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## Long Fight In Korea

THINGS seem to be settling down for a long campaign in Korea. Decision has been made that the advance of Communism is at long last to be stopped there. So far the fighting has been all in favor of the Communists. It has become fully evident that it was a well organized and equipped drive that came down from the north. It is equally evident that the defence was almost, if not completely, unorganized. Possibly, then it is not surprising that the trend of events in the fighting has so far been almost entirely in the enemy's favor. The course has been reminiscent of the pattern which we came to know so well in the dark days of two great wars before our forces built up their strength and started counter-offensives to gain back lost ground and eventual victory.

The consensus now appears to be that things have so far been going in Korea as might have been expected and that it may not be too long before the picture takes a more favorable turn.

### A NEEDLESS ISSUE

WITH so many other serious events going on, there is something incongruous about the fight in Belgium as to whether the irresolute King Leopold shall be allowed to return to the throne. Why a major political party should be so set on such return and why Leopold himself should be anxious for restoration is hard to understand at this distance. It all seems like such an unnecessary and futile issue.

Belgium, it seems almost certain, could never be united and happy under the weak former monarch who yielded so easily at the time of crisis and has lived a parasitic existence ever since. He would probably be a good deal happier if he went on that way instead of trying to get back on his throne where his existence, at the best, could only be one of anxiety and insecurity.

The return of Leopold is an issue which in these serious times seems to be so inconsequential as to be almost not worthwhile wasting time over.

### OUR DEFENCELESSNESS

THE two principal Vancouver papers have taken the federal minister of national defence to task for the apparent lack of policy in regard to organization of civilian defence against the possible outbreak of a full-scale war which it is safe to assume might soon result in action on this side of the Pacific and possibly involve attack upon cities and points of strategic importance on this coast.

Prince Rupert is one of those places which might well come under attack. We are very complacent about everything of course in the old attitude that it could not happen here. We can hope, of course, that the danger may not be real even though some of the more realistic may feel somewhat different about it. Our defencelessness, of course, is no secret. It is also apparent that nothing is being done about it.

The Vancouver papers may not be wrong in expressing alarm at the continued indifference at Ottawa as to the position out here. For that matter, views along the line have been expressed long since by the Daily News.

### SCRIPTURE PASSAGE FOR TODAY

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As I See It

By ELMORE PHILPOTT

### THE DOUGALL STORY

A BRIEF NEWS item from Montreal says that Frederick E. Dougall has finally ceased publication of the "Northern Messenger," the last of the papers put out by the famous house of John Dougall.

I worked for the Dougalls from 1924 to 1928. Rather I should say I worked with them for in the whole four years nobody ever ordered me or even assigned me to write anything. It was worked as editorial assistant on the Montreal Witness you wrote what you pleased. Then you handed it in to the venerable editor, John Redpath Dougall. He would work over it, cross out bits, write in other parts. Then he would hand it back and if you did not like his revisions you could cross them out again, and hand the revised job back again to the fine old Christian gentleman.

JOHN REDPATH DOUGALL wrote his own copy the same way. When he had finished the first draft of an article he would hand it to me and I was supposed to check, revise, make suggestions. Woe to you if you did not put plenty of marks on his copy. He was afraid that you really had not put your heart into the revision job.

John's theory of writing—unlike that of the majority of journalists—was that the more an article was worked over the better the final job. If the printers gave him six successive proofs he would revise every one of them. And by revise, I mean revise, and not just correct mistakes in the typesetting. Certainly if the proof of the pudding is in the eating John Redpath Dougall's method was tops. For there never was a finer newspaper editor in Canada.

THE ORIGINAL JOHN DOUGALL (father of John Redpath Dougall) had once published the most influential Liberal daily in Canada. It was earlier in the field than the Toronto Globe—and around the time of Confederation was a mighty force. It came daily to our house in Hamilton, Ontario, when I was a boy. All that I can remember about that now was that I read a rip-snoring adventure serial in it. It was Sir Nigel by Conan Doyle, I think.

When I went to the Dougalls in 1924 they still published three fine papers. There was the weekly Witness which at that time had about 30,000 circulation, scattered from coast to coast. There was a fine weekly called World Wide. In it we



NICKEL DESIGNER—Stephen Trenka of Green Lane, Thornhill, near Toronto, was named winner of the design competition for a new Canadian five-cent piece. Finance Minister Abbott said Trenka's design had been accepted for the new coin which will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the isolation of nickel. Trenka was awarded \$1,000 prize money. (CP Photo)

## Salmon Catches Up Last Week

Salmon fishing on the Skeena and Naas took a turn for the better last week as average catches climbed to 125 for the 750 Skeena boats and 175 for the 250 Naas boats. Of fishermen in the district about 100 are of Japanese origin.

Spring salmon catches are also reported improved. An agreement has been reached between companies and fishermen on prices and conditions for fall fish, including the benefit fund. For pinks 7c will be paid and for chums 5½c. The sockeye price is 20c.

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The Dougalls never had the knack of making papers pay. They had such rigid scruples against certain types of advertising that their job was about ten times harder than that of an ordinary publisher.

MY OWN CHIEF, JOHN REDPATH DOUGALL, had made a lot of money as a young man. When the type-setting machines came in he got the agency rights for the whole British Empire.

Also, in the very early years John had been appointed a sort of peoples' watchdog on the Sun Life Board—and held that well-paid post for over half a century.

But all the money which he earned and inherited he used for the public welfare. He spent next to nothing on himself, walked four miles to work winter and summer, and ate his lunch out of a paper parcel.

I never met a finer person—and I doubt anyone else ever did either.

## Ray Reflects and Reminisces

Seattle has had an imitation atomic bomb attack. It would not make a real raid seem any less terrifying. But it could cause confusion, misunderstanding, fright and nervous tension. Today, there are plenty of high strung people who are experiencing about all they can stand.

A certain public servant in Ottawa will, for the next couple of months, be the most tourist-photographed man in America. He will loiter around in the general neighborhood of the Federal buildings, without doing anything in particular. He will wear a scarlet jacket with blue trousers and yellow stripes, a hat with broad brim, and move neither on foot, or in a car or carriage.

The North Pacific, with Prince Rupert aiding and abetting, shuffled off what amounted to a million pounds of halibut on the local exchange in one day. A brief and busy season has ended. The United States like halibut. So does Canada, but not that seriously. For the time being, it's mainly a question of population, or in more bread-and-butter words, consumers.

More than twenty years ago, Saskatoon was badly in need of a hotel and implored Sir Henry Thornton to build one. An outlay of about a million might suffice. Sir Henry couldn't see it. His sight improved a few days later. There would be a hotel and it would cost about three times a million. It was opened in 1935 and paid from the start. An operating profit is shown annually. The Bessborough averages 8,000 guests a month. There are important conventions every year. Saskatoon has no sunlit seas, green hills and lofty mountains. There's just the mud-colored Saskatchewan, the

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prairie and trees built by the pioneers. But Saskatoon does have accommodation.

The government of Saskatchewan, in its wisdom, says the Trans Canada highway, in order to proceed from Manitoba to Alberta, will find it necessary to cross Saskatchewan. While not news there has always been the popular impression that it would be something like that.

Seven United States soldiers, shot in the face with hands tied behind them, have been found on a roadside in Korea. There is something about this that helps illustrate what kind of a foe is trying to dominate mankind. Something else (and perhaps it could have been called an outrage, also) might, have been committed, without arousing the same wrath that this can and will.

Elmer Howe of Los Angeles says that among other results, statehood in Alaska will cause a boom in Prince Rupert. How true! Prince Rupert possesses natural advantages, many of which are deliberately denied full and free exercise. Alaska has long felt a good healthy peeve. Somehow, central B.C. and northern British Columbia understood Alaska better than any other part of the province.

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