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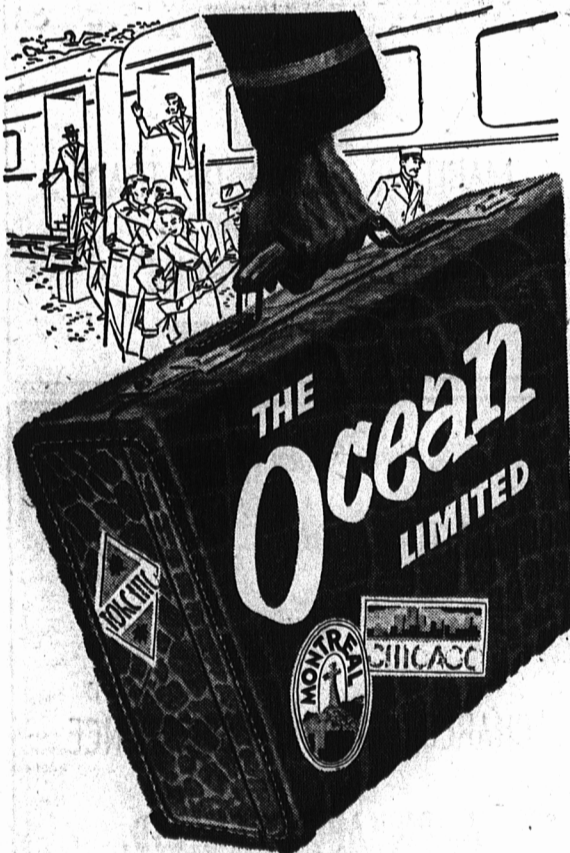
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Ring Reminiscences

— Fights and Fighters —

(By James Pendergast)

Among the many with whom I conversed on abstract subjects, the best and most erudite was a Prince Edward Islander named Andrew Harding. He had a claim and lived alone in a cabin on one of the creeks and was a voluminous reader.

He got deep into something occult. It must have been metaphysics of the fourth dimension. It was too heavy a mental effort on my part to follow him and I changed the trend of conversation as easily as possible. It made me ponder on the perpetual inferiority complex of Islanders in regard to the inadequacy of their school system.

It is a paradox that through the instrumentality of teachers or innate ability of the pupils, a thirst for knowledge is inculcated which eventually places them in some of the most responsible and commanding positions in the land.

Newspapers

In the spring of 1898 news and newspapers were almost non-existent in Dawson. The U.S. battleship Maine had been blown up in Havana harbor — whether by design or accident has never been clarified to this day.

There were rumors of war between Spain and the United States. People (especially Americans) were almost in a state of nervous prostration. Spain had quite a large number of formidable battleships and the U.S. fleet was an unknown quantity, with a "green" navy personnel — not having fired a shot in anger at sea since the famous battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac during the Civil War.

A prospector came in who brought a paper with an account of the outbreak of war; of Admiral Dewey's coolness at Manila Bay when he gave the order to fire with the famous words, "You may fire Gridley when you are ready", taking the city without losing a man.

The American ships fire power and range of naval guns was far superior to the guns on Corregidor. Also the daring exploit of Capt. Hobson in taking in an old ship to the mouth of the harbor under the guns of Fort Morro Castle and sinking her crosswise in the harbor mouth, thereby battling the much feared Spanish fleet.

There was also the account of the famous Teddy Roosevelt's regiment of "Rough Riders", organized by him in Texas where he was in charge of a big cattle ranch. They were selected from expert cowboys and Texas rangers and were equal if not superior to any in the world.

They struck terror into the Spanish forces in the famous battle of San Juan Hill. It put Theodore Roosevelt so brilliantly in the public eye that he was placed as Vice President. When President McKinley was assassinated by the cowardly gunman, anarchist Czolgoz, Teddy automatically became President.

If I may encroach on the patience of the reader and digress a bit further, I will relate a rather intimate account of an episode demonstrating Teddy Roosevelt's impetuous temperament, which was perhaps one of the principal attributes which made him the darling of the common people.

He had developed a robust constitution in the great outdoors on the Texas plains and feared no man. He even put on the boxing gloves with the great John L. Sullivan — naturally he knew that John was manly enough not to hurt him. King Edward VII, who was rather diminutive in size, had faced John L. and enjoyed the thrills and suffered no contusions or abrasions when he was Prince of Wales.

Teddy and party were enroute to Boston in a large barouche and fast four horse team. The coming visit was heralded far and wide. Everyone knew the presidential carriage. It was in 1902 or 1903. Automobiles were few and unreliable at that time. The horses were driven at a fast clip to make Boston on schedule.

Near Framingham the street car line paralleled the highway for a considerable distance. A street car happened to be going in the same direction as the President's carriage and speeded up enough to keep even. The street car line in-

tersected the highway some distance ahead.

The motorman must have known of the intersection, but the coachman most likely didn't know till he came abruptly on it. Both had such speed on that they couldn't stop. It was a terrific boreheaded action on the motorman's part. The street car struck the forward part of the carriage. The poor coachman was killed.

Roosevelt was thrown to the ground and was ranting mad. He was apparently unhurt. His athletic physique stood him in good stead in the heavy pitch to the ground. If memory serves rightly, he had been sitting beside the coachman. In slang parlance of the present time, he "blew his top" at the boob motorman and accentuated his castigation by a bash in the face with his closed fist. None faulted him. The provocation was great. The rest of the occupants were unhurt.

The moronic motorman henceforth was one of the few men who enjoyed the distinction of being struck in the face by a President of the United States. A certain Englishman stated in court once upon a time that his one and only claim to fame was the fact that he was kicked down stairs by the Marquis of Queensbury.

Roosevelt's warm and friendly disposition was the direct opposite of a later President, Calvin Coolidge, noted for his icy coolness and laconic brevity e.g. "I don't choose to run", when offered a third term, "he's against it", when asked upon what the minister said about "oil", that being the subject of discourse. The sequel to the newspaper episode was that the purveyor

was offered one hundred dollars for it and sold it quickly.

He was in doubt about the sanity of the buyer. Later in the day the seller saw crowds of people enter a building. He investigated and lo and behold — there was his paper buyer reading the world news to over two hundred people at one dollar per head. Newspapers in frontier towns must necessarily be limited in size and scope. There was the Klondike Nugget, a single sheet daily in Dawson in 1901.

There was a young Irish reporter named Casey Moran on the three-man staff who was sent out by the "brains" one morning with severe orders, emphasized by lurid invectives to get something "new" or not come back. His spirits were at zero for awhile. Presently he spied some Indians with colorfully composed dog teams, found out that they were Peel River Indians who had come about two hundred and fifty miles (9 sleeps), from over the Rocky Mountain "divide". They were able to make themselves understood well enough, having associated with white traders on the McKenzie.

"They told Casey about a great bald mountain they had passed with the ribs and timbers of a very large ship on a ledge near the top. That was the electric spark which fired his vivid imagination. His knowledge of geology and fossilized remains of prehistoric animals which could only have existed in hot climates, made him reason that Alaska and Yukon could have been the centre of human habitation in some of the far back ages of the earth's existence.

Hence he deduced that it was quite logical that the real resting place of the Ark was in Alaska. Dawson was commuted with the outside world at the time by telegraph and the startling news was broadcast over the newspaper world. Readers all over were thrilled and intrigued by the wit and action of a mere unit of its then about fifteen hundred millions.

I recollect the dispatch quite distinctly — Pie Woman and Wash Woman — There were a few women in Dawson and on the creeks who did well financially by selling some special commodity or doing some special work in which they excelled. A "pie woman" is supposed to have made \$25,000 selling pies at 25 cts. each and I saw recently a news item about a former Klondike woman dying in B.C. leaving an estate of about \$150,000. When those women made the big money was when gold dust was the only currency. "Dust" was carried in chamois leather "pokes" and weighed out on delicate gold scales in grains, pennyweights and ounces. The average value of gold at that time was from \$16 to \$20 per ounce. The assay of gold from different creeks showed different values.

NEW HAVEN W. I.

The regular monthly meeting was held at the home of S. E. Coville on Thursday, October 2nd. The meeting opened with the Ode, followed by repeating the Creed in unison.

Roll call was answered by 19 members with an article for the Orphanage. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Reports of committees were heard. The school committee for next month in Miss Helen Docherty and Mrs. "Bud" MacKinnon. The correspondence was read and

discussed. The business part of the meeting then took place. It was moved and seconded to have a "pantry sale" in the near future, and also that all bills be paid. It was moved and seconded that all members should meet on Monday at the home of Mrs. Hugh MacKinnon to start making quilts and aprons, etc. Roll call for the next meeting is to be answered by membership fee and an article for the Orphanage. Collection was taken and amounted to \$1.05.

Next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Duncan Cass. The meeting closed with the singing of "The Queen", after which a social time was spent, on the occasion of the 45th wedding anniversary of Mrs. Neil MacKinnon. An address was read by Mrs. Devereaux when a gift, an anniversary cake and a bouquet of flowers were presented to Mrs. MacKinnon, who thanked all the ladies present for their thoughtfulness. A dainty lunch was served by some of the ladies present.

CAIRO, Oct. 6 — (Reuters) — A leading Egyptian newspaper demanded today that former King Farouk should be tried for the assassination of an army officer. The Wafdist paper El Misri said evidence indicates that Farouk instigated the assassination of Lieut. Abdel Kader Taha and other murders as well.

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