

THE MAN WHO WINS

The man who wins is an average man. Not built on any peculiar plan. Not blessed with any peculiar luck. Just steady and earnest and full of pluck.

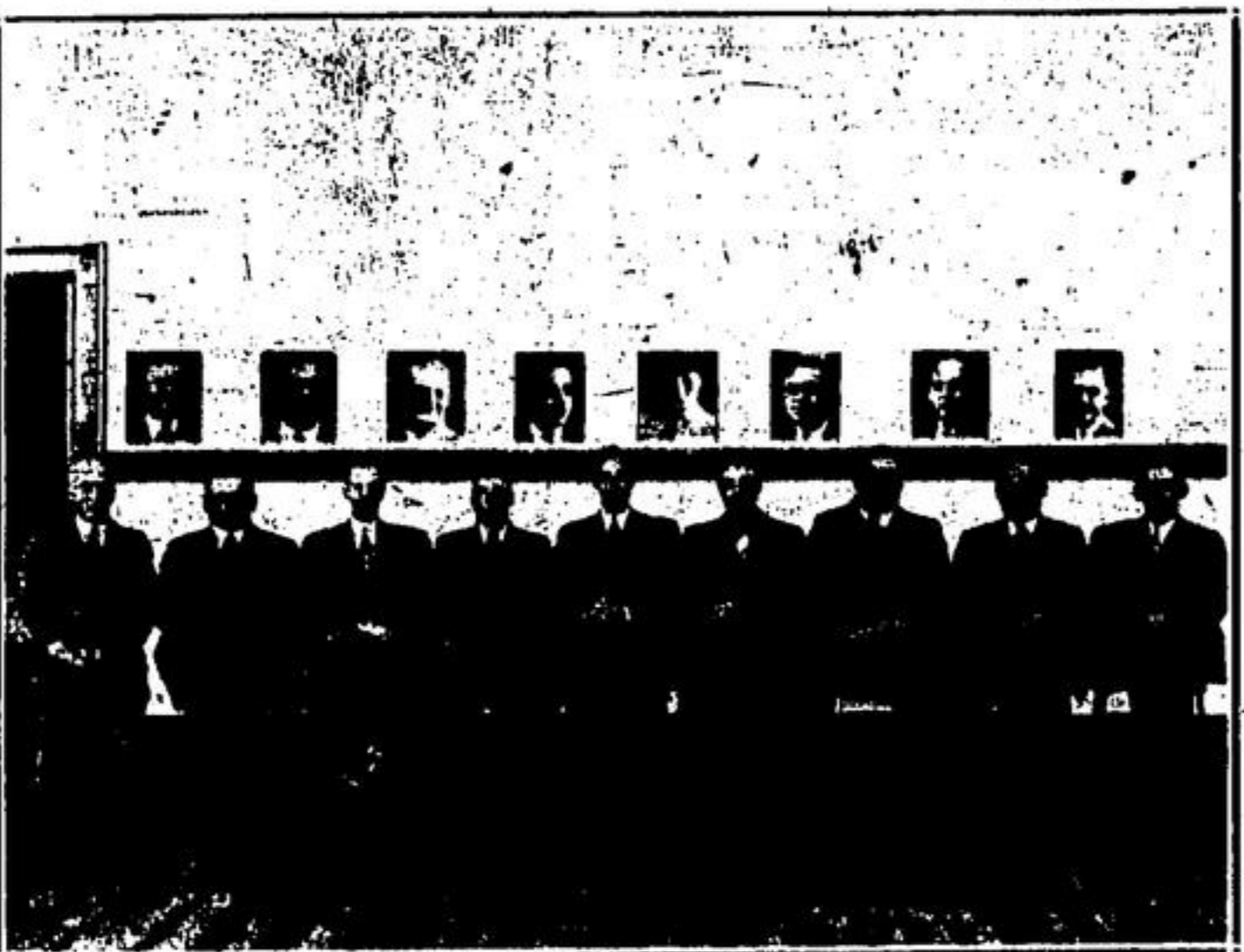
Twenty Years Ago

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, July 15th, 1920 Monday was a big holiday for the Orangemen.

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 Years

HOW MANY OF THESE CAN YOU RECALL?



LAST WEEK'S PICTURES

Pictures in last week's Free Press Family Album were T. T. Moore, for many years Principal of Acton Public School, and whom many of us remember quite well.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, JULY 11th

JOHN'S STRUGGLE TO FAITH IN LIFE AFTER DEATH

Golden Text: As for me, I know that my Redeemer liveth Job 19: 25

Lesson Text: Job 14: 13-17, 17: 16, 19: 23-29

Exposition: I is the Grave the End of Life? 14: 13-17

Job's three comforters were Eliphaz the Temanite a dogmatist who manifested contempt over his special religious experiences 14: 12-16, 5: 27

Bilhad the Shuhite a superficial traditionalist who dogmatically quotes proverbs and pious phrases which shed no real light on Job's problem of 14: 2, 3, 9, 13, 21, 23

Zophar the Naamathite an unscrupulous dogmatist who assumes a superior knowledge of what God will or will not do. All three were lacking in humility of mind and heart.

Their assumptions went beyond a rusek understanding of the reasons why the righteous suffer to positive declarations which were irrelevant because they were uttered in the name of God but were only partly true.

They were inadequate comforters because they did not know the grief and truth of God deeply enough. We cannot comfort the afflicted merely with words and pious sayings. We need understanding. A man of understanding is a gift from God (Ezra 8: 18). "He that is void of wisdom despiseth his neighbor" but a man of understanding holdeth his peace" (Prov 17: 12).

Our Lord Jesus is our best Master of understanding and we need never fear to come to Him (Matt 11: 28-30).

The above passage is part of Job's answer to the arguments of the three. In these verses he states that he would like to be hidden in the grave until the wrath of God against him should be passed away (v 13). But this wish causes him to raise the question as to, if a man die, shall he live again? Not that Job did not believe he would, but rather that he would not live on this earth again. To him, the grave would be a release from his trouble in this world. In the silence of the grave he is willing to wait until his change should come (v 14). This word "change" means renewal. So Job believes in a resurrection and that God will call on the dead to arise (v 15). The latter part of this verse indicates that God will not touch those who are the work of His hands. God will not leave in the oblivion of the grave those whom He had been careful to develop and discipline while they lived on earth. True as Job states in verse 16, God numbers his steps, but to what use if the end is oblivion? This is unreasonable. Job

declares that (v 17) while God notes all his sins yet his hope in God is that He will keep him from sinning. With his sin "sealed up in a bag," they are completely forgiven. The words "sowed up" mean to cover, to forget wholly. Job was right in this view (Ps 32: 1-3; 85: 2). The question of life beyond the grave is not answered although Job feels assured that it must be true.

11 - What Lies Beyond the Grave? 13: 14

This passage is part of Job's fourth answer. His comforters only "heap up words." They can see his state. He is a ruined, broken man, full of disease and certainly doomed to the grave. Where then is his hope? Who can see it (v 15)? His hope will be buried with him. But he still has hope. It will, however, expire with him because he can leave behind no tangible testimony of a resurrection life.

With such a thought as we get at the heart of the State of the Old Testament saints. They had hope but no visible witness which gave substance to their faith. They died in faith (Heb 11: 13), but although they received a good report, they received not the promise (Heb 11: 39, 40). Had not our Lord Jesus come this would be our state now. Since He has died, conquered the grave and entered into heaven we can now be sure (Heb 6: 34). Job knew and what we can and should positively know and believe. We need not say what he said for my hope, who shall see it? (v 15). We are the witnesses of the resurrection fact and glory of Christ (Acts 2: 32, 26; 23: 1; Tim 3: 16).

111 Assurance of the Resurrection, 19: 23-29

This passage is part of Job's fifth answer to his friends and it is an expression of sublime faith. Departing of being understood and justly departed by his friends in his lifetime Job wishes that his testimony might be preserved imperishable to posterity attesting his hope of a resurrection from the dead (v 24).

What would he testify? That his Redeemer liveth (v 25). The word redeemer should be translated vindicator. Job had been meeting the arguments of his critics and despaired of any vindication in his life in this world. But he clinging to his assurance that God would vindicate him in life beyond the grave. This is the one sure hope which the Holy Spirit had revealed to him. In the nature of the case it could not be a complete vindication if his soul should be without a body and it was also necessary that his resurrection body should be as happy and contented as his soul. His body had suffered as well as his soul therefore complete vindication entailed the restoration of both.

To see God in his resurrection body was therefore the sublime hope to which he clung (v 27). This would utterly disprove the charge that his material losses and bodily sufferings had been

Interesting Sidelights on the War

You know Tommy Atkins and Jack Tar—who doesn't? Now meet the other member of the illustrious trio, Bertie Bacon—for that is the new name for British flyers. Tommy Atkins first got his name from the specimen letter heading suggested in official instructions for members of the British Armed Forces. The heading still reads "1234567 Private T. Atkins." But the comparatively new service the Royal Air Force, a new name had to be invented and some unknown gentleman chose "7454321 Sergeant A. Bacon, such-and-such Squadron." As "A" signifies "Albert," "Bertie" Bacon takes his place in the roll of fame among Britain's conscripts. It is a young man whose peacetime occupation is industrialist and who is on the board of directors of five large companies. He is Viscount St. Davids, and he is serving as a chauffeur-orderly in Britain's new army.

The British Ministry of Economic Warfare, which is responsible for the economic blockade of enemy countries, bears as its telegraphic address "Winklers, London," a humorous allusion to the Ministry's initials, M.E.W. Some idea of the immensity of modern 70-ton tanks may be gathered from the fact that the metal used in the construction of one of these tanks would make 430 typewriters, 300 lawnmowers, 4 washing machines, 313 radios, 6 automobiles, 1,000 vacuum cleaners and 130,000 safety razors.

The roar of a low-flying plane passing over a village near Cardiff, Wales, brought Mr. Harris and his wife rushing from their homes. "I wonder if that is our Herbert," said Mr. Harris, excitedly. Suddenly the plane dipped and crashed, and Mr. and Mrs. Harris dashed to the spot, to see their son's body lying in a telegram from the Air Ministry. "Your son has been killed on active service."

The dreaded Gestapo, in Germany, torments relatives of dead soldiers to wear mourning or to speak about the death to anybody outside their own families. Offenders meet with drastic punishment. In this way, Germany prevents knowledge of huge casualties from being common knowledge to the public.

When enemy planes raided a Welsh village recently, a bomb fell in a field outside the farm of Peter Smith. The next morning the farmer said, "I was awakened by an explosion. The concussion shook my bed, but I did not think it was worth while getting up. Farmers have to get up quite early enough these days without looking at fruitless fields."

Another "fun" assembly After being used every year for 764 years, since it was instituted by Prince Ithys of Gwent in 1170, the national festival of Wales' great annual festival of sabbu, has been cancelled this year.

Invaders first put up milestones in Britain and now, to help repel and foil anticipated invaders, they have been re-erected. The first in Britain, 1000 years ago, was a milestone beside the road they built in England. It was moved to Rome. The only milestone allowed to stay in one spot in England, it reads "Berlin, 731 miles."

Fifth Column Notes In a Belgian village a British gunner saw a gardener cut turf in the shape of an arrow. An airplane was flying above. The arrow pointed towards the place where British soldiers were entrenched. Half an hour later German bombers dropped bombs.

In another village a white-haired 90-year-old woman was the only civilian who remained in her home. British soldiers got suspicious and searched her home. Under the roof they found about 20 carrier pigeons with messages in German tied to their legs. Four German spies were hiding in the house, too.

"My darling," wrote the A.R.P. warden to his evacuated wife. "I had a mishap the other night. I walked into a flooded ditch. I was absolutely soaked."

"It will repel in her next letter: 'I'll bet you were!'"

brought upon him because of his sins. That this was only a brilliant gleam of heavenly truth flashed into his heart, and mind by the Spirit of God is evident for Job makes no further mention of it. He sees the resurrection, but not we would see it as the whole focus of faith (Heb 11: 35), but as the place of his final vindication. Job still needed to discover what we all must learn, that salvation is by grace alone, through faith (Eph 2: 8-10; Gal 2: 16; 5: 7; Romans 4: 16; Titus 3: 5; Phil 3: 9; Matt. 6: 33).

Offers Plan of Sacrifice to Aid War Finance

A naturalized Canadian of Italian birth has submitted to the Minister of Finance a novel plan to further free-will offerings to Canada's war cause. He is employed in the Canadian National Railway shops at Winnipeg and is voluntarily working for the pay of an army private. All he craves above this, will go to the Department of Finance as voluntary contribution to war effort.

"For some time past," he writes to the Minister of Finance, "a plan has been formulating in my mind, and realizing the grave situation the Allied forces are facing, I feel compelled to hesitate no longer in presenting to you my plan for your kind consideration. I will state at the outset that I am a naturalized Canadian of Italian birth. I feel, together with several of my fellow workers in the Canadian National shops in Winnipeg, that at the present time I am of more value to the country in remaining at work in the shops. However, because I am single and have no one dependent upon me, I feel that it would be taking advantage of the grave situation at hand to continue to work at home in perfect safety, drawing a monthly salary, while others are sacrificing so much. I feel therefore that it is my duty to do as much as I possibly can to support the Government's war effort.

Therefore my plan is to work on the basis of a private in the Army, turning the balance of my wages every month to the Government of Canada for the duration of the war. I ask nothing in return at the end of the war."

The writer of the letter makes this further suggestion: "In discussing this proposal with my fellow-workers we have come to the conclusion that, in all probability there are many more throughout Canada who could, and would, be glad to do likewise if the idea were presented to them for consideration. I have wondered whether a campaign to this end might be launched by the Government."

With the letter was forwarded a testimonial from the writer's employer referring to him as a "steady and conscientious worker, willing to do anything that is required of him and even exceeding the requirements of a request."

PARCELS FOR TARS SERVING ABROAD

Arrangements have been made for the acceptance of parcel post for personal use by the members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police who are serving in His Majesty's ships abroad at the rate of 12 cents for each pound of freight thereof up to a weight limit of 10 pounds, according to a provision in the latest Naval Order. Parcels should be addressed care G. P. O., London, England.

WELL EXPLAINED

Two mosquitoes were ill on the features of two fair and powdered creatures. When asked by what right they replied: "We're not right. We're just seeing the same from the 'backers'."

Fighting Men and Ships of the Desert



British troops in Egypt, such as the Scottish Troops shown in a trench on the desert, have taken the initiative in combat against Italian forces and have shown their fighting superiority over enemy troops in Beren in the Sudan. Modern ships of the deserts fast tanks and the British troops while Royal Air Force planes are reported to be playing havoc with Italian posts and columns in Africa.

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK By R. J. SCOTT

A collection of humorous illustrations and text. One illustration shows a man with a large nose and a speech bubble saying "AN AVERAGE MAN-CUT, PLEASE". Another shows a man with a speech bubble saying "MEN WEAR THE WIDOWS WEEDS ON THE DEATH OF A WIFE OR OTHER RELATIVE AMONG THE NATIVES OF NORTH QUEENSLAND (AUSTRALIA)". A third shows a man with a speech bubble saying "THE AVERAGE MAN'S HAIR GROWS AT 50 HAIRES OF SEVEN INCHES IN A YEAR - THEREFORE, TAKES OFF ABOUT ONE-HALF AN INCH". A fourth shows a man with a speech bubble saying "A BIRD HAS DEFINITE ELBOWS IN ITS WING - NONE IN ITS HEAD". A fifth shows a man with a speech bubble saying "THEY'RE JUST SEEING THE SAME FROM THE 'BACKERS'".

First Shipload of British Children Arrive Safely in Canada



The first contingent of the army of British children, majority immediately left for their new homes in different parts of the Dominion. Above are pictured a group of refugees from the threat of bombardment in the embattled old land, arrived at an eastern Canadian port and the port of disembarkation.

FISH-SKINS PROVIDE SUIT OR GREATCOAT

German propaganda is making strenuous efforts to popularize fashions in fish-skins. Wool, cotton and leather running dangerously short, German technicians have been working on substitutes. Three special fashion institutes in Berlin, another in Vienna and a third in Frankfurt have designers working out new styles. Reproductions in the Frankfurt Zeitung show gloves and coats made from fish-skins, shoes from flexible glass and suits from substitute cloth.

Advertisement for Old Chum tobacco. Text: "There is no other tobacco JUST LIKE OLD CHUM".

MUGGS AND SKEETER

A comic strip panel showing a man and a woman talking. The man says: "DEAR, I WANT YOU TO RETURN THESE BOOKS TO MARY MARGINNIS DEAR! GEE, FOR ME - BE SURE TO TALK IT UP! ALL I WANT HER TO LIVE THESE DOORS DOWN FROM HERE - AT 375!!". The woman replies: "ALL RIGHT, I'LL READ THEM EACH WEEK!".

A comic strip panel showing a man and a woman talking. The man says: "IF THESE WOMEN HAD MY JOBS, THEY WOULD BE AS HAPPY AS I AM HOME - THESE THINGS ARE HEAVY!". The woman replies: "RING 6-6-6".

A comic strip panel showing a man and a woman talking. The man says: "WELL?". The woman replies: "OH, HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT IT, MR. RITT - I HAVE SOME BOOKS HERE THAT...".

A comic strip panel showing a man and a woman talking. The man says: "WE DON'T WANT ANY!". The woman replies: "BANG!".