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The Link is Missing

JUST 23 years ago today the now deceased Tm-J pire News put out a special edition carrying eulogies of the north and Prince Rupert's part in it.

W. A. Mackenzie, then provincial minister of mines, wrote the leading article in which he saw the imminent development of mineral resources in areas contiguous to the northwest coast. The still active H. H. Stevens, at that time a member of parliament, wrote a beguiling piece on the lustrous outlook of the Peace River country with Prince Rupert as an outlet to the sea. Another writer commented on the city's advantageous relation to the Orient.

It was all very convincing, all very heartening, and all identical to what we are still saying today.

Following is a passage from one article in that edition speculating on construction of a railway into the Peace River country which would serve Prince Rupert:

"This is the short route. Here is a great harbor where ice is unknown. Here is a modern grain elevator, wharves, shipping facilities, shippards, drydock, nearness to the open sea, and beyond the expanding markets of the Orient, which Prince Rupert is closer to by more than 500 miles than any other railway terminus in America.

"No one can tell how soon it will be decided to proceed with the Peace River railway construction. But phenomenal development in the rich wheat growing and mixed farming areas of the Peace makes it self evident that a decision cannot be long delayed."

How is it we are able to cling to a vision which others seem to regard with such indifference? At this moment the Chamber of Commerce here is making its third or fourth attempt to gain support for the railway proposal at Ottawa and Victoria. The Terrace Board of Trade, fully aware of the scheme's history of shattered illusions, is backing it to the limit. Individuals like Walter Wilson at Burns Lake and Page Rideout at Nelson have continued through the long years to give their encouragement.

The answer lies in a human reluctance to be sold down the river—in this case, the Fraser. If the Peace River block is entered by an extension of the Pacific Great Eastern from Prince George, that is where the birthright of people in the north will go. The vast and wonderful north country which receives so much glib treatment in public places will become the turnip field of Vancouver, many hundred of miles removed.

Peace River and Prince Rupert belong together, but the link is missing. It is the third P.R.—the Practical Railway.

Inclusion of Check-off System In Labor Laws Now Being Studied

OTTAWA (P) - The Commons has adopted a suggestion by Labor Minister Gregg that committee study the question of putting the voluntary revocable check-off into labor legislation.



Paul David Leblanc, who died of a fractured skull and a brain hemorrhage. Charged with murder are the child's mother, Edna Leblanc, 21, and Alexander Sielinski, 37. Police said the woman is Sielinski's common-law wife. Investigators

Mr. Gregg said members should not take hasty action on a proposal by Stanley Knowles (CCF-Winnipeg North Centre) that the Industrial Relations and putes Act be amended to include held on the subject of Kashmir. the voluntary revocable check- Seven considered a request for Chapter IODE with Mrs. J. A.

The proposal would make it the employee.

question whether unions should to the UN General Assembly. for failure to pay are pending. derive stability from governmentimposed measures rather than Dam Construction Awaits Report between employers and employ-

officials of his department now On Canadian-American Relations were studying the act. Changes should be brought in as a group ning for construction of the British Columbia. of amendments, not one by one. proposed \$284,336,000 Libby dam "Benefits to Canada,"

Angus MacInnis (CCF-Vancou- in Montana awaits a "favorable statement said, "will be the alver East) said that until a few years ago employers used all the relations," the Seattle army en- damages in the upper Kootenay weapons in their power against gineers office said. establishment of a trade union. It was understandable that employers would oppose the checkoff. The act already compelled employers to bargain collectively with legally-constituted unions To go one step further to the

check-off should not be rejected C. E. Johnston (SC-Bow River) said he hopes the committee will recommend that the check-off natural gas. be included in the labor legislation and that the government of Col. N. A. Matthias, Seattle ther preliminary work requires will accept that recommendation. district engineer, said the pro- an additional \$365,000 allocation say they have evidence the boy Many provinces had legislation ject would benefit British Col- which must await a "favorable was lashed with a dog leash, providing for it and individual umbia as well as the Pacific report on Canadian-American his hands were burned on a agreements between companies Northwest states. The proposed relations from the U.S. section of stove and that red pepper and unions included the check- dam on Kootenay River, north the International Joint Commiss juice was forced into his mouth. off in labor contracts.



A NUMBER OF STUFFED FROGS, mounted in different positions, carrying musical instruments and arranged as an orchestra, is a feature of the natural-history collection owned by Dr. O. E. Morehouse of Fredericton, N.B. The frog orchestra took two years to complete. It is part of a large collection made by Dr. Morehouse's father.

hardly repress a thrill of hope

40 Years Ago Today

day the city was in a bad finan-

cial position because the former

city council left such a large

F. Landes was elected presi-

30 Years Ago Today

ed a resolution at council meet-

ing for a thorough investigation

into present telephone and

20 Years Ago Today

10 Years Ago Today

meeting of the Queen Mary

lake area and a potential in-

studies has been exhausted, the

SEATTLE (AP)-Further plan- reservoir reaching 42 miles into

report on Canadian-American most entire elimination of flood

It was the first official state- crease of 172,000 kilowatts in

ment from the office since last power output along the lower

Sommers, British Columbia lands The dam is expected to pro-

minister, indicated there would duce power valued at \$23,500,000

be opposition from the new Brit- in the United States and also aid

Pacifie Northwest gas distrib- The \$285,000 allocated last year

utors agree to take Canadian for planning and preliminary

The statement from the office engineers' statement said. Fur-

ish Columbia government unless in reducing the flood menace.

of Libby, Mont., would form a sion," the engineers said,

November, At that time, Robert Kootenay."

water charges with a view

making reductions.

Alderman McKenzie introduc-

OTTAWA DIARY BY NORMAN Hunter Kills

those critical hours of last cal. Thursday, avoid the threatened and apparently inevitable disas- sentatives, for their part, could

ter of a railway strike? Gradually the full story of the when the Ottawa summons came happenings behind the closed They felt that the anti-strike conference doors during those legislation upon which they had fateful Thursday hours is being relied was close at hand. An pieced together. Government, arbitrary settlement would labor, and railway management saddle the government with resources are variously supplying sponsibility for both the terms the information pieces.

drama of one of the greatest creased operating costs. Com- his father. ster Louis St. Laurent took had to do was to sit tight in tion. seemed inevitable.

As events proved, it was a public purse. gamble that paid off.

DANGEROUS MOOD

The summons to Ottawa didn't improve the critical temper of the Montreal talks, so far as the labor representatives were concerned. Almost from the start of negotiations they had sensed that management representatives were relying on government intervention along the lines of the legislation used in 1950. Only this time the legislation would be used before the strike commenc ed, instead of after it.

This prospect made labor leaders feel that their strike threat was largely empty, so far as railway management was concerned, and that the cards were stacked against them. Word reached them that the Prime Minister had sounded out the CCF group in Parliament to learn their attitude in the event of the dent of the new Indoor Baseball of frogs. government acting by order-in- League with W. D. Vance, secrecouncil-a speedier method than tary, and H. J. Brooks, treas legislation through Parliament urer. but considerably more arbitrary. While the CCF reply had been firmly opposed, the labor negotiators felt that the situation

U.N. Security Council Met 42 limes in 5/

The 11 members of the United carrying men to reinforce the ported from the Pacific coast. is a little hard to believe." Nations Security Council met 42 police force at Anyox owing to, Dr. John Walton of Glasgow times during 1952, the seventh the strike in progress there. One said the British forestry com- HOW RIGHT you are, Jack! The

records show, was five more than shortly after it left here but fir, sitka spruce and lodgepole books ever written, it shows the in 1951, when the Council set a was found later by the Salvage pine. First seeds were planted in enlarging consciousness of man low record for the number of Princess.

Fourteen meetings, the largest number on any one question, were devoted to the admission of Dis- new members. Ten meetings were elected regent at the annual ers. investigation of alleged bacter- Teng appointed honorary reiological warfare six were held gent. compulsory for employees to on an appeal to countries to deduct union dues from an em- agree to the Geneva Protocol of Since the radio inspector from ployee's pay at the request of 1925, prohibiting germ warfare; Vancouver started his collection three on the Tunisian question; of local radio licences here, 1,500 Mr. Gregg said it is open to and two on the Council's report have paid and 31 prosecutions

Moose by Using Railway management repre-

FREDERICTON (CP) - This the story of a moose that was shot with a knife and fork, a frog orchestra and other strange events in the life of the late Dr

His son, Dr. O. E. Morehouse, imposed and for the additional has an extensive array of nat- IT OFTEN amuses me to hear

ernment of party leader in Can- and passenger rates would have wild life fail to find a place segregation policies. I know how adian political history - the to be granted. In brief, all that among the stuffed and mounted immoral and impractical they gamble, namely, that Prime Min- the management representatives items in the Morehouse collec- are. When the white South Af-

the railway and labor heads so cost of meeting and unreason- mounted caribou head, one of signed their own political death solidly deadlocked that a strike ableness in the labor demands the last killed before that warrant. would be unloaded upon the species of wild life vanished. The inevitable reaction to from New Brunswick.

Obviously the atmosphere into Another set of moose antlers ing up over all Africa, that is which the Prime Minister's call carries the tale of the knife- "Africa for the Africans"--Euroto Ottawa arrived wasn't one to and-fork shooting. Dr. More- peans for Europe. breed any disposition to compro- house and several friends, so the But what we forget over here mise. What happened during story goes, had a munting camp those critical Thursday hours to not far from the home of purge the air of the almost shrewd hunter who happened to successful racial aggression ever sullen intransigence that pre- be out for game birds, armed vailed will be told in tomorrow's with shotgun and bird-shot an

He spotted a moose, which didn't spot him, giving time plan his course of action. First he emptied the small shot from the shell, broke off the blade of his jack-knife and rammed it into the casing.

He fired from 20 yards and Mayor Pattullo explained to- the moose fell, wounded but still full of fight. This time the hunter used a piece of iron fork from his ration kit. That shot did the trick.

Another of Dr. Morehouse

Also extensive is the weapon collection, including various types of old pistols and muskets and more modern weapons. Included is a pair of long-barrelled muskets used by Morehouse ancestors during the American

Britain Planting Canadian Trees

sity of Glasgow, is one of Brit- in the name of God's orders. Mrs. D. C. Stuart was again ain's nine forestry commission- But step by step man learns.

U.K. Trade Envoy Returns To Britain

and economic adviser to the U.K. British six hours of concentrat-High Commissioner, has com- ed bombing to do that in Hamenroute home.

Mr. Jopson was Trade Commis_ civilians at Hiroshima. sioner in Montreal from 1945-48. He succeeded the late A. M. Wiseman as Senior Trade Com- Canada in 1951 reached a total missioner at Ottawa in 1948.

As I See It



Calling All Xmas Cards

for used Christmas to sit in? cards, picture books, story books, magazines, puzzles and games, painting sets, crayons.

Patients at the TB hospitals at Nanaimo and Sardis, B.C., are TO BE ENCOURAGED native Indians, mostly children or young adults. They are thankful for the books, etc. which readers of this column sent a couple of years ago-but they need more-much more-

The Indian youngsters have ot of fun re-making those old Christmas cards into something new and beautiful. The doctors say that this kind of enjoyment is half the battle in beating the once-dread killer, TB. Simply mail them to either

hospital, or care The Indian Times, Post Office Box 241, Van-

What stands revealed is the finances required to meet any in- ural history exhibits collected by North Americans damn the South African government up gambles undertaken by a gov- pensating increases in freight Few specimens of Canadian hill and down dale for its race when he summoned to Ottawa their intransigence and the One of the prize trophies is a "For Europeans Only", they

that cry was what is now com-

is that white North Americans are the beneficiaries of the most carried out in history. In a recent issue of "The Native Voice" Newell Collins writes: "During Harrison's administration fifteen treaties had reduced the Indians' hunting grounds by 33 million acres, leaving about onetifth their original area." Treaty after treaty was made,

and broken

THE recent controversy over the various translations of the Bible raises the question-has the world moved forward morally? We have read a good many comments about which is the precise translation of how the children of Israel captured the walled city of Jericho.

Jack O'Brien asks me to take look, at Joshua verse 6.

"And they utterly destroye all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword." Jack says: "I served three ter-

rible winters in the 1914-1913 trench warfare . . . We went after the men in mortal combat, but if the ladies got hurt it VANCOUVER (CP) -- Britain is wasn't our doing. How Joshua Numerous aircraft flew in and building up a sound reserve of figured that the Lord told him UNITED NATIONS, N. Y .- out of Prince Rupert today standing timber from seeds im- to conduct a war of that kind

year of the body's life. of the planes the "Prince mission is building up a reserve way I read the Bible is this Number of meetings last year, George" was reported missing by planting the seed of douglas Better than any other book or about God's will. In the early The doctor, who is regius pro- books of the Bible they commit fessor of botany at the Univer- all sorts of bloody crimes-all

> Abraham makes a revolutionary change-he refuses to murder his son, in the name of religion. So on all down the line. But, Jack, are we really any better than the slaughterers at Jerieho? It took the Germans six years of bombing to kill 60,-R. Keith Jopson, senior British 000 British civilians, men, womtrade commissioner in Canada en and children. It took the pleted his tour of duty and is burg. It took the Americans six seconds to burn to death 60,000

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REFLECTS

Most parents look forward to the tendency, not toward the day when their teenage but toward this weird and s daughter will marry and have rible humility.-Chesterton a phone of her own.

Good judgment comes from ex- Maplethorpe on the east perience, and experience comes of England, is faring h from poor judgment.

CONCERNING COMFORT

Home is as comfortable as its city service, returned in furniture, says an interior deco- home overseas 12 years ages HERE is an urgent call rator. A husband should buy his town, in the path of he wife a comfortable chair for him

> Vancouver does not hesitate to admit that on 21 days out of 25, the weather was wet. But then, we all know that in what- whom she had not sees to ever that city turns its hand to, years visited Miss S. E. Wees she simply must excel.

"God said, Increase and mul- century, tiply.' If I were a priest in Ireland," a clerical confrere told Father O'Brien, who is a member of the faculty of Notre Dame University, "I would preach that in season and out of season. Our bachelors, he added, are not totally devoid of the mating imoulse, but they have nearly strangled it.

An English teacher, checking up on birthdays, announced that usually those born between June and December are dull mentally A student, to determine the accuracy of this, discovered that Churchill, Stalin, Eisenhower, Eden and Truman were all born

There runs a strange law through the length of human history-that men are continually tending to undervalue their environment, to under value their happiness, and to undervalue themselves. The great sin of mankind, the sin typified by the fall of Adam,

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