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QUEEN OF BELGIANS

The deepest sympathy of the whole world goes out today to the King of the Belgians at the fatal accident which ended the life of His Majesty's young Queen in so tragic a manner. King Leopold was driving the automobile when the fatal accident took place, and lost control when he turned his head to look at a road map. This is another lesson regarding the driving of cars. Death is ever looking over the driver's shoulder, no matter whether he or she is of high or of low degree. In this case, the same law applies to all.

The Queen of the Belgians endeared herself to her subjects and to all with whom she came in contact and her tragic death will be regretted by all the civilized world. In nowhere will the regret be stronger than in the British empire, whose people have an especially warm feeling for the Belgians. It is only eighteen months since King Albert met a tragic death.

The Queen was, before her marriage about nine years ago, Princess Astrid of Sweden. There are three children by this marriage.

JAPAN HAS BIG IDEAS

If Japan is going to talk naval strength at the coming preliminary naval conference in London in October, it must be on a basis of naval equality or it won't bother to be represented.

That, in substance, is Japan's reply to the British foreign office's memorandum sent out to the United States, France, Italy and Japan.

It is recognized that the terms of the Washington naval limitation treaty of 1922 are no longer in force. Powers are in the throes of naval expansion limited only by the amount of money available in the respective countries. In many cases, tax sources are squeezed to the utmost to provide greater naval armament.

This burden is great and what the leading nations want to do is adopt some policy of moderation. But heedless Japan doesn't see it that way.

This latest move of Japan's does not give any assurance that it is the least interested in world peace. On the contrary it bears out the avowed policy of that nation not to enter into any kind of agreement, let alone take part in a conference, unless it can dictate the terms.

FEARFUL FRANCE

Nothing appears more striking to the observer of events in Europe than the tone recently adopted by the French press, which has suddenly begun to criticize Premier Mussolini of Italy. To be sure, the tone is sorrowful rather than angry. It indicates, however, that thoughtful Frenchmen are more and more aware that Mussolini has started something which, if it can not be stopped, can easily lead to a situation full of danger for France.

The comment of the Journal des Debats is significant: "To a man of Duce's intelligence one ought to be able to speak the truth, and the truth is that just now he is wrong."

And the Echo de Paris caps these words with the following: "While no effort should be spared to conserve the friendship and aid of Italy, there is a limit which we cannot cross—that which would separate us from England. That imposes on us fidelity to the League of Nations."

These statements illustrate the French fear that if the League fails to stop Mussolini, Great Britain and her empire will disgustfully withdraw not only from the Geneva organization but from the affairs of the Continent, in which case France would be left with few friends interested in her safety. For the French mistrust the alliances they have made, and have insisted that they must all come within the purview of the League, so that, without a League verdict, France would not be called on to assist her ally, while any aggression against her would bring to her aid not only those who had sworn to assist her, but the might of England as principal defender of the League. Without England, the League is of little importance to France. Therefore France must support England to save the League. If the choice is between England and Italy, France can have but one answer.

So we have the pleasant and somewhat amusing picture of Premier Pierre Laval trying to save the League of Nations by handing out one suggestion after another. Perhaps Mussolini will admit that it is not a war he is undertaking. Perhaps he will bring such a strong case against Ethiopia at Geneva on September 4 that the League Council will permit him a "punitive expedition" with the understanding that after the "disgrace of Adowa" has been washed out in the blood of a few thousand Ethiopians, the punishment will cease.

Meanwhile Mussolini challenges the world to stop him if it dares. "The guns will go off themselves," he says. We wonder.

SNAPSHOTS

A visitor to this city from Westmount, Quebec, enjoyed a swim in the Saint John river last evening and thinks that it surpasses anything in that line, which he has yet experienced. It was more exciting. Don't you know?

Ducks are becoming plentiful along the river. A number of these were noticed along the water-front in the vicinity of Burton late last night.

Just think next week the children will be off to school. Then footballers will begin to be rampant in the land and then we will be getting ready for fireside chats.

It is all very well to have political leaders. It is just as necessary to have courageous followers.

When a man has watched his poor, starving wife picking at her reducing diet and seen his next-to-nude daughter lying on the bathing beach, he sometimes wonders why he should give money to feed and clothe the heathen.

A visitor who had occasion to call at the wash room in the city hall expresses the opinion that it might be well to show the janitor where the room is. Then he should get to work on it.

One puzzling quirk in the human makeup is that during war nothing is more coveted than peace. Then it is attained, it is handled with altogether too much carelessness.

Prince of Monaco has dismissed his whole army as there is no money to keep it up. What a shining example for other European rulers who try to keep up military appearances with flattened pocketbooks.

If the munition sales boosters and other people who want war so badly succeed in getting it started it is to be hoped that sane people will sit and let them fight it out.

With all our New Brunswick stone who suggested bringing in Quebec stone to put in a monument for New Brunswick soldiers. This is an insult to New Brunswick. It should be shipped back to Quebec again.

Rev. W. C. Machum Pres. Baptist Conven.

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modest, steady ministries of virtue do, so they are given a publicity far beyond their comparative importance so that, to the superficial observer, it seems as though Christianity were destroyed. Such, however, is far from the case, it is true that the church is not doing all possible for the salvation of the world of today. It is equally true that the church, and Christianity as therein represented, are the most purifying and most stabilizing influence in the world today, and that she will yet be used mightily in bringing the world to an even keel. Christ has said that His Word shall not return to Him void. Let this be our inspiration, to press our task with greater vigor and zeal.

The intense and intelligent interest in world affairs and in industrial and economic conditions, amid which we are living, manifested by those attending the meetings of the Maritime United Baptist convention now in session in this city give to these sessions a unique interest this year. This is seen in every address, and wherever groups of men or women gather between sessions they discuss these matters. It is clearly seen how these conditions affect the social life of the day and the work of the churches. Indeed, these conditions are recognized as affecting both the educational life of our country and especially its religious life.

P.N.S. OPENS TUESDAY

The Provincial Normal School will open on Tuesday for its fall and winter term. Dr. H. H. Hagerman, principal, and his assistants are busily engaged in preparing the school for re-opening. It is expected that about three hundred students will arrive here some time during the coming week end. The process of selecting those eligible for study this year has been going on for the past number of weeks.



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OUR MAIL BAG

THE HOTEL MARATHON ON GRANN MANAN ISLE

Editor Daily Mail.

Your correspondent's interesting article on the island of Grand Manan refers to the "hotel of sorts" at North Head.

"It bears the curious name of Hotel Marathon," he says, "just why nobody is able to tell you."

Frequenters of that beautiful spot thirty-five and forty years ago knew that the name arose out of the proprietors inordinate love of Byron's poetry. The hotel letter-heads and envelopes bore the legend, "The mountains look on Marathon, and Marathon looks on the sea," and old Capt. Pettus (spelling not guaranteed) would recite Byron up to any hour of the night to any guest who would listen.

With some 2,000 inhabitants, the island boasted not a telephone or telegraph or newspaper, policeman, lawyer, judge, or court, resident doctor or dentist and it had no rich or poor. Tradition had it that the last criminal was a desperado who stole pies and hid them in the belfry of the deserted Mormon church. The customs officer hastily donned his bright blue uniform when the steamboat whistled (three times a week from Eastport) marched up the gang-plank like a procession when the landing was made, and as solemnly marched down again after the passengers were off. It was said that the only dutiable article he had ever found was a pair of trousers which contributed twenty-five cents to the treasury.

Artists knew the island, Henry B. Snell had his summer class there. A. T. Bricher painted landscapes by the score and frequently had "Bricher sales" at a New York downtown auction room.

Life was as simple as the surroundings were charming. One day a cottage was burning on the opposite side of the cove and nobody seemed to be concerned.

"Don't you do anything when there's a fire?" I asked Capt. Pettus.

"Well, we generally get together and talk it over," was the response.

After a stay of several weeks, I asked him for my bill.

"It's all plain sailing, you can figure it out as well as I can," he replied.

I figured it out for a family of three with all the extras I could remember, and gave him a check. He put it in his pocket without looking at it and bade us good-bye. It was six months before that check got back to my bank.

I ventured to suggest to an islander the idea of erecting a hotel on the lighthouse point, with such things as summer visitors might like, among them evening dinners.

"Why not have a dinner at dinner time?" he asked.

I had no adequate answer to that inquiry.

C. K. C.

DIED

EVERETT:—At Fredericton, Thursday, August 29th, 1935, Miss Elizabeth G. Everett.

The funeral will take Saturday afternoon with prayers at the late home 521 Charlotte Street, at 2:40 o'clock, followed by service at St. Paul's United Church at 3 o'clock. Rev. George Telford will officiate. Interment will be made in the Rural Cemetery.

TENDERS

Tenders for coal, and marked as such, will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock noon, Friday, September 6, 1935, for 200 tons or more of "Lump Minto Coal" to be delivered at the City Schools as required. Tenders to state Mine from which coal is obtained.

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Board of School Trustees,
R. D. HANSON,
Secretary.

Injured Monarch Accompanies Queen's Body

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reeds beside the road in shallow water.

King Leopold was thrown from behind the wheel of the big touring car and fell not far from the Queen, who lay beside the tree that had killed her. She was unconscious. Leopold was knocked senseless but was standing beside his wife when aid came.

Pitiful Scene

The ruler, his face bleeding, then took his dying wife into his arms and kissed her again and again. He spoke to her, but she gave no sign of recognizing him.

The chauffeur, riding in the rear seat, remained in the car as it went over the curb and into the shallow water. His face bruised and cut by glass from the smashed windshield, he scrambled out and, went to the King and Queen.

The tragedy occurred about 9:14 A. M., along a beautiful road skirting the Lake of Lucerne. The King and Queen and their children had been staying at "Villa Halishorn", the late King Albert's Swiss residence, until the children left last night. It was at this villa that Astrid and Leopold learned of King Albert's death while alone on a mountain-climbing expedition near Brussels, in February, 1934.

King Leopold told briefly of what happened, piercing out his knowledge with what the chauffeur said. Members of the household in a second car far behind saw nothing.

Called Doctor

A farmer on the other side of the road heard the crash. He ran and telephoned for Dr. Steinegger, then called gendarmes. The doctor was first to arrive, with two gendarmes, Hugo Ruckstuhl and Jean Rogg.

"The first person I noticed," said Ruckstuhl, "was a man standing with torn clothes near a tree by the roadside."

"I recognized immediately from photographs that he was the King of the Belgians. I addressed him, but he said nothing. I looked on the ground and saw the Queen lying dead."

"The King was not crying. He seemed stunned by the blow and stared at his dead wife with his face drawn."

"A man and woman who were beside him said they were part of the entourage. . . . The man and woman gave the King's and Queen's joint passport, which was in the name of Monsieur and Madame Lambert."

"My reconstruction of the accident which happened on a wide, straight highway, makes it seem the King must have taken his eyes off the road."

"For whatever reason it was, the car swerved, hit the curb, bounced against the tree, and then into the water. The Queen must have been killed by the shock when the car struck the tree."

"The King stood as though he were in a trance beside the body of the Queen until the doctor suggested we ride back to Kussnacht to get his wound dressed before going to Lucerne."

Waited For Ambulance

"The King waited until the ambulance arrived from Lucerne, then climbed into the car and went to Kussnacht, from which he followed his wife's body to Lucerne. The chauffeur, who also was badly hurt, was taken back to Lucerne."

"It was horrible. Gendarme Jean

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BARKER'S POINT—1:30 p.m.—Hanson's Corner.

FRASERS MILLS—1:30 p.m.—Front of Frasers' Mill and foot of Forest Hill.

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"The doctor just examined the Queen and found she was dead. The King's entourage told me she died in his arms. The King must have stood beside the body of his dead wife for an hour before the ambulance arrived."

Police said the Queen was thrown more than 12 feet when the car struck the tree. Such was the force of the collision that the radiator was torn completely off the car.

Identity Withheld

Although gendarmes recognized the identity of the King and Queen, it was sometime before they revealed who the accident victims were, as the royal couple's passports bore incognito names.

Early, a Swiss newspaper printed the death of "Madame Lambert". Official confirmation came with the formal identification of Astrid's body by Peter van Moos, Belgian consul at Lucerne.

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