### THE RIVER OF TRUTH

No one stops the river. Flowing to the sea: Men may hold it for awhile, But soon must set it free. Bound, it grows the stronger; Angrier, dented; And your little dams and dykes

It soon will sweep aside.

Truth is like the river. Flowing to the deep: Palschood may prevail awhile, And even justice sleep: Truth may ait in prison. On the scaffold stand. But the river finds the sea And grinds your rocks to sand.

No one stops the river. No one kills the truth. Men may play the fool awhile. And put the blame on youth, But there's God in heaven. And there's good in men. And the soul of Christ shall come And save the world again. -Doughs Malloch

# Twenty Years Ago

From the Issue of The Free Press Thursday, January 8th, 1920

Nineteen twenty was ushered in with sero weather and gales of wird and snow. Wingham has again honored Acton's o con, W. H. Gurney, by re-electing him Mayor of that busy town,

News was received here yesterday o the death, in Military Hospital, Toronto, on Sunday, of Ptc. Ernest Smith, son of Mr. J. R. Smith, formerly of Acton.

Mr. George McGarvin, of Vancouver, B.C., spent a few days in town last week and renewed acquaintances of his boyhood days. George is a som of the late Dr. N. McCarvin, and had not been in the native town for thirty years.

happy family gothering was hole during the holidays, when Mr. and Mrs. William Williams celebrated their Aftieth wodding anniversary. The gathering included the sons and daugters and grand-

The election for School Trustees on Monday resulted in the re-election of C. C. Speight, and Rev. I. M. Moyer and James Symon, new members. The Board for 1920 will have as its members R. Scott, R. McPherson, George Mann, C. C. Speight, Rev. I. M. Moyer and James

The by-law to authorize the appoint ment of Commissioners to superintend the construction of the waterworks system was defeated with a majority against the by-law of elevers.

Last Sunday morning, eight members of the Williams family formed the choir at the Methodist Church. All had been members of the choir and this unique arrangement was appreciated by the congregation.

BORN WALDE - At Lot 22, Second Line Esqueeing, on Tuesday, January 6th, 1920. to Mr. and Mrs. Dornald Waldie,

HENDERSON-At his home, Lot 31, Sunday, January 4th, 1930, Robert S. Henderson in his 63rd year.

NICKLIN-At Grand Rapids, Mich., on New Year's Day, 1920, James H.

## "RAIDERS' NIGHTMARE"

When the King visited balloon barrage units recently, he was told of Britain's secret weapon of defence.

"A new method of making the balloon defence even more effective." Is cryptic official description of a means which brings certain destruction to enemy aircraft coming in the slightest contact with this "raiders' nightmare."

I have visited a factory where British hands and machines are turning out steel rope for all three fighting Services. Some of it is destined to gro-into the skies, as the mooring rope for the bal-three colleagues on board. In solemn loon defence now being made in hundreds of thousands of yards; some of it will go down into the seas in the form of submarine nets, mine mooring rope, Department of National Defence, and and its arch-enemy the minsweeping rope, whose job is to cut through the mine moorings. Thus I saw how the fortunes of war may "hang on a wire"; how steel ropes and cables need be no less-essential to a war effort simply because they lack the spectacular appeal of tanks and guns.

of British industry to meet the needs had been billeted and have brought it of war while maintaining those of home along with them for luck. Years ago it and export commerce. Plant which served as a model for engravers turning makes such domestic things as wire out the trademark to be printed on the clothes lines for back-garden washing is levels of vegetable cans. turning out aircraft cords, those vital links between the pilot's countrols and Canadians sail. Waterfront men in glitthe plane's response to them; curtain tering ports in the four corners of the rod wire machinery is adapted to make world know them and remember them. lines for field telephones; and the cables They are enshrined in the memories of which take the strain in commercial excavators are born on machines which can also supply similar steel ropes for the military juggernauts which rapidly expanate "better 'oles" for advance positions in No Man's Land.

## FLAMING YOUTH

A man took his daughter on a trip to New York. They went to one of those plays that made father blusts a bit. "I'm sorry, Dorothy, that I brought you here," he said, "this is hardly a play

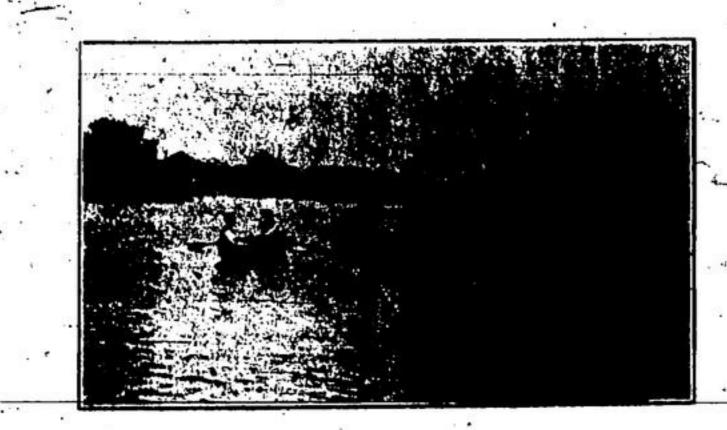
for a girl of your age." "Oh, that's all right. Dad. It'll probsoly liven up a bit before the end.



# Acton's Family Album

Turning Over the Pages, Week by Week, and Looking on the Faces of Those Who Were Familiar to Many Here in Other

### DO YOU RECOGNIZE THESE?



THE SAILING OF THE

ships steam into a cloud of mist and swirling snowflakes. Although it is broad

the far-flung battle front of Europe.

played. But out in the harbor there is clouds that shroud the near horizon. stern business afoot. There are no

a wait in harbor has been made neces- line is a lovely ship whose name, not wills to do the truth (John 7: 17: 16: each other and with the ships on which comes one whose name would stir mem- Petros (piece of rock). He would build they are being transported. Between orks around the world. them and the crews a spirit of good- On shore there is silence except for . Justis Christ is Himself the chief corner fellowship has been born.

in wartime service for some of them, the decks of the passing transports, Him become themselves living stones (1 One officer wears the ribband of the strains of broken music from bands and Peter 2: 5, 6, R.V.). The gates of Hades Concession 5, Esquesing Township on Victory ross. Another led the first Can- snatches of songs are wafted ashore, shall not prevail against the Church World War. Others who helped storm that for a moment pit their poor the Son of God. Members of that Church Nicklin, son of the late Benjamin Paseschaendale, rub shoulders with peller blades and try vainly to hold the power over them, they will depart to be Nicklin, formerly of Actoh, aged 68, downy youngsters who are embarking ship to shore. Then they are shattered with Christ (Phil. 1: 23), and others will upon their first crusade. Some of these and into the mist and the snow the ships arise to carry on their work till Christ are the sons of men who once had fought; move out and at last there is no longer, come. To Peter as one taught of God for Canada; but are no longer young. A a sign of them; there remains only an and who has faith in Him, as the Son of typical example of family tradition is a empty port with the whirr of every-day God. Jesus gave "they keys of the kingcertain field ambulance unit which goes! things filling the air oddly. to this war commanded by the son of They are not quite gone. For, from door of that kingdom by his teaching.

vell-known to readers of Canadian newspapers and their fertile imaginations transferred, for the moment, from their pens to pranks, are working overtime add to the general gaiety. Sammy Robertson, of the Canadian Press, has learned overnight to master a bo'sun's whistle and wit it he merrily pipes his cavalcade, the four of them parade before their official mentor. Major Wayling, Press Liaison Officer of ceremoniously present him with an impressive brassard which, when unfolded, is found to be emblazoned with gold letters, reading "Bar Steward." To the bow of their ship some impish member of an Ontario unit have fastened a figurehead. It looks like an ancient cigar store Indian. It is their mascot. They found I saw, too, the uncanny adaptability it in the canning factory in which they

They are great ships on which these

nen and women whose names parade in SECOND CANADIAN CONTINGENT the paragraphs of the Social Register. Many a romance has blossomed on their moons and of the midnight sun.

daylight, so murky is the weather that in impressed into war service that their Living God," oried Peter. This confes-

Active Service Porce has sailed towards yet, and no gayer, brayer hearts ever most practical importance (1 John 4: 15; but unfailing courtesy, earned the title beat between the decks of these giants 5: 1, 5). It contains the fundamental of "Whispering Dan" among rail pas-On shore the spirit of Christmas is of the sea than those who now watch truth of the Gospel (Acts 9: 20). Our sengers because his deep, genial voice abroad Holly wreaths hang in windows with eagerness as the bow of each ship obtaining eternal life depends upon our could be heard from one end of a coach and crowds cluster about the counters, moves slowly into the run of the tide believing it (John 20: 31). Its denial is to the other. where myriad colorful objects are dis- and slips slowly into the misty bank of the supreme lie (1 John 2: 22). Like ducks dotting the water grimy

throngs. Only overhead, swooping low of the passing ships. There are no when we confess Him in a like manto attain visibility through the snow- saluting bursts of sound from whistles ner to-day (Matt. 10: 32, 33). This storm, airplanes roar as ship by ship but hands wave across the widening gap confession made weak Simon, son of each unit of the armada weighs anchor of the sea and scattered cheers are muf- Jonah, Petros (a piece of rock). Jesus and moves allently to take up its posi- fled in the whirling flakes of snow. One said Peter had had this great truth retion in the line, the vanguard of which of the great grim ships of the King goes | vealed to him by the heavenly Father is but a shadowy substance beyond the by and moves ahead. A cable length No one can really know Jesus as the Son On board, however, there is plenty of which saw stirring adventures in the (1 Cor. 2: 14; 12: 3). But God reveals good cheer. During the extra days when first Great War. Not far back in the it to any one who wishes to know and sary by unfavorable weather conditions, so long ago, was front page news and 13-15). Jesus said upon this rock the troops have become acquainted with back of her, almost without camouflage, (Petra), faith in which made Simon a

the ordinary day-time noises of a port stone of the Church (Eph. 2: 20: 1 Cor. It is not the first trip across the ocean going about its usual business. From 3: 11; Isa. 28: 161 and all built upon adians into Mons on the last day of the like uneven strings of colored streamers built upon Christ and faith in Him as Vimy Ridge and wallowed in the mud of strength against that of whirling pro- will fall asleep, but Hades will have no

the man who led it from 1914-18. Out of the harbor, last in line; a vacht- and thus to let men in. We see Peter Among the uniformed men are four like ship swims by. Her lines are slen- using the keys in Acts 2, opening the newspaper correspondents. They are all der, but even a novice, glancing at her, door to the Jews, and in Act 10 opening can sense the power and might that lie the door to the Gentiles. As if Spiriting top. From her gaff flies an honored mind of God and what he bound one. flag and in the lee of her great gungs forbade) would be bound in heaven and these men of Canada will sail across the what he loosed tie, permitted, would ocean to proud service in a land where be loosed in heaven. Canada, not so lon gago, won nation-

In a few minutes the fog and the snow have wrapped a mantle around this declare to His disciples His approaching powerful grey-hound of the sea. And hat same snow and mist divides reality

Active Service Force has sailed.

## TRAGEDY IN THE HOME

There was a young woman called Lena Who bought a new vacuum clena But while working one day She got in the way. And since then nobody has sens

THE NOISE NUISANCE

sawed, split and delivered in my wood-, the mind of men

## The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 7th

FAITH

Capernaum,

Christ, 13-16. Jesus had teen praying in sechu (Luke 9: 18-23). The time had come to a distinct apprehension of His Deity So He rait to them the question of v. What men think of Christ is an important matter. Jesus followed His first question with one more perwhom men think and say that He is the mouth (Romans 10: 10).

In slow procession, a flotilla of stately decks, under the exatic light of tropical truth than the rest, but quicker to put it

II. Christ Confessing Peter, 17-20.

. dom of heaven," i.e., power to open the

The Second Contingent of Canana's be raised again. There was an impera-Nayber-I'll give you \$3 a cord for it, cross is the mind of God, to shun it is

set forth conditions and cost of real dis-

cipleship (1) "Let him deny himself."

Real self-denial is the denial of SFLF.

The word translated "deny," means "to

affirm that one has no acquaintance or

connection with one," just as Peter

denied his Lord (Matt. 26: 72; Luxe-22;

34). To deny self then is to say to self

Dwhen it comes forward with its claims

its demands, its interests, its desires, i

don't know you." It is to renounce sell

with all that belongs to it, its ideas

hopes, plans, purposes, ambitions

strength. ALL. (2) "Let him take up

his cross." The cross is the suffering

and shame that lie in the path of loyalty

to God (literal execution on a cross for

Jesus and persecution for all who, etc.

(2 Tim. 3: 12). To take up our cross !

to go right on in the path of duty and

meet the suffering and shame and cruci-

fixion that lie there. To compromise

with the world to avoid these, is to refuse

the cross and cease to be a disciple. (3)

of Christ\_(Phil. 2; 5-8; 1 Peter 2: 19-21)

This looked hard to the disciples, but

Jesus went on to show how well it naid

that a man made a bad bargain if he

WHISPERING DAN" MAKES LAST

One of the most colorful of the West's

gained the whole world and in doing !

lost his soul or life.

'And follow me," i.e., to have the mind

opinions, its strength, its anything,-

The Kingdom of Heaven: Studies in Matthew

Golden Text.-Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God .- Matt. 16: 16 Lesson Text .- Matthew . 16: 13-24. Time.-Summer, A.D. 29. Place.--

Peter ( Confessing

tell His disciples of His approaching death, but as a preparation for this sad information they must first be brought sonal, "but YE, whom say ye that I.am?" It is more important for each of us whom we think and say Jesus is, than Jesus wished them to put their conviction about Him into a confession with

Peter answered for the company, as usual. He was no quicker to see the into words or action (cf. John 21: 7), railway characters, "Whispering Dan' So recently have some of them been "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Cox has made his final run as conductor with the Canadian National Railways. a few minutes the transports and their trappings have not been covered but are sion had been made before (John 1: 49; lie was retired on pension after years convoy are as completely lost to the strange luxury compared with the drab Matt. 14: 33; cf. John 6: 69, A.V. and of rail service in the West. A Maritimer handful of watchers ashore as if it were battle dress of the passengers who lounge R.V.), but the confession as now made originally, Conductor Cox had worked in the saloons and press through the was with clearer conception of its import, in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The Second Contingent of Canada's corridors. But there is languiter on coard The confession nere made is of the ut- The was noted for his pecuniarly near ty

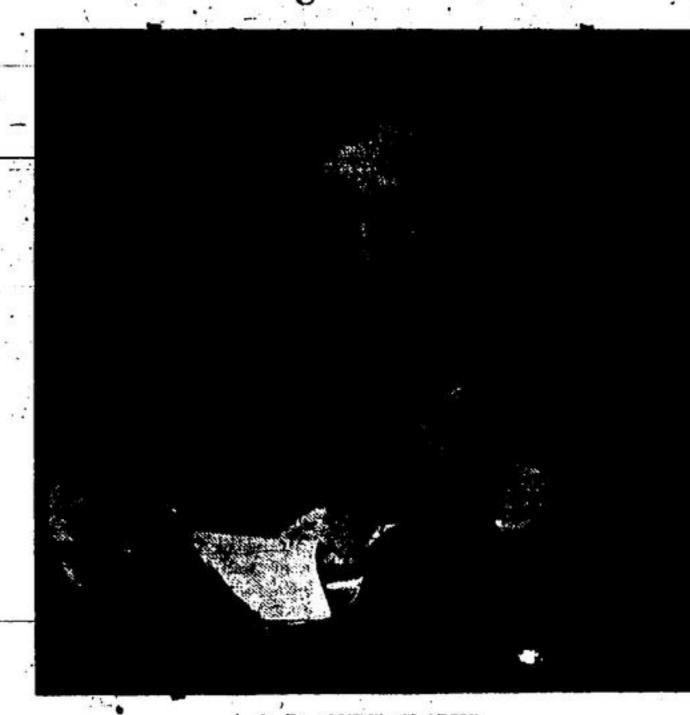
Jesus was pleased with Peter's confesbands playing. There are no cheering little trawlers bob about in the swell sion of Him, and He is similarly pleased behind her follows a veteran ocean liner, of God, unless God does reveal it to him

III. The Cost of True Discipleship.

The time was now ripe for Jesus to rejection, suffering and death. He teles them He "MUST" go to Jerusalem: "must" suffer, "must" be killed, "must" tive necessity for these things. Why "MUST" He die? (John 3: 14; Heb. 9: 22: Isa, 53: 4-6; 2 Cor. 5: 21; Gal 3: 13: I Peter 2: 24). But there is another giorious "must," must be raised again Romans 1: 4: 4: 25: 5: 9: John 14: 19). Peter again rushes to the front, but not this time with a God-given confession of faith, but a flesh-given protest against the cross. And now Jesus pronounces him no longer Peter (rock-man) but Satan (an adversary), and "a stumblingblock." All this downfall and humiliation came from his minding not the things of God but the thing; of men To face the

Then follow the wondrous words that

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A. D. (ANDY) CLARKE

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