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AFFECT PRINCE RUPERT?

ACTION, IF ANY, that may follow the current visit to Alaska of a United States congressional military committee, which has declared that United States vast northern territory of Alaska must be adequately and quickly armed to repel any possible invasion, might well again project Prince Rupert strongly into the North Pacific strategic picture as it did during the war.

The Alaska Highway and the Northwest Staging Route might be the main route to the north in an over-all defensive scheme but the coastal water route would at least be an important subsidiary.

Naturally, it would be preferable if Prince Rupert could be built on some sounder and more permanent footing than that of military expediency but, nevertheless, that is something that must be considered. In this changing world, it is not easy to predict from day to day where and in what manner our future destiny lies.

PALESTINE EXPLOSION?

WILL PALESTINE blow up at last? Some observers think that a major explosion is imminent but past experience suggests that the fuse which was all unwittingly touched off by Arthur Balfour in 1917 is a very slow-burning one and that it is still a long way from the real dynamite. On the other hand, the tempo of rebellion in Palestine has certainly speeded up of late. It was known some time ago from captured Hagana documents that serious trouble was brewing, but the real answer to the question depends on the force of British counter-measures and Hagana reaction to them.

Hagana means defence. The organization was formed about 40 years ago, originally for the purpose of securing protection by joint action against Arab bandits.

Various incidents have encouraged the growth of Hagana as an armed resistance movement until it now includes almost every adult Jew in Palestine. The acquisition of arms by Hagana was not too difficult. For thirty years the Middle East has been one huge arsenal, and weapons could always be bought at a price. In spite of severe penalties, there are thousands of illicit firearms cached in various parts of the country.

Until quite recently, Hagana had not clashed openly with the British authorities. Its role has been passive rather than active. Most of the terrorist incidents of the last few years were directly traceable to smaller but more violent organizations. Hagana has confined itself to intensive preparation and to assisting the entry and subsequent protection of illegal immigrants.

When Hagana does decide to come out in the open, it may prove to have something more than a nuisance value. It is estimated that the organization can put up to 80,000 trained troops in the field, including some 3,000 commandos.

The Hagana Jews do not want to fight the British; in fact they realize that in a major showdown they would not stand a chance. They hope, however, to gain their point by turning world opinion against the British policy in Palestine. As they see the position, the British are only in Palestine for selfish reasons.

Before the first World War (so runs a favorite argument) Arab nationalism was rising swiftly and during that war the Allies made use of it.

It is perfectly true that Lawrence

of Arabia was not satisfied that his promises to the Arabs were carried out, but his power to make promises was doubtful, and in any case Britain was not the sole arbiter in the matter. It is also true that British interest in Palestine is largely based on the protection of the Suez Canal. It is only natural that Britain should wish to protect that vital life-line. Jews the world over might have suffered far more seriously than they did, had the Germans captured Suez. With regard to Zionism, the charge that this was no more than a political trick is a grave libel on the memory of that distinguished statesman, Lord Balfour.

Palestine contains half-a-million Arabs. The Arab knows that he cannot compete with the Jew, and that he has not the capacity to develop Palestine. The Jew possesses the very qualities which the Arab notoriously lacks—energy, vitality, and knowledge of modern methods. Arab leaders see only too clearly that Zionism involves a new economic life built on Western models and new applications of science which would eventually oust all who could not adopt them.

Aggressiveness on both sides has not helped matters. An early Zionist publicly invited the Arabs in Palestine to "trek along." Arab extremists, in berserk moments, have carried out brutal massacres, cutting down greybeards and carving up women and children.

Britain has been unlucky in that the Balfour Declaration of 1917, promising a national home for the Jews, was followed by the Hitler pogroms which uprooted millions of Jews and left them homeless. These unfortunate people clutched at Zionism as a drowning man clutches at a straw, but Zionism, in its original conception, was never intended to cater for millions of Jews. Jewish leaders aver that in Biblical times Palestine supported ten times its present population, and that with modern methods even that figure could be doubled.

Britain, trying to hold the balance fairly as between Jew and Arab, has restricted immigration and the purchase of land by Jews. If the Jews were allowed their own way, the Arabs of Palestine would soon be dispossessed. And the Balfour Declaration makes it quite clear that nothing shall be done to prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine.

PAPER INDUSTRY

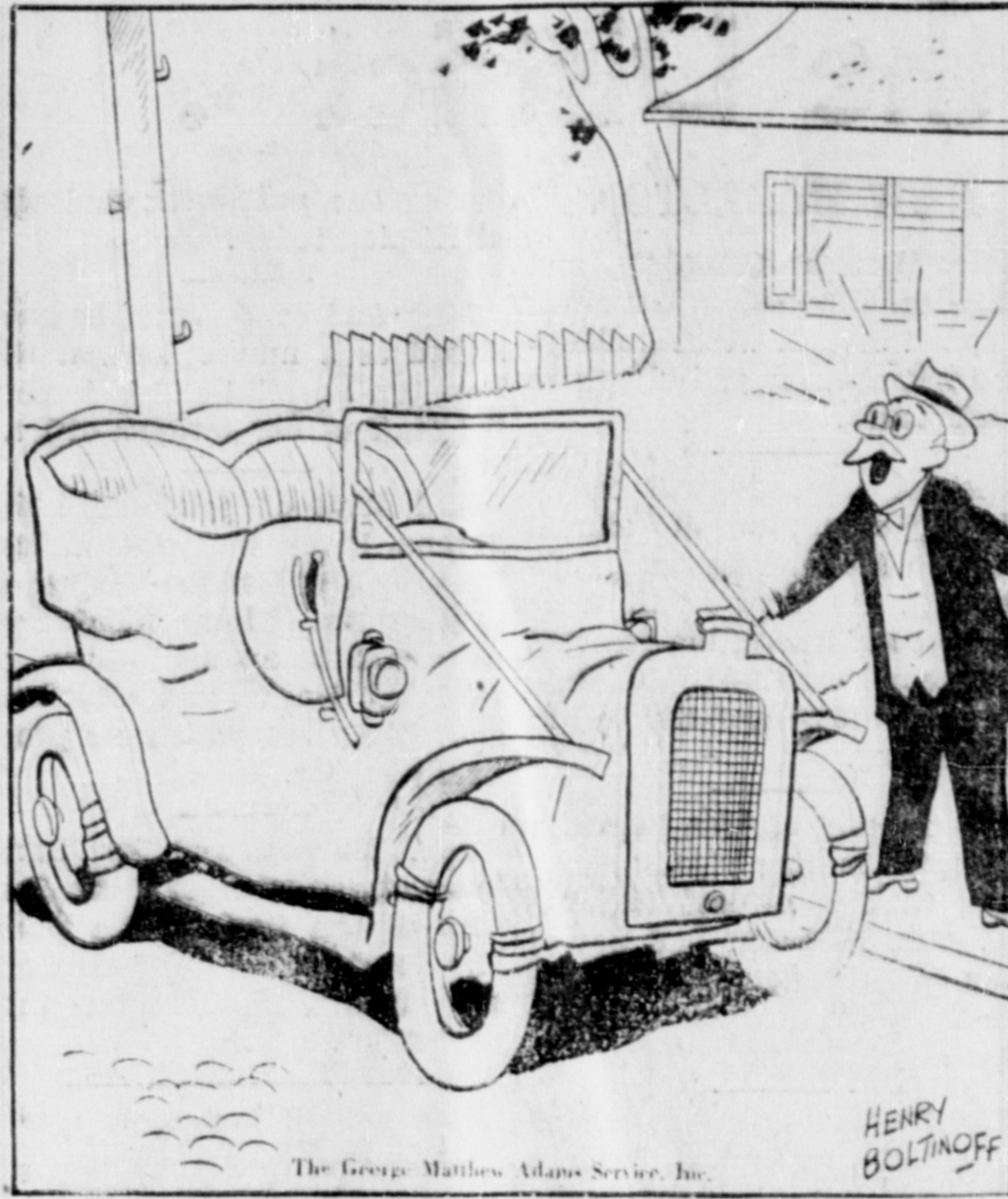
DEVELOPMENT of the pulp and paper industry into the Dominion's biggest manufacturing enterprise in which 200,000 workers are employed is reviewed in a booklet recently issued by the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association.

The booklet traces the industry's growth from the building of the first Canadian paper mill at St. Andrews, near Lachute, Que., in 1803. There are now more than 80 pulp and paper companies in Canada operating 108 mills with output at about \$375,000,000. Of all the peacetime domestic manufacturing industries, pulp and paper stands first in employment, first in total wages paid, first in export values, first in the net value of production and first in capital invested, the booklet reveals.

In newsprint alone the Dominion has a mill capacity of 4,250,000 tons yearly and 94 per cent of the output is exported. Canadian production supplies three of every eight newspaper pages printed throughout the world. Normally the industry accounts for 14 to 24 per cent of the Dominion's total exports.

Emphasis is put on the fact that the industry is making much progress with its program to build a perpetual industry despite the fact that millions of trees are cut down annually. Reforestation is expanding rapidly throughout the country and the main problems to be overcome are forest fires, tree diseases and destructive insects. A plea is made for greater governmental supervision of forest management and the fight against forest diseases and an appeal is made to individuals to take every possible precaution against fire.

THIS AND THAT



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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

- 1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I gave way all my money." 2. What is the correct pronunciation of "Adonis"? 3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Likelihood, licorice, limousine. 4. What does the word "syllabify" mean? 5. What is a word beginning with st that means "an incentive"?

ANSWERS

- 1. Say, "I gave away all my money." 2. Pronounce a-do-nis, a as in ah unstressed, o as in no, i as in kiss, accent second syllable. 3. Likelihood. 4. To form or divide into syllables. (Pronounce the a as in at, accent second syllable. 5. Stimulus.

Steamship Sailings

For Vancouver— Monday—ss Princess Adelaide, 10 p.m. Tuesday—ss Catala 12:30 p.m. Thursday—ss Prince Rupert, 11:15 p.m. Friday—ss Cardena, 9:00 p.m. August 14, 24, September 4. Princess Louise, p.m. August 17, 28, September 7. ss Princess Norah. From Vancouver— Sunday—ss Catala, 4 p.m. Monday—ss Princess Adelaide, Wednesday—ss Prince Rupert, 10:00 a.m. From Alaska— ss Prince Rupert, 7 p.m. August 14, 24, September 8. Princess Louise, p.m. August 17, 28, September 7. ss Princess Norah. For Alaska— Wednesday—ss Prince Rupert, midnight.

AIRMEN ADOPT JEW CHILDREN

Distribute Parcels From Home To Ailing Youngsters in Germany

MONTREAL—The story of how 22 Canadian airmen, seven of them Montrealers, "adopted" 22 Jewish children while stationed near Hamburg, Germany, and brought them back to health, was told here recently by one of the airmen, LAC Sam Kirshner of Montreal. Kirshner told how he and a friend, Cpl. Mickey Goldberg—both members of the all-Canadian Spitfire Unit which is believed to have topped all others in Europe in downing enemy planes prior to VE-Day—aroused interest in 20 other Jewish men on their airfield at Uetersen, west of Hamburg, to aid the children by distributing the greater part of their parcels from home among them.

The need was so great, the servicemen soon found their parcels far from sufficient so they wrote their families, friends and various organizations asking for more bundles of food and clothes. So successful were their appeals, that men who had been receiving one or two parcels a month were soon getting as many as 30 in the same period.

The parcels were remade into 12-pound lots, one being given periodically to each child. The donations, however, were not made haphazardly as the airmen had earlier investigated and written down the case histories of each youngster and knew just what each one needed.

EMERGENCY POLICEMAN

JOHANNESBURG—A chain of SOS call boxes is to be established in the Johannesburg central area to enable the public to act as emergency policemen in the drive against crime. These call boxes will operate on a system of direct communication by microphone, with police headquarters.

Women Authors Win Story Competition

JOHANNESBURG, (P)—Women authors have carried off the honors in a South African story competition in English conducted by an Afrikaans publishing firm in Johannesburg. Two manuscripts—"The Sea Hath Bounds," by Daphne Rooke and "The Expiring Frog," by Elizabeth Dagherleaves—shared the prize of \$800 and a 15 per cent royalty on a guaranteed circulation of 10,000 copies. "The Sea Hath Bounds" was Mrs. Rooke's first attempt at novel writing. She is the wife of a plastering contractor, and mother of a six year old girl. Elizabeth Dagherleaves was the pen name of Elizabeth Charlotte Webster, who came to South Africa in 1925 and died in 1934. Miss Webster wrote "The Expiring Frog" in the last two years of her life and her sister submitted the manuscript.

As an indication of the lengths to which publishers were forced to go to have their newspapers appear on time, one Plymouth paper was forced to rush copy to Exeter, 44 miles away, and after printing, make the return trip with the finished editions.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA IN PROBATE IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT" AND IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROBERT HURRELL GAMMON otherwise known as ROBERT HURRELL GAMMON DECEASED—INTESTATE TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honor E. D. Woodburn, Acting for and at request of His Honor W. E. Fisher, made on the 31st day of July, A.D. 1946, I was appointed Administrator of the Estate of Robert Hurrell Gammon, otherwise known as Robert Hurrell Gammon, deceased, and all parties having claims against the said estate are hereby required to furnish same, properly verified to me on or before the 18th day of September, A.D. 1946, and all parties indebted to the Estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith. DATED at Prince Rupert, B.C., this 5th day of August, A.D. 1946. GORDON F. FORBES, Official Administrator, Prince Rupert, B.C.

WOULD RAISE WAGE LEVELS

C.I.O. Makes Demand Government of Canada WASHINGTON—The Congress of Industrial Organizations has demanded that the government raise the wage level under the stabilization act and has hinted that it will be a round of new wage living in the United States checked.

AIRCRAFT DISPLAY LONDON—The companies will show the products at the first public display and exhibition by the Society of Aircraft Constructors, Ltd., Radlett, Herts., Sept. 19-20.

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DANGEROUS FUN!

- DON'TS FOR SWIMMING: Don't swim for at least one hour after eating a meal. Don't swim alone or to a distance at which you are not able to reach means of support in case of exhaustion. Don't dive into water unless you are sure of its depth and that it contains no submerged objects on which you might strike your body. Don't swim or wade in swiftly flowing rivers or in water that is affected by strong currents or tiderips.

- DON'TS FOR BOATING: Don't stand up in small boats. Don't jump from one boat to another. Don't take chances on the weather in a small boat or canoe.

Vacation time!—and thoughts turn to swimming, boating and fishing. They are all fun, but remember that these pleasant pastimes are fraught with danger.

British Columbia has the highest drowning death rate in Canada—an average yearly rate of 14 deaths per 100,000 population, over the past six years.

Most deaths from drowning are preventable. Avoid needless risks when swimming, boating or fishing. Only by increased vigilance and observance of common-sense rules of safety can we decrease the toll taken by drowning each year in British Columbia.



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