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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink". CHARLOTTETOWN, FRIDAY, JAN. 18, 1952

Mr. Churchill and Congress

Mr. Churchill's address to Congress yesterday will go down in history as one of the most outstanding orations ever delivered. Its subject, its composition, its delivery could hardly be surpassed by any living statesman.

The whole world is in a chaotic condition, war, rumours of wars, prospective wars here, there and everywhere throughout the world in which both the leading nations of the world, Great Britain and the United States, are more or less involved. The one, Great Britain, is sorely oppressed by financial difficulties, due as Mr. Churchill pointed out, not to any fault of her own, but by her generous financial support to oppressed nations less better off than she was to oppose aggression and maintain their nationhood; the other, enjoying a financial status and a plenitude of resources which has enabled her also now at the end of World War II, to come to the aid of less fortunate countries, which she has done generously and in a manner deserving of the highest praise and commendation.

Now the crisis has been reached. Will there, or will there not, be a Third World War followed by the extinction of Christian civilization? That is the present question at issue, and Mr. Churchill put it up, not only to Congress but to the world at large, to decide what the answer shall be.

The aged statesman let it be known that it depended wholly on whether the United States will continue to join hands with Great Britain in opposing aggression with all the power at their command, including the use of the atomic bomb if all other means of defence failed. This met with loud, evidently unanimous, applause of Congress, which seemed wholeheartedly to support all that Britain's Prime Minister had to say in commendation of the two foremost Christian nations continuing to work harmoniously together till victory has been achieved.

Sault Ste. Marie Armory

The newly completed armory at Sault Ste. Marie, the city on the busy waterway between Lakes Superior and Huron, is naturally the most modern in this country. The \$1,500,000 building will provide accommodation for 1,400 officers and men. A gunshed will house 20 big anti-aircraft guns and a garage will hold 40 heavy army vehicles.

In addition to the strictly military aspects of the armory, it should prove a decided community asset, with its big drill hall able to hold 1,200 at sports events, or seat 3,000 when the floor is covered with chairs. A modern theatre will accommodate 500 persons and in addition it contains four bowling alleys, meeting rooms and lounges, a museum, library, hobby shop complete with a darkroom and equipment for metal and woodworking. It has, of course, a small arms range, six training rooms, four battery offices and three army messes.

The Soo should have every reason to be proud of the new armory and, in this Province, Charlottetown may perhaps take its completion as a sign that the long standing difficulties in the way of providing a modern armory here can now be overcome, unless sabotaged as were the Federal Building plans by knockers from within.

The North Atlantic Pact

What, asks an exchange, is the true purpose of the North Atlantic Pact? Mr. Churchill put it in a few words during his visit to Paris, just before Christmas. Mr. Churchill and Mr. Eden went to lunch with General Eisenhower at the Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe. Following the lunch Mr. Churchill met General Eisenhower's staff. Upon being asked to speak, Mr. Churchill said he was happy to see for himself how swiftly this great organization had grown.

"The allied powers," he said, "are not against the Russian people, but they are against tyranny and aggression in any form, and in whatever form it is cloaked. This is an attempt by the free world to maintain peace and to do away with tyranny and aggression. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is engaged in a holy, just crusade, and the victory we look to is a victory for peace."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Fry-Cadbury have re-introduced the five-cent chocolate bar.

Everything points to the fact that Canada is on the march towards the fulfillment of the prophesy that the 20th Century belongs to Canada, provided non-progressives do not intervene and push back the hands of the clock.

Captain Kurt Carlsen, the heroic commander of the ill-fated S. S. Flying Enterprise, "flew" by Pan-American Airways from London to New York yesterday, stopping for an hour en route at Moncton. He is one man who shuns publicity, but has had it thrust upon him.

Mr. W. A. Kember, assistant general freight manager of the Canadian National Railways, takes a decidedly optimistic view of Maritime trade prospects. "Unless something unforeseen happens", he is reported as saying, "the business outlook for the Atlantic Provinces is brighter than for some years."

The proposal to stockpile civil defence equipment, particularly medical supplies, at points throughout this country calls for the location of convenient sites at a sufficient distance from actual target areas. Charlottetown, within easy flying range of all important points in the Atlantic Provinces, should be in an ideal situation for the purpose.

Argentina, which now proposes to barter farm products for oil from Iran and carry it in her own tankers, should be able to caution the Iranians about nationalization. The railways of Argentina, until taken over from the stockholders, were highly profitable but the picture changed drastically when "foreign management" was eliminated.

The revenue of almost \$2,000,000 from pulpwood last year would have been all gain had good woodlot management been the rule rather than the exception. Farmers would have had their revenue and their holdings would have been as valuable as ever. In all too many cases, as reported by the Chief Forester, the source of supply has been simply wiped out.

The slaughter of the innocents. According to a report given at a recent meeting of the American Academy of Pediatrics, accidents killed 12,000 children annually. Another 30,000 to 50,000 are permanently injured. Between the ages of one and 14 more children die by accident than from the next six most common causes of death combined.

Joseph Rudyard Kipling, Anglo-Indian poet, died this date 1936. His best work was his short stories. His sphere of interest was the British Empire in all its manifestations from the big drums to the humble outposts of empire in out-of-the-way places. He wrote of men of action and his poetry catches the native rhythms of England. It was, perhaps, his prophetic sense which accounted for much of his influence. In his "Jungle Book" and its successor he showed a mastery of stories of animal life.

An American Senator would like U. S. A. to "buy" Canada from Britain, part of the price to be the contributions made to Britain from the American European Relief Fund. Apart from the facts that Britain does not own Canada, and that Canada is not in the market, our friends to the South should know that Canada has shown no disposition to be absorbed by her big neighbor, especially now when we are on the eve of our greatest expansion in history. We may ere long be in a position to annex the U. S. A.

The dairy industry is declared to be "sick", but the importation of another two-and-a-half million pounds of New Zealand butter next month or so is not calculated to cure it of its malady. According to Mr. F. W. Walsh, Nova Scotia's Deputy Minister of Agriculture, the trouble is due largely to lack of clarity as to Federal authority under the British North America Act. Surely it should not be beyond the ability of the Federal Agricultural Department to devise ways and means of clarifying the situation.

Vancouver Liberals are to adhere to the coalition agreement with the Conservatives. Mr. Harry Perry, who quit as president of the British Columbia Liberal Association, said "a large group" of Liberals had asked him to lead an independent Liberal Party; but that he had declined. Mr. Perry resigned the presidency after Premier Byron Johnson (an Islander) won over to his side rank-and-file members of the Liberal executive who wanted an immediate Liberal convention which would end the coalition with Progressive Conservatives. Mr. Perry forecasts a B.C. election before next June.

Punctured



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

FARMERS' PROBLEMS

Sir,—I wish to use some space in your valuable paper to answer some of R.F.D.'s remarks on farmers' problems.

Although I agree very much with him on many of his good arguments set forth relating to farmers and their marketing problems, I do not agree on everything, because as the farmers themselves always back those who do some marketing on their behalf? I fed a few hogs in my day and I know what costs are and I agree with R.F.D. that no money can be made at present prices; I know too there is no money in raising poultry meat or eggs—but what can be done? What has happened our trade in vegetables? In years past we used to be able to sell quite a few, but of late years things seem to be different.

Potatoes command a good price and so does beef but what assurances for any length of time for those who are really trying to get into the raising of good beef cattle? I know too our local Banks have clauses which help farmers in many ways, but take beef cattle for example; they won't lend money long enough so a farmer can purchase animals and establish foundation stock.

How many farmers would stick behind producer marketing policies, when at the same time there seems to be a sharp decline in the membership of their own organization? Now I am not trying to say anything harmful to anyone, but I was just wondering if the farmers have their reasons. If so what are they? I feel that the farmers' organization is worthy of the support of every farmer on the island. But if the organization has problems I never heard of them.

I am, Sir, etc. INTERESTED FARMER Charlottetown.

THE DOCTOR OF THE CENTURY

Sir,—A short time ago we read where a doctor in the United States was hailed and honored as the doctor of the year at eighty-four and a doctor for forty-six years. We too salute this grand old doctor and wish him health and success for many more years to come. At the same time, without casting any reflection on his or the record of any doctor anywhere, we think of our grand old doctor, Dr. Roderick J. MacDonald, the gaddy of them all at St. Peter's Bay.

Ninety-five years of age and a doctor for sixty-three years now and still on the job, hail and hearty! Sixty-three years at St. Peter's in the same district and on call twenty-four hours a day! We would call him, not the doctor of the year, but the doctor of the Century.

Visiting his office some time ago, he recalled his years on the job and said, "I am still here" and he sure is hail and hearty. When we stop and think of all the relief from pain and suffering this man has brought to us in all those years, when we think of the hundreds of babies he has brought into the world far from the comforts of the hospitals, and think back through the years of all he has gone through in snow and rain, cold and heat, through gloom and storms at the dead of night, with horse and sleigh, taking his horse in the storm-swept nights, travelling the old way long before cars were even a dream, doing all in his power to bring relief to the suffering and save human life, carrying his own drug store in his grip over a long hard route day and night, night and day, seven days every week for sixty-three years, then, and only then, can we really see how this great man has been

The Age-Old Story

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him; and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straightly charged them, saying, See that no man know it.

slighted when honors have been handed out for services well done. The time has not just come, but has long since gone down the lane of time for honors and decorations to be pinned on this great man of the Century, the man who we think here has done more than any living soul for suffering humanity. His credentials must show him as a master doctor with a wealth of experiences.

With the new year only a couple of weeks old, surely those who hold the reins of power will wake up and see that this grand old doctor is rightly decorated and honored with his name on the top line as Doctor R. J. MacDonald, the daddy of them all in years of service to human suffering; yes, the Doctor of the Century.

I am, Sir, etc. WALTER A. O'BRIEN 2 Hillsboro Street, Charlottetown, P. E. I.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS

Sir,—As I am a tiller of the soil and a feeder of swine, I don't pretend to have literary ability like Rev. W.I. Green or Arch. MacKenzie, who so often give good advice to the waywards. We appreciate their efforts. Then there are the critics; although we don't always appreciate the spirit of their writing we do admire their ability to reveal their knowledge of the questions at stake.

It is interesting to read some of the controversies and get the different opinions of the writers; but the controversy over the invitations sent out to attend the State dinner we faint would have had withstood. For who knows the boundaries of The Princess and Prince have read those letters before this, and if so might feel like the writer of old who said, "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith." I don't know what qualifications were necessary to get an invitation to the dinner. I presume position had the preference.

The object of writing this letter is to say "Hats off" to the cartoonist who in the Dec. 7th issue of The Guardian showed Santa in such a timely manner as the spirit of Goodwill. Santa stood with hat in hand, and holding the door ajar, whence came the clamors of the contenders for State precedence. Santa's smile was replaced by a look of astonishment that folk would allow such a trifle to deprive them of the spirit of goodwill toward men, so badly needed today. Santa meekly asked, "May I butt in?"

I never like to criticize a committee on any transaction for we choose men whose judgment and ability we respect for that office; and as I look at the names chosen for the reception of the Royal couple, who am I that I should find fault? But as none of us are infallible, mistakes are possible. Many of us who worked and voted to have a ban put on strong drink coming to our favoured land resent their attitude in toasting with wine instead of water as in the other Provinces. Wine is still a mocker and those who sit at ease and drink while our boys lay down their lives to protect our way of life would be well advised to listen to the Sunday morning words of C.E. Manning, Premier of Alberta, whose messages are not only forceful and interesting, but inspiring as well. I am, Sir, etc. THOMAS GORRILL Glenwood, Lot 8.

The Poet's Corner

THE DARKLING THRU

I leant upon a coppice gate When Frost was spectre-gray, And Winter's dregs made desolate The weakening eye of day. The tangled bine-stems scored the sky Like strings of broken lyres, And all mankind that haunted night Had sought their household fires. The land's sharp features seem'd The Century's corpse outland, His crypt the cloudy canopy, The wind his death-lament. The ancient pulse of germ and birth Was shrunken hard and dry, And every spirit upon earth Seem'd fervourless as I.

—Thomas Hardy.

Old Charlottetown

(And P. E. I.) DUCHEMIN EGG CARRIER

"We are glad to learn that our ingenious fellow townsman, Mr. Watson Duchemin, is about obtaining a patent for his egg carrier. His application has been examined and approved. The egg carrier is made in separate compartments, each holding a uniform quantity of eggs. When put together and fastened by a simple contrivance, it forms a strong box, with a cover lock and key to secure its contents. It can be taken apart and put together in less than five minutes.

"The egg carrier can be made in different sizes to hold from seven to one hundred dozen eggs, and upwards, to suit purchasers. It is a highly important invention to those engaged in the egg trade, not only for safe exportation, but for the saving of labour and expense in packing which it effects. A mere child can pack the eggs, without fear of breakage or missing count. Each box, when filled, gives the exact number. The egg carrier is a useful piece of furniture for hotels and private families, and for safely sending eggs to market, in carts or wagons, it is invaluable to the farmers.

"Mr. Duchemin has already invented and patented a ship's block, and he has another useful invention ready to be patented, which is a decided improvement on anything now in use in the same line." —The Islander, Feb. 10, 1871.

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Notes By The Way

A "No activities week" is urged by the Students Executive Council of McGill — a week "when no activities are held on the campus in order to allow students time to give more attention to their studies." Some parents straining their resources to provide a university education for their boys and girls will wonder why so excellent a rule is restricted to one week. — Ottawa Journal.

When Upton Sinclair wrote his novel, "The Jungle," several decades ago, he hoped to arouse the American public to protest against the terrible working conditions then prevailing in the meat packing industry. He succeeded, but not according to design. The tremendous impact of his book was on the stomach rather than the heart of the American people. Similarly, the report on the annual convention of the Ontario Cheese Producers Association may have a more profound effect on the digestive system of its readers than on their lachrymal glands. Certainly, the federal agricultural department's announcement to the convention that bristles, hair, grit and vegetable matter were present in 22 per cent of 43,000 samples of cheese from Ontario producers seems somewhat to mar the effect of the association's announcement that it is losing money. — Ottawa Citizen.

People write learned discussions which are intended to prove that Great Britain is finished as a great nation. We don't believe it, and our disbelief has been heightened by an item we just read in a British paper. The actors were playing "St. George and the Dragon" in which St. George is supposed to slay the dragon with his lance. But it happened that the dragon's lance hit the lance of St. George at an inopportune second angle. St. George's lance went flying off the stage, grazing the nose of the flute player in the orchestra. St. George never hesitated. He tackled the dragon with bare hands, took his lance away from him and slew him right on schedule. Furthermore, the flute player with the injured nose retrieved his flute and continued to play, hardly missing a note. You can't lick people like that.—Wall Street Journal.

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