

TERRACE MAN PASSES HERE

R. W. Riley Pioneer Druggist, Dies After Long Illness

Russell William Riley, Terrace druggist for many years, passed away in Prince Rupert General Hospital yesterday at the age of 66, following a lengthy illness. He entered hospital here Tuesday night.

A prominent member of Kilselas Masonic Lodge at Terrace during more than 20 years of his residence there, Mr. Riley is survived by one daughter, Dorothy, at Terrace, and his wife in California. The daughter came north some time ago to be with her father and brought him to the hospital here.

Two months ago he sold his business to B. R. Dodds, of Prince Rupert when ill health forced his retirement. His body will be sent to Terrace for burial. The funeral will take place at Terrace under Masonic auspices.

SALISBURY, Eng., (C) — Sir Walter Alcock, until a few months ago organist of Salisbury Cathedral and who played for three coronations, died aged 85.

Hot Atom Headache

Disposing of Radioactivity Poses Real Problem

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE
Associated Press Science Editor

UPTON, N. Y. (AP)—One of the worst headaches ever encountered by scientists is how to dispose of "hot" radioactive atoms from atomic ovens and atomic generator machines.

They cannot be blown into the air, they cannot be buried in the ground and they cannot be tossed into the sea. Some of them have lives of a century, all the time dangerous, and others for many years. A few last millions of years.

There never has been a problem like this before. Any disposal previously known for wastes will leave these atoms to menace present and future generations.

Does anyone have a suggestion for a good, safe burying ground for hot atoms? This was in effect the problem presented to the first conference in biology and medicine, held here in the Brookhaven National Laboratory of the Atomic Energy Commission.

There was no satisfactory answer.

This is not a problem today for the few atoms now in scientific hands are not numerous enough for public risk. But in the future day when atomic power is generally used, the wastes may amount annually to the terrific rays that would come from 10,000 tons of radium.

Long before that, there will be enough of these radioactive atoms (isotopes) in medical, scientific and industrial use to force the discovery of an atomic burying ground.

There is no way of quenching this radioactivity and, from what physicists now know, there probably never will be.

One proposal has been to seal these waste atoms in concrete cylinders and throw them into the sea. Dr. J. E. Rose, of the Argonne laboratory, University of Chicago, discussing this one, said that 100 years hence such cylinders might start breaking open. The atoms, still hot, still alive, would issue forth to contaminate fish and plants, to be lifted in evaporation from the sea and to fall on the land in rain.

Completely mysterious is the question of how much of this stuff will perhaps cause genetic mutations and so alter heredity.

There is one great saving principle in all hot atom safety planning. Distance is protection. There is no exception to this principle. Even a few inches may make the difference between safety and possible harm.

Cannot Give Freedom To F.M. Montgomery

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, (C) — Johannesburg wants to bestow the freedom of the city on Field Marshall Lord Montgomery, but is unable to do so because it has no freedom to bestow.

Town clerk Brian Porter said that Johannesburg was unable to make anyone a freeman of the city because there was no provision in the Transvaal local government ordinance for such a bestowal.

He added that the freedom of

the city was merely a gesture of honor and meant nothing more. "Some years ago," said Porter, "the city council applied to the administrator of the Transvaal for the right to confer the freedom of the city on distinguished visitors to Johannesburg. This was not agreed to."

Field Marshal Montgomery will pay a visit to South Africa toward the end of the year.

Maritzburg in Natal, has offered the freedom of the city to Lord Montgomery. This offer has been accepted by him.

Nine New Moose Are Initiated

Nine candidates were initiated at a regular meeting of the local Moose Lodge this week. Gillis Royer, past governor, acted as installing officer. Governor W. B. McCallum was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members. Refreshments were served.

Steamship Sailings

For Vancouver—
Sunday—ss Camosun, 2 p.m.
Monday—ss Princess Adelaide 10 p.m.
Tuesday—ss Coquitlam, 1:30 p.m.
Thursday—ss Prince Rupert 11:15 p.m.
Friday—ss Catala, midnight.
From Vancouver—
Sunday—ss Coquitlam, 4 p.m.
Monday—ss Princess Adelaide, p.m.
Wednesday—ss Prince Rupert, 10:00 a.m.
Friday—ss Camosun, 9 a.m.
Friday—ss Catala, a.m.
For Alaska—
Friday—ss Camosun, 2 p.m.

See the Spies and Meckling ad this week. (256)

Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

Policing in Prince Rupert, outwardly at least, differs from what it used to be.

Who ever sees a helmet and the long coat of blue today? There was big city style without the big city. But this, of course, was before provincial administration.

W. H. Vickers, who passed away in Victoria years ago, was the first chief. He hailed from Plymouth, England, and, prior to taking appointment here, spent some time in Victoria and up north. He could tell about Atlin and Dawson and the Klondike epic.

One could recall many a happening in and around Prince Rupert when the hand of the law was needed swiftly. There were tragedies. But no good purpose will be served by mentioning them today. It might be better to make passing reference to some of the early officers themselves and little incidents and anecdotes.

Court cases did not always drag. For example, there was the unhappy man who, from the witness box, looked imploringly at the magistrate and asked to be protected from his wife. Would the beak kindly commit him to jail for about a month? He wanted to be put somewhere in order to have a rest and at least feel secure—some place where she could not get at him.

One day an officer found himself on the wrong side of the lock-up door without his keys. The door had been suddenly swung shut. The prisoner who pulled this unheard-of stunt, slipped out, sauntered to the lane next door and once there raced away to make himself scarce. They never did catch up with him.

Strangers were coming and going. Many, no doubt, had a professional interest in the police and studied the situation here.

A lanky fellow, before the judge in a county court case, was acquitted. This was during the height of the first war. His Honor would have preferred a conviction. The evidence, clearly enough, showed the accused had been cheating at cards.

"I would like," remarked the Court, giving the accused a withering look, "to throw you into the front line overseas. And I warn you that if you keep on cheating there are camps in this country that will attend to your case at once."

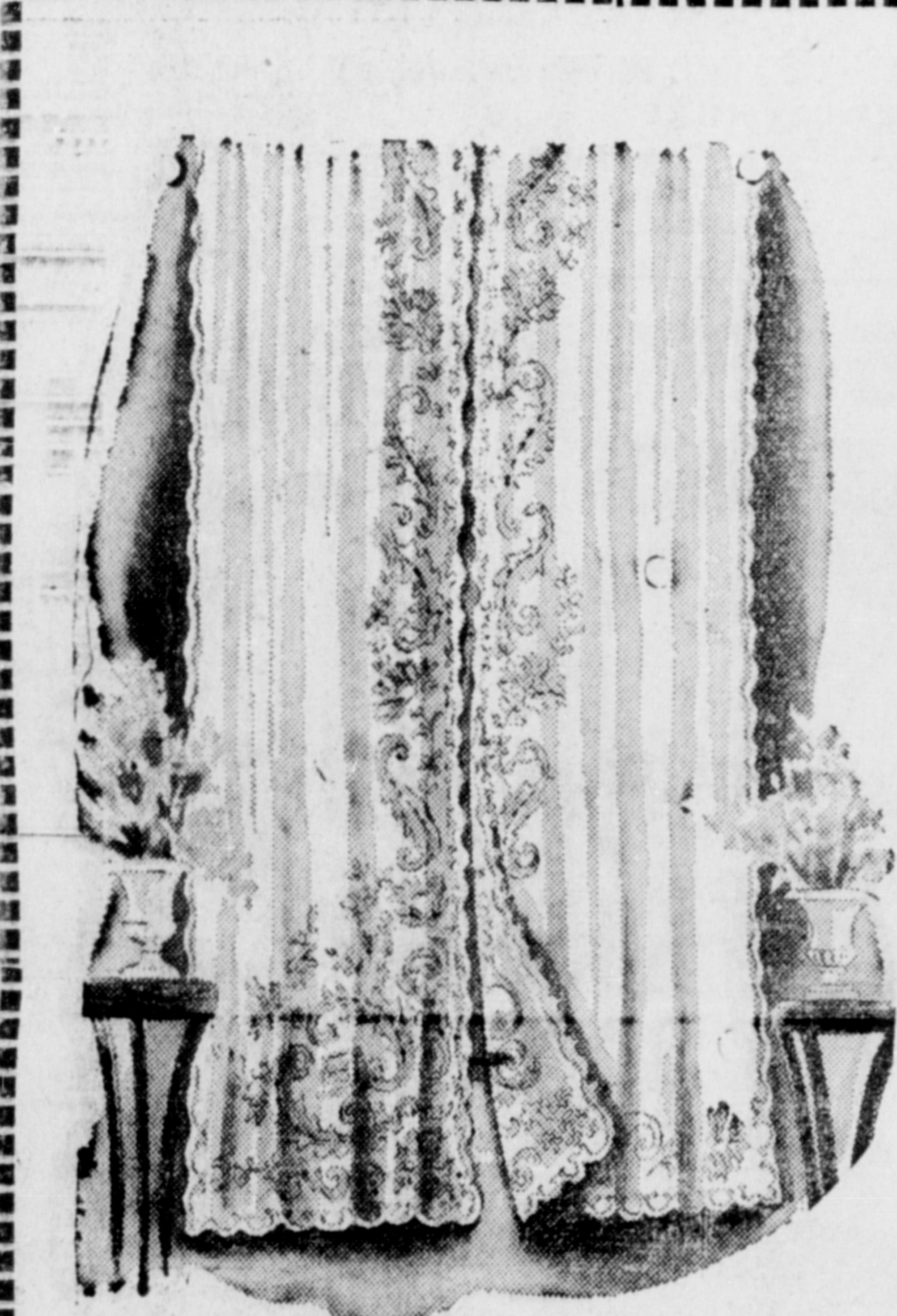
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But it guarantees more than the basic right to strike.

It provides that before a strike can legally be called, there must be in the interest of all concerned:

- Negotiation in good faith between employer and employees' representatives: (An employer who does not bargain in good faith can be charged in court and fined).
- A period of conciliation with representatives of the Department of Labor attempting to reconcile the difference:
- A conciliation board acting as mediator; and, if no settlement is reached
- A government-supervised secret ballot of employees affected to determine whether or not they want to take strike action.

THE ONLY THING NEW IN THIS PROCEDURE IS THE SUPERVISED SECRET BALLOT ON STRIKE ACTION.

It is a reform designed to free labor from the possibility of pressure and intimidation that can exist where there is open, show-of-hands balloting, often at small, unrepresentative meetings where a minority could impose its wishes on the rank and file.

It brings the democratic secret ballot to employees faced with a critical decision.

WHY SHOULD THE SECRET BALLOT BE OPPOSED?

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