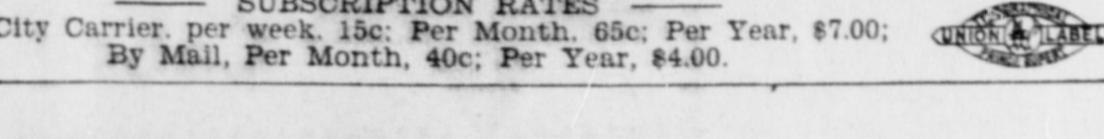
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Timber Worker's Strike

DRITISH COLUMBIA is facing the possibility of D another disastrous strike in the logging industry. If it occurs, thousands of men will be out of work. If the strike lasts any length of time, sawmills and pulp and paper mills will close. The whole industrial set-up of the province will be thrown out of kilter again. Halted will be the supply of much needed lumber for both domestic and export mar-

The unfortunate thing about it, of course, would be that the public itself would be the worst sufferer. A long loggers' tie-up would throw workers in many other lines out of jobs and the loggers themselves would eventually be in a bad way. Ironically, the least hurt would be the operators against whom the strike would be called. The only really happy people would be those among us whose aim is merely to create trouble and chaos. .

If the strike does start it will, of course, end some time and the ending would probably be a settlement on the terms that are rejected. Who would then have been the real sufferers? The most of recent strikes have certainly not been turning out to the benefit of the strikers.

AMERICAN POLITICS

THE OVERRIDING by United States Congress of President Truman's veto of the Taft-Hartley labor bill was described by one commentator as a great victory for Senator Robert Taft who is seen as one of the principal contenders for the Republican presidential nomination. Such it may have been from the standpoint of Congress itself, the Republicans, as a whole, together with the Demo-

crats of the right, having voted to override. It is doubtful, however, if the sentiment of the United States as a whole is as emphatically in favor of the labor bill as was Congress. There was a feeling no doubt, that some curbs on organized labor's power were necessary but whether they needed to have been so drastic as contained in the Taft-Hartley bill is another question. There might well be a sentiment that the swing in this bill was a little

Public reaction in the United States on recent sensational political developments, as a matter of fact, has not yet been thoroughly sounded. It may

too drastic in the other extreme.

be found yet that this reaction may swing more Trumanward than Taftward, or may further develop the Wallace third party. The Republicans, indeed, may have gone too far in their political machinations following their Congressional ascend-

BILL OF RIGHTS

THE RECENT parliamentary debate on civil liberties must convince most Canadians of the need of a Bill of Rights in this nation, writes Bruce Hutchison, well known British Columbia newspaperman and now associate editor of Winnipeg Free Press. Certainly the debate seems to have brought this conviction to most members of Parliament, regardless of party.

In the first place, Canada has a responsibility to the United Nations, whose Charter binds it to respect "human rights and fundamental freedoms for all." Since the United Nations is attempting to draft an international Bill of Rights, protecting the basic liberties of all peoples, it will be Canada's duty to apply such an agreement within its own boundaries. It was primarily in pursuance of this purpose that the Canadian government proposed

the present parliamentary inquiry.

It may be said that Canada's protection of human freedom is certain to be above the standard set by any international code at the present stage of history; that we can accept any international Bill of rights without altering our present laws and practices in any respect. But there seems to be agreement among all parties in our Parliament that Canada should not be satisfied merely to follow the leadership o other nations in this matter but man freedom is certain to have the standard set by any international code at the present stage of history; that we can accept any international Bill of rights without altering our present laws and practices in any respect. But there seems to be agreement among all parties in our Parliament that Canada should not be satisfied merely to follow the leadership of other nations in this matter but should give leadership to them.

Only a few nations in the world today can give such leadership for only a few nations enjoy real freedom. Among this small group, and as free as any of them, is Canada. The argument which apparently was accepted in Parliament is that, having declared in favor of freedom in an international charter, Canada should demonstrate its devotion to this ideal by positive action which all the world can see and understand. In short, if we believe in freedom for the individual, we should no longer hesitate to write it into definite law, which we presently lack. Thus, we shall not only provide protection for our own people but we shall encourage the development of freedom elsewhere.

Liquor Act Criticized

Was Among Matters Discussed at Anglican Synod, Mr. Prockter Reports

Rev. Basil S. Prockter, rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Cathedral, returned to the city by Saturday night's train after having attended the Anglican Synod of British Columbia held in Penticton last week. Mr. Prockter travelled by bus to Prince George to catch the train. He had flown south from here last

The Synod was also attended by Bishop Gibson, Archdeacon Hodson, Rev. S. Kinley of Aiyansh, and G. P. Tinker. There were 30-odd delegates altogether. Archbishop W. R. Adams of Kootenay presided.

Church business occupying considerable attention included a move in the direction of establishing a fixed Metropolitan See at Victoria. Up to this time the Archbishop has been the senior bishop of the province and he has stayed with his own diocese. It was seen as of value if the man who could speak for the whole Anglican Church in British Columbia could reside at the seat of government.

An amendment to the method of electing bishops was also suggested which would simply make it possible for the House of Bishops of the Provincial Synod to make nominations on these occasions. It was felt that clergy and laity in remote areas might appreciate some guidance when faced with the task of electing a bishop.

YUKON BISHOP IS DISCUSSED

Another matter receiving considerable attention was the possibility of immediate appointment of a new Bishop of Yukon to replace the late Rt. Rev. W. A. Geddes. It was felt that immediate steps ought to be taken in spite of the fact that the population of the Yukon was not large nor likely to increase in the near future. The hope was expressed that Yukon migh have a bishon like Bishon Rowe of Alaska who was not on Bishop of Alaska but also bishop - at - large who wer through the length and breadt of the United States awakenin the membership of the Episcopa Church to its missionary respon-

A very prolonged study was made of the condition of the native work and a report of recommendations which have been made to Ottawa on behalf of the native neonles. One of the delegates at the Synod was Chief Raymond Dunstan of Lytton.

A closer organization of men in church affairs was seen as highly desirable and encouraging news was received as to progress in this regard during the past year on Vancouver Isl-

Turning to the question of church union the Synod urged that every opportunity be taken to study the matter in the parishes by the formation of groups to meet for conversations with groups from other churches.

On the question of religious education in the schools of the province, the Synod heard that the graded readings of the Bible for the Schools are now in the hands of the printers. It asked that the government consider the possibility of the teaching of the essentials of religion in the school to all except those whose parents did not want it. Informational Bible teaching was seen as something which the church could not regard as essential. What was essential was that children should learn the basic Christian beliefs, how to pray and the difference between right and wrong-in other words, the Creed, the Lord's Praver and the Ten Command-

The Liquor Act of the province was seen as not functioning in any way in the interest of true temperance. In the dreary beer swilling establishments not even a sandwich or a magazine or a piece of music was allowed to interfere with the supreme business of beer consumption. Regulation compelled a transient to take a bottle of liquor into a bedroom in order to consume it. These were seen as encouragement to intemperance and vice. However, the Synod did not feel that all the answer lay with the government and called on parents, clergy and teachers to enlist in the cause of true temperance.

Other social matters that came in for sympathetic study were



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Daughter of Former Mayor Newton Dies

Isabelle, daughter of the late Mayor and Mrs. S. M. Newton died recently in California, this being long after her removal to and marriage in the United States. Word of her passing, which is understood to have occurred a considerabletime ago will be learned of with regret by old time friends in Prince Rupert. In pioneer days she was accountant in the office of The Evening Empire.

labor-management relations and the old age pension. Some reference was also made to British immigration.

The Synod was very kindly treated by the people of Penticton. It was the first time a Provincial Synod had ever been held eut of Vancouver and Victoria and was voted a most welcome and enjoyable change.

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