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THE REGINA DISASTER

The heartfelt sympathy of every town and city in Western Canada will go out to the Capital City of the neighboring province in the appalling catastrophe which has befallen it.

Outside of the actual area of the disaster there was probably no place to which the news came with a greater shock than in this city. Apart from such ties as exist between Calgary and Regina by business intercourse and the interests held in common by two of the most progressive cities in the West, there are a very large number of people in this city who have friends and relatives in Regina, and when the news of the disaster spread through the city on Sunday night The Albertan office was besieged by enquirers anxious to assure themselves of the safety of those in whom they were interested.

All here will unite in commending the promptitude with which Mayor Mitchell wired to the mayor of Regina, informing him of the desire of this city to render any aid that may afford temporary relief to those who have suffered by the catastrophe.

The first disaster of its kind to be experienced in Canada, it cannot fail to fall as an especially heavy blow upon this vigorous and progressive young city. There is probably no need to fear that the disaster will impose any serious check upon the growth of a centre which has witnessed such remarkable development within the last year or two. Drawing upon a country rich in natural resources and inhabited by a people who have shown that they possess in full measure the progressive spirit of the West, there is no doubt that the city will show that it is well able to recover from the material loss resulting from its unfortunate experience.

A WARNING TO PROPHETS

An interesting example of the dangers faced by those who practise the difficult art of political prophecy is cited by Spencer Leigh Hughes, the "Sub Rosa" of The London Daily News and Leader. Its chief interest lies in the fact that it contains a warning which should be especially valuable to many political prophets who are now assiduously engaged in the practice of that precarious profession. Mr. Hughes has been reproducing extracts from an article published in that exponent of high Toryism, Blackwood's Magazine, in 1849. The following is an example:

"They (the free traders) have stopped the growth of our population, and for the first time for four centuries rendered it retrograde. They have lowered railway property more than a half. They have destroyed at least half of the whole commercial and trading wealth of the manufacturing towns. They have rendered the maintenance of the national independence, if the present system is persisted in, impossible. They will soon reduce, if unchecked in their career, the immense Empire of England to two islands, oppressed with taxes, eaten up by paupers, importing a third of their annual subsistence from foreign states, brought in in foreign vessels."

The Winnipeg Free Press makes the following pertinent comment: "It would be difficult to find a political prophecy which the event has proved to be more ludicrously wrong. But that 1849 prophecy, as Mr. Hughes points out, is matched by some of the predictions of war which are uttered by the present British advocates of protectionism. The opponents of abolition of the Corn Laws did a great deal of predicting that Canada was being cut loose from the Empire by the abolition of the preferential duties on Canadian-grown wheat. To quote a British reference in the Blackwood's article to the British government then in power, which had inaugurated the system of free imports: 'They have sown the seeds of revolt in Canada, and rendered its separation, at no distant period, from Great Britain, a matter of certainty.' 'Political prophets should avoid using in their prophecies such expressions as 'at no distant period.' By so doing they would deprive their prophecies of some of their startling force, it is true. But then, on the other hand, they would leave themselves in the position of being able, on being asked why their prophecies are not being realized and when their realization is to be expected, to look wise and say 'Just wait a while.'"

THE WEATHER MAN

With the weather man doing his best, though with very little hope of success, to spoil the big Calgary Fair, we are disposed to follow the course adopted by a Vancouver newspaper recently, when that city was uncomfortably and perspiringly restless, under the influence of a heat wave. The policy of the coast city paper was to coax the old gentleman back into the paths of rectitude by pretending that it liked him best when he was at his worst. After a gentle preliminary "swipe" in which it assured him that heat in Vancouver was not so hot as heat elsewhere, it wiped its perspiring brow and passed on to emphasize the fact that it served a most useful purpose by encouraging the people of that city to bathe. Personally, if our people needed such a stimulus to cleanliness, we would say nothing about it—but let that pass. Then it struck the final blow by declaring that the intense heat stimulated the sale of straw hats, cotton goods and iced drinks, thus serving to swell the volume of business done in the city.

Late reports indicate that these tactics have not been unsuccessful, as the temperature has dropped at the coast. Perhaps the same methods, adapted to our local needs, may be effective in raising the temperature. We would therefore submit that the farmers throughout this province are perfectly satisfied with the weather as delivered. As to ourselves, we rejoice that, after the long continued spell of hot weather, we are once more able to work in comfort, instead of panting in an atmosphere rendered bearable only by the use of an electric fan. We venture to assert that no weather could be more pleasing to the thousands who are in attendance at the fair. Surely they have every reason to feel thankful for the beautiful drab cloud-curtain, which protects them from the hot rays of sunshine which would otherwise beat down upon the grandstand. Then again, ardent temperance advocates are rejoicing that the business of the hotel bars is less than it might have been under different conditions. Finally, dealers in summer-wear are not suffering, as most people made their purchases before the cold spell commenced, while if the prevailing weather continues there is every prospect of the development of a brisk demand for furs and woollen goods. In short, existing conditions are perfectly satisfactory.

In any case, it must be remembered that if the weather displayed no variations we should be deprived of one of the most useful subjects of conversation. What would the nervous man do, when introduced to a stranger on a rainy day, if he could not take the first and most difficult jump with the remark: "It's a fine day, isn't it?" There is many a man who would be stricken with permanent paralysis of the speech organs if the weather did not afford an unfailing spring-board from which to dive into the stream of conversation, and even some of the more confident swimmers might be forced at times to spend an uncomfortable moment of shivering hesitation on the brink.

Truly, in the words of the immortal poet, it is possible to see "Good in everything,"—even in bad weather.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Public men of the three Western provinces flocked to the Calgary Panama canal conference despite the communication which they received from William Georgeason, in which he advised them of the reasons why he would not attend, and the conference promises to accomplish much, though he said it could serve no useful purpose.

Up till a few days ago Edmonton was still taking its census, and the local press stated that hundreds of people were phoning into the office of the commissioner requesting that their names be placed on the list. By continuing the good work for a few more months and counting all the voters, Edmonton will be able to boost the figures so that they will make Toronto look like a rural municipality.

THE ATTACK ON MIDWAY IS RESENTED BY SHOWMAN

Ben Rosenthal Says It is Clean and That Kline Would Not Have Questionable Show

Attack on Midway, Editor, Albertan:

Sir,—I will appreciate the favor if you will allow me sufficient space in which I can to some limited extent reply to the unwarranted attack which appeared in your paper of July 1, signed by "E. McDonald" and directed against the Herbert A. Kline show. I wish to state in the first place that I am not connected in any way with these shows, but am simply acting in a spirit of fair play. Having had the advantage of being connected with fairs for years and having during that time seen many midway shows I feel that I am fairly competent to state to Judge As to my own personal character I can say that E. L. Richardson, manager of the fair, is a personal friend whom I have known for many years.

During my experience in the business of fairs I have traveled all over the country, seeing many midway shows, rotten ones and good ones. Sad to say the rotten ones are most frequent. Consequently a line of clean shows are appreciated by me when I see them, and that is what the Herbert A. Kline shows are. Mr. Kline has an enviable reputation wherever he is known for the wholesomeness of the entertainments which he provides. All unwarranted attacks and the shows are high-class entertainments. Mr. Kline's reputation throughout the States, where he is best known, is that he will not put questionable performers on the road; he has established this reputation and takes pride in maintaining it. The show which he has brought to the Calgary Industrial exhibition are clean, wholesome, entertaining, perhaps even a little above his average standard, certainly not below. They are his best, and I can vouch for their being good. Therefore, when I see such an unwarranted and violent attack as the "which I saw in this morning's Albertan" I feel that a reply should be made to it. No sensible person would possibly derive harm or be shocked by anything whatever in the Kline shows. Any person who has seen them will support me. Therefore I am glad to see that the attack has in all probability emanated from some crank or some personal enemy of Mr. Kline, who, taking advantage of the well known rule of newspapers to print any signed article, has vented his spleen in this way. The police, the managing directors of the fair, thousands of Calgary citizens have seen the Kline shows already, of that honest opinion as to a discreditable remark, excepting this Mr. McDonald. Thanking you, and trusting you will give me the advantage of sufficient space, I remain, BEN ROSENTHAL.

SIDEWALK SKETCHES

By Howard L. Rann

THE SUMMER RESORT.

The summer resort is a species of delirium which is bounded on the north by a white beach, on the east by a bowery dance, on the south by love at first sight and on the west by a \$3 taxi. It is a first-class place to go to when they want to shed a little carking care and rest up. There is nothing to do at a summer resort except to have a drink. Some people may so much rest at one of these resorts that they are spoiled for work for all eternity, and most of the suburbs. It requires a good deal of preparation to rig up for a summer resort so that old timers won't think you have just broken in on the boy field. A man has every hour in the day, a willing baritone voice, an appetite for George Barr Mott's, and a desire to fall in love with everybody on the grounds who is over fourteen and under ninety. All the lady summer resort needs is a languishing look and a large storage capacity for platonic piffle. A good-looking man with natural hair and expensive clothing does not have much chance to recuperate at a summer resort, as he is chased from bathing bench to tennis court and back to the golf links by a bevy of unfettered and determined females, who outnumber him in the ratio of 15 to 1 and seek his views on matrimony. Every summer resort has a large majority of fetching young women and slowly fading spinsters, and a great many men of light mind and empty manner attend every year in order to see how many times they can become engaged without putting up any diamonds as collateral.

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UNCLE WALT

The Post Philosopher.

MORE ADVICE.

When you have a task ahead, do not view the eagle with dread—that's unwise; it is vain the rag to chew, or to raise a hullabaloo; no one knows what he can do till he tries. Though the task gives you a pain, it is idle to complain; spring a grin; do not stall around and say "I'll do this some other day." Go to work, serene and gay, and you'll win. They who win the foremost place in the hustling, worldly race are the chaps who go at their work with vim, with determination, grim; looking not till eyes grow dim, for the snags. At this juncture comes my frat, saying: "Dinner's ready, now—come and eat!" If I was a trifling skat I might well procrastinate, showing to my helpful mate fright feet; I might say: "Oh, what's the use? Yesterday I ate a goose and a cheese; if you wish to plumb your hub you won't speak to me of grub; give it to some hungry tub, if you please." But when duty calls I rise, resolution in my eyes and my heart; to the table, stern and calm, then I go and eat a ham, winding up the meal with jam and tart. This is the wiser plan; face your duty like a man—do not shrink! If you stall and hesitate, stumbling at the rules of fate, we shall find you, soon or late, on the blink! WALT MASON.

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Here is a chance for our town and country patrons to buy a brand new Hudson's Bay Suit at a saving of 25 per cent.

These suits, 42 in all, represent the balance of our season's stock, which we desire to clear before the new season commences. They are made of fine navy, black, brown, fawn and gray serges; black and navy diagonals, gray, brown and fawn worsteds and tweeds, etc.; mostly plain tailored styles; a few novelties; all sizes.

All This Week 25 Per Cent. Off



Women's Kid Gloves Regular \$1.50 for 85c

In order to give our out-of-town patrons an opportunity to share in a Hudson's Bay Kid Glove Sale we will offer, commencing today, the balance of the special purchase of Perrier's \$1.50 Gloves at 85c. The Gloves are made of selected French kid and in the two-dome style. They are finely made and finished, and besides being good fitters, wear splendidly; all sizes in the lot; colors, black, white, tan and mode. Regular \$1.50. All this week.

Women's Hose Regular 25c Pair—5 Pairs for \$1.00

If it is a special privilege to be able to buy these hose at 25c pair, let alone at this \$1 extra special price of 5 pairs for \$1.00.

We wish to dispose of a surplus, however, and this price has that end in view. They are made of medium-weight, union-casimere, full fashioned, soft, comfortable and serviceable; black only; all sizes. Special this week, 5 pairs for \$1.00.

Sunshades 50c Regular 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25

This offer is repeated for the benefit of the exhibition visitors, although all can take advantage of it if they wish.

These sunshades are made of fine mercerized fabrics and come in a wide range of striped, spot and floral patterns; handles are mostly crooked, a few straight; frames have 8 strong brass ribs; a limited quantity. Regular 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Today Wednesday and Thursday 50c.

TRUE PATRIOTISM THE INCORPORATION OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Keynote of Dominion Day Sermon Preached by Rev. J. C. Sycamore

He Believes That the Office of Church is to Fight Against National Sins

Traced the Rise and Fall of Great Nations Because of National Sins

"True patriotism is the incorporation of righteousness in the lives of the people. These were the words of the keynote of a Dominion Day sermon preached by Rev. J. C. Sycamore at the First Baptist church Sunday. Taking as his text the well known words, 'Righteousness exalteth a nation,' he emphasized the fact that the individual integrity was the foundation of national righteousness and therefore it behooved all true citizens to have the immortal passage indelibly impressed on the mind and heart.

He believed the office of the church was to preach, as the prophets of old, against national sins. There was no need to preach party politics, but political righteousness should be plainly and powerfully commended. The church has not done her duty in this regard, she has often been silent when she should have spoken; she has been cowardly when she should have been brave. The speaker urged a purifying of the political life. He deplored the fact that a great election could not take place without either party accusing the other of slander, perjury, falsehood and dishonesty. The statements being made by the opposing parties in the presidential election in the United States was an example, and an unfortunate influence was being exerted over the public generally and the younger generation in particular.

In support of the argument that righteousness was the foundation of a nation's prosperity, he traced the rise and fall of the great nations, Assyria, Greece, Rome, Spain, France, Turkey—all had tottered from power because of their sin.

Some pessimists declare that Great Britain is waning. He believed that our great empire was stronger than ever and he protested against any such statements which would lead men to conclude that we were declining, but he made the nation care for her integrity. For is that the secret of her power. "Let us not forget," said the preacher in conclusion, "that we each have a personal responsibility. Let us pray for the continuance of peace and righteousness within this Dominion and throughout the whole of the great Empire."

POISON IN CANDY LEADS TO CHARGE OF MURDER BEING LAID

Roy Weaver, Express Agent, Is Lodged in Jail at Boise, Accused of Causing Death of Lena Speers.

Boise, Idaho, June 28.—Roy Weaver, arrested at Walla Walla on a charge of sending poisoned candy to Lena Speers, which caused her death at her home near Rupert, Idaho, was placed in the Lincoln county jail at Shoshone last night, a charge of murder in the first degree having been placed against him. A post-mortem revealed that death was caused by oil of tansy. The preliminary hearing has been postponed on account of the absence of the prosecuting attorney.

The officers claim that a package containing poisoned candy which was mailed at Buhl, Idaho, was addressed in the handwriting of Weaver, who had been paying attention to the girl. Weaver had been employed as express agent at Minadoka.

FIVE FRENCH SEAMEN, EXPLOSION VICTIMS, HURT UNTO DEATH

There Were Two Explosions; 13 Were Injured in First, 10 in the Second

Toulon, France, July 1.—Five of the 24 seamen injured yesterday on board the French armored cruiser Jules Mich' let off by the premature explosion of a six-inch gun are dying in the naval hospital here.

The official inquiry into the matter shows there were two explosions. By the first 18 were hurled to the deck and 13 were killed. As soon as the firing was courageously resumed with the same gun under the direction of Admiral Bertrand Sourrieu, commander of the training ship. One more charge ignited and 10 more officers, sailors and men injured. Nearly all the victims are young seamen. One man's arm was blown off.

It is believed the explosions were due to the draft caused by the breach of the gun, which ignited some sparks remaining from previous charges. The accidents are generally attributed to the defective system of gun cleaning between the charges adopted in the French navy. Two more of the injured men died today.

MEXICANS - THREATEN TO KILL AMERICANS UNLESS RANSOM IS PAID

El Paso, Tex., July 1.—Seventeen Americans in Yelardena, 10 miles west of Torreon, Mexico, and about 200 miles south of the international border, recently were lined up against a barn while a half-dozen drink-crazed brigands, who called themselves rebels, brandished guns in their faces and threatened summary execution unless \$1,000,000 ransom was forthcoming.

The rebels halted their threats when \$2,500 in gold was paid them. The story was told by a party of witnesses who arrived here today.

Americans, they said, had feared the consequences of a revelation of their plight through official channels, and only with the routing of rebel columns under Gens. Campa and Argumedo, after nearly two months of deprivations, had the facts begun to come to light.

At Yelardena, federal volunteers captured by General Campa, were executed in small squads. One of the pitiable sights was the killing of a federal volunteer about 65 years old by a rebel soldier hardly out of his teens.

A man arriving here today told of finding near Torreon seven bodies horribly disfigured and mutilated. One of them was a woman. This act is charged to the federal forces.

The commissioner representing the Mexican revolutionary party here issued a formal statement yesterday denying that the brigands who held up Americans at Yelardena were part of the revolutionary forces, and intimating they were Madero volunteers. He reiterates the pledge that the revolutionary forces will protect all foreigners.

Letters to the Editor

WOULD HAVE CLEAN STREETS. Editor, Albertan: At this time many visitors are within our gates, attending the fair. These people come from far and near, and carry with them, not only impressions of what they see at the fair, but what they observe in the city as well. It is pretty certain that not a few of them have noted the fact that many of our streets present a rather unkempt appearance, our boulevards, etc., being covered with a dense growth of weeds, owing to recent heavy rains and warm weather. It is regrettable that our city authorities did not exert their best efforts to place our streets in the best possible condition before the opening of the fair. It is not too late even now to undertake this work with a goodly force of men, destroying the rank growth of weeds before they mature seed. J. E. G.



KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN CONVENTION ON WAY TO MASS. This week Toronto is the gathering place of five thousand Knights of St. John from all over Canada and the United States. They broke the records for early morning parading in Toronto by marching to mass at 6:30 a. m., as seen in the picture.