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Your Help Is Needed

WITH Christmas, 1953, fading into history, no one likes to be reminded at this late date of the expenses that were involved.

But there is one little obligation that should not be overlooked. This concerns the Christmas seals distributed by the Soroptimist Club to aid in the fight against tuberculosis.

According to members of the club, returns from these seals have been poor. Of a total of 2,500 residents to whom the seals were sent, 1,300 are still to be heard from. Most of these are subscribers who, in past years, made their contributions religiously. In fact, all of the 800 new arrivals to Prince Rupert—many of them from other countries—who were added to the list have come through handsomely.

As a result of the failure of many to reply, contributions received total only \$2,200, compared to \$2,900 which the campaign netted last year.

If we consider the great benefits which this money makes possible, and the small individual expense involved, it is clear that the appeal deserves to meet with better response.

The Soroptimists included two sheets of the stamps in each envelope they sent out. Although the price per sheet was given as one dollar, they will be happy to receive whatever one cares to give.

The address is Soroptimist TB Seal Committee, Box 135. Try to get that much-needed contribution off now.

When Canada Was Panhandled

A PROPOSAL that the U.S. grant to Canada a corridor or corridors in the Alaskan Panhandle for establishment of seaports is made by the B.C. and Yukon Chamber of Mines. What with the Kitimat development and various companies investigating power and mineral resources up there, the Chamber feels that the proposed ports and development will bring prosperity "to all citizens of Canada and the U.S. in these northern areas."

One such corridor, it is suggested, would run from a point on the Lynn Canal in territory Canada once thought her own. It seems that when the U.S. bought Alaska from Russia for \$7,200,000, the maps were a bit obscure in spots. After the Yukon gold discovery, disputes arose. Britain, handling such things for us then, decided to refer the issue to "six impartial jurists of repute." Canada named A. B. (later Sir Allan) Aylesworth and Sir Louis Jette, but President Roosevelt appointed Elihu Root, Henry Lodge and George Turner, all top-rank politicians. The commission met in London and chose as chairman Britain's Lord Alverstone, who sided with the American idea of a 500-mile "panhandle" along the B.C. coast and well inland. As one U.S. work records it, "Canada lost the seacoast."

Aylesworth and Jette refused to sign what the former termed "a grotesque travesty of justice." But when he addressed the Canadian Club here he said it would be too bad if resentment were to weaken Canada's ties with the British Empire. So we took our medicine and now have to ask for a passage to the sea. The Telegram dealt adequately with the boundary dispute at the time, and a half-century later it can only reflect that the so-called adjudication at least left Canada waterpowers now found valuable, with which to bargain, if necessary.

—TORONTO TELEGRAM.

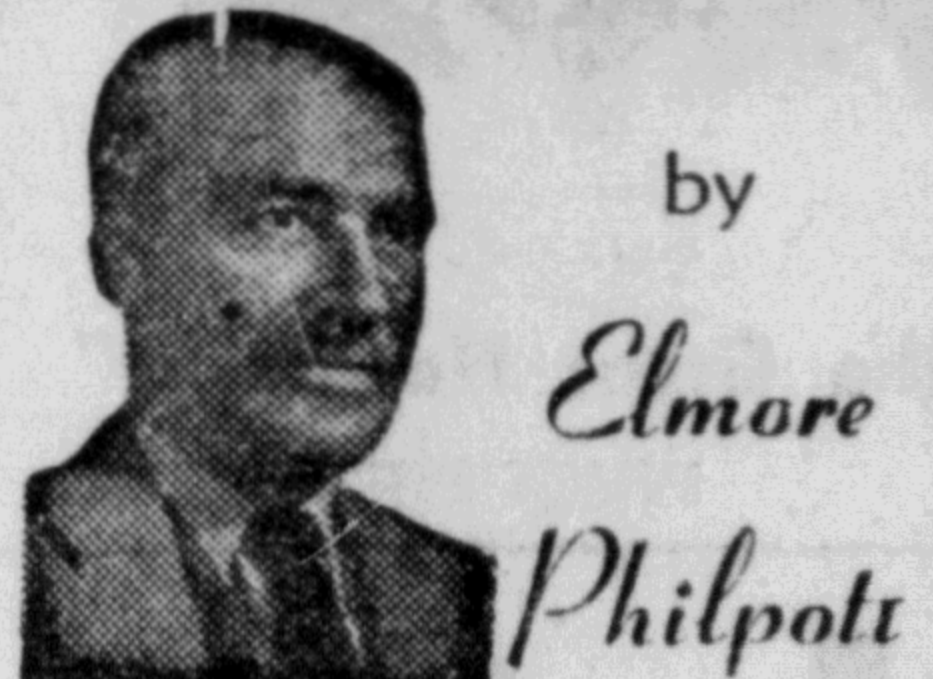
The Cock and the Jewel

A COCK, scratching the ground for something to eat, turned up a Jewel that had by chance been dropped there. "Ho!" said he, "a fine thing you are, no doubt, and, had your owner found you, great would his joy have been. But for me! give me a single grain of corn before all the jewels in the world."

MORAL: It's far more important to have the things you really need, than to have luxuries. That's why you should do as so many other far-sighted Canadians do—build up a savings account at The Canadian Bank of Commerce. Then you will be sure you need never go without the necessities of life. Visit our nearest branch today.

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As I See It



Dead-Letter Laws

HERE in the parliament of Canada the lawmakers are revising the Criminal Code. One of the most contentious questions is: Will the laws be relaxed re gambling and lotteries?

But meantime in downtown Ottawa a service club puts on periodical "Monster Nights." Last week some seven or eight thousand people gathered in a giant arena in this capital city and played what used to be called bingo.

The prizes included two automobiles and many other valuable rewards. One astonished fellow even won as much silver coin as he could carry off the stage in a bag.

In the capital of Canada there seems to be a pretty wide gap between what the book says is the law and what is the law, in practice.

ONE of the fool laws is that which says that anybody or any corporation which holds a government contract cannot make any contribution to any campaign fund, or take part in any way in an election which involves the government with which he holds the contract.

The penalty for breaking that dead-letter law is supposed to be two years in prison. Of course that fool law is never applied, and indeed never could be.

With the government of Canada spending over four billion dollars per year almost every big corporation in Canada gets some kind of a government contract, direct or indirect. For instance, every newspaper in Canada, daily and weekly, carries some kind of government advertising. A one-hundred-per-cent application of the fool section of the Criminal Code would carry a prison term for any newspaper publisher who made any financial contribution to any government party.

Nobody should run away with the idea that this applies only to Ottawa.

The law theoretically applies to the provinces. Thus, if strictly applied, the prisons would be full of business men who had made contributions to the Liberal party, which is in power at Ottawa, to the Conservative government in Toronto, the Nationalist government in Quebec, or the two Social Credit governments in the far west.

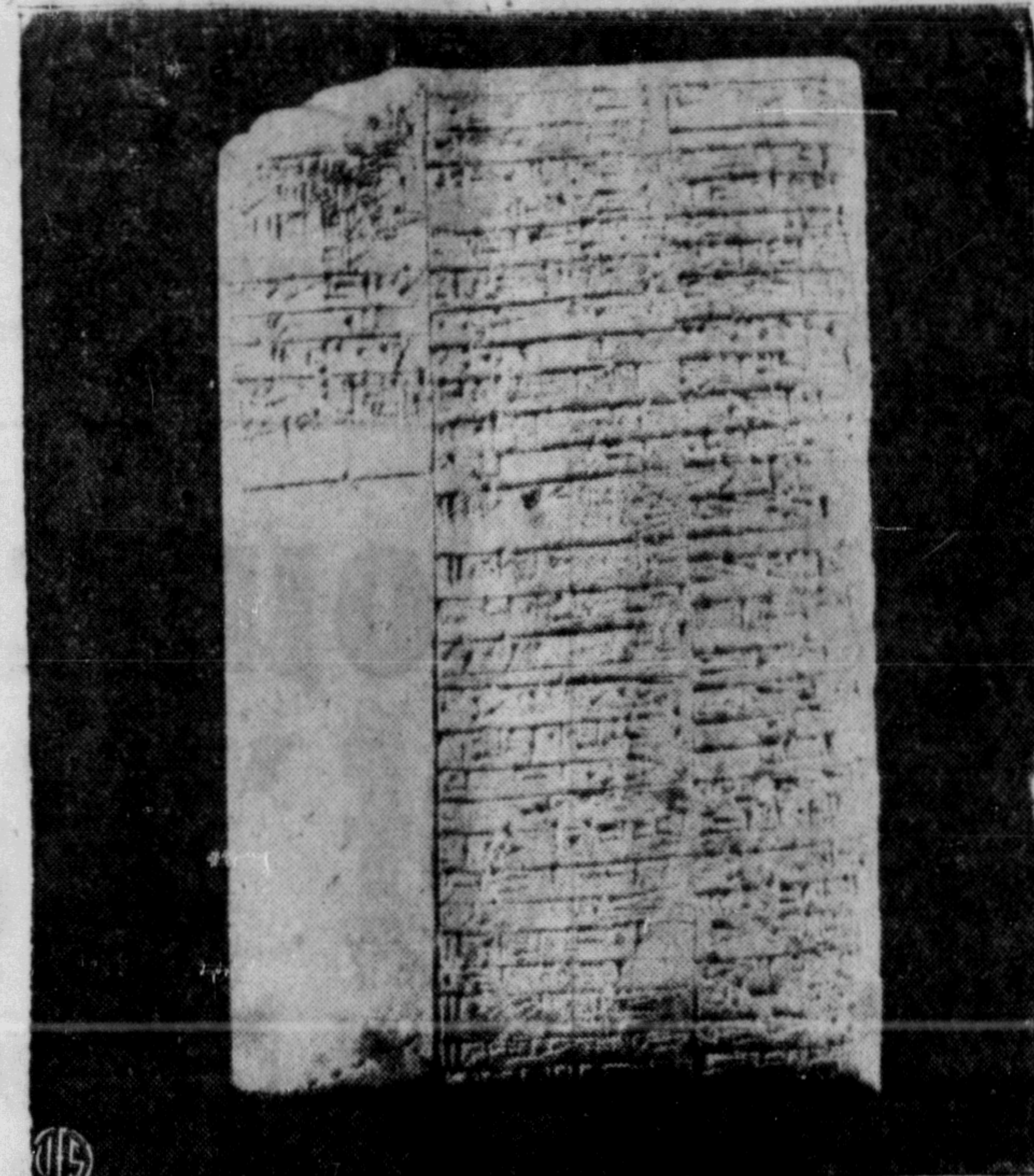
Poor Dal Grauer of the B.C. Electric would never get out of jail—for as his company holds electricity contracts with both the federal and provincial ministries, and as presumably the B.C. Electric makes an occasional campaign contribution, poor Dal would be soaked going and coming.

But hardest hit of all would be the CCF trade unions in Saskatchewan. Every bus driver, whose union has made a political contribution, to the CCF party, would be liable to a two-year stretch in prison if that fool section of the Criminal Code were applied.

An even greater need than for some good new laws is to wipe out the books some of the fool dead-letter laws we are supposed to have but don't apply—for they flout the most fundamental law of all—the law of commonsense.

MODERN METHOD

Canned foods for babies, now a big industry, were virtually unknown 20 years ago.



THE INSCRIPTION on this 4,000-year-old Sumerian clay tablet in the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania, has been translated by Dr. Samuel Noah Kramer of the Museum, and Dr. Martin Levey of Pennsylvania State College. The tablet contains the world's oldest-known medical handbook—a translation of a portion of the right column reads: "White pear tree, the flower of the 'moon' plant, grind into a powder, dissolve in beer, let the man drink."

Contest for Atlantic Passenger Trade Finds Clydebank Shipbuilders in Middle

By RON EVANS

Canadian Press Staff Writer

GLASGOW, Scotland — A new fight is shaping along the sea lanes to Canada and as usual Clydebank shipbuilders are in the thick of it.

This time it's a contest for passenger trade. Instead of the lean grey destroyers and stubby corvettes of wartime days, sleek liners designed for peaceful travel sprout in the shipways along the Clyde.

In the sprawling yards of John Brown and Company, the first of three new 22,000-ton vessels ordered by the Cunard Steamship Company for service to Montreal is nearing completion.

Soon it will join the stream of passenger-cargo liners plying the Atlantic in search of a share in the increased trade with North America. Already Canadian, United States, Scandinavian, Greek, Dutch and Italian lines battle for the traffic. And German shipyards, tonnage restrictions recently relaxed, are preparing to join the chase.

"It's the battle of the Atlantic all over again," said one shipbuilding veteran, wearing the steel-lined black bowler hat which is the traditional trademark of foremen on the Clydebank.

CANADA TRADE BOOMS

The Canadian plum is one of the biggest in the nautical treasure hunt. Last year 47,000 Canadians crossed the Atlantic to Britain, bringing with them almost £10,000,000. Chances are that another 50,000 will cross in 1954.

Emigrant trade to Canada also holds promise. About 45,000 British emigrants booked passage to the Dominion in 1953 and there is every indication that this figure will be increased this year.

Whatshan Probe Ends

VANCOUVER (CP)—The longest royal commission hearing in British Columbia history, the inquiry into the \$5,800,000 Whatshan disaster, ended here last weekend.

The commission was set up to investigate the mud slides which almost wrecked the B.C. Power Commission's Whatshan hydro plant on the Arrow Lakes last Aug. 11 and 16.

Mr. Justice J. V. Clynne, who heard the testimony, said he expects to hand down his report in Victoria in about three weeks.

Today only the great 600-foot steel fabric of the first new Cunard ship—known as number 692—squats in the John Brown and Company yards. On Feb. 17, Lady Churchill, wife of the British Prime Minister, will christen the ship the Saxonia and send it sliding down the same slipway which carried the liners Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth into the narrow river.

Sometime later from an adjoining slipway the Invernia, now only a numbered keel, will follow. Officials hope that Mrs. Louis St. Laurent, wife of the Canadian prime minister, will preside at the second launching.

FOR LOW-BUDGET TRAVEL

The new ships are designed particularly for the low-budget traveller. The Saxonia will carry 840 tourist-class passengers and only 100 first class. In three older Cunard ships of slightly smaller size—the Franconia, Samaria and Seydlitz—the ratio is 600 to 250.

There are few frills about the new vessels. Innovations include the new dome-shaped funnel, designed to cut down soot-carrying smoke, an extra five-ton stern anchor for use in the St. Lawrence river and special "flaps" below the water-line to increase stability in rough weather.

Electrically-operated loading equipment will cut down time in port and provide for faster turnarounds.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

Parliamentary circles expect that the Board of Transport Commissioners will render their verdict on freight rates equalization well before Easter, despite the fact that the problem is probably the most complicated that the commissioners have ever been asked to adjudicate.

In theory a remedy should be easy to apply. The situation is simply that the sections of the country upon which distance bears most heavily have had the added burden of the highest transportation costs. On the other hand, the populous central area of the nation, where ability to bear freight charges is greatest because of the general high level of prosperity, escapes with the lowest shipping charges.

The ends of social justice obviously would be served by lowering freight tariffs to the more remote parts of the Dominion and raising them slightly to compensate for any revenue thus lost in the central provinces.

Unhappily the problem isn't that simple. For the reason freight rates are relatively low in Ontario and Quebec—where the ability to bear them is relatively high—isn't that the railway companies are particularly big-hearted in those parts. It is due to the active competition there of other forms of transportation,

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Reflects and Reminisces

We never heard of him before, and neither did you, but sometimes he can make you gasp. Arthur Liebler, hotel veteran way down in Tavistock, Ontario, has just been saying he recalls when one could buy 24 ounces of whisky for 24 cents; \$11 for a room and meals for a month, and most folks figured 24 cents pretty steep for a square meal.

AS IT LOOKS

A grisly business, this execution debate, Hansard is full of it, and the subject will not be dismissed. In other words, when you murder, with malice aforethought, and a trial dead ahead, watch out for more trouble. That's about all we are sure of as the situation stands today.

Winter sports in the shape of hockey and beaming sunshine. All right, of course, and perhaps later, put the ice in a comfy rink, with decent seating and a band, for future Rupert audiences.

Maybe the trouble a couple of students had over "Progressive" as attached to Conservative may result in the disappearance of the word, observes the Niagara Falls review. After all, Conservative was good enough for old Sir John and many million others.

BOTH PRETTY FAIR

The nylon parka is being distributed to the RCMP on a trial basis. The garment is now being worked out, and no one is sure of the result. But the mounties do know a whole lot about how good or how not so good the buffalo's coat is. For all one knows, perhaps they will keep on remembering.

It had to pass this way in time. Grain in good volume continues to use Prince Rupert. And why not? No less a notable than J. R. McMillan of Winnipeg, vice president of the CNR says shipments are being made to Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert, which is as it should have been years and years ago. The finest railway system on the continent—and with the lowest grade—was not built to wait indefinitely for business.

Twenty cigarettes daily for about twenty years—keep within that limit and avoid the risk of lung cancer. This is the medicine man's warning, and it's most generous. Anyone unwilling to accept it cheerfully deserves the punishment.

It seems a school board in Illinois has voted for more soap in the schools. And this, when the entire trend of education is more toward the humane.



WHEN BISHOP KENNETH TURNER arrived in Vancouver three years' imprisonment in Red China he was greeted by a delegation of children carrying small signs led by Gordon Turner's former post, the Chinese Roman Catholic Church. Bishop Turner said 71 of the 262 missionaries still in China are held by the Reds.

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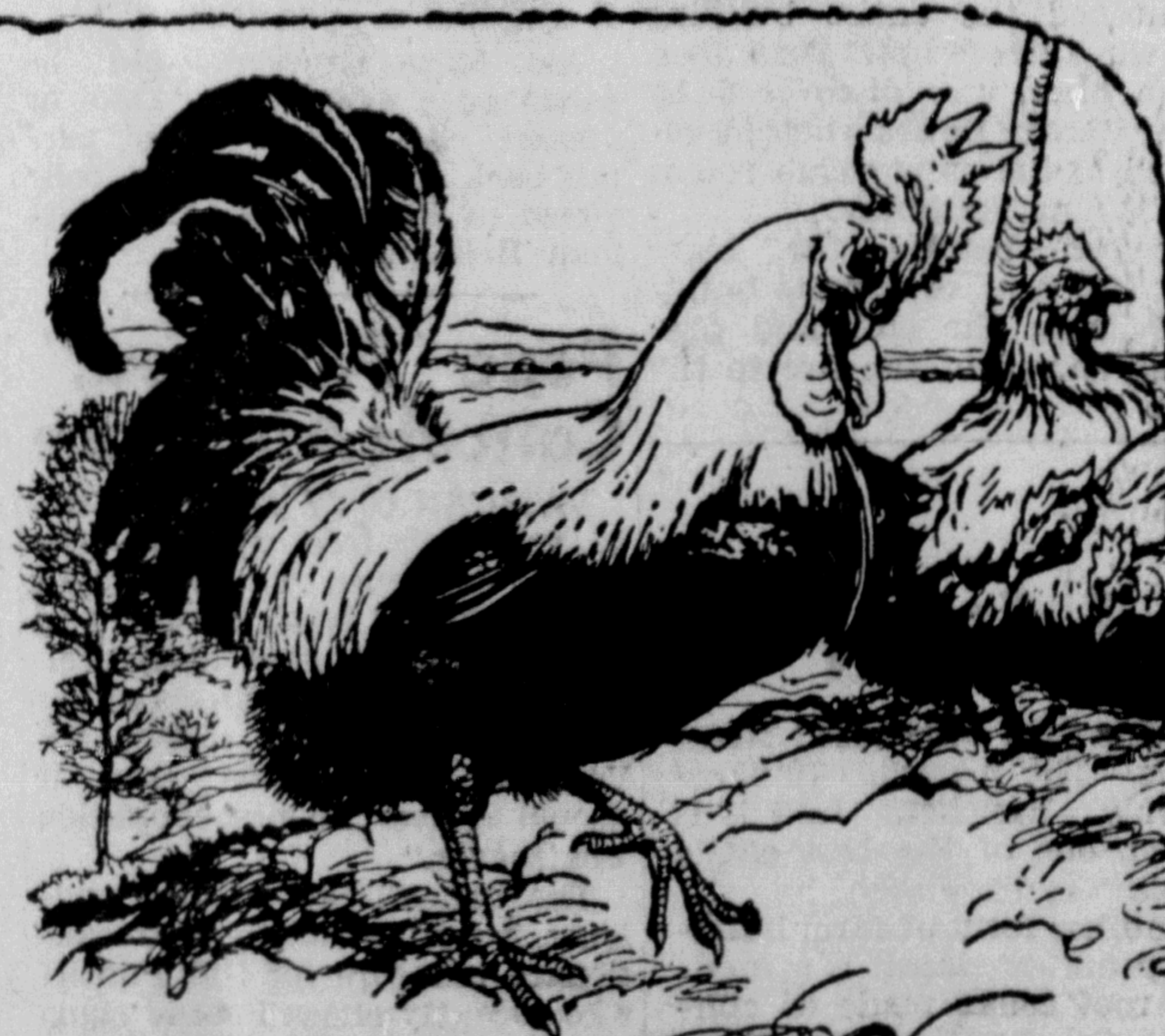


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