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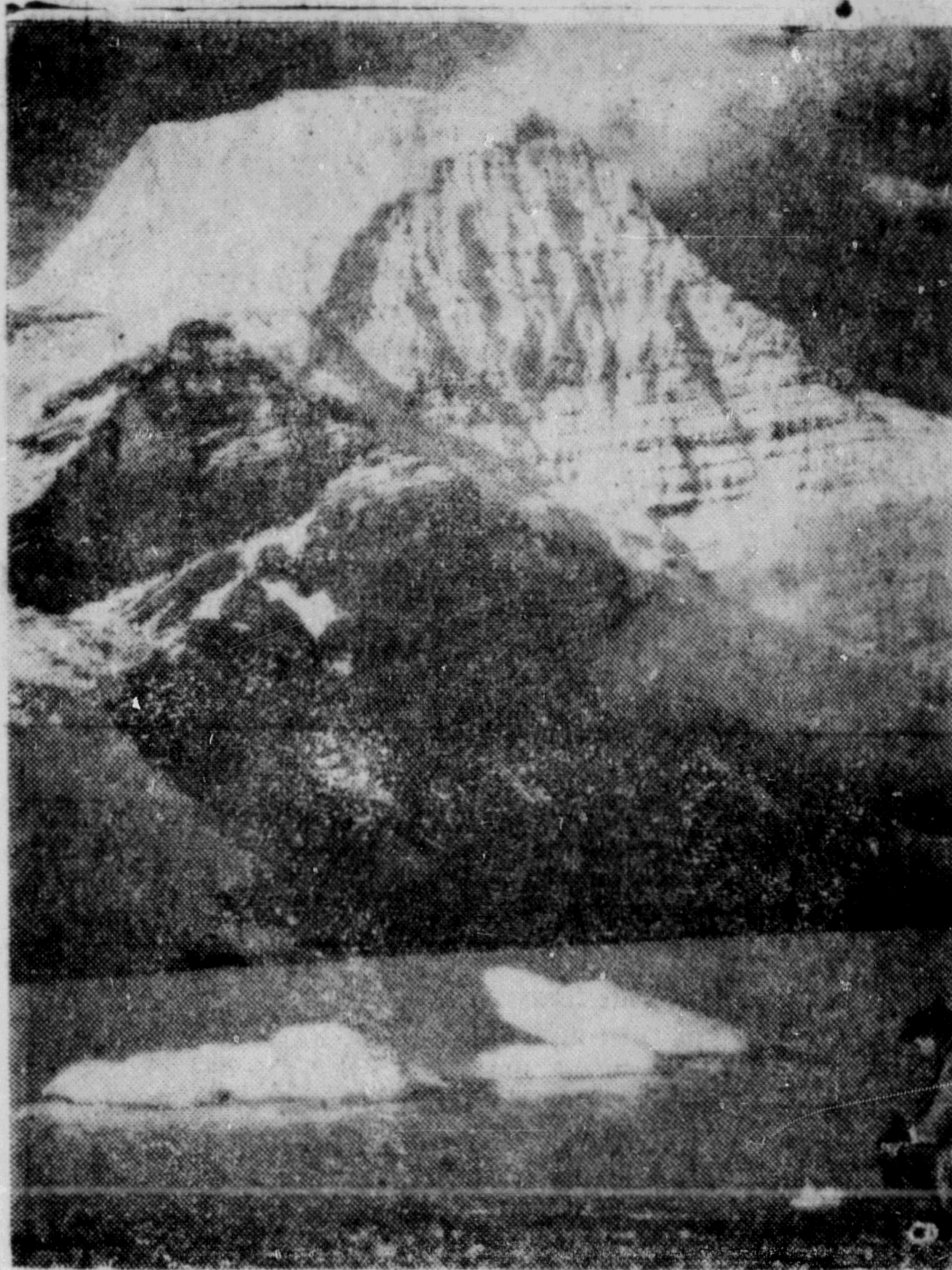
We Are Concerned

THE FAR EAST and the Pacific give promise of being the arena of the cold war in 1950. Possibly Russia is satisfied with the progress of her influence in Europe during the past year or so. Maybe she has been adequately checked. In any case, there seems to have been a settling down of the crises there although there is no telling when some incident or action may cause another flare-up and once again turn attention to that quarter.

Meantime, the Asiatic sphere, is the scene of mounting crisis and uncertainty, intrigue and anxiety. A year ago we might have believed, or possibly we would have chose to have ignore the possibility, that within twelve months the communists would have completely overwhelmed continental China and would be standing ready to pounce on the last Nationalist stronghold of Formosa.

It is a significant thing that Great Britain should this very week be breaking off with Nationalist China and recognizing the Communist government. Like it or not, and it is not necessary to speculate or even know how close in relationship and material support Soviet Russia and Communist Russia may be, that is a very notable diplomatic victory for Red prestige and influence. Other western powers, including Canada, will now either follow suit or ignore the situation.

These military and diplomatic events across the Pacific water are of great importance to us right here in Prince Rupert. Indeed we are perilously close to them. They will affect our future and are rife with implications which have the real possibility of involving us directly and personally. They are something to which thinking people cannot shut their eyes and ears.



MAJESTIC ROBSON—This is the glorious sight the rail traveller sees during a five-minute stop a few miles west of Jasper, Alta., in the breathtaking heart of the Rockies. Mount Robson, snow and mist shrouding its silent majesty, rises 12,972 feet into the clouds. (C.P. Photo)

EVEN POPULAR GIRL HAS HER PROBLEMS

TORONTO — The prettiest, most popular girl in a class often has the most troubles says Jessie MacPherson, for 15 years dean of women at Victoria College at the University of Toronto.

"Students' problems stem from emotional conflicts that must be dispelled before they can be

happy, and often these problems are attributed to the home," Miss MacPherson told an interviewer.

"With the world so open and complex, it is much harder for modern girls to believe either in themselves or in the world."

"I'm a firm believer in progressive education, not exactly in a hands-off policy but in leaving a student alone to develop in natural and positive trends."

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

The New Year started quietly in Prince Rupert. Not even a safe blown.

This is the rather cool month American and Canadian military forces will go away up north to find out what it's like in mid-winter. There are plenty of civilians, residing away down south who could give them that information.

Matthew Halton, Canadian correspondent in London, has already shown he is a pretty fair guesser. He is forthright and definite, and has plenty of competition. This New Year he tells the world that a British election is at hand and Churchill and the Tories will be returned. No "ifs and no buts." So much for little old Matt.

as a rule, work well together. Before this, reporters, invited to retire have fumed and stalked away. Others, smilingly pledging confidence, remained. But quite often the one who left, discovered the following day what it was all about. A row in the council is always first class copy. There was one during a Monday evening years ago, when, with no love lost between mayor and aldermen, the latter made the occasion one of embarrassment for the chief magistrate. Action was quick and positive. A constable was sent for.

Experience is said to be the best teacher. And considering what it costs, it ought to be.—Ex.

The British Ministry of Food can buy a South African tinned fish called snoek, more easily than salmon from British Columbia. So it's being done. Consumers are now discovering it takes a lot of thought, as well as work to disguise the taste of snoek. That's quite unnecessary where the glorious sockeye from B. C. is concerned. And who on earth wants to eat anything called snoek? That's punishment enough.

A local friend who tried to make a few phone calls New Year's Eve says he always found the line busy. A woman was speaking and there was much to say. He says he feels like revising the old saying "women's place is in the home" and have it go "on the phone" instead.

Municipal history here shows that city councils and the press,



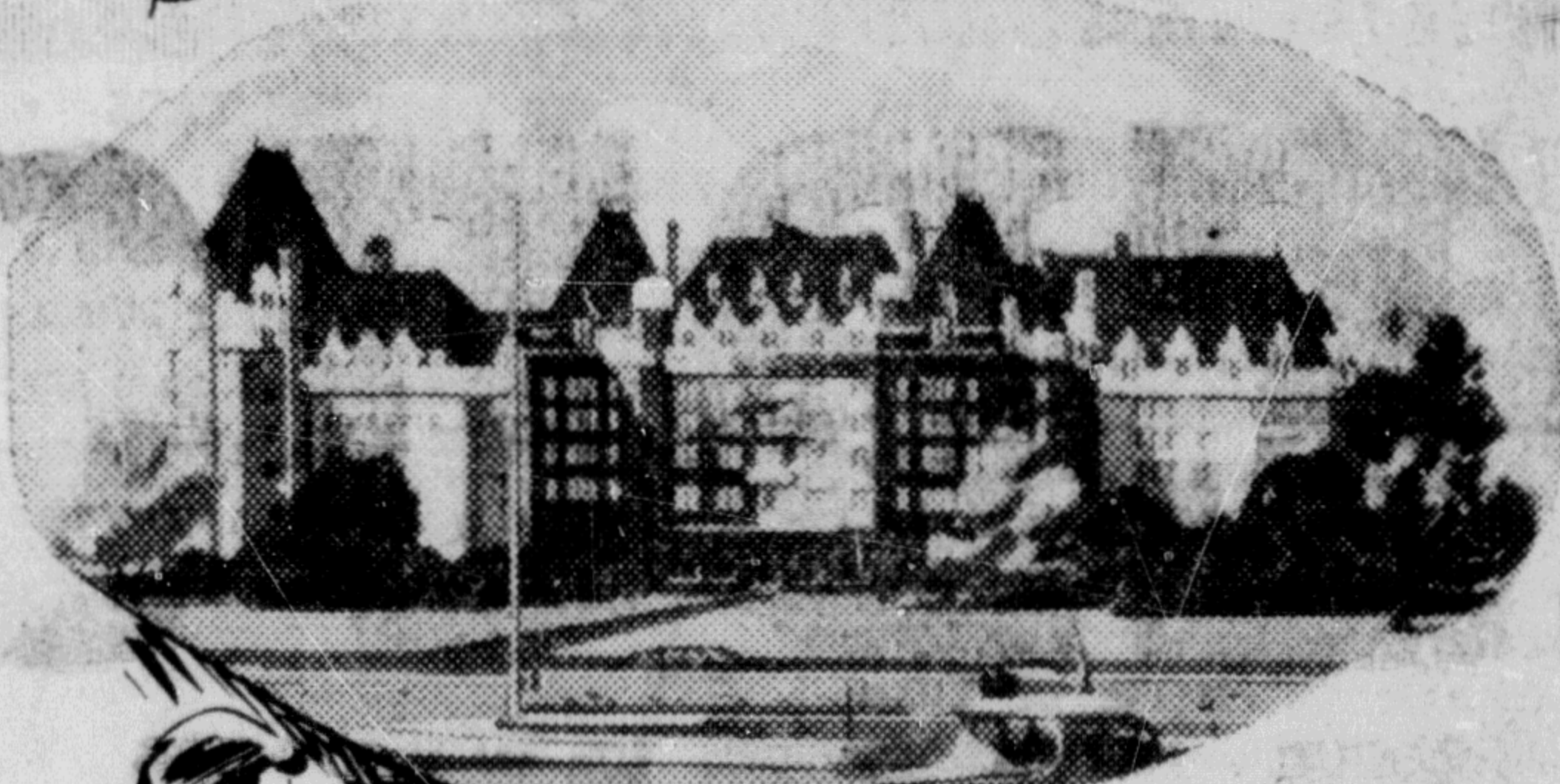
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Sons of Norway Hold Meeting

Weekly whist drives and dances of the Sons of Norway during the New Year will commence January 13, it was decided at a meeting of the organization in their hall last night. The short meeting was presided over by John Freidheim.

Mrs. William Craig, pioneer resident of Alice Arm, is visiting with friends in Prince Rupert for a brief period.

J. E. Linnem returned to the city on Wednesday evening's train after having been in Terrace over New Year. He reports a good crop of marten furs in that area.

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