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

Dien Bien Phu

"All the deputies in the Assembly except the Communists stood while Laniel announced the fall of Dien Bien Phu." So did France learn of the final overwhelming of a gallant force that held out against assaults by six times its numbers for 57 days.

It is not the first time France and French politicians have been disunited in time of crisis. The Communist deputies acted similarly when France herself was being attacked by the armed might of Hitler.

The other side of the picture is wholly glorious. French fighting men gave an account of themselves that must compel the admiration of even their enemies.

The Seaway

Congress has authorized America, participation with Canada in developing the St. Lawrence Seaway and the decision is highly welcome in this country.

The seaway will provide ready access between the heart of North America and all the ports of the world.

To the Maritimes it means enormously increased competition for our ports and railways. It means that the high grade iron ore of Labrador will be smelted at Pittsburg rather than at Sydney.

The Maritimes have never opposed the scheme as did the American States of the Atlantic seaboard. It has been recognized here that the great overall advantage to the nation outweighs local objections.

Merchant Marine Dwindling

Canada, the world's third largest trading nation, has a merchant marine smaller than the sixteenth trading nation, landlocked Switzerland.

It is obvious, comments the Vancouver Province, that by reducing our Merchant Marine, we are not helping the United Kingdom increase its dollar earnings, as has been suggested by some advocates of this policy.

tensive world commerce. Continuation of this policy, in peace or in war, could become a serious threat to our existence when we depend to such a degree on foreign trade.

"Our essential shipbuilding industry in Canada," The Province concludes, "is able to build any ship afloat today. It is in the public interest that these shipyards be maintained so that a national emergency could be adequately met."

Soviet Penalties

Soviet law is harsh for men such as Igor Gouzenko and Vladimir Petrov who renounce their country, but it is even more harsh for innocent parties.

Mr. Petrov himself will in due course be registered as an outlaw and his goods confiscated. If he ever returned to Russia (or were kidnapped) he could be shot under a whole array of statutes.

MOTHERS DAY

One more year has gone down the river of time and once more comes Mothers Day, that day of days. Since I wrote a year ago many mothers have been called home to eternity, some near and dear to me, and as one who has suffered that loss I say God bless the homes where little children have been left without a mother and her tender care, as no matter what we say or do there is only one mother in any family.

Remember mother is the one who's heart we have pierced and broken, the one whose face we have wrinkled and shamed, whose hair we have turned to silver and whose shoulders we have bent with our deeds. Yet after all this, if we have strayed and fallen into misery and sin, and those whom we trusted as our dear pals have left us broke and alone, when all others have left us and even the dog drops his tail and sinks away, Mother is still our own and wants us back. She is there to go to Dad to cool his rage and tell him we are back on the right path again.

EDITORIAL NOTES

V. E. Day, 1945. Tomorrow, Mother's Day.

Tomorrow, the 3rd Sunday after Easter; Holy Name Sunday.

Roger Bannister, the English medical student who ran a mile in under four minutes, did so to the refrain from his trainer of "relax, relax". There must have been far more than that, however, to his remarkable feat.

Following the announcement of the Canadian Government that it will sell butter to the trade below the support purchase price, comes an offer from the United States Department of Agriculture to sell its stock of 360,000,000 of butter for export at world market prices.

Harry S. Truman, thirty-third President of the United States, was born this date 1884. He was brought up on a Missouri farm, served in the First World War with distinction as an artilleryman.

With the opening of a Mental Health Clinic, we are alarmed at the increasing need of such, although we have now this institution available, it is advisable to use preventive measures. As we can help out our families by sanitary means, wholesome food, sunshine and rest, so there are home remedies for the mind which may be lying on the shelf unused.

Hard currency governments have used "blocked" currency and credits for such things as elaborate consulates and embassies. Under an agreement with Italy, however, Canada will convert blocked dollar credits in that country into Italian Government bonds and use the interest for Canadian cultural activities and for granting fellowships to Canadians wishing to undertake research work in Italy.



Star of the Festival

PUBLIC FORUM

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The Poets Corner

Boys are always going Somewhere else than here. Running down the distance Fleet as any deer.

No one knows what calls them No one needs to know Any more than what makes Any green wind blow.

Grownups try to reason That right where they are Is a place of staying. Feet set on this star.

Stars mean less than nothing Now for living on When a boy in summer Must be up and gone.

No one yet has stopped them Since the world began; So these boys are running So the first boy ran!

—Anobel Armour in the Christian Science Monitor.

the two that are authorized by the two Christian churches, namely the "King James" and the "Douay" versions, are surprisingly alike, keeping together in chapter and verse. For instance "If we want to find the words—"And the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." We just turn to St. John's Gospel, First Chapter and fourteenth verse, the same place in each. Don't expect to understand all you read. But you will find enough to suit your capacity, and the upset mind will be controlled by a power "outside of yourself," as the cured alcoholic would say: This is not merely theory, we know.

I am, Sir, etc. ARCH. MACKENZIE Kensington.

ROCKY POINT SERVICE

Sir,—Farmers on the south side of West River are suffering from the worst service we had for fifty years, especially the truckmen, who have to haul the farmers' produce to Charlottetown a distance of 50 miles return trip, which makes them pay 4 times as much rebate, since we have no boat as the old Fairview has gone to Pictou for a holiday. Last year they had a notice at both ends "If you go on at your own risk." That does not speak very well for the Public Works Department, running a boat in such shape that cannot take a loaded truck. Why are they wasting money on her, when she will be the same old boat? Why don't they build a bridge, and have something safe to travel on? There is not another place on P. E. I. that would stand for such service for 24 hours. They have wasted enough money on the old Fairview to build three bridges. Where is the money that Mr. George Kilton told me was voted for a bridge? Now if Mr. Kilton thought he was fooling me he was badly astray and when he comes this way again he had better put on cork shoes so he can run fast. If the Government and the Public Works Department treats the rest of the Island like they are treating the south side of West River they Nine Mile Creek.

I am, Sir, etc. DANIEL N. TAYLOR

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Old Charlottetown and P. E. I.

From "Statistical Particulars of a Census of the Parish of St. Andrew, including Panmure Island," taken in 1827 by Mr. J. L. Llewellyn, Murray Harbour:

"The agricultural population of the parish, exclusive of 38 males and 16 females at Mr. John Cambridge's establishment, is 507 males and 437 females, averaging six and more than one-half to each household. The males exceed the females more than 1 in 7 on the average of the whole parish, but on Township 63 the sexes are equal, with a large proportion of infant children."

"Live stock and seed sown: milch cows 359; oxen 60; other neat cattle 426; horses 141; sheep 1,166; pigs 1,153. Potatoes planted 4045 bushels; wheat 525; oats 1,246; barley 169. The productive industry of the males, between 15 and 60, amounting to 254 males, at 3s. per day, and 50 weeks to the year, would yield £11,430 annually, which would be £77 4s per family to 148 families, or £12 2s to each of 944 inhabitants. The Statute Labour would be equal to 762 persons for one day, or £114 6s. per annum."

"The occupied lands are 14,700 acres. Those under cultivation, or cleared (being 2 1/10 to each individual) at £3 per acre, would yield an annual income of £5,251, or £42 8s per family.

"Of freeholders the number is 60; leaseholders 86; squatters 2. By families the population consists of: Highlanders 37, English 29, Irish 17, Native 23, Lowland Scotch 20, Newfoundland 1, Guernsey 18, American 1, Alderney 1, African 1, whom 4 are Baptist, 65 Presbyterian, 30 Roman Catholic, 20 Church of England, 37 Methodist, 1 Independent, 1 Whitfieldite.

"Trades, or callings combined with farming: Weavers 4, stocking weavers 2, tailors 2, shoemakers 7, blacksmiths 4, bright-smith and gunsmith 1, mariner 1, pilot 1, chair-maker and turner 1, cooper 6, publican 1, millers 2, sailmakers 3, block-maker 1, fisherman 1, boat-builder 1, sawyers 2, joiners 2 biscuit-bakers 2, millwright 1.

"Sundries: Saw mills 2, grist mills 2, grist mills with apparatus for mealing oats and peeling barley 1, Places of worship: Presbyterian 2, Methodist 2, Roman Catholic 1, Ministers of religion, none (a Methodist Missionary has since arrived at Murray Harbour); Schoolmasters, 2; medical men, none; Trading and fishing vessels, 7.

"Previous to the arrival of the Guernsey emigrants at Murray Harbour, 21 years since, the population of St. Andrew's Parish consisted of 13 families, containing 62 persons, the number of horses not exceeding 3 or 4. It is said that during the three years which elapsed will be the shortest lived administration that ever got in power.

I am, Sir, etc. DANIEL N. TAYLOR

The Passing Scene

Mr. Pearson's Geneva speech on Korean affairs will leave no doubt in anyone's mind as to where Canada stands with respect to her international commitments. "The Canadian Government," he said, "has supported and remains bound by United Nations decisions. Therefore, we cannot support any proposal which would equate their validity or which would equate their Conference the moral and political status of the United Nations in respect of the Korean question with those governments which have broken the United Nations charter by taking aggressive military acts against the Republic of Korea."

This statement is especially welcome at this time, for there has been a tendency in some quarters to lose sight of the fact that there would not be any Korean question at all if the Communists had not flouted the United Nations charter. It would be a strange circumstance if, after causing so much trouble to the peace of the world, the plans of the North Koreans to unite Korea should take precedence over, or even equally with, those of the United Nations.

This, of course, is the reason, and a good one, why the Western Powers were unwilling to admit North Korea and Communist China to Geneva as "Big Powers." When this procedural dispute first came up, it was thought by some to be a lot of ado about nothing. It wasn't really for it involved something much more important than Western official dislike of Communism; it involved, in fact, the moral status of the United Nations, which is every bit as important as the military one.

Mr. Pearson's clear statement will also help to warn all concerned that Canada will not enter lightly or unduly into any compact with any Power or combination of Powers outside or independent of the United Nations so long as that organization is a going concern and Canada is a member of it. The day may come, for instance, when this country will find it necessary to send troops and military equipment to Indo-China. No one is very happy over the prospect but it would be foolish to assume that it is out of the question. If and when that time comes, however, the expedition will be in response to a United Nations decision, to which, as Mr. Pearson said, this country will consider itself bound. Apparently, so far as Canada is concerned, there are to be no regional alliances immediately before the arrival of the Guernsey people, only one square-rigged vessel arrived in the Colony. The increase of colonists thus appears to exceed fifteenfold. But it is to be regretted that a proportionate increase of prosperity has not been obtained, partly owing to the many difficulties and privations of the early settlers, and partly occasioned by their ignorance of practical farming and rural economy; without the means of educating the generation now approaching maturity. It is indeed lamentable that there is no school on either Township 63 or 64, with a rising population of 246 children under fifteen years of age. Happily, at present, the spirit of improvement is excited. The farmers seem disposed to forming a Farming Club, to encourage schools, etc."

At the same time it would be a mistake to suppose that all Americans are satisfied with Canadian sovereignty, what they understand of it. Many of them would like to see this country annexed to the United States, preferably by peaceful means. In this connection it will be recalled that only a couple of years ago an American Congressman proposed in all seriousness that Canada should be taken over in part payment of British war debts. All in all, however, and taking one thing with another, the good feeling existing between the two countries—rooted, no doubt, in mutual self-interest, but expressed in many other ways—appears to be a model for other neighbouring countries to study and, where possible, to emulate. It seems that one of the pressing needs of the world today is a formula which would ensure free partnership between big nations and small without political absorption of one by the other or even political union. The United States and Canada have that formula.

The Age Old Story

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. . . . So after them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

Advertisement for a Lawn-Boy Rotary Power Mower. It features an illustration of a man mowing a lawn with a push mower. The text says "It's so easy with a LAWN-BOY ROTARY POWER MOWER". It lists features like "The whole family will beg to mow the lawn with the easy-as-breathing, new Lawn-Boy. It rolls like a ball on rubber tired wheels... no gears, no clutch... cuts forwards or backwards. Rotary action means fast, efficient operation, eliminates hand trimming, raking. Powered by world famous Iron-Horse." It also mentions "MADE IN CANADA by the manufacturers of Johnson, Evinrude and Eto Outboard Motors." and "95.00". At the bottom, it says "F. A. S. JONES" and "Simpsons-Sears Store - 129 Kent St. - Phone 3188".