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

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To The Bitter End

As anticipated, the Polish retreat has left the Polish army intact, and it is now gathering itself to resist on the line of the Vistula, behind which, for some years now, Poland has been concentrating its new war industries for just such an emergency. There may now be prolonged successful resistance. It does not do, however, to count on this. A Nazi Germany fully prepared is likely to have a shock strength greatly superior to the armies opposed to it; and, with the memory of August and September, 1914, fresh in mind, we must steel ourselves to hear of fresh reverses. The Winnipeg Free Press says in this connection:

If the Poles meet disaster, the peace kites will be flying next day; the sophistries of the would-be peacemakers whispering in our ears. You can hear them now:

We went to war to save Poland and Poland is now destroyed. Why go on?

What good can a long war do us now that Poland is gone?

Hitler has learned his lesson. He knows now he can't go on as he has done in the past.

Enemy agents all over the world will be pouring this dope out. Weak-minded, well-minded, short-sighted people will be listening to it. Pretentious offers of future good behavior will be launched by Nazi sympathizers. To all of them only one answer can be given: a blunt, uncompromising refusal. There must be no peace based on a Nazi victory. If Hitler wants peace, he can have it any time if he withdraws his armies and abandons the fruits of victory. Then—only then—can we return to any prospect of discussion and negotiation. If Hitler does not do this, it must be war to the bitter end and until our victory is won.

Britain's Food Supply

With Britain actually at war, it may be that the advice of Sir Thomas Middleton, chairman of the Agricultural Research Council, will be followed as to a large change-over in the use of land for food production in Great Britain. If so, this would effect the food requirements from Canada.

Sir Thomas stated that 18,000,000 acres in England and Wales are in grass, and only 3,000,000 acres in grain production. Of the grass acreage, 15,000,000 acres are permanently in that condition, and 3,000,000 acres are in grass by rotation of crops. But the production of meats, fats and dairy products takes far more acreage than the production of cereals and vegetables. Much more food for the sustaining of life can be produced from a given area in the latter way than in the former.

The grass acreage in Britain is much larger than the acreage in grain. But, in the past, that has simply been good business, since grain could be produced more cheaply in Canada and other countries. Grain growing has been encouraged in recent years in Britain as a defence policy, but it was necessary to bonus it, as on the continent.

The reversal of production, to a large extent, from animals to field crops for human consumption, which is urged by the chairman of the Agricultural Research Council, would mean the importation of a smaller quantity of food supplies and a smaller demand for shipping for that purpose, which is an important consideration.

But, while Britain would import less grain next year if this new policy were adopted, she would import more meats and dairy products, and Canada would be expected to help in supplying them, as well as a large amount of grain that would still be needed for Britain and France.

Government In Wartime

The prorogation of the special war session of Parliament has left the Dominion Government with wide plenary powers. Revival of the War Measures Act confers upon the Cabinet virtually all the authority which Parliament itself exercises, including mobilization of the whole resources of the nation. British military and economic missions already are on their way to Ottawa to consult with the Canadian authorities concerning plans which will make this Dominion a supply centre for all kinds of war material and foodstuffs. A bill has been passed creating a Canadian Ministry of Munitions and Supply, which promises much in the way of co-ordinating and stimulating the production of munitions and machinery for the armed forces of Canada and the Allies. If the \$200,000,000 voted by Parliament proves insufficient to finance Canada's war commitments until the regular session of Parliament is convoked in January—a contingency not anticipated, however—the Cabinet has adequate authority to make appropriations by the issue of Governor-General's warrants. In short it has been necessary to sacrifice temporarily much of our democratic freedom of Parliament, in order to insure victory for democracy on the battlefields.

Six subcommittees of the Cabinet have been set up to deal with various matters arising from the war. Prime Minister Mackenzie King is chairman of an emergency council to consider all questions of general policy and to co-ordinate all operations of the Government. This emergency council includes the key men of the Cabinet, Hon. P. J. A. Cardin, Minister of Public Works, heads a Committee of Supply to ad-

vide upon the purchase of all supplies, equipment, munitions, and the mobilization of industry. Hon. Charles G. Power is chairman of a Legislation Committee which will examine all Orders-in-Council to be passed under the War Measures Act and remedy lack of co-ordination between departments of the civil service. Hon. Norman McLarty, the Postmaster-General, presides over a committee on Public Information, dealing with censorship and the dissemination of information. The Minister of Finance, Hon. James L. Ralston, is chairman of a committee dealing with banks, finance, credits, bond flotations and the like, while Hon. Norman Rogers, Minister of Labor, heads a committee on internal security having to do with profiteering, commodity prices, Provincial relations, labor disputes and public safety.

These Cabinet subcommittees will have the co-operation and assistance of inter-departmental committees composed of the ablest men in the Government service and of other organizations and individuals like the Wartime Prices and Trade Board, headed by Mr. Hector B. McKinnon; the War Purchasing Board, headed by Mr. R. C. Vaughan, vice-president of the Canadian National Railways; the Chief Censor of Canada, Mr. Walter S. Thompson; the Canadian Wheat Board, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and various committees of the Department of National Defense.

Just What We Need

A welcome relief from the war tension will be afforded by the motion picture, "The Wizard of Oz", which is to be shown in the Prince Edward Theatre, starting Monday of next week. The management is to be congratulated upon having obtained such an early showing of this noted picture, the Canadian premiere of which took place in Toronto this week. By all accounts, it ranks with "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs" in entertainment value. Millions of dollars were expended in filming the scenes. The characters are as fantastic as anything out of Hans Andersen, and the whole production is a riot of merrymaking on a highly imaginative plane. We are all children of a larger growth when it comes to enjoying fairy tales, but it takes genius of a high order to present such tales in realistic pictorial form. In this case the critics are unanimous in acclaiming "The Wizard of Oz" as a masterpiece.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Hymns for those at sea in our churches tomorrow, and from now on, will have a universal significance.

Alfred Noyes—"Enchanted Isle and Other Poems", "A Tale of War", "A Salute to the Fleet", etc.—born this date, 1880.

Nobody can reasonably complain that Premier Campbell has "robbed St. Peter to pay St. Paul", the shoe being on the other foot.

Our soldier boys are now on guard duty in three different points in Canada. They have seen their duty and are attempting manfully to do it. May others follow in their train.

The Prime Minister has warned all and sundry seeking jobs, contracts or patronage to give him a wide berth. It will be recalled Premier Campbell issued a similar warning four years ago, only he added "go to your representative."

It is to be regretted that continued ill health confines Mr. A. E. MacLean to hospital in Boston. He is greatly missed in Summerside and Prince County, where, politically, he has been for many years "everybody's boy."

Attention is directed to a Forum letter on the subject of military recruiting and training here. As a Province we are entitled to all the rights and privileges of all the other eight provinces in this respect, and it is for our Provincial Government and Federal representatives to get busy and see that these are respected. We should have a depot and training for the different units and a military hospital for sick and invalided as well. Notwithstanding anything that may be said to the contrary there is more truth than poetry in the late Premier Lea's favourite quotation about the wheel that gets the grease.

Rhodes scholarships have been suspended during the prolongation of the war. Each recipient of the scholarship in Canada received a letter in the following terms from Lord Elton, one of the Trustees, through Mr. D. R. Michener, Toronto, Canadian representative: "At present I think you will agree it would be useless as well as dangerous for you to proceed to Oxford. There is no suggestion yet of any time you may go to Oxford nor of any alternative scheme. Furthermore, it is doubtful if anyone will attempt now to predict the duration of the war or its effects on such institutions as Oxford University and the Rhodes Scholarships."

The British Government's transfer of virtually the whole of the gold holdings of the Bank of England to the Exchange Fund as explained by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is to concentrate the entire foreign resources of the Government in one reserve. In any case, it really matters little how that reserve is held as long as it is available. To make it usable it has been necessary to make good to the Bank of England its loss of gold by increasing the fiduciary part of the note issue, that is, notes not actually backed by gold, by £280,000,000 to £580,000,000, this increase representing the value of gold handed over by the bank. Against this transfer, government securities for a similar amount have been placed in the Bank of England's issue department. The position of the bank's ordinary banking reserve, therefore, is not affected while the fact that the whole country's gold is concentrated into a central pool does not change the fundamental strength backing currency which now is entirely regulated in the national interest by the Treasury and the Bank of England. Mobilization of the gold resources for the successful prosecution of the war constitutes indeed an ultimate safeguard for currency,

NOTES BY THE WAY

In a recent editorial we referred to the growth of the French Canadian population in Canada. It is not generally realized how great has been the migration into the New England States of French Canadians—an overflow from Quebec. It is estimated that there are 2,500,000 Canadians of French origin in the Republic of Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and Rhode Island. There are old New England towns which are almost entirely French. Several years ago there was a French Canadian Governor of Rhode Island. In 1935 a survey showed that there were seven senators and 119 members of the Legislature in six of the New England States. In recent years American Immigration laws have been tightened up and few Canadians from Quebec have crossed the line—in fact there have been more French Canadians returned to Canada than have migrated to the Republic. The American closed laws have been largely responsible for the overflow from Quebec into Ontario. The French Canadians who have migrated to the Republic have to a certain extent been Americanized and yet to an unusual degree have retained their nationality and individuality. Quebec daily papers and particularly La Presse have a large circulation through New England. There are a number of French dailies and weeklies, while the French Canadians have retained their own parishes. — London Free Press.

Ten-year-old Jose Perez, who has been rescued from a solitary life on one of the Galapagos Islands, may not thank his rescuers when he finds out what the world is like.

It will probably come as a distinct shock to Canadians, naively unused to such things, to learn that a movement has been started up in the United Kingdom to popularize gas masks among infants. The British Home Office, to make the masks acceptable even to very young babies, recently announced that they would soon be turned out "in attractive colors." Mothers are even being urged to let the babies treat the masks as toys, and play with them, so that they will not be afraid if the time comes when they are donned in desperate hurry while the warning sirens scream. — Quebec Chronicle Telegraph.

My thought of Scandinavia has always been colored by tales of the rough and rugged Norsemen. Probably nothing but a visit to Copenhagen would have made me realize just how much polish has been added by Norse strength. The Danes are without exception, trying, unassuming, blond and clean. But they are also urbane, with grace, gaiety and good manners. The sense of order is strong, though I did not think so the first time I saw a swarm of bicycles. Copenhagen has only 400,000 bicycles—milling through a square. But never did we see a smash or even a pedestrian leap for safety. I do not mean to say that Denmark is exactly Utopia, but for those who are in search of a life in terms of slumless cities, industrial co-operation, organized and stable agriculture, 100 percent literacy, well-governed cities, low crime and disease rates, secure and contented workers, highly developed social inventions, Denmark will give a very good imitation. Germany has taken great trouble to organize an excellent Strength Through Joy movement. I should say that in Denmark such a movement is not required, for the whole country seems to be engaged in a spontaneous happiness-through-harmony movement. — Christian Science Monitor.

Be it ever so humble, a landlady's tenement is her castle. And so a party of eager observers with the best intentions in the world, agog for further study of slum basement quarters "unfit for human habitation" (surely a long way from an old house in E. 78th Street, beyond First Avenue. "Why should I be made the goat?" asked the landlady with spirit. "Go somewhere else. There are plenty of other tenements in the city like this one. I've owned this place for forty-five years and paid taxes on it. You can't come in." There are plenty of other tenements just like it, and no one can dispute her. People have been paying rent on such quarters for half a century and longer, so that the owners may pay taxes. And it goes on and on. So long as it isn't profitable as an investment to build decent homes for the lowest rent-paying class, as long as public housing lags and bogs down in official delays, the old houses from basement to roof will continue to be occupied. There's no other place for the people to live. Under the circumstances, we don't blame the landlady for not wishing further advertisement of conditions as they existed. Why make her the goat? — New York World Telegram.

Some years ago when I was the dinner guest of a famous club in Boston, the chairman of the evening introduced me in the following words: "Our guest tonight is an economist. I need hardly remind you gentlemen of the large part played in our life today by our economists. Indeed, it has been calculated that if all the economists were laid out in a line, end to end, starting at the Mexican border, they would reach—" The orator paused impressively and added: "nowhere." That, I may say, was a few years ago. What was a genial joke then is plain fact now. In my opinion that is exactly where economists stand. At a time when the world is in danger of collapse from the dilemma of wealth and want, the economists can shed no light, or rather only a multitude of cross lights that will not focus to a single beam—in place of a lighthouse, wreckers' signals, or at least, fireworks, elab-

That Body of Hours

By James W. Burton, M.D.

GLAND EXTRACTS AND AVOIDING CERTAIN FOODS HELPS CASES OF ACNE

I frequently write about acne—pimples—because I know that there is always a fresh group of afflicted with this distressing and embarrassing condition just when their appearance means so much to them. Because acne causes so much mental anguish and so can affect health and happiness, physicians to-day are giving more attention to acne instead of simply telling the boy and girl that it will pass away in a few years. Dr. L. P. Ereaux, Montreal, whom I have quoted before in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, the general practitioner should shoulder his responsibility in correcting this disgusting skin disorder. Physical, hygienic habits established, and the local skin condition then treated.

The fact that nearly all cases of acne occur near or at the period of puberty (12 to 14 in girls and 14 to 16 in boys) shows that the sex and other glands have something to do with causing it.

Dr. Ereaux records that in their clinic observations were made on a group of acne patients who were unselected, not on any special diet and who were receiving no treatment of any kind. A combination of pituitary and sex gland extracts was used and immediate improvement was noted—clearing of the skin up to a certain point. But after the condition had improved up to a certain point, no further improvement could be obtained although the same regular doses of the combined extract were continued. However, when this remedy was withdrawn the acne returned in most cases and was about as bad as ever.

The above shows that while these gland extracts helped the condition, something else was needed to bring about a complete cure. In the opinion of most skin specialists food is an important factor in causing or helping to cure acne. Dr. Whitfield, after whom Whitfield's ointment, so helpful in fungous skin affections is named, advises that the fat element found in whole dairy products (milk, butter) and in goose and duck should be avoided by acne patients. Sir Malcolm Morris advises that mustard, pepper, pickles, spices, catsups, sauces, curry and coffee be avoided if a clear skin is desired.

PLAYED THROUGH

MANCHESTER, England (CP)—Although she had been momentarily stunned in a taxi accident on her way to a concert, Thelma Reiss, cello soloist, took her place on the program and the audience only learned of her mishap later.

orate and meaningless. — Stephen Leacock in the N. Y. Times Magazine.

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OUR BOYS IN UNIFORM

Sir—In your editorial note you hope that our boys in Khaki will be left with us as long as possible. At present the evidence is not promising. But why not? Should it later develop that Canada sends an expeditionary contingent to Europe, conscription being unilaterally outlawed in public opinion, such an overseas force would be decidedly composed of volunteers. Would it not be the height of wisdom to have a large force of drilled and trained men instead of those crude and inexperienced to draw from it. It is surely evident that the great bulk of these volunteers would spontaneously come from those already in uniform. In Germany all youth over teen age are compulsorily drilled and ready to enlist. Then why not have a training camp located in this Province where all recruits can be drilled into efficiency without transporting them from their home country?

In every way it would be of advantage. A larger number could be enlisted, at no greater cost. The Island being central to the Maritimes, those could be readily transferred to any eastern point when needed for home defense. From the patronage standpoint (only an incidental factor) our people contribute to the war costs, would have their share of the revenue distributed. And when, if ever, volunteers are called for overseas service, our quota would be on hand, all trained and ready for service. As I see it, it would be the supremacy of wisdom to have a local training camp, and all our public men of influence should unite their efforts to gain this benefit. I am, Sir etc. PUBLICUS

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