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Strike Still Unlikely

11 1/ E still do not think a general railway strike iii VV in Canada will actually materialize although the deadline is getting perilously near and already membargoes are in effect and preparations are under way for a national emergency which, indeed, it would be. It will be a sorry pass, indeed, if the dispute is allowed to remain deadlocked until the walk-out occurs.

The face-saving element now appears to have entered into the affair. Both sides, almost ready to meet, are hesitating about taking one more step -or maybe it is only a half a step.

The point is near where public opinion is going to place the blame on one side or the other. A national disaster would be involved in a railway strike and the responsibility for it is going to be a serious business.

The final answer could, and probably would be, as the Canadian Federation of Agriculture proposes, that the government take over the operation of the railways rather than permit them to be tied

As the deadline approaches, Prince Rupert is . beginning to size up some of the consequences that a railway and a coastal steamship strike, together with land communications, would entail. However, we still have the highway and the airway so would not be completely isolated. It would be a pretty sorry situation for points that are entirely dependent on the railway of which there are some in Central British Columbia's interior.

Such a strike in the country's major public service industry, on which the very economy of the country depends, is not liable to be tolerated by the public.

GREAT PUBLICITY

TRINCE Rupert's Job's Daughters have done it again. Last year the drill team went to Spokane and, in competition with teams from various parts of Canada and the United States, won first place homors in one routine and second in another. Now they have repeated at the annual supreme session at Long Beach, California.

The important thing, apart from the grand experience for the girls in travelling to see the world, meeting new people and seeing how they do things elsewhere, is the highly effective publicity they bring their home town. In a more general way, the publicity is also brought to Canada and British Columbia. Of course, Laura and Alex Mitchell and the rest of them will see to it that Prince Rupert really gets the credit. There will be no "suburb to Vancouver" stuff for these people who are proud of their home town.

Prince Rupert may be proud of them too. The Job's Daughters' drill team has come to be a No. 1 Prince Rupert's publicity stunt-effective and colorful. Their accomplishments have been at the expense of much time, patience, hard work and enterprise and some discouragements at times as well as short-sighted skepticism on the part of a few unappreciative people who, of course, are in the minority and are now changing their minds.

Yes, Job's Daughters, congratulations once more!

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By ELMORE PHILPOTT STRIKES AND 5 CENT BEEF

THIS IS WRITTEN as Canada is on the verge of choked by weeds and eaten by a railway strike, which other creatures. However, when of their souls and lose their faith.

In fact, and without being too: The Christian life begins when that faces people is their failure war in Korea.

The danger on the home front life be cared for if it is to mature. We must keep close to God by could lead to utter disaster to That is why God reminds us that means of prayer and strengthen all of us. It arises from the we must care for our Christian ourselves by a constant study speeding up spiral of rising faith if we want it to mature. of His Word. No one is able to prices, and consequent strikes, or threats of strikes.

THERE IS NO more dastardly lie than that prices have gone up mainly because wages have gone

The exact opposite is the

Wages have gone up because the wage-earners have to keep asking for more and more money in order to try and catch up with sky-rocketing prices. It is like a dog trying to catch its own tail. It cant be done.

WHEN HISTORIANS come to write the record of the tragic years, 1945 to 1950, I think they will have to describe OUR governments, that is the western democratic ones, as the most short-sighted in modern times For what did we do?

First we scrapped all Lease-Lend arrangements wartime. Then we scrapped the UNRRA set up. Then we scrapped the wage, price and rent controls on the home fronts.

And, more or less secretly, we set up GOVERNMENT agencies in all our countries to maintain ARTIFICIAL scarcity, with deliberately - maintained high First Presbyterian Church prices. Beginning in 1946 I myself exposed in this column the five-nation arrangement to hold wool stocks off the market and so keep prices from falling. So "succesful" was the arrangement that despite the greatest surplus of wool in the history of the human race prices were not only kept from falling but boosted to the highest level on record.

The same general principle was applied in cotton and many other farm products.

EVEN NOW when you can't get even one real family meal trying to sell 30,000,000 (correct, thirty million) pounds of can-

And the price (see New York) Times Aug. 6, 1950) is five cents per pound.

Canada and other countries To Do." can buy all they want of this bargain beef provided they agree to distribute it without demor- Following Christ." alizing regular business.

Uncle Sam also offers 50 million pounds of butter at 15 cents per pound; 25 million pounds of cheese at 71/2 cents; a vast hoard of dried eggs at 5 cents; dried skim milk at 3 to 5 cents; also cheap beans and peas.

THERE SEEMS to me to be grim humor in the fact that Donald Gordon, Canada's efficient wartime price controller, is now, as a railway president, trying to stave off a disastrous strike. For this strike threat, like almost all others, is due primarily to the fact that the government fired Mr. Gordon from his wartime job. Instead of using their powers to hold prices down they used them to jack prices and profits up.

We won't begin to get at the root of strikes till we get back to prices—to cut them back to where they belong and to hold them there.

Capt. and Mrs. C. A. Brown and grandson, Arthur Brown, returned last night on the Camosun to Masset after a visit in the city.

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REMAINING FAITHFUL

"Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."-1 Corinthians 10:12

There are illustrations in the Bible that tell us about the growth and development of Christian faith. The plant is sometimes used as it begins with a seed, then has a tender shoot and, finally, is a hardy and mature bush or tree. The plant has periods of frailty when it is easily destroyed. It can be killed by heat,

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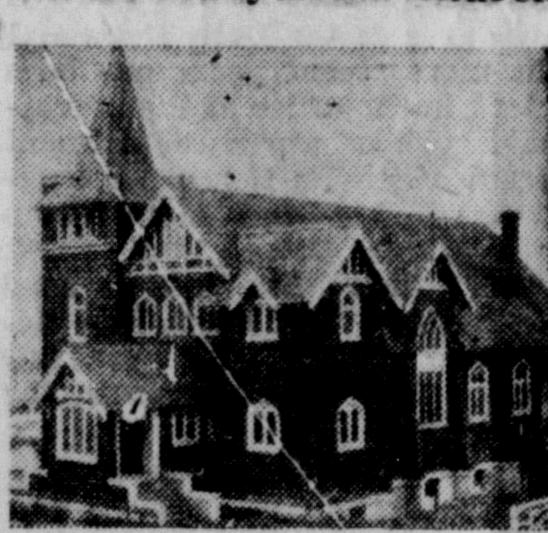
facetious. I cometimes think God plants the seed of faith in to keep their religious faith free that the best thing that could the human heart. This may be from weeds which may choke happen would be if somebody done in childhood through the their faith. If we allow falsedid drop a real atom bomb just Sacrament of Baptism or later in hood to grow in our minds, it outside Ottawa-or Washing-life through the Word of God has the effect of choking the ton—just close enough to scare This seed of faith may be dor- truth. If permitted to remain the living daylights out of our mant for a while just as seeds it will eventually result in the governors. For the obvious that are planted in the ground death of true faith. truth is that our governments seem to be without life until God wants us to retain our are asleep. We are faced with they are seen to shoot forth a faith in Christ as our Saviour an economic danger on the home sprout. As the sprout grows it and Lord. In order to do this front which is far more danger- must be cared for so that hot we must be on the alert against ous, in the long run, than the sun, weeds or birds do not des- any and all things that would troy it. So must the Christian poison that faith or weaken it.

> When Christ once spoke to remain true by his own strength Peter he told him that Satan de- alone. Our chief enemy the sired to have him that he might devil tries to lull us into a sense sift him as wheat. Christ assur- of false security. Our constant ed him that He had prayed for him so that his faith would not need of spiritual strength will fail. Every Christian has this be supplied by God as long as same kind of protection for we rely on His help. His strength Christ is ever pleading on behalf alone can give us the final vicshould not fail. Each Christian tory over the forces of evil that will be faced with the invitation seek to undermine our faith. to forsake his faith. Such an invitation is given by offering a First United Church substitute. There are so many religions that offer what might

they seek to let the individual earn his own salvation. However since no one can earn his way into heaven, such religions fail to satisfy the numan soul. Another means by which some are deprived of their faith is the failure to recognize temptations which they meet. Just as the

seem to be something better as

brilliant light attracts bugs, so do the bright lights attract many unsuspecting people. They find that it is very enjoyable to partake of these pleasures, but in doing so they forget the needs



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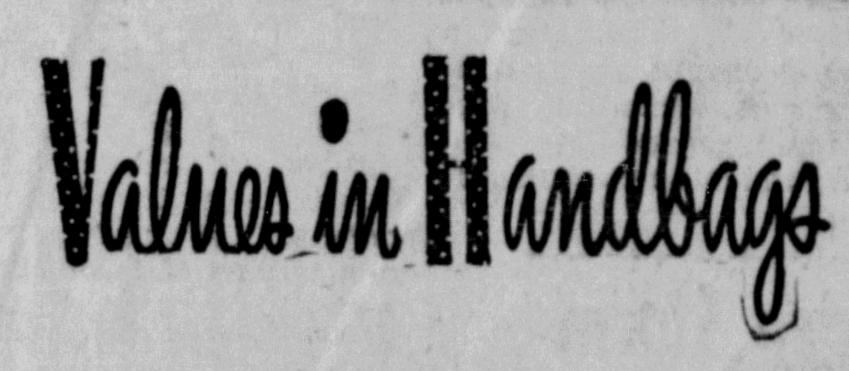
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