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"One if by Land, and Two if by Sea."

We asked one New Englander what April 19th meant to him, and he said, "Saint Patriot's Day." Having heard from the self-styled debunkers of history that some of the patriots were not so holy, we asked him to expatiate, and he promised to look it up in the Boston Globe. (A friend from Boston told him it is "Marathon Day.")

We next asked a citizen of Youngstown about the Revolution and he thought it had something to do with a fly wheel.

Back in the years before the moratorium in patriotism (before our "watchful waiting" policy in Mexican affairs froze out of us all resentment at aggression on our rights), April 19th used to mean Paul Revere, Lexington, a "shot heard round the world," Liberty, and a great many other worthwhile things. We pray for a return of those days. We don't want to see this nation go to pieces. In nations, just as in individuals, the loss of enthusiasm for liberty - true liberty, liberty of spirit - is the forerunner of dissolution. We pray God to spare us that.

True liberty consists in the possession of one's own soul. No man is free who is a slave to sin. No man is free if habit restrains him from the execution of the sound judgments of his intellect. No man is free who cannot dominate his environment. Slavery to sin is the most intolerable slavery: its fetters destroy happiness not only in this life but throughout eternity.

"One if by land, two if by sea." We might add: "Three if by air." Let Prudence hang six lanterns for you, to warn of the approach of temptation. "Keep your powder dry." Stores are necessary for a siege: stores of grace; stores of good habits. Only a fool goes into battle unprepared - it is because he does so that we call him a fool.

"Three if by air." The Devil is not particular what means he uses to entrap the unwary. Neither is he honest enough to sound a warning. Caveat peccator. It's your business to save your own soul. God gives you sufficient grace; the Church supplies superabundant means of grace; Notre Dame surrounds you with opportunities for good and lessens the influence of evil. It's decidedly your own fault if you go to hell.

Forty days remain. Forty days - and then examinations. Forty days - and then the world. Forty days, seniors - and then the Depression. It's another little Lent. What are you going to make of it?

They will be a busy forty days if you do your duty. Here is a program:

- April 21-29: Novena for Father's Day (so many of you failed to make it in Lent).
- April 30: President's Day (by proclamation of the Governor of Indiana).
- May 1-9: Novena for Mother's Day (prepare your spiritual bouquet in advance).
- May 14: Mother's Day.
- May 20-28: Novena for Examinations.
- May 1-28: Adoration every day. (Sign your cards promptly.)

"Get Ahead This Year," is the calendar slogan for 1932-33. Have you laid by some spiritual treasure for future needs, or have you gone deeper into debt? God gives you forty more days in which to confirm your good works or correct your mistakes. Use them well.

PRAYERS: Deceased - Bill Hawkes' grandfather; the father of Jos. Mulhall, '25; Carmi Belmont's grandfather. Very ill - relatives of Prof. Buckley and Claude Rossiter; Arthur Hoene's brother; Robert Johnson (appendectomy). Five special intentions.

CHARITY: "Lenten Offering from the Boys", \$45; Bengal \$1 and two mite boxes; \$5 for the lay cardinals (we'll give them a red feather this week instead of a red hat; it's the first time they've helped).