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EDITORIAL

Men or Machines . . .

In spite of all the machinations of science to destroy human life and property in warfare, it is the quality of man himself that will decide the issue of modern warfare, Commander A. H. Reed, naval officer in charge at Prince Rupert, suggested to the Prince Rupert Gyro Club yesterday. This reflection of Commander Reed's is worthy of thought. If man has become sofe, no quantity and no quality of machines in the final analysis can save him. And possibly the quality is a more important consideration than the quantity. We need the men of quality to produce and to use the machines of war. Possibly we have been too prone to place the value of the machine before the value of the man. This, of course, brings up the question of morale, something that has not yet been tested in Canada such as it has been in Britain. Our testing time may yet come. We might as well determine ourselves that we must stand up without compromise. The machines of quality and quantity are essential. The same can indeed be said of the men.

Archbishop Matheson . . .

The late Archbishop Samuel P. Matheson, former Primate of All Canada for the Church of England, will go down in ecclesiastical history as one of Canada's greatest churchmen. The affectionate esteem in which this able, astute yet gentle and Christian man was held was a notable feature of his career.

In the quarter of a century of Archbishop Matheson's guidance and administration of Rupert's Land diocese and ecclesiastical province as metropolitan, and for a greater part of this period as primate, there has been great expansion and development in the work of the church. While these eminent services will be borne in grateful memory, to a far greater degree will His Grace's memory abide and be blessed by the people of the land for the spiritual help and insipration that had been given them by His Grace's life and by his sermons and addresses.

"To sever myself officially from my long and happy association with the work of the church in the diocese brings upon me a very severe and painful wrench," His Grace said on his retirement. "But it is not something that I have done lightly and without serious thought . . . I felt convinced that it was my duty to hand over the reins to a younger man, and to one who will be more generally fit for the duties of the position, so that the work of the church will not suffer.

"I have said that my severance from the work which I dearly loved costs me many a pang, but the demonstrations of goodwill are a very pleasing mitigation to my sorrow at parting from it. I have never been influenced or swayed by a 'wanderlust,' but have remained prac- through my life practically in the same locality where God placed me as a child. Perhaps it is not known how frequently I was tempted to change my sphere of labor, but, in the providence of God, I could never bring myself to yield, and today, as I retire from my post, amidst the atmosphere of abounding kindliness which surrounds me, I felt that in doing what I did I must have been carrying out God's will. I have stayed here in old St. John's which has grown dearer to me every day with the flight of time. I have seen the old Red River settlement grow from the day of small things to what it is today. I have seen the little outpost of Fort Gary grow into the fine metropolis of the city of Winnipeg. I have seen the few churches dotted along the banks of the two rivers, with their one scattered diocese, develop into an ecclesiastical province of eleven dioceses. It is perhaps a unique experience to have witnessed all this during my lifetime, and, looking at it all, I thank God and take courage for the future of my native country and for the church which I love. If, under God, I have been able to do my little in all this development, I can only thank Him not for what I have done, but for what He has done. None of us can say, 'Look what we have done,' but exclaim, 'What hath God wrought.'" Such was the way the late lamented Archbishop expressed his spirit in his own Godlike words.

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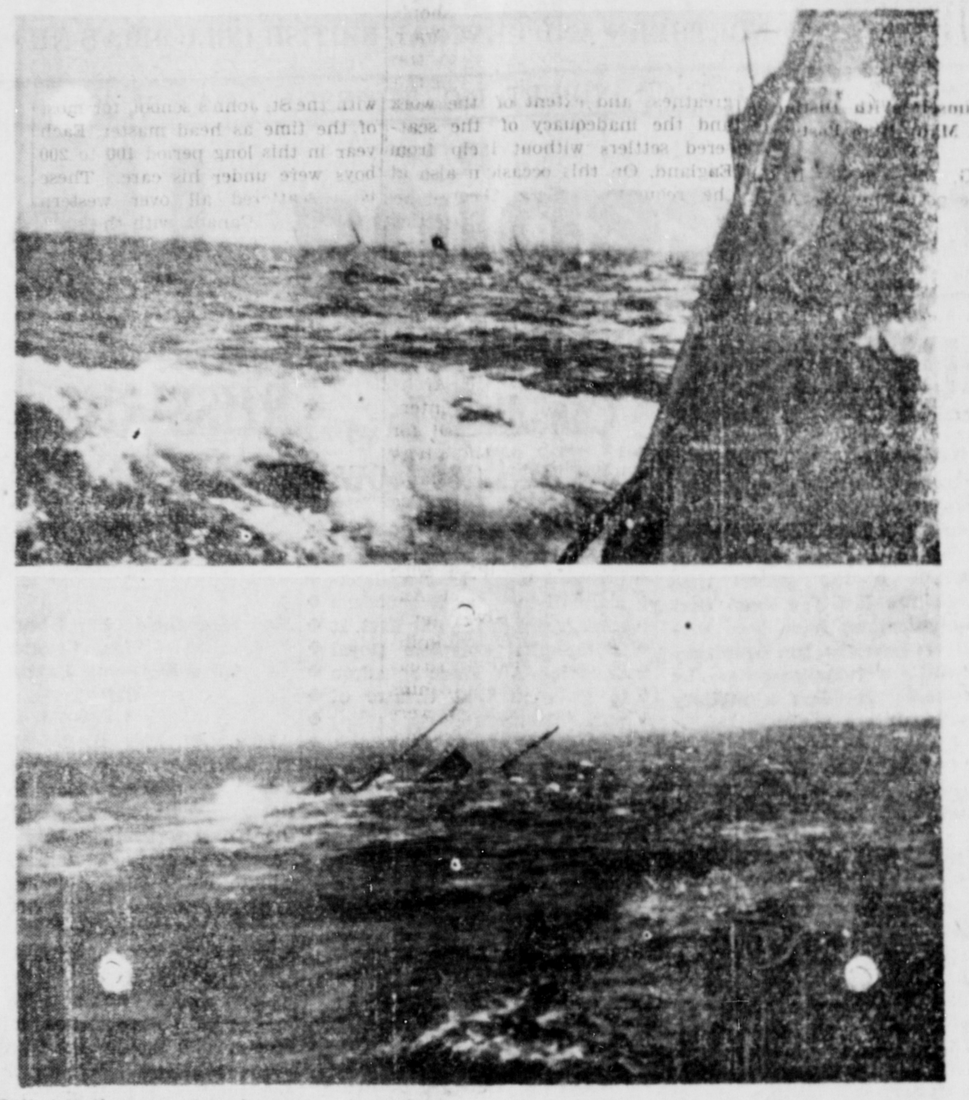

A United Nations vessel is shown, top, in a sinking condition as it was sighted by a ship of the U.S. Atlantic patrol. A second view of the vessel is shown bottom, as the patrol vessel approached the sinking craft. No details were released by the U.S. Navy Department as to what happened to the stricken vessel.

FRENCH DETEST NAZI INVADERS IT IS CLEAR

Voices of Vichy Distrusted and Most of Old Republic Remains Pro-British and True To Allied Cause

(One of a Canadian Press series by the Free French Labor and Interior Commissioner on conditions in Nazi-ruled France before his escape to Britain.

(By ANDRE DIETHELM)

LONDON, May 21: (CP) — From one trial to the next, French morale became more assured and the certainty of final triumph grew. The determination of the French to resist and play their part again in the war grew as well.

From the very first days of the conflict, a certain propaganda had tried to set the French people against England and to make the mere sight of a British uniform odious to them.

I do not want to reveal here how at the risk of their lives, our compatriots hid British soldiers and airmen. You may have heard the story of an Englishwoman who found herself in the occupied zone. Her name happened to be Churchill and everywhere she was the object of the most devoted attention.

When British bombers carried out their duties, it is no exaggeration to say that in the eyes of all, they were viewed as Heaven-sent.

British Bombers Welcomed

When bombs landed accurately on the target, everybody said the R.A.F. was marvellous and had extraordinary sighting apparatus. If, by bad luck, civilians were hit, then it was proof of German perfidy and everyone supposedly found splinters showing that the bomb was made in Germany.

The same attitude was taken in connection with French internal policy. When the collaborators announced some illusory concession, everybody's common sense protested. Admiral Darlan's triumphant communiques were regarded as fresh proof of treachery.

Even in the unoccupied zone, the press dared not announce immediately that Japan was "protecting" Indo-China, that French workmen were compelled to take employment in Germany, or that an anti-Bolshevist Legion was being formed in Paris.

The entry of Russia into the war was the last stroke. All Frenchmen of all classes apart from the Communists began to love Russia again. The old memories of the Franco-Russian Alliance were revived. I think even that certificates of the old Czarist loans which our grandparents kept sadly in their strongboxes had advanced several points by the end of May.

When after a few weeks of fighting, fears of a Russian collapse were dispelled, I am certain there was not a single Frenchman who did not rejoice, who did not detest the invader so much more, and who did not, in his innermost heart, prepare for the coming revolt. Admittedly these sentiments were not of the same intensity throughout France.

How France Reacts

In Paris, where you rub shoulders daily with the Germans, where you see the swastika on the palaces of the Place de la Concorde, where every morning you see a goose-stepping German battalion, you are filled with more hatred than the invisible control of ports, traffic centres and frontiers in the unoccupied zone can arouse.

Each part of France reacts according to its own temperament. Those of our people who have known the horrors of invasion three times within two generations are more energetic and passionate in their patriotism.

But, for all that, police measures, control and political security measures have had to be reinforced throughout France. Prisons are full; convictions becoming more numerous. On the mere lodging of information, suspects are interned in concentration camps, and a regime of delation and terror installed in this traditionally free country.

As for the Germans, when the political gang, the stage-producers of compromise and approachments stand aside, the curtain rises to reveal the truncheons of the Gestapo and the machine-guns of the Wehrmacht.

STAYS SCHARNHORST

LINTHWAITE, Eng., May 21 (AP) — War or no war, Herbert Scharnhorst, sausage skin manufacturer, is not going to change his name. He said, "I'm English and proud of it" and people are spelling his name correctly since the German battleship gave the name prominence.

WOMEN ON THE LAND

LONDON, May 21 (AP)—The Women's Land Army totals more than 28,000 persons, it was announced in the House of Commons.

MANPOWER IS NEEDED

War Cannot Be Won By Machines Alone, Declares Commander Reed In Gyro Address

Speaking before the Prince Rupert Gyro Club at luncheon yesterday, Commander A. H. Reid, naval officer commanding at Prince Rupert, expressed the opinion that, in spite of the great scientific developments for the prosecution of mechanized warfare, the element of man himself would yet play the decisive part. The development of the commando type of man to man fighting with men of superlative physique and unflinching character he submitted as an example of the reversion to the human element. "After all the man is the thing," declared Commander Reed who, with characteristic candor, referred to certain types of men who could not be expected to rise to the occasion when the time came for them to do so. Among these he suggested the men whose main object in life seemed to be pleasure and self-indulgence.

Commander Reed's subject was "Anti-Submarine Warfare" and on this he gave a highly interesting discourse drawn upon personal experiences from the last war. Serious as the situation might be today in regard to shipping losses, Commander Reed referred to the desparate situation which faced the Allies in the spring of 1917 after Germany had cast all international codes in regard to warfare to the winds and had embarked upon her campaign of unrestricted submarine warfare. He described how the challenge had been met after Admiral Jellicoe had declared that unless some means could be devised to counteract the losses of sinking there would have to be unconditional surrender by August 1917. The q-boats, with which Commander Reed himself had been identified, had proven one of the answers. He paid tribute to the courage of the men who had undertaken the perilous job of manning the q-boats.

Incidentally, Commander Reed declared that the submarine was not nearly as vulnerable a vessel as some were led to believe. Even as in the last war, however, steps were being taken in this to meet the challenge of the submarine.

President George L. Rorie was in the chair at yesterday's luncheon and guests were Dr. R. J Macdonald, a member of the Pouce Coupe Gyro Club, who has arrived in Prince Rupert to locate, and R. S. Greig and T. W. E. Henry.

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