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Scouting, Good Work

THE BOY SCOUT movement in the course of the last four years has so thrived and progressed that it has become Prince Rupert's most important medium for the doing of good work among the boys of the city. There are now over 200 Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs here and their ranks are constantly growing. The only restrictive factor appears to be the difficulty of obtaining leaders.

This is Boy Scout week when an appeal is made to public-spirited citizens to generously assist the annual financial appeal for funds to assist in carrying on the good work. We have no hesitation in bespeaking support for the drive on behalf of an organization which specializes in teaching boys the principles of good citizenship, obedience, loyalty and self-reliance.

When we think of the Boy Scouts we think of the useful, interesting and wholesome pursuits in which the lads show so much enthusiasm and derive so much fun and pleasure. Possibly more abstract but nonetheless important is the inculcation of the principles of good democratic citizenship in these troubled days.

Politics In Aluminum

ALL THE political hue and cry at Washington notwithstanding, the availability of cheap hydro power in this part of British Columbia—the costs having been found to be the lowest in the world—is the big factor which will most likely still react to the ultimate establishment of the great aluminum industry at Kitimat.

Shortage so early in the defence program emphasizes the importance of the projected British Columbia aluminum industry. Yet it appears that some United States politicians would ignore the essentiality of getting this great supply of an essential material as they fight the British Columbia industry in the hope of getting it for themselves.

Scripture Passage for Today

"If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."—1 Cor. 3:17.

Bank Appoints New BC Sup't

W. T. Cook, manager of the Vancouver branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been appointed superintendent of the Bank's British Columbia branches in succession to R. B. MacKay, who is retiring on pension after more than forty years' service with the bank.

Succeeding Mr. Cook as manager of the Vancouver branch

DEAL, Kent, England ©—Jack Campbell, veteran skipper of the Varne lightship on the treacherous Goodwin Sands, died recently. By special request his ashes were scattered over the area known as a graveyard of shipwrecks.

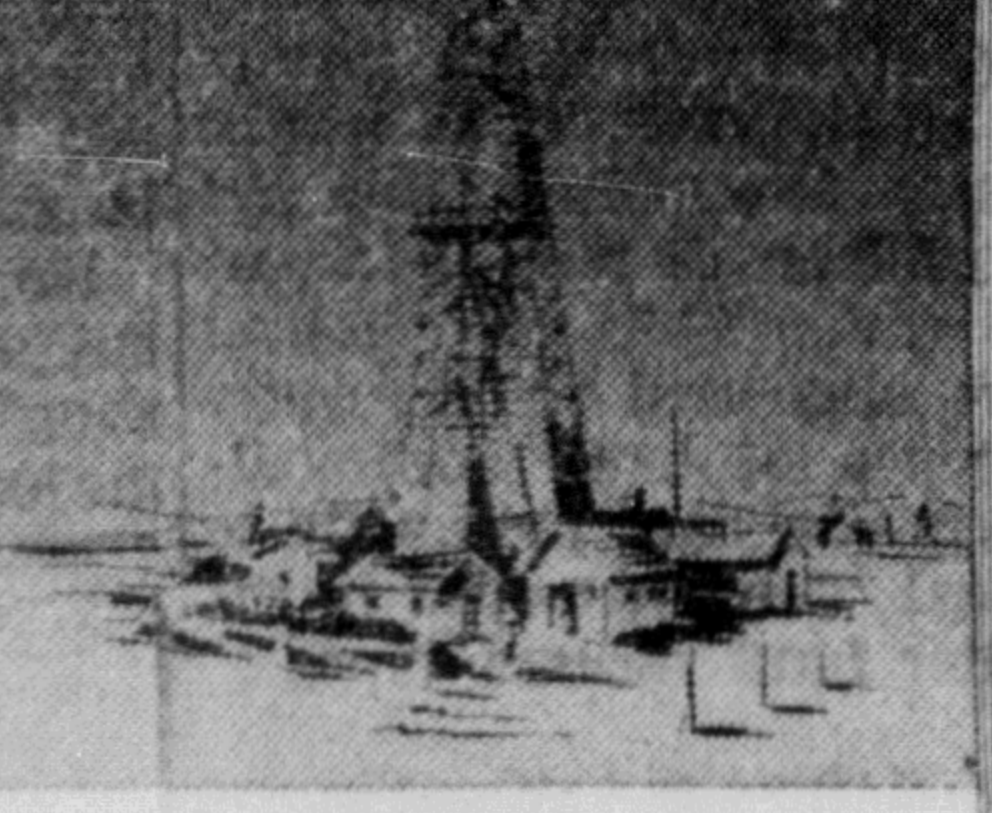
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YOUNGEST-OLDEST LAND

CAIRO, EGYPT.—The sleek ship Chusan arrived at Port Said just after daybreak. My first glimpse of Egypt was an amusing anti-climax—great signs reading Johnny Walker, Coca-Cola and Socony gasoline.

Even before you land at Port Said, you get a fore-glimpse of the enterprise and energy of this old land—brimming over with super-abundant vitality. All sorts of small craft make for the ship, shouting their wares.

The preliminaries for landing are quickly over. I was taken aboard a bit when the passport officer laughed right out loud at my name. But not for long. It seemed that my first name, Elmore, was the same as his last name, El More.

I had a small-sized army of helpers getting me through the quarantine and customs. The contact man for the famous Shepherd's Hotel, of Cairo took me under his ample wing. But also two friends of a Cairo friend of a friend of mine in San Jose, California, turned up even before I got ashore. I was glad of that, for the babbie and confusion in the customs house at Port Said was really something of a shock. People seemed to be running in all directions and shouting at the top of their lungs. To judge by the tone of the voices, and once even a shaken fist, you might have imagined that a riot was about to break out.

But everything came out OK. Soon we were free to look around.

CONTRARY TO WHAT I had been led to expect, I liked Port Said. That was no doubt due to the fact that my new-found friends did such a friendly job. Jack Risgalla, a young business man, showed me the town, gave me tea and cake, and put me safely aboard the train for Cairo.

He is a close relation of Mrs. Remy-Girol, wife of the Swiss Vice-Consul in Toronto. His helper was Kamal Effendi—smiling, pearly-toothed, black-haired and looking too young to be the father of two children.

EVEN IN PORT SAID I got the first overpowering impression of expansion and renewed energy. They are building apartments as fine as anything we have built in Canada recently and many kinds of building is going on.

But it was the so-called Arab quarter that really thrilled me. Obviously the sanitary conditions were not good. But the teeming throngs of youngsters radiated a laughing cheerfulness. Hawkers were selling all sorts of things in the streets. People were rushing in all directions.

I RODE UP TO CAIRO in the first-class compartment. For about five minutes I had an old French-speaking woman as a companion. She was pouring out something about my rheumatism—I think that her husband had died of it, and was now "couchant en ciel" which I took to be sleeping in heaven.

Appalled by my deliberate dumbness, the old girl fled.

IN PORT SAID there are red-fuzzed gentlemen for company—so many fezzes, in fact, I almost thought I was back on the Shriners' special train from California to Vancouver.

IN PORT SAID there are plenty of horse-drawn cabs, as well as cars. But in the farm land you see asses, horses, camels and oxen—all beside roads as good as ours in America, with their trucks, autos and even road-

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AIR DEFENCE CHIEF—Col. H. E. Brown, 38, of Brandon, Man., has been appointed to a new job at defence headquarters—directing Canada's air defence against possible aggressors. A veteran artillery officer, Col. Brown served in Britain and Italy in the Second World War. (CP PHOTO FROM NATION.)

Taking Cruise To Australia

A spring cruise to southern waters, including Australia—is to be the experience of Harvey Carstensen of Prince Rupert's naval reserve division, HMCS Chatham. On the active reserve of HMCS Chatham, seaman Carstensen will leave for Esquimalt on the Prince George tonight whence he will sail for the Antipodes on HMCS Ontario. He is a naval air branch seaman in the Royal Canadian Navy Reserve.

watering vehicles.

They say the people are appallingly poor. They say almost all the land is owned by rich landlords, who exact extortionate rents, or who hire the so-called fellahs for a miserly wage per day.

But everybody you see working on that land seems hustling. Of all the hundreds, maybe thousands, of people I saw on those farms, I never saw a loiterer. Energy was in every move.

One young man, clothed in the regular long white-nightgown-looking affair, suddenly hurried forward to the ground, with his forehead literally touching the earth, pointing toward Mecca. If energy counts for anything in prayer, surely Allah will listen to that young man's appeal.

This youngest oldest land is all like that—on the move, somewhere.

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Reflects and Reminisces

Housing relief amounting to something substantial will be seen in conversion of the administration block on First Avenue near Seventh Street into some sixty apartments. Announced in The News Wednesday, it came as an exceedingly welcome report. New, central and convenient, the accommodation will fill a requirement urgently needed.

A Quesnel publisher is missing a fur-lined parka, a jacket and a hat. Thieves had called at the sanctum. Yet, they were thoughtful wrong-doers. One cannot but admit that. The pockets had all been emptied of letters and papers which were carefully stacked on the desk. A fur-lined parka comes in handy in frosty weather, and the Caribou has been having plenty. Still, that does not excuse.

One would like to say Prince Rupert's winter has ended for it's grand to feel a softer air, and the smooth, firm touch of sidewalk or street, barren of ice or snow. There is something wearisome in trying to walk, with one's mind on caution and care. Where there's ice, there's also more or less fear of suddenly sensing your feet shooting from under you.

Training having been com-

pleted, Canada's regiment in Korea, the Princess Patricia's, are on the way into the fighting zone. It is understood that as many as half are veterans. The proportion may be even more. All are said to be eagerly looking forward to seeing service and Canada can feel confident of the result.

A clergyman who became the author of best sellers, Lloyd C. Douglas is dead, at Los Angeles in his seventy-third year. His books were read, "The Robe," one of his greatest successes, failed however, as a screen knockout. In 1943, Mr. Douglas sold the novel to the movies. A total of \$750,000 was poured into it but, as a motion picture enterprise, it just didn't click and was abandoned. The novel's central theme went back to the time of the Crucifixion.

What to do with the Senators is again on the cards. Some years ago, a canvass of opinion concerned the retiring age, but that does not mean there will come a day when it will be in effect. If memory serves, seventy five years is an age that enjoys a lot of support. The Senate has been called Canada's finest Club but that has a touch of satire.

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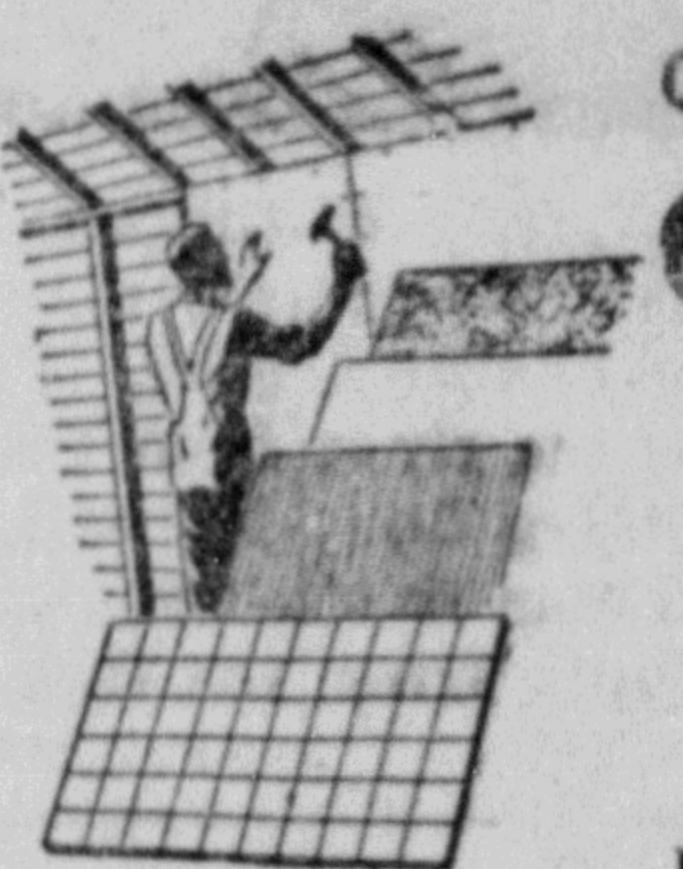
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