

The Bells Will Ring

Good Friday is the saddest and yet the most hopeful day of the Christian year. It is sad because it commemorates the fact that mankind consistently refuses to evolve, and so often proves ready to massacre the best in its own nature.

Good Friday is also the pause between the departure of winter and the arrival of spring. We turn our backs on the period of cessation when nature takes her long, cold sleep, and look forward to the fullness and the increase of the new season.

It is no accident that the Easter festival coincides with the revival of spring. No matter how dismal the prospect, it has within it the seeds of a new beginning.

Civic Finances

The estimates passed at yesterday's special meeting of the City Council is a reminder that civic administration is big business, and that approved business practices must be employed in budgeting for the year's financing.

These facts were emphasized strongly at last night's meeting by the finance committee chairman, Councillor Johnstone, who proposed a change in the budgetary system so that capital as well as current expenditures will be clearly indicated.

As Far As Dido

Verily, the ways of bureaucrats are devious and past finding out. Consider, for example, what happened when former Soviet Premier Georgi Malenkov was inspecting Britain's atomic installations at Harwell, said to be as advanced as anything that has yet been built anywhere in the world.

experts, including atomic scientists, arrived with Sir John Cockcroft, the director of the atomic energy program, he was met by a number of newspaper correspondents, both local and foreign.

It isn't likely that the Russians were allowed to see everything at Harwell, since even hospitality has its limitations imposed by good sense. But why should they be allowed to see anything denied to newspaper correspondents?

The New Republic

Pakistan has become the second Republic, and the first Moslem one, in the British Commonwealth. Its official name is the "Islamic Republic of Pakistan", and General Iskander Mirza, former Governor-General, has replaced the Queen as the head of State.

Pakistan is 86% Moslem, and under the Constitution the President—though not, it seems, the Prime Minister—must be a member of that religion.

These confusions, whether called "contretremps" or "faux pas," have a way of besetting people who, least anticipated, if only they could be foreseen precautions might be taken.

EDITORIAL NOTES

An educator says that "most people are smarter than they think." There will always be a few, however, whose thinking on the subject is commensurate with the reality of the situation.

The Legislative chores were not too strenuous this session, and the prorogation today will enable the members to participate, with undivided attention, in the Good Friday and Easter observances in their own communities.

The Soviet Union has paid the United States \$724,947 as partial reparation for a plane shot down by Soviet fighters over the Behring Sea last June.



HERE WE GO AGAIN!

The Archbishop Was Late

Montreal Gazette

One evening in June, 1892, Prime Minister Gladstone and Mrs. Gladstone invited the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Benson to dine with them.

The guests all arrived in good time—all but the Archbishop Benson and his wife. An hour passed. A messenger was sent to Lamber Palace to make inquiries.

Dinner was begun, not without anxiety. By 9:30, it was almost over; the jellies and ices were being served. A message was brought to Mr. Gladstone.

The dinner was all brought back, and the evening proved to be very long one indeed. Though the Bensons and the Gladstones both tried to be pleasant about it, both, evidently, considered the others were wrong.

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This was the situation in which Tolstoy found himself when he went to stay with the older and more famous novelist, Turgenyev.

Many are such experiences. There is the story of the people invited Alfred Tennyson, the poet, for lunch. But they made the faux pas of forgetting to remove from a table of books the work by Churton Collins.

Tennyson was looking over his host's books. He came upon this offensive volume. He left at once, refusing to wait for lunch.

And Samuel Butler (the author of "The Way of All Flesh," and "O God! O Montreal!") tells of his faux pas in crossing on the Calais to Dover ferry.

Perhaps not too much sympathy is deserved for those who happen to be caught in their crimes, as it were. But those who intend no harm but appear to do so—these deserve the most gracious relief the circumstances may allow.

It is the very essence of the faux pas that it is the last thing that anyone would wish to make, and yet all are doomed to make them.

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or contemptuous reception that the critics had given his poetry. Richard Le Gallienne was well aware of this and was careful on the point.

It seemed that Meredith might be ready to give him a page of one of his manuscripts, as a souvenir. Near the end of his stay, he ventured to remind Meredith of his kind offer.

Richard Le Gallienne went away without any manuscript. He went away with a feeling of bitterness, too. For as a young critic he had done his best to champion Meredith's poetry.

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The Poets Corner

IN MARCH

This is the month of winds, Of time in motion. Air is a yeasty tumult, A heaving ocean.

All that is rooted sways, Past on its tether Below the earth. All the winds together Buffet the tree.

And shadows make A shifting pattern As branches shake. In this time of winds We remember best That our earth spins In a globe's unrest.

—Alice Clear Matthews

Easter Sunday

(Associated Press)

Easter Sunday is early this year—April 1—but it has been, and will be, earlier.

In 1913, for instance, it was on March 23, the earliest in the 20th century. The next time it will fall so early is the year 2008, if you care to make a note of it.

Unlike Christmas, which always falls on Dec. 25, Easter is a movable religious feast day that can occur on any date between March 22 and April 25.

The date changes because it is tied into the timetable of the lunar year and the vernal equinox, the official first day of spring. The method of choosing it was worked out in the early days of Christianity so that pilgrims bound for religious shrines would have the aid of moonlight on their travels.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

TOYS ARE A BIG HELP IN THE OPERATING ROOM

Cuddly teddy bears, rubber rabbits and toy telephones play an important part in operating room procedures at many of the nation's hospitals. So do toy space and "jet pilot" helmets.

An increasing number of hospitals are employing these toys to administer anesthesia without fear to young surgery patients.

It's perfectly natural for a youngster to be frightened by the strange surroundings of an operating room. The white-gowned figures are scary enough, but add a confining anesthetic mask or cone and you've really got a frightened patient.

In the past, only too often, coaxing or outright threats have been used to get children to cooperate. Now, however, physicians have devised toy telephones which exude nitrous oxide and "sleepy rabbits" which easily enable a child to be whisked into blissful unconsciousness by cyclopropane.

PLASTIC HELMETS

The teddy bears and plastic helmets also permit easy administration of anesthesia. A recent article in Medical News tells of the success Two Salt Lake City surgeons had with the rubber "Sleepy Rabbits".

Drs. Thomas Ray Broadbent and Jack Stringham of Latterday Saints Hospital first recommend that the steps leading to unconsciousness be explained to the child in simple terms.

Then, the young patient is permitted to hold the teddy bear or phone, look at the closely held rubber rabbit or "on the space helmet while the anesthetic flows through the toy in to the child's face.

Some children, of course, won't hold still for the toys, either. In such cases, the doctors advise, the anesthetic tube is removed from the toy and this alone is used without any kind of a mask.

So, you see, toys in the operating room may be almost as important as a scalpel.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Mrs. C.L.: My 20 year old son has a very high pitched voice. This began at the age of 14. What can be causing this?

Answer: Some disorder of the vocal cords or nervous system may be at fault. A thorough physical examination will probably reveal the exact cause.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From The Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(March 29, 1913) A few potatoes were hauled to O'Leary, Monday, for which there was no demand. None are now being handled at the "potato house", all available space being taken up. Although large quantities have been marketed, a great many still remain in the farmers' cellars. It is expected when the shipping congestion clears up buying will be resumed.

At the annual meeting of the National Dairy Council of Canada held at Winnipeg, March 17 to 19 and at which W.J. Gibson, March and field was Premier Edward Island's representative. It was stated that Canadian cheese held a strong place on the British market, selling for three cents a pound more than their chief competitor New Zealand.

TEN YEARS AGO

(March 29, 1906)

The necessity of electric energy being made available to all rural homes in the Province was emphasized in a brief presented in the Legislature yesterday by a large delegation from the P.E. Island Federation of Agriculture, headed by President J.J. Trainor.

The Agricultural Commission of the Cabinet is "actively considering" an increase of four cents in the price of butter and will make a decision within the next few days, it was learned in Ottawa today.

The Age Old Story

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What pleasanter occupation is there at this time of year than to drop everything and watch for the first robin?—Brandon Sun

A young man of eleven years says he began to smoke when he was three but quit the habit when he was five and has consumed no tobacco since. There's strength of will for you!—Ottawa Journal

Piece by piece, for two years, a Birmingham, England, car plant worker stole spare parts, but police caught up with him just as he was completing a 100 mph sports car. It was as well that he wasn't a nautical-minded shipyard worker.—Hamilton Spectator

The ability to speak is deeply bound up with the possession of something to say. A man who is moved by deep feeling will find words in which to express it, and he will find a way to make himself heard. Microphones and typewritten speeches are the crutches of parliamentarians who lack the primary skill of their trade. If Speaker Beaudouin can propose them, and make them mend their ways for the parliamentary government in Canada.—Peterborough Examiner

There is probably nothing more aggravating to a pedestrian, except being struck by a car, than to be drenched by muddy water sprayed from the wheels of a speeding car. It is more than frustrating; it is downright mayhem-provoking. The bylaw which provides a penalty for such careless drivers is probably one of the most difficult to apply. For, by the time the victim has wiped the slush from his eyes, the offender has usually disappeared in a cloud of spray.—Sherbrooke Record

The experience of those nations which emphasize probation is that very few probated offenders ever come into court again. But if a man goes to prison the chances that he will become a repeater rise steeply. In Canada 60 per cent of the prison population are repeaters. In Britain the figure is only 15 per cent. Translate that into terms of what the taxpayers are called on to pay, apart from the other losses that society must bear through the operations of confirmed criminals and there is a strong case for a thoroughgoing reform of Canada's attitudes to crime and its punishment.—Brantford Expositor

Last year a solemn little diplomatic note from Ottawa to Washington saved the whooping cranes from having their Winter roosting grounds in Texas disturbed by a proposed air force rocket-firing range. Now the department of transport has issued an order banning flights below 2,000 feet over their Summer nesting grounds in the Northwest Territories. At the last count there were only 28 of these magnificent birds known to be living—a slight increase from the number recorded the year before. Somehow it restores your faith in diplomacy and government—and in humanity—to see the ponderous machinery of two capitals thus working to give a species a chance of survival.—Vancouver Province

When police raiders turned a tap in a farmhouse outside Detroit, pure corn liquor ran out. It came from two stills in the henhouse, where some moonshiner seems to have laid an egg.—Windsor Star

The common moonrat, a variant of the hedgehog, has a strong odor like an onion which keeps its enemies at bay, we see by a science article. We sat behind a couple of moonrats at the movies recently.—Peterborough Examiner

There is horrible fascination in the fact that British plumbers insist that they have chauffeur to drive them in and from their jobs. A plumbers' union official said: "We do not like them driving when they are overtired. A plumber is a plumber and a driver is a driver." And this astonishing doctrine is preached in Britain, the land which is staggering from one crisis to another.—Financial Post

The committee on air pollution of the Ontario Legislature reports that smoke and smog in their various forms cost the people of this Province about \$120 million a year—which is as much as they are currently spending on highways. The difference is that in the one case, they have greater convenience to show for it. In the other, all they have to show is a series of inconveniences running all the way from dry-cleaning bills to—probably—lung cancer.—Globe and Mail

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