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Where Scandinavia?

KNOWING our good friends, the Scandinavians, as we do, and Prince Rupert's population consists of a substantial percentage of them, we can say with full assurance where their sympathy and sentiment lies as between east and west. So it is no surprise to read a dispatch which suggests that all of them may be in the North Atlantic Security alliance within six months. Norway has already decided to come in, the governing party of Denmark favors joining up and only Sweden's difficult position prevents her from at once following the preponderance of her leaning.

Sweden, to the northwest of Russia, is in a geographical situation much the same as some of the southeastern European nations which perforce, and doubtless unwillingly, had to succumb to the Soviet pressure.

A great difference between the Scandinavian nations and the Danubian and Balkan states is, of course, that the former have a strong wall at their back in the solid west. Less stable and remote is the situation for the southeastern nations, the possibilities of whom for support from the democratic nations is much less facile and who have been much easier victims to the Soviet infiltration and then political subjection by mere weight of force.

The choice for the Scandinavian nations is not only the obvious one but it is easier of execution and support.

SCIENCE 'SUCCEEDS'

A HEADLINE in a Daily News of March 1924, a quarter of a century ago, reminds us of how times change in a relatively short space of time. The headline heralds how the plan was to broadcast the speech of the then King from the opening of the forthcoming British Empire Exhibition. It told how plans were being made to transmit the King's words by long distance telephone through wire and cable for relay under methods and expedients which would all seem so crude these days.

Back in 1924 was the year when two round-the-world flights were to be attempted by short hop stages, Prince Rupert being on the route of both. One was partially successful after taking most of the summer. The other was a failure.

All this was, of course, before Charles Lindbergh made his transAtlantic flight (33 hours 29 minutes from New York to Paris) which then glorious feat seems insignificant when one compares it with the new transAtlantic transport plane record of 10 hours 11 minutes made only last week by a Canadian machine.

Prince Rupert, of course, notes the change. There were mighty few radio receiving sets in Prince Rupert in those days. Today they blare everywhere.

To fly from Vancouver to Prince Rupert was something of a feat then. Few Prince Rupert people had even been up in the air. Today it is nothing to fly from here to Vancouver. Quite a few of the people around here have flown the Atlantic.

Long distance telephone was several years to come for Prince Rupert in those days. Port Simpson was about the limit except for railway despatchers. Today we just lift up the receiver on our desk and put in our calls to New York, London and further afield.

We were still looking at the silent films then—and enjoying them too.

And these are only a few of the changes now as compared with a quarter of a century ago. All around us today we see wonderful things which we would have considered almost unbelievable then.

And now the atomic age is here. Reflection on what another quarter of a century will bring might well appal us even if it might not surprise.

All of this notwithstanding our comment yesterday on some of the things in which science had "failed." But we did not deny that it had accomplished much.

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WOULD CONTROL PHOTOGRAPHERS

Some method of asserting greater control over transient professional photographers who visit the city periodically will be sought by city council at request of the established professional photographers in Prince Rupert.

The aldermen last night agreed that some method of control should be imposed both for the protection of the public and the regular photographic business license holders, but were unable to provide a solution satisfactory to the Municipal Act which controls business licensing.

The city's professional photographers asked that they receive some protection from intermittent raids by out-of-town photographers who are allowed to do business merely by the purchase of a trade license.

Alderman George Rudderham piloted the discussion in support of the suggestion, declaring that "there are too many of these gypso photographers coming around."

"I am in favor of protective legislation for established businesses in that regard," he said. "I would like to see prohibition of that type of traffic. I think there should be a \$50 business license for the protection of the citizens and the professional photographers of the city."

Alderman W. F. Stone said that he would like to see such transient business post a bond guaranteeing good faith.

"We are here to protect the public," he declared.

The matter was tabled until the city's position regarding the controlling of such types of business is determined.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "The jeweler fixed my watch."

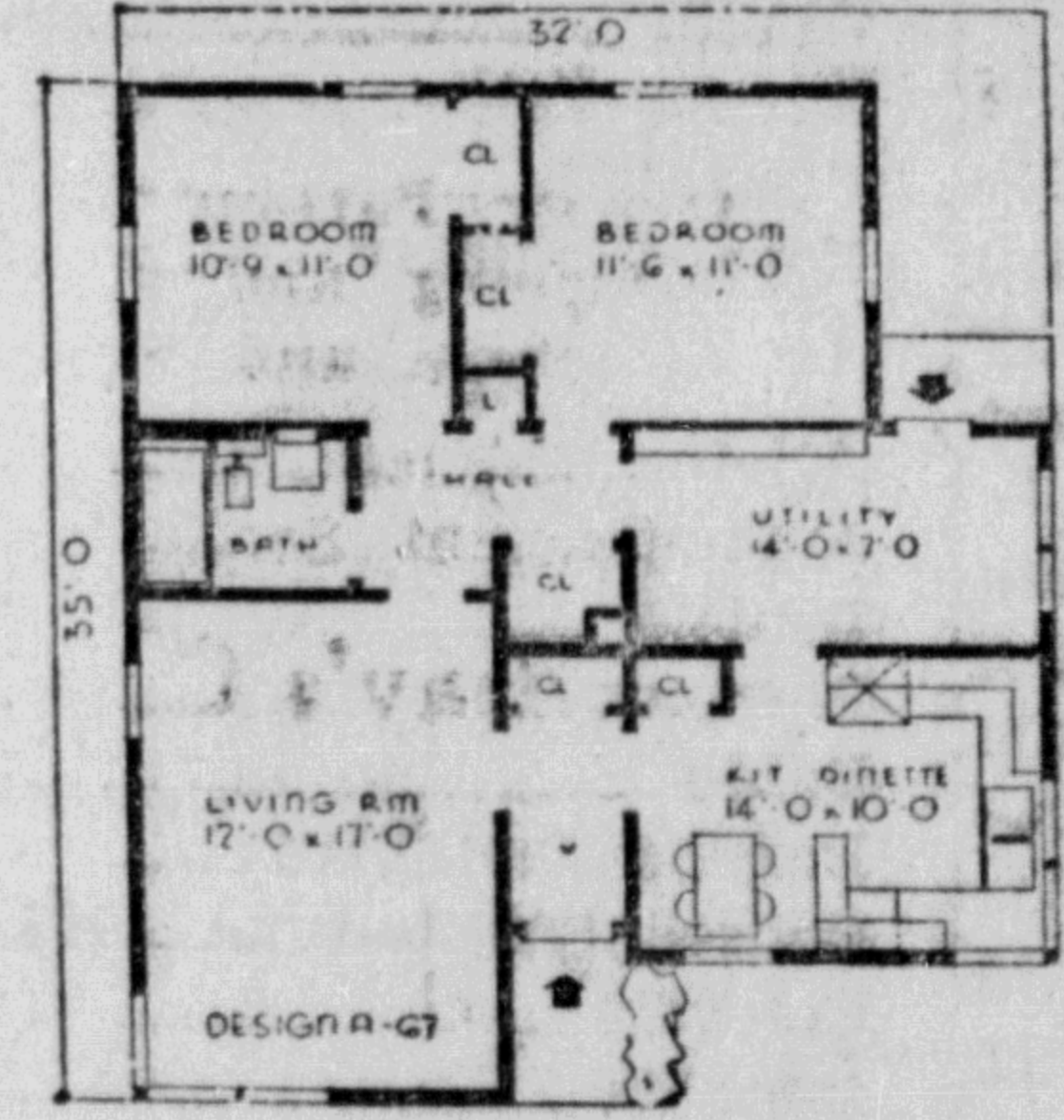
What is the correct pronunciation of "mesdames"?

3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Comedienne, commission, combustible.

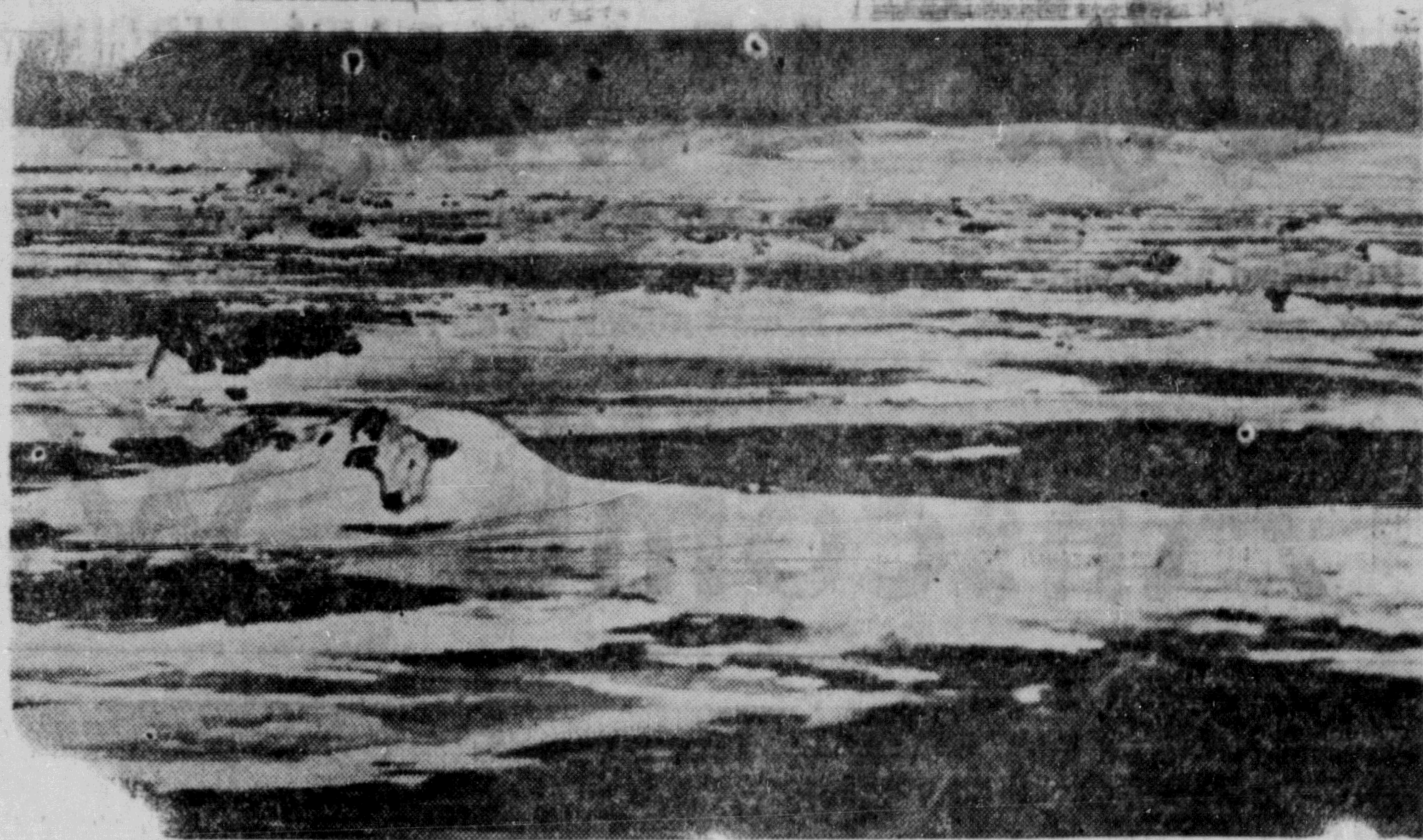
4. What does the word "materialist" mean?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "The jeweler repaired my watch." 2. Pronounce madam, first a as in ate, second a as in ask, accent on first syllable. 3. Commission. 4. One who takes interest only in the material comforts of life. "I am positive I have a soul; nor can all the books which materialists have pestered the world with, ever convince me to the contrary."—Sterne.



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VICTIMS IN WAKE OF WESTERN BLIZZARDS—Like the aftermath of a battle, the bodies of 150 cattle dot the frozen surface of this lake near Ashby, Neb. The entire herd, property of the Thurston ranch, wandered into the lake during a blizzard. Unable to escape or even to stand, they perished one by one. Then the driving snow, dressed each carcass with a blanket of white. The blizzards that have been ravaging the entire western states have made frozen livestock a familiar, tragic part of the cattle country scene.

What City Council Did

Authorized the purchase of miscellaneous tools and equipment from Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation for \$175.

Approved a utilities committee recommendation that five new special telephone operators' chairs be purchased at an approximate cost of \$50 each.

Approved the appointment of William Williamson as superintendent of the Pioneers' Home to replace J. V. Minton, who is leaving the position.

Received a letter from the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce requesting that it be given its usual \$250 grant. The letter was referred to the finance committee as was a letter from the Public Relations Council making similar request.

Approved the sale, as reported by the finance committee of lots 13 and 14, block 33, section 5 (Ninth Avenue West) to Anthony Toth for \$600 and the sale of lots 9, 10 and 11, block "D" section 7, (Sixth Avenue East) to R. W. Whidden for \$550, subject to the 50 per cent rebate allowed ex-servicemen.

Authorized purchase, as recommended by the board of works, of a 12,000-gallon tank to be installed at the asphalt mixing plant west of Roosevelt Park at an approximate cost of \$2,700. This would permit purchase of asphalt in tank-car lots. It is estimated that

CITY RECEIVES SCHOOL BUDGET

The city's share of the Prince Rupert school district's 1949 budget, a matter of \$125,925.32, was referred last night to the finance committee for consideration for estimates after it had been placed before the council. The amount was the largest that the city has ever had to set aside for school purposes. Total budget, including the rural district's share, and government grants is slightly more than \$200,000.

SIX FIRE CALLS IN FEBRUARY

City fire department answered six fire calls during February, total resulting damage from which was \$125, according to the records of Fire Chief H. T. Lock. Fire calls so far this year number 13 with damage assessed at \$1,125. During the first two months of 1948 there were 23 fire alarms.

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AIRBORNE PADRE—Maj. Marcel Lavalee, Roman Catholic chaplain of the Quebec command, is the first chaplain to qualify as a parachutist in peacetime. To win his wings he made five jumps at the Rivers, Man., joint air school. Maj. Lavalee (right) whose home is Berthierville, Quebec, is being congratulated in this Canadian Army photo by Maj. C. R. H. Charlebois, Prairie Command chaplain. (CP Photo)

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NEW LEASE ON LIFE
KELOWNA—The old stern-wheel steamer Simamous, offered to the city as a relic of historic interest, may become an excursion vessel. A group of veterans here is prepared to pay \$1,000 to take over the old Okanagan Lake steamer.

Australia has 24 people to the square mile. This compares with 44.2 to the square mile in the United States, 506.2 in the United Kingdom.

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