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CIRCULATION "Covers Prince Edward Island like the dew"

"The strongest memory is weaker than the weakest ink"

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Bula Natari

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the death of Sir Henry Morton Stanley, one of the distinguished explorers in English history, a newspaper correspondent of note, and an author of no mean distinction.

Stanley is best remembered for his successful expedition into the interior of Africa in search of David Livingstone who had not been heard from for some time. His efforts to persuade the renowned missionary who was far from well to return to civilization and Livingstone's arguments for staying on at Lake Tanganyika are recorded in moving and classical language in his book "How I found Livingstone," published in 1872.

Like Livingstone himself, Stanley was much beloved by the African natives with whom he came in contact on his several journeys; one tribe nicknamed him Bula Natari, the "Rock Builder".

A Confused Situation

United Nations' uneasiness with respect to the confused situation in Korea will not be alleviated by President Rhee's "no bluffing" statement that his armies will march again against the North Koreans and their Chinese Communist allies.

It does not appear reasonable to suppose that South Korean forces alone could hope to win a decisive victory over the northern invaders, especially in view of the strong supposition that the Communists have been taking advantage of the armistice period to renew their strength and replenish their supplies.

Whatever the U. N. charter may say, this is an extremely remote possibility. For one thing, it would play into the hands of the Communist strategists; for another, it is unthinkable that public opinion in the free world would countenance such measures which would have the effect of virtually rendering null and void the sacrifices that already have been made in Korea.

The hope is, of course, that President Rhee will not permit his very natural and understandable impatience over the delay in the unification of his country to overrule his better diplomatic judgment.

Newsprint Rationing

A British cabinet minister, the President of the Board of Trade, when discussing the possibility of ending the rationing of newsprint stated that there is no considerable quantity of newsprint available anywhere for early delivery.

Like most products newsprint supply expands and contracts with demand. If there is not more Canadian newsprint available at the moment for the British market it is simply because under rationing there seems little likelihood of additional demand.

At a time when Canadians are concerned at the weakness of markets for pulpwood and its products it seems strange indeed to find lack of supplies here used as an argument for Britain not to attempt to increase imports.

The root of the matter, of course, is cost in dollars and that is a difficulty which many minds have been tackling over a period of years. It does not help to have public men obscure the issue by bringing in irrelevancies such as the existence or non-existence of immediately available supplies.

EDITORIAL NOTES

In the United States Navy "petty" officers are objecting to the implied indignity of that term. They have brothers in misery on the bench of Britain's High Court of Justice where all but the Chief Justice are referred to as "puisne" judges.

That Canada occupies a unique position and has unique responsibilities is the theme of R. A. Farquharson, NATO's information director. The implications are as profound as in the case of the United States when that country became most unwillingly a world leader early in the present century.

There being no higher mountains to climb, French naval officers have established a record at the other end of the scale by descending 2 1/2 miles below the surface of the Atlantic. No doubt the adventurous will be looking for a "better ole."

A Toronto lady who has reached 100 gave some of the usual advice to others who would like to attain that age. In addition, however, she attributes much of her present good health to her girlhood hobby of climbing trees.

Speaking of the future of the Commonwealth Division now in Korea Sir Winston Churchill stated that if any proposals were made for constituting a standing U. N. defence force as had been suggested, they would receive careful attention. It seems likely that Canada too, which has contributed to NATO forces in Europe, would give consideration to the advisability of making a similar continuing U. N. force in the Far East.

Sir Henri Charles Wilfred Laurier, Canadian Liberal statesman, died this date 1919. He practiced law for a while in Montreal but gave it up for reasons of health. In 1871, however, after some journalistic experience, he was elected to the Provincial Legislature.

The causes of Canada's recent growth, according to the president of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, have not been either the discovery of some new tricks of management and production, or the finding of great natural resources that were previously unknown.



PUBLIC FORUM

This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

A FREE COUNTRY

Sir,—We are not yet behind the Iron Curtain or the Bamboo Curtain. I was conscious of the privilege I enjoy when I visited a book room in the city to get two or three large cards containing each a short verse of scripture such as—"Your Father Himself Loveth You" or "Lo! I am with you always."

The Age Old Story

O Lord, thou hast searched me, and known me. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see me, mine iniquities, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

A TIP ON STRAIGHT THINKING

Sir,—I am sorry to say that argument ad hominem has figured so frequently in the parent-teacher discussion in the press. In the February issue of a leading magazine, I discussed this straight thinking. He singles out this rhetorical expedient which he says easily leads the list of 20 varieties of false reasoning.

PRIMARY EDUCATION

Sir,—Much has been said of late through this forum regarding our schools, Prince of Wales College, and our educational system in general. I have followed with no little interest the criticisms made and the suggestions offered to better our public school training program and to better the welfare of youth generally.

The Poet's Corner

TO THE EVENING STAR

Thou fair-haired angel of the evening Now, while the sun rests on the mountains, light Thy bright torch of love; thy radiant crown Put on . . .

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So far as this is possible. It is during the school years that the adult is moulded, with his habits, his opinions, his attitudes, his virtues, and all too often, his prejudices. Consider then, the importance, honor, and dignity which is given to education, and to our teachers by their having a share in the development of a real and true Christian gentleman.

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Notes By The Way

A visitor to our town says the best way to stay out of the cooler is to keep out of heated arguments.—Sudbury Daily Star. "Sleeping outdoors will cure insomnia," says a physician. So will sleeping indoors.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

Old Charlottetown

That there is no real substitute for the spur of competition is demonstrated anew by the announcement that a group of scientists at McGill University has completed successfully the first model of a coal-burning turbine engine. The engine is designed for railway use and the scientists announced that the model is more efficient than the diesel engines now being installed on the railway.

PRINCE COUNTY VISITED

"On Wednesday last, His Excellency Sir John Harvey, accompanied by Capt. and Mrs. E. Harvey, the Hon. T. H. Haviton and J. P. Collins, Esq., left Ottawa by the Princeton Road, on an excursion to the westward. On the confines of Prince County he was received by a number of the principal inhabitants of Princeton and its vicinity, on a setback, by whom he was escorted to the Wellington Hotel, in Princeton. His Excellency, in a short address, expressed the gratification he felt at this mark of their attention. We understand that the number of horsemen at one time assembled was little short of a hundred; but as the day was rather far advanced before His Excellency made his appearance, several of them had departed, under the impression that he had deferred his journey until another day.

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