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UNFORTUNATE STRIKE

BRITISH COLUMBIA'S most serious industrial tie-up in many years commenced today—the strike of 37,000 timber workers—unfortunate culmination of failure to compose the dispute between the International Woodworkers of America Union and the operators. Until the eleventh hour there had still been hope that the strike might have been averted but both sides remained obdurate on points which were actually technical and beside the major issue. There had seemingly been the willingness on either side to compromise but the concessions did not reach far enough so the strike is on.

It is bad enough to have the timber workers in their thousands idle in all parts of the province and there will be few parts of British Columbia where the strike will not be immediately felt. Allowed to continue it will not be long before other fields of industrial activity will be hard hit and probably paralyzed, notably the construction line at a time when it is most important that it should be maintained in the fullest activity possible.

Unfortunately, the workers themselves and people who are not directly involved in the dispute will be the ones to suffer the most and the longer it lasts the worse their plight will be. The operators stand to lose little except the inconvenience of the disruption and disorganization. They are, of course, in a much better position than the workers to tough out a long tie-up which, in due course, will come to an end through force of public opinion if nothing else—and everybody will probably be worse off in the end.

In the United States, the newspapers paid the highest hourly wage in 1945, nearly 42 cents above average, of any of the 70 durable goods industries, according to the U.S. Bureau of Statistics.

STRONG DEMOCRACY

MARSHAL STALIN and his Soviet Russia, which he rules with rod of iron, can be given credit for one thing—the ability to make decisions and stand unwaveringly behind them. The decisiveness of the Soviet in matters of foreign policy, and that decisiveness is to be felt in many parts of the world these days, is something that might be emulated by other of the big powers—notably Great Britain and the United States. It would tend to better understandings and more effective treatment of the world's problems if there were such decisiveness on our part.

Too many extraneous considerations are allowed to influence action

in questions of universal moment in the world. We bicker at home on matters of deep and crucial moment that should be settled with the utmost expedition. In our temporizing we develop characteristics of vacillation, indecision and "diplomacy" to an absurd degree.

There comes a time when commonsense and strength of character must be exerted, public opinion notwithstanding, if there is conviction that ultimate results justify the course. The dalliance of the democracies is possibly one of their greatest weaknesses today. Nothing that is weak survives in the law of nature. We must make our democracy strong.

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A lot of Misses haven't missed as much as you think they have.
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THE PROBLEM OF PEACE

EVEN NOW, in the most enlightened and the most peace-loving nations of the world, it is sought to prevent future wars by providing sufficient collective armed strength to deter the vindictive, the ambitious, and the greedily aggressive from attempting what it is sought to make appear impossible, writes Frank Perrin in Christian Science Monitor. If no other method can be discovered or agreed upon, this may be commended. But, after all, it may prove, as similar methods have proved in the past, only a deterrent. Wars can never be banished until the cause of war has been discovered and removed. None of the good qualities which we of the great homogeneous family possess and seek to reflect have ever incited human warfare. With few, if any, exceptions, it will be found that human greed and human selfishness have always been the aggressors. The actuating cause of war is a desire either to possess something enjoyed by another, or to destroy it, that it may not be enjoyed by anyone.

In the thought of many wise and serious-minded men and women today, we stand at the crossroads of a world in which a great decision must be reached. It is agreed, it may be assumed, that another and more terrible war cannot be endured with hope of human survival. What is the alternative?

It avails little if anything, to call out peace, peace, when there is no peace. It does little good to preach the doctrine of the good-neighbor philosophy to those who have no comprehension of neighborliness. The message falls on deaf ears if those whom it is desired to awaken do not understand. And yet there are millions of honest and earnest men and women in the world today who would be glad to sacrifice all to carry the message. How can we, by understandable human methods and means, implement good as we seem to have so ingeniously and cunningly implemented the forces of destruction? It is the answer to this pertinent and pressing query that we must seek and find, and finding, go forward hopefully, and courageously into a battle that is not alone ours.



FIRST SOVIET ENVOY IN CHILE—First Russian ambassador to Chile, Dimitri Zhukov, attired in his gold-braided diplomatic uniform, salutes the crowd that gathered to cheer him as he rode to the presidential palace to present his credentials to Vice-President Alfredo Duhalde. Seated beside him in the automobile is Chilean Chief of Protocol Joaquin Larrain.

NEWS REEL CAMERA MAN CATCHES UNUSUAL PORTLAND CANAL SHOTS

One of the most spectacular experiments in northern mining transportation ever to be essayed has commanded the attention of moving picture news interests. Yesterday going south aboard the steamer Catala was Douglas Sinclair, news reel photographer for Warner Bros., who went to Stewart expressly to

RESUMING WORK ON UNUK RIVER

Thomas S. Mackay is expected to arrive at Stewart within the next few days from Vancouver in connection with the resumption of development work by a syndicate of former Premier officials on Unuk River mining property. The work has been suspended since before the war. The supplies will be flown into the Unuk River from Stewart.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT" and
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN ROBERTS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS BOB ROBERTS, DECEASED—INTESTATE
TAKE NOTICE that by Order of His Honour Judge W. E. Fisher, Local Judge of the Supreme Court of British Columbia, I was on the 10th day of May, 1946, appointed Administrator of the Estate of John Roberts, otherwise known as Bob Roberts, who died on or about the 8th day of September, 1945. All persons indebted to the said estate are required to pay the amount of their indebtedness to me forthwith and all persons having claims against the said estate are required to file them with me property verified on or before the 15th day of June, 1946, failing which distribution will be made having regard only to such claims of which I shall have been notified.
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PREMIER STRIKE VOTE

Editor, Daily News:
Contradictory to the statement in a recent edition of the Vancouver Sun that 20 Premier employees voted for strike, we submit the following report:

On April 12 a mandate strike vote was taken by the employees of Silbak Premier Mines Ltd., Local 694, the result being 129 for and 37 against. The reason for the vote was to get behind the eight point program of the national wage policy of the entire mining industry of Canada.

The program being a basis for negotiations, the following is a brief of our eight point program:
Twenty-nine cents an hour over-all wage increase.
A forty hour week.
Overtime pay at the rate of time and one-half for other than eight hours.

Full pay for statutory holidays not worked, double time if worked.
Off shift differential rate for all work in second shift of five cents per hour, for all work on third shift of ten cents per hour, and for all work on the second shift of a two shift operation of seven and one-half cents per hour.

Vacations with pay.
Sick leave pay.
Severance pay.
Guaranteed annual work or wage equivalent, sufficient to maintain an adequate standard of living.

This is why members of Premier Local 694 say we must have a 29 cent an hour wage increase now:
Our members of parliament gave themselves a \$2000 wage increase (tax free). No doubt they need it but so do the miners.

Mr. Sinclair was well pleased with the pictures he obtained and is confident they will be of considerable interest to the devotees of movie news reels. He also took pictures around Myder and along the Premier Mine tramline.

He flew in to Stewart about ten days ago.

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But not a word from Mackenzie King about ordering a raise in wages for the workers to take care of the increased prices.
Wage increases, shorter hours, union security and price control are what every Canadian worker is fighting for from coast to coast. All the unions across Canada are united in this important fight.

We feel that the only way the prosperity of the Stewart district this summer would be interfered with is by the refusal of mine operators to negotiate an increased wage to its employees.

LOCAL 694
Chairman, James Barrett
Secretary, Thomas Bailey
Local President, Thomas Dunn.

W. D. Smith, M.L.A. for Atlin, after spending a week visiting his constituents at Stewart and Premier, returned to the city on the Catala yesterday and will be leaving in a few days for Atlin and Telegraph Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pettman of Premier were passengers aboard the Catala yesterday going through to Vancouver on a vacation trip. Mr. Pettman is chief accountant for the Silbak Premier mine.

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