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Radio Reception

PRINCE RUPERT radio fans seem to be bearing their sufferings in silence. Years ago, with their Association strong in numbers and meeting regularly, they were very vocal with their protests and complaints.

Today there are the odd murmurings of discontent over the inability of local receivers to bring in programs from abroad, either short or long wave, over what appear to be a variety of local disturbances.

In the downtown area, for instance, receivers are able to bring in little other than local CFPR for which, of course, we should be truly thankful.

Notwithstanding this, there is, doubtless, much to be desired in the way of local reception. It is a long time since we have seen anything in the way of testing equipment here.

Of course, if we are only going to tell each other our troubles and do nothing more about it, we will continue to get the same amount of service as we are getting now.

Even the authorities cannot be blamed for assuming that silence signifies satisfaction. They cannot be blamed for not looking for trouble.

ANTI-CATHOLICISM

LEANOR ROOSEVELT would appear to have some justification in defending the charge of anti-Catholicism which has been made against her by Cardinal Spellman because she had voiced opposition to federal grants for Catholic schools.

Mrs. Roosevelt is, of course, not Catholic but she has never made herself known as an enemy of Catholicism.

The issue of public aid to church schools is no new one in Canada and, at times, considerable rancor has developed over it. But in the most of this country it has long since come to be accepted that, to be opposed to the policy of public aid to any denominational schools, does not necessarily imply antagonism or opposition to such denominations as may be concerned.

MR. LAKIE LEAVES

WE WISH GOOD FORTUNE to Peter Lakie, for fifteen years a railway official here, who goes from the frontier and wide open spaces of the north to the settled and comparative ease of Victoria in a new switch of officers of the freight department of the Canadian National Railways. Mr. Lakie, during his years here, we have found to be a businesslike and conscientious official. We know that he has given a lot of attention to the development of Alaska business through this port on to the company's transcontinental line through here and, during his tenure, that traffic has been greatly increased.

With the trend of industrial and business development to this area, Mr. Lakie's successor may find the going just a little easier from this time on. However, there will be plenty of opportunity for reward of effort and promotion and, with that thought in mind, we wish R. S. Collinson, the new man, good luck and plenty of business.



SHIPWRECKED ESTONIAN REFUGEES ARRIVE ON BRITANNIC—Captain Ivan Thompson, of the liner Britannic, bids farewell to two of his passengers when the ship arrived in New York. They are Halmuth Russow, 28, of Courmal, Estonia (left) and Volker Harpe, 20, (right) of Tartu, Estonia, who were shipwrecked when they fled from a Russian labor camp in a home-made sailboat. The two were suffering from fatigue after being a month at sea. They were picked up by the Britannic 750 miles west of Ireland.

LETTERBOX

THEO COLLART

Editor, Daily News:

Kindly allow me to assure your readers that it was with deep sorrow that I read of the passing of Theo Collart in the News just received.

My experience of many years with Theo Collart showed he had a great vision of our Northland and he possessed the nerve to back up his dream.

My friendship with Theo Collart came to a reality in a somewhat roundabout way in which the readers of the News might be interested. Many years ago I wrote a letter to the News on our railway situation and in the letter I mentioned things which hit the railways pretty hard. The letter appeared in the News just as Sir Henry Thornton's train was leaving Prince Rupert. But when the late Mr. Pullen sent a copy of the paper over to Sir Henry's car, orders were issued to hold the train for one hour. Then Sir Henry—with the News in his hand—started out to find the News office and rushed in and asked to meet this man "Rideout." According to Mr. Pullen's story, it required some time to satisfy Sir Henry that it was quite impossible for him to contact his man. Some years later (I think it was in 1929) the Chamber of Commerce

toured Canada in three trains. In the Prince Rupert party on the train were Mr. Pullen of the News, J. C. Brady (then M.P. for the Prince Rupert country), Theo Collart, and a number of others. The trains were not in Peace River very long before I received word that a party was looking for me and when I contacted the party it proved to be the group from Prince Rupert—and it was then I got the story of the holding-up of Mr. Henry's train for one hour in your city.

I now recall how Theo Collart and J. C. Brady took to me as if they found a college chum of our boyhood days. While the Peace River Board of Trade had arranged a mass meeting in the theatre, I arranged for our businessmen to meet the Prince Rupert bunch in the Town Hall after the mass meeting. It was at that meeting of Prince Rupert and Peace River businessmen in our old Town Hall (demolished years ago), that I saw your Mr. Brady and Theo Collart possessed a very broad vision of our great Northland and they had the nerve to back their dreams, if they only could put their hand on the lever that would turn on the power.

While I never met Mr. Brady

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EXPEDITION SEEKS NOAH'S ARK REMAINS—Remains of the ark in which Noah and the animals survived the deluge will be sought by these members of a U.S. expedition, shown as they arrived at Istanbul, Turkey. The expedition, headed by Dr. A. J. Smith, of the Oriental Archaeological Research Foundation of Greensboro, N.C., has obtained permission of the Turkish government to conduct their search on Mount Ararat, where, the Bible tells us, the ark grounded after the deluge. There have been reports that remnants of it have been seen there in modern times. Left to right above are E. J. Newton, photographer; Wendall Off, medical officer; Dr. Smith and Walter I Wood, mechanical engineer.

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

One day last week, three persons started to drive across the floating bridge, spanning Lake Washington, near Seattle. By the time the opposite side was reached there were four present. Of course they named her Bridget!

A flagon of salt water from St. John's, Newfoundland, is being poured into the briny at Seal Cove this afternoon by Boy Scouts just home from the jamboree at Ottawa. It will be about as close as Newfoundland will ever get to Prince Rupert.

Beverly Baxter, Canadian-born member of the British House of Commons, says he considers it possible the United States may return to the British Empire in view of the general world outlook today. While he's about it, Beverly might keep on and inquire where we'd all be now had H.M. King George been a likeable old boy, Bunker Hill used as a recreation ground, no one ever dreamed of a Boston tea party, and taxation without representation, a jolly lot of bally nonsense. Wot?

From the Greenville (Texas) Evening Banner: For Rent—Downstairs bedroom with bath adjoining. George, if desirable?

Diplomacy does not necessarily mean leisure nor does it imply that overtime suggests enhanced income. The American Ambassador to Canada who left Prince Rupert Wednesday evening for Jasper Park is taking a holiday—the first real one in ten years.

July wears along toward the last gasp and it's just as well. We always expect perfection of course and when weather, reasonably good comes along, the crowd fret and fume and want

sympathy for the ghastly hardships they are obliged to endure. O Canada, wide land and fair, hard is out lot!

Fitzmaurice, the cartoonist, was a member of the Montreal Herald staff. Later, after serving for years in Vancouver, he passed away in that city. His brother, George, was a highly regarded old-timer of Prince Rupert and a veteran of the First Great War. There were congenial souls in the Herald office and one cannot but wonder why more were not fired. One noon hour, a convent started burning in an adjoining city with heavy loss of life. Because he was the only one in sight, an elderly office man caught the first train with instructions to rush bulletins. He was not seen, nor heard of, until the next evening. While away, he had taken a drink, followed by others. All he had to show for his out-of-town exertions was a picture of the hotel he had patronized.

WATSON ISLAND SEES PICTURES

Two hundred and fifty persons in all attended three showings Wednesday afternoon and last evening of the Government Travel Bureau's travelogue "Highway Sixteen" and the Red Cross Society's blood donor film "Magic Fluid" in the Col-

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