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Premier McBride and Wm. Manson cannot afford to spend the public money building roads and bridges for the pioneers, particularly in the north, but they can use the public credit to build a railway to connect Alaska and the United States in order to create a friendly feeling with our neighbors. This may look like a very big and unselfish policy but it reminds one of the man who spends his best energies and money making a good fellow of himself down town and then goes home and abuses his family.

According to the district papers the settlers and pioneer business men in different parts of this riding are calling for roads to open up the country contiguous to settlements, but which the road department refuses to do because certain settlers or citizens are not in political sympathy with the sitting member or because some politician has a pull which takes the appropriation to some remote spot which will benefit some particular individual.

The settlers are getting tired of the political road system which is keeping the country tied up.

On November 25, 1909, Premier McBride gave a personal undertaking published in the Victoria Colonist over his own name that he would tender his resignation if all the provisions of the undertaking were not carried out. It was in connection with the government's contract with the C. N. R. One of the principal clauses in that undertaking was that the road would be completed within four years. That time has almost expired and instead of Premier McBride getting his resignation ready he has introduced a bill to extend the time for completing the road some two years. The company has fallen down on other clauses of that undertaking also, but the premier evidently has no intention of keeping his word with the electors. In future the premier cannot expect the people to believe him no matter how sincere he may appear.



UNDER TWO FLAGS—SHE INSISTED ON THE UNION JACK

Miss Josie Collins in her dressing room. There was a strike of chorus girls and a real near-riot on the stage of the Princess Theatre, Toronto, last week, during the performance of the "Zeigfeld Follies." There is one scene where the United States flag is shown very conspicuously. Miss Collins, who is British born and bred, insisted that when she played to an audience on British soil that the British flag be displayed. Miss Collins is leading lady and her wish was complied with. Thereupon twenty-one chorus girls quit in the middle of the performance, and the show was concluded for the evening with a very much abbreviated chorus. Eventually, however, an arrangement was patched up, and for the remainder of the week the Union Jack was displayed together with Old Glory, and everybody seemed satisfied. Note the two flags displayed together with Miss Collins. This photo was taken after the flag incident in Toronto.

HERRING REPORT IS MET BY CYNICAL LAUGHTER

ONLY BENEFIT TO CANADIANS IN THE INDUSTRY IS WAGES PAID TO INSPECTORS

Vancouver, March 3.—"The value of the herring catch in 1905 was \$212,475 (dried salted). The value of the smoked herring output was \$16,415. Last season the herring industry alone had developed to such an extent that the total value of the catch had increased from \$228,890 in 1905 to \$515,980."

This paragraph, given out by E. G. Taylor, inspector of fisheries for district three, to a government newspaper has aroused the persons of Vancouver and Victoria who are interested in the business to a cynical laughter, which will be followed by a strong protest to the authorities. They say that while it is all very well to congratulate the country on the increase of an industry, it would be more to the point if the country benefitted thereby. In this case the benefit is all going to the United States and Japan.

The herring fisheries in Vancouver are controlled entirely by the Japanese. There are practically no white men able to obtain licenses as all the licenses are handed over to Orientals. In this way the money is sent out of the country as soon as the Japanese have sold their catch. This, however, is not the grievance which most concerns the shipping men. They state that all the salt used in curing the fish is bought in the United States and shipped in by American bottoms and that American ships later carry away the lion's share

of the catch to Puget Sound ports.

A prominent shipping man of Vancouver who in former years has had a large share of the herring lighterage, said yesterday that this business is being removed from Canadian vessels and that the majority of Japanese have transferred the trade to ships flying the stars and stripes exclusively.

"I can't see where Canada is benefitted by the herring industry," he said, "when the salt is brought from the United States in American bottoms, and the work is done by Japanese and the finished product carried away again in American ships. All that Canadians have to do with it is to pay the wages of the inspectors."

More than ten companies are concerned in the loss of this trade by Canadian vessels. This means that they have to lay up their ships and the skippers and crews are without work. Some fifteen vessels have been cut out of the herring lighterage, which runs from 15,000 to 30,000 tons a year.

Want Survey of Omineca

A largely signed petition has been forwarded by those interested in the interior country to the Dominion premier asking for a geological and topographical survey of that portion of the Omineca mining district contiguous to Chicken lake, Smithers, Telkwa and Aldermere.

GRAHAM ISLAND CASE DEEMED CIVIL ACTION

Father Coccola Trying to Recover Money Paid for Land He Did Not Get

In finding Alphonse Emond not guilty of forging and false pretences in Vancouver last week, His Honor Judge McInnes remarked that the case was one for the civil and not for the criminal court as the evidence was insufficient to warrant a criminal action.

According to the evidence submitted, Emond undertook to obtain land from the government for Rev. Father Coccola, a Roman Catholic priest at Powell river, said land to be situated on Graham Island, for which the Father was to pay \$2.50 per acre and on account of which the plaintiff parted with sums amounting in all to \$685. As no news of the land was forthcoming, the plaintiff endeavored to get an accounting from Emond, whereupon accused offered him land on the island at \$10 per acre, which was refused.

Evidence was given showing that the accused had not applied for any land in the name of the plaintiff, or that there was any application in the name of Coccola in the past two years. The defense was a denial of the evidence of the plaintiff, and of any intention to defraud, inasmuch as the accused, being unable to get the land for the plaintiff, had offered him land which he had previously bought. The only action possible being one for the recovery of the money paid by the plaintiff, His Honor delivered judgment as stated. Mr. W. McKay appeared for the crown, the accused being represented by Mr. W. Pollard Grant.

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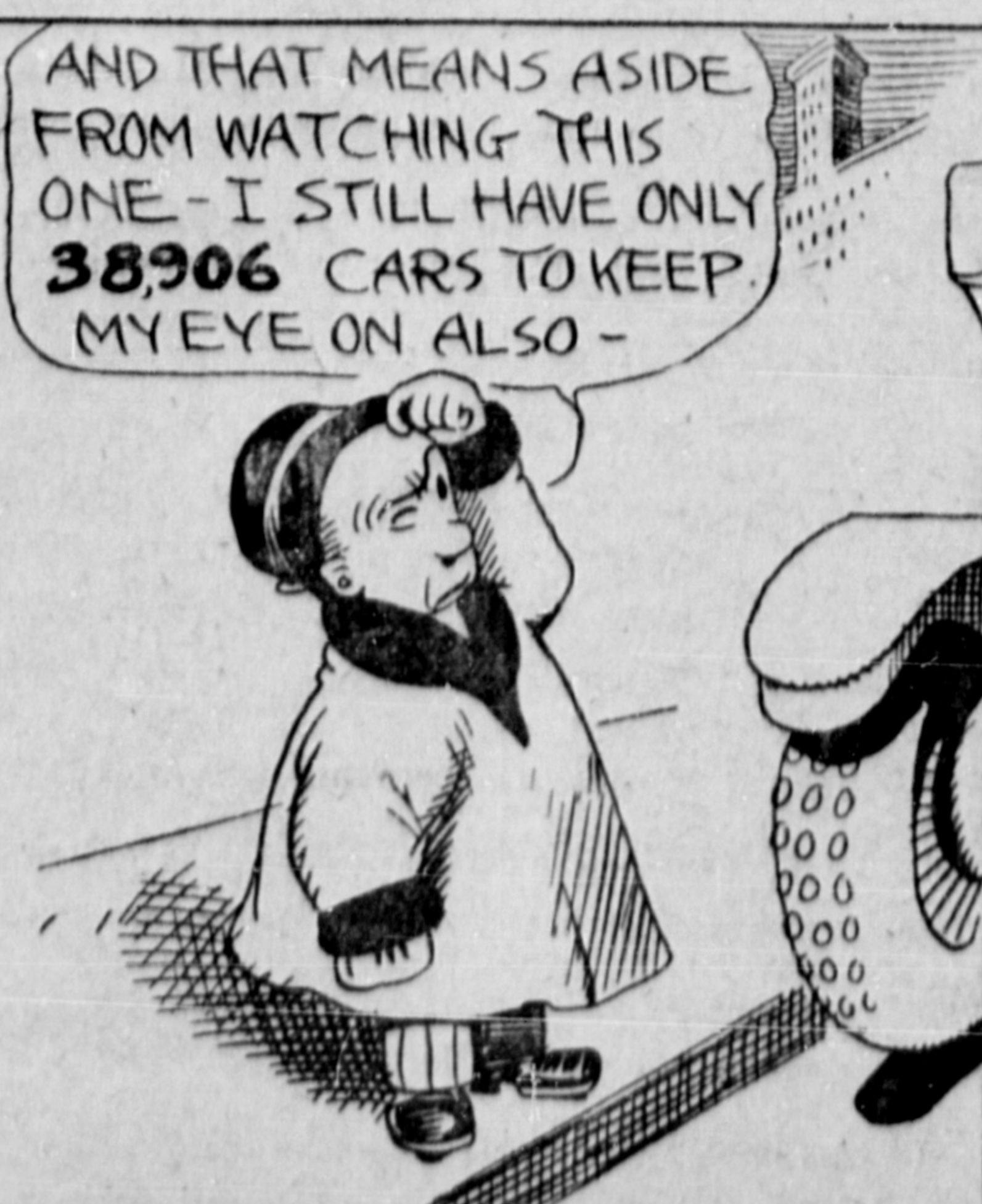
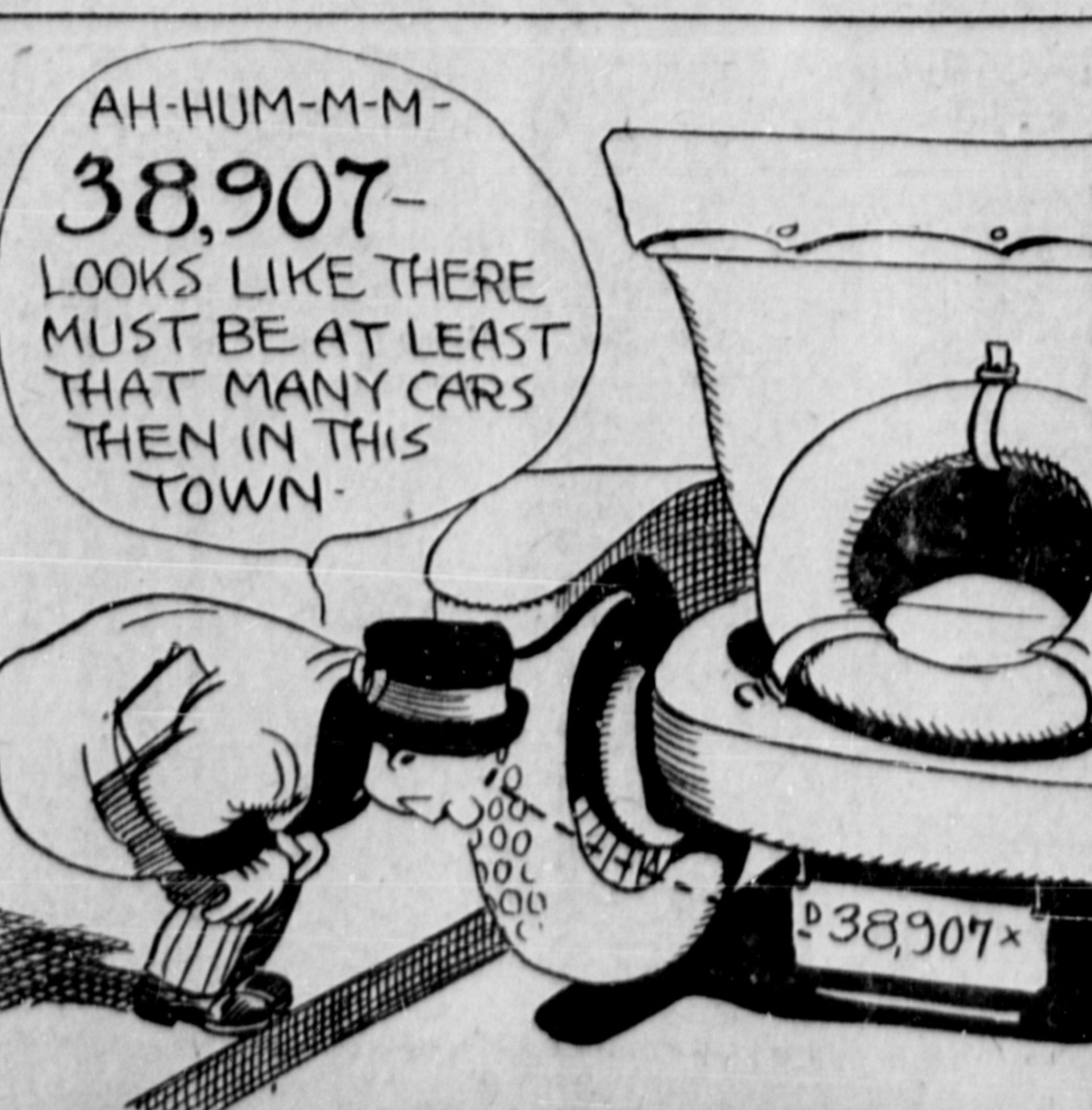
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