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Conspiracy Brews to Nip Off Rupert

(Continued from Page 1)

twisted off down the Fraser River to Vancouver. But branch curved through the Selkirk Range and down the mighty canyon of the Skeena to Prince Rupert. This branch would become the principal rail supply line to the men fighting to hold Alaska against the invader.

"On April 5, 1942, Prince Rupert was officially designated as a sub-port of the Seattle Port of Embarkation. Engineer troops and civilian construction workers poured into the town. "For many years the Cana-

dian National had run only a mixed train, half day coaches and half freight, from Prince Rupert to Red Pass three times a week. Suddenly the rails began to hum. Locomotive whistles echoed in the canyons of the Skeena and the Bulkley. A daily passenger train, complete with pullmans and diner, commenced making the trip in each direction. Special troop trains ran as extras. The rusty old sidings were loaded with long freights, running behind double - header engines.

Thoroughfare

For War

"Extra sidings were constructed too. Bridges and trestles were reinforced. New rails and ballast were added. One of America' most scenic rail routes became a thoroughfare for war. An armoured train was put into service behind a mammoth diesel locomotive to protect the Prince Rupert line from possible aerial Prince Rupert and to Seattle anti-aircraft weapons. Canadian manufactured at Detroit can be soldiers manned it. The bristling | put down on the dock at Prince steel cars patrolled the countain Rupert for the same cost it is tracks which connected Prince hauled to Seattle. Cigarettes Rupert with Red Pass Junction. | produced in North Carolina can

Army Engineers went to work. by rail as cheaply as they can Alaskans and their delegate in Dockage along the waterfront be set down at Terminai No. 4 was doubled. A huge warehouse in Portland. It costs no more to was built. Office buildings were haul a radio set built in Chicago put up. Barracks and quonset to Prince Rupert than it does to huts took shape overnight. Mar- | Tacoma.

ine repair shops and dry docks were added; so was a cold from Seattle to Alaska? What storage plant. Across the broad are rates from Prince Rupert to Prince Rupert harbor, a military Alaska? staging area was built at Port Edward. There, men were housed while enroute to or from the Skagway; the cost from Prince Alaskan theatre of war.

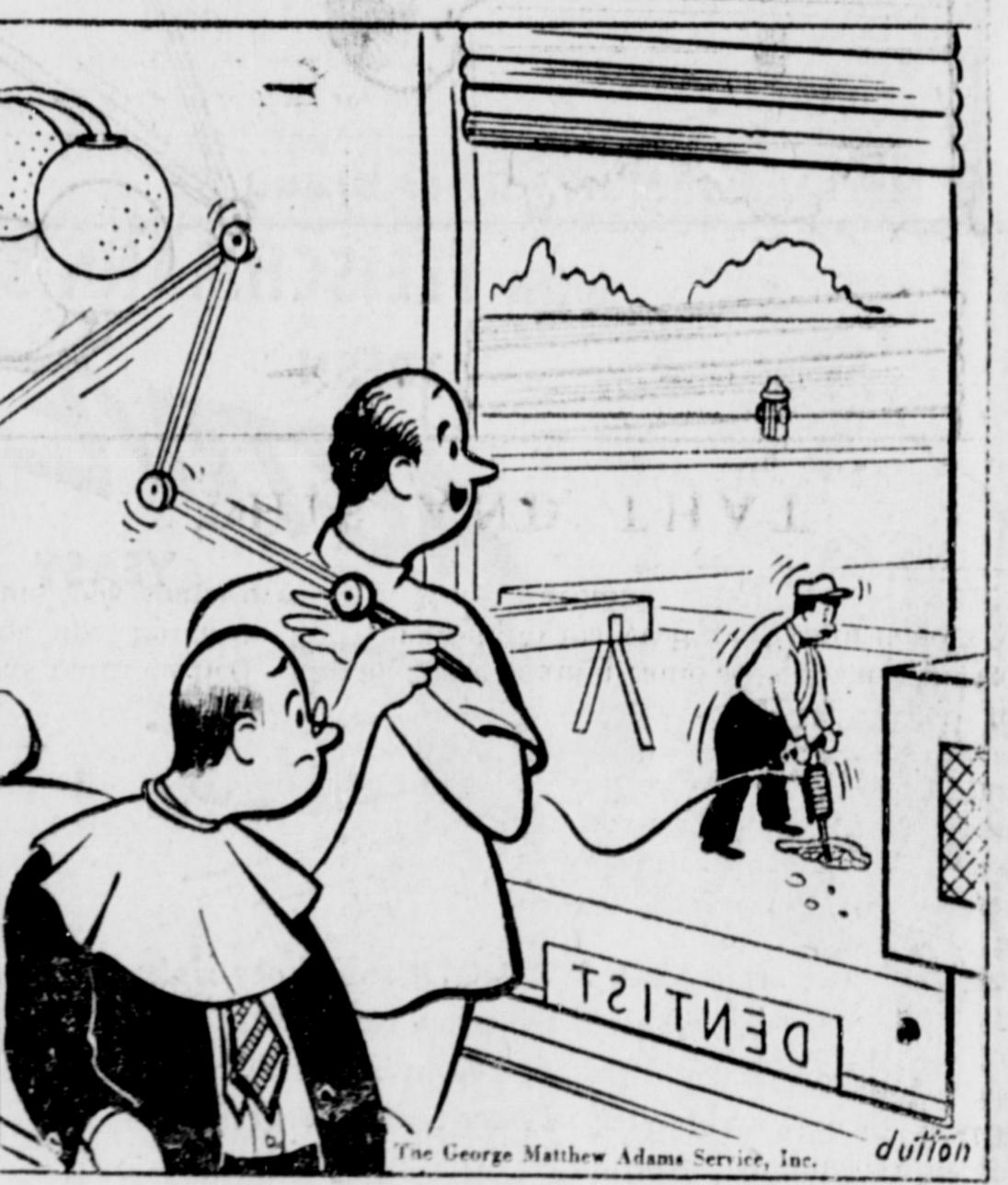
"Freighters stood at the docks in Prince Rupert, taking on supplies for Ancharoge, Seward Nome, Dutch Harbor and other A radio set weighing 100 pounds key Alaskan points. Barges shipped equipment to Juneau and Skagway for \$3.72; the cost from Skagway at the far end of the Inside Passage. Bulldozers and \$3.45 to ship an aircraft tool steam-shovels rolled through kit from Seattle to Skagway; Prince Rupert every day-equip- the cost from Prince Rupert is ment for the construction of the \$2.40. 1.600-mile military road from Dawson Creek to Fairbanks. Where formerly a locomotive whistled three times a week in the gorge of the Skeena, the granite walls now resounded

the noise of innumerable trains. "The United States Army spent \$17,600,000 converting Prince Rupert into a model, modern port. Hon. James A. MacKinnon. Canadian minister of trade and commerce, says that his government spent an additional \$1, 796,775 for a naval base and harbor defences.

"Today, Prince Rupert is the best equipped seaport north of Seattle and Vancouver. It is the only northern port tied to the interior of the congenent by rail. These facts vitally affect the future of trade and shipping in the North Pacific.

"Railroad freight rates to attack. This train was fitted with and Portland have been equalsearchlights, machine guns and ized. This means that a tractor istry are forbidden by the Jones "In Prince Rupert itself, the be transported to Prince Rupert

THIS AND THAT



"Some day I'd like to try my hand at one of those."

DAILY NEWS

Your Assistance Invited

The Daily News is completing a Roll of Honor which it is hoped may contain the name of every man and woman of this city to serve with the armed forces at sea, or, land and in the air. To make this list complete, it is essential to obtain the co-operation of the public as a whole in submitting the names.

It is impossible for the Daily News or any one person to compile the list complete so we are asking YOU to be responsible for the submission of the name of YOUR boy. YOUR girl or YOUR friend.

The following is the information we would like you to fill in and send to-

> ROLL OF HONOR EDITOR Daily News, Prince Rupert

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Service (Army, Navy, Air Force)
Rank
Next of Kin
Relation
Address
Date of Enlistment
Date of Discharge
If Casualty, Nature and Date

Remember, if YOU do not submit a certain person's

name, no one else may. You are responsible.

the Alaska military highway and related undertakings "What are steamship rates

cost from Prince Rupert is \$1.42

Alaska Trade

Route Challenge

of the Alaska trade.

Portland and Vancouver fore-

Act to carry freight and passen-

"Tariff and customs regu-

lations also interfere with the

extended use of Prince Rupert,

a Canadian city, as the trans-

portation gateway to Alaska, an

American territory. Yet this is

certain to be a controversial is-

sue all along the Pacific sea-

board for many years to come

The mountain rail line to Prince

Rupert has been improved. The

United States government has

spent \$17,000,000 to raise the

standard of Prince Rupert's port

facilities. Alaskans are already

insisting that they receive the

Last year the North Pacific

Planning Project, directed by

our State Department, suggested

that a pulp, plywood and paper

industry be built up in South-

eastern Alaska by using the

Prince Rupert portal. The study

car ferry through the smooth

waters of the Inside Passage to

Prince Rupert. From Prince Ru-

pert the big eight-drive-wheeled

engines of the Canadian Nation-

al could roll them to any points

in Canada or the United States.

of the town was Charles Melville

Trunk Pacific Railway, who built

munity back on the map. Thirty-

five hundred American soldiers

arrived on troop trains and

transports. More than 1.500 men

went to work in the local ship-!

yard and dry dock. Additional

engineers, brakemen and main-

tenance crews poured in to help

man the extra railroad service

The population shot from six

thousand to approximately

double that figure. In 1939 car-

goes weighing 14,781,000 pounds

had been unloaded from Cana-

dian vessels at Prince Rupert;

by 1943 the total had soared to

1,500,000 tons of cargo were ship-

ped through Prince Rupert by

the American Army during the

war. Approximately half of this

went to garrisons and task forces

half to the regiments and civil-

72.026,000 pounds.

from Alaska.

benefit of these developments.

far north?

continued.

Hampered By

Regulations

"Today, Prince Rupert is the focal point of a transportation controversy which may shake the northland. It is 640 miles nearer to Alaska than is Seat-"It costs 97 cents to ship 100 tle, 820 miles near than is pounds of flour from Seattle to Portland. It is a rival of its sister Canadian city of Van-Rupert is 48 cents. It costs \$3.08 couver for the trade with the to ship 100 pounds of cigarettes Orient. It is 5,800 miles from from Seattle to Skagway; the Vancouver to Hong Kong, but the Crown colony in China is only 5,300 miles from Prince can be shipped from Seattle to Rupert. Shanghai is 5,230 miles from Vancouver, only 4,270 Prince Rupert is \$1.71. It cost miles from Prince Rupert.

expensive American facilities in Prince Rupert has not yet been | launched as soon as additional | month lectures on food hand settled, according to Brig. Gen. Robert Wylie, assistant chief of vided. "Shipping tolls from Portland, transportation for the U.S. Tacoma and Vancouver are sub- Army. This, too, is a hot issue. stantially the same as from Seat-Washington state congressmen tle. Thus it can be clearly seen do not want the quipment left why the development of Prince behind to become a factor in Rupert as a seaport challenges | rivalry with Seattle and Tacoma the entire routine and pattern for the lucrative Alaskan trade. | Nor are Vancouver commercial "If a Ketchikan fisherman has interests eager to see Prince Rua successful salmon season and pert grab the profitable empire wants to buy an Oldsmobile or trade with the Orient; these in-Chrysler sedan, he must pay terests can bring strong political \$86.70 to have the automobile pressure on the Dominion govshipped north from Seattle. But ernment to forego the purchase if it is shipped from Prince Ru- of the Prince Rupert piers and pert the shipping cost will be warehouses. "Senator Warren G. Magnuson

"The sale or removal of the

and others from Seattle point "Does this mean that Prince out that American taxpayers Rupert will supersede Seattle as paid millions of dollars to imthe principal ocean gateway to prove the Prince Rupert seaport Alaska? Are Seattle, Tacoma, and add to the Prince Rupert rail services. Many of these taxdoomed as shipping points to the payers live in Seattle and the Puget Sound region. Why should "Prince Rupert is a Canadian they have facilities paid for out port, and vessels of foreign regof their own pockets, used to develop trade and commercial rivalries which might cost them gers between Alaskan harbors. their jobs or livelihood? Magnu-During the war the Jones Act son and his colleagues do not was suspended and Prince Ruwant the American equipment pert became the main military at Prince Rupert left in position entrance to Alaska. Now, many to bolster a potential rivalry with American ports serving the Congress, Edward L. (Bob) Bart-Alaskan trade. lett, are demanding that the suspension of the Jones Act be

"This, they say, would be like financing a competitor-and when there is already competition enough."

Briefs From Britain

EDINBURGH, O-A guard of honor composed of Canadian war veterans resident in Scotland turned out at the Waverley Railway Station here to salute Field Marshal Alexander after he received the freedom of Edin-

LONDON, O-With no ceremony, 35 pictures of Hitler, withdrawn from a sale of German embassy fixtures, were burned | in boilers at the Ministry of

CAERNARVON, Wales, (P. Lord Harlech has been appointed proposed that roalroad cars be constable of Caernarvon Castle, loaded at the Alaskan plants succeeding the late Lord Lloyd and mills, and then moved by George.

> WHITBY, Eng., (P)-The Whitby West Pier lighthouse has been found to be nine inches out of plumb. The lighthouse is 811/2 feet high and was first used in

"The Prince Rupert route." GLASGOW, Scotland, O-At said the State Department study. the end of 1945 ships totalling "suggests vast and important 1,612,810 tons - highest since possibilities for trade to and March, 1930-were under construction in Britain and North "Prince Rupert has an extraern Ireland. ordinary history. Patron saint

Hays, president of the Grand trict Lot 369. Village of Terrace Map 972. WHEREAS satisfactory proof

the picturesque line to the mountain-studded harbor just loss of the above Certificate of Title south of Alaskan waters. Hays issued in the name of Henry Stewart had high hopes for Prince Ru-Creelman has been filed in this ofpert but he perished when the shall, at the expiration of one month great liner Titanic struck an icefrom the date of the first publication hereof, issue a provisional Certificat berg in 1912. The town deteriorated, and Hays' Grand Trunk cate, unless in the meantime Pacific was absorbed by the gov-DATED at the Land Registry Ofernment-owned Canadian Nafice, Prince Rupert, B.C., this 4th day of March, 1946, A.D. Andrew Thompson, "World War II put the com-Deputy Registrary of Titles.

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Medical graduates who previ- Accredited Food ously desired to qualify for a Fellowship of the Royal College | Handlers in City of Surgeons had to go abroad The school will also incorporate food handlers in the restar "refresher" courses for country have now won "accredited" and suburban practitioners.

Doctors are not the only ones | ments of the Provincial po who will benefit. The patients of Health, it is announced by at the hospital will receive treat- G. Harper, sanitary instent ment from the skill of masters of attached to the local w surgery. The school will be health unit. During the accommodation can be pro-

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