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Should be Thankful

MISS the water till the, etc., etc., etc.," yet isn't it a fact that most of us never dream of giving a second thought to our blessings. Everything, it seems is taken as a matter of course-whether a sound body and robust health, or in the enjoyment of creature comforts and privileges. Outwardly, at least there appears but small evidence of gratitude.

It is when, for example, through disease or accident something is lost, never to be restored, that the true value of what one so lightly-almost flippantly-regarded, at last stands revealed.

How often can circumstances unexpectedly change and remain that way? Perhaps it never occurred to you that you had, actually, been doing pretty well. We hear a great deal about "standards of living.." What standards? But have you ever, calmly, clearly and impartially tried to appraise yourself, how and where you stand and to what extent, it is your duty to confess to a feeling of thankfulness?

AMERICAN VACATIONISTS

CUGGESTIONS THAT Americans should be ad-I vised to reduce their vacation trips to Canada, because of the restrictions on foreign exchange, do not appear to be receiving much support. The tourist traffic continues heavy. Across the border, inquiries concerning Canada are as numerous as ever. And, in addition to all this, any policy such as the discouragement of vacations north of the line, is regarded, in many quarters, as short sighted.

Beneath the whole situation is the dollar shortage and one of the changes that this brought about was the action of the Canadian government in restricting the amount a Canadian can spend for travel or recreation in the States as well as limiting imports.

To sum it up, the American opposition to any foregoing of holidays spent in Canada could only damage American prosperity as well as her best customer and neighbor.

WILL BE MISSED

IT HAS BEEN for years, as fall and winter approached, both a joy and a privilege to listen to Metropolitan Opera broadcasts each week-end. But there is almost possibility that the season of 1949 will be an exception. The finest music coming over the air, it is greatly feared, will cease for the time being and the famous old building in New York will be in darkness.

Anyone, anywhere, if he had a radio, could follow the programs. The golden voices of great stars and matchless melody would entertain the poor and obscure as quickly and fully as the wealthy and elite. But, times are changing. Broadcasts have been costing too much. Balance sheets show losses which cannot go on.

Overhead outlays, economic and wage disputes, existing deficits, and mounting outlays in other directions all contributed toward an impossible situation.

ALASKA PURCHASE

MITH RUSSIA and the United States, just now, prominent in the news of the day, the following, concerning the purchase of Alaska, is not without timely interest. It is an excerpt from an editorial in the Montreal Gazette dated April 30, 1867. It gives a new slant on that historic deal, and of how some were viewing public affairs eighty-one years ago. The Gazette editorial reads:

The Russians seem to be quite elated at the success of their negotiations for the sale of Russia-America and to use a current term, evidently think that the United States have got a "hard bargain." The Yankee cuteness, however, will yet stand them in good stead. It was generally supposed that the "bargain" would have to be settled for good hard gold, equal to at least eleven millions in greenbacks. But in this, it appears we were all mistaken, the Russian government being satisfied to take the account out in monitors instead of gold. We do not know what these may be worth apiece but, as they cannot have cost much less than a million each, the Russians, if Congress consents will be entitled to seven or eight. They would undoubtedly be well adapted to the shallow waters of the Baltic but the difficulty will be to get them there. In any event, both parties would be mutually satisfied. The United States will have a territory perfectly useless for all practical purposes, and the Russians a fleet of slow-going half-worn-out war vessels which can never keep the sea or make head against the swifter, heavier and handier iron-clads of the old world.

LETTERBOX

FAIR DEAL FOR INDIANS

Editor, Daily News: The citizens of Prince Rupert need notthink for a moment that we have any hard feelings against city business concerns. We have enjoyed circulating our earnings from fishing during the past years in the hotels, restaurants, picture shows and, especially, at the Carnival. However, from what I have actually seen in the city myself, I would say that the last two weeks have been among the worst I can remember. Certainly the police are right on the tail of the native people, even prowling into their hotel rooms without permission of the proprietor. But what about the Carnival this week-end?

We understand that the police do have to keep law and order and protect the lives of the people and we praise them for that part of their work but, when it comes to prowling on the tail of the native people everywhere, whether or not there is trouble or disturbance, tirely.

Of course, we know we are considered Indians. However, playing fair with the Indians? when we deal with any of the busines firms, we are asked to pay the government taxes. Many of our young men failed to return from overseas where they fought for our country. We are, Cassiar Cannery.



THIS AND THAT

"Oh, an e ngagement ring! I just adore engagement rings!"

that is a different thing. It is also asked to pay other taxes. my opinion that we should stay Yet we are not allowed to touch away from Prince Rupert en- a bottle of beer or to take a drink in the beer parlor.

May I ask the citizens: Is this

HAROLD SINCLAIR, President of Skeena District

Native Brotherhood Per W. J. Sinclair

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that the Daily News is the most Royal Canadian Navy. Lieut. effective medium of advertising Macfie is the son of Mrs. Helen vertised in the News. It's the at Esquimalt. eally efficient way of putting t over.

Better English By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "All of us do not think we shall succeed."

2. What is the correct pronunciation of "irrevocable?" 3. Which one of these words

is misspelled? Animosity, anihilate, anonymous. 4. What does the word "jo-

cund" mean? 5. What is a word beginning

with ag that means "quality of being nimble?"

Answers

1. Say, "Not all of us think we shall succeed." 2. Pronounce i-r-ev-..o-ka-b'l, i as in it, e as in red, o as in no unstressed, and 'accent second syllable, not the third. 3. Annihilate. 4. Merry; gay. (Preferred pronounciation is jokund, o as in on, accent first syllable). "Everyone joined in the merriment of the festivities." Agility.

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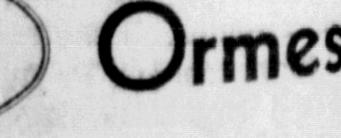
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