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

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Smashing Through On The West

There is heartening news in today's despatches, reporting the success of the French Army in penetrating German territory on the Western Front.

The fact that the fighting has been carried into German territory does not necessarily mean that the Siegfried Line has been broken.

The French lost no time in testing the West Wall for its strength and weakness. It is a logical assumption that a defense system, rushed to completion as it was, built almost entirely by forced labor.

It is presumably here that the advances into German territory were made yesterday. Details are lacking but the fact that in the short space of a few days such progress has been achieved will give renewed courage to Poland and cause consternation in Germany.

The War In Poland

So far events have favored Germany in her invasion of Poland but this, as indicated yesterday, was anticipated from the start.

In the first place, Germany, with a more powerful army and allegedly four or five times the number of Polish planes, has also the advantage strategically. The Polish Corridor is a strip between the pincers of East and West Prussia.

Thus we have a war of movement as we did on the Eastern front in the World War. The Germans have openings for their drives, as they had through Belgium and as Von Hindenberg had in his Eastern campaigns.

Evidently Polish strategy is to fall back on prepared positions, waiting for the German plan to disclose itself and for the Germans to exhaust some of their energy on the march and to gain some advantage in manoeuvre.

Every time the Poles force a German column to deploy, it means delay. The poor roads of Poland, the few great trunk roads—over which the Germans are evidently striking—are a greater disadvantage to the advance than the defense.

For rapid advance, the Germans will have to contend with rains. It was many months before Von Hindenberg could reach Warsaw with his army against badly armed Russians—some of them had clubs instead of rifles.

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forces of the Allies is their overwhelming economic superiority, factors which, sooner or later, will bring Germany to her knees.

Ex-Service Men Ready

The following from an interview given by Col. C. R. Hill, Dominion President of the Canadian Corps Association, is of interest not only to Great War veterans but to all concerned with Canada's cooperation in the present struggle.

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The first and pressing need for ex-soldiers is anti-sabotage guard duties. Requisition for Dominion Government guard requirements have been taken care of so far largely by supply from the militia.

In addition, a comprehensive plan has been submitted to the Department of Defense whereby over-age veterans may conceivably be used in a systematized organization for the permanent staff of camps and other places needing experienced training but not fighting troops.

Such a need is one for time and circumstances to develop, and all that veteran organizations can do at the moment is to stand by, giving all the help they can to responsible authorities and preparing for acceptance of greater opportunities when their turn comes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The city streets are getting more and more khaki coloured.

One volunteer is still worth more than 10 pressed men.

Today the Federal Government holds its first war session.

The first voyage of the Great Eastern, the first iron-built ship, this date, 1859.

Some young men are blessing their physical incapacity for service; the red-blooded are cursing it.

Up to July 31, 252 Home Improvement loans have been made to Charlottetown, representing \$78,695.32.

The I.O.D.E. are taking a census of women for the various kinds of work which may develop for them in the course of the war.

Providing comforts for our boys on defence duty will constitute one of the major activities of our women's organizations, especially round Christmas.

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The Provincial Government will have its work cut out for it insisting upon the harbour improvements for which Federal grant has been made, concluding their road programme, and seeing there is no let up in the work in connection with the Wood Island car ferry.

Stocks of Canadian creamery butter in nine Canadian cities which are close to 70 per cent of the total, aggregated 39,839,000 pounds compared with 42,016,000 a year ago.

Britain's war preparations have brought high prosperity to Northampton, centre of the boot and shoe industry, where fourteen factories are working day and night on a Ministry of Supply order for 2,000,000 pairs of service footwear.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

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Considering the recently "pre-viewed" automobiles of 1940 it is evident that their designers still find it difficult to profit by experience. Streamlining, for instance. We bandy the word about when we talk of fountain pens, millinery or office furniture.

According to the Japanese census returns in 1930, the total number of people engaging in gainful occupations was 29,620,000, of which 24,300,000 were farmers.

Conspicuous duty so frequently is associated with restraint and restrictions, with psychic if not physical manacles and yokes that it is a pleasure to note an occasion on which the police, far from dampening the fun, contributed to it.

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Hitler's 16-Points

(Winnipeg Free Press.)

Now that the Nazis have shown their hand and attacked Poland, we know what value to place upon the plausible "16 points" which yesterday were presented to the world.

It is still worth while to study those terms and the text of the official statement that accompanied them, for they show unmistakably that the Nazis expected Great Britain would help them to conquer Poland bloodlessly.

The events in sequence have been as follows: On Aug. 28 the British sent a note to Berlin offering to help effect a settlement.

On Aug. 29 the Nazis told Britain to have the Poles send an envoy to Berlin by midnight on Aug. 30. The envoy was to have full powers to sign a settlement.

They then drew up the 16-point plan which they proposed, their idea being to threaten and bully the envoys into submission as they had previously done with Schuschnigg of Austria and Hacha of Czechoslovakia.

Official Nazi circles next day expressed optimism: "peace" was in sight. But the plan went wrong. No Pole arrived. Instead Poland mobilized.

What had happened on Aug. 30 was that Britain did not urge the Poles to commit suicide. Without comment she transmitted to Warsaw the Nazi demand for the despatch of an envoy, and it is said, advised the Poles to take every measure needed to defend themselves.

Late at night on Aug. 30 the Nazis very much upset, related the 16-point plan for the first time to the British ambassador in Berlin, expecting that this would result in British pressure on the Poles.

The terms themselves did not form a very good basis for negotiation between Poland and Germany, but there was no reason why they should not have been laid on council table in some neutral capital where, without improper influences being brought to bear on the Poles, they could have been calmly discussed by the two parties to the dispute.

Had reason prevailed, the Poles might reasonably have demanded that, before the negotiation began, the Nazi should order the demobilization of their armies, or at least withdraw them from the Polish frontiers. They could have readily agreed to this, for they would demobilize. They might also reasonably have asked that before negotiation began the Polish army in the Danzig garrison, which governed the relations of Poles and Germans in the Free City, should be restored to its full strength.

It should be noted too, that the Poles, in the type of the camouflage about plebiscites and international control is the Nazi idea of the perfect deal: "Heads I win, Tails you lose."

The terms boiled down to the fact that, even if the proposed plebiscites had gone against Germany, Hitler would have wound up with Danzig in the bag, and a German-owned strip across the Corridor. This is exactly what Hitler wanted, for there were provisions for the demilitarization of the strip.

motor doesn't get a chance to cool off before the next time he really has not the time to be neighborly. If you must see your neighbor and you cannot reach him by telephone, you nail him by making a flying tackle as he leaps from his porch to the running board of his car.

In the recently published correspondence between Father Divine and one of the President's secretaries concerning the former's prospective purchase of the Vanderbilt estate near Hyde Park, the most interesting part comes right at the end. It closes as follows: "With best wishes for your success and all of your good endeavors that you and all who are concerned, may be as I am, this leaves me well, healthy, joyful, peaceful, lively, loving, successful, prosperous and happy in spirit, body and mind and in every organ, muscle, sinew, joint, limb, vein and bone and even in every atom, fiber and cell of my bodily form."

It is indeed true that the auto brings one far places near. But it seems that our fondness for the old bus threatens to make the near things far away. There are so many places we must go, so many places we want to go and so many places that we just go to whether we want to or not, that the car

That Body of Yours

By James M. Burke, M.D.

EMOTIONAL UPSETS OR CONFLICTS CAN WEAKEN HEART AND BLOOD VESSELS

Perhaps you notice that your heart is beating very rapidly and when you count your pulse or find that instead of being 72 to 76 to the minute, the heart rate is 84 or even up to 96. Instead of going to your family physician you may go to another physician and he likewise finds your heart rate high.

Further, when this physician takes your blood pressure he finds that this is also considerably above normal. He thereupon advises you to return at another time. The second examination still shows high pulse rate and high blood pressure. An examination of your throat shows normal tonsils and a recent X-ray of your teeth shows no infection. An examination of chest shows it to be normal, you are not constipated but admit that your appetite has been "off" lately.

As the physician can find no reason for your high blood pressure or heart rate, the blood vessels not being in a "hardened" condition, his next question is likely to be: "Have you anything on your mind?" If there are any domestic problems that require to be settled.

Now the problem, the difficulty, the "conflict," may be very much on your mind and you may not realize it because, while not settled, you believe you have suppressed it.

Your physician will tell you that just as long as the conflict is present or remains unsettled, your heart rate and your blood pressure will be higher. Just as soon as the conflict is settled, then the heart rate and blood pressure will come down to normal or nearly to normal, until of course, another worry, anxiety, or conflict arises, whereupon heart rate and blood pressure will again become high.

Nature has been kind to you in that the heart has considerable reserve power which enables it to

tion of certain Polish areas as well. And what, under the suggested terms, were the Poles to get? They were to receive nothing at all. They would have lost the present international status of the Free City, and been forced to depend on a Nazi guarantee for the future security of their Danzig transit trade, for the Nazis would get their corridor across the Corridor.

The proposals were preposterous. Nevertheless, it ever has been, Italy looks to its own self-interest with an eye to the unforgettable lesson against intervening precipitately provided by the Versailles treaty.

As the tension increased in the last few weeks, there have been frequent reports that several of the Fascist high command have not been feeling so romantic as they had felt in their short stretch of empire. However, until now that Marshal Balbo was among them, and it seemed almost incredible. As Governor of Libya, Italy's most important colonial possession, he prepared a magnificent show for the beautiful building he was to see in London, gleaming white teeth, he has been no less than the Beau Sabreur of the new, loose or draw. Naturally the rhort-ender never feels romantic, which may explain his surprising apostasy.

Lamb hunter style, is a good picnic dish. Three or four wooden skewers with a piece of bacon in between each two pieces of lamb. You can put onions or mushrooms in, too, if you wish. Wrap in waxed paper, and take to the picnic grounds, unwrap and cook over hot coals.

While fainter grows the voice of Ceres calling, Persephone. And peler blows the ravelled rose forsaken. Across the moon-white fields of asphalt.

Now has the hallowed hour of death descended. And the hushed evening swings her to its rest. In loneliness the quiet hands are blended. On the unfurled breast.

Where sombre-hued, the twilight shadows fall, Darken the waters of the soundless sea. While fainter grows the voice of Ceres calling, Persephone.

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Nazi Food Shortage In Germany, housewives find it difficult to obtain any meat other than sausages. Their butler is rationed, and cream is simply prohibited. They get an extract of skim milk when they ask for eggs and they must do their cooking in what is called a "kitchen" or "kitchenette".

Balbo Back-Slides (Frederick Gleazer) It is something of a shock to find the always romantic Marshal Italo Balbo now renouncing romance. He has contributed some of the best showmanship, in his per on and his achievements, to the Italian imperial resurgence, but now, in his newspaper, published in Ferrara, he says: "Italy is not now a romantic nation. It is indeed, it ever has been, Italy looks to its own self-interest with an eye to the unforgettable lesson against intervening precipitately provided by the Versailles treaty."

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