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Railway Wage Issue

CANADIAN RAILWAY UNIONS, representing 140,000 workers, have served notice demanding a 35c an hour wage increase but it is to be confidently hoped that once again negotiations will result in a settlement before there are any untoward developments.

Heretofore both parties to railway wage differences have realistically approached the issues involved, operators and employees of the nation's vital communication services consistently showing mature appreciation of their responsibilities.

Railway unions, indeed, have plotted the course and set the example in the development of collective bargaining in Canada. On more than one occasion negotiations have reached the point where strike has been mentioned as the next logical step but it has not been necessary in the end to resort to this extreme.

Doubtless, railway labor relations will again in this instance maintain the good example which they have set heretofore.

WINTER IN BRITAIN

IT MAY BE, and it will be no disgrace to Britain if this proves so, that the British people will be unable to make the great productive effort demanded of them in the conditions of dreary austerity they will know next winter.

No better or more sympathetic portrayal of the case and condition could be given than this, by the internationally-minded Christian Science Monitor: "How can the bare facts, the bare figures, of British austerity be brought home as living need to American hearts and minds?"

UNITED STATES CONTROLS

RETURN of rationing and price and wage controls if imposed in the United States should not necessarily lead to the resumption of recently dropped controls in Canada although such might be the case.

A levelling off in the United States to stop the tide of inflation, which as President Truman says has reached dangerous proportions there, should have its indirect effect here without any compulsory measures being taken in this country.

Of course, the controls are not yet back in the United States and it is even possible that the President's proposals may not be fully effected by Congress even though there may be general agreement that something must be done to check the inflation there which has been to a lesser degree reflected in Canada of late.

PAYING FOR BOOMS

VANCOUVER is again lamenting the fact that she has far more lots than are needed and, as a consequence, slum areas are increasing, unsightly gaps, and upkeep costs which are both annoying and expensive for the small taxpayers.

LIFE in this Prince Rupert by BIDDEE JINKS

When someone is fervently loyal to his country that honours them by birth and education—or which they adopted—then I am warmed clear through. So at this moment, a spark from the pen of Catharine Gavin has ignited again the candle of patriotism instilled in my centre regions by parents and foreparents.

This is a bit unusual, particularly so when her article deals mainly with her reasons for leaving this land of my loves—putting it not exactly in a poor light but certainly showing some dim spots as in comparison with a scarred and heroic Old World. She is going back to a battered Paris to sleep in a cold bed and eat skimpy meals after trying us out for nine months.

One thing only will she really miss on the other side—food. She made the statement that never before had she learned so significantly that men do not "live by bread alone."

It is beyond my ken how anyone can take up cudgels against their own land. (Or how hotel staffs could strike during the time of the royal wedding.) Probably I was taught to feel like that but I like rather to be born that way.

Which may be a clue to our country's ills. If people really give the best of themselves in whatever circles they live then they might find reason to be proud rather than critical.

Catherine Gavin knows full well that France is full of traitors, inspired by leaders getting

poisonous political transfusions from a neighboring realm. But she knows personally one old man who gave up his job during the Occupation rather than work for a firm which supplied the Germans.

Britain has her civilian army of silent heroes too. In time of crisis people slept in their coats and said dreamlessly: "We will not give up."

In our continent where life is comparatively easy and we speak of "the East" and "the West" as if into a barrel, we get the habit of blaming the other fellow for the things we don't like—forgetting that each of us ought to be a link in the chain of events. We, the people, are Canada.

CHURCH

SATURDAY SERMON

(By CAPT. EARL JARRETT, Salvation Army) "Therefore be ye also ready, for in such an hour that ye think not the Son of Man cometh." —Matt. 24:34

God has not left the sinner without abundant knowledge and warning concerning the future... the red light of danger is continually flashing.

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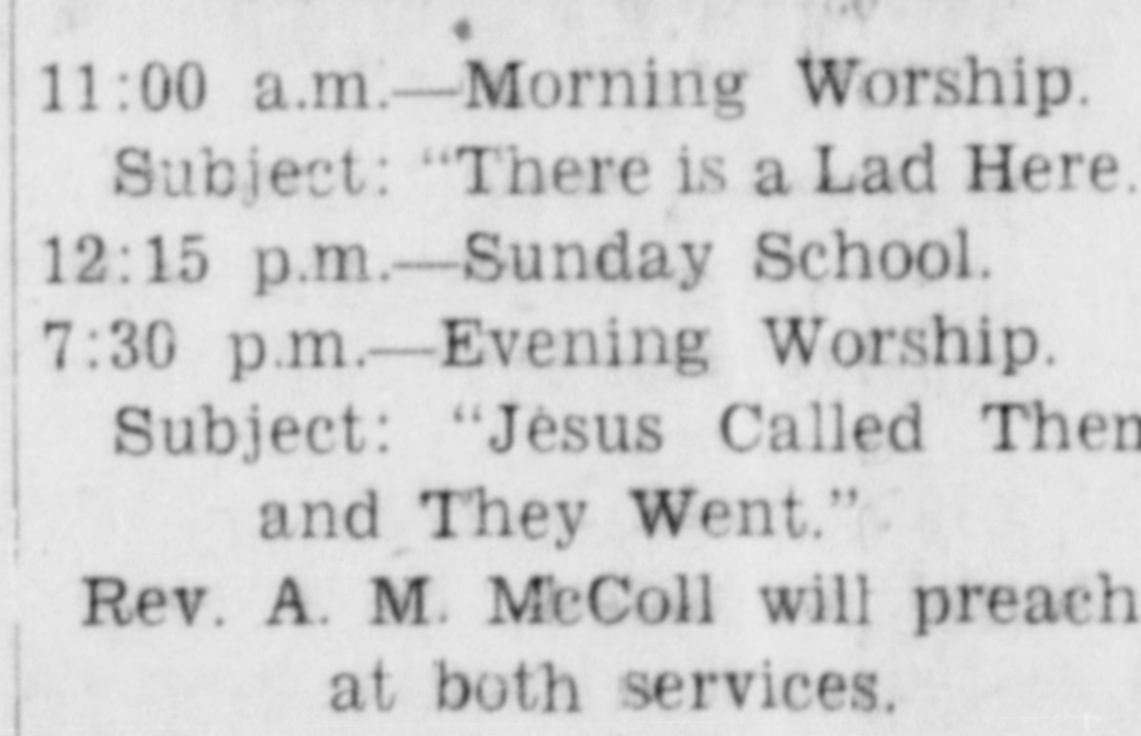
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The Salvation Army

Captain and Mrs. E. Jarrett, Corps Officers. Be sure and attend the Saturday Night Youth Rally, 8 p.m., to-night. Speaker: Amos Ewald.

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