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A Bill That Permits Payment

ONE of the less pleasant aspects of the beginning of the year is the bills that start coming in. At such a time we are not inclined to contemplate any additional expenditures, yet there is a small one which does merit some thought right now. It is your contribution to the TB Seal campaign.

Although the campaign has received generous support from Prince Rupert, it is still \$500 short of its \$2,800 objective, and the February deadline is drawing close.

Obtaining its funds through sale of Christmas seals, the B.C. Anti-Tuberculosis Society is doing valiant work to combat this vicious enemy which every year kills 3,000 Canadians. In Vancouver the society recently completed the building of a sanatorium costing \$500,000 and containing some of the finest surgical equipment in the country.

Another feature of its work is the operation of mobile X-ray units which assist in locating the disease before it can accomplish its fullest damage. The society further spurs the battle by offering scholarships to student nurses and doctors who propose to specialize in treatment of TB. Still other functions it performs are the rehabilitation of those who have been afflicted and the care of families who are in difficult circumstances because of the disease.

In Prince Rupert the campaign is conducted by the Soroptimist Club. Members of this group have worked unsparingly to obtain the support which will not only limit the ravages of TB but may eventually help to lead to its final defeat. They urge those who have not yet returned their donations in the envelopes provided to do so at the earliest moment possible.

Those little seals are the badge of an army fighting against one of mankind's deadliest foes. It is a crusade worth joining.

CCC Setting The Pace

ALTHOUGH the details are too technical to be understood thoroughly on a general level, there is one main fact about the new pyrites roaster of the Columbia Cellulose plant here which can be readily grasped and appreciated by the non-experts. It is that installation of the new equipment will sharply reduce the use of imported sulphur in the company's pulp-making operations.

With delivery of a continuous supply of pyrites from a Canadian source, Columbia Cellulose will operate its roaster for the production of sulphur dioxide gas which it needs in its work. Previously, the sulphur dioxide was obtained by burning pure sulphur brought in from the U.S.A.

The step is a valuable one in the integration of this branch of Canadian industry. With the local plant setting the pace, several Canadian pulp and paper companies are planning to follow suit at an early date. As the move develops, Canada will become less dependent on imported sulphur which has been threatened with shortage for the past two years.

Besides being a stimulus for industrial operations in this country, the new method will reduce the danger of shutdowns due to a lack of sulphur supply. Technical though it may be, the system is not so obscure that we fail to see Columbia Cellulose deserves high marks for a pioneering step of great benefit to all concerned.

Scripture Passage for Today

"I will speak of all thy marvellous works." Psalm 9:1.

DEATH SENTENCE TO STAND FOR U.S. ATOM SPY TEAM

NEW YORK (CP)—An appeal to save the atom spy team of Julius Rosenberg and his wife, Ethel, from death in the electric chair, has been denied.

The denial was made Friday by Judge Irving Kaufman after hearing a clemency plea for the two. They are in Sing Sing prison, scheduled to die the week of Jan. 11.

"I still feel their crime was worse than murder," said the judge.

Arctic Oil

OSLO, Norway (CP)—The world's northernmost oil tanker depot has been completed at Honningsvaag, key fishing port in Norway's province of Finnmark. Located near the 71st latitude Honningsvaag is farther north than Point Barrow, Alaska.

Ruins For Road

CANTERBURY, England (CP)—Ruins of the bomb-wrecked 16th-century Church of St. George here will be demolished and used for construction of new roads. Only the church tower, designated as an ancient monument, will be retained.

As I See It



by
Elmore
Philpott

Reds Turn on Jews

WHEN the dust has had time to settle, I think we shall see that the most important world event of 1952 was that the Red commissars turned on the Jews.

In most respects, the Prague trials of 1952 revealed nothing novel to Communism. Both after the French revolution of 1789 and the Russian revolution of 1917 it became an axiom that "the revolution devours her own children." The Frenchman who invented the knife-and-brook to chop off the heads of aristocrats soon lost his own head, by his own invention. After the murder of Kirov, his own chosen political heir, Stalin put through a purge in Russia unlike anything in previous history. It was frankly based on the idea that it was better to "liquidate" a hundred suspects, if there could be ten or twenty enemies of the regime among them.

What was new about the Prague purge was that the Communists began to talk like Nazis.

AMONG the good things which the Communists did in Russia was to abolish all discrimination between peoples of different race and tongue. Under the Czars, anti-Semitism was worse in Russia, and Russian-ruled Poland, than anywhere on earth.

The Communists changed all that. Even their bitterest enemies had to admit that in raising the status of women, and suppressing racism in general and anti-Semitism in particular, Russia took second place to no other nation on earth. But for years back there have been hints, omens of a coming change.

Raymond Arthur Davies, the Canadian war correspondent who spent much time in Russia, obliquely but clearly reported anti-Semitism. On page 161 of his book "Odyssey Through Hell," he says:

"I met a Jewish woman army doctor, about 55 years of age. She was very bitter about anti-Semitism in the city. I asked for proofs."

"Proofs" she snorted. "What proofs do you need? I know it is so." The evidence cited was that the virulent anti-Semitism which the German invaders had brought back into Russia with them had remained after their expulsion.

WHAT WAS NEW about the Prague trials was that Zionism was held to be treason, and a study of the accusations of "Zionism" makes it very difficult to distinguish any difference between what the Communist Czars and commissars are saying now and what Hitler and his Nazis were saying ten or twenty years ago.

What could be the explanation of this amazing flip-flop? It could be that the Soviet Union is preparing for a new power drive in the Middle East, where the Arabs hate Zionism and talk of a "second round" attack on the reborn state of Israel.

It could be that Russia intends a new, powerful appeal to the militarist elements in Germany, where anti-Semitism is disguised only by a tissue-paper curtain, already torn in spots.

It could be that Imperial Red Russia is having real trouble holding the Iron Curtain countries in line—and has deliberately sacrificed the Jewish commissars as scapegoats—that is, deliberately exploited the anti-Semitism which is deep-seated in these parts.

Failure to Report Mishap Scored

VANCOUVER (CP)—CCF leader Harold Winch has criticized what he says is failure by some British Columbia companies to report all industrial accidents so as to keep high safety records.

Addressing the seventh annual convention of the Industrial First Aid Attendants of B.C., Mr. Winch said: "It seems regrettable but true that a small minority seeking to keep a high safety record for the company do not always see to it that all accidents, no matter how small, are properly reported."

He said this sometimes makes it impossible for a workman to obtain compensation should complications develop because the Workmen's Compensation Board has no record of any accident.



LEONARD HILLIER, manager of the Bank of Commerce branch at Williams Lake, B.C., is recuperating from a wound in the thigh, inflicted by a bandit who tried to rob the bank. The bandit was wounded and captured in a battle with police.

UNDER OUR ROOF

By JOHN STURDY

The announcement that the Rod and Gun Club was holding its annual turkey shoot before Christmas failed to interest me very much. I have never been much with a rifle; in fact, I couldn't hit a brick wall, unless I happened to be aiming at something else, and I remember back in the war days, when we had to carry revolvers, my commanding officer always made certain that I was issued with blank cartridges.

"This is a precaution," he said, "in case we meet any Germans and you start firing. It is the duty of a C.O. to insure the safety of his own men."

Of course, Col. S. Skerfvington-Smits (Ret.) was interested in the turkey shoot because he is an old India hand, and although his real forte is pig-sucking he is also rather handy with a rifle. "You need have no worries about Christmas dinner, my boy," the Colonel said to me. "The turkey is as good as in the oven right now."

What is this turkey shoot, I asked Little Augie, the ex-lincoln pig king, who happened to be listening in to the conversation. He was busy cleaning his trusty 45, which he always carries in a shoulder holster in case he should ever meet some of his chums from the old days in Chicago.

"It is a sporting event," he said, "held yearly by the local Rod and Gun Club just before Christmas."

"Where do they get the birds?" asked Little Augie. "Haven't you ever seen the turkey farm down the road?" I asked. "They must have over a thousand birds on that farm."

"Are there things folkies?" en-

ray ...

Reflects and Reminisces

From Amherst in Massachusetts comes the report of a new star with speed of 190 miles a second. Pretty swift, but so is the flying saucer, or so they say.

The first thing to turn green in spring time is believed to be Christmas jewelry. — Ken Hubbard.

GREAT CHIEFTAIN! Burns birthday anniversary date draws on apace. A good time to again impress on Russians that they never invented the haggis—although they might like to have you believe it.

FEELING SORE, NATURALLY! Postmen today do not have kind memories of the inventor of the Christmas card, John Horsley of London, who committed the deed in December 1843. Think of the countless cards helpless posties have had to pack—because it's Yuletide.

WE'VE WITNESSED WORSE! The movie "High Noon" is rated by film critics as the year's best. Perhaps so. There's always room for question. Nevertheless it is a strong western, starring Gary Cooper. The latter, by the way, was brought up in Montana, and only a few weeks ago fell in love with central British Columbia.

One consoling thing about mumbering to yourself is that no one will be talking back.

Down near Pullman in Washington, farm scientists have concluded seven years of experiments. The new year announces discovery of swine with two extra ribs. There will be more chops and longer bacon. And now, let's locate somehow or somewhere, larger pots of pork and beans every Dominion Day.

A person brings nothing into this world and takes nothing out. Reckoning the sort of world it is he's fairly fortunate to break even.

Coronation Described Act of Religion

LONDON (CP)—The ceremony attending the Coronation of the Queen next June is described as "an act of religion from beginning to end" by Very Rev. Dr. A. C. Don, dean of Westminster, in the Church of England official year book.

The central act of the whole ritual, he says, is not the crowning, but the anointing of the sovereign.

"All these symbolic rites that follow the anointing," Dr. Don writes, "such as the girding with the sword, the presentation of the orb, the ring and the two sceptres, culminating in the act of coronation itself, are outward and visible signs. . . . But they are charged with inward and spiritual meaning and may therefore be truly said to be sacramental in intention."

Not until the Queen has been invested with all these emblems of royalty and has been presented with the Bible is she "lifted up" into her throne.

The dean says the Queen can be assured, as she stands on the threshold of her reign, that Christian people the world over will sustain her with their prayers. Her subjects would also seek to ease the burdens on the throne by remembering that her home and her children have the right to claim a considerable share of her time and energies. "This country has a priceless possession in our radiant and youthful Queen, who merits our cherishing as she will deserve and win our allegiance," Dr. Don says.

Last Remaining Horse in CNR Service Retires

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY NEWS MELFORT, Sask. — The last horse and wagon in Canadian National Express service today became a memory as "Frank," the veteran dobbie was retired here.

The gas age finally caught up with the 1550 pound chester gelding and the wagon as a shiny new two-ton truck appeared in the streets of Melfort.

Because "Frank," alias "Bandy" has many admirers here, the express company decided to provide a good home for him in retirement.

The 18-year-old horse will spend his remaining days on a nearby farm and his new owner has promised that "Frank" will never be hitched to a plow or be allowed to do any heavy work.

In the company's records the horse and wagon are listed as Canadian National Express stock and property No. 244.

"Frank" came to Melfort from Saskatoon in 1941 and it is estimated he covered the equivalent of 40,000 miles and moved 10,000 tons of express traffic.

To perform this work he has worn out three wagons, one sleigh, three sets of harness and 264 pairs of horseshoes.

Now with the complete transformation from the horse and buggy era to the motor age Canadian National Express has a fleet of 800 modern trucks in operation across Canada.

HERE And NOW

By LARRY STANWOOD

Rife was optimism for Prince Rupert 40 years ago when major pioneers in industry pointed their fingers to this port to indicate a future metropolis in the near future.

With this in mind, the railway was built to terminate here. For the same reason, the drydock was established, and came under the railway's financial structure. Today, the railway is operating at a profit out of here, playing a major part in the economy of Rupert and central B.C. But the drydock has become a burden on the public with little excuse even for its existence.

Today the two-berthed shipyard, equipped to do all its own steel fabricating, major machinery and foundry work, is operating at a loss which costs Canadian taxpayers some \$127,000 annually.

And this is without the cost of such maintenance as the federal government cares to perform.

Forgotten Child

Since shortly after the Second World War, the mother CNR has refused to spend a nickel on its drydock child with the result that it now depends on handouts from the federal department of public works. The result — the multi-million dollar establishment is teetering from corrosion. This is evident from only casual examination of its dock pilings or its rust-pitted pontoons which would likely be hard put to task to float anything larger than a halibut schooner.

At least such may be its state soon if some action isn't taken immediately for an overhaul, well-informed sources here say.

But this was not always the case. Prince Rupert's drydock hasn't always been a derelict. Let's take a look at its past record:

While a few ships were built drydock really rose to prominence in the earlier years, the end during the Second World War.

During its busiest period 2,000 workers were employed. Thirteen 10,000-freighters, four Navy minesweepers, and two 1,350-ton China Coast type freighters were built and launched between 1940-45.

Besides, 914 ships were dry-docked and repaired and 2,500 vessels overhauled but not dry-docked.

No Dug

Such a production record shows that the drydock is no dud. Yet when Angus McGowan, member of the Canadian Maritime

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