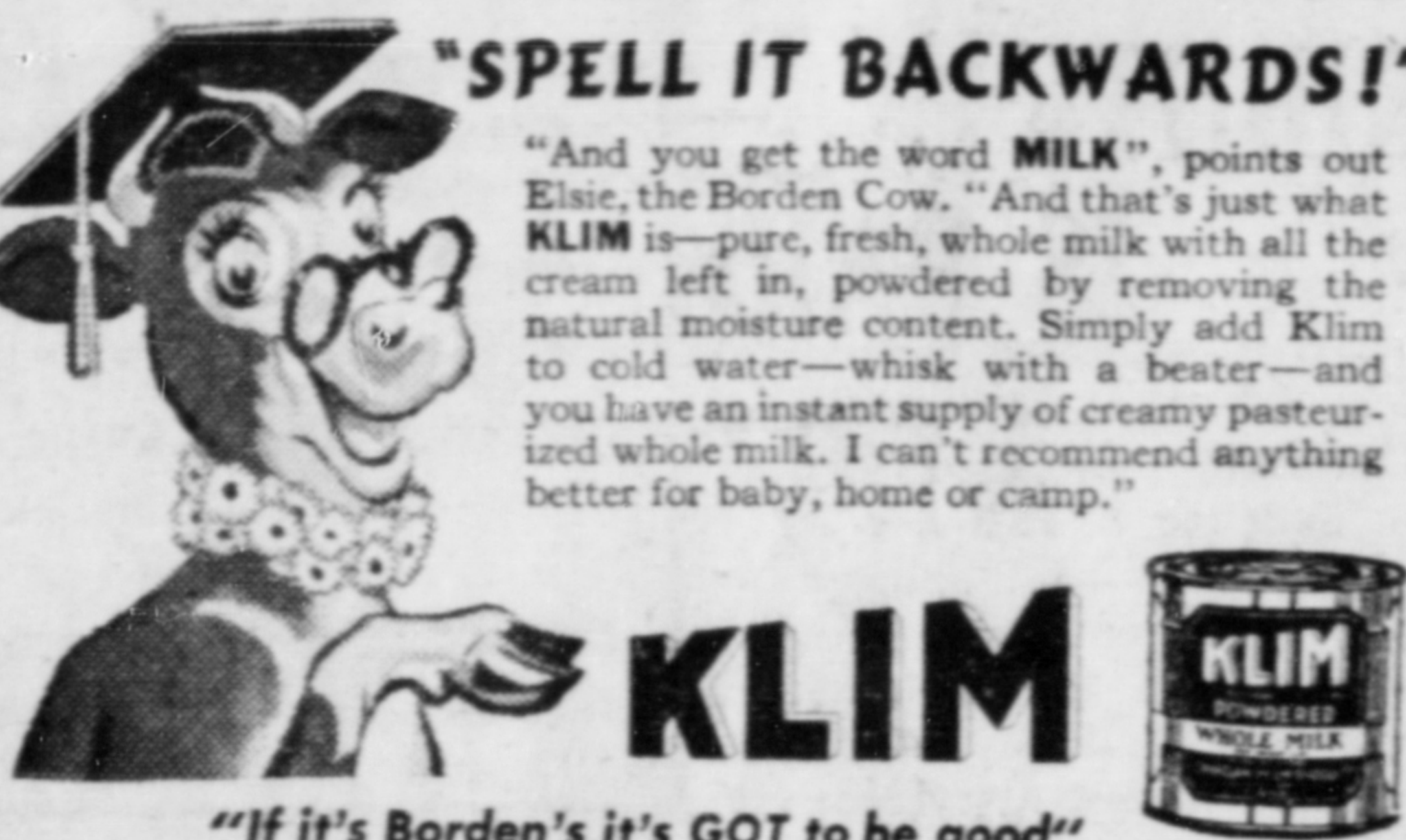


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Former Local Man Tells Of London: Met Fred Reid

Writing from London, England, Sid Webb, former member of the Prince Rupert Daily News staff, says that since last September crisis, commercial business has taken a decided setback and there is no big money being spent on anything except armaments. The city is filled with refugees and many of them drive fine cars and get good jobs. "Where I live it is really difficult to hear a white man's language," he says. He thinks the government will feel the effect when it comes to an election.

Mr. Webb says they have had a terrible summer. He took his two weeks holiday during the Witsun holidays and that has been the only fine weather they have had.

Speaking of war prospects, Mr. Webb says there is talk of another crisis this month or in September but they have no time to worry about it.

Mr. Webb met Fred Reid and has been going to shows with him. He says that Fred likes shows. His words are: "What a boy he is for shows. He seems to live upon them, and there isn't much going on in this little old village that he does not go to. He finds them out like a bloodhound after a criminal and takes the most sud-

Whifflets From The Waterfront

Already running about a day late, Union steamer Catala, Capt. James Findlay, delayed all around on the present voyage mainly due to heavy volume of freight handling, arrived in port at 10:30 this morning from Stewart, Anyox and other northern points and sailed a couple of hours later for Vancouver and waypoints.

Having on board a large list of passengers, consisting principally of round trip tourists, C. N. R. steamer Prince George, Capt. James Watt, arrived in port at 10:30 this morning from Vancouver, Powell River and Ocean Falls and sailed at 1 o'clock this afternoon for Skagway and other Alaska points whence she will return here next Monday south-bound.

den swerves down back streets and byways to land one into a show that they did not realize existed. "He took me to a non-stop revue the other night and, well, well, well, were they beauties, real beauties, and did they wear only 'scanties'?"

Evidently Sid is enjoying life in his quiet way in the Metropolis and it took a Prince Rupert man to go over and pull him out of his little rut there.

PICARD IS GOING FAR UNDER SEA

BRUSSELS, August 9:—Descent in a steel "balloon" from five to seven miles to the bottom of the sea is planned next spring by Dr. August Piccard, University of Brussels physicist, who ten years ago was the first human being to ascend into the stratosphere fourteen miles above the surface of the earth.

Prof. Piccard already has constructed in his laboratory here models of the metal shell in which he expects to reach depths hitherto undreamed of and to open the way for exploration of a realm whose deep valleys of total darkness may be the abode of strange, primitive monsters, or the place of vast gold deposits.

The "Columbus of space"—as the tall Belgian professor with his hinged spectacles was termed a few years ago—is confident that both he and the companion he selects to accompany him will return to the surface alive and unharmed.

Makes Two Models

The sea balloon is based on essentially the same principles as the spheroid shell in which he made his supposedly fantastic flight in the stratosphere, but with everything in reverse. He has constructed two models. One a hollow ball made of electron—a combination of magnesium and aluminum—has been given rigid tests under high pressures such as one would expect to encounter at sea depths of five miles. The other, made of steel, stands pressures such as would be encountered at depths of seven miles.

Heavy pieces of iron ballast would be attached to the outside of the "balloon" by magnetic attraction, the force of which can be controlled from the interior. The speed of the actual descent below certain critical depths could be controlled by water chambers, shut off from the main compartments, which could be filled and emptied at will by valves on the inside. Electrical storage batteries, which would supply light and power as well as provide a feeble current for maintaining the magnetic attraction to hold the ballast, also would be attached to the outside of the shell and constitute the last bit of ballast to be dropped off in

case of an extreme emergency. Such an emergency, Prof. Piccard said, might result from getting caught in a tangle of seaweed near the surface after a successful ascension.

Inside the ball, Professor Piccard plans to carry much the same type of equipment as he used in his stratosphere flight. There will be equipment for purifying the air and tanks carrying a reserve of oxygen. The dimensions of the air-filled ball will be such that, with the weight varied by letting out and taking in sea water, it will be possible to float freely at any depth where the explorers find something interesting to observe, the balloon being wafted about freely by the water currents just as his stratosphere ball was at the mercy of the upper air currents.

The most difficult problem to solve, the professor says, was that of maintaining a sufficient magnetic attraction to keep his iron ballast attached with the feeble electrical equipment which it would be possible to carry.

This he has solved, he said, by working out a system in his laboratory by which the force is generated by a very powerful current applied for a few minutes. This then can be maintained by applying constantly an energy of only one watt per ten kilograms of weight.

The balloon will be equipped with portholes with thick glass windows through which, with the aid of powerful searchlights, it will be possible to see and photograph the "scenery" through which he passes. The windows, of course, constitute the weakest part of the shell. Provision is made, however, by which they may be covered immediately with watertight steel shutters of the same thickness as the steel walls of the rest of the shell, the instant the first crack is caused by the increasing pressure.

Equipment Carried

For auxiliary equipment, the balloon will carry motion picture cameras, instruments for recording the depth and speed of ascent or descent, and radio equipment by means of which, as soon as the ball reaches the surface, it will be possible for an accompanying ship with radio direction finder equipment to locate it and come at once to the rescue of its occupants. This equipment will be sufficiently powerful to send signals for 400 miles, indicating the maximum distance which Professor Piccard believes the balloon might be carried by the ocean currents at great depths.

REFORM IN AUSTRALIA

Constitutional Changes Supported By Leading Figures

SYDNEY, Australia, August 8. (CP) — Sir Earle Page, former Prime Minister and now leader of the Country Party, and Opposition Leader John Curtin are the two latest champions of the move to reform Australia's constitution, largely on the Canadian pattern.

Speaking at Perth, capital of Western Australia, on the 39th anniversary of the receipt of the royal assent to the Australian constitution bill, Mr. Curtin declared: "We want a constitution attuned to the times and simply phrased so that people will not have to go to high court to have interpretations."

Mr. Curtin added: "Several of the major sides of national life, including the relationship between employer and employee, and interstate and intrastate trade and commerce are now partly or completely vested in the states. These should all be controlled by the national parliament."

Sir Earle Page in New South Wales supported Mr. Curtin's remarks. He said that marketing under changed world conditions provided an illustration of the fetters an obsolescent constitution had fastened on Australia, evidently referring to the difficulties he had met when Minister for Commerce in the Lyons administration.

The public support which these two men both representative of parties outside the Menzies government, have accorded the government's reform proposals suggests a speedy passage of a reform bill when parliament meets, probably in August.

Large Shower For Bride-Elect In Hall Of Legion

Mrs. Jack Preece and Mrs. W. J. Lineham were joint hostesses at a delightful miscellaneous shower held in the Canadian Legion Hall in honor of Miss Edna Dickens who is to be married shortly to Percy Bond. The hall was beautifully decorated with summer flowers, white wedding bells and pink and white streamers. The evening was spent playing cards, the winners being: first, Mrs. Rothwell; second, Mrs. Ronald; third, Mrs. Ratchford.

After cards delightful refreshments were served, the bride-elect's table being centred with a large wedding cake. There was also a shower cake.

The highlight of the evening was when Edna Lineham and Hilda Bond steered in a train load and a prettily decorated basket loaded with beautiful gifts.

Miss Hilda Bond sang a couple of solo numbers, Mrs. J. S. Black being pianist.

The evening ended with dancing and singing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Among those present were Messrs. James Cox, Laurie, D. Healy, Lineham, Preece, B. Lund, George Selig, E. Evans, Henry Dickens, McArthur, Alexander, Oden, A. E. Dickens sr., Black, E. Shrubal, H. Smith jr., R. Shrubal, Croxford, J. Ratchford, Barber, Ronald, A. E. Dickens jr., Harvey, J. Woods, J. Bond, Hunter, M. Lamb, J. Campbell, J. R. Murray, Tatterfall, P. Stegavig, Rush, Haudenschild, Wendell, Casey, Gomez, H. Bond, M. Smith and Mrs. Rob-Hale Michaloff, Hugh Smith, Hill, erts

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