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Coming Circus Welcome News

THE CIRCUS is coming to town! This welcome news is announced by the Rotary Club which is sponsoring the event to finance an extension for the children's ward at the hospital.

Like the comic strips, the circus has an appeal for all ages. Dad gets as much kick as junior out of the miracles performed on the sawdust.

If our information is correct, this is the first time a circus has been to Prince Rupert in at least 20 years. There have been carnivals, fairs, zoo trains and other assorted forms of entertainment, but not the popcorn-flavored, canvas-covered performance which has earned the name of the "greatest show on earth."

This enterprise of the Rotary Club will not only delight hundreds of young and old but also have a lasting value in providing a much-needed enlargement of children's accommodation at the hospital. The club's efforts have made it possible for the present ward to be built, and this further endeavor will be appreciated by all who are concerned with the welfare of our children.

In all respects, therefore, we look forward to seeing the circus enjoy the greatest possible success.

Iranian Oil Not Soothing

IRANIANS have already had their fair share of trouble—much of it self-inflicted—but it seems likely they are going to have more.

At first glance it might appear that life in that oil-rich country should be smoother now that the emotional and unpredictable Mohammed Mossadegh has been removed as premier. In his own peculiar way, Mossadegh was an uninhibited little dictator who revelled in power and rigged the electoral system so that he won a percentage of the votes even higher than that accorded such masters of the art as Hitler and Stalin.

The trouble is that too much strength has been replaced by too much weakness. Although a presentable young man, the Shah is an indecisive character who has yielded time and again to Mossadegh and removed the stronger-willed members of his family who counselled a firmer attitude.

The man he has picked as premier does not appear much stronger. While safe in a mountain hide-away, he was exhorting his men to lay down their lives for the Shah and passed around a slip of paper signed by the monarch, saying "Look, fellows, I'm really premier!"

The oil in Iran does not seem to be the kind that smooths troubled waters.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

When the new parliament meets this autumn, Canada's policy concerning the death penalty will, according to advice from Ottawa, be close to the top of the agenda. This is to be expected. The problem is there, and is not going to remain unsolved indefinitely. First of all may come a suspicion that someone will recommend a commission. The gentleman will go that far.

The chief trouble with paying-as-you-go these hazardous days is that you are more likely to be broke before you manage going anywhere.

A screen door is all very well while you remain a teen-ager. It's then you get a bang out of it. But later in life it becomes an atomic bomb or something like that and can be capable of creating much personal distress.

Aerial photo views of British Columbia cities, large and small and some not so old, are being taken just now. Each means about half a page and should you happen to be familiar, the town, makes you feel familiar. All in all, the scenes are admirable, and we shall cheerfully say the same about the Skeena metropolis, the moment it appears.

Canadians arsenals has entered the present year with a greater backlog of business than ever before, open orders on the books totalling \$2,000,000. Oh, we've heard about more quietness on the Korean front. But that's not always what it seems.

Here's an election story. It's just possible it conveys a lesson. In the riding of Elgin (Ontario)

As I See It



by Elmore Philpott

Test for Nehru

IF THE present peace talks between the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan succeed we may well look forward to a new and brighter chapter in the history of the Commonwealth.

But if the peace talks fail, anything can happen between India and Pakistan.

It is extremely improbable that another armed clash between India and Pakistan could be localized in Kashmir.

To understand the gravity of what is now happening in and about Kashmir we have to remember that India and Pakistan have already fought two wars since they were both granted their independence in 1947.

The first was one of the most horrible in human history. Hindus and Sikhs began to flee from what is now Pakistan. Mohammedans started to flee to what is now Pakistan.

An unpremeditated, unplanned and undirected slaughter started on both sides of the border. Maybe a million, or even more, human beings were murdered in that most ghastly of recent wars—the war of the people, fought with knives, clubs and small arms.

The second war was a formal affair. It began when wild tribesmen invaded Kashmir, with the secret connivance of Pakistan. The Indian army held most of the area in disarray through all the years, and the weather and the heavenly powers must have been on India's side in that crisis.

But the war was kept relatively bloodless because the top rival generals were former comrades in arms. British staff officers were still in the top advisory positions to both armies.

The main friend of India in Kashmir through all the years of turmoil has been Sheikh Abdullah. This former schoolmaster was one of the most impressive people I met in or near India.

Everywhere I went in India I had the Kashmir land reform program held up as the model. In fact I was told in Hyderabad by the Premier that if he were free to put through the same land reform program that had been put through in Kashmir, his worries from Communist violence would be over.

When I got up to Kashmir myself I found a government that seemed to know exactly what it was doing—and why.

NOW Sheikh Abdullah is in jail again—for the ninth time. He served eight terms of detention in the old days of the British raj, because the Maharajah considered democracy too revolutionary.

But now Abdullah has been jailed by an arbitrary order of the man who holds the job which corresponds to our provincial Lieutenant Governor. Mr. Nehru has explained the painful events leading up to the arrest. Serious differences of opinion arose within the Abdullah government. We are not told whether or not this was because Abdullah himself had come to believe that the only possible basis of settlement for the Kashmir question was to leave the valley as an independent area—to be part of neither Pakistan or India.

But we are told that after the break up in the cabinet "Sheikh Abdullah had gone to Gulmarg where he was placed under detention, and later taken to Udhampur, where he is lodged in a rest house and every comfort has been provided."

Meanwhile the police have had to fire on crowds agitating for the release of Abdullah—India's long time, and most faithful friend in Kashmir.

The constituent assembly has not yet been called into session to have its say on the jailing of its own head.



HE'S REALLY A SPARROW, but this little feller becomes all "swallow" when he reaches for a tidbit offered by his nine-year-old mistress, Beverly Stewart of Chicago. The bird, who took a fancy to Beverly during a visit to the countryside, can't be coaxed away from the little girl's side. Could be he likes the way his meals are served.

OTTAWA DIARY

By Norman M. MacLeod

There's one feature of the national economy that is giving government experts more than a spot of real worry these days. It's the action of the Canadian price level.

The truth of the matter is that our price level is still on the climb. Back in the months of late winter and the spring it showed tentative signs of a disposition to level off, or even fall moderately. But for the past two months it has headed upward once more and the fear of government economists is that the new trend is liable to be the one that will persist.

That could be bad, not alone for the nation's foreign commerce but for its domestic trade as well. The danger would be that Canadian costs would be pushed so high that Canadian products would price themselves out of foreign markets and out of some domestic markets as well.

Actually, Canadian farm products already have priced themselves out of a number of foreign markets, including the important bulk-consuming market of the United Kingdom. The reason Canada no longer is selling eggs and bacon to the British people is simply the fact that they can buy them more cheaply from other sources, mainly Denmark and Holland. The same situation exists, furthermore, with regard to a number of other commodities. There is even a fear that it

may arise this year in connection with wheat. As our Western farmers prepare to harvest the second largest crop ever grown on the Prairies, disturbing rumors are reaching Ottawa to the effect that Britain this year may purchase the bulk of her wheat from lower-priced Russian and Argentine sources.

Even domestic markets are affected. Canadian textile mills, for example, are having real trouble to compete against a deluge of goods imported from countries with price levels so much lower than Canada's that they are able to leap over our tariff bars. Manufacturers of oil pipeline, tool steel, and some other highly specialized steel products similarly have been losing business in the domestic market to United States and Western Germany mills.

As yet the situation isn't too serious. The natural resources development boom, the housing construction boom, and the government's armament program provide a firm underwriting for full employment in Canada well into 1954. But sometime these factors are going to diminish. Then full employment in the nation will depend upon the ability of Canadian industry and agriculture to compete successfully in markets both abroad and at home. That's when a price level that's out of line with other countries could be disastrous. And that time's bound to come sooner or later.

Teachers From Britain on Exchange Head for Vancouver and Toronto

LONDON (CP)—British teachers planning to take temporary jobs in Canada mostly plump for Toronto and Vancouver. Few

PGE Arrangement With U.S. Mooted

VICTORIA (CP)—British Columbia may negotiate with United States railway lines for extension of the province's Pacific Great Eastern Railway if the federal government and big Canadian lines won't co-operate, Premier Bennett asserts.

The premier plans a trip to Ottawa later this year to try for assistance in extending the government-owned line north of the Peace River country and south into North Vancouver.

Cost of the extension would be about \$100,000,000 and Premier Bennett said B.C. hasn't that much for railway building.

"If we can't make headway in Ottawa, we will entertain arrangements with American rail lines," said the Social Credit premier, who envisions a "joint investment policy" to complete the PGE.

The line starts at Squamish and ends at Prince George, the last 83-mile link from Quesnel to Prince George being completed a year ago.

All Aboard

By G. E. MORTIMORE

Miss Canada stands five feet eight in her stocking feet. In case anybody has doubts about that statistic, she is willing to stand in her stocking feet and prove it. Whoo there, men! One tape measure is all we need.

Kathy Archibald, 19, of Kelowna, B.C., who holds the beauty title this year, gladly doffed her shoes so that she would not look taller than Toronto's short Mayor Lamport in a photograph.

She was also ready to de-shoe (if I may coin a phrase) in Victoria for the benefit of the capital city's Mayor Harrison, another chief magistrate who is small in stature even though he may be large in intellect.

Mayor Harrison gallantly declined the offer and said, in effect, that a mayor could look up to a queen without damaging his pride.

As it happens, Mayor Harrison is quite a woodsman, and he has some acquaintances with mountains. There is no reason why he should be awed by Miss Canada, who stands only a moderate distance above sea level.

It is greatly to Mayor Harrison's credit that he refrained from cupping his hand to his mouth and yodelling: "Aho-o-o-y up thar, Miss!"

Only the day before, Mayor Harrison had presented a small pig mascot to the 65th Irish Fusiliers. One day you meet a pig socially; next day you tell a beauty queen to keep her shoes on. That's the way it goes in the mayor business.

Seriously though—as people say after they have made a joke so feeble that it has to be labelled a joke—seriously, though, I'm afraid the mayor's gallant gesture was mistaken.

He thought Miss Canada offered to remove her shoes just to be obliging. I doubt if that was her real motive. You know how girls are. They say one thing when they mean something else.

Newsman were puzzled by Miss Canada's sketchy and preoccupied answers to their questions. Now the reason appears. Miss Canada was thinking about her feet. Miss Canada wanted to remove her shoes because her feet hurt.

Thanks to some able press-agency, we have an exact knowledge of all Miss Canada's dimensions except the size of her feet. If Miss Canada is a normal girl, it is safe to assume that her feet are roughly one-quarter inch longer than her shoes.

Mayor Harrison should have said: "Go on, my dear, take off your shoes and sit in this easy chair. Then you'll look shorter than me in the photograph, won't you? Never mind all the people. Next time, why not buy a pair of shoes your size?"

Krupp Engineers To Aid Pakistan

KARACHI (Reuters)—Engineers from the German steel firm of Krupp will arrive in Pakistan shortly to build up Pakistan's iron and steel industry, it was learned here Friday night. Under an agreement signed recently in Germany, Krupp has been granted rights of surveying, investigating, prospecting, mining and quarrying in Pakistan, authoritative sources here said.

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First Pension Cheques Collected By Retired or Defeated MP's

OTTAWA (P)—About a dozen retired or defeated veterans of Parliament have exchanged pay cheques for pensions worth as much as \$3,000 a year.

The former members are the first Parliamentarians in Canadian history to receive retiring allowances in recognition of past service to their country.

The pension plan, restricted to members of the House of Commons, was approved by Parliament last year. Under the Pension Act, members contribute six per cent of their annual indemnity into a fund to a maximum of \$4,000. A matching contribution is made by the government.

The retired or defeated members who will get the pension in varying amounts are those who sat in more than two Parliaments and paid into the fund for earlier service.

However, another hope of the pensioned veterans is that they will receive pensions. These either lack sufficient votes to have been appointed to the Senate or bench.

A pension will be paid to such well-known Parliamentarians as Hughie Macdonald, Liberal member for St. John's.

Others who will receive pensions include Fred T. Martin, Liberal, defeated in the re-election in St. John's.

Warren, Liberal, who was defeated in Bonaville.

George Cruikshank, defeated in Fraser Valley.

Black, Progressive Conservative, defeated in Cumberland.

Chester S. McLure, Conservative, defeated in St. John's.

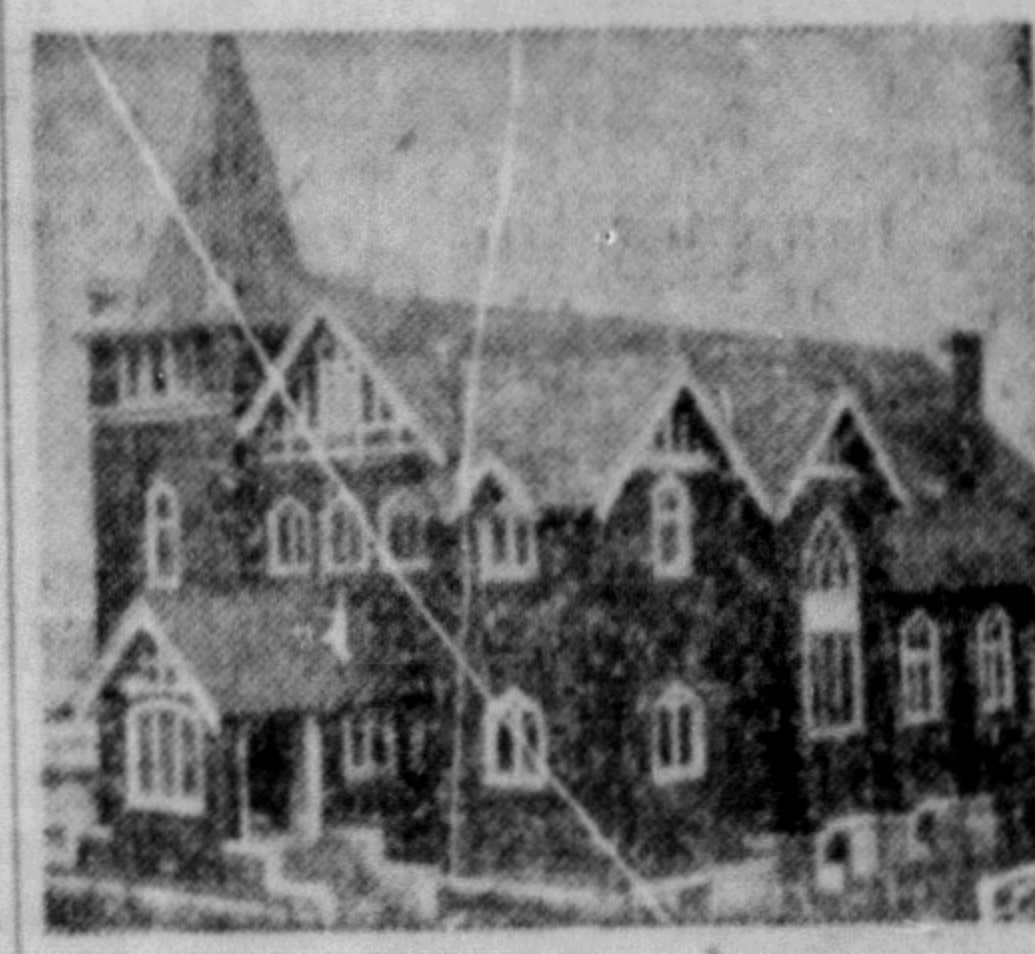
and W. J. Ward, Liberal, defeated in Dauphin.

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