

### Lenten Guideposts

Personal Messages of Inspiration and Faith  
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de Cristo, urging me to follow trails of adventure to the far places of the world, along the Golden Road to Samarkand.

But, my father gave me other and still greater vistas. My father had been a student of almost every subject under the sun. In some respects I think he is the most highly educated man I have ever known. Religion, philosophy, geology, zoology, botany, literature, astronomy—he studied them all.

And his curiosity and enthusiasm for all things he passed on to me. He would get me up at all hours of the night, even when it was below zero, to show me things that could not be seen earlier in the night: astronomical phenomena of startling beauty in the rarefied night sky of our 10,000-foot strata.

He would point out some celestial marvel against the backdrop of the mighty mountains and, being a deeply spiritual man, he had all of that up with God. (At 2 and 3 A. M. my own boyhood reaction was not quite spiritual!) Nevertheless, he gave me a conception of the spiritual quality of the universe that has gone with me as I have roamed the earth.

#### Sought Deeper Truth

The wide range of my father's reading couldn't help but affect me. He was always a liberal in his thoughts and was constantly seeking for new light and truth. From him I acquired a tremendous concept of a tremendous God. He gave me both patience and impatience with pettiness in religion.

My friends have often remarked that I seem too interested and enthusiastic about everything. If so, then my father is to blame. He used to take me on trips, jaunts on which we talked about the origin of the earth. He had a scientific point of view, and never entertained mechanical notions about the beginning of the universe. To him it was entirely spiritual. He saw the Hand of God in everything.

Many times in our home he would spend long periods reading to me from what he believed to be the greatest book in the world, the Bible. He did not read the Bible to us in the usual stereotyped form of family prayers, but as a scholar would read from any great work. He read it to me because the Book was bubbling out of him; it was part of his life.

He put these Biblical stories into my bloodstream. And, suddenly, they all became a part of the background of the climactic experience of my life, the period when I was with Allenby's army and with the Arabs under Lawrence in "The Revolt in the Desert".

#### Seemed Familiar

These armies were fighting across lands where the Israelites wandered, and although I had never seen these regions until I joined Allenby, it all seemed familiar territory because I had been over it in imagination many times with my father.

This was by far the peak of my life. For a thousand years it had been the dream of Western peoples and of Christian Civilization to free the Holy Land from the Infidel. And the Turks of Abdul Hamid's day and the armies of Envor Pasha were the direct successors to the Saracens of old. When Allenby freed Palestine, with the aid of Lawrence and his Bedouin raiders, that, to me, was the last and the greatest of the Crusades to capture the Holy Sepulchre.

Eagerly I explored the places of historic interest. Gaza, home of Dilliah, where Samson pulled down the mighty pillars of the temple. Through the land of Abraham and Lot, from Beersheba to Dan, I wandered. And every step of the way had its thrills.

#### To Jerusalem

On the Plain of Esdraelon I camped. And we journeyed up and down the road to Jerusalem time and time again. It all seemed familiar, as though I had walked it before. As indeed I had, in thought, at our home on that 10,000-foot peak, near Cripple Creek in Colorado. There a devout and scholarly father had read those Bible stories until these lands seemed to belong to me. As I rode with Allenby's cavalry, the Bible came to life, and I seemed to be a part of the

great stream of history, a participant in dramatic events.

My first view of Jerusalem from a two-seater plane was one of the breathtaking experiences of my life. At last I was looking down on the Holy City of Christendom, "slit, waterless, and on the road to nowhere". To look down on Jerusalem from the sky in the early morning, to get your first glimpse of this, the holiest city in the world—there can be few greater thrills than that.

**TOMORROW** — The intensely human story of the redemption of Mary Smith, an alcoholic vagrant through love and faith is told by Judge Edward Thompson of New York City.

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### York Rifle Club

The York Indoor Club held its regular weekly meeting in York Hall on Thursday evening with its ever increasing numbers of members and shooting fans.

Following are the results:

W. L. Crockett	98
W. D. Cooke	97
Louis Vessey	97
Olin Ellis	97
A. J. Cluney	96
Elmer Brown	95
Arthur Johnson	95
H. T. Vessey	94
Stewart Vessey	94
Peter Proud	93
Lloyd Vessey	93
Rees Newson	92
Raymond Vessey	92
Dean Watts	92
David Taylor	92
Leigh Vessey	91
Lenard Andrew	90
Arthur Brown	89
Vernon Duck	89
Frank Vessey	87
Harold Watts	85
Leith Brown	80
Harold MacNeil	80

### Garrison Rifle League

In the two matches fired on Wednesday, 29th March, the winners were the R.C.A.M.C. and P.E.I. Regt. Officers. Following is the lineup and scores of the teams.

**FIRST MATCH**  
R. C. A. M. C.

Cpl. R. M. Vessey	92
Sgt. C. Stewart	92
Off. Odt W. E. Sharpe	91
Pte. R. E. Prevost	90
Cpl. W. H. McCoy	87

Low score counted out 452  
Navy "A" 79

C.P.O. S.G. Bowles	91
P.O. D. T. Millan	86
O.S. D. MacKenzie	86
A.B. K. L. Huestis	86
A.B. J. E. MacKenzie	82

Low score counted out 431

**SECOND MATCH**  
P.E.I. Regt. Officers

Mjr. E. K. Kennedy	96
Capt. R. J. Mahar	96
Capt. L. G. MacNevin	95
Mjr. G. L. Monkley	85

Low score counted out 467

Lieut. L. W. Ford	85
Lieut. J. Richards	88
Lieut. W. Brennan	88
Capt. J. J. Connolly	87
Lieut. R. LeClair	84

Low score counted out 483

League Standings

W	D	L	Pts
28 LAA Regt.	5	0	4
R. C. M. F.	6	0	6
R. C. A. M. C.	4	0	6
Navy "A"	8	1	7
Navy Officers	3	2	6
Navy "B"	3	0	3

Low Score counted out 437

P. E. I. Regt. "A"	7	0	3	14
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