

MEMPHIS BANS PICTURE FEATURING CANADIAN

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (CP)—The city censor board has banned the RKO picture "The Son of Sinbad" because of a sequence by statuesque Lill St. Cyr, the Montreal strip-tease dancer Lloyd T. Binford, the 88-year-old chairman of the board, said. "It was a pretty good picture but it had one of the dances I ever saw."



A TWO-YEAR, round-the-world honeymoon voyage will be taken by Capt. and Mrs. Argus Kavadias before settling down in Vancouver. The former Mary Kouches was married at Vancouver to Captain Kavadias, skipper of the Greek freighter Georgios. She will accompany him on a world tour on the Georgios, acting as ship's purser, and will be the only woman aboard ship. The petite 30-year-old former bank clerk met Captain Kavadias in 1947, and they dated each other each time he returned to Vancouver.

Cowboys' Target

CALGARY (CP)—Canadian and United States cowboys will ride and rope for cash prizes of more than \$40,000 at the annual Calgary Stampede July 5 to 10. Most prize money, \$3,500, is for the saddle-bronc riding event.

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New York, which also has cost more millions.

If these PIRATES can take over the country, which amounts to the same thing as a foreign army doing the same thing, and our governments, army, navy and air force cannot protect our business men and the public, just why are we paying taxes for their upkeep? And we go all over the world trying to run their countries as we do ours. Does it not make you sick? I am mentioning only a few things that do not indicate any intelligence, but Dominion, federal and provincial. However our statesmen recently boosted their salary by a considerable amount. Why not boost the salary to \$100,000.00 instead of a mere \$10,000.00? They might as well have that because if they do not we will give it away to some foreigner.

Some one said that charity began at home, which applies to some of the millions given away. Of course the unions and the business men would not want us to get all this for nothing, although we paid for it, because it would put a crimp in the whole goofy system of subsidizing prosperity at our expense; making us pay two prices for things and running the country into debt. There are so many things that

I do not understand and I can mention only a few, but there is the recent matter of a boost in postage. Ever since the first war, I believe, we have been paying stamps on cheques. Much of this was done with postal stamps, which was gravy to the PO Department. They should have been able to lay away a nice nest egg during all those years, although there was the large amount of free mail and graft. Now they are raising the postage for the third time—and by the way I hear criticism about the B.C. Secreds doing silly things and changing their minds). I also note that American magazines come here with postage paid to the U.S.A., of only 5c for large publications, and doubtless Canadian publications get the same low rates. I have been told that newspapers are paying 1½c an ounce, and no charge for papers mailed within a forty mile radius. I cannot verify that, but on top of it all our MPs send a lot of propaganda through the mails free. In any case the public pays the postage on this mail. We have gone up from 2c to 5c an ounce on letters as well as a raise on money orders. Just figure out the per cent of a boost.

Back in those good old days, in Laurier's time, we built a G.T.P. road (which the people were supposed to own). This was supposed to be a main line to Rupert and the Orient. We also built an elevator at Rupert, and I hear rumors about a Dry Dock. However, during the war, when the boys were fighting for Democracy, back in 1914, this G.T.P. road from Edmonton to Jasper was torn up and the bankrupt Canadian Northern substituted for it as far as Jasper, but the climax was reached when the main line to the Orient was made a side track and business taken to Vancouver. Taken south 500 miles and shipped by boat north again 1,000 miles on its way to the Orient. This was a bare faced swindle on all the people west of Jasper, and the promises made to the settlers in this country would have been enough to put a private stock selling company behind the bars.

I believe these remarks cover actual conditions in our countries. They look terrible to me. But why ask other countries to make such fools of themselves. And actually pay them our money to get them to do so?

D. T. GREENE,
Smithers, B.C.

French Marshall Rapped by NATO

PARIS (CP)—The North Atlantic Council has delivered to France's marshal Alphonse Juin a severe and unprecedented reprimand for his criticism of the European Army treaty.

A resolution which the council voted Monday was delivered to the marshal, commander-in-chief of NATO forces in central Europe, today. It said:

"The North Atlantic council expresses its profound regret at the public statement made by the commander-in-chief of central Europe on 27 March, 1954, and subsequently reiterated. These statements are contrary to the explicit and repeated declarations of policy issued by the council under whose authority all NATO commanders hold their appointments."

The statements which the resolution referred to were contained in two speeches Juin made last week and statements to newspaper men later.

CHESTER, Eng. (CP)—Baron Rideau, better known as Shane Alexander, has been accepted by the army for a three-month officer's training course. He is the 18-year-old son of field marshal Earl Alexander, former Canadian governor-general and now Britain's defence minister.



THIS IS THE SACKVILLE, the last corvette of 122 the Canadian Navy once had to fight the Battle of the Atlantic. The relic is on loan in Halifax as a hydrographic survey ship and is manned by civilians. In 10 short years, the du my little warriors have been by-passed by sleek new anti-submarine vessels which slice through the water at twice the corvette's speed. It has become a plain fact that the corvette is no longer of any use in a modern navy. However, in the Second World War Canadian corvettes took a hand in the killing of 15 enemy submarines—13 German and two Italian—for the loss of 10 of their own number.

BLACKWOOD on BRIDGE



By EASLEY BLACKWOOD
Brains And Nerve Make Ideal Bridge Combination

When Mr. Champion responded with one diamond, Mr. Meek was afraid to bid no trump without a heart stopper. He was also afraid to bid spades on a three card suit. He therefore made the mild go-ahead bid of two diamonds.

But Mr. Champion is a modern and he is not afraid. At his second turn he made the good bid of two hearts. Since he had never passed and since this was a new suit, the bid was absolutely forcing.

Mr. Meek would hardly be in a position to raise hearts because, with a heart holding good enough for that, he would have bid one heart over one diamond.

Mr. Champion was willing to play game on the hand but he saw no reason to oarce into no trump himself when for all he knew the defenders might be able to run five spade tricks. His two-heart bid was the best way to find out whether the hand belonged in three no trump or five diamonds. The bid brought Mr. Meek to life and he chose the no trump spot.

As usual, Mr. Meek played well. In spite of the club opening bid Mr. Dale led the seven of that suit. Mrs. Keen won with the ace and returned the ten.

South dealer		Both sides vulnerable	
North (Mr. Champion)		South (Mr. Meek)	
S-8 5 4	H-A K 6	D-A 10 9 7 3 2	C-2
West (Mr. Dale)	East (Mrs. Keen)		
S-J 7 2	S-10 9 6 3		
H-Q 9 7	H-J 10 8 4		
D-8 4	D-K 6		
C-K 9 8 7 4	C-A 10 5		
The bidding:			
South	West	North	East
1 C	Pass	1 D	Pass
2 D	Pass	2 H	Pass
3 NT	All Pass		

There was a trap at this point but Mr. Meek avoided it. He did not cover but followed suit with the six spot. On came another club and he played the jack. Mr. Dale won with the king and, seeing that the suit was now dead shifted to a low heart.

STRATEGY PAYS OFF

Mr. Meek won with dummy's ace, came to his hand with a spade and took the diamond finesse. This lost to the king but the rest of the tricks were his.

If he had made the natural-looking play of covering the ten of clubs at trick two, he would have lost the hand. Mr. Dale would have played low to leave a club in his partner's hand. When the diamond finesse lost, Mrs. Keen would have led her last club and Mr. Dale would have rattled off three more tricks in that suit to put the contract down one.

Twins Believed Have Good Chance Of Separation

MONTREAL (CP)—The Herald says yesterday it has learned doctors attending Montreal's siamese twins believe, following initial tests, the two girls have separate brains and nervous systems and chances of eventual separation are good.

The story says doctors who have examined the twins, two of three girl triplets born a week ago to Mrs. Betty Savage, say the youngsters sleep separately, wake separately and cry separately. It had not been established yet whether the twins had a common blood supply.

Hospital authorities said the condition of the twins is "the same." They have been considered in improved condition ever since shortly after their birth.

The third child is normal but weak as a result of prematurity.

Canada Slashes \$2,000,000,000 From Net Debt

OTTAWA (CP)—Nine years after the Second World War Canada has lopped more than \$2,000,000,000 from its net debt in sharp contrast to the increase that followed the First World War.

A white paper, tabled today in the Commons, estimated that at the end of the fiscal year last March 31 the net debt was pared by \$10,100,000 to \$11,151,600,000.

The net debt hit a post-war peak of \$13,421,400,000 in 1946. In 1919, the net debt totalled \$1,812,584,819. It rose in the next nine years to \$2,347,834,370 at the end of the 1926-27 fiscal year March 31, 1927.

Gas Well Fire Finally Doused

LEGAL, Alta. (CP)—A gas well fire which raged for 16½ days in this district 33 miles north of Edmonton was extinguished by water flooding at 3 p.m. (MST) Monday.

B.C. Ministers Ottawa-Bound

VICTORIA (CP)—Premier Bennett announced Monday that two cabinet ministers will go to Ottawa this month to discuss transport problems. The two men are Attorney-General Robert Bonner and Works Minister P. A. Gagliardi.

The premier did not amplify except to say he hoped the conference would be held April 26.

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ENJOYING robust health at the age of 101, Herschel Bregman of New York reflects the pleasure of becoming a United States citizen. The youthful centenarian, who teaches wrestling at a boys' camp during the summer, said he "never had a dull moment" in his life. A native of Minsk, Russia, he came to this country in 1930, and it was at the age of 98 that he realized he "wanted to die as an American."

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