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## Headway Toward Airport

A COMPLETELY new and encouraging aspect has been put on the prospects for Prince Rupert's air field in the communication received by the federal M.P., E. T. Applewhaite, from the minister of transport, Hon. Lionel Chevrier, virtually dismissing the Tugwell Island idea and suggesting, in its stead, the use of Ridley Island. The newly proposed site is across from Port Edward, and easily accessible to Prince Rupert, a distance of eleven miles, by highway extension and a bridge spanning Porpoise Harbor.

The most important thing is the fact that the department of transport has taken the initiative in actively investigating the situation to the point where favor is expressed for the Ridley Island development. This, in itself, can be taken as a commitment to the necessity and justification of the project.

Of course, this is only part of the way. The strip development will be a costly business and, added to that, will be the road extension and bridge that will have to be undertaken to connect up the strip.

The suggestion of aid by the municipality in purchasing of the land has been raised by the minister. With the outcry that we have made so long about the need for the air strip—and there is no question about that, of course—we could well extend ourselves by going along that far with the government which will be putting such a large stake in the principal aspects of the undertaking. And the question of land, which is serving no useful purpose now and has little prospect of doing so, should not be too difficult a matter.

The Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce, the Canadian Pacific Air Lines, Mr. Applewhaite himself and even the Daily News have been carrying this landing field campaign for a long time now and have contributed in bringing the matter to this new and gratifying point. The minister has given the cue and we are grateful for his active interest. It is now to carry on the campaign to the successful culmination of getting Prince Rupert equipped with the full facilities for handling flying by land and sea, day and night, and removing this from the position of being the only city in Canada of its size, importance and potential which is so lacking in this important branch of modern transportation.

It is not necessary for us to repeat the need. We are already notorious through the lack.

## The By-Election

PRINCE RUPERT electors seem to prefer old hands to new. That could be the conclusion from yesterday's civic by-election. Two veterans are back on the aldermanic board, ousting newer and younger men.

Public indifference, as indicated in the comparatively light vote, might have had some bearing on the outcome. However, the majorities in each case were substantial even though the by-election vote was only about half that in the December general election.

Mr. Glassey and Mr. Daggett, although they were defeated in the December mayoralty contest, still enjoy public esteem and confidence.

It was a vagary of political fancy that an aldermanic aspirant, who headed a poll little over a month ago, should suffer defeat now. But elections are always unpredictable.

Many people feel that this by-election was quite unnecessary and arose from circumstances which should have been obviated. That feeling might, indeed, have influenced the voting of some or tended to disinterestedness.

In any event, the air has been cleared now and it is to be hoped that the city's business will proceed with dispatch and the best measure of harmony.

## Scripture Passage for Today

"God said, let there be light."—Gen. 1:3.

LONDON (C)—King George will reduce his personal staff to the minimum for his convalescence voyage on HMS Vanguard next spring. In the party is one equerry, one secretary, one doctor, one clerk, one valet and a detective.

LONDON (C)—Lecturing on world citizenship, Dr. J. Brankowski said young people should not hesitate to criticize their elders if the world is to become a better place. He said human rights include the right of individuals to their own opinions.

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## As I See It



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### Live Theatre Comeback

WHENEVER I read that the Totem Theatre in Vancouver is "completely sold out" for such and such a show I am pleased as Punch.

For years I told all and sundry who would listen that the live theatre could make a comeback in Canada, and here we see one striking proof.

Some people held that the perennial success of Vancouver's Theatre Under the Stars was entirely due to the fact that it was outdoors. That always seemed like nonsense to me.

Granted there are some people who will go to a show held outdoors who will not so eagerly go to one in a building. But that works the other way too. Not everybody likes to be wrapped in blankets, mosquito nets or equipped with umbrella, just in case of a sudden shower.

Besides, summer only lasts two or three months, and the year has twelve of them.

TOTEM THEATRE has already presented a wide range of performances, all the way from East Lynne to Sartre.

If the proof of the pudding is in the eating, or in the box office for the theatre, the results speak for themselves. The Totem players are "packing them in" and often turning away would-be paying customers.

TOTEM PLAYS arena style. That is, they have no raised stage set back from and above the audience. The chairs are on three sides of the stage, which is on the main floor level.

My first impression of this was that it must be much more difficult for the old actors and most disconcerting for youngsters. At times they are not much more than a yard or two away from the people in the front seats. It is also a surprise for some of the paying customers to find themselves a few feet from—say—a scene in which a beautiful blond acts and says her part in bed.

There is nothing risqué about this—but it is many many times more vivid than in regular stage style.

FOR MANY years now another Vancouver theatre has been doing fine work. That, of course is Everyman's.

It would be interesting to know how many of the Canadian actors, now doing well in Britain and the U.S.A. got their dramatic training with Everyman's. With very little noise, and absolutely no ballyhoo, this fine company has gone on year after year. At first it toured all over the western provinces, enduring hardships which must have set a record, even for this country where the live theatre has been almost as badly neglected as have our Canadian poets.

Now Everyman's plays week after week in Vancouver. It too hangs out the "Sold Out" sign quite frequently. It is building a solid position on a modest, firm foundation.

DOWN IN the States there is talk that television is putting many movies out of business—and nobody knows whether some of the big radio chains can survive the devastating inroads of TV competition.

Here in Canada our picture is quite different. The nature of the country is such that the vast majority of the people now served by radio can never be served by TV, which is essentially a big city proposition.

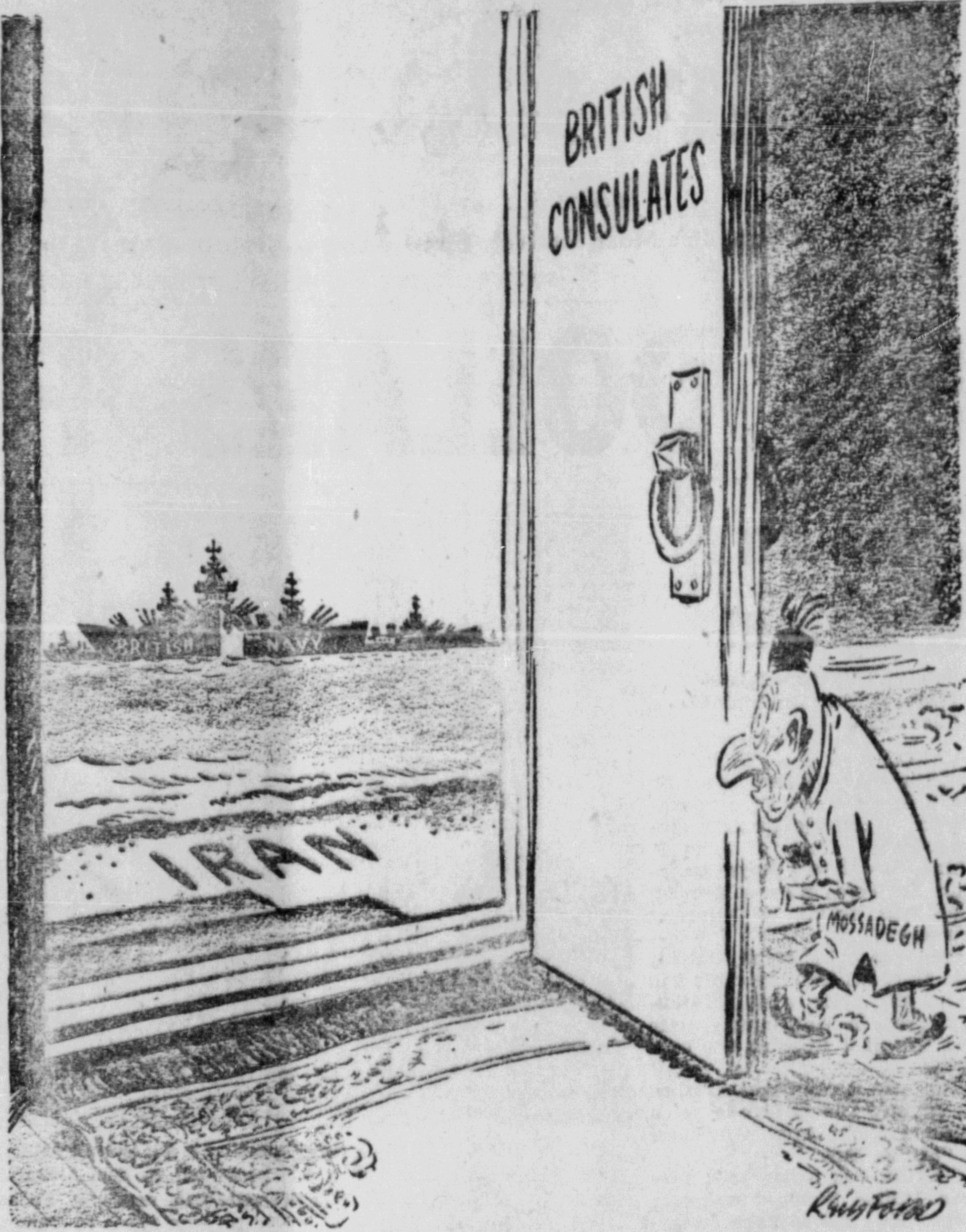
The radio tended to bring back the live theatre in Canada—for it enabled many actors to answer the question "when do we eat?"

## Blind Man Runs Diaper Laundry

PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP)—In the three years since he lost his sight, Oswald Meagher, 43, has built up a diaper laundry service here into a flourishing small business.

He had been a postal carrier for 21 years when he became blind and had to look around for some way to support his wife and two children.

Impressed with the story of a man in the United States becoming rich from a diaper laundry service, Meagher and his wife started out by setting up a washer in one of the rooms of their home. The business expanded rapidly and they were able to buy a huge washer and a revolving drier. Now they have hired a driver to pick up and deliver the diapers.



STILL A WATCH AT THE DOOR—By James Reilford in the Toronto Globe and Mail.

## ray... Reflects and Reminisces

William Oates, a press correspondent in Europe before he was prosecuted on a charge of spying—and given a ten years stretch, should, by this time, wonder where this thing is going to end. He must already be on his second year and what for?

Air raid sirens are about to be distributed among more of the cities of Canada, east as well as west. The weird sound is no novelty. Ever since the Second Great War, it's been more or less in the picture. The next step is to learn what to do next. That's where the rub may come!

School teachers in Cape Breton were reported yesterday to have gone on strike. What they seek is a wage increase. Wonder if they ever think of teaching \$1.50 an hour?

Cannibalism in a South American jungle shocked this continent a few weeks ago but sometimes it can come closer home than that. In January, the swank California train City of San Francisco was blocked by huge snow drifts in a pass of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. It was days before the 191 passengers could move. If not absolute hunger, there was distress, anxiety and some illness. Not more than a few miles away, in the same pass, in 1846, winter trapped 81 California gold seekers. Four



READY FOR AUSTRALIA—This is the most recent picture of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, taken in Clarence House prior to their departure for Australia today. The United Kingdom Information photo shows the Royal couple in evening dress. (CP PHOTO)

months passed ere any were rescued. Thirty six perished, a good many having been eaten.

Thousands of persons in Canada still continue to use the word "Dominion," notwithstanding this is forbidden by the government where it affects certain of the federal Acts. Suggestions are now heard that the expression "Kingdom" be utilized instead. This was recommended by Sir John A. Macdonald, back at the time of Confederation, but because it was thought that such might offend Republican sensibilities, it also was dropped.

A broadcast, last evening, discussed the general question of governors general and the advisability of having every future one a Canadian. In fact, by the time the opinions were all heard, they had attained quite a breadth. If, said one speaker, there was to be full commonwealth representation, why not have someone from Canada be viceroy in Britain. My word!

## Police Seek Red Records

BONN (C)—Hundreds of West German police raided offices of the Communist party Thursday and seized secret records.

Police struck at dawn acting on the orders of the Federal Constitutional Court in the seeking of evidence of subversive activities. In the homes of party leaders the police seized stacks of propaganda, bank records and confidential files.

## Changes in Labor Laws

VANCOUVER (C)—Canadian and American woodworkers were told Wednesday they must campaign for changes in labor legislation.

"New laws will have to be fought for and old one thrown out," said Al Hartung, of Portland, Oregon, international president of the International Woodworkers of America. He spoke at the annual convention of the British Columbia District Wood Workers' Union.

Chris Pritchard, labor member on Workmen's Compensation Board, addressed the convention. He criticized the press for reporting on the number of days lost through strikes but not through accidents. If labor wants higher benefits it must ask the Legislature for them and not the Compensation Board. "If you can't work safely, don't work," he advised.

Following his speech, delegates approved the health and welfare plan for union workers scheme. This, delegates indicated, would be a major issue in the 1952 wage negotiations.



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## British at Odds Over Churchill U.S. Policy

LONDON—British opinion appears to be taking Prime Minister Winston Churchill's agreement to the appointment of an American supreme commander for North Atlantic Treaty Organization navies in the North Atlantic pretty well "in its stride."

At the same time there is some opposition building up to other aspects of Mr. Churchill's Washington policy.

It would be wrong to say that the news about the admiral is really welcome in any quarter in Britain. But it is no longer the explosive subject it was last February when the Attlee government announced it had agreed to an American supreme naval commander—and Mr. Churchill himself led the opposition.

EXPLOSIVE MATERIAL  
Far Eastern policy, however, provides a great deal of explosive material.

Left wingers of the Labor Party are reported to be gathering their strength for a parliamentary attack on the Prime Minister's alleged "capitulation to America."

Inspired reports have circulated here emphasizing that Britain has no intention of withdrawing recognition of Communist China in the near future.

The influential Sunday Observer warns that Mr. Churchill's remarks about Korea and Formosa may have been misunderstood by his hearers. The Observer doubts whether Britain has come around to wholehearted support of President Truman's China policy.

CONTAINMENT OF CHINA  
British policy has hardened, however, the Observer declares, and hopes that China can be detached from Russia have faded.

British now thinks in terms of a containment of China, it is said: of drawing a line round China's frontiers which China may not cross without provoking war.

Mr. Churchill's agreement to an American admiral in the Atlantic may not be quite as absolute as it appears. Mr. Churchill has attached reservations to his agreement which give him the right to make further proposals for the Atlantic command at a later date.

In conceding to Britain complete authority over the western approaches to the British Isles, the United States has helped make the Churchill agreement on the Atlantic command acceptable to British opinion. This will place under control of the

British Navy the area which has had to face the submarine threat in the wars.

### HARD TO TAKE

Nevertheless, the American supreme commander in the Atlantic is a hard "take," even in the eyes of those who are by no means opposed to American intention. It is that Britons who are loyal to America are opposed to a Mediterranean command offset to the effect on the prestige of the Atlantic command.

In both American and British naval circles in London pointed out that the Atlantic command have not been prepared to interfere with existing programs and plans in the Mediterranean, here have gone forward.

## Harry C. Joe Nam

WASHINGTON (C)—Truman Thursday named Senator Joseph McCarthy as a "patron" character assassin.

In the Senate earlier McCarthy charged that Nash, a special White House assistant had close contact with Communists in the White House.

Snapping back, McCarthy said the attack was the same kind of attack he has made on all government workers he does not like.

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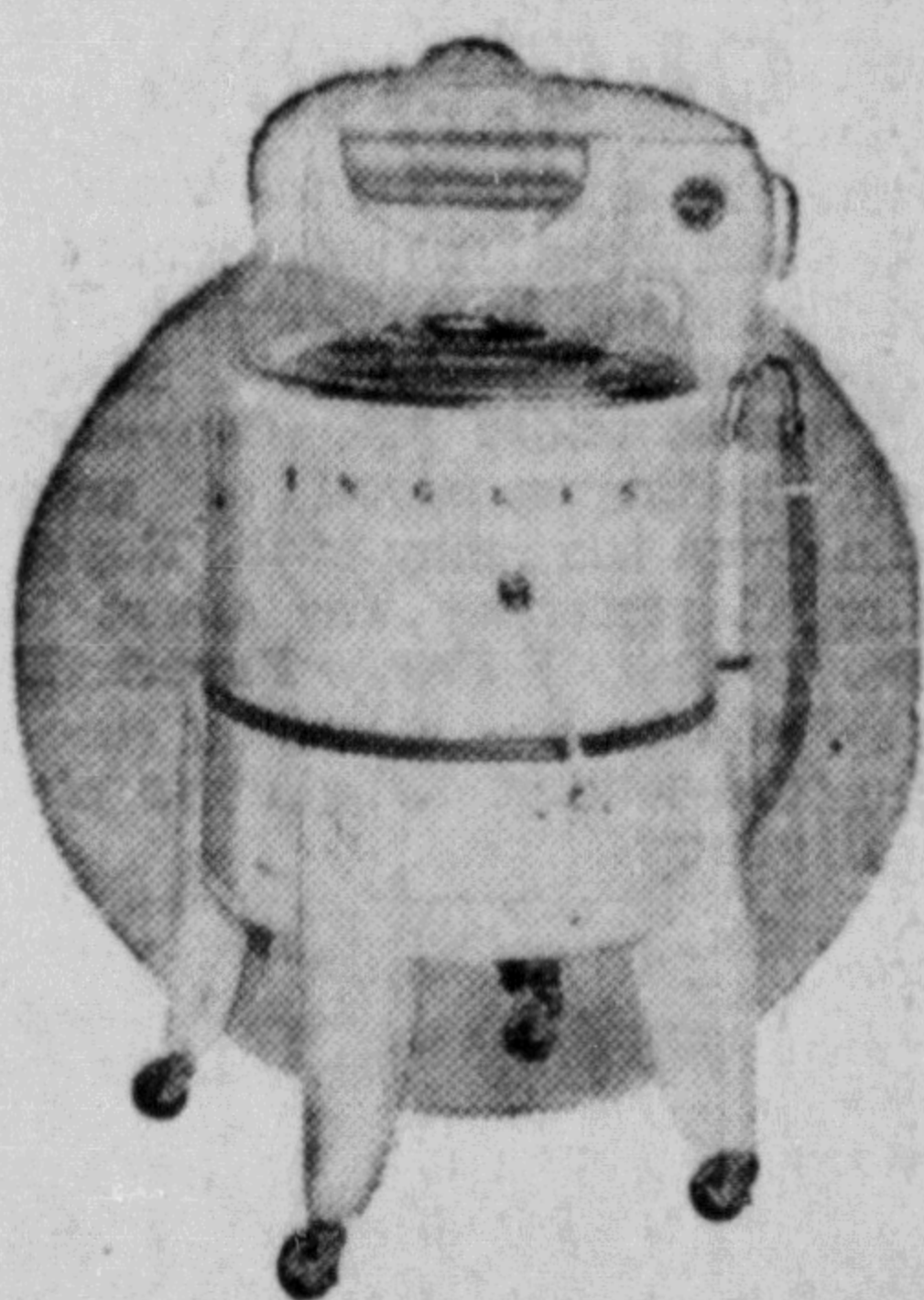


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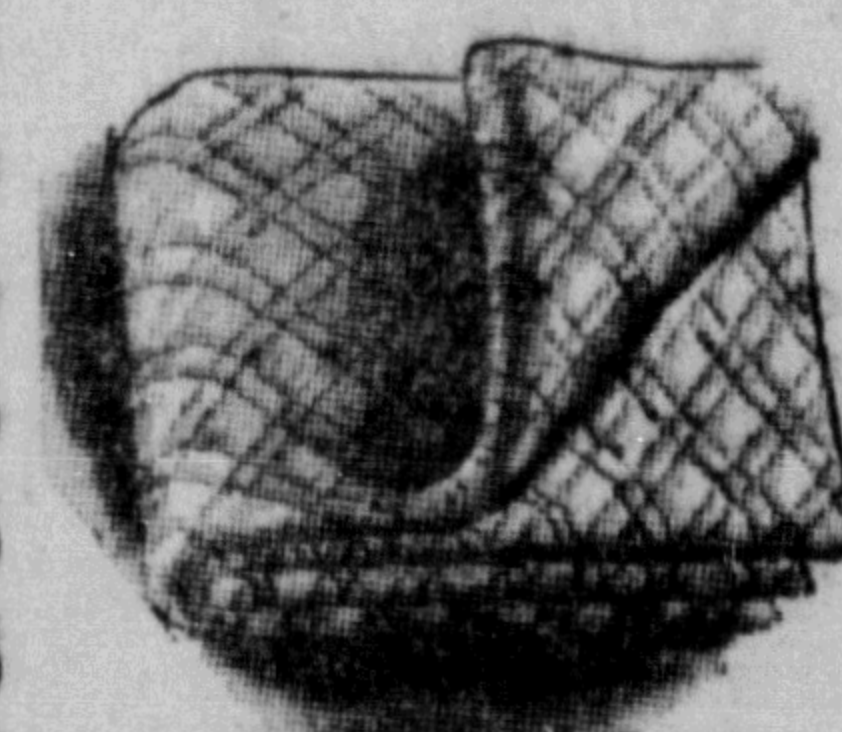
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