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Holiday Shut-Down

A GOOD MANY FIRMS appear to be adopting the practice of closing down for a week or so in the middle of summer so that everybody may take annual leave at the same time. One wonders if the practice, which might become a permanent custom, is a very sound one and where it might all end.

Just suppose the local dairy decided it would not deliver milk for two weeks, what howls there would be from the very people who would gladly shut up shop for a couple of weeks! How would it be if the public services—electric light, telephone, garbage and such like—decided to take a couple of weeks off? Suppose the people in the Post Office should knock off and no mail was serviced for a couple of weeks! What if the doctors and dentists all went on vacation at the same time. Let us suppose that the newspapers closed down for a couple of weeks. What a chance that would be for the bureaucrats to pull a fast one!

When one considers the whole thing, it would seem that the holiday close-down has gone about as far as it can.

REAL PIONEERS

IT'S A CENTURY since the days of the "covered wagon." One hundred years ago this month—August, 1848—the territory of Oregon was organized. That far back, what is now the State of Washington was also included in the region.

It was during the early forties, across two thousand miles of wilderness that thousands of families blazed the way and followed the trail toward the sea.

The course they took was, in many important respects, copied in the building of the first transcontinental, the Union Pacific. Their descendants helped the people till the land and found cities.

The indomitable pathfinders took chances. They braved river crossings, mountain passes and sometimes Indian attacks. They were exposed to illness and hardships.

Even now, there are still traces of those heroic days. Low-flying planes can plainly see signs of wagon ruts, winding across the turf, where lurching prairie schooners and dusty horsemen once passed. There are still relics. Perhaps carvings on rock, old iron tires, or even ox yokes that have not quite disappeared. Years later, but not so long and on a smaller scale, Western Canada was to witness similar migrations.

These were the pioneers, the real ones!

TOKYO ROSE

TOKYO ROSE is on trial for treason. The news arouses more interest than the trials of General Tojo and a sample group of leading war criminals in Tokyo.

G.I.'s in New Guinea and the Solomons had desolate island evenings enlivened by the soft chirp of a radio voice reminding them of the pleasures—the less ethereal pleasures—they were missing in America. Of course, there was not a single Tokyo Rose handing out this line of crude and largely absurd propaganda. The name was a collective one for a group of feminine broadcasters, only one of whom was American-born and thereby open to treason charges in the United States.

At any rate, a petite Nisei propagandist who buttered her wartime bread by buttering up American combat men with seductive appeals to stop fighting and go back to normalcy is likely to have more news value than, let us say, little Marquis Kido, on trial with Tojo and Company, who whispered bristling words into Emperor Hirohito's frightened ears and helped precipitate a war.

It is one of today's ironies that the trial of a colorful minor traitor or the well-publicized "confessions" of a small-time ex-spy can snatch public attention away from far graver issues. The Tokyo war crimes trials, for instance, have fallen on deaf ears, yet they provide an education in the way aggressive war is planned—and the way plain issues are confused afterward.

Perhaps Tokyo Rose's words did take effect after all and Americans hustled back to would-be normalcy without troubling to examine the serious causes—as distinct from the sensational trimmings—of international rivalry and war.

THIS AND THAT



"I know this is your first fire, Brogen, but try not to be so tense!"

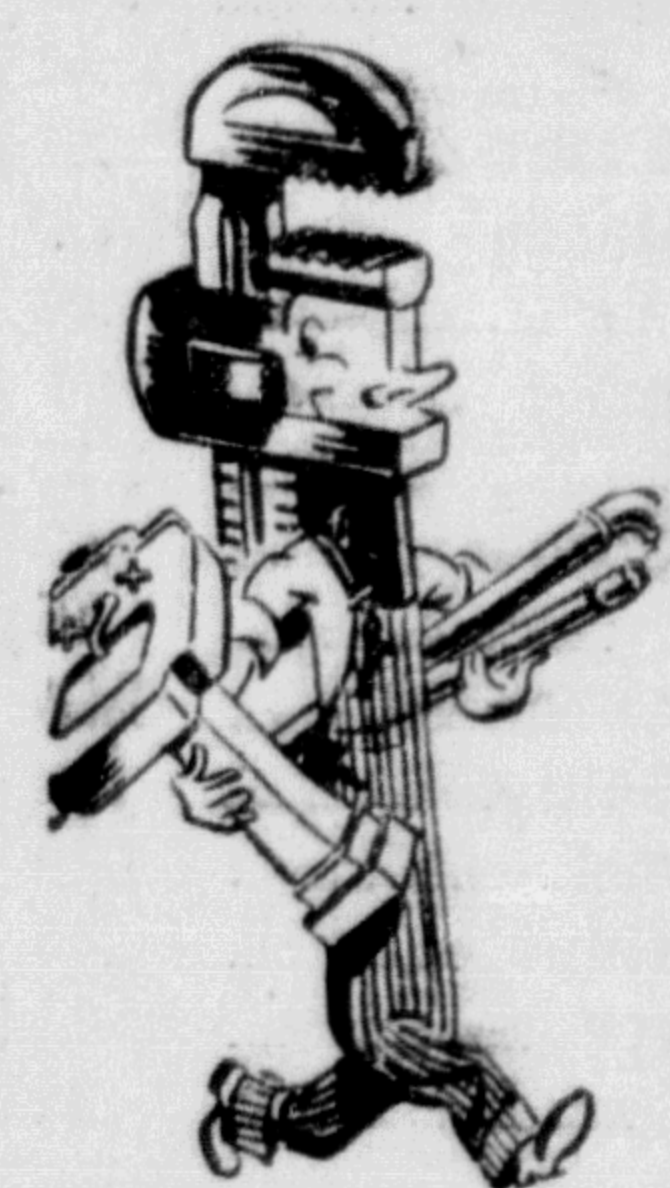
Reminiscences By W.J. and Reflections

The Uranium rush in British Columbia continues strong. Prospectors and other optimists are exchanging warm beds for blankets and the wilderness. They are becoming more accustomed to bacon and beans and early rising. There will soon be only one thing missing—a poet laureate.

The greater number of warships anchoring at Prince Rupert, the more does it seem the natural thing to do. To be somewhat on the spacious side is better than being one of a crowd in a pocket-size harbor.

A British military command, unveiling a war memorial recently, scorned the saying that "wars are inevitable, and acts of God." "Nothing of the kind!" declared this forthright man. Wars, he stated, are caused by the folly and gross materialism of men. There is something miserable and cowardly in blaming God when a homely truth is uttered.

The twentieth Century belongs to Canada, said a forward looking statesman once. Perhaps, but there's no time to be wasted. What of Prince Rupert, say half a century hence? Will this be the Dominion's major naval-air base on the Pacific? Will lofty buildings tower all over Kaien Island, and long bridges link with thickly populated Digby Island? Will we breakfast in Rupert, and enjoy luncheon in Hawaii, or Suva? Will there be bluejackets up town—only more of them?



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It would seem that not having had quite sufficient water for all ordinary or extraordinary purposes early last summer, the Fraser Valley is having a daily deluge, as autumn approaches. Driven from their homes by flood, thousands of families are still far from settled, being, so to speak, between the devil and the deep sea. They can still stand a helping hand.

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Letters to the Editor

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Editor, Daily News:

In your issue of August 25 there appeared a news item headlined as "Unfair Poll Tax" which shows those who sit on the inside that those on the outside do not get in on the inside news. A situation brought to attention a quarter of a century ago by Upton Sinclair remains to be explained to the public in your report but why was reference omitted to a workman seeking a refund of \$5 for deduction in his pay for poll tax when he had paid his annual property tax?

When Ald. Brooksbank and myself submitted a motion to council asking that the workman in question be refunded his poll tax, the Mayor ruled the motion out of order. When I appealed from the ruling to the floor of the council, it was only to have the high-handed ruling sustained by the council. GEORGE E. CASEY, Alderman.

AIR PASSENGERS

Thursday

TO VANCOUVER—A. Smith, J. H. Roach, Mrs. V. McGeer, C. D. Orchard, G. Martin, R. L. Lund.

TO SANDSPIT—V. King

Wednesday

FROM VANCOUVER—E. Ak-erberg, Mrs. V. McGeer, Mrs. Duncan and child, H. Bakklia, O. Christianson, C. Mah.

FROM SANDSPIT—K. York, M. Ross, Mrs. Price, Mr. Stevens, C. Jones, V. Young, E. Young.

NON-POLITICAL

Editor, Daily News

I would like to explain to the public just what the Home Makers' League is trying to accomplish. We are endeavoring to bring back controls on all foods in order to curb the prices from going higher. This can only be accomplished with the full co-operation of the public. Our meetings are not political as some of the citizens seem to think. We are urging everyone to attend these meetings to give help to a worthy cause.

Mrs. Stella Bartlett

HOW CAN I ???

By ANNE ASHLEY

Q. How can I prevent the smell of tobacco smoke in a room?

A. Place a lump of crystal amonia in a jar, with three or four drops of oil of lavender. Add a few tablespoons of boiling water and let the jar stand uncovered in the room.

Q. How can I make use of left-over cereals?

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Q. How can I soften the cuticle around the finger nails?

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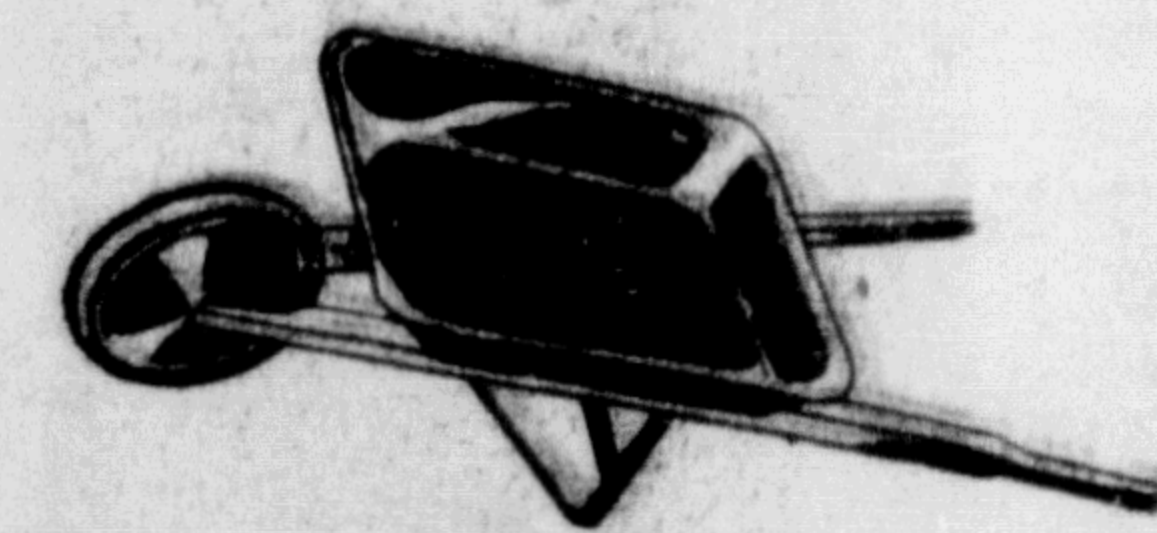
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MARGARET BRAIN FAVORITE TOPIC

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