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Coal Miners' Strike

OFFICIALS of the Alberta and British Columbia labor departments are entitled to credit for putting arbitration machinery into operation so promptly in the "wild cat" coal miners' strike which even union officials say is unauthorized and illegal.

How the strike came about, who arranged it and who gave the signal to lay down tools are interesting questions but the point of greatest importance is that production from the coal mines is practically ceased in the middle of winter and a prolonged tie-up would have serious results, affecting even the railway systems to say nothing of the industrial and domestic consumers generally.

It is to be hoped that rapid progress will be made in arranging a new working agreement and getting the mines back into production.

There is no intention of suggesting that the coal miners, whose occupation is a hazardous and difficult one, none too attractive at the best, are not entitled to all they can get in the way of wages and working advantages. But their demonstration, even this far, has been impressive enough and, without much harm having been done to date, they might be well advised to get back to work before suffering ensues and public resentment is aroused. They will not strengthen their case by freezing the consumers into hostility.

THE HOME GARDEN

HOME vegetable gardens may well become a permanent source of food. They can play an important role in efforts to place a floor under food consumption in this country, to maintain and even increase the wartime gains we have made nutrition-wise. Many people are not eating the kinds of food that make for good diets. They suffer from hidden hunger, which causes lack of vigor and mental alertness, high infant mortality, and low life expectancy.

Home gardeners increase the consumption of fruits and vegetables, and teach better food habits. A survey in 1944 proved that families owning gardens actually bought more fruits and vegetables than others.

Thus the home gardens program can help us realize an economy of abundance. It can help overcome the effect of limited food budgets, it can help to overcome indifference and poor food habits. It can provide a growing and more stable market for commercially-produced fruits and vegetables.

Gardening can do much to improve the surroundings in which we work, live and play. It can improve the setting of our homes—enhance the value of the home itself. A gardener who starts growing a few vegetables will soon broaden his activities. A few flowers at first, and then a more ambitious job of landscaping. When he finishes his home, he is apt to look at his community with a more discerning eye. Pride in one's home will lend to pride in one's community.

The immediate job is to help increase our domestic food supply. In meeting today's problems, the home gardener also will be contributing to the nation's future.

'GOLD RUSH' OVER

WELL, we all had a flurry of fun. The advertising was free and far. No harm was inflicted on anything or anybody. A few had day dreams of quick and easy affluence and some tasted a spot of sultry excitement. Prince Rupert's gold stampede has petered out. Surveys and examinations by prospectors and drillers say the ground does not justify further explorations.

The Trail of Avenue Park has just about faded away. But the rush was great while it lasted.

GANDHI'S INFLUENCE

MAHATMA GANDHI, taking a square meal consisting of a few sips of sweet lime juice, cheers up and says he will now round out the normal span of life, consisting in his case, of 125 years. That would make about 33 more years to go.

On the whole it would seem that Gandhi's short fast has done a lot of good. There has been less battle, murder and sudden death, and more of parading, cheering and smiling around an odd country, India. All that's needed now is a good, thick T-bone steak, nicely broiled, for Gandhi.

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PRINCE RUPERT YEARS AGO

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

January 18, 1923

The 1923 school board, at its first meeting, authorized an investigation into the Booth School "affair." W. E. Fisher was engaged by the board to give advice as to the line the investigation should follow.

The unemployment condition in the Prince Rupert district was not as serious as it was the previous year, according to J. M. Campbell. There were 70 men out of work.

The Granby Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company's improvement program at Anyox for 1923 was set at \$1,200,000, according to H. S. Munro, general manager.

Mrs. Beckwith, mother of Mrs. A. R. Nichols, returned to the city from Victoria where she had spent several months with another daughter, Mrs. A. M. Manson.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

T. D. Pattullo was elected mayor of Prince Rupert over S. M. Newton by a majority of 122. The aldermen elected for Ward One were M. P. McCaffery, George W. Kerr and George Leek and for Ward Two John Dybbahn, L. Bullock-Webster, D. Sutherland, G. R. Naden and T. R. Maitland. J. A. Kirkpatrick, O. H. Nelson and J. H. Thompson were successful candidates for the school board.

H. Gordon Munro, architect, died at the home of Capt. and Mrs. H. L. Robertson, Borden Street.

News was received of the drowning of Percy Graham, an employee of the B.C. Fisheries Co. at Alford Bay. Fred Newham, mate of the trawler Triumph, was also drowned, but his body was not recovered.

P. D. ROSS, AT 90, IS ACTIVE

Around the dinner table in Ottawa's dignified old Rideau Club, one night last week, the directors of the Ottawa Journal raised champagne glasses to their publisher. "To P. D.," they cried. Philip D. Ross was 90. He went home at 10 o'clock. He had to work next day.

At 90 "P. D." is as lean and straight as the day in April 1879 when he walked into the Montreal Star office and asked for a job.

On New Year's Day, 1887, with a borrowed \$4,000 he bought a half interest in the fledgling Journal. After 60 years as publisher (and now principal stockholder) "P. D." gets out a paper that nets around \$100,000 a year.

When "P. D." slashed at the Thomas Lindsay, owner of an Ottawa department store trafficking in public utility, franchise as usual. —Time.

TELLS ABOUT OKINAWA ISLE

Southern Outpost Still Shows Marks of Conflict

A letter was received in Prince Rupert yesterday from James A. Greer Jr. who wrote from Okinawa in the Western Pacific. He is in the United States Army fire department and was stationed here during the war. He wishes to be remembered to all friends.

Greer flew all the way from El Paso, Texas, to Naha, in Okinawa. Altitude, most of the long way, was about 10,000 feet. He was in Honolulu for a day. Several storms were encountered on the way across and in Guam the heat was severe. Telling of Okinawa, where there was extremely heavy fighting, he said he arrived December 29. The island is about 35 miles long and from 3 to 15 miles wide, and rough and hilly. It took 82 days to take it from the Japanese. Many sunken ships can still be seen lying around. Mr. Greer expects to be there for at least a year.

Newspapers Help Polio Shut-Ins

AUCKLAND, N.Z. — Newspapers, although gravely short of newsprint, have come to the rescue of distracted mothers in New Zealand, where an epidemic of infantile paralysis has closed all schools. The health authorities have banned children from the beaches near the main centres and from camps, picture theatres and all other places of entertainment.

As a result children are practically confined to their own homes all day every day. To assist in keeping the children amused the newspapers are publishing each day games, competitions and puzzles suitable for the children to do at home. Special departments have been established in the newspaper offices to handle the thousands of entries received daily for the competitions. These are being run on a district basis and have aroused keen interest among the children who spend several hours each day working on any contest for which they are eligible.

AIR PASSENGERS

To Vancouver—A. R. Strachan.

To Sandspit—B. Timmermeister, R. P. Smith.

From Vancouver (Monday)—Mrs. G. Pritchard.

chises, the store cancelled its advertising. Next day, a quarter page of the staunch Tory Journal was blank except for these words:

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All Ottawa got the point, and Tom Lindsay hurried to write his surrender. "Take that damn thing out of the paper. I am sending copy for advertisement as usual." —Time.

Installation Of Gyro Club

District Officer Inducts New President and Executive at Highly Enjoyable Gathering

In an atmosphere of fine good humor and hospitable friendship, the installation of Orme G. Stuart, president, and other new officers of the Prince Rupert Gyro Club for the year 1948 was conducted before a happy gathering of some 110 club members and guests last night in the Knights of Columbus Hall by the district lieutenant governor, Wilson Hunt of Penticton. As usual, it was one of the highlight events of the year for the veteran local club which has now rounded out a quarter of a century of useful service in this city. The outstanding feature of the evening was Mr. Hunt's humorous but impressive address in discussing the precepts of Gyro and paying tribute to the high place which Prince Rupert enjoyed in the international chain.

"Never in the history of the world was true friendship more needed than it is today," asserted the installing officer. The small clubs, he held, were the real backbone of Gyro International which could not exist without them. The hospitality and friendship for which Prince Rupert was so noted and which had been so amply demonstrated during his visit here augured well for the 1949 district convention in this city. Mr. Hunt pledged all possible co-operation and assistance in connection with the staging of that important gathering here and he promised that Prince Rupert would not be disappointed.

The officers for 1948, whom Mr. Hunt came here to install, are:

President, O. G. Stuart.

Past President, C. G. Ham.

Secretary, E. D. Forward.

Treasurer, M. G. Brydges.

Directors — Jack Lindsay Jr., W. M. Watts, W. J. Scott and Dr. R. G. Large.

In assuming the presidential office, Mr. Stuart emphasized the importance of working together in service as the means of developing the true friendship which Gyro implied. He asked for the wholehearted co-operation and support of the members, challenging those who

were not prepared to put effort into the activities of the organization to resign forthwith. Retiring President C. G. Ham, before turning over the gavel for presentation to his successor, thanked executive and committees for their support during the past year. They had served well and such success as the club had had was entirely due to them. It had been a pleasure, indeed, to serve as president. Mr. Ham read the telegrams of greeting from David Allen and Dr. John Gibson, former local Gyros, now residing in Penticton.

MAYOR BRINGS CITY GREETING

Mayor N. E. Arnold was on hand, as one of the guests of honor, to extend the greetings of the city and to warmly congratulate the Gyro Club on its playground activities. She recalled the incident of a mass parade of school children in the city upwards of 25 years ago in demand for playgrounds. That was even before the time that Gyro had pioneered playground development here. Her worship also commended the club for its support of the Civic Centre and wished it success in 1948.

L. M. Gordon, Rotary president, spoke humorously in extending the felicitations of his organization. He referred to the harmony and friendship which over the years had existed between Rotary and Gyro and which continued today.

R. G. Moore, president of the Kinsmen's Club, commended the Gyro Club for its pioneer leadership in the betterment of conditions here for the children. Such work was also the principal objective of the Kinsmen's Club.

A pleasant incident of the evening was the presentation by Past President W. D. Lambie of



"Well, we are into the New Year," said the Old Timer as he paused in his constitutional this morning. "I'm wondering, as I suppose everyone else is, how it will go and what it will bring."

"I know what it could bring in Canada—the biggest and best year Canada has ever had, with the highest standard of living the Canadian people have ever enjoyed. Of course in saying that, you have to bear drought or calamity of any nature."

"Apart from those things, and there is no reason to expect them, there should be work for everyone who can work, and good wages, and steady improvement in living conditions, more houses and better supplies of almost everything."

"The only thing that could hold us back, so far as I can see things, is serious labor trouble and strikes. That could and would make difficulty, and yet they aren't necessary to start with and would do no one any good if they came."

"Honest, straightforward collective bargaining on both sides—that's the answer all the way. If labor and management both hold to that standard there should be no serious difficulty and it should be possible for everyone to stay at work. And if everyone does work, doing an honest day's job, there is no telling what heights of general prosperity we could reach—or how much help we could be to a world where so many people need help so much."

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a past president's pin to the retiring president in acknowledgment of his work and leadership during the past year. Mr. Ham spoke suitably in acknowledgment.

Following the dinner proceedings, tables were removed and dancing followed until 1:30 a.m., music being provided by Andy McNaughton.

The committee in charge of arrangements for the evening consisted of W. D. Lambie, W. J. Scott, C. P. Balagno, N. R. Youngs and George Murray.

Presiding at the door was George J. Dawes. Catering was from the Civic Centre.

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