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Rupert To Alaska

IN LINE with the campaign to make fuller and more versatile use of this artery for traffic to Alaska is the experimental shipment of nineteen carloads of perishable foodstuffs which is being transferred at this port to refrigerated trucks which will be taken by barge to Haines and thence driven into Central Alaska.

The idea is to cut down the trucking distance involved in moving goods from Seattle via Edmonton and Dawson Creek. The success of the experiment will be watched with much interest and, of course, will have the blessing of Prince Rupert.

The railway company is to be congratulated on its co-operation and we wish it success.

Incidentally, it is gratifying to know that the lifting elevators at the ocean dock here, which will handle the shipment, are again ready for use. They will be available for the side-loading of automobiles into the steamers acting as car ferries between here and Alaskan ports, meeting a need which we have been also advocating for some time and which is suddenly fulfilled.

IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

THERE ARE far too many people who decide that the best thing to do is to stay away from the polls. They have the curious idea that in doing this they are not taking a part in the selection of a government. Nothing could be further from the truth. Whether you go to the polls or not you assist in selecting a candidate. If it so happens that a man whom you did not believe could be elected is chosen to represent you the fault for that situation is more yours than any other citizen's. You cannot escape the responsibility.

Whether you like it or not, as long as you are on the voters' list, you are going to be held responsible by future generations for the type of government selected.

The best thing to do is to go out and select the candidate you like. That does not mean that you have to vote for the man that other people suggest but the man you think honestly is the best man to represent you. The main thing to remember is that, if you stay away from the polls, you are actually casting your ballot for the man or party you do not want elected.

—Vancouver News-Herald.

Ray Reflects . . .
. . . and Reminisces

"I feel lost," is the way a northerner puts it, describing his reaction after having moved down to Seattle or some other city. What he misses most is the reading of the friendly little paper he'd been perusing for years and which kept him in touch with people and scenes he knew. A thousand miles away, and it felt like another universe. He was lonely on busy streets.

It's more than probable that, meeting So and So anywhere in town just now, the first minute of conversation will concern the weather, for it's the easiest way to start. But why all the attention given climate? How would you like to dwell in Sierra Leone with its 160 inches or in northeast India with between 200 and 300, or the Philippines with months on end of torrential downpours along with malaria?

There is no lack of persons prepared to serve as pallbearers but often they hesitate to inquire if they could be of use. This explains why sometimes the finding of the necessary six has a difficulty that need not exist if others could more readily appreciate that their willingness would be most welcome. Assistance during bereavement is always timely and understood.

The new heavyweight champion, Ezzero Charles, has yet to discover how much cash the title will bring him but leather-pushing, speaking financially, was good to Jack Dempsey and Joe Louis. But they had to be handy with the mitts themselves, of course. The Brown Bomber is said to have earned $3,887,323, while a similar total—$3,568,114 also opened the doors of distinction and high society to Jack Dempsey.

Next Thursday will be another half holiday. So will the next day, Friday, July 1. Saturday a lot of folks think of as a day that should be given to leisure and reflection. The next date will be the Sabbath. Cannot something be done to have this little breathing space made the full four days? It's almost that. Why so narrow-minded? It will all be the same a century hence?

How many of the tens of thousands who, during the past few months have listened to campaign addresses from the platform, read reports in the daily press, or absorbed broadcasts can remember today, word for word, or a single line of what was said?

MOOSE COMMITTEE DINNER MEETING

Social service committee of the Women of the Moose held a dinner meeting at the Civic Centre Thursday evening at which Mrs. A. S. Hamilton, chairman, thanked the members for their work during the last year. Those present were Mrs. George Howe, Mrs. B. J. Bacon, Mrs. T. W. Ketcheson, Mrs. H. Horne, Mrs. P. Bond, Mrs. S. Haugan, Mrs. C. Matson, Mrs. H. Muncey and Mrs. A. S. Hamilton.

Staff Sergeant G. A. Johnson of the provincial police, who has been non-commissioned officer in charge of the Prince Rupert district for the last five years, is to be transferred to Pouce Coupe in the Peace River district. No word has been received as to his successor here.

CRASH KILLS THIRTY-THREE

BARI (AP)— Thirty-three persons, including three babies, were burned or mangled to death Wednesday when a Royal Dutch Air Lines Constellation broke up in midair and crashed into the sea in flames off this southern Italy port, it has now been officially revealed.

The Air Lines said the plane carried 27 Netherlands citizens, five Egyptians and one Briton, a crew member.

The newspaper Gazetta del Missogiorno said yesterday that twenty-one bodies had been recovered from the sea just outside Bari point. Earlier dispatches said that the plane went down in flames from an altitude of about 15,000 feet. K.L.M. office in Rome was advised by the Netherlands vice-consul in Bari that the ship, apparently, was bound in from Batavia to Amsterdam. At that time persons aboard were said to include Americans, Dutch, Greeks and Turks.



PETTY LARCENY THAT IS EXCUSABLE—This little Greek was caught in the act of petty larceny by the camera when he raided a supply of sugar just arrived in Lambia from the economic co-opertion administration. The E.C.A. rushed the sugar and other foodstuffs to Lambia shortly after the Communist guerillas were driven out by Greek Nationalist forces. Before the Reds left, they looted all the food and clothing and livestock from the village. Our little hero above was fortunate in finding a sugar bag that leaked. He would have been less than human to have passed it by.

MERMAID'S PURSE

Empty leathery-cases often found cast up on shore commonly called "mermaid's purses," are coverings protecting the eggs of some species of skate, a Canadian commercial fish.

NAAS FISHING BEATS SKEENA

Naas River fishermen had better luck on the opening of the sockeye season than did gillnetters on the Skeena, according to incomplete reports of the first day's fishing.

Some 400 boats on the Skeena, most of them fishing at or just outside the river mouth, averaged 20 fish per boat for the first day, with the highest boat catching 46 fish.

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