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Foolish Strikes

THE FOLLY of ill-advised strike action has once again been demonstrated with the decision of the London dock workers to go back to work after having seriously tied up the great port for nearly a month, causing much economic damage to the nation in the hour of its extremity. The dockers are going back to their jobs on Monday after having lost a lot and gained nothing unless it may have been some bitter experience. Not only the Labor government leaders but the union chiefs themselves had pointed out to the dockers the foolishness of their walk-out but they paid no heed until Harry Davis, the leader of the Canadian Seamen's Union, came along and told them they had better give it up, at the same time declaring "white" the two ships which had been the cause of all the trouble. It looks very much like the British government leaders and the union chiefs may have been right in suspecting the Communist finger in this pie.

Evidence grows, despite disclaimers, of the Soviet hand in other grievous industrial tie-ups, notably the coal miners' strike which has already caused much economic ruin to Australia and where responsible government and labor leaders are also urging against the tie-up.

It is little wonder that Canadian unions are moving to purge their ranks of Communists. It is to be hoped they will keep control so that irreparable damage may not also be done in this country where the unionists who see and exercise reason have so far been able to avert major industrial catastrophe through ill-conceived and reckless strike action.

U.S. APPROVES

NOT UNEXPECTED, of course, but reassuring, nevertheless, is the ratification with decisive margin by the United States of the Atlantic Security Pact. It is the first time that the United States has ever entered into such a military alliance with nations abroad and reflects tangibly the changed foreign policy of the country in these new days when scientific and communications progress have made all nations of the world short-range neighbors.

Some, of course, regret that it has been necessary to formally and officially muster one array of economic and military power in the effort to keep another in line. The gamble is whether, by risking the possibility of war, the ends of peace will be achieved. The theory that to preserve peace it is necessary to be ready for war will now be proved.

POWER OF CONFIDENCE

DOUBTERS NEVER build anything. One pessimist can tear down the patient achievement of a dozen hard-working men. If we do not believe we can do a thing, we are probably right. Success depends upon many things, but above everything else it depends upon our confidence that success is possible. Start any project with a conviction that it will not succeed, and your worst fears will come true.

The reason for this appears to be that the spirit of the whole universe is positive, not negative. The rising of the sun every day, the rotation of the seasons, the springing up of new life, the discovery of eternal truth—all these events are positive in their nature rather than negative. The essence of the universe is affirmation, not denial. Jesus declared that if we pray for something and believe that we have received it, we will soon discover—perhaps to our amazement—that we have actually received it.

Success stories without number have stemmed from the theme that you can't keep a good man down. The man who believes he can do a thing has already won half his battle. Confidence is not the only quality we need for success, but we may be sure that without confidence success is impossible.

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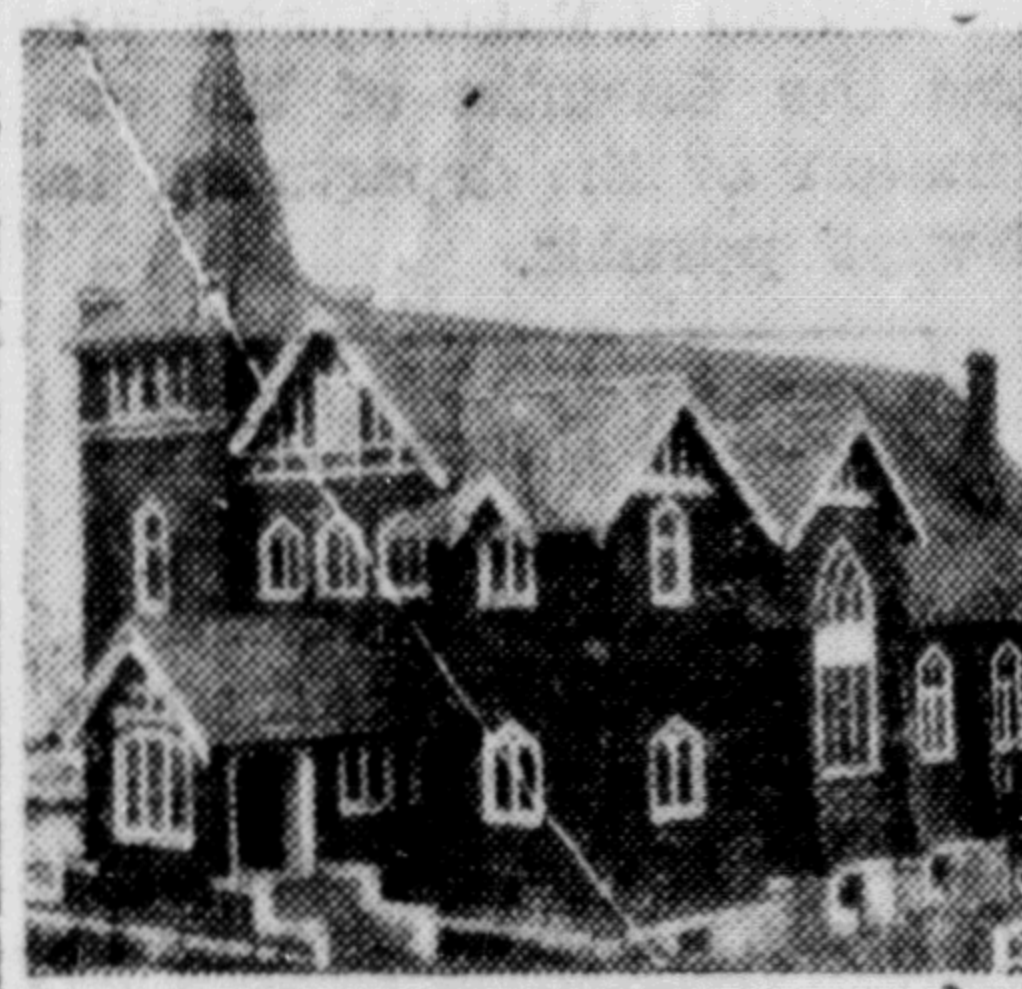
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SATURDAY SERMON

REAL PLEASURE
(By Major W. Yurgensen, Salvation Army)
Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have a treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me. Mark 10:21.

Quite often money, intelligence and effort is expended in dealing with effect rather than with the cause. Many believe the way to Utopia is by political enactment and some have sought to force politics into religion. The need is just the opposite, that of taking religion into politics—a difference with an important distinction.

Without Christ life cannot be satisfactorily improved. With Him life cannot fail to be radiant, full and satisfying. There are tremendous possibilities in the young people. Their greatest need is to discover the true source of pleasure. Many have the idea that Christianity calls them to renounce pleasure. It does not do this. It asks them to shun sinful pleasure—another important distinction. The indulgence which is mistaken for pleasure, destroys mentally and physically and is the greatest foe of happiness.

Entertainment may have its place in an ordered life but with many it has become an obsession and is an only means of finding pleasure. If a man enjoys a football match, well and good, but if that is the only way he knows how to enjoy himself, life is tragically shallow.

The truth is that the satisfying pleasure is that of attainment. It is far more satisfying to live heroically than to see a hero on the screen. It is satisfying to learn a language, to get knowledge, to answer the call of the adventuring Christ and in His strength win the fight for personal purity, to harness the red blood energies to a noble service, to pursue the distant star of a white ideal. If only youth could see the pleasure attendant upon such pursuits in Christ the world would soon feel the atomic impact of a glowing goodness.

The young man referred to in the text had great possessions which no doubt took up all his time, and filled the horizon of his life to such an extent that he saw little else. But his greatest mistake was that his possessions possessed him and stood in his way of obtaining eternal life. Jesus made the demand in good earnest, but to suppose that He here makes poverty a universal condition of discipleship were a profound misconception. He dealt with men after the manner of a skillful physician, discovering their diverse plagues and administering to each the appropriate remedy. And so, when the young ruler came to Him, he discovered what was the plague of his heart, the canker that was eating into his soul. It was his wealth, and Jesus laid His hand upon it and declared that it must go.

Whatever it be that a man prize most, the Lord claims for the Kingdom of Heaven a prior devotion; and that man or woman who has anything in the world so dear that it cannot be spared for Christ, if He calls for it, will also fail to inherit eternal life.

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Ray Reflects . . . and Reminisces

Boat loads of Estonians have arrived in Boston and Halifax. Sailing in frail crafts they preferred risking the Atlantic to remaining in the shadow of the Iron Curtain. They will be subject to immigration examination, of course. But let it be said, Canada and the United States can use people of that stamp.

The impulse to destroy or damage anything intended to help beauty or foster culture is all too common and is certainly not a novelty in Prince Rupert. It's all so wanton and senseless. In Hamilton, Ontario, the other day, two youths were fined \$37 each for having mutilated a maple tree. Could they have been some distant kin of Hitler?

There are people who discourage the idea of a Governor-General, but anyone who holds that office in a land the extent of Canada has a man sized job. Lord Alexander had business on the rim of the Arctic a week or so ago. Yesterday he was discharging functions in the Midlands of Ontario. Today he holds an investiture and inspection at Camp Borden. We are not touching on tomorrow, today. Maybe there will be an official visit to Prince Rupert before too long.

It is not often a fish buyer is held up but when this does happen the result is apt to be juicy. Sockeye salmon producers accept cash. And the scads must be there. Yesterday's newspaper report said the plunder at Rivers Inlet went as high as \$3,000. There has never been a fisheries hold-up at Rupert, but around twenty years ago there was a powerful bit of thieving from a vessel engaged in that industry. Some thousands vanished from the strong box. And that was that!

Back from the jamboree on the rifle range near the shores of the Ottawa River, Boy Scouts will soon be telling all about it. Some are from Prince Rupert, and they were part of three thousand, a few of whom hailed from as far south as Cuba. The experience has been invaluable. They return at an impressionable time of life, with

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