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## New Quesnel Industry

IT IS GRATIFYING to see another part of our great Central British Columbia getting a big break in industrial development which is coming this way in increasing volume for the very simple reason that here in these parts is a great basket of natural resources, principally timber and waterpower, which cannot be any longer overlooked.

Industry is being virtually forced today into new fields where there is the power to be applied to the resources which are already here (such as in the case of Columbia Cellulose and now Western Plywoods at Quesnel) or to imported materials (as in the case of the Aluminum Co. of Canada at Kitimat).

The movement in this direction is now gaining momentum and more and more projects of this kind may be expected with increasing regularity. The vision of the old timers is being realized and the newcomers of today are renewing and reiterating the prognostications which have taken so long to fulfil that many old timers, in the meantime, became discouraged and skeptical.

Only last week in Prince Rupert Harold Blanche, president of Celanese Corporation of America (and Columbia Cellulose of Prince Rupert), whom nobody is going to call an extravagant visionary, made this striking statement in Prince Rupert to the Daily News:

"This area here is just perfect in industrial potential for the future. Nature has provided it with resources even beyond the present capability of man to develop. But researchers and planners are looking far into the future and I am convinced that the country hereabouts is only on the threshold of tremendous industrial activity."

The \$35,000,000 pulp mill and power project at Quesnel is but another sequence in the development of our great industrial potential which can no longer be stayed. It is mighty welcome and we are happy about this denouement in a neighboring area which is also somewhat tributary to us, particularly now that the Pacific Great Eastern Railway is being extended from Quesnel to Prince George to connect with the fine railway line which runs from there to the coast at Prince Rupert.

## Russia and Korea

IT SEEMS LIKELY that Moscow and Peking now wish for an armistice in Korea although they will drive the hardest bargain that they can now they have decided to have an armistice. But there is a vast difference between an armistice concluded at Panmunjom without Soviet participation and an armistice concluded in Paris or New York with Soviet participation. If the fighting is going to cease, the Russians want to be able to claim that it was their intervention which brought about the cessation. They would like to pose, especially in Asia, as the restorers of peace to Korea. They will not, if they can help it, allow the credit for stopping the hostilities to go to UN or even to China. Stalin must appear as the peacemaker.

Moreover, Russia's long-term policy in north-east Asia may require that, at this moment, she should want a cessation of hostilities. The plan of 1950 has definitely failed. There is little or nothing to be gained from a continuation of the hostilities. And, though the Soviet Union's part in the war has been an indirect one, it has entailed a by no means inconsiderable strain on her resources and her communications.

She has little or nothing to gain by a prolongation of the hostilities. On the other hand, she might hope for a very definite gain, or a very definite future advantage, from the sort of peace which seems likely to follow an armistice. From her point of view, the most important feature of the sort of peace which she expects is that it would provide for the withdrawal from Korea not only of the UN forces but of the Chinese forces as well.

Russia, as Stalin once remarked, pursues her own interests and no one else's. And that make it very desirable, from the Kremlin's point of view, that she should get into the armistice negotiations as soon as possible before they are completed. Hence the Vishinsky moves at Paris. And many speculate today on what will be next after Korea.

## Scripture Passage for Today

"Let not your heart be troubled."—St. John 14:1

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SMOKING RUINS—Smoke rose from the gutted garage and warehouse of the North Shore Construction Company almost 12 hours after fire destroyed five frame buildings at Sept 11st, Que., Ungava iron ore frontier town. Bulldozers working in 20-below-zero weather were credited with saving the town by building huge snow drifts around the centre of the fire. (CP PHOTO)

## As I See It



by  
Elmore  
Philpott

### To North by Sea

THE trim, stout new ship Prince George tied up at Ocean Falls, and my wife was out for her first look at the lights of the paper-rich city.

It seems strange to be going north in midwinter, for a brief little fireman's holiday. For all the way up from Vancouver you are never out of sight of snow—that stuff which most of us came to the west coast to escape from.

Yet there is a haunting beauty in the look of the snow at this time of year. Coming through the narrows the sombre evergreens, which lined both shores, looked like armies of silent Indian women watching our ship, with snow in their black hair.

BUT INSIDE all was snug and comfortable. We were lucky for we had seats at Captain Caldwell's table. The food was tops (everything except the bread cooked right aboard). But the conversation is even better. Not of the many skippers I have met, this one is the most interesting talker. He likes to talk, and shows it.

But there is always interesting talk on this run. I remember my first visit to Prince Rupert, back in 1938, just at the time when Prime Minister Chamberlain was selling out Czechoslovakia to Hitler. We were seated at a long table, eating our meal in silence. The radio news came on, with something about Munich.

Suddenly a dark haired man across from me slapped his hand down on the table, flushed dark red, and exclaimed in a choked voice:

"My God, I did not think I would ever live to see the day I would be ashamed to be an Englishman."

NOW as we came north again, fourteen years later, not one soul talked that way. The great Englishman, Churchill, who opposed the Chamberlain disgrace, was just finishing his Ottawa speech as we set sail, and telling the world the appalling cost of what Britain had paid for the redemption of human freedom.

TWO YEARS ago on this same sea run I met up with a nice American couple. The man was an aviator whom I wrote about at the time. His wife was a Christian Scientist. The wife agreed with me that there would be no world war, at least not yet. Her husband was willing to bet me (and his wife) that another world war would start before April 1952. He said that the U.S. navy officers around San Diego were all talking that way—then.

Well here it is 1952 and we are c.k. so far. Two months to go!

I LISTENED in to a little group in the corner. There was a nice looking lady from Victoria, knitting for her Ocean Falls grandchildren. There was a tussle-headed Welshman, with a keen, but experience-weathered face. There was a typical looking young Canadian, a veteran, probably a logger.

Again the talk was about the same thing as it was on this same ship's run 14 years ago and in 1950—would there be another world war? The consensus today—no, because the people of all

## Is Hanging Satisfactory?

LONDON (CP)—Doubts about the effectiveness of hanging as a form of execution have been expressed by Miss Jessie Dobson, recorder of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Writing in The Lancet, a medical journal, Miss Dobson says: "The procedure employed in judicial hanging has been and maybe still is, an uncertain means of causing instantaneous death."

At the recent inquest on Herbert Mills, 19, executed at Lincoln Prison Dec. 11, Dr. R. R. Prewer, prison medical officer, was asked if death was instantaneous. He replied that after hanging a man's heart could continue to beat for anything up to 20 minutes but it did not mean that he was alive.

Reviewing 36 cases where the bodies of criminals were dissected after hanging, Miss Dobson states that in 10 the heart was still beating when the body was cut down. In one the beats continued for more than seven hours and in two others for five hours. She quoted a 19th century authority who said that if the heart is still beating death has not occurred.

The article cites examples of recovery after hanging. Among them is that of a woman hanged for half an hour at Oxford jail in 1850.

Sir William Petty, professor of anatomy at the university, and other doctors arranged to make a dissection. Perceiving signs of life, they administered cordials and brought her back to consciousness. The woman lived for a further nine years during which time she married and had three children.

## Architects to Meet and Play

Commencing tomorrow, January 18, the annual convention of the Alberta Association of Architects will be held at Banff and attendance is expected to be a record breaker. The program will include winter sports such as skiing, tobogganing and curling.

the world are too war-wise and hence war-resistant.

THE WELSHMAN turned out to be an ex-bookseller who had a stall in Hereford, England, in the second world war. The British service men—especially airmen—were the best buying readers, he said. But the Canadians nearby also bought plenty of books. Only three Americans ever bought books or other reading material at his stall, my new friend said—although there were a large number of them there.

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## Germans Bitter Toward Yanks, "Pity" British

By BRACK CURRY

BONN, Germany (AP)—A former British soldier living in Germany says there's an amazingly strong anti-American feeling among the Germans.

"As for the British, they just pity us," says former Corp. Douglas T. MacArthur of the Royal Engineers who has lived here with his German wife for three years.

MacArthur says: "The Germans think the Americans are exploiting them. They do not believe me when I tell them they've been financed by the Americans since 1945. They simply cannot understand a victorious nation trying to help the country it defeated."

"They think the money for the big new American occupation headquarters here in Mehlum (a suburb of Bonn) is coming out of their pockets."

"The Germans are still bitter about the requisitioning of houses by the Allies. I subscribe to the London Daily Telegraph just so I can try to counter their criticism. The German people do not get a true picture of what is going on from their newspapers. The press twists things to suit its own purposes."

MacArthur says the Germans "don't study politics they way the British do. But when somebody blows a trumpet, they're there."

"The Germans 'have no respect whatsoever' for the French," MacArthur says.

"They are sorry to see England in such a sorry plight—and one hundred per cent for Winston Churchill," he says. "It's too bad the Germans don't have a Churchill. This country is like a ship without a rudder—the people don't know what to believe. They want some one to inspire them."

"I think the Germans need a king like our George. They are fond of British royalty. They cut out pictures of the royal family and paste them in their homes."

"They have no use for the present German leaders. They tell me that Adenauer (the federal chancellor) and Schumacher (the Socialist party leader) are always fighting but do nothing for Germany."

The stocky, mustached MacArthur rolled into battered Bonn in 1945 with an American unit to which he had been attached. The unit settled down for a spell of occupation duty—and MacArthur met the pretty blonde daughter of the leading coal dealer. Now she's his wife and the mother of pink-faced, blue-eyed Ian, aged two.

To the hundreds of Germans who buy their coal and potatoes from the firm he inherited from his father-in-law, ex-Corporal MacArthur is just plain "Mac."

All of his friends and customers are Germans. He speaks German except on rare occasions and thinks Germany is a "fine land."

"The people as a whole in Germany are top rate but they

are easily led and, as Americans would say, there are quite a few real stinkers," says MacArthur. He is a member of the local German businessmen's association and has even been invited to join a German veterans group. "My closest friend was a German machine gunner at Dunkerque—and I was at Dunkerque too, on the other side," MacArthur says.

A former biscuit maker at Penarth, Wales, MacArthur says his father's family was of Scottish descent "but I don't know whether I'm related to General MacArthur and I don't care."

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