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Regulation Hinders Shipping

IT IS an odd and unfortunate twist of circumstances that in the past few days the new safety requirements for Canadian coastal and inland steamships have proved a serious setback for shipping on the west coast.

Until recently hope ran high as the CPR had all but completed negotiations for purchase of an American ship operating out of Boston, namely the Evangeline.

Then one major disadvantage became apparent which cancelled all plans—the Evangeline had wooden decks.

Under the latest regulations, all new vessels built for operation in Canada must be fitted with steel decks. Although the Evangeline does not qualify as a new ship in point of age, the Canadian government takes the view that her purchase would put her in this category.

While no criticism can be made of adherence to safety regulations, the provoking fact is that the Evangeline is just as foolproof as other wooden-deck ships in these waters which were operating before the regulations went into effect.

To change her decks to steel not only would be a long and excessively costly operation, but would almost certainly upset her entire balance.

This unexpected development puts a discouraging aspect on future passenger travel along the coast. It means that the badly-needed replacements of ships gone or going will probably have to be brand new ships.

Passenger ships being a traditional and vital part of B.C.'s commerce, it would be a tragedy to allow their trade to languish at a time when the opportunities are greater than ever.

No doubt the latter is very desirable, too, and should be enforced when new ships are built. Meanwhile, no one could accuse the federal authorities of being remiss in their duties if, to prevent a shipping shortage, they were more generous in their technical definitions of vessels now operating.

Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

Skeena Highway in winter looks less discouraging. Once it used to be heard suggested that the road be forgotten between November and March.

We're about to remember Robert Burns again because we want to. His message goes and is heard everywhere.

There can still be found old timers in Prince Rupert who moved here after the gold stampede and listened to them describe cold weather in Yukon.

If they had yet to learn, numerous folks in Prince Rupert found out during the winter of 1916, how to skate. What was to become the Court House site was converted to a spacious rink.

If the Moose Club could reappear it would come as a genuine astonishment to a good sized part of the population. The building perched on a rocky elevation next to the Bank of Commerce, burned about daybreak, years ago.

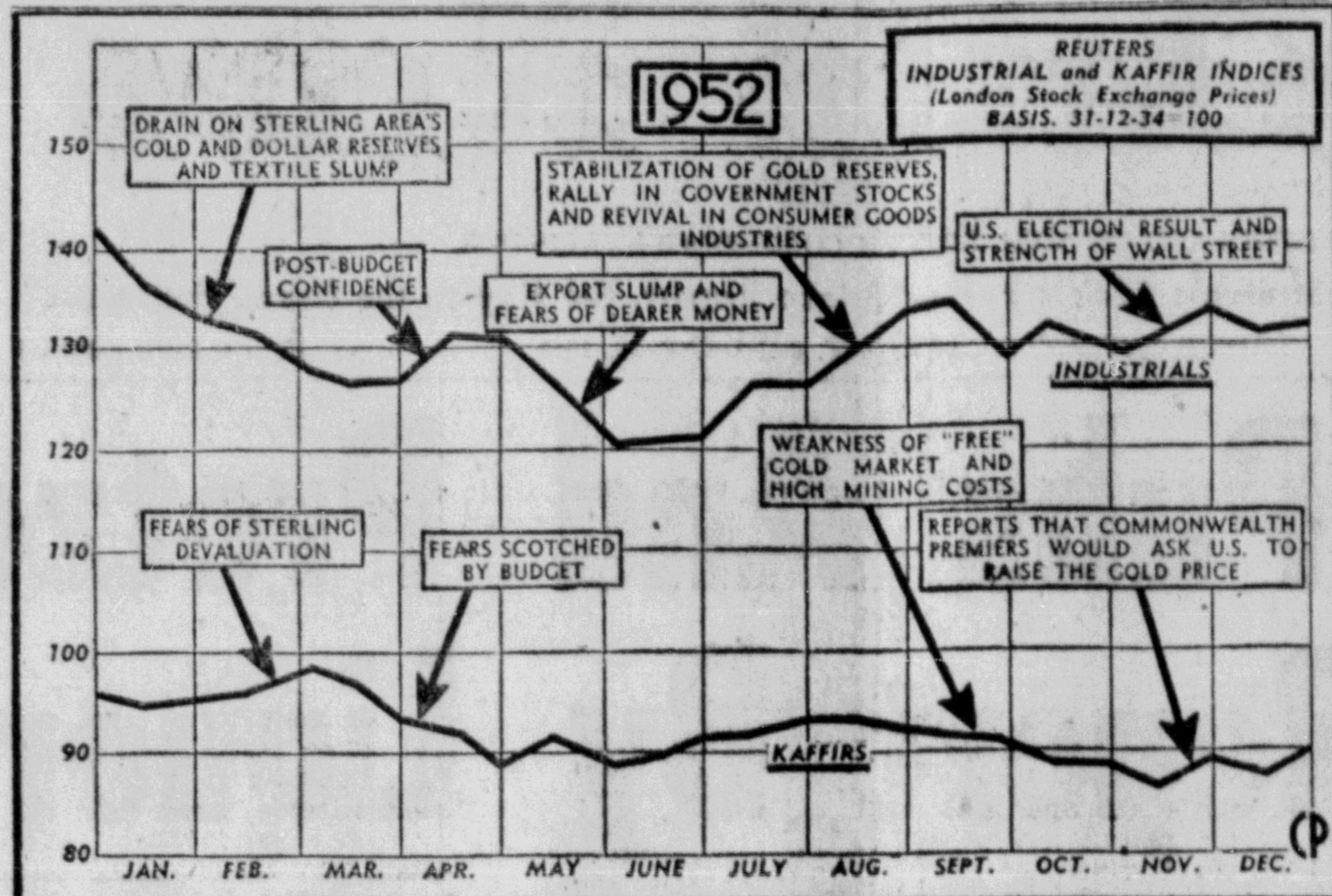
Everyone can give pleasure in some way. One person may do it by coming into a room and another by going out.

Blasting Crew To Douse Fire

CHAUVIN, Alta. (CP)—A blasting crew has started preparations to blow out a raging oil fire fed by an estimated 6,000,000 cubic feet of natural gas in the last two days.

The blaze broke out during processing to put the oil well, four miles west of here and 100 miles northeast of Calgary, on production.

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THE STORY OF A YEAR of trial in Britain, which ended on a note of confidence, is told in this Reuters' graph showing the action of industrial's on the London Stock Exchange in 1952.

OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

Canadians have no conception of the magnitude of Canada's atomic energy development project at Chalk River, about 130 miles up the Ottawa River from the nation's capital.

This atomic energy plant—most advanced of its type in the world—is "BIG" from every angle. And it is doing a "BIG" job in research, leading to harnessing the atom for industrial power.

At present, the plant represents an investment by Canadian taxpayers of \$40,000,000. This will be increased to more than \$70,000,000 after the new atomic reactor, to be known as the NRU pile, is completed in about two years.

The plant is located on the banks of the Ottawa, near the middle of a plot of land measuring about 10,000 acres. However, its more than 150 structures of all shapes and sizes occupy only 100 acres of land within the larger area.

radioactive material may fall without causing any harm. A QUICK PEEK Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., which operates the plant, has made two attempts in two years to let the public know more about this huge operation by inviting visitors from the parliamentary press gallery.

A LONGER LOOK This means that the newsman is conducted on a big Cook's Tour of the plant, and is able to make only a hurried inspection of a machine which clicks and spins and has something to do with atomic energy.

MILESTONES From the Files of The Daily News 40 Years Ago Today T. D. Pattullo has been elected Mayor of Prince Rupert with M. P. McCaffery, G. W. Kerr, George Leek, John Dybhavn, L. Bullock-Webster, D. Sutherland, G. R. Naden and T. R. Maitland being elected Aldermen.

30 Years Ago Today City Clerk Woods announced this morning that from now on the local stores will be closed Thursday afternoons instead of Wednesdays, following the decision of the electors at the referendum last week.

20 Years Ago Today The Prince Rupert Shrine Club last night elected Peter Lorenzen President, Arthur Brooksbank, Vice-President, John Dybhavn, secretary-treasurer, and Executives S. C. Thomson, S. E. Parker and J. S. Nelson.

10 Years Ago Today The General Hospital is so crowded at the present time that admission of new patients is discouraged unless ordered by their doctor.

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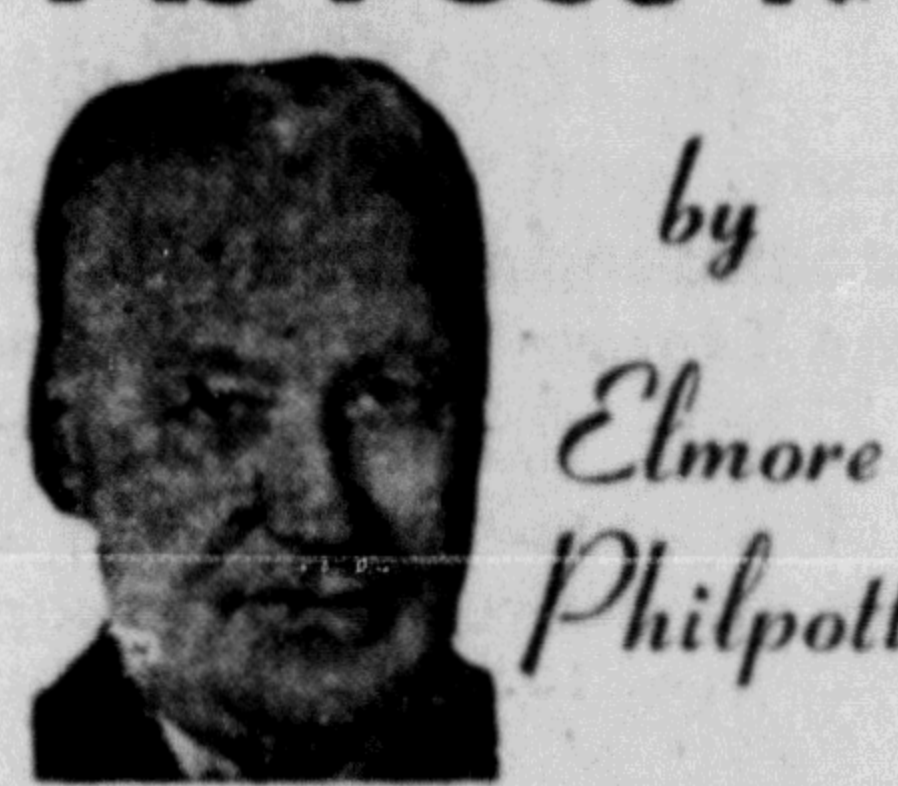
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As I See It by Elmore Philpott



White-Rock Peace Plan

ABOUT once a year I get a letter from a veteran White Rock shoemaker, who is also a peacemaker.

Here is his world peace plan: "It shall be lawful for any person by word of mouth or printed matter in a generally accepted way intelligently to put before his fellow citizens his idea of, or recommendation for, any change in our political, industrial, commercial or religious life."

"This shall be, so that all people may consider and intelligently weigh, all matters pertaining to our social order, for the purpose that a well balanced, democratic government may be intelligently obtained and respected by all."

"We forbid the citizens of one country from criticizing the laws of other countries, for the purpose of discrediting or condemning their domestic government. A person may speak well but not ill of the same."

SUPPOSE the above code were accepted by governments, peoples and newspapers of all countries. At least half the speeches made at UN would go unsaid, and there would be much different reports in our newspapers, not to mention Russia's.

There is one minor weakness, I think in the shoemaker's plan. It is sometimes necessary to criticize bad laws of other countries, if their adoption in your own country might happen because the people were ignorant of their actual effect elsewhere.

Also, criticism from outside, if justified, is a powerful force for reform in the country criticized. A good example of how that works is in the race and color question in U.S.A. Last year there was not a single lynching in that country, where lynchings were all too common a few years ago.

BUT subject to the above qualification the shoemaker's peace plan seems absolutely sound. Jesus Himself was the greatest teacher who ever walked this earth. He said:

"How can you say to your brother, Let me take this speck out of your eye, when there is a log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

Suppose that we in the western alliance were deliberately to apply that principle which Jesus taught. Our main task would be to set our own house in order. The cold war would dissolve almost overnight.

No religion has a monopoly on such teachings—for Gandhi, a Hindu, was the greatest demonstrator of the positive technique advised by Christ. And all over Asia the little clay figures with three pairs of hands covering eyes, ears and mouth, tell their own story "see no evil, hear no evil, speak no evil." The White Rock man says "Of the other fellow or other nation."

MOUNTING TOLL VANCOUVER (CP)—Complete figures show 34 persons died in traffic accidents in Vancouver in 1952, three more than in the previous year.

Retail price of milk has been advanced by order of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board to 15c a quart in Prince Rupert.

VICTORIA REPORT

by J. K. Nesbitt

VICTORIA.—Mrs. Nancy Hodges, who made history as Madame Speaker, called at the Legislative Buildings the other day. Much to her surprise she was presented with the \$250 silken gown and tricorn hat she wore with such dignity as she presided over the Legislature.

You could tell, though she didn't say so, that Mrs. Hodges was quite convinced she wouldn't get the gown and hat, what with all the talk of Social Credit economy.

Now, what on earth is Mrs. Hodges going to do with this gorgeous but sombre black outfit? Someone suggested she give it to the Provincial Archives, as an historical exhibit. Mrs. Hodges took coldly to that. Surely she isn't going to cut the gown down into a cocktail jacket, put feathers and flowers on the hat, wear it to fashionable tea? Mrs. Hodges, at social functions, bears watching.

How times do change in this game of politics. Here, for years, was Mrs. Hodges occupying the Speaker's lush suite, and now, once more a back-bencher, and for the first time in opposition, she must make do with a poky little office looking into a depressing wall.

The sign "Mr. Speaker" is back on the door of the Speaker's suite. During Mrs. Hodges' term the sign read "The Speaker." Though that sign would not have been inappropriate to him, Mr. Speaker Irwin, apparently, had no patience with its neuter gender. He wanted the masculinity of the new speakership definitely known.

Government House, which will be a-glimmer Feb. 3 for a State Dinner and a State Ball, following the opening of the Legislature, was first occupied half a century ago this year.

The first Lieutenant Governor to live there was Sir Henri Joly de Lotbiniere, who was sent here from Quebec by Prime Minister Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Sir Henri succeeded Dr. T. R. McInnis, who was fired because he interfered in provincial politics, the only Lieutenant Governor in our history to get the axe.

Today is an important occasion in B.C. history—the 100th anniversary of the arrival in Esquimalt harbor of the barque Norman Morison, with a noted list of people many of whom were to be counted among the founders of British Columbia.

Yes, it was indeed quite a boatload, a veritable Mayflower. There were Kenneth Mackenzie, who founded Craigflower Farm, and Thomas Skinner who started the Constance Cove Farm; Little Margaret Dwyer, who was married here to William Thomson and rode with him on horseback to the wilds of Saanich and established

as a private member, he was defeated in his bid of Prince Rupert. Dr. King left B.C. in 1933 and became Minister of Public Works in the cabinet. Later he was appointed to the Senate, for some time was Speaker in the Parliament.

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