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Unnecessary Restrictions

IN OUR NEWS COLUMNS today we relate the story of a Prince Rupert fishing company executive who wanted to come home from Ketchikan but had to wait five days for a steamer although Alaskan aircraft were standing by ready to bring him here, being prevented from doing so by the red tape of permit regulations accentuated by Ottawa's failure to even reply to a normal application for permit.

The lapse in execution of departmental routine is of course, merely incidental to the matter although it served to draw attention to the existing regulations. The important thing is to try and get something done about the removal of or relief from regulations which are hampering the carrying on of what should be normal transportation and communication by the modern means of aircraft between Alaska and Prince Rupert. Surely there should be no barriers such as this.

Air travel is more and more becoming the modern way of transportation and doing business. There can be no argument against facilitating closer and more easy transport between Prince Rupert and Alaska. Red tape should not be allowed to prevent it. So why not away with another offensive bit of red tape and let travel by air in these long distances be as simple as by steamship and other modes?

One theory is that the world evolved out of chaos. If true, it would seem it is nearing the end of the cycle.

HAIL BARBARA!

ALL CANADA IS PROUD of the Dominion's beautiful and skilful Olympic Queen of the flashing blades—Barbara Ann Scott of Ottawa—who won the figure skating championship at St. Moritz yesterday. It was a grand achievement and, while it is only one event, probably it is the most colorful of the whole Winter Olympics. In publicity value it is worth millions to the Dominion, particularly when won by one so charming and so modest as Barbara Ann who said in an interview last night that her ambition was to get home and start studying domestic science at university which is typical of the girl who may be said today to have the athletic world in bidding at her feet.

With Barbara having crowned herself and her country with glory at the Winter Olympics, our Royal Canadian Air Force hockey team is also giving a good account of itself so Canada is not doing so badly in the classic of amateur sport attainment.

PROVINCE ON JONES ACT

THE VANCOUVER PROVINCE comes out with the suggestion that Ottawa might do something to expedite the United States repeal of the Jones Act which keeps Alaska in bondage to Seattle shipping interests by preventing Canadian vessels from serving the territory as they might well be doing. It is interesting to note that the Province recognizes the strategic position of Prince Rupert with reference to Alaska, a situation that Alaska should and could be allowed to avail itself of.

Entitled "Why Keep Alaska Chained to Seattle?" here is the Province's editorial:

"Ottawa should put some real pressure on Washington to amend the notoriously archaic and unfair Jones Act which for so many years has helped to isolate Alaska and made it almost an exclusive 'preserve' of Seattle shipping interests.

"The Jones Act works a hardship on Alaskans and discriminates foolishly and unfairly against B.C. shipping companies. It is slated for some amendments by Congress this year but already the U.S. Maritime Commission has recommended against any change which would enable Canadian vessels to carry passengers and freight between Alaskan ports.

"The commission also takes a dim view of a bill to authorize shipments of merchandise to a Canadian port via a Canadian railway and then to Alaska on Canadian vessels. The law now permits such shipments by Canadian vessels to points in the continental United States but forbids it to Alaska.

"As the law now stands Canadian ships can't carry passengers or freight from one Alaska port to another and can take into Alaska only passengers from Canadian ports and products of strictly Canadian origin. There is even a story that a Canadian furniture shipment to the Panhandle had to be routed through Seattle because the furniture was held together with American-made screws.

"U.S. business, too, would often like to send goods to Alaska by rail as far as Prince Rupert and then ship them the rest of the way. But at present it must send them via Seattle, regardless of cost or inconvenience.

"For Alaskans the situation is absurd and irritating. Passing their doorsteps every week are Canadian vessels which are unable to offer freight service to or from other Alaska points or 'the outside.'

"If the United States is going to be consistent with efforts to reduce trade barriers and inequalities, it can do a little spade work close to home. The present shipping barriers between Alaska and B.C. benefit only the shipping interests of Seattle and Portland.

"Alaskans and British Columbians don't want them."

NATIVES ARE DOING WELL

People of Skeena Valley Are on Alert—Rev. Peter Kelly Pays Visit

Following a week's trip to native missions along the Skeena River as far as the Hazelton district, combining church business with that of the Native Brotherhood of British Columbia, of which he is Parliamentary delegate, Rev. Peter Kelly, chairman of home missions of the United Church for Prince Rupert, returned to the city during the week and last night headed back down the coast with his mission boat Thomas Crosby.

"The native people along the Skeena are alert and on their toes today," Mr. Kelly told the Daily News. "They are certainly alive to the questions of the day and none of the Indians of the province are making better progress than they."

At Kitwanga Mr. Kelly attended a meeting of the Native Brotherhood at which gathered officials and members from up the Kitwanga Valley to join those of Kitwanga. The meeting continued beyond midnight with a banquet between the business sessions.

At Skeena Crossing (Kitse-gukla) there was a service on Sunday morning with four christenings and in the evening at Kispiox communion featured the service with a congregation of 150 attending with 10 baptisms. Kispiox is to have the opening of a fine new church this spring.

In Hazelton on Monday natives representing Hazelton, Kispiox, Hagwilget and Telkwa gathered for a banquet.

Leaving here with the Crosby last night, Mr. Kelly will pay his usual calls at Port Essington, Hartley Bay, Iltimaat and camps along the coast on his way back to his base at Ocean Falls.

LETTERBOX

TO WHAT TRIBE?

Editor, Daily News:

Your editorial in appreciation of Dick Neuberger's illustrated article in the Saturday Evening Post is commendable.

However, and inasmuch as Prince Rupert might well feel proud of her progressive Indians, I am looking forward to a later editorial wherein you might tell us your reaction to the following: "To what 'tribe' do you belong?" And the possible embarrassment of being unable to claim any relationship whatsoever to the "Great Chief Wahoo" of comic picture fame let alone to some highly revered and noble head-feathered ancestor.

VIOLET INGALLS.

There's a night club in Hollywood where they have a midget fan dancer for the guests who are under the table.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE "ADMINISTRATION ACT"

AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANE ROSS, DECEASED
NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Jane Ross, deceased, late of Burrus Lake, British Columbia, who died on the 21st day of March, 1947, are hereby required on or before the 1st day of March, 1948, to deliver or send by prepaid letter full particulars of their claims duly verified to the undersigned at Box 658, Prince Rupert, B. C., as solicitors for the Executors of the said estate.

AND TAKE NOTICE that after the last mentioned date the Attorney of the Executors named in the will, James Tietzel Harvey, will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have had notice.

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SATURDAY SERMON

THE ETERNAL LIGHT

By Rev. Allan M. McColl, First Presbyterian Church

Under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, I saw a plain slab marking the tomb of the Unknown Soldier of France. In the slab a tiny flame burns constantly. The eternal flame symbolizes the perpetual devotion of the republic to the memory of the vast host who died that France and her ideals might live. Throughout the ages the ever-burning fire has been a symbol of those intangible things which the human heart insists should never be extinguished. In the ancient directory of public worship for the Jews in Palestine—the Book of Leviticus—there is a specific instruction concerning the fire on the altar. "The fire shall ever be burning on the altar; it shall never go out." The Book of Leviticus is perhaps the least read book in the Old Testament. Even for the Jews most of its laws have been a dead letter since the destruction of the Temple. Leviticus provided the rubrics for a form of worship which is practically extinct. Nevertheless this is one regulation which has a meaning for us. To the Jews it meant that there was always a fire prepared and ready whenever any sacrifice had to be offered. Let a worshipper come when he pleased, he had not to wait till the fire on the altar was kindled. "The fire shall ever be burning on the altar; it shall never go out."

This ancient instruction may well serve to remind us of an obligation we may not evade without serious consequences to our character and service. We are to maintain the fires of devotion on the altar we have dedicated to the worship of the Christ-like God. No sacrifice was possible without the fire. So no offering of love is possible or complete without the spirit of devotion. How many opportunities come to us each day, opportunities in which we can offer something worthy, which pass unused because in our hearts there is not the fire of devotion? "It is not from lack of opportunities that we suffer. Every day brings them to us. It is not from want of knowing what is right that keeps us back. It is the want of a constant readiness to do what we know."

To a large number of men and women today comes the question. What are you doing to tend the altar fires of high religious faith in God and man? I would not speak this word to anyone incapacitated by illness or declining years, but I would speak challengingly to the able-bodied spiritual invalids whose altar fires have burned low. Do not let us fool ourselves concerning the things we publicly inherit! With gratitude we may speak appreciatively of the high traditions of the race, but remember that there are realms of experience which by no possibility can you inherit. In them each person as he arrives must feed the altar fires. You can inherit real estate but not friendship. You may purchase an annuity but not home life. I cannot delegate another to tend the fires of inward personal character. "There are no proxies for the soul" as one Christian observer puts it: "Multitudes of people in Christendom have no more Christianity than they can outwardly inherit—its forms and customs. Yet living in a world where the spiritual life is available, it is a tragedy not to have some of it for one's own and be able to say of its inner faiths, its deep resources, its saving virtues. 'This is mine.'"

Does someone interrupt here and suggests that is well-nigh

impossible to maintain what St. Paul called "the spiritual glow?" That in certain seasons, Christmas and Easter for example, the fires burn with a bright and satisfying flame, but that when Monday returns and the trivial round is resumed there are only embers left? May not the reason for our gradual decline of devotion and interest lie in our expectation that sudden and great emotions will be sufficient? You will understand what the saintly Murray McChyne prayed for when he cried: "O Lord, hold me on at a steady pace." A steady pace—yes, that is what is wanted; "to go on forever and fall and go on again." But how can this be?

It can be felt, and the fire kept burning through the long days and nights of our sojourn by keeping close to Him who is our divine Prometheus. You remember the old Greek myth of Prometheus, who went up to heaven, lighted his torch at the chariot of the sun, and stealing fire, brought it down to earth. The Olympians never meant that man should have his secrets of fire and endeavour to recover the gift made by Prometheus. But this champion of men against the old gods suffered through the ages that he might bring light and warmth and mastery into the world of men.

It is not as a philosopher but as Prometheus that we worship Christ—the Man who came down from heaven to give men divine fire, Jesus himself once described his mission as that of a man lighting a fire, and what? He brought them to us. It is not from want of knowing what is right that keeps us back. It is the want of a constant readiness to do what we know.

There is an uncanonical saying of Jesus which reads: Who-so is near me is near the fire."

It has the ring of authenticity. Men of different temperaments and ability like St. Francis and Martin Luther, John Knox and Father Damien, St. Augustine and Phillips Brooks, John Calvin and Albert Schweitzer, have become light-bringers to humanity because they have been near that undying Flame of the Spirit of Jesus.

Have we failed to maintain the Spiritual glow? Have we neglected the fire on our altars? Keep close to the living Christ. Enthusiasm for humanity will not energize the most altruistic spirit for ever. Enthusiasm for Christ and His way of living toward God and among men will supply the dynamic required to live well. You would have a more brotherly society? A more fraternal order of men? But welding diverse elements is a hopeless task. Molten affections, fluid sympathies will cause brotherhood to flow like molten streams from a central fire. And that fire is found in Him who is the Light and warmth of the world. Thank God, every one of us can bring fuel to the holy fire. We can strengthen it with knowledge, feed it with thought, quicken it with expression and deepen it with prayer. Each of us can say, "By God's grace I will be in my place in the sanctuary so that 'The fire shall ever be burning

on the altar, it shall never go out."

There is the famous story of Mrs. Katie Walker and the Robbins Reef Lighthouse in New York Harbor. Her husband was the keeper of the lighthouse and was stricken with serious illness and was taken to the hospital on Staten Island. Mrs. Walker remained on Robbins Reef to do his work. One dark day the message came that he had entered into the land where the Lamb is the Light thereof. "We buried him," said Mrs. Walker, "in the cemetery on the hill over there. Every morning I stand



First Presbyterian Church
Fourth Avenue East
Rev. Allan M. McColl, Minister
Mrs. E. J. Smith, Organist

Morning Worship, 11 a.m.
Anthem, Junior Choir:
"Show Me Thy Way, O Lord."
Sermon:
"I Am Debtor," "Incorrigible Borrowers."
Sabbath School, 12:15.
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.
Sermon: "The Resurrection."
The next chapter in the Apostles' Creed.

REGULAR BAPTIST

(FUNDAMENTALIST)

Sunday, February 8, 1948

"God So Loved The World That He Gave His Only Begotten Son." Jno. 3:16. (Scripture).

1:00 p.m.—5th and McBride

12:15 p.m.—Sunday School.

7:30 p.m.—Gospel Service. (Prayer—Praise—Testimony)—

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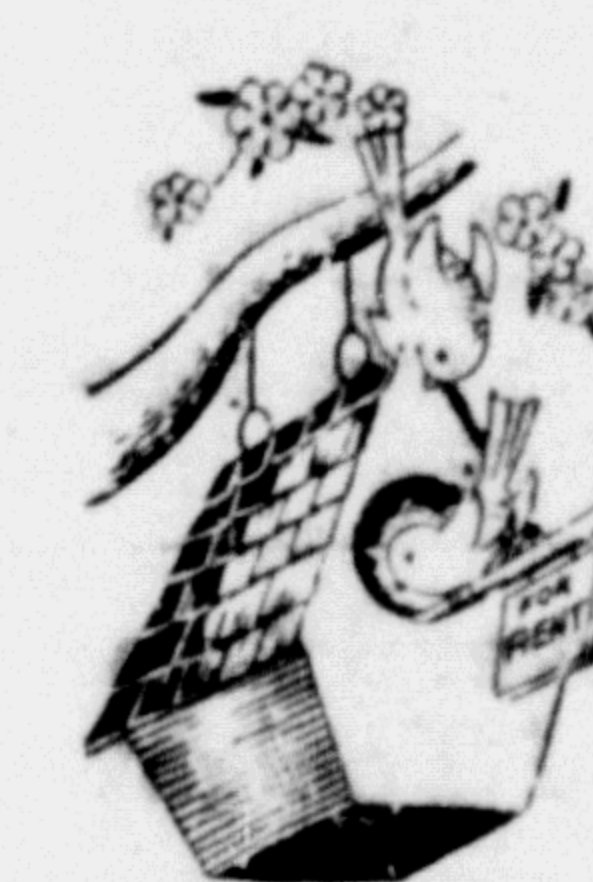
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"The fire shall ever be burning on the altar; it shall never go out."

"Come Holy Spirit, heavenly dove,

With all Thy quickening powers,

Kindle a flame of sacred love On these cold hearts of ours."

DIRECTORY

Services in all churches at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday School at 12:15 except as shown.

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4th Ave. W. at Dunsmuir St.
Holy Communion 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 2:00 p.m.
Rector: Basil S. Procter, B.A., B.D. (Blue 733)

FIRST BAPTIST
5th Ave. E. at Young St.
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
4th Avenue East (Green 982)

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636 6th Ave. West
Minister: R. A. Wilson, M.A. (Green 613)

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221 6th Ave. West
Pastor: Paul A. Barber (Green 620)

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Fraser Street
C.O.: Capt. Earl Jarrett
Directory Class 2:30 p.m.
Sunday School 3:00 p.m. (Black 269)

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Pastor: E. Soland (Black 913)

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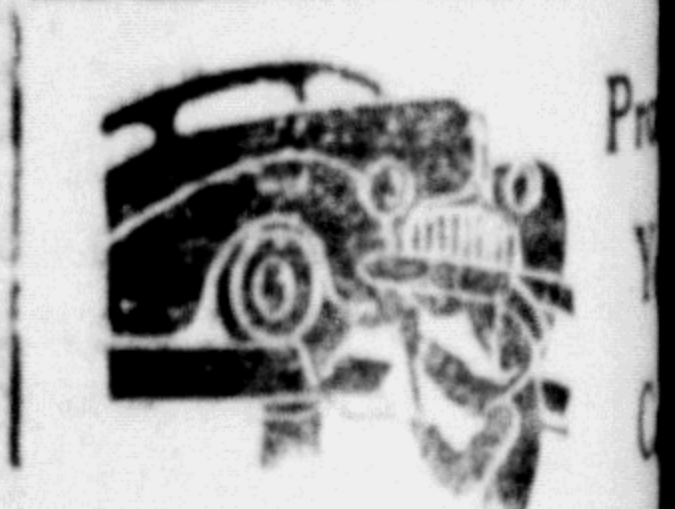
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