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Belgium's Tragedy

LEOPOLD, King of the Belgians will either abdicate, be assassinated or be taken captive within the next few days as a certain result of the present intolerable situation in Belgium, which is already in the unfortunate state of virtual revolution or civil war.

It does seem a pity that the obduracy of monarch, who has already shown himself to be a weakling if not a traitor and the elements that support him should have brought the country to the state as it is today. The whole thing seems so tragically unnecessary with an issue over which there was nothing to be gained but, as a result of which, so much damage may be done, particularly in the way of national equanimity and unity.

It is also most unfortunate that the Belgian political crisis should have come at this particular time when there are elements in the world that must gleefully watch such internal disunity which makes fruitful ground for the sowing of their propaganda.

The tragedy of Belgium is that, this strife, over something that was not worth fighting for anyway, has opened wider political sores which may take a long time to heal.

HERO AT BOTTOM

At a luncheon given in an American city to a group of football coaches one of the coaches turned to a veteran referee and asked his opinion of one of the most publicized players of the day.

"Well," the referee replied, "I can say this much. I never had to dig him out of the bottom of a scrimmage."

Both the referee and his hearers sat back satisfied that the player's status had been significantly justified.

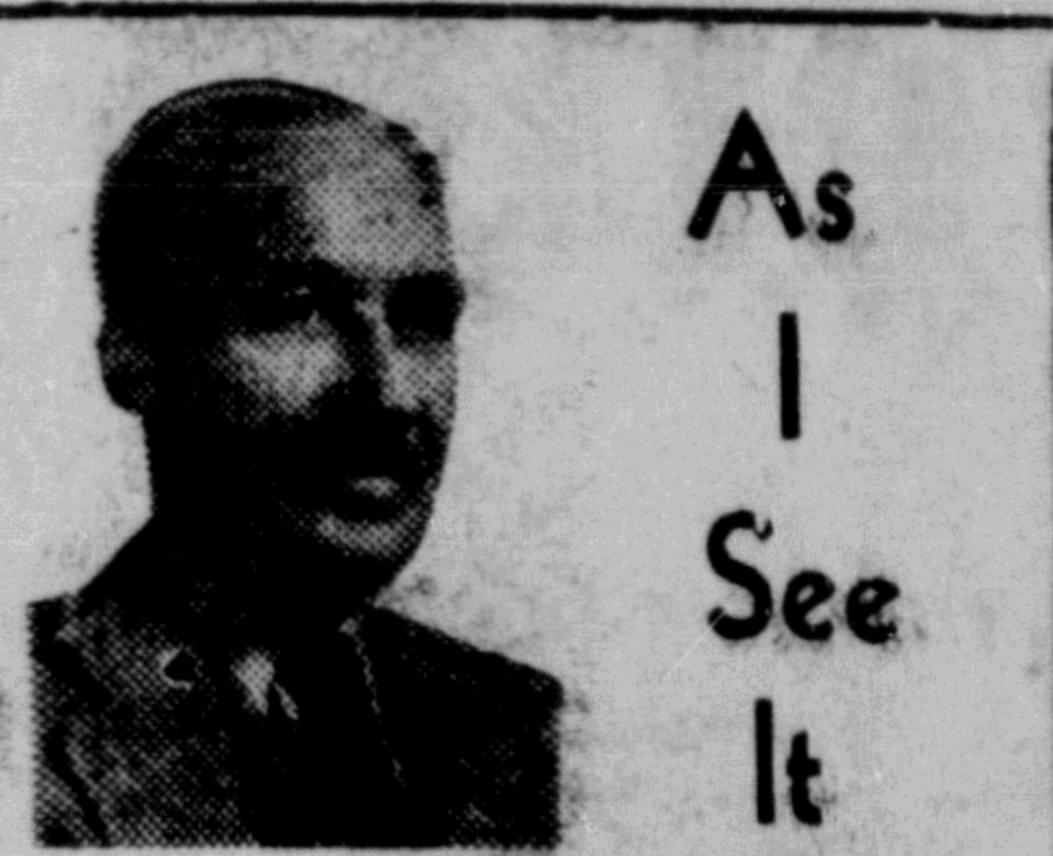
But had it?

Of course it is pleasanter and more satisfyingly dramatic to come along with the final grand gesture and hurl oneself on the top of the scrimmage. By itself, however, this gesture would have lacked effectiveness. But for the inglorious unknown at the bottom of the scrimmage the ball-carrier wouldn't have been stopped.

It's true that there is nothing dramatic or glorious about him. He emerges muddied and battered and beaten, after the cheering has died away.

He carries back to his place until opportunity calls again. There are plenty of examples that fit his case neatly. One might visualize him as a rather indefinite and anonymous character. He belongs neither to capital nor to labor: He is neither an industrialist nor a farmer. He hasn't the wealth, or common interest, or organization to give him power as a pressure group. He belongs in that twilight land where resides the most forgotten of forgotten men, the white-collar worker. He is often to be found at the bottom of the scrimmage doing his humble best while the furor mounts about the more showy actors.

But let us make no mistake. While the rules of the game, whether of football or life, remain as they are, the man at the bottom of the scrimmage is not a figure of foiled effort and official scorn, but the real hero of the piece—the man who does the biggest job and takes the major part of the jolts.



As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT HOLIDAY CLEAN-UP

RADIUM B.C.: — Two fellows that I met in the pool at this Rocky Mountain hot spring told me of their meeting yesterday with a big black bear.

They were uncertain of the sex—never get close enough to observe. But they figure the bear weighed about 600 or 700 pounds. When they and the bear met they were all surprised. But the bear quickly turned and ambled off. The foolish fellows took after the bear, on the spur of the moment—just why they could not explain. Every now and again the bear looked back.

At last when bear saw the men still following him he turned at a narrow bridge and started straight for them at a terrific speed. How long the bear chased them they could not say. They broke all speed records getting away.

HAMISH IS THE ELEVEN year old son of the Swiss born proprietor of the Lodge where I am staying on this visit. He is very eager to help me write my column some day so I am letting him do it without telling him.

Here is a story which Hamish told me.

Mr. and Mrs. — had a car on which the windows would not close up without a good deal of fixing. One day, going through the big national park, they ran smack bang into a big bear. That's, they had to stop because there was no way to get past.

The bear came to the windows, no doubt expecting to get a handout. Mr. — thought it would be grand to take a snapshot of the bear. He hopped out and was getting ready to take the picture when the bear's patience gave out. When Mrs. — did not come across with some food or a chocolate bar or whatnot Mr. Bear swiped her with his paw. The bear's claws gashed the lady's chin and injured her breast.

The moral—says Hamish—is do not play around with bears, for bears are not playthings.

Hamish has already developed quite a journalistic sense because he tells me that both Joan Crawford and Bing Crosby have eaten meals at this lodge.

(I hasten to add, their separate visits were more than a year apart).

Hamish says Joan Crawford struck him as a really nice lady. He particularly remembers her dog, too.

"What breed?" I asked. "Seemed to be sort of a mixture, French and English pointer," said Hamish.

LOCAL GOSSIP SAYS THAT the new bath house and extra (cool) swimming pool will cost the government about a million dollars. They are paying the lowest paid workers 90 cents per hour and a large percentage of them are still in their teens. Is it too much? Not if you are a teen-ager.

One of the finest changes that has occurred in Canada since my boyhood is the way the college kids all go after pick and shovel jobs, or muscle and sweat jobs. The stinking, foolish and false pride of the old days is gone—thank the Lord, and I hope forever.

Nor do I begrudge the kids their 90 cents an hour or more if they can get it.

If the old men (and women) of the world go on making such a mess of things these same kids will soon be "saving us" once again. The last time we had to be saved we called on kids who had never once in all their lives had steady jobs, at fair pay. Better this way.

Charge is Laid After Assault

Gordon Gillis, Alice Arm, has been charged with assault causing actual bodily harm following the beating of Harold J. Lund earlier in the week. Proprietor of the Alice Arm Hotel, Lund was badly beaten Wednesday and brought in by Q.C.A. charter plane to Prince Rupert, where he was hospitalized.



"Dear—have we room for two more to watch television?"

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

President Truman warns against any change in one's customary method and system of buying, and in the same breath tells the American people they are in for some belt tightening. A rather raw way to put it, if he was hinting at the possible approach of depression, which somehow does not sound quite so ominous as "depression."

Chances are that the average man, if asked what he knew, today, about the "Jervis Bay," would say he was unfamiliar with the subject. So it's about time something is being done to keep her memory green. A bronze tablet is about to be unveiled at Chatham (Eng.) in honor of the 190 officers and men of the merchant cruiser sunk by a German battleship while defending a convoy on its way from Canada to Britain in 1940. There were 38 vessels, each with a vital cargo, and each escaped under cover of the "Jervis Bay" smoke screen. Then, though badly hit and on fire, she struggled toward the enemy, firing until her last gun was silenced, and sinking with colors proudly flying. Only ten years ago, but remembered "by how many?"

Prince Rupert strawberries are said to rival, if not surpass, the Terrace grown variety. Each may be said to be excellent. In winter, this far north, they are not obtainable. However, there is a third species of strawberry—commonly known as the "C.P.R."—we have found most appetizing and nourishing as part of the early morning breakfast dish.

Browsing through the Optimist (later the Daily News) we noticed a string of ships' names in the marine column, and had memory refreshed. The Henriette, Cottage City, Capilano, Amur, Quadra City of Seattle, State of California, Rupert City, Hazelton and Distributor. The date was July 1908. We'd been on them all and knew skippers and pursers, and in 1950 had succeeded in just about forgetting the names and what they looked like. How about you, old timer.

A magazine cover shows a picture in color. It is entitled "Hiroshima U.S.A." and reveals New York City being destroyed



MISS TORONTO — Meet Miss Toronto of 1950—lovely Ruby Mann. The 18-year-old beauty from Grimsby, Ont., was chosen from among 56 contestants recently. She is five feet six inches tall, weighs 125 pounds, has a 34 bust, 24 waist and 35 hips. (CP Photo)

J. H. Storrie, Department of Public Works, left last night for Stewart.

by H-bombs. There is also a question—"what is going to be done about it?" This may well be asked. A third war would stop at nothing. That's why it would be "Number 3."

Porcupines are plentiful in the hills around Prince Rupert. One came to town the other day and took a sudden fancy to the gateway of a Ninth Avenue home. It scorned hints to be gone so had to be shot, for quills are conspicuous as well as inconvenient and awkward when seen sticking where they have no business. Actually, the sturdy little creature is harmless. Before this, a hungry man has turned him into a first class chunk of roast pork.



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Silbak-Indian Working Deal

Agreement has been reached by Indian Mines (1946), Ltd. and Silbak Premier Mines, Ltd., for the mining, milling and marketing of ore from the Indian mine, Portland Canal mining division. Cost of the erection of a tram-line and re-opening the mine will be borne by the Indian company and the work will be done by the Silbak Premier organization.

Under the terms of the agreement, Silbak Premier will provide and install the material for the two-mile tram-line to extend from the portal of the Indian No. 2 tunnel to a raise directly connected with Silbak's concentrator will mine and mill the Indian ore; will ship and market concentrates; and will have full supervision and operating control in consideration of payment by Indian Mines of \$11 per ton. It is further agreed that Silbak will receive 25% of profits after reserve for depletion.

Directors of Indian Mines (1946), Ltd., include: J. Howard Forester, president; Gordon E. Burdick, H. G. T. Perry, R. McLennan, T. E. Blossom, and H. H. Hemsworth. Dale L. Pitts, managing director of Silbak Premier, will be invited to join the board.

The property is situated in the Upper Salmon River area on the west side of Cascade Creek and on the south slope of Big Missouri Ridge between 1,500 and 2,600 ft. elevation. It is reached from seaboard at Stewart by the Premier highway, thence by wagon road to the Woodbine mine. The Provincial Government is co-operating in the opening of the mine by erecting a temporary bridge to permit ready access across Cascade Creek.

As of October 16, 1946, Dr. J. T.

Mandy, consulting geologist, estimated the inferred tonnage of reserves at 40,982 grading 0.13 oz. gold and 5.8 ozs. silver per ton and 6.1% lead and 7.7% zinc. Of this total, 22,585 tons are contained in one block of average of 0.13 oz. gold and 7.70 ozs. silver per ton and 7.10% lead and 8.6% zinc. The total length of the ore shoots comprising the reserve was 795 ft. and the average mining width 4.0 ft. Dr. Mandy qualifies this estimate with the statement:

"Until further development by raising is done, this tonnage estimate is classified as 'inferred'. To meet unknown conditions in the backs of these inferred ore shoots a deduction factor of 20% is advisable. This reduces the inferred tons to 32,000."

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