCain, Florenceville, president, the delegation met the cabinet, and presented six resolutions which the association had adopted at its annual meeting in July. Two resolutions dealt with the development of the seed export market, and urged the advertisement of New Brunswick certified seed in foreign markets, especially South America. The delegation voiced the association's belief that Canada should impose a tariff on United States' potatoes, in view of the tariff on Canadian potatoes entering the United States. Provincial support at Ottawa for the association's efforts to restore the Cuban market for Canadian table stock was urged also. Another resolution urged the government to refrain from loaning money under the recently proclaimed Junior Farmers' Settlement Act, and the sixth resolution requested a grant of money from the government to assist the association in its work on behalf of the province's potato industry. The Government said it would take the recommendations under consideration.

NOTES BY THE WAY

There is, after all, such a thing as poetic justice. We know that from reading about what was done by James Clegg, of Cleveland, Ohio. Two dog wardens caught a truck and an unlicensed dog belonging to one of Mr. Clegg's neighbors. Mr. Clegg demanded to see the wardens' driving licenses. They had none. And so Mr. Clegg had them arrested. — New York World-Telegram.

In a world loudly proclaiming its defence preparations, little is heard of what we are doing to make ourselves secure. Distant though India may be from likely theatres of war, we are not immune from attack by sea and air; nor at a time when shipping would be instantly requisitioned can we be sure of sufficient supplies to keep industry active and our people fed, clothed and safe. There is no reason to believe that the Government of India is not alive to these dangers, nor that it has not already made considerable preparations to meet them. But the Indian public does not know what has been done, and not unnaturally fears that India is not so ready to face war as she ought to be. — Times of India, Bombay.

Mr. Tim Buck will now become, we suppose, a fraternal delegate to the German Bund. He might even become a popular visiting speaker at the German plenary if the picnic season is not overworked. But the united front has recently embraced Mr. Herridge and Mr. Aberhart, so it will have no difficulty in embracing the local friends of Messrs. Hitler, Goering and Ribbentrop. — Winnipeg Free Press.

A suburban lady we know was sitting upstairs in her sewing room one fine afternoon, sewing away in her usual quietude, when she heard a knock. It was Martha, her colored maid. "For goodness' sake, Martha, is the house on fire?" Martha's reply, prompt and cheerful, came floating up the stairwell. "Yas'm," she said. — The New Yorker.

The extreme sensitiveness of the Dictatorship to criticism is shown by their frequent expulsion of foreign journalists. In the past few days the Italian Government have expelled the speed of correspondents because they disliked the tone of their messages. The French government have replied in kind—and the policy of mutual elimination goes gaily on. So far, Italy is winning the game of attrition. Yesterday there were three French correspondents left in Rome and twenty-two Italians in Paris. The totalitarian States have found in the technique of expulsion an alternative to the protest. It is an offshoot of a controlled Press and Government propaganda. Journalists from the democracies are sent to these capitulations to report the facts. Their reward is in the prospect of being shown the door. — London Daily Mail.

The one chance of escape is that the nations in combination adhere without flinching to the League principles to which, for necessity, or peradventure from a belated recognition of their worth, they have in fact subscribed: No yielding to force; no concession to aggression; no deals; no acceptance of plausible arguments in support of alleged right but an insistence upon submission to a real international conference in which all interests will be represented. In the alternative, war in defence of principles which derive their validity from a League which still, after all the betrayals, supplies the touchstone for modern conception of right and wrong in the relations between nations. Such an attitude, if the dictators could be convinced of its sincerity, might save the peace though it must be recognized that there is perhaps a fifty-fifty chance that they will decide that for them it is Now or Never. — Winnipeg Free Press.

One reads so much about military aviation and bombing 'planes these days that it seems all air progress is military. That is far from true. Quietly, and with little public attention, private flying for sport and business is making tremendous strides in this country. A single company, for instance, reports that it built 712 'planes in the first six months of 1939, almost equal to its entire production for 1938. The 'planes are of a type of no possible military use. They are built and sold for sport, and for business use. That is an impressive number of private 'planes to go into use during six months from a single plant. Many of the early auto companies were in business for a long time before they achieved production at that rate. It means that American private flying is taking to the air, not only for military purposes of defence but in the normal course of peaceful pursuits such as the Wright brothers envisioned when they first lifted their crude ship into the air at Kitty Hawk. — Pittsburgh Press.

Out of the 20 million bushels of winter wheat grown annually in Eastern Canada, only about three million bushels are marketed as grain, and three million as flour. Kent and Lambton, are responsible for 75 percent of that. The transactions in Eastern Canada are not likely to prove very embarrassing to the Wheat Board. — Farmers' Advocate.

That Body of Yours

By James V. Horton, M.D.

TOO MUCH OR NOT ENOUGH THYROID JUICE AFFECTS MENTAL AND PHYSICAL PROCESSES.

A strong, middle-aged foreman in a factory who had always been alert about his work, a good mixer, and very exacting and particular about the work done by the employees, began to get a little heavy in body, slower on his feet, and not quite so careful or exacting about the work done. Then he began to forget things, miss appointments, and a vacant expression of face became noticeable. The superintendent finally found it necessary to acquaint the general manager with the conditions in this particular shop.

After talking and reasoning with this foreman, the general manager came to the conclusion that perhaps he was overworked and suggested some holidays. The foreman simply spent the holiday sitting around home; he wasn't interested in going away or in doing anything different. Up to this time the family physician had not been called in because there were no symptoms of illness—no pain, indigestion or other symptom. However, when he saw the man, the great amount of weight he had put on, and the slowness or sluggishness of mind and body, he suspected an inactive thyroid gland as being the trouble and a metabolism test showed that the thyroid gland in the neck was not manufacturing enough juice. It is this juice that speeds up mental and physical activity. By giving the man some thyroid tablets to take every day, almost immediately a great change occurred. He became interested in his work, clear in his mind, mixed with the other men as in the old days, and began to lose the surplus fat very rapidly.

This condition is called hypothyroidism as "thypo" means "less," just as the overactive thyroid condition is called hyperthyroidism, "hyper" meaning "more." Just as the hypothyroid patient with his sluggishness of mind and body must be given some thyroid extract to speed up his processes, so must the hyperthyroid patient with overactivity of mind and body have part or all of his thyroid gland removed so that there will be little or no thyroid juice manufactured. The thyroid gland doesn't start mental or physical activity, but it does regulate the speed of the mental and physical processes. It can thus be seen how the thyroid gland (and also other glands) can affect the personality of an individual.

WOMAN'S PRIVILEGE

LONT-ON—(CP)—If Harry Miller, former British lightweight boxing champion, lost his fight with Harry Crasler, Betty Greenfield said she would not marry him. Miller lost, but Betty married him anyway.

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American Neutrality

(New York Times)

The Neutrality Act of 1937, as distinguished from the older authority under which the President has taken the thoroughly proper step of declaring the United States to be a neutral nation, is a costly and ill-considered act. It is wholly at variance with American tradition. It is unrealistic in its approach to the problem it attempts to solve. It is unneutral in the effect it will have in the present conflict. It is dangerously shortsighted from the point of view of our own national interest. That interest, certainly, is to see aggression checked in Europe and the war brought as speedily as possible to a conclusion which will permit decent standards of international conduct and the democratic system of government to survive. Nor should the fact be overlooked that the longer the war continues, and particularly if it goes against the nations with whom our natural sympathies lie, the greater becomes the risk of our involvement. We do not conserve our interests when we deny the democracies of Europe the opportunity to find in this nation the instruments of self-defense.

The Act of 1937 owes its adoption to the recently unduly held by many people whose sincerity cannot be questioned, that the transport of arms in American ships and the sale of such arms to foreign Governments on credit were primarily responsible for the involvement of the United States in the World War of 1914-18. We do not share this belief. We agree with those who think that as little as possible should be left to chance and inadvertence; that if the time should ever come when it is necessary for the United States to face the terrible choice of entering this tragic conflict, the decision should be made on the merits of the question and because our own safety is directly threatened, and not because we had permitted ourselves to drift into war accidentally. For this reason—that is, for the sake of taking every precaution to avoid the accidental choice—it is reasonable to propose that the so-called "cash-and-carry" provisions until recently applied to the export of war materials like steel and copper, should be applied specifically in the case of arms themselves. This would insure us against whatever risks might be involved in the transport of arms by American ships, or in the sale of such arms on credit. At the same time steps should at once be taken to limit severely all profits arising from the sale of arms and war materials to foreign Governments.

But when that precaution has been taken, surely the case for amendment of existing law in order to repeal the present absolute and automatic embargo on arms shipments becomes irresistible. The democracies of Europe have every right morally, legally under the provisions of international law, and additionally according to the standards which we ourselves have set to come to us now with their own funds and take away from our shores in their own ships the weapons of self-defense which they so desperately need. They have every right to ask that we shall not penalize them unfairly because in the past they have followed our own advice in their arms building up huge armaments, and because they have lagged behind Germany in the preparations they have made for war, particularly in the matter of airplanes. They have every right to ask, and to expect, that we shall not be blind to our own interests.

Every practical consideration of our own security, every decent regard for the rights of nations which are resisting unprovoked aggression, every instinctive loyalty to the cause of democracy and honor in a troubled world counsels amendment of the Neutrality Act at a special session of Congress to be held without a moment's unnecessary loss of time.

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LIVERPOOL, N. S., Sept. 6 — A new world's record tuna was landed here by J. Frank Johnson, of Whitesome, Long Island, fishing with rod and line, according to the Fish and Game Department of the Canadian National Railway. The giant tuna weighed 668 lbs and it took 2 hours and 27 minutes before it was subdued. A total of 26 tuna were landed during the week.

TOURISTS TO MEET

CHELSEA, England —(CP)—Football Association teams which have been touring Europe and South Africa, respectively this summer will meet at Chelsea in an exhibition match Oct. 16.

Use Minard's for sprains.

The Poets Corner

COUNTRY WOMEN

Country women never wear Jewels on their hands or hair; They leave the sapphires and the pearls To the easy taste of city girls. On the contrary, when it comes To pearls and apples, cherries, plums, To currants gleaming on their stems, Gooseberries, raspberries — these are gems. That country women understand; That suit a busy rustic hand. When they are done with plums and cherries With polished fruit and glittering berries. Their cellar shelves are loaded down With colors fit for any crown. Currant jelly rich and red As rubies on a kindly head; Mint jelly full of lingering light, As green as emeralds, and as bright; And the translucent sold that dapples The topaz jelly made of apples. So why should country women care For Jewels on their heads or hair? —Louise Owen, in the New York Sun.

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