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C.N.R. Getting Ships

The interesting announcement by Canadian National Steamships that three fine big up-to-date diesel driven vessels are under construction for the West Indies service may be expected to be followed soon by definite word from the company as to its intentions in regard to new ship construction to restore its service on the Pacific Coast between Vancouver and Prince Rupert and on to Alaska. There can be no complaint here at the action of the company in having one of its new West Indies ships built at Vancouver and two on the east coast. Possibly later there may be requirements for even more ships on the route between North and South America through the Indies.

It is to be recalled that the Minister of Transport has already announced the intention to build two new ships for the Pacific Coast with the suggestion that at least one would come to the company's own shipyard at Prince Rupert.

With the local yard's payroll rapidly diminishing as the current shipbuilding program there is about concluded, there is naturally impatience in awaiting some definite word as to future activity, particularly in view of the urgent need for ships for the C.N.R. service on this coast.

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Even though months old and worn to tatters, a copy of an American daily newspaper brought \$2.50 in the Philippines black market recently!

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World Food Crisis

The world is facing the greatest food crisis in modern times. Measures are urgently required to meet it. There is no time to lose.

The causes of a world-wide shortage of cereals are the devastation and dislocation of the war, both in Europe and Asia. Europe before

the war produced forty-two million tons of wheat but only twenty-three million tons last year. Serious repeated droughts have affected production in five continents. Droughts in 1944 to 1945 seriously reduced the harvests in Australia and Argentina; North African production was similarly affected; adverse weather also reduced in 1945-46 the harvest in South Africa. Another factor seriously affecting the 1946 crops is the shortage of fertilizers due to the war.

Although wheat exports from the new world and Australia this year will reach record high levels, even these supplies are quite insufficient to meet the world's needs. The countries that were net exporters before the war have now become net importers. The estimated wheat deficit for the first six months of this year is over five million tons. By harvest time, the stocks in the exporting countries will be nearly exhausted and requirements in 1946-47 will have to be met almost entirely from the current year's crop.

The rice situation is also serious and increases the demand for wheat or flour. Reports from India record the failure of the rains and other disasters which will reduce the rice crop and once more raise the spectre of famine. Adverse weather conditions since the liberation of the rice consuming countries from Japanese occupation, under which rice production was allowed to decline heavily, before rice production could be got into full swing have resulted in a deficit of exportable rice estimated for the first six months of this year at two million tons.

In the summer of 1945 it still seemed possible to meet the world wheat requirements on a carefully reduced scale if maximum efforts in regard to production, collection and transport could be made. Those hopes have not been fulfilled. The requirements of the wheat importing countries from January to June are a little over seventeen million tons. Exportable supplies available are twelve million tons.

In these circumstances, all the importing countries in the world must be prepared to make further sacrifices and further efforts must be made to maximize collection. Coarse grains will have to be used for bread instead of as feeding stuffs. All possible steps to encourage increased sowings of wheat will have to be taken.



ROME PREPARES ROBES FOR ELEVATION OF NEW CARDINALS ON FEBRUARY 18—The holy city of Rome is preparing for the elevation of 32 high-ranking prelates of the Roman Catholic church to the college of cardinals, Feb. 18. Among them will be a Canadian, Archbishop J. C. McGuigan, of Toronto, Ont., and four Americans. The villa Anastasia, former home of King Alfonso XIII of Spain, has been rented for use by the prelates, and the ancient firm of Tanfani & Bertarelli, special furnishers to the Holy See, is busily preparing the ecclesiastical raiment to be worn by the new cardinals. It is estimated that each set of such garments costs \$10,000.

LABOR-PROGS FAVOR PICKET

Local Club Makes Some Changes in Officers

Paul Taranger was last night elected education-literature director of the George Henderson Club of the Labor-Progressive Party, replacing Norman Smith who has left for the south. Taking the place of Mr. Taranger, Harold Ponder was elected secretary-treasurer. A number of members volunteered to join the Jobs-for-All Association's picket

line demanding ship contracts from the C.N.R. if they should be called for. The feeling was unanimous among the members, many of whom have been laid off from the shipyard; that something more is called for in addition to the action already being taken by various city organizations.

The Egyptians created perfume in the fourth dynasty.

ESSINGTON ELECTION

Reserve Leaders for Year Are Named

PORT ESSINGTON — The Essington Special Reserve annual election of officers resulted as follows:
President, L. L. Starr.
Vice-President, James Bolton.
Secretary-Treasurer, Ed. N. Bolton.
Assistant Secretary, B. C. Bolton.
Street, Lot and Seawall Committee—J. Roberts and J. Wesley.

Fire Warden, Samuel Lockerby.

Health Inspector, Benjamin Brown.

Background Tenders—Samuel Lockerby and Albert Young.

TODAY'S STOCKS

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Hardrock	1.12
Jackknife	.36
Joliet Quebec	1.34
Little Long Lac	3.00
Madsen Red Lake	4.96
MacLeod Cockshutt	3.60
Moneta	.76
Omega	.34
Pickle Crow	4.55
San Antonio	5.75
Senator Rouyn	1.32
Sherrit Gordon	1.92
Sturgeon River	.39
Steep Rock	4.20
Lynx	.39
Isaaska	.59
Negus	2.20
God's Lake	.67

Herbert Morrison, member of Britain's labor cabinet, and one-time circulation manager of a newspaper, says that "a free press is the guardian and symbol of political liberty."



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THURSDAY—P.M.

- 4:00—Concert Time
- 4:30—Artie Shaw's Orch.
- 5:00—Vocal Varieties
- 5:30—Joe Reichman
- 5:45—Platter Parade
- 6:00—Supper Serenade
- 6:15—Perry Como
- 6:30—People Ask
- 6:45—All the World Sings
- 7:00—CBC News
- 7:15—CBC News Round-up
- 7:30—Panorama
- 8:00—Winnipeg Drama
- 8:30—Story of Music
- 9:00—Music to Remember
- 9:30—Isabelle McEwan Sings

- 10:00—CBC News
- 10:15—The Frasers
- 10:30—Spotlight Bands
- 11:00—Silent

FRIDAY—A.M.

- 7:30—Musical Clock
- 8:00—CBC News
- 8:15—Breakfast Club
- 8:30—Music for Moderns
- 8:45—Morning Song
- 9:00—BBC News
- 9:15—Morning Devotions
- 9:30—To be announced
- 9:45—Transcribed Varieties
- 10:00—Showtime
- 10:30—Round-up Time
- 10:45—Homemakers
- 11:00—Scandinavian Melodies
- 11:15—Thoughts for Today
- 11:30—Weather Forecast
- 11:31—Message Period
- 11:33—Recorded Interlude
- 11:45—Personal Album

MELBOURNE Australia, 6—

To overcome absenteeism on racing days a Melbourne firm broadcast the races, work being suspended while each race was in progress. The firm acted as bookmaker, taking bets before the race and paying out after, and gave the profits back to the employees in the form of dividends at the end of the day.

P.M.

- 12:00—Downbeat
- 12:15—The Novochord
- 12:30—CBC News
- 12:45—Matinee Memories
- 1:00—Modern Minstrels
- 1:15—Musical Memories
- 1:30—B.C. School Broadcast
- 2:00—Silent

If you own VICTORY BONDS

DON'T TAKE THIS CHANCE...

More Victory Bonds Stolen

Victory bond thieves struck again Tuesday night, when \$850 in negotiable Victory bonds were stolen from the home of Mrs. J. J. [Name], some time before 11 p.m. An attempted robbery was made on the home of Mrs. [Name], [Address] street.

A pair of gold cuff links and a Masonic ring were included in the theft. Mrs. [Name] had been out for the evening. Mrs. [Name] returned home about 11 p.m. to find every light in the house completely unlit. She was purely puzzled. Wednesday she called the police stating that the thieves were evidently Bond-conscious, as other articles of value were untouched in their search but left unharmed.

Mr. [Name] told police that he had

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