

## Views of Others on Timely Topics

### YOU CAN STILL TEMPESTS

Of all the miracles performed by Jesus, there is one that particularly appealed to my childhood fancy. That was the one in which he stilled the storm at sea. Our lives are hindered by tempests of various kinds. To be sure, some are no more than tempests in teapots, but others at least appear to be very vital and tragically real.

I remember reading an account of a prize award for the best picture portraying perfect rest. I believe the contest was held in Paris, but the location is of little importance. The fact of interest is that after thousands of pictures had been examined the judges finally cast aside all but two.

These two dealt with apparently opposite themes, yet both had been sent in, hoping to win the prize in this contest of pictures depicting perfect rest.

One picture represented a scene

by a placid lake. Not a ripple stirred its lazy waters. A cow was resting 'neath the shade of a large tree. Not a leaf stirred in the branches. The cow was not even chewing her cud. Surely, one would say, "here is perfect rest."

The other picture was that of a wild storm raging in a forest. Lightning could be seen flashing in jagged streaks. The dark clouds overhead were apparently rolling ominously. One could fairly watch the trees wrenching at their roots as they twisted in the wind.

The artist had, however, so constructed his picture that one's attention was focused on a little bird sitting upon a limb of one of the trees, and in the midst of all that noise and confusion and fearful manifestation its little throat could be seen to be fairly bursting in joyous song.

Here in the presence of danger and turmoil was "Perfect Rest!"

Perhaps the song sparrow knew that not a bird falls to earth without the Heavenly Father's notice, but to those who distinguish between their "inner" and outer selves the REST which was enjoyed by the bird is possible, as they realize that no permanent harm can come to the spiritual child of the God of the Universe.

Have you not met those who, in the midst of noisy, fearful disturbances, were perfectly at rest in the consciousness of their contact with the One whose everlasting arms are always underneath? When the tempests of life roar about you, listen, and you will hear a still small voice saying, "Peace, be still; and know that I AM."—By John E. Price.

### THE HEPBURN-DREW ATTACK ON MR. KING

It must be evident to all by this time that Mr. Hepburn's wartime truce with Mr. King was meaningless, and that his personal grudge against the federal premier still outweighs all other considerations. Col. Drew, as Conservative leader in Ontario, and mentioned as a possible Conservative leader in the Dominion if anything should happen to Dr. Manion, is in a somewhat different position. It is perhaps natural that he should succumb to the temptation to use the legislature as a sounding board for attacks upon the war efforts of the Liberal administration at Ottawa. He goes further in this regard than Dr. Manion has gone, Dr. Manion being more familiar with federal affairs than he, and having, too, as Dominion Conservative leader, a sense of responsibility with respect to them.

Messrs. Hepburn and Drew have no such responsibility. So these two, for their separate reasons, join in attacks upon the Ottawa ministry whose the responsibility is. It is so easy for them to criticize—in a sense so cheap to criticize as they do, when they have no responsibility themselves, and when the prime minister and his colleagues at Ottawa are up to their eyes in war work. It is they, not Messrs. Hepburn and Drew, who have to answer to the country for the success of Canada's war effort.

Messrs. Hepburn and Drew have their own sphere of usefulness in Ontario, and Ontario's affairs need all their attention. But Mr. Hepburn, having just been forced by public to beat a retreat from his original council term extension proposals, would, no doubt, like to turn the public's thought in another direction. He would be pleased to have Col. Drew join him in his grudge-fight against Premier King and thus reduce the time devoted to such blunders of the Hepburn administration as the piling up of a huge provincial debt beyond anything Ontario has ever known before.

Since the war began there have been many attacks launched against the federal administration. And when the prime minister and his colleagues have taken time off from their war work to answer these attacks, the answers have been convincing and the critics have been routed. Canada is making a splendid contribution to the war—a contribution which is satisfactory to the British authorities, and which, we believe, will be entirely to the credit of the government when the history of the war finally comes to be written.—Star.

### HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT

The Ottawa Journal carried an editorial headed, "The great Canadian hog comes into the picture." It wasn't a story about Toronto. —Timmins press.

### PROPOSITION AVENUE, LOVELAND

(Henderson, January 9—Henderson Correspondent)

My dear and kind prospective sir:—I send you this your heart to stir—'Tis you I've chosen, first of all, On whom to make my Leap Year call.

Your heart and hand I ask not in jest, And hope you'll grant my fond request,

And send me back, without delay, Your answer, saying "Yea" or "Nay".

But if your heart does not incline In wedlock hand to join with mine, Then you must "Leap Year Law" obey,

And down to me five dollars pay. Besides, kind sir, a handsome dress— I'll ask no more and take no less. Now you may think this letter funny, But I must have the man, or money. So now do send me your reply, And make me your wife until I die.

If my written name you guess, Please send this back to my address; And if you think I am a dandy, Send me a box of Princess Candy; But if for me there is no hope, Just send me back six feet of rope. With lots of love and heaps of kisses,

From one who'd love to be your Missus.

### (A Reply)

#### BACHELOR'S ROW, ARDEN

My dear and kind prospective Miss:—Your missive brought me heavenly bliss.

I certainly your choice admire, It set my very blood on fire.

My heart and hand I freely give, And hope a happy life we'll live.

I send you back my answer clear: "Yea, Yea!" Does that suit Ducky Dear?

You bet my heart it does incline— To wed with you would be sublime.

'Round Arden there are fourteen mortals,

Hoping to enter these heavenly portals.

I'll be along and see your Pa, Perhaps five dollars he'll give me Honey,

To help out with the ceremony. That dress I'll give you without fail—

I'll send to Eaton's by the mail. You did not state the color, Honey, But do not fret, I've got the money.

So now I send you my reply, I'll be your slave until I die.

To guess your name I'll do my best, "Florence" — can somebody spell the rest?

I sure do think you are a dandy, But don't you think I guess real handy?

Of rope I've got some real long chunks, But I'll keep them to tie our trunks.

I'll close with heaps of love and kisses,

Hoping you soon will be my missus. P.S.—Now if you think I'm some old fool,

Just meet me at the Bordenwood School,

And I'll give further information Regarding age and occupation. I think I'll close, I'm feeling queerly, Still remaining, yours sincerely,

Nobody's Darling.

### CECIL SHANNON HEADS I.O.F. FOR THIRD TERM

Cecil Shannon was elected Chief Ranger for the third successive year when Court Woodbridge I.O.F. No. 515 named 1940 officers during their meeting Tuesday evening. Others chosen were: Bro. Rev. J. H. Kidd, court deputy; Bro. Dr. G. D. McLean, court physician; Bro. Thomas Wise, past chief ranger; Bro. Chas. Jordan, vice-chief ranger; Bro. Ralph P. Darker, financial secretary; Bro. Les. Wallace, treasurer; Bro. H. Weatherill, recording secretary; Bro. E. Rider, orator; Bro. R. Darker, superintendent of juvenile court; Companion Rider, organist; Bro. Roy Livingston, senior woodward; Bro. Carman Livingston, junior woodward; Bro. William Dresser, senior beadle; Bro. Bert Livingston, junior beadle; Bro. T. Wise and Bro. Jim Elliot, trustees; Bro. Roy Livingston and Bro. Elliot, financial committee; companion, J. Jordan; companion, J. Rider; companion, S. Shannon; Bro. H. Weatherill, Bro. C. Jordan, and Bro. Roy Livingston, social committee.

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## Scenes I Have Visited

(Special to The Liberal)

### THE ASSUAN DAM

Journey with me in imagination on the Egyptian State Railway 707 miles up the Nile from the Mediterranean Sea port of Alexandria and you will come to the famous Assuan Dam which for years was the largest structure of its kind in the world and still ranks among the most wonderful sights in Egypt. It is situated at the First Cataract, a point which for centuries was the starting point of all expeditions in the Sudan. The town of Assuan obtained great notoriety among the ancient Greeks from the fact that Ptolemy considered it to lie on the Tropic of Cancer and to be the most northerly point where at the time of the summer solstice the sun's rays fell vertically. As a matter of fact it lies 0 degrees 37' 23" north of the Tropic of Cancer.

It was my good fortune to visit this one of the seven wonders of the modern world during the declining days of 1915, when the skies were clear and blue and the weather superbly fine.

It was away back half a century ago when the Egyptian government instructed Sir Colin Scott Moncrieff and Sir William Willcocks to study the problem of making a reservoir above the First Cataract on the Nile. A commission was formed which for 3 months examined all the proposed sites and selected Assuan as the best place for the construction of a reservoir dam. This body of men recommended that a barrage be built across the head of the Assuan Cataract to hold back water to a depth of 83 feet which would raise the level of water to a height of 374 feet above the level of the Mediterranean. Immediately a great deal of adverse criticism was raised by the Archaeological societies of Europe and a compromise was reached which enabled the level of water held up to be reduced by 26 feet. Messrs. Airq & Co. agreed to construct the Reservoir Dam and bonds were issued for £4,716,780, with repayment to be made in 60 half yearly instalments of £78,613.

This huge granite structure runs in a straight line for a distance of 2185 yards across the five summer channels of the river. The storage capacity of the original structure was 37,612,000,000 cubic feet and the greatest head of water was 66 feet. Its thickness varied from 98 feet at the bottom to 23 feet at the top. Its masonry was penetrated by 180 sluice gates which were arranged at 4 different levels, namely 328 feet,

315 feet, 302 feet and 287 feet. Only 130 sluices were used for regulating the discharge of water and the remaining 150 sluices were required for giving sufficient waterway to the Nile when in flood.

When the Nile comes in flood about the beginning of July the sluices are opened. At the end of July the discharge of the Nile is reckoned at 159,000 cubic feet per second and at the end of August it has increased to 353,000 cubic feet per second. On December 1st when practically all the suspended mud has passed through and the water has become comparatively clear the gates are gradually closed one after the other in regular order. By Feb. 28th the lake which extends for a distance of about 180 miles back of the dam is full and by July 7th it is empty. When the water in Egypt begins to be felt about the first of May the quantity for cultivation is drawn off gradually. It is estimated that approximately half a million acres in lower and middle Egypt was thereby added to the area of cultivatable land.

The iron gates of the sluices are regulated by the help of electrical winches standing on the top of the dam. These are much in evidence as one crosses the dam on a small trolley car pushed by Arabs for which the return fare is only 5 piaster (25 cents).

In 1908 the Egyptian government decided that the dam should be raised so as to store water to a height of 23 feet above the level of the original column. This work was completed in 1912 and afforded sufficient irrigation for some 950,000 acres which was formerly waste land in the southern districts of Egypt. It was estimated that this great structure increased the national wealth by £27,000,000 and increased the storage by 2½ times that created by the original dam.

To the west of the barrage is a navigation canal by which boats are locked up and down the Nile. It is about the same length as the dam and is provided with four locks each 230 feet long and 31 feet wide. The two upper gates of the locks are 63 feet high and the others are 49 feet, 39 feet and 36 feet respectively.

By the construction of the Assuan Dam the annual rental value of the land affected was increased by approximately 13 million dollars and its sale value by about 135 million dollars. It is doubtful if in the records of engineering work another

single instance can be quoted of such results being achieved with so relatively small an outlay of money.

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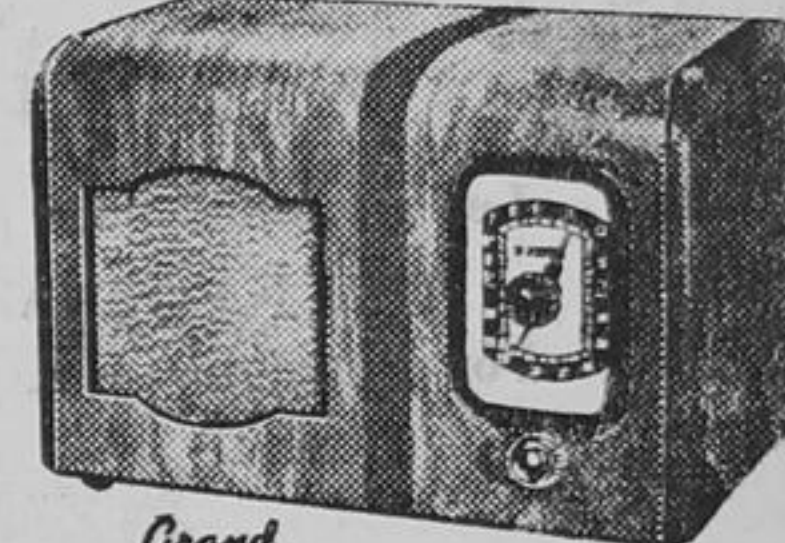
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