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British Bastion Vital

ONCE again, the British economy faces a crisis, from which rescue does not appear propitious except by a further substantial loan from the United States, observes George Ericson, Christian Science Monitor financial editor.

Even a big American loan is not regarded as a solution, since it will be merely a heavier drain on future national income. It would, however, afford America's ally a breathing spell, during which the new government might implement the measures being undertaken to cure its trade imbalance and to meet its financial obligations. With the bolstering of the free western world as an accepted part of United States foreign policy, denial of further aid to Britain would only weaken an alliance between English-speaking peoples, which today is the keystone of international democratic security.

Britain and the United States are partners along with others in a worldwide struggle to preserve human dignity and a free society. That demands adherence to a mutual program calling for strength to deter aggression; it demands allies willing to sacrifice for a common purpose, and it demands assistance to weaker members of the alliance, since United States would be going it alone if these members succumbed because their own resources were inadequate.

Britain, though weakened economically, is the strongest of four allies. It is a bastion of the free West, and it is only realistic to assert that its maintenance is in American self-interest. The trend away from socialism there and the Conservative party's announcement that it adheres to the belief in free enterprise and capitalism arouses the hope that the nation will the sooner begin to live within its income.

Whether or not Prime Minister Churchill will ask for an American loan when he visits President Truman in January, it is held a foregone conclusion that Britain will need \$300,000,000 to \$500,000,000 in the next six months to tide her over.

In view of the British drop in gold and dollar reserves, its shortages of steel and other critical materials necessary for defense, its tightening economy and long-enforced austerity, its further restrictions of imports and curtailing of credit, its raising of production by 50 per cent above prewar, it would look as if some further aid to the hard-pressed British people could furnish the impetus that would help them put their house in order.

The last World War destroyed much of Britain's productive facilities, while those of the United States were untouched and expanded. Mutuality of goal and program, as well as self-interest, bespeak the logic of proffering of sufficient economic aid to bridge a financial crevasse. It is true that the American taxpayer will have to shoulder some more of the cold-war burden, but the quid pro quo is the integration of defence and the strengthening of the ramparts of a free people.

Scripture Passage for Today

"It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."
—1. Cor. 4:2.

NO CONTEST
WINNIPEG — Suburban Tuxedo has not had a civic election since its incorporation in 1913. Every councillor and mayor has been elected by acclamation after receiving support of the Town Meeting Association. Cecil Lamont, recently elected, succeeded David Finkelstein who was mayor every year but one since 1914.

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Reflects and Reminisces

There is much uncertainty in human affairs and life during Yuletide comes as no exception. The average male, sure of another necktie will not be disappointed but then arises the question of possessing sufficient courage to wear it.

FROM DIXIE LAND!

Something vanished from the press of America, Sunday, when Dorothy Dix, 81, wrote "30." To say this woman, for generations a never tiresome feature of the New Orleans Picayune will be missed is to utter the flattest kind of platitude. Millions never saw her but none could escape the feeling that they had long been well acquainted. She knew life and her column served as counsel to trust and a guide to follow.

It's just as well to have youth on your side should you dwell in England where the housing shortage list may mean a three years' wait. And Prince Rupert has been guilty of impatience!

SOMETHING LEFT!

Assuming, for the sake of argument, that movies are better than ever, that still leaves us with the problem of improving them.—Ex.

IT WAS ALL THERE

The Empress theatre has been called historic and so it is, from the local, rather than general point of view. This building, at Second Avenue and Sixth Street, was Prince Rupert's first place of entertainment, all of forty years ago. The first public meeting ever conducted was when Richard McBride was the speaker. Other early day luminaries included Sir George Foster, seasoned federal statesman, and orator, and Dr. Wm. Pugsley, Laurier's minister of public works. There were plays—professional and amateur—musical comedies, with large chorus and small stage, hot politics, prize fights, songfests, years of motion pictures, sermons, speeches and Heaven only knows what else. Yes, it is a place with a history.

"Over Seventy" dinner and concert this week. But there is something about this annual occasion that makes one think of, and feel under seventy—and quite a long way under.

A battle between a full grown rat and puppy dog was witnessed in Prince Rupert not long ago. It was a better show than what we usually pay to see. Puppy failed to finish the foe but he was all pluck, if a shade slow.

Whitehorse to Have Housing

WHITEHORSE, Y.T. — Local contractor General Enterprise Construction Company, has taken on plans and specifications and will likely bid on the erection and completion here of 38 prefabricated buildings (75 housing units) for Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation.



DEFEATED — Veteran educationist Dr. Frank Gordon Buchanan, about 65, was unsuccessful Liberal standard-bearer in the Calgary West federal by-election Dec. 10. The by-election was made necessary by the resignation last summer of A. L. Smith, Calgary lawyer who quit due to ill health after holding the seat for the Progressive Conservatives since 1945. The Conservatives retained the seat.
(CP Photo)

THE LETTERBOX

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Editor, Daily News:
Will you please extend our publication to your interesting Daily News.

Your publication is unusually good, and friends to whom I have loaned copies asked for more of them. This shows they are truly interested.

Your concise handling of news is refreshing. The writer years ago worked for the A.P. and for various metropolitan newspapers in New Orleans and St. Louis. And once for a country weekly, that great Camas Prairie Courier at Soldier, Idaho. Soldier is now a ghost town, Fairfield having taken its place when the Oregon Short Line's Hill City branch placed its tracks a mile south of the good old town of Soldier. That was about 40-odd years ago.

We are all looking forward to receiving your paper and its interesting news.

With the season's greetings to you and your staff.

THE BALDWIN STUDIO,
F. E. Buerlot.

Police Court Fines Lower

Crime in Prince Rupert, as reflected in police court, saw a decided drop during November from the preceding month as 164 persons, convicted in court, paid in fines and costs \$2140. October's total was \$3,976, a near record.

Breakdown of the fines showed offenders paying \$1,610 to the municipality, of which \$275 was imposed for contravention of city bylaws. Costs totalled \$220. The Federal government came in for \$55 from fines and \$155 in costs.

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YEAR-END REVIEW—

North Leads Province in Staggering Development

Kitimat Aluminum Smelter and Prince Rupert Pulp Mill Cited

By DAVE MCINTOSH
Canadian Press Staff Writer

VANCOUVER (CP)—"Staggering" is the word for British Columbia development. Finance Minister Herbert Anscomb used that word the other day in saying that gross production in B.C.—now a good deal more than \$1,000,000,000 a year—will eventually outstrip Ontario's and Quebec's.

The minister went on to say: "We are in a position today that B.C.'s resources are in such demand that if a depression came elsewhere, it couldn't apply here because of the demand for those resources."

By developments came thick and fast in 1951.

Aluminum Company of Canada started its \$550,000,000 project in the north. First step was construction of a diversion tunnel to carry the Nechako River around the site where a power dam will be built.

The dam, when completed, will back up lakes and rivers against the eastern face of the Coast Range. Work has started on a tunnel through the mountains which will build up a powerhouse for a hydro-electric plant at Kemano. Transmission lines will carry the power 50 miles over the mountains to Kitimat where the aluminum plant will be built.

It will be another three years before aluminum production starts.

HUGE POWER PLANT

Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company at Trail started preliminary work on a \$30,000,000 hydro-electric plant on the Pend d'Oreille River, 12 miles from Trail.

Brought into production this year was a \$35,000,000 cellulose plant near Prince Rupert, a \$19,000,000 sulphate mill near Nanaimo on Vancouver Island.

Still under construction is a \$40,000,000 newsprint mill at Duncan Bay on Vancouver Island. This month the two companies building the mill announced a new \$21,000,000 pulp plant is planned for the same area. Another \$11,000,000 is being spent for newsprint plant expansion at Powell River.

On November 1 the first oil was discovered in B.C., near Fort St. John in the Peace River district. Other wells are being drilled.

A few weeks later, Premier Johnson announced Trans Mountain Oil Pipe Line Company will build a 693-mile pipe line from Edmonton to Vancouver. It will cost \$82,000,000 and be completed by the end of 1953. Vancouver refineries are planned.



HAPPY DAYS TO YOU AND YOURS



ers of the Prince Rupert plant, were reported about to start a \$75,000,000 pulp project in the interior Kootenays.

Twelve new base metals mills are being built and old mines were re-opened during the year.

Preliminary estimates show that all records were smashed in the four basic industries—forestry, mining, agriculture and fishing.

Forest production last year was worth \$468,000,000. This year the figure will be around \$525,000,000. Total value of the four industries will approach \$935,000,000 compared to \$821,745,000 in 1950.

Also up were construction contracts, electric power consumption, gasoline consumption, salaries and wages car loadings, bank clearings and retail sales.

Millions of dollars were thrown into the harnessing of water power by Alcan, B.C. Electric Company, Consolidated and the B.C. Power Commission.

ing to increase plant capacities. Besides the dam, Consolidated started spending \$35,000,000 for plant extension as the world demand for base metals and chemicals increased. The company, biggest lead-zinc-chemicals producer in the world, appeared ready to start a basic steel industry in B.C.

RAILWAY EXTENSION

Extension of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway to Prince George continued. The work is expected to be completed by next spring. At the same time, the new Hart Highway connecting Prince George with the Peace River district was almost ready to take traffic.

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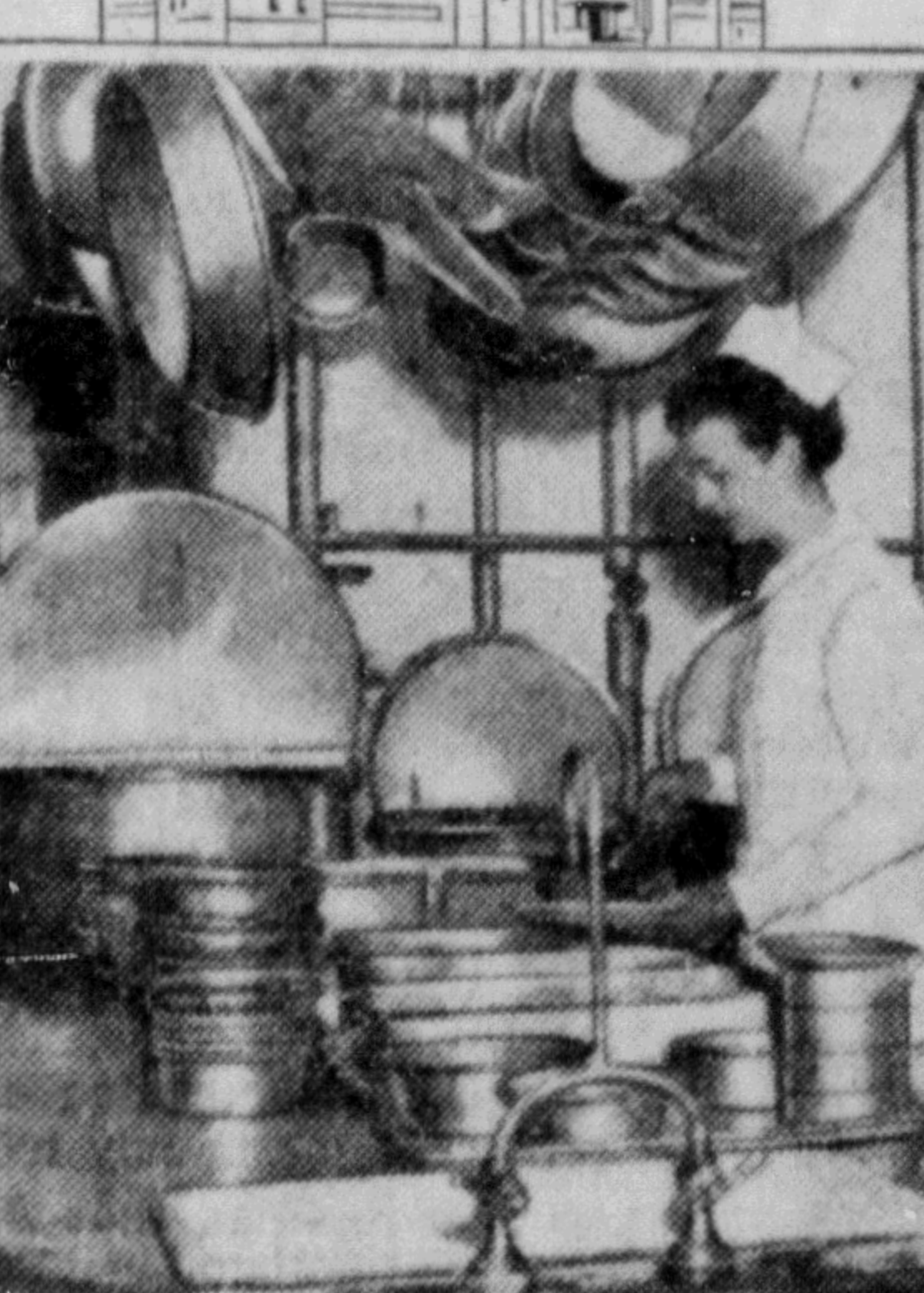
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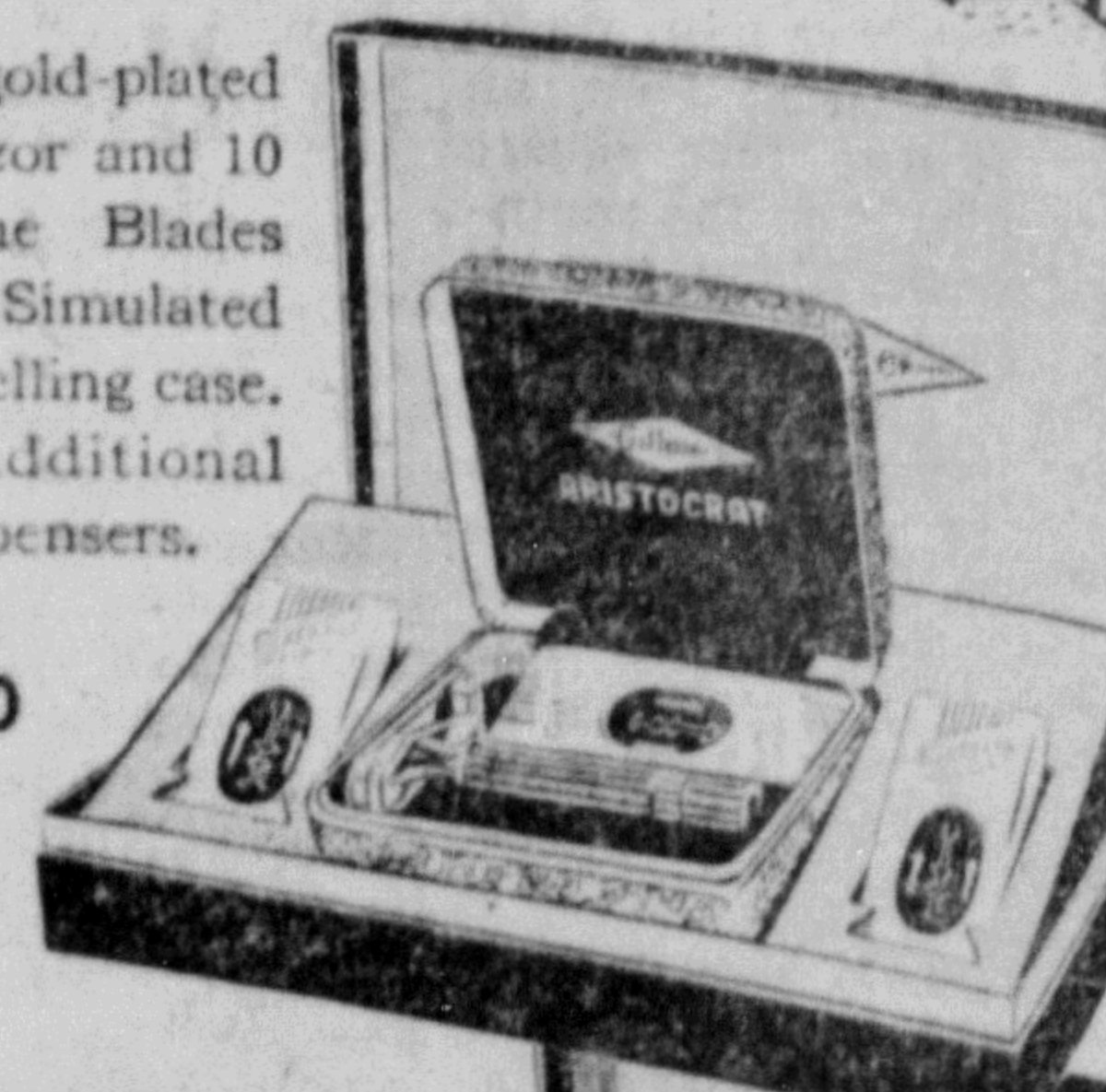
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