

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd, 1942

A TOM-BOYS MEMORIES OF TROUT CREEK

Oh great were the days of long ago, When I sailed down this creek on a raft. With a patch on my eye and a rag on my loe...

Twenty Years Ago

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These are moving days in earnest. The Canadian dollar brought 98 1/2 cents in New York yesterday. Mr. John Jennings has sold his home at the corner of Frederick and Agnes Streets to councillor Bell.

The dedication of the chimes presented to Knox Presbyterian Church, Georgetown, in memory of the late Henry Lawson by his widow Mrs. M. G. Lawson, took place on Easter Sunday.

Three families lost their home and possessions by fire at Rockwood when the large frame dwelling, the home of W. H. Jago and family, the well known glove manufacturers of twenty-five years or more ago, the building was completely destroyed.

MARRIED

WATSON-ELLIOTT. At Toronto, on Friday, April 21, 1942, Elizabeth Logan, daughter of Mrs. Thos. Elliott, to Perry Watson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Watson, both of Acton.

DIED

LOGAN. In Equipping, on Tuesday, April 18th, 1942, Robert Logan, aged 85 years.

Britain's Merchant Armada

Is Already Equipped for Peace

Cargo can be handled twice as fast as in 1939 by the ships now leaving yards in a steady stream all over the United Kingdom.

Scores of new tankers, large and fast refrigerated cargo vessels, and general cargo carriers of several sizes are already in service a triumphant vindication of the policy of the British Admiralty not to adopt one standard type of merchant ship but to use a number of types developed before the war for different trades.

Exact plans used in this colossal program have been sent to Canada, Australia and the United States where ships are now being produced at the unprecedented rate of two a day. Britain's standard ships are a very great advance on their predecessors of 25 years ago, indeed in many respects they are better than those launched just before the war.

Besides possessing twice the capacity of the pre-war vessels in handling cargo today, whether steam or diesel driven, have a higher speed.

Even passenger accommodation which will be needed when peace comes has not been forgotten and it has been done as artistically as if there was not a U-boat under the ocean.

LABOR AND WHEAT

MELBOURNE, (CP) — Because of labor shortage among wheat-growers the government is considering enforcing some reduction in areas in Australia to be sown with wheat this year.

The Sunday School Lesson

FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 26

WAYSIDE CONVERSATIONS

Golden Text.—Whoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. Luke 14: 27.

Lesson Text.—Luke 13:22-35. Time—A. D. 29. PLACE.—On the way to Jerusalem. Exposition.—What the Kingdom of God is Like; 18-21.

The Kingdom of God which our Lord here speaks of means the kingdom of God in its outward manifestation on earth. The first parable sets for the marvelous growth of the kingdom from smallest beginnings. As in Ezek. 17:23, 24 the birds of heaven represent the nations. Along with the outward growth another growth is taking place, "leaven" (or yeast, the product of putrefaction) within. Leaven is everywhere. In the Bible a type of corruption (see ch. 12:1 and other places). We have an inspired interpretation of the parable in 1 Cor. 5:6, 7 (see also Gal. 5:8, 9).

The woman in the parable represents the apostate church. She mixes the leaven of false doctrine (Matt. 16:6-12) in the children's bread, and the whole doctrine and life of the church is leavened. History has abundantly fulfilled the predictions of these two parables. The church had a marvelous outward growth, the whole life and doctrine of the church was corrupted. The Kingdom did not become leaven but it was leavened, and the Reformation became necessary. Nothing was more improbable when Christ uttered these words than the fulfillment of the things that He predicted but they have been fulfilled to the letter.

II. Strive to Enter in at the Strait Gate, 22-30.

Jesus never answered questions of mere speculative curiosity (Jno. 21: 21-23) and He did not deign to give a direct answer to this question on this occasion though He did answer it on another occasion (Matt. 7:13, 14). In the present case, He directed the man and all those about Him to their own duty, and to see to it that they themselves entered it, rather than to find out just how many would be saved. Jesus had them all to "strive" (i. e., "contend" or "struggle" or " endeavor with strenuous zeal") to enter in. There will be no entering in without earnest effort and conflict. No one ever drifts in (Ac. 14:22; Jno. 6:27; 1 Cor. 9:24-27; Phil. 2: 12, 13; Heb. 4:11, 2 Pet. 1:10). All one has to do to be lost is to do nothing.

To be saved, one must put forth strenuous effort. "When once the master of the house is risen up and has shut the door, these outside ones shall stand themselves on the outside. Those who are altogether careless in this day of opportunity will be eager in that day of judgment but it will be too late. Many will then plead the privileges which they have enjoyed of the Lord's presence and teaching (v. 26), but these privileges now enjoyed and despised will only increase doom (Matt. 11:20-24). There will be "weeping and gnashing of teeth" i. e., great sorrow and impotent rage in the world to which they depart. Many will come from the lands that have been in darkness, and shall sit down in the Kingdom of God. The nations that we have long despised are now listening to the Gospel and putting to shame so-called Christian lands in their eagerness to learn of Christ, and, having found Him, in their self-sacrifice and devotion in His service.

III. Oh, Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which Killeth the Prophets, 31-35. The Pharisees who brought Jesus the word of warning (v. 31) were not at all interested in Jesus' safety. They simply wished to frighten Him and limit His activity (v. 34; 4:11; Amos 7: 12, 13). The point of Jesus' reply to Herod was that He had work to do and could not be killed until it was done (v. 32; cf. Jno. 11:8-10). The words of Jesus concerning Jerusalem spoken at such a moment let us see into the uttermost depths of His heart. His natural feeling for Jerusalem after the way in which Jerusalem had treated Him would have been that of anger and resentment—but His real feeling was that of passionate love (v. 19-41; Matt. 23:37-39).

The figure of a hen gathering her own brood under her wings was suggested by the Old Testament imagery concerning Jehovah (Isa. 21: 2, 8, 17, 26; 7: 37-41; 9: 4; Deut. 32: 11, 12). Jesus unhesitatingly applies to Himself thoughts that were only applied to Jehovah in the Old Testament. It is an indirect but very daring assertion of His own deity. The chicken finds three things under its mother's wings—safety, comfort and rest and we find the same Jerusalem's period of probation was at an end, they had finally rejected their Messiah, and consequently their house was left unto them desolate. The same result will follow to the individual soul that persistently refuses to be gathered under the protecting wings of Christ. There is a terrible suggestiveness in the two statements in v. 31 "I would," "Ye would not."

The whole secret of Jerusalem's desolation and destruction is found in the words, "Ye would not." The whole secret of the loss of the individual soul is found in the words, "Ye will not." (v. 30-32)

Sword Is Mightier Now

To-day Britain's Pen Makers Are On War Work

More than 20,000,000 postage stamps a day are being turned out, Sundays, excepted, by Britain's printers, or a total of 6,500,000,000 throughout the year.

They are done on a special water-marked paper—each reign has its own watermark—the makers of which have been supplying paper for Bank of England notes for upwards of 200 years. All stamps up to and including the 3d. are now printed in lighter shades which means a saving of considerable quantities of dyes to help the war effort particularly in those countries which rely on British manufacturers for their industrial dyes.

Although circulars from mail order houses, moneylenders, book-makers and football promoters are all refused in war time, people are writing more letters than ever they did.

They are finding it difficult to buy fountain pens to write them with. Instead of fountain pens the makers are turning out high precision instruments and parts for munitions.

The output has not been entirely stopped and it has not been much affected by the present limitation of rubber as three tons of it gives enough ink sacs for 5,000,000 pens. Colored and fancy pens however are slowly disappearing and soon a standardized black pen will be all that is to be had. More than half of the supply now available is going to the troops overseas.

Bombs With Wings

They Fly Under Their Own Power

A device, by which aerial torpedoes, bombs and shells can steer themselves to their target under their own power has been patented in Britain. This self-propelling projectile is really a tiny pilotless aircraft, complete with engine, airscrew, gyrostatic controls and so on. It also has a releasing device, so that it may shed its wings at an appropriate point and so drop directly on the target.

Launched by a catapult, this arrangement not only obviates transport of heavy artillery and repairs to a degree but gives a much greater range than that of artillery. When the impulse of the catapult launching is spent, the projectile flies on under its own power, maintaining direction, height and balance by the gyrostatic pilot, operated either by the exhaust of the engine or by compressed air.

Normally designed for about double the range of long range artillery and for use in very large numbers, 10 to 15 units can be made at a cost of under £25 each, when all the maintenance and transport costs are compared, is cheaper than firing an artillery shell. But there is no reason why much heavier projectiles of higher precision and power, capable of hitting a city 100 to 500 miles away, could not be evolved from this beginning.

Mend Holes In Screens To Make Them Last

Wire is made from metal, and all metal must be conserved. Holes in door and window screens, screens and strainers may be neatly patched or darned with wire from screening of the same mesh, using ravelled wire for thread.

A coat of thin paint applied each spring will prolong the life of galvanized screens. Copper screening doesn't require painting except to prevent stains. Frames of screen doors and windows, that have pulled apart at the corners take a new lease on life traced with a piece of metal.

On the farm, baling and other types of work should be carefully salvaged for future use. It's likely to be hard to get straightened out bents, splice and what in neat rolls. Keep where it won't rust.

There's Honey Or Maple Syrup

Sugar Needn't Worry Folks Even in Wartime

OTTAWA, (CP) — Don't let the sugar shortage worry you. There are many substitutes and new flavor treats in store. Try using honey, molasses and maple syrup in various ways—children, for example, are always begging for chocolate—honey, so why not "honey-cocoa"?

Children also might be intrigued with the novelty of honey instead of sugar on their cereal. If you must kill the natural flavor of grapefruit by adding sugar, use a teaspoonful of maple syrup instead. The flavor will be a pleasant surprise. Serve fruits instead of sweet cakes. Cookies and pies as desserts. You'll be getting not only natural sugar, but protective minerals and vitamins present in sugar. Heaven has been generous as a land of milk and honey—with no limitation of sugar.

The Week at OTTAWA

Specially Written for The Acton Free Press by ALAN HARVEY Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA, (CP) — The April 27 Manpower Plebiscite and an Allied Air Conference described officially as one of the most important of the war week as members of the House of Commons reassembled after the three-week Easter recess.

Voting in the plebiscite actually began last Thursday among Canadian armed forces on active service in Canada, the United Kingdom, Newfoundland and Jamaica. But preparations were still in progress this week for balloting by the great majority of civilian voters on the question: "Are you in favor of releasing the government from any obligation arising out of any past commitments restricting the methods of raising men for military service?"

Other civilian voters—those necessarily away from home—April 27 marked their ballots at special advance polls open Thursday through Saturday this week.

Before the general vote next Monday, Prime Minister Mackenzie King was expected to deliver another radio address urging a "Yes" vote in the plebiscite. His first address was made April 7.

Mr. King came back from three days in Washington at the week-end to describe his visit as "the most profitable three days I have ever experienced." He said he was "tremendously impressed" with the value of the exchange of information and views possible at meetings of the newly-formed Pacific war council. He attended its third meeting last Wednesday.

In the House of Commons, meantime, two new phases of the government's war program have been unfolded.

One is the post-war soldier settlement scheme, described by Pensions

Minister Mr. Kenzie, under which it is proposed to establish about 25,000 soldiers on the land at a cost of about \$50,000,000.

The other is the program, described by Labor Minister Mitchell, for providing occupation training to fit people for employment in industry and the armed forces.

Big Possibilities

While Canadians awaited results of the plebiscite, much interest has been stirred by announcement of the proposed air conference in Ottawa next month. Mr. King termed it one of the most important of the war week.

Mr. Marshall L. S. Breadnor, chief of air staff, said "It is extremely potent in its possibilities." It seems certain one of the results of the conference will be an expansion of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. The agreement covering the plan nominally expires in March, 1943, but discussions have been in progress for some time on its future scope and from these discussions grew the idea of a parley including other members of the United Nations.

Date of the projected meeting—a meeting which may open new vistas for wartime aviation in the allied countries—was not announced, but it held early in May to facilitate advance planning on future direction of the air training system which has been one of the Dominion's major contributions in the war. Besides the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand, partners with Canada in the plan, invitations have been extended to the United States, China and Norway. Representatives of other United Nations may attend either by sending representatives to follow the discussion or observers to speak on their behalf.

War Appropriations Bill In the House of Commons, meantime, Finance Minister Isley's \$2,000,000,000 war appropriation bill was expected to provide lengthy discussion. Introduced before the House adjourned, the bill is likely to lead to reports on many phases of the war effort by ministers of the various war departments. Most of the non-war estimates are still to be passed before the debate swings into mat-

tera less specifically related to the war, such as agriculture, trade and labor. Sometime next month, too, Mr. Isley is expected to bring down the 1942 budget.

Senate for May 5

The Easter recess ends May 5 for members of the senate. Resumption of sittings in the red chamber is expected to bring several changes since there are 14 vacancies to fill. Government and opposition leaders also will likely be appointed.

Senator J. H. King acted as government leader after the death of Rt. Hon. Harold Landman in March, and Senator C. C. Ballantyne filled the place of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen when the Conservative leader resigned.

Vitamin B1 for Steady Nerves

Feeling cranky? Do you snap at your relatives and friends? Do you start at your own shadow or spend a sleepless night over every item of adverse war news? What you probably need is Vitamin B1.

Nutritionists have learned that Vitamin B1 has a remarkably strengthening effect on the nervous system. And there is no need to rush off to the drug store and buy pills or medicine, because B1 can be taken in sufficient quantity in an ordinary everyday food, along with all the other vitamins, which are also needed.

The richest sources are cereals, milk, liver and heart, dried peas and beans, and wheat germ. The Nutrition Service of the Department of Pensions and National Health advise that whole grain bread or that made from "Canada Approved" flour should be eaten in preference to white. Oatmeal and other whole grain cereals, eaten in preference to white. Oatmeal and other whole grain cereals are also better than too much macaroni, rice and other processed cereal foods.

Another good way to insure a larger intake of Vitamin B1 is to serve potatoes baked or boiled in their jackets, and to increase the family consumption of milk.

32 In Services Granny's Boast

71-Year-Old Not Satisfied with That, She Has Evacuees on Her Hands

SPALDING, Eng. (CP) — There are few women with a more personal interest in the armed forces than Mrs. A. E. Gander.

This 71-year-old grandmother who lost two sons and a brother in the last war and is still nursing a third son who was shell-shocked, has 32 of her men-folk serving in this war—five sons, two sons-in-law, seven nephews and 18 grandchildren.

As though that weren't enough, she looks after two London evacuee boys and then says her only complaint is that she hasn't enough time to write as often as she would like to her soldier offspring.

Plain Hoarding In Sugar Cubes

It's Common Courtesy to Avoid Waste and Help Win War

NEW YORK, (CP) — Picking up sugar cubes in restaurants for melon-seeds used to be fun, like collecting autographs. Now it's definitely bad taste, close kin to hoarding, says Margaret Kernodle in Common Courtesy.

That's the sort of effect war will have on etiquette. Things that were all right, or at least got by as not being too bad, will be over the border under the new outlook.

People who rush the stocking counters and the sugar shelves are skipping courtesy as well as patriotism. Avoiding waste helps win wars. And that does not mean merely avoiding waste by good budgeting but also to share some things and save others. The courtesy comes in when you pass that magazine on to someone else and save those papers for the paper collection.

EVERY VOTER IN CANADA should make sure to get out and... VOTE ON APRIL 27th Polls open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME Issued under authority Department of the Secretary of State, Ottawa