



SUBJECT TO RATIFICATION by striking members of the United Steelworkers of America (CIO-CCL), a basis has been reached for settlement of the strike which began 14 weeks ago at Hollinger mine, Canada's largest gold producer, at Timmins, Ont. The agreement was reached by these officials at a Toronto meeting: standing, left to right: William Mahoney, assistant Canadian director of the USWA; national director C. H. Millard; Eamon Park, legislative director of the union, and P. C. Finlay, Hollinger secretary and general counsel. Seated are Ontario's chief conciliation officer, Louis Fine (left), and Labor Minister Daley.

South Korean Foreign Minister Assails India For PoW Report

PANMUNJOM (AP)—South Korea's foreign minister today assailed India for backing a report blaming South Korea for sabotaging the explanations to bawky war prisoners.

"We are not surprised," Foreign Minister Pyun Yung Tai said, "because we know India will side with the Communists on all important issues."

Pyun's attack was the opening blow of an expected South Korean thunderclap against India's neutrality in the touchy prisoner situation.

India, chairman power of the five-country repatriation commission, sided with Poland and Czechoslovakia in a majority report that accused South Korea of controlling compounds housing more than 22,000 anti-Communist North Korean and Chinese war prisoners.

Only a small number of the anti-Red prisoners ever met Communist persuasion teams in the 90-day explanation period. Those that did rejected return to their homelands by an overwhelming majority.

A minority report by Sweden and Switzerland blamed Communist explanation teams for dragging out the interviews sometimes as long as five hours.

Pyun told a press conference in Seoul that he does not know what went on behind the prison compounds in the neutral zone but added: "I do not think the

Communist charges are fully founded."

The Communists were backing away from a Korean political conference because it would then make the release of unrepatriated prisoners Jan. 22 "look like a faulty procedure."

The Communist high command maintains that after 90 days of explanations any prisoner remaining should be turned

over to the political conference for disposition. Negotiations toward setting up a political conference are at a standstill.

The United Nations command maintains the armistice provides that all unrepatriated PoWs be released as civilians Jan. 22 or 30 days after the explanation period which ended Dec. 23.

Britain's Defence Spending Centres on New Equipment

By RON EVANS

LONDON (CP)—Backed by a defence budget of £1,636,000,000, Britain in 1953 went shopping for the best weapons available to equip her fighting forces, swollen to a peacetime peak.

By Oct. 1 there were 863,900 men and women under arms, some 531,000 regulars, 309,000 serving under the national service scheme and 23,800 filling out the women's services. More than 500,000 more stood ready in reserve and auxiliary ranks.

About 20 per cent of the total fighting units were stationed in Britain. The rest were scattered through Europe, the Middle East and Asia.

One of the bigger items on the defence bill was £100,000,000 earmarked for defence research, up 40 per cent from 1952.

To the army, with a strength of 445,900, went £181,000,000.

In the re-equipping campaign, biggest news was the announcement in September that a new tank, the Centurion, faster, heavier and better armored than the famed Centurion, had been developed.

Almost as much money—£548-

000,000—was tabbed for development of air power. In August the wraps came off the world's first delta-winged jet bomber, the Avro Vulcan.

Foreign experts envied super-sonic jets such as the Supermarine Swift, the Gloster Javelin and the Hawker Hunter at the Farnborough air show in September.

The Royal Navy's share in the defence budget amounted to £364,000,000. Naval officials, with a weather eye on the huge fleet of some 400 Russian submarines, concentrated on production of fast frigates and anti-submarine vessels.

At the same time there was an easing in the construction of aircraft carriers, existing ones rapidly built up their complement of jet planes.

In October, marine experts were invited to inspect the newest gas turbine engine, the RM60. Navy officials estimate the turbine is capable of driving a frigate at 35 knots.

October also brought the second explosion of a British atomic bomb on the Woomera range in south Australia. A third bomb was detonated over the range Oct. 26.

Supply Minister Duncan Sandys announced in August that Britain possessed guided missiles capable of travelling 2,000 miles an hour at heights of 50,000 feet.

SCREEN ★ FLASHES

LONDON (Reuters)—The British theatre wouldn't be the same if actresses retired at 60. Fortunately few of them do.

A small, ever-popular group of "mature" actresses—in their 60s and 70s—is responsible for the success of at least five hit shows now playing in London.

At the head of the moment is Gladys Cooper, 65, a better actress now than when she was the toast of the town 40 years ago and, some long-memoried old-timers say, just as good looking.

Miss Cooper generally is regarded as personally responsible for the success of Wynyard Browne's "A Question of Fact." She does not appear "till" halfway through the second act, but then carries the play triumphantly, with co-stars Pamela Brown and Paul Schofield tagging along.

"I've often thought of retiring," she admits. "But another play comes along that I like and so I go on."

Dame Sybil Thorndike, on the other hand, has "never thought of retiring."

Thousands of theatre-goers are flocking to see Dame Sybil in N. C. Hunter's "A Day at the Sea," in which she stars with her husband Sir Lewis Casson, and with Sir John Gielgud and Sir Ralph Richardson.

Her old rival, Dame Edith Evans, 65, is not in a play at the moment.

The muddle-headed, stylish mother in T. S. Eliot's "The Confidential Clerk" is Isabel Jeans, 62.

French-born Yvonne Arnaud, 61, long a London favorite in light comedy, is wonderful in "Dear Charles."

One of the oldest actresses is Helen Haye, 79, who was the brightest thing about the play, "Anastasia," before it closed recently. She also appears regularly on television.

Newcomers to Canada in '53 May Exceed Number Last Year

By KEN KELLY

Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Newcomers to Canada this year are expected to exceed the number who arrived in 1952.

Final figures will not be available for some time but estimates indicate that the total will easily pass the 164,498 mark of last year. This year's arrivals will boost to more than 950,000 the number of immigrants admitted to Canada since the end of the Second World War.

The total for the first 10 months of the year—the latest figures available—show that 143,722 were admitted. A total of 194,391 entered in 1951; 73,912 in 1950; 95,217 in 1949; 125,414 in 1948; 64,127 in 1947 and 71,719 in 1946.

The pattern for the first four months of 1953 indicated a sharp decline. However, the tempo increased steadily during the following months.

This pattern was the result of the first full year in operation of a new policy. The aim is to bring immigrants to Canada in the late spring, summer and early fall months when it is easier to establish a new home and find a job.

MORE FROM U.K.

Arrivals from the United Kingdom for the second straight year showed an increase.

In the first 10 months a total of 40,390 came from the United Kingdom compared with 35,637 in a similar period last year and 25,058 in 1951. The increase of 10 per cent in 1953 compared with an increase of 46 per cent last year.

In this category, arrivals from England and Ireland were higher than a year ago and those from Scotland and Wales down.

Entries from northern European countries were seven per cent higher in this period at 61,568 compared with 57,472. The largest increase was among German immigrants—30,798 compared with 25,307. Dutch immigrants dropped slightly to 19,193 from 20,160.

Entries from the United States dropped one per cent at 7,796 from 7,904 while entries from other countries showed a 23-per cent decline to 33,968 from 44,223. Among the decreases in the latter category were Italians, down 17,426 from 18,260, and Poles, down to 2,746 from 5,115.

Bomber Coach Now Free Agent

WINNIPEG (CP)—Fiery George Trafton now is a free agent and will be able to dicker with football clubs in Canada and the United States.

Trafton and Winnipeg Blue Bombers came to their official parting Monday in a statement issued by Trafton and Bomber president Karl Slocumb at the club's annual meeting.

Terms of the settlement gave Trafton a full salary of \$12,500 for the 1954 season.

Trafton, who took the Bombers to the Grey Cup final this year said "I've had a contract up until now and didn't feel free to negotiate with other clubs, therefore I have nothing lined up."

LAST NIGHT'S FIGHTS

By The Associated Press
Brooklyn—George Benton, 154, Philadelphia, outpointed Bob Jones, 155½, Oakland, Calif., 10.

Holyoke, Mass.—Harry Whitey Smith, 126½, Brooklyn, outpointed Bobby Courchesne, 127½, Chicopee, Mass., 8.

WHL STANDINGS

By The Canadian Press

	W	L	T	F	A	Pts
Calgary	22	14	1	145	104	45
Vancouver	20	12	5	104	92	45
N. West	17	16	5	120	128	39
Saskatoon	17	13	4	105	98	38
Seattle	14	21	4	113	130	32
Edmonton	12	20	6	128	151	30
Victoria	12	18	5	94	107	29

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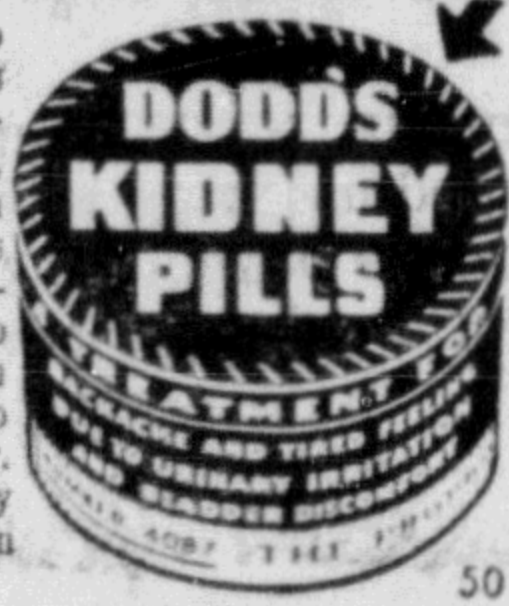
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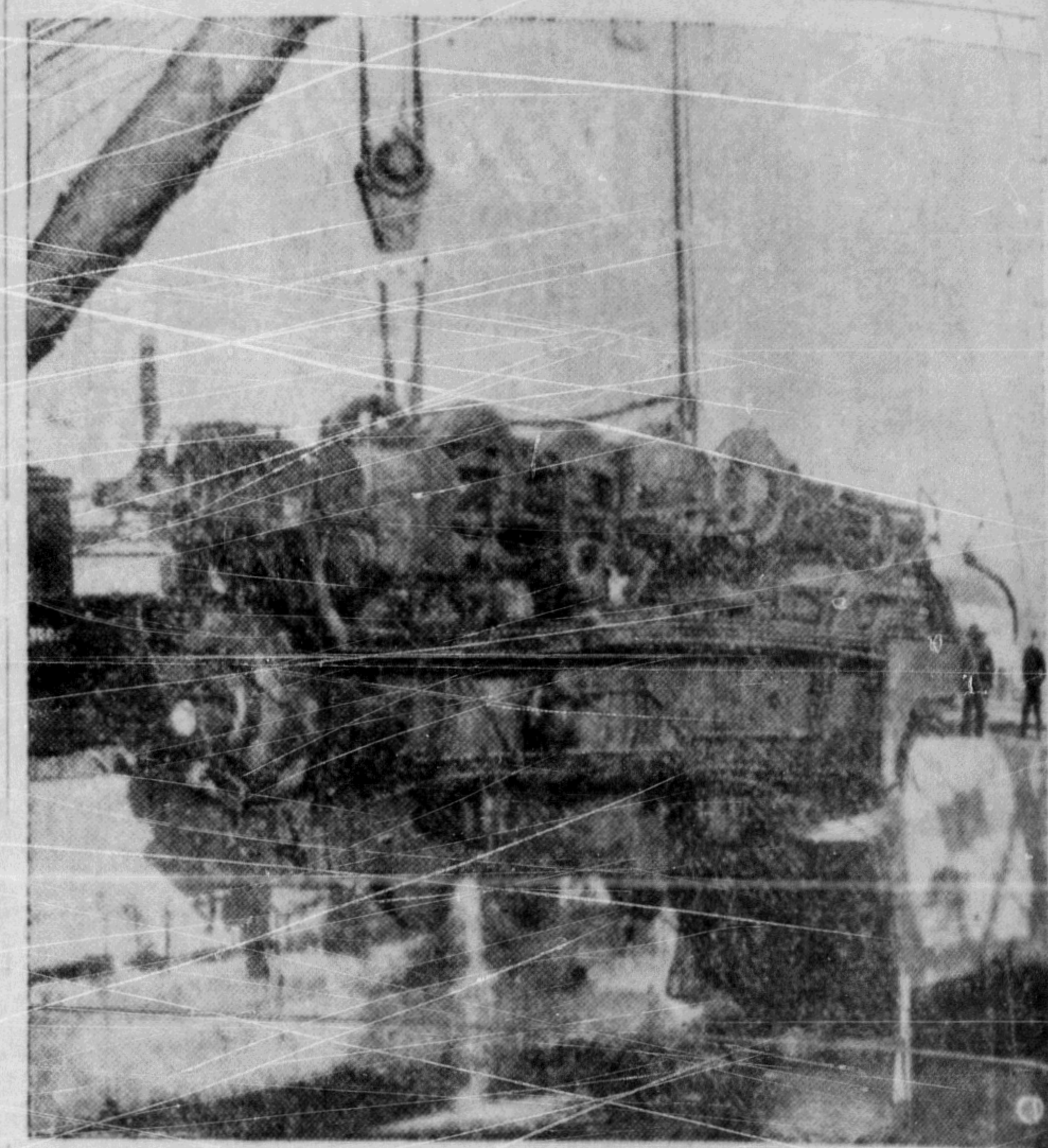
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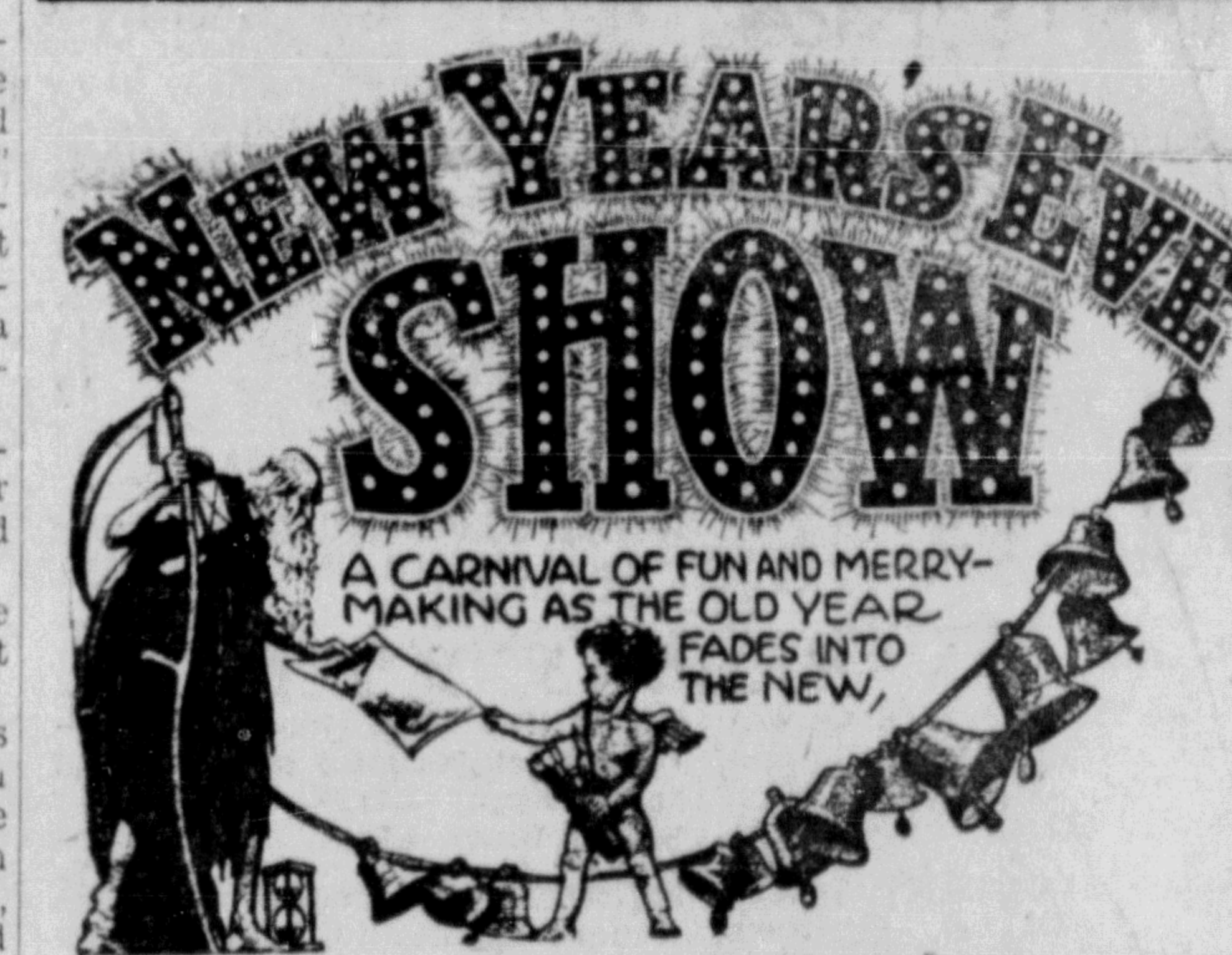
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