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Benefits Enforced

THE BENEFITS that communism brings to the worker is the theme song of Red advocates who lyric over the levelling process that brings such untold benefit to the worker; benefits that he couldn't hope to secure in the decandent democra-

Czechoslovakia was one of those democracies, before Stalin's agents betrayed it for its own good and the outstanding benefit of the worker. Czechosolvakia didn't quite realize its industrial decadence. It thought of its progressive labor program, its standard 40-hour work week, as something that might well be viewed favorably by its great neighbor that had the worker's interests so much at

But Russia was interested in the worker in its own way. By its constitution of February 25, 1947, it had made the 48-hour week mandatory. Now, naturally, in its generous interest in one of its newest satellites it felt that all benefits should be shared. Officials of the Czech communist government made the "suggestion" no doubt at a hint from the Politburo. The Czech Minister of Industry in passing on the "suggestion" used a nicely-padded velvet glove. Said he:

"We could produce more if we would voluntarily decide that no free Saturday should exist in the five-year plan. Don't you think it is a crime against our building endeavors," he asked the Communist party conference 'when we do not work 52 Saturdays a year '"

What could be friendlier or more convincing to labor than that? Also, as the New York World-Telegram points out, the Czech worker who preferred his own ways still had a very obvious "out." If he didn't like the 48-hour week, he could always go to a concentration camp and work a seven-day week.

FIRE TRAGEDIES

TIVE YOUNG WOMEN and a youth perish in their burning house at Morden, Manitoba. Within another couple of days three children die when flames level their home at Shippigan, New Brunswick. Yesterday seven more persons perish in Hali-

Sixteen lives of value and promise taken, most of them with the journey of life hardly commenced.

Such repeated tragedies, fraught with killing shock, remorse and lasting grief, are so frequent as to be almost commonplace. It is idle to talk of reducing such fires through some system capable of being enforced. That's impossible.

Despite all laws, inspections and solemn warnings, people will fly in the face of Providence.

Flimsy buildings will continue to be erected and occupied. There are thousands of death-traps all over Canada, today, only they are called dwellings. Rooms will be overcrowded. Matches will be left where children can find them. Faulty wiring will be installed. There will be careless smokers. There will be overheated stoves and furnaces. Gasoline will be mistaken for oil. Children will be left alone. And there will be just plain, ordinary everyday lack of foresight. In hundreds of ways a blaze can originate, sometimes permanently unexplained.

As this is written it is practically certain that somewhere in this broad land—quiet farm abode or hustling city—the long arm of the destroyer is reaching out and finding its victim.

Perhaps it all comes down to a matter of personal alertness and vigilance—a self-imposed discipline that can actually get somewhere.

High Wage-Earners Few In Australia

SYDNEY, Australia (- Only three percent of wage-earners in Australia earned more than \$3,200 during the financial year 11)45-46. Figures just released show that these 63,313 higher income earners were paid 16 percent of all incomes paid during paid out 37.5 percent of all in- cendo, cretone. come tax. Biggest number of 4. What does the word "intax payers were in the low in- satiable 'mean? come group who earned between \$640 and \$1,600 a year. This 1. Say, "He would not consent than \$640 a year.

Classified advertising always by nature an insatiable desire brings results. to know the truth." -Cicero.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS . What is wrong with this! sentence? "He woul not hear to

our leaving so soon." 2. What is the correct pro-

nunciation of "pecan"? 3. Which one of these words the year. On top of that they is misspelled? Criminology, cres-

group numbered 1,286,121 or to our leaving so soon." 2. Pro-62.65 percent of Australia's 2,- nounce pe-kan, e as in me un-052,926 taxpayers. There were stressed, a as in can, accent 484,365 persons earning less second syllable. 3. Cretonne. 4 Incapable of being satisfied or appeased. "Our minds possess

MEDICAL PLAN "WORKING WELL" IN ENGLAND

State medicine is working out "very well" in England, according to Dr. W. De Sharpe, newlyarrived city doctor who recently completed post graduate studies in Old Country medical schools. He addressed the Rotary Club briefly at its Thursday afternoon luncheon meeting.

However, while the plan is satisfactory in England, he would not say that it could be applied with equal success in Canada, where physical and population conditions differ. Concentration of a large population into a small area works to its benefit.

"Over there, there is a population of 50,000,000 in an area about the size of Vancouver Island and state medicine works satisfactorily. However, conditions here are different.

Actually, the state medical scheme, he said, is no radical departure from the "panel" medical scheme which operated previously. Under the panel scheme, general practitioners handled large numbers daily to determine whether or not they were ill. If they were sick, he said, they were referred to specialists

The Rotarians also heard brief description of wartime army training in the area near Poole, Dorset, from Kenneth Thompson, a Vancouver visitor who serve doverseas. He gave sidelights on the English city after club secretary H. T. Lock had read a letter from the Poole Rotary club thanking the Prince Rupert club for a Christmas cake which had been sent over. Other visitors at the weekly meeting were R. I. Bradley, Edmonton, Charles Howes, Vancouver and W. H. Trotter, Prince

Rights to Contest Municipal Office Discussed

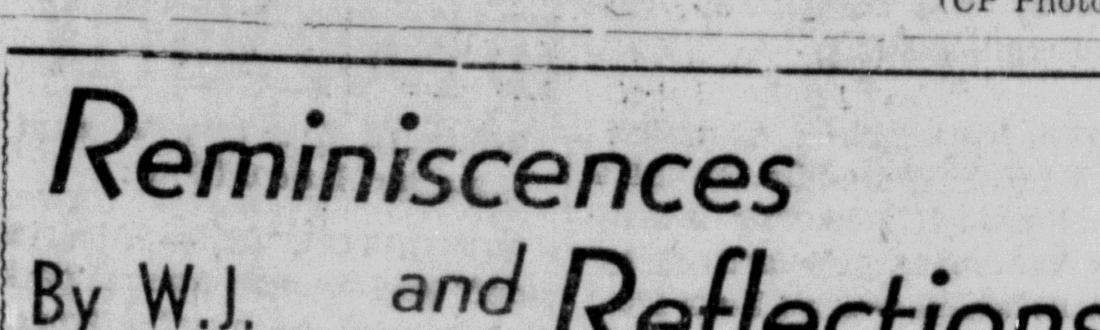
meeting of the Prince Rupert Islands in the summer. Parent Teachers' Association. A committee was appointed

to work in conjunction with the citizenship to teachers.

right to serve as councillors, aldermen, reeves and mayors, only," one member stated. "Present legal safeguards, which prevent businessmen-councillors from voting on matters in which their firms are immediately concerned, could easily be extended to keep teachers from voting on matters in which they are personally involved."

on his council would actually be trains a week from Edmonton. barred from voting less frequently than are the present members of his council."

Possibilities of holding a fall convention in Prince Rupert are being considered. This coners of a district extending as erts. far as such points as Ocean Falls and Terrace.



D. Bergen, locating engineer A new Masonic Temple was would receive Holy Communism. news editor with his wits about him, who caught "the break,"

ARCTIC TRAINING-Soldiers at the army's cold-weather training station at Churchill, Man.,

in their bulky winter garb, left to right, are: back row, Nursing Sister J. M. Strang of Mack-

Col. A. J. Tedlie of Montreal, commandant of the camp and Maj. S. B. McDonald of Cornwall,

officially opened by Tsimpsean and Tyee lodges with a grand rally of all members in the city A banquet followed the meeting at the new premises at the corner of Sixth, Avenue, and

The Whalen Pulp and Paper Co. re-opened its mill at Swan-The question of teachers hold- son Bay which had been closed allow all of his talents to laning office on municipal coun- since early December. The comcils in districts in which they pany planned to operate logging He has resigned as heavyweight live was discussed at the March camps on the Queen Charlotte

Bowser Street.

PRINCE RUPERT

YEARS AGO

Twenty-Five Years

Thirty-Five Years

Special services were held by B.C.T.F. seeking amendment to Rev. G. H. Raley of Port Simpthe Municipal Act granting full son at the Methodist Church in honor of the second anniversary "Teachers in B.C. seek the of its opening.

> Jack Lindsay, who received a trial shipment of timothy hay from the Bulkley Valley, said dren in Prince Rupert is 1,176. that it was the finest quality There was once a day when the

trip to Prince George and re- old Empire office, down on Ruported that the interior town pert Road. They had about mas-"One municipal head has was thirving, had a population tered the alphabet and it's safe stated that teacher members of 2,000 and was served by three to say their first reading mat-

To Vancouver-G. Aspinall, R. camp that long ago. vention would serve the teach- Joyce, M. Shapiro, S. B. Rob-

You Saw it in The News.

COLUMBIA ICE FIELDS-Speaking of cracked ice and deep freezes which are currently

dominating the headlines, this is a timely picture from Alberta. The picture is a medal winner

in the fourth Chicago international nature photograph exhibition at the Chicago Natural His-

tory Museum. Its title is "Columbia Ice Fields," by Alfred Blythe of Edmonton.

Someone just escaped making the year's prize boner. Joe Louis does not intend to guish, or to wither and decay. champion. Not for him, the humiliation of being unable to stand up again after having been knocked down-and with

50,000 more or less intelligent citizens looking on. The very thought is unbearable. Joe will devote his choicest thoughts to the business of promotion and preferment. So what pugilism loses, diplomacy gains.

The number of school chillocal school population, totalling less than 10, had their pic-Frank A. Ellis returned from a tures taken in a corner of the set sheet, run off on a handpress and bearing a message AIR PASSENGERS from John Houston himself. There was precious little reading matter anywhere else in

> Premier St. Laurent and Leadthoughts into words.

and Reflections

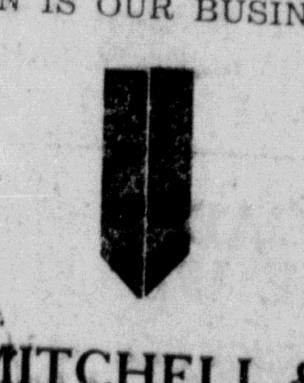
for the provincial department A Toronto news agency re- ministers make a few sultry re- tended use of machinery. of public works arrived in the cently circulated a dispatch marks. Desks are thumped and city to start a survey for a high- saying that on Sunday prayers a cross-fire of shouts from supway between Prince Rupert and for the welfare of Cardinal porters do not make the rafters Mindszenty would be offered ring, because rafters in a buildwhen some 20,000 Roman Cath- ing like the House of Commons' olics of the Holy Name Society never do anything of the sort Readers of Hansard, anticipat-It was a Lethbridge Herald ing racy reading, won't read porters sit back, for when everyand was quick to query if they body speaks rapidly at the same didn't mean "Holy Communion." time, who can hear?

word. There won't be any. Re-



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GETTING SCARCE Decline of Old British Craft Makes Restorations Difficult

LONDON (P)-Britain's abbeys, well known palaces and country homes may erican medical fall in decay, with no new stone waters in a buildings built to replace them, and radioses unless more masons can be Geological &

A works ministry report on waters for the "Recruitment of Masons" points Reports from up the danger.

Unless the rate of recruit- couraging 8 ment of masons can be raised, that the rethe stone industry will cease to use prove etc. exist in many areas. Quarries atism, skin will be forced to close due to disorders and lack of demand for stone and the ancient British craft of stone-working may disappear. The report said that if the

public and other stone buildings will be delayed. Then "maintenance of the country' architectural treasures

For KP

WEDNES

craft does not attract enough

apprentices, new building will be

impossible and repairs to church.

call woman "the weaker sex" with a smile, now that Canadian and American nurses are taking part in sub-Arctic training. The Canadian nurses with two United States nursing sisters will be in jeopardy." go on long snowmobile jaunts, sleep in snow huts and cook their meals outdoors. Shown here The Building pprenticeship and Training Council, which lin, Sask.; Nursing Sister J. I. MacDonald of Meota, Sask.; Matron E. B. Pense of Kingston, prepared the report for the min-Ont.; Matron R. M. Stoltz of Dayton, O.; Matron F. P. Thorp of Phoenix, Ariz.; front row, Lt.istry said 550 masons should be recruited annually. At the present the rate was only 128. It recommended that the government should consider measures to encourage stone building and preservation of the craft.

Main causes for the decline were said to be increased use of alternative materials, greater simplicity in architecural design, importation of worked stone from other countries and the ex-

would you like to be a market gardener in that country? One recently required a new shaft for a wheelbarrow. First, he had to apply for a license of the proper form from a surveyor of the district council. The license had then to be registered and filed by the district surveyor. It had then to be registered and filed by the timber merchant. Another by-election in Eng- And the cost of the piece of



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