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The Way Of Patience

No national leader in recent times has found himself in a more difficult situation than that which confronts the President of the United States at this time.

Mr. Eisenhower has never said that in no circumstances and under no provocation would he consent to military action against Red China.

No one but the President himself knows how heavy is the burden that rests on his mind and heart; at times it must be well-nigh unbearable.

Venice Today

Venice, Italy's canal city whose glittering beauty has long enchanted the world, is inviting the world to help save her crumbling charms.

Millions of dollars are needed to ward off an inglorious end, says the National Geographic Society.

Help can come none too soon. The Cathedral of St. Mark, resplendent in manifold Byzantine domes, arches and mosaics, for years has borne deep scars of age.

azzi Mocenigo where Lord Byron lived in 1818, and at the early Renaissance Palazzo Venramin-Calergi where Wagner died in 1883.

However, there are encouraging signs. A new front decorates the Santa Lucia railway station. All five synagogues in the ghetto of Venice—notably the oldest, Scuola Grande Tedesca—were recently restored.

Investment In Living Standards

The Colombo Plan has not brought the living standards of those millions living on \$50 a year up to that of the more economically developed countries but some progress has been made.

"New private investment has been small," states the report. "In fact, in some countries there has been some net disinvestment, withdrawal of private capital."

This is one reason why such schemes should be very carefully considered and selected, not only for their own soundness, but also for their effect on private business.

In the Colombo Plan area there are many encouraging signs. Agriculture, in particular, has been stimulated, there have been improvements in many fields, largely attributable to the development plans.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Ludwig van Beethoven, German musical composer, was born this date 1770. He published his first composition at the age of 13.

The Atlantic Provinces Economic Council offers businessmen a chance to play a new role in industrial development, declares Industrial Minister Dauphinee of Nova Scotia.

The great debate on whether NATO politicians or soldiers should decide on the use of the atomic bomb in retaliation really resolves to a question of timing.

Flood waters in Britain and Ireland are as impossible to control in their short descent to the sea as are the great rivers of this continent.

There is political realism in the statement of British Minister of State Anthony Nutting that Britain might become involved in an attack on Formosa because Nationalist China is a member of the United Nations.



Making The Best Of It

The Poet's Corner

WINTER FIELD Sorrow on the acres, Follow the plow team, An old man plowing Through the frosty morn.

Old Charlottetown

"Who can remember old John Hatch, the Town Crier? The present generation would regard a character of that kind a curiosity.

THE TOWN CRIER

"In the old times, previous to Confederation, daily newspapers had not arrived, and the means of advertising were fewer than now.

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The procedure was somewhat like the following: The crier would walk down the middle of the street about half the length of a block.

THE HATCH FAMILY

"The Hatch family lived in a small apartment in the east end of the Temperance Hall (the present Guardian office). It consisted of John, the crier, and his very aged mother.

The Age Old Story

Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

CAPABLE FARMER

TORONTO (CP) — Here for a Women's Institutes meeting, Mrs. R. A. Birrell of Claremont, Ont. said women can manage a farm just as well as men.

NOTES BY THE WAY

As compared with our ancestors, we are thought of as a jittery, nervous, the-handle crowd—and yet just think of the international incidents we managed to keep calm about that would have sent them into a shooting war by morning.

Often it is said that nobody backs a man into a corner and compels him to drink his liquor. But that has happened in a California town a gunman held up two men, robbed them, compelled them at the point of a revolver to empty a bottle of whisky in six minutes.

The tragic capsizing of the tow-boat Rouella in Nova Scotia waters is another reminder in an already long list of marine accidents, great and small, that the power of the sea is always close, and sometimes perilously so.

Many people think there is too much shooting by the police nowadays. The persons whom the shots are designed to stop are usually young fellows who have stolen, or are suspected of stealing, a motor vehicle.

British manufacturers are doing a big business in pre-fabricated buildings: not only houses but large buildings, and not only of wood, but of aluminum.

The various parts fit in with the

Barbours' MUSTARD advertisement with logo and text: 'TOPS in tangy taste!'

CLEAN CLOTHES WEAR LONGER advertisement for RITE-WAY Dry Cleaning Needs, Phone 2387

Refrigeration Repairs To All Makes APPLIANCES SALES & SERVICE MOTORS Rewinding and Repairs ELECTRICAL Repairs Palmer Electric

The Passing Scene THE LAST GREAT IMPERIALIST By Observer Lord Beaverbrook will not mind anyone's saying that his niche in British history will be that of the last great Imperialist.

It all sounds very gloomy; and many who read it will say that Lord Beaverbrook is unduly pessimistic. In any case, the historical events which led to the "disintegration" of empire were such that no government—Liberal, Socialist, or Tory—could have hindered in the slightest degree, even if it had been made up entirely of police department.

Yet, shortly after that, when a Socialist Government almost hastily gave India the right to go her own way, he made no audible protest, nor did he show by any gesture that he was opposed to the historic change.

That doesn't mean that he suddenly had become an Empire breaker. It means simply that he saw the uselessness and the political folly of kicking against the goals of political evolution.

All that notwithstanding, there is no man alive wise enough or prophetic enough to say with certainty that Lord Beaverbrook's almost lone stand for the continuance of empire will turn out to have been unjustified.



Merry Christmas 1954 SELECT YOUR GIFTS AT A MEN'S STORE AND BUY ONLY FIRST QUALITY BRANDED LINES TOOKES' SHIRTS, ABBEY NECKWEAR, ACME GLOVES, Bluestone SPORT SHIRTS, CURRIE SCARVES, Stanfield's UNDERWEAR, CLEAN HATS, HICKOK BELTS, Harry A. MacDougall