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Somewhere a Solution

SOMEWHERE in the uncharted sea of ideologies, influences and prejudices mankind hopes fervently today that some sort of an answer for the prayer for peace may yet be found, despite a world situation that day by day becomes more perplexing and disconcerting.

What the explorers for peace—and we can say that our own Canadian leaders are sincerely in that category—seek is an area of agreement in the minds of men of several nations who by one authority or another speak for the aspirations and the fates of millions of their countrymen.

We must continue to hope that within the tortured mental state which adversaries of each other hold in conflict there must lie room for an understanding if men are wise and rational enough to find it. For surely some basis and ability of living together must be found.

Somewhere there must be a glimmer of sunshine. The hope of all is that it may come soon before the day becomes darker.

PROBLEM OF RETIREMENT

THE MAJORITY of young men and those in early middle life look forward to the time when they can retire, do what they want and take things easier. As time goes on and the retirement draws nearer many of them are not so sure they want to step out of the spots they have filled so long. They look around, talk to others who have retired, and retirement does not appear as enticing as it did when they were younger. They find many retired people who are anything but contented even though they may have sufficient income to finance their lessening wants.

It takes considerable besides money to make the average man who has led an active life contented when he relinquishes the reins and finds the let-down not so good. Regardless of the position he has filled, whether an employee or the head of a firm, each day has brought a subtle sense of accomplishment if he is the type that has taken an interest in his work. That sense of accomplishment is no longer felt by large numbers of retired men who mistakenly imagined that their hobbies would take the place of the "grind" of their working years. Many come to feel that their usefulness is ended, that they are simply wasting time, waiting for the end. Such men usually age rapidly after retiring and discontent with their lot is more and more noticeable even though they do not express their dissatisfaction.

It takes many years of living for most men to realize that work is their greatest solace in times of trouble and in later life when the years flit by faster, that the old "job" is not something to be avoided and ended. Time retires all of us eventually and so many are not ready to go into work's discard even though their working years have been more numerous than they expected. Perhaps the picture of happy retirement has been sadly over-colored. We think you will come to this conclusion if you talk to a fair number of those who have been shelved and who have found that so-called hobbies are not at all as satisfying as their active working years of life.—Journal of Commerce.

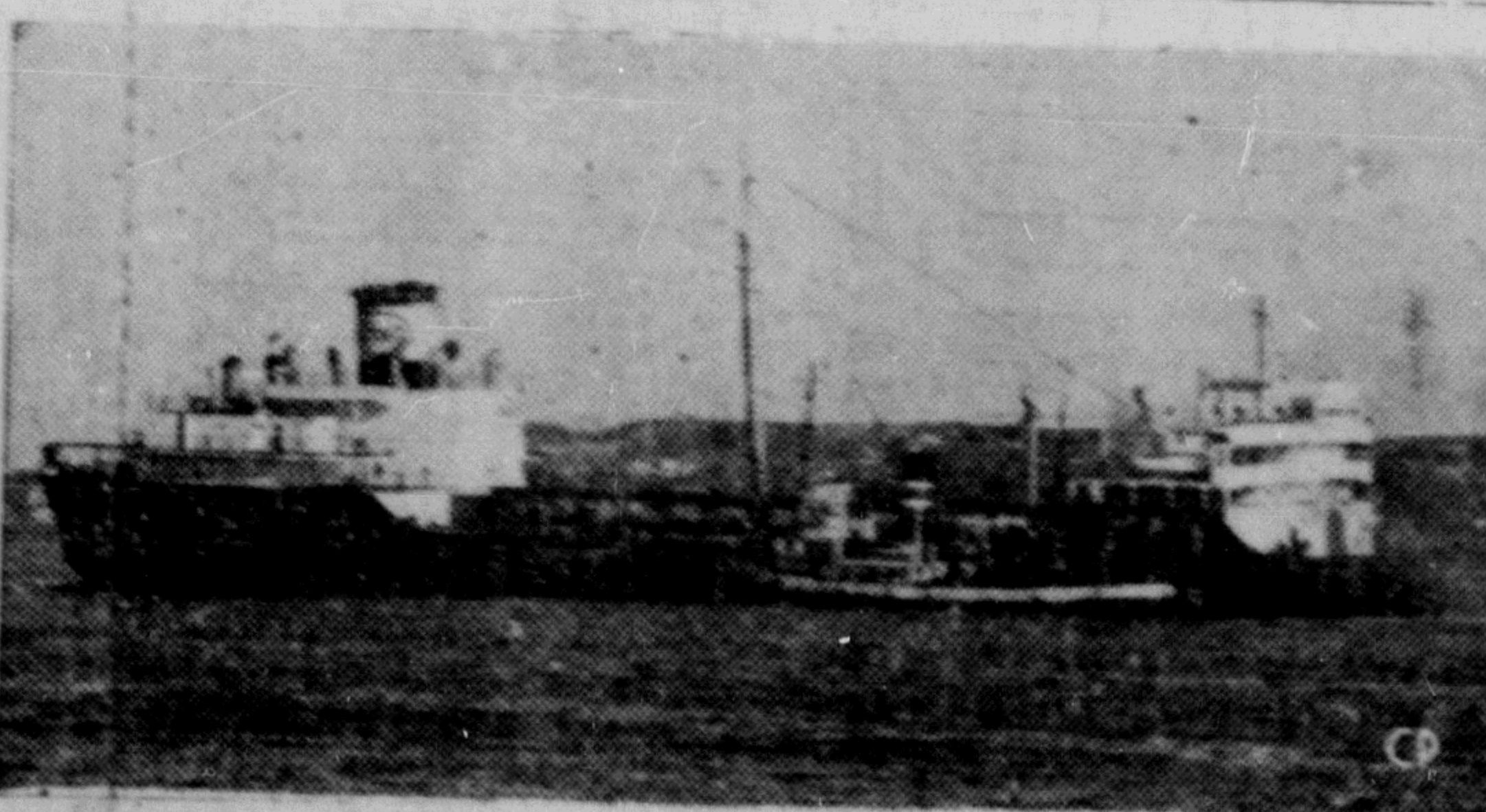
SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

"He shall have judgment without mercy that sheweth no mercy; for mercy rejoiceth against judgment."—James 2:13.

Parliament in Late January

OTTAWA — No official announcement was made yesterday

by Prime Minister L. St. Laurent following a meeting of the cabinet but it is expected Parliament will be called into session late in January.



PROWLESS SHIP—The stern of the 11,000-ton tanker Esso Rochester is brought into Halifax harbor after the ship came to grief in a Gulf of St. Lawrence gale. The 250-foot section of the vessel was hauled from Seven Islands, Que., by the Foundation Maritimes tug Josephine. The bow section foundered in a second storm while being towed by the Foundation Lillian. (CP PHOTO)



By ELMORE PHILPOTT WHO STOLE WHOSE STONE?

CHRISTMAS Eve 1950 will surely go down in history as a famous night when some wily Scots took back the famous stone which the English kings swiped from Scotland in 1296.

Whoever swiped that stone—pardon me—whoever organized the attempted redress of the ancient theft must have been a smart operator.

In fact, the moment I heard about it over the radio I told the family "that job must have been organized by a woman, for no man, not even a Scotsman, was ever clever enough to think that one up."

WHEN I WAS a boy at school we had more interesting school books than the kids now get. Our books told us more about the stone of Stone than the new one do they told us, for instance, WHY Edward I took the trouble to swipe the stone from the Scots in the first place. It was because of the old Scottish tradition, or legend, that wherever that stone went the kingly power would go too.

They also told us about the old story that this was the stone which Jacob had slept the night he dreamed that he saw a ladder reaching right up to heaven, with angels going up and coming down.

AS TO THE MYSTERY as to how the Scots got back their stone (for a little while anyway) surely Scotland Yard, (England's pride) can figure that one out. It's an old English custom to indulge rather too freely on Christmas Eve. Who could blame the Beefeaters, or whoever keeps watch over the famous Abbey if they hoisted an extra scotch or two on Christmas Eve.

And who could blame a few cunning Scots if they took that moment to slip a pole through the two iron rings in the stone and start it back on its journey to Scotland.

THE LEGAL aspect of the case intrigues me. After all, the English stole the stone from the Scots in the first place. Instead of having to sneak in at midnight why should not the Scots boldly march to the door, demand their stone back, and if refused go to the nearest police station and swear out a complaint against whoever is trying to hang on to the stolen rock? What about retaining stolen goods?

Of course the Scots might thereby start something that they could not finish. For, according to the British Israelites, the prophet Jeremiah brought the stone from Palestine to Ireland in the year 576 B.C. How did it get from Ireland to Scotland? Well, even some Scots, like England's Edward I, have had taking ways.

So if the Scots sue the English to force them to return the stone stolen by Edward I in 1296 maybe the Irish will also sue the Scots, and maybe the Israeli will sue the Irish. The one thing sure is that the Yanks will blame the Russians.

Maybe after all it would be better to leave the stone in the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey—provided they can find it, of course.

SINCE THE ENGLISH stole the stone from the Scots in 1296 every English monarch, except

Development To Take 3 Years

OTTAWA.—United States government authorities have again approached Canada with a view to purchasing a substantial additional quantity of aluminum.

The new negotiations have been initiated personally by Hon. Charles Sawyer, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, with Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe.

Presently the United States is analyzing its long term requirements to determine just how much aluminum it is believed will be required.

As soon as this study is ready, negotiations looking towards a new expanded Canadian contract will begin.

It is confidently expected here that the new American offer will involve at least the first stage of the huge British Columbian power and aluminum development. This is reputed here to involve in excess of \$200 million.

This first stage would take three years to build. It would produce an estimated 330 million pounds of primary metal annually. It would require a 500,000 h.p. hydro-electric development.

The second stage would take an extra two years to build and an extra \$400 million. It would require a further 1.1 million horsepower; would bring capacity to 1.1 million pounds (500,000 metric tons), thus would be close to an 80 per cent increase in Canadian capacity.

Comedy Is Main Fare

Escapism Offered by Stage This Year

NEW YORK —Broadway in 1956 offered headline-conscious theatre-goers more escapism than any year since the last war. Throughout the year there was a preponderance of comedies—some of enduring humor—and many musicals.

Two light pieces which opened early in the year survived the summer lull and still are box-office hits, joining a number of comedies which have established themselves in the new season that opened in September. "Peter Pan," Sir James Barrie's eternal favorite, brought Jean Arthur to Broadway in the title role now nearing the 300-performance mark. Set in Ottawa, Robert Fontaine's "The Happy Time" is a rollicking comedy season to hit the 400-performance mark.

Hold-over comedies of a previous season are "Mr. Roberts," "Kiss Me Kate" and "South Pacific" in the musical field.

STILL LEADING Comedies have held the upper hand in the new season, now three months old. British poet Christopher Fry is responsible for two of the current comedies on Broadway—"The Lady's Not for Burning" and "Ring Round the Moon."

The former stars John Gielgud and Pamela Brown; the other is a translation of Jean Anouilh's "L'Invitation au Chateau" starring Quebec-born Lucie Watson.

A serious piece, handled lightly at times, was the most controversial play to reach Broadway in decades. It was T. S. Eliot's "Cocktail Party." Despite critics' admission of failure to understand what the American-born British poet is attempting to say, the Eliot sermon on predestination still brings full

one, has been crowned while sitting on that stone. (The exception was Bloody Mary, not to be confused with Mary, Queen of Scots).

Since the union of the Scottish and English thrones the Scots have got a little of their own back.

But what is wrong with the idea of sending the stone back to Scotland, and letting the future coronation take place there? After all, the English have had free use of the Scottish stone for almost 700 years. If even the Mexicans are sending back the battle flags captured from the Americans when the latter invaded Mexico one hundred years ago is it not time that the English gave up what they "borrowed" from the Scots in 1296?



"Oh, I forgot to tell you. George offered to cook the dinner."



CABINET POST—Christopher Eberts, 37, of Montreal has been lent to the cabinet secretariat by the external affairs department. A graduate of Oxford, he has recently been both a member and secretary of the joint Canadian-American defence board.

(CP PHOTO)

Ray Reflects and Reminisces

All kinds of Korea-born yarns can be looked for as the New Year dawns. There will be sudden optimism, as well as spells of depression. But, don't take anything too literally! It was claimed not so long ago that Lloyds had given odds of 50-1 against a general war in the next nine months. Lloyds gave no such odds. What they gave odds on was that the Philadelphians Society would not be prevented from holding its annual convention in Toronto next summer by the sort of war that might break out. Which is different.

It's only about a score or so years ago the Matanuska Valley in Alaska was opened for settlement. The chief town is Palmer. There are plans for a three-storey modern office building to cost \$150,000, as well as a scheme to erect a \$270,000 apartment block. We know of another town—south of Alaska, yet in the north—where there was once a blue-print showing a hotel that would cost a million. It was a beautiful blue-print.

In future, anyone desiring to perform a Gilbert and Sullivan opera may do so without permission, or payment of a fee. There is no longer copyright protection for the operas are now in the public realm. This means attempts may be made to "improve" them. And so prospects of flawless music and matchless rhyming being spoiled arise.

It is thought the Stone of Scone, mysteriously missing from Westminster Abbey, has been dumped into a river. Its weight is said to be more than 300 pounds. What if it has been sunk? There's enough trouble—real and pending—on earth today without worrying over something that when all is said and done, is of small consequence.

General Eisenhower will leave for Europe early in the New Year to take command of the allied armies. No one can say, now, just what will happen. But the last time General Eisenhower left for Europe to take command of the Allied armies, results were quite satisfactory.

Occasional changes in RCMP affairs sometimes revive the telling of tales which brighten the colorful history of the mountains. Have you, for example, heard of the sourdough who married a Klondike native? Perhaps not. Anyway, when they put up in Vancouver's top hotel, the Yukon wife, confused by the splendor, was unable to find her room. So, remembering the forests of the north she secured a hatchet, and notched a trail from the elevator to her own door. There is no compulsion about believing this. It's all quite official.



NEW BISHOP—Rev. Godfrey Gower, 51, rector of Vancouver's St. Paul's Anglican church, has been elected bishop of New Westminster diocese. He succeeds Rt. Rev. Sir Francis Heathcote, who has retired. Mr. Gower was a member of the Royal Flying Corps in the First World War and an R.C.A.F. chaplain in the Second World War. He is married and the father of three.

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Pacific Mills Change Staff

OCEAN FALLS — R. R. Edwards, formerly assistant manager of the local plant of Pacific Mills Limited, has now been named resident manager. Previously an announcement was made that he would assume the post of resident manager at Duncan Bay for the Elk Falls Company, but he will now remain at Ocean Falls, while T. Hargreaves, acting resident engineer for the Elk Falls Company, will be appointed manager at Duncan Bay.

F. O. Boylson and R. R. Ferguson will act as assistant managers at the Ocean Falls plant. R. A. Butler has been promoted from technical supervisor at Ocean Falls to assistant to the management.

Extension of Herring Quota

VANCOUVER — who earlier this month their 30,000-ton herring quota in record time, the other 20,000 tons was Monday, January 1. A. J. Whitmore, chief of fisheries here, had been granted an extension of fish available time this area closed 15.

Fishermen had applied for extension of the quota additional District No. 2 and in the general area of Rupert.

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