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The King's Health

The alarm over the King's health has eclipsed other news, even the continued tense international situation, during recent days. Newspapers have been giving it big top headlines, the radio has been leading its bulletins with the latest reports and in everyday conversation it has been the big subject. In church special prayers for His Majesty were said yesterday.

In these days of skepticism, practicalism and distrust, it is a pleasant thing to see the idealism and symbolism of the British crown still holding such a measure of respect. Of course, the ailing incumbent and his family have acquitted themselves in such manner that they command and merit a wide and genuine degree of esteem and affection.

The great tradition still prevails in the Commonwealth even after practically all other thrones have toppled and erstwhile powerful and well-seated leaders have met their downfall.

The steady-going and solid British people are that way.

And it is interesting to note that the King's welfare is subject of concern not only within the wide-spread commonwealth but over all the world.

Ask and You Shall Receive

(PRINCE GEORGE CITIZEN)

From Prince Rupert comes word that considerable surprise and disappointment was expressed that this city, the largest in Central British Columbia, was not represented at the convention of the Associated Board of Trade convention last week.

Delegates from other communities were quick to point out that last year Prince George was the host of the city, and that this year several of the most important resolutions under discussion originated from the Prince George Board of Trade. These were left to be steered through the convention by men who were not in the accredited representatives of the local body. It is to their credit that the Prince George proposals, generally speaking, were favorably received.

This indifferent attitude toward such an influential organization as the Associated Board of Trade cannot help but lead others to conclude that Prince George intends to adopt a "go-it-alone" policy in the matter of advancing the interests of the city and Central B.C. If true, it is a mistake.

Again, at Quesnel last week the senior trade board practically boycotted a road protest meeting, and it was left to the Junior Chamber of Commerce to carry the ball for this city. Some of the older and more politically-conscious members of the city's business fraternity contend that the Quesnel meeting was fruitless and that nothing would be accomplished by mass petitions to the government.

There is absolutely no basis for such conclusion, in our opinion, unless the government leaders and those who represent Central B.C. at Victoria have lost the will to remain in power. This is extremely unlikely, to say the least.

Unless we keep our needs and grievances constantly before the government through organized channels, such as the Associated Board of Trade and other bodies, it is altogether likely we will continue to be neglected. Government policy-makers will naturally assume that we are satisfied and contented, which is not the case, judging by the actions taken at the Prince Rupert and Quesnel meetings.

The squeaky wheel, we should remember, always gets the most oil.

Deep Sleep in Hypnotic Trance

WALLASEY, Eng.—Two sixteen year old girls sank into a hypnotic trance eighteen hours after they had been hypnotized during a stage act. The hypnotist from the stage show had to be called to bring them around.

REFIT BATTLESHIP
SPITHEAD, England — The 35,000-ton British battleship, Duke of York, has been towed to Birkenhead where she will undergo a refit. Later she will go in reserve on the River Clyde.

Pipe Line on World Atlas

LONDON — Canada's new oil pipeline from Edmonton to Lake Superior is shown in a new world atlas just published here. So are new towns in remote parts of Russia and results of recent Arctic exploration.

But population figures for British cities are 20 years out of date. The atlas went to press just before the results of this year's census came out. Published by Oxford University Press, the atlas was produced by a team of wartime map-

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Flying to London

FOR THE next several weeks, if all goes well, this column will be coming from Britain. Before this gets into print I expect to be in Shannon, Ireland — maybe all the way to London town.

The purpose of the trip is to report on two very big events, next week I am to be an official delegate at a 14-nation meeting of Members of Parliament who favor the principle of world federation. This has been sponsored by 64 members of the British parliament, who include Conservatives, Liberals and Labor members of the Commons and Lords.

Lord Boyd Orr is the chairman. The working sessions will have as chairman Mr. Clement Davies—the Liberal leader in the House of Commons.

Canada will be represented, I believe by a delegation headed either by Senator Wishart Robertson or Senator Arthur Horner—the former a Liberal, the latter a Conservative.

I am one of the few non MP's in all the world who has been officially invited to attend. This time I am in most distinguished company—others in the same category being Professor Lionel Curtis, J. B. Priestley, Lady Rothermere. I see the president of the Royal Dutch KLM airlines is also an invited delegate, as is the famous Austrian scientist, listed as "inventor of the H-bomb"—Professor Hans Thirring.

The countries to be represented are Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Jamaica, Canada, Pakistan, India, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Lebanon, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, South Africa, United States, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia.

IN GOOD British style, the gathering will start with a garden tea party. Then on Sunday, at St. Paul's a special service will be held. Then delegates will attend a whole round of social events—at one of which Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will be present.

But the conference hopes to do a real job of work. There will be big public meetings in London, Cardiff, Glasgow and Edinburgh where statesmen of 14 countries will tell British people why they believe world federation is the key to lasting peace. The actual working sessions will tell British people why they believe world federation is the key to lasting peace. The actual working sessions will be in the chamber where the British parliament met in wartime. The debate will centre around two resolutions—one calling for world law.

"For controlling the manufacture and distribution of weapons of mass destruction, and limiting the size of national militias, and

"For developing the social and economic organizations now maintained by the UN in order to raise standards of living throughout the world."

THERE ARE of course great differences of opinion as to just how the world can move on through the UN to real world government—and this conference should help mankind take another great step in the right direction.

It seems to me that it is an omen of profound good for all the world that British MP's have decided to STAND TOGETHER for this great cause, even though they will go straight from this world peace planning conference into their own general election.

I hope to remain in and report from Britain for the whole period of the election—which of course is of vast importance and significance to all the world. For Britain is still the heart and soul of all that is democratic in this old troubled world of 1951.

makers who started from scratch five years ago to build what they hoped would be the finest really new world atlas in 50 years.

A foreword gives special praise to Enid Cox, 23-year-old Surrey girl whose job was to mark and tint hills, valleys and oceans. But it was strictly a drawing-board tour. Miss Cox has never been outside England.

In operations in the forests of Ontario only 48 per cent of the wood of smaller trees sawn in the usual type of sawmill becomes marketable lumber; in paper manufacture 98 per cent of the wood is usable.



PACIFIC DEFENCE SYSTEM

By BIP FARES

The American Treaty of mutual defence with the Philippines, Australia and New Zealand have now been signed. This week the Japanese Peace Treaty is to be signed at San Francisco, to be followed by a defence pact between the United States and Japan. Together with

the resumed American defence commitment in Formosa, this completes the establishment of the Pacific defence system, based on the chain of offshore islands from Japan to New Zealand, on which American diplomacy has been working ever since the Chinese intervention in Korea. As long as this island chain remains intact, the Pacific is sealed off against any incursion from a hostile Power on the Asiatic mainland.

ray.. Reflects and Reminisces

A doctor says it takes eighteen to twenty years to properly develop all the bones and muscles in one's foot. It does not take long, however, to put your foot in it.

LAND TO LIVE IN?

When Mussolini's army was driven from Ethiopia, the troubles of Haile Selassie didn't end by a jugful. It might have been better for the subjects of Haile had the Italians remained. For late reports say the country is today impoverished, full of beggars, there's no freedom of speech or press, next thing to no employment and there has never been an election.

When it comes to arousing the working classes how about giving the inventor of the alarm clock a little credit.—Ex.

COUNTLESS FRIENDS

There are few cities in Canada with more trees growing in the immediate neighborhood than Prince Rupert, yet how few ever give them the compliment of a second thought? They are entitled to that and a good deal more. Forest growth has already had much to do with local development and it is needless to emphasize what it will mean in the future. From a Scottish paper comes the following and profoundly true it is:

I am your friend, your needs I meet
I am the floor beneath your feet
I am the beam that takes the strain,
I am the door against the rain
I am the wagon and the wheel
I am the boat, the oar the keel
I am the handle of your spade
Winter log and summer shade
I am the altar of the Lord
I am the sacramental board
And at the last on earth's brown breast
I hold you in your place of rest.

The New York Times is a hundred years old this month. It scored a scoop in publishing the

STOPS
NEURITIC-NEURALGIC
PAIN!
ASPIRIN

Here From Flin Flon—Joins QCA

Harold W. Kellough, for ten years located at Flin Flon as an air engineer with the Hudson Bay Air Transport, subsidiary of the Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co., arrived in the city Saturday afternoon to join Queen Charlotte Air Lines here as crew chief in charge of maintenance of company planes based in this area. He is succeeding Robert Davies who has been transferred to Vancouver.

Mr. Kellough will be joined here by his wife and four young sons who are arriving Friday on the Chilcotin. They will reside on Figgott Avenue, Rushbrook Heights.

Child is Born Without Eyes

TULARE, Cal. — A child has been born in Tulare County Hospital, without eyes. This announcement was made by J.W. McFarlane, the hospital administrator. The infant is lacking eye-balls.

loss of the Titanic hours ahead of all competitors. The great liner, called unsinkable, hit an iceberg and sank with about 1,500 passengers, many of them persons of prominence. This was in the spring of 1912. People who know the Times say the bigger the story, the more calm and collected it remains.

HUMBUNG HONKING

A Montreal car driver was recently fined \$20 and costs for blowing his horn at 1:15 a.m. The constable said he was disturbing a peaceful night and the court agreed with him. Montreal is not the only after midnight horn tooting town. There's a lot of it. Also hundreds of folks who prefer playing around at any old hour except during day time.

If you want to sell it, advertise it. News classified.



CLEAN, QUICK HEAT FOR COOKING

TAPPAN GAS RANGES
—At—
Rupert Radio and Electric

In Korea—

DEAR JOHN

By JOCK CARROLL

It was back at "B" Echelon, about two weeks behind the front lines at Korea, and I was cup of tea with the two Chaplains attached Princess Pats. One was Captain James Val other the Protestant Chaplain, Captain Ray ham.

We were standing around a ten gallon vat with a group of soldiers lading the tea into our canteen cups. The sugar was in a brown twenty-five pound sack on the ground, with a huge spoon sticking out of it. On a packing case nearby was a loaf of bread, a knife and some tin-rod butter and jam. It wasn't a very delicate cup of tea, but it was cheerful that gray, damp Korean afternoon.

"Food," said Captain Cunningham, sipping his tea. "Food and mail from home. When those two things are right, the battle's half won."

"Except for some of the mail from home," said Captain Valley.

"What's that? Oh, you mean the Dear Johns and the Morale Builders. Yes, Too bad people can't see the effect some letters have."

I was curious about "Morale Builders." I asked, "What kind of letter is that? A Morale Builder?"

The Captain rummaged in his pocket. "Oh, it's just a caricature of the wrong kind of letter from home. I've got a copy of it here if I can find it. It circulated all among the boys and they got a kick out of it. They've all had that kind of letter at one time or another. Here it is."

He unfolded a typewritten sheet and gave it to me. The letter read:

"Dear Elmer:
Well, Elmer, that wife of yours, Frances, is sure the life of the party. We had a party at your house last night and she did a regular Gypsy Lee for us. Laugh! I'll say."

The party was gotten up by Claude—he's the war worker boarding at your house now. But Frances insisted on paying for the beer. Said she had lots of dough now with that extra twenty dollar allotment you made last month.

Well, Elmer, that Frances sure has poise like when she smashed up your Chevy driving us home from the party it didn't bother her a bit, she just laughed at the policemen.

It's lucky you gave her power of attorney as she was able to mortgage the house to pay the lawyer who is handling the case."

Just came back from your house now, where I dropped in for a nightcap. Claude answered the door wearing your smoking jacket. As Frances says, somebody might as well get some use out of your civvy things.

Claude was complaining about the defense taxes on everything and what with high prices and all it certainly is tough on us back here. Well, Elmer, so long for now, will try to drop you another line of cheer again soon.

Your friend,
NORMAN."

A few days later, in the front lines, I had an opportunity to see the meaning of mail from home to men living close to the edge of death. It was north of Kapyoung at that time when the Communist April offensive was beginning to roll. The UN forces were pulling back to stronger defensive positions.

The Canadians were going to be the last to pull back, and it

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