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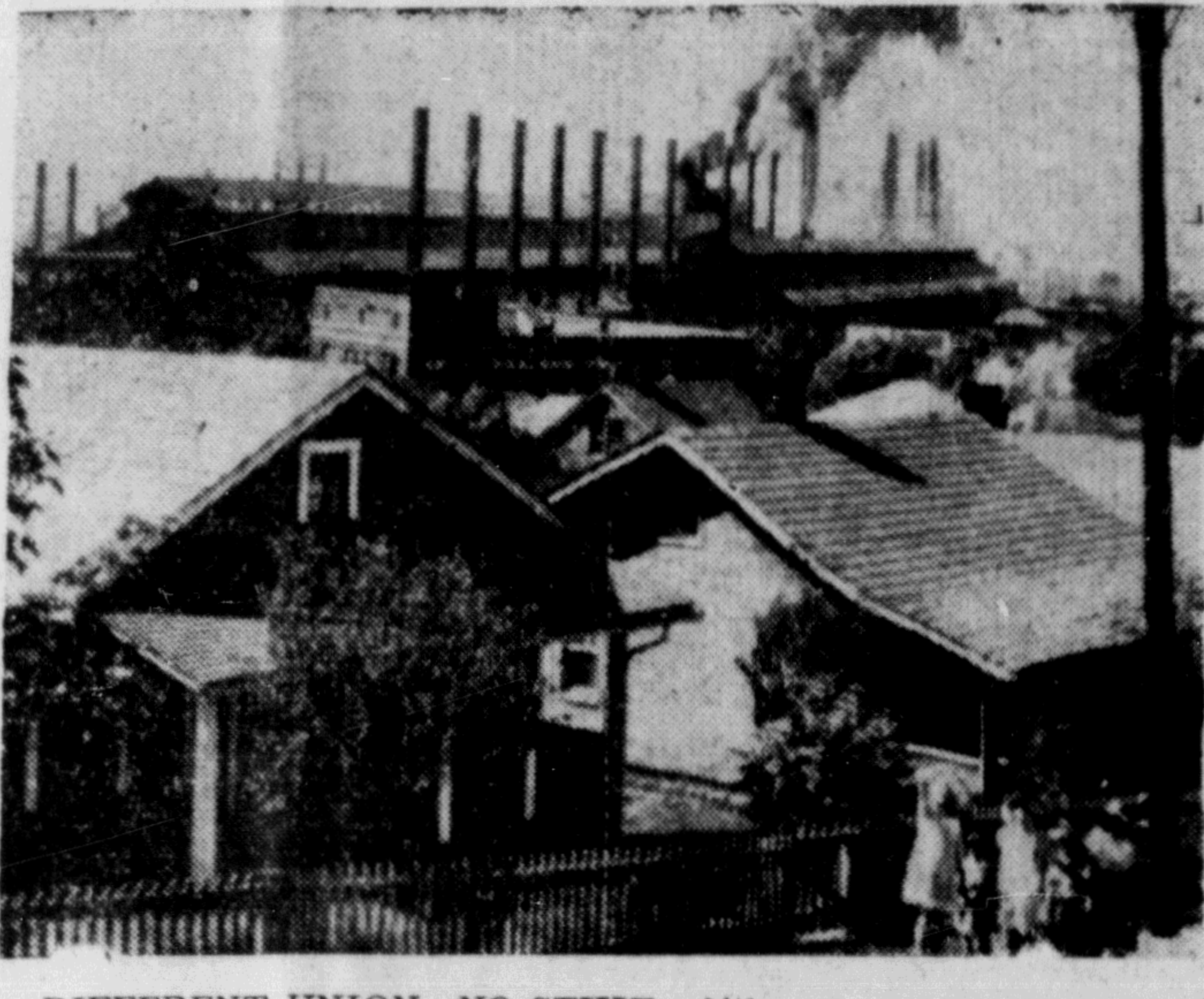
### Herring Outlook Predicted 'Fair' Lumber From Alaska

Herring fishery will be the next operation to command the attention of a great part of the west coast fishing fleet and prospects for it are fair, according to the qualified predictions of the Research Board of Canada.

The Research Board makes annual predictions on which are based much of the future operating plans of the industry. Head predictor is Dr. A. L. Tester, biologist in charge of the herring division of the Research Board and in past years, his observations have had a notable record of accuracy.

Herring operations, which will begin in the south within the next few weeks—providing, of course, the herring show up—however, will not be completely dependent on these forecasts. Fishermen also use local information gained by scout boats and seiners which start out in the areas where migrant populations might be indicated.

The long-range forecasts, however, are helpful in the laying out of equipment by the companies and their achievement is definitely not an accident but the re-



**DIFFERENT UNION—NO STRIKE**—Although other steel mills throughout U.S. have been shut down because of the strike of United Steelworkers, business goes on just about as usual at a steel company in Weirton, W. Va., as smoking stacks indicate. Employees of Weirton company belong to an independent union. They have their own pension plan to which they contribute and which pays them \$100 a month. There is no sign of settlement in the U.S.W.A. strike.

ies at Port Edward and Prince Rupert hush with action. The west coast of Vancouver Island is one of the most prolific herring grounds on the coast.

With the termination a week ago of the Prince Rupert-Haines barge service, which had been carrying American Army supplies to Alaska through this port during the summer, it is encouraging to seek the resumption of a lumber shipment from Alaska to the States, such occurred this week. Although the shipment was only a small one, involving four carloads, it adds to the activity on the waterfront by keeping longshoremen busy. Currently, too, all coastwise boats are carrying heavy freight cargoes which are providing employment for a number of men unloading.

The Union steamer Camosun, Capt. Harry McLean, sailed at midnight for the south Queen Charlotte Islands. She will be back from Sandspit, Queen Charlotte City, Skidegate and Cumshewa Inlet on Sunday, sailing in the evening for Vancouver.

The Ketchikan fish packer Sydney, Capt. Henrickson, arrived in port Friday with four carloads of salmon which it delivered to the Canadian Fish and Cold Storage Co.

A strike was called this week aboard the luxury cruise vessel Corsair, which spent the summer in Northern B. C. and Alaska waters. The Sailors' Union of the Pacific, it is stated by Bob Dombroff, the union business agent, asks a \$35 monthly in-

Past predictions have given Dr. Tester a high standing in the industry, which is a remarkable record, considering the myriad of variable factors involved. From the mass of reports which come in from Fisheries inspectors, estimating the amount of herring at given points, the size of the annual catch, the size of the annual spawn and the percentage of fish hatched from the spawn, the biologists are able to arrive at their conclusions.

This requires a terrific amount of work on the part of the inspectors and is one of the answers to the uninitiated layman as to what Fisheries inspectors do in their continuous ramblings on the coast.

To aid in this research, the Fisheries Department last year equipped its protection vessels with echo sounders which commercial boats have found to be of great value in spotting bodies of herring, and in determining their size. However, department boats almost reverse the use to which commercial vessels put the instruments.

Where the seiners and scout boats survey the herring schools in order to determine how much they should take out, the department boats survey them in order to calculate how much should be left to maintain a natural increase.

Normally, the herring fishery begins to get active on the south coast in November, working up to a climax in December. Herring on the north coast begin to show up in commercial quantities in January and February and for weeks Prince Rupert is the temporary base for scores of seiners and packers. Then canner-

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