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

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Highway Tragedy

The tragic highway accident near Clyde River on Wednesday night has shocked all our citizens. It has taken a toll of five lives, and several others have been injured.

Coming in the midst of our civic celebrations and on the eve of Old Home Week festivities, the tragedy is a grim reminder of the precariousness of life, and particularly of the dangers inherent in modern highway traffic.

Hannibal's March

A question over which historians have wrangled for many centuries has now been settled definitely by a British scholar. It concerns Hannibal's route over the Alps in 218 B.C., which he crossed with elephants.

The 28-year-old general marched from Spain across southern Gaul with 50,000 foot soldiers, 9,000 horsemen, and 30-odd Moroccan elephants.

Hannibal marched north, not to the Isere as long believed, but to the Aygues tributary. He turned east, fighting off hostile Gauls.

Other Gauls guided him, only to attack him later. The precise pass they led him to has remained a mystery. Livy and Polybius write that it was pine-covered, very high and dangerous.

Whatever else the hot weather may do, it brings out the perennial claims and counter-claims to heat records. No sooner had Libya claimed a record reading of 136 degrees for Sept. 13, 1922, then Portugal sent in proof that it had experienced 158 degrees in July, 1949.

Through "narrow, stony, and broken ways" Hannibal fought. Treacherous ambushes cost him many men and animals. Others fell from terrifying precipices.

When Hannibal's army at last marched out upon the plain of Piedmont, it numbered only 20,000 foot and 6,000 horse.

The News From Geneva

To most of us, all this talk about heavy water, fission, and fusion, now going on at the atomic energy conference in Geneva is virtually meaningless; but there is no person anywhere in the world who can remain indifferent to decisions that in due course will result from the consultations.

American and Russian delegates have, for one thing, exchanged folios of atomic information. It may well be that these folios are impressive more for their bulk than for any important secret they reveal.

If anyone is disposed to say that that is an optimistic view, totally unwarranted by any clear act of performance, let him say it; certainly, he has plenty of historical evidence on his side.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Now we know why some youngsters are more mischievous than others in school. After considering the grave problem for several months, specialists have decided that the trouble-makers are above the average in intellectual ability.

Another large scale effort to locate the treasure supposedly hidden by the famed Captain Kidd, whose reputation for piracy has been cleared by the historians, is now under way in the waters surrounding Block Island, off the Rhode Island shore.

What would his thoughts be today? What inspiration would he derive from the actual material which has been left far behind? He would certainly be terrified at the deplorable results of human progress.



Summer Visitors Too Rough For Our Fancy

A Tough Deal

By Heath Macquarrie

Mr. Harold E. Talbot, Secretary of the Air Force in President Eisenhower's cabinet, has been the center of a stormy political issue in the United States.

While the Democratic members of the Senate's Armed Services Committee were most active in pressing the case against Talbot, there was little indication of any strong Republican desire to rush to his defence.

It is very true, as Mr. Andre Siegfried writes, that after this pioneer in the field of popular science, "the literature of discovery, geographical adventure and things to come gave rise to excellent books, thrilling on occasion, but no writer in the 20th century has won the exceptional position" that was his.

Mr. Andre Siegfried notes that Jules Verne's heroes are idealists who are concerned only with the happiness of men. It does not occur to them that their discoveries may be used for works of death and destruction.

Probably if Jules Verne had belonged to any other country instead of France, the U.S.S.R. for example, extraordinary tribute would have been paid to him. He would hold the position of a real precursor, a prophet, a scientific genius.

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Domesticating The Atom

(New York Herald Tribune)

It probably took Millenia to domesticate horned cattle. But ten years after Hiroshima, atomic energy is driving a vessel, lighting homes, curing bodily ills.

No man has done more than President Eisenhower to concentrate attention and co-operative effort upon "the most peaceful uses of fissionable material."

stimulated the curiosity of the young people of his time and thus helped to bring about a new turn of mind. But his technical detail is often childish and mistakes are very frequent.

OTTAWA (CP) — Doreen Brice of Saskatoon, nursing supervisor of the orthopaedic ward at Saskatoon Sanatorium, has been awarded the British Commonwealth and Empire Nurses' war memorial fund scholarship for 1955.

TO STUDY IN U. K.

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.

There's new hope in treatment of a major eye disease which blinds more than 3,200 Americans each year.

Scientists believe now that a tiny one-celled animal parasite, "Toxoplasma," may be an important factor in causing uveitis.

Uveitis is an inflammation of one of the tissues of the eye, the uvea, a tract which is found just inside the white coat of the eye-ball.

Bacteriological examination of the retina and choroid is difficult and dangerous. Doctors seldom get a chance to look at them closely, except when the eye has been severely damaged by disease and removed.

Tests have been tried with sulfa drugs and pyrimethamine, a drug previously used in treatment of malaria. Most of the patients thus treated responded quickly.

Other treatments may prove more valuable. ACTH or cortisone and vaccines or antisera used concurrently with the pyrimethamine and sulfa drugs might be just what we need.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

A.P.: I get dizzy spells. What can be done about them?

Answer: Attacks of dizziness may come from a variety of disorders, such as disturbances of the inner ear, high blood pressure, low blood pressure, heart disturbances and the like.

FROM "A BOY'S SONG"

Where the pools are bright and deep, Where the gray trout lie asleep, Up the river and over the lea, That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the blackbird sings the latest, Where the hawthorn blooms the sweetest, Where the nestlings chirp and flee, That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the mowers mow the cleanest, Where the hay lies thick and greenest, There to track the homeward bee, That's the way for Billy and me.

Where the hazel bank is steepest, Where the shadow falls the deepest, Where the clustering nuts fall free, That's the way for Billy and me.

—James Hogg.

The Age Old Story

O Lord, thou art my God: I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name: for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.

HOTEL MAN DIES

OTTAWA (CP) — Redverse F. (Red) Pratt, 55, former manager of the Lord Elgin Hotel here, died Thursday following a heart attack.

Happy Holidays!

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NOTES BY THE WAY

Canadian political leaders are not as well known as many of them may think. A recent survey by the Canadian Institute of Public Opinion revealed that 68 per cent could not name any likely successor to Prime Minister St. Laurent.

It is sometimes alleged by unfriendly critics outside and even by some insiders that Scotland complains too much and does too little to help herself.

The white man's burden" is a phrase used today in derision more often than seriously, recalling as it does the spacious days of pukka sahibs who lorded it over "lesser breeds without the law."

A popular idea on this side of the Atlantic has been that Europeans, the French in particular, drink more sensibly than do Canadians who indulge in alcoholic beverages.

Ten years after World War II, shipping still continues to be plagued by floating mines. Twelve ships were victims of the man-made marine hazard last year, raising to 429 the number of vessels that had run afoul of the explosive mines since the end of hostilities in 1945.

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