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"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink."

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Easter

While Christians believe that "God's in His Heaven", it would be folly to assert that "all's right with the world". All is not right. Anxiety is on every side. Men's hearts are failing them for fear. Nation is rising against nation, if not in actual warfare, certainly in anger and ill-will. No man living is wise enough to prophesy the shape of things to come, not for a year, nor even for a month in advance. The machines which have been created by human brains and hands may at any moment turn and rend their creators. Easter Day dawns on a world which is travelling the way of despair. The very lands where the Sacred Story of the Ages began to unfold are seething with tensions which threaten to engulf mankind in a catastrophe which conceivably could reverse the story of man's progress through the centuries and make it a tale of unspeakable horror and fury.

These things are true. Yet, the Easter sun shines brightly. The Easter message proclaims as it has done for twenty centuries that while "heaviness endures for a night, joy cometh in the morning". There is much hope in the world as well as much fear, and much peace, too, which comes not from the artificial world of man's designing but from within the soul that keeps on looking upward and onward. Faith is still the substance of things longed for, the evidence of things not seen. There is abroad in the world, despite the disarray that is all around, a growing conviction that not arms nor economic strength nor political prestige, but only righteousness, exalteth a nation. Despite all the alarms and forebodings, the hungry of the world are being fed in ever increasing numbers, disease is being slowly conquered, the folly of war—though war itself is ever near—is being gradually recognized.

God is not dead. His handiwork remains as it was in the beginning, very good. Above the clatter and din and chaos, the listening ear can hear the music of the unseen choir, cheering man on to greatness. There is beauty on the earth; the freshness of Spring is in the air. As the late G. A. Studdert-Kennedy puts it so aptly:

"Turn cynic if you will. Curse God and die. You've ample reason for it. There's enough of Bitterness, God knows, to answer why. The road of life is rough. But then, there is the glory of the sky."

A Second Look

It was only natural that, following the first flush of victory over Mr. Adlai Stevenson in the Minnesota Presidential Primary, only a few days after another, though less spectacular victory, in New Hampshire, the supporters of Senator Estes Kefauver felt that his nomination in August as Democratic Presidential standard-bearer was almost a certainty, for Minnesota is widely hailed as a proving ground for political aspirants. Now that the shouting has died down, a more reasonable appraisal of the situation is probably being made in Minnesota and elsewhere.

There is no doubt whatever that Mr. Stevenson received a significant setback and Mr. Kefauver an important step forward in the Minnesota Primary. But it must be remembered that Primary elections in the United States are not noted for infallibility of judgment. In fact, they are so imperfect as political weathervanes that several States which used to have them have reverted to the Convention system. While voters must register before the election as either Republicans or Democrats—provided they wish to cast their ballots in the Primary—they are under no obligation to vote in accordance with their prior registration; otherwise, of course, there would be no such thing as a secret ballot. That means that Republicans may vote for Democratic candidates and Democrats for Republican candidates. The Democratic nomination in Minnesota was so heavy,

much heavier than the registration had indicated beforehand, that there are strong grounds for believing that many Republicans voted for Mr. Kefauver—just to keep Mr. Stevenson, whom they regard as more likely than anyone else to defeat President Eisenhower, from getting the nomination. This is an odd way to express a political preference; but it has happened many times in the past, without having had much influence on the final outcome at the ensuing nominating Convention.

Ready For Action

External Affairs Minister Pearson may be right in his contention that tension in the Middle East has subsided noticeably in recent weeks. That, however, does not appear to be the view of British Government officials. Indeed, recent dispatches from London indicate that, unless certain steps are taken immediately, war in the Middle East is not only probable but virtually certain. One unidentified official at the Foreign Office is quoted as saying "the question now is not 'will war break out?' but 'when will war break out?'" Among the "certain steps" which the British feel are necessary to prevent war is a clear United States' commitment to take immediate military action against any aggressive move by either side, a commitment which has not yet been made, despite President Eisenhower's repeated warning that war in the Middle East might develop into a global conflict.

Meanwhile, it is clear that Britain is prepared to mobilize her Mediterranean forces for action at the first sign of actual war—with United States support, if that be forthcoming, and without if necessary, and without waiting for United Nations machinery to be set in motion, which in all likelihood would be a tedious process. The British view seems to be that any outbreak of war in the Middle East must be stopped almost instantly, within a matter of days, if war on a world scale is to be prevented.

There seems to be a lot of criticism in Britain over the failure of the United States to become a member of the Baghdad Pact which includes Britain, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, and Pakistan, and which is supported actively by the United States might be expected to exercise restraint on such non-pact countries as Egypt and Syria, which appear to be the most aggressively inclined countries of the Middle East at the moment. Whether the criticism be just or not, it certainly is understandable; for it was on the recommendation of Secretary of State Dulles that the Baghdad Pact was established.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The present Mr. Adlai Stevenson is not the first American of that name to aspire to high political office. His namesake, and grandfather, was Vice-President during the second Presidential term of Grover Cleveland, 1892-96.

Tom Chislett of Glace Bay, who plunged into the icy water to rescue a stray dog, deserves some kind of medal for bravery above and beyond the call of duty. It isn't often that a man is prepared to risk his life to save a strange animal.

Among statements which would not have found their way into the records of history if well laid plans had not gone a-gley is this one by Sir John Harding, the governor of Cyprus: "I slept better than usual last night". Sir John made the statement the morning after a bomb had been placed in his bed by terrorists.

The Minister of Industry and Natural Resources appears to be optimistic over the future of this Province's trade with Newfoundland. According to Mr. McKinnon, "Newfoundlanders would sooner deal with us than anyone else." That may be true, but it would be foolish to depend too much on it. The Minister's optimism notwithstanding, there is a good deal of dissatisfaction among Newfoundland business men and government officials over what they believe to be virtually a one-direction flow of trade. That situation has been remedied partially in recent years. All the same, the balance is still very much in our favour; and much more will have to be done by way of adjustment if the Island is to retain and increase its lucrative Newfoundland business.



HAPPY EASTER!

PUBLIC FORUM

SEAWAY AND CAUSEWAY PROJECTS

Sir,—Perhaps an apology is due for asking space so frequently in your valued paper. Please accept it. We think the context of Mr. Kichham's reply to our first letter needs some clarification. We do not cast doubt as to the accuracy of Mr. Kichham's figures as of this date. It must be assumed that he has all the services of government estimates, statistics and records, together with secretarial assistance at his command, so we accept his figures, without question. However, we stand pat on the statement we made in our first communication. When the Seaway project was first suggested following the second world war, it was considered that the U.S. would join in the undertaking on a fifty-fifty basis and the cost was then estimated at \$750,000,000 as stated by this correspondent in the first letter. For some years after the inception of this idea, the U.S. did not seem to consider the matter sufficiently to warrant serious pursuit of joint action, so finally Canada decided to go it alone. This is the time that the estimate of the probable cost to the Dominion, and which would be paid for by Federal endorsed loans, the responsibility for which we would share per capita equally with the rest of Canada, was stated approximately five millions.

The later estimate of nine millions as all probably correct at this date and would represent the normal advance in costs that has taken place since the first estimate. The fact that the Hydro Electric of Ontario assumes responsibility for a third of the present cost does not detract from our collective and our individual liability. As in all public utilities, it is secured by government endorsement and guarantees for which we are equally involved per capita with the rest of the Dominion. The redemption of this debt is a novel concept of reducing debt over the years. Mr. Kichham must be aware that this is a procedure that has been employed for many years, and will undoubtedly be used in the proposed construction of the Causeway. We find it difficult to understand why a man whom we regard as our trusted representative to Ottawa should be inimical to a proposal which has evoked so much favorable comment from experts, and which seems to be the first glimmer of hope we have had that an uninterrupted communication, promised by the terms under which we joined the federation of provinces, may soon be an accomplished fact. The Maritimes have been frustrated in every undertaking of any moment that requires federal support. Political interference, and self-interest, have been responsible for lack of unanimous effort, and failure. In our present demand we are happy to know that we have the enthusiastic endorsement of our Premier, his cabinet and members and the earnest support of the leadership of the Opposition Mr. Reginald Bell and his colleagues. In this connection we believe that Mr. Kichham being at heart a good Islander, and realizing how much his approval will contribute to this prompt implementation of this scheme, will not stand in the way, and support our just claim for proper contact with the mainland with vigor and confidence. I am, Sir, etc.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (March 31, 1931) We are informed that the petition for a branch railway line in King's County embracing Murray Harbour North, Cambridge, Peter's Road, Gaspereaux, Glen Martin, Glen William, Caledonia, Allison, St. Mary's Road, Sturgeon, Brooklyn and Albion is now completed and ready for presentation to the Federal Government at Ottawa. At a late hour last evening the car ferry had not completed one round trip. The ferry left Borden at 10:09 yesterday morning arriving at Tormentine at 4:51 p.m., leaving there at 5:58 p.m. By midnight she had reached a point three miles from Borden. About 300 cars of freight are tied up at Tormentine and 125 at Borden.

TEN YEARS AGO Speaking in the budget debate Premier Jones said the Attorney General was "on the job" and gave notice to "all moonshiners who are left that they had better go into the business they are going to be ago, because they are going to be chased in such a manner that the business won't be profitable."

Domestic wholesale price sellings on pork carcasses and sides will be increased 2 1/2 cents a pound beginning April 1, in order to maintain the relationship between domestic and export prices of pork. The Prices Board announced last night. At the Canadian Fur Auction Sales Co. Ltd., sale of silver fox pelts concluded in Montreal yesterday; specials were 74 percent extra; marked silvers 75 percent at \$42.50; half to three-quarter silvers, 76 percent at \$28.71; select full silvers, 33 percent at \$39.63 and regular full silvers, 38 percent at \$37.18.

The Poets Corner

YOUNG LAMBS Young lambs upon a chilly morn, Bleating with piercing cries, newborn. Are one with that resurgent power, Which brings the tight-curl'd bud to flower. Young lambs upon a greening hill, Legs a bit shaky, lying still. Are one with leaf and robin wing, Part of the wonder that is Spring. —Louise Darcy

The Age Old Story

The Lord al will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble; and they that know Thy name will put their trust in Thee.

London's Left-Wing Shrine

By Stanley Godfrey Associated Press, London

Protocol chiefs will lay out the red carpets for the visit next month of Soviet leaders Bulganin and Khrushchev. But in a dusty former coffee house in the Clerkenwell district of London, where Karl Marx and his collaborator Friedrich Engels worked together, and where for a time Lenin edited his revolutionary newspaper Iskra (spark), there's little excitement. The building now is the Marx Memorial Library, centre of Communist historical associations with this country. And among the volunteer staff there is only a faint hope Bulganin and Khrushchev will visit their drab, brown-painted headquarters.

WHERE BIG THREE WORKED

"It's the only place in the world where Marx, Engels and Lenin—the three great architects of international communism—worked together under the same roof, apart from the reading room of the British Museum, and you can hardly count that," he said. Karl Marx, the stoop-shouldered revolutionary ex-patriate in turn from France to London in 1849 and from there to Brussels and London on his massive Das Kapital—the bible of Communist thinking.

FREE POLITICAL PRISONERS

LA PAZ, Bol.—(Reuters)—The Bolivian government announced a general amnesty Thursday for political prisoners and exiles, in preparation for the general election in July. Now, unless we can staff our Island schools with desirable trained teachers, who are earning sufficient to keep them interested in remaining in the work, we cannot hope to produce the needed engineers, teachers, etc. from the ranks of children to be found in the rural classroom. It would profit the Island folk to focus their attention on the present school problem and to act accordingly. I am, Sir, etc.

BACKACHE

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Sundesen, M. D.

MEMORIZE THESE TIPS AND AVOID FAINTING YOU can usually tell when you are going to faint. And premonitory symptoms are a signal, to take action to prevent loss of consciousness. The first indication of a fainting spell generally is a feeling of weakness. You'll probably feel uncomfortable, queamish and giddy. Your vision will become blurred and you will begin to sweat. These symptoms might be brought on by fatigue, the sight of blood, momentary shock, inadequate ventilation, an overheated room, or by standing too long in one position. And of these situations can cause an inadequate distribution of blood to your brain which in turn causes fainting.

LIE DOWN QUICKLY

The moment you feel yourself about to faint, lie down quickly with your body level on your feet raised slightly higher than your head. This will make it easier for the blood to flow to your brain. Frequently, however, it isn't possible to stretch out on the floor or ground at the first sign of a fainting attack. If this is the case, the next best thing is to sit down, bend forward at the waist and place your head between your knees. Keep it there for a minute or two until the feeling of faintness disappears. If you can neither lie down nor sit, there's a third method of alleviating the symptoms. Simply kneel on one knee as though you were tying your shoe, keeping your head lower than your heart. Loosen your clothing, especially light collars, as best you can. Some fainting attacks are brought on by pressure on the nerves along the large blood vessels in the neck. Don't try to get up until you are sure the symptoms have entirely vanished.

REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS

If you should pass out and no help is available, you'll probably regain consciousness in a short time without water being splashed in your face or any of the other commonly accepted aids. In falling your head will be placed on a level with your feet, thus allowing the blood to flow freely to the brain once more. But don't try to jump up the minute you come to. Remain recumbent anywhere from 10 minutes to half an hour, or until you feel okay again.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

MR. V.D.: I take insulin for diabetes. As I have to travel, I would like to know if it would be all right for me to carry the insulin non-refrigerated while traveling. Answer: If the insulin is removed from the refrigerator and immediately placed in a small thermos bottle, it can usually be kept for a day or so at its same cool temperature. A period of a day or so will not cause the insulin to lose its potency. However, the insulin should not be exposed to direct heat or sunlight.

NOTES BY THE WAY

A Winnipeg dog is said to be able to read traffic lights. They should have him teach the other citizens.—Brandon Sun. A well-informed man can usually be identified by the fact that his opinions agree with your own.—Peterborough Examiner. The reason a person never gets anywhere rocking in a chair is that he continually reverses his direction of travel.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Economists state that it costs \$1 to send a business letter. That proves no money can be made on repeated letters for a \$2 account that is owing.—Sarnia Canadian Observer. A macaroni magnate in Boston has come across with something he calls "non-hid ordinary spaghetti, indeed it is spaghetti, but with an important difference. The spaghetti strands have been given a permanent wave. A plate of them is described as looking "pretty much as your wife does when she shows up at breakfast with her hair in curlers. What is the good of this? Well, the spaghetti can easily be entwined around a fork.—Sydney Post-Record.

Someone, apparently with much time on his hands, has figured out we already have 1,000 hours a year more leisure than our grandfathers. He sees additional hours of leisure accompanying the march of progress to greater and greater mechanization about the whole thing because of the frivolous ways in which people are wasting lengthened leisure. One good use of leisure would be to spend part of it in planning how it can be used most profitably to attain the end for which man was created.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

The British government has increased its subsidies to farmers by 25,000,000 pounds. Government estimates called for the expenditure of 250,000,000 pounds to guarantee farm prices, and so, farm production. While this is a move to strengthen a national economy through reducing food imports it is also the echo of world wars in which Britons came close to starvation. If farm production can be kept high, the country, in event of war, would have large food reserves, sufficient to see it through the dangerous period of initial attack. Such is one lesson learned at the costly school of world war.—London Free Press.

Members of the Ontario legislature are to get more pay, probably \$6,000 a year and part of it tax-free. One of the nicest things about being an MLA or an MP is the power it confers to Pais their own wages.—Ottawa Journal. A contractor has arisen on the question why soft drinks are called "soda pop." One theory is that it comes from the sound the secret makes as it is removed. Another explanation may be that it derives from the familiar "Can I have a soda pop?" with the comma gradually fizzing out.—Edmonton Journal.

To save scarce agricultural land in Denmark people are building upward, rather than outward. This scheme is being urged in Britain where some 50,000 acres a year are lost to farming because of the spread of houses into farming areas. People in Canada who love the ranch-type house wouldn't be enthusiastic about the Denmark policy.—Niagara Falls Review.

Nova Scotians insist in believing that the ferry vessel Bluenose is not a chronically hard-luck ship. The Bluenose has resumed the interrupted Yarmouth-Bar Harbor service, after undergoing propeller repairs at Saint John. Perhaps, the Bluenose could do with a four-leaf clover, having had more than her share of ill-fortune although none of it serious to date.—Sydney Post-Record.

Marcel Berube, bricklayer, twenty-eight, of Montreal, has been fined \$25 and costs after pleading guilty to fraudulent use of the mails. He was seized a secret "magnum powder" which would sell all one's problems of love, finance and anything else. It turned out to be baking powder. A "special talisman from the planet Saturn" proved to be a wooden stick wrapped in celluloid. It was stuck wrapped in celluloid. The great P.T. Barnum who said: "There's a sucker born every minute." He was right.—London Free Press.

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