62-Year-Old Hitch-Hiker Pauses at Prince George

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP) — Johnny Frey, 62, figures he's covered 7,000 miles of footslogging on his march from New York to Fairbanks, Alaska.

The jaunty, bright-eyed little man who had been on the road steadily for 275 days when he walked the Pacific Great Eastern Railway ties into Prince George to avoid the dust and traffic of the highway.

He carries a flag-bedecked packsack, wears a flower in his faded pink hat and sports a honey lost walking stick.

He took up walking as a vocation soon after migrating from his native Switzerland to the United States in 1919, and has written a book about one tour he took from New York to San Francisco via Mexico.

"Walking as a way of life is not as carefree as the happy wanderer of song and legend would indicate," he said in an interview. "You must have an iron will. You must discipline yourself."

He walks a good 8½ hours out of every 24, averaging 20 miles a day. He limits himself to 10-minute stops every hour and when he feels inclined to dally by the roadside he has to pause and talk himself out of it.

"It's just like there are two of us all the time. To keep loneliness from creeping in, I study the heavens and keep tab on the movement of the stars. During the day I study every living thing—the flora and the fauna."

On this trip he has averaged from 2.8 to 3 miles per hour. He has worn out one pair of Swiss Alpine climbing boots and 18 heels that went with them.

He cooks his meals by the roadside and one of his main staples is wheat cereal.

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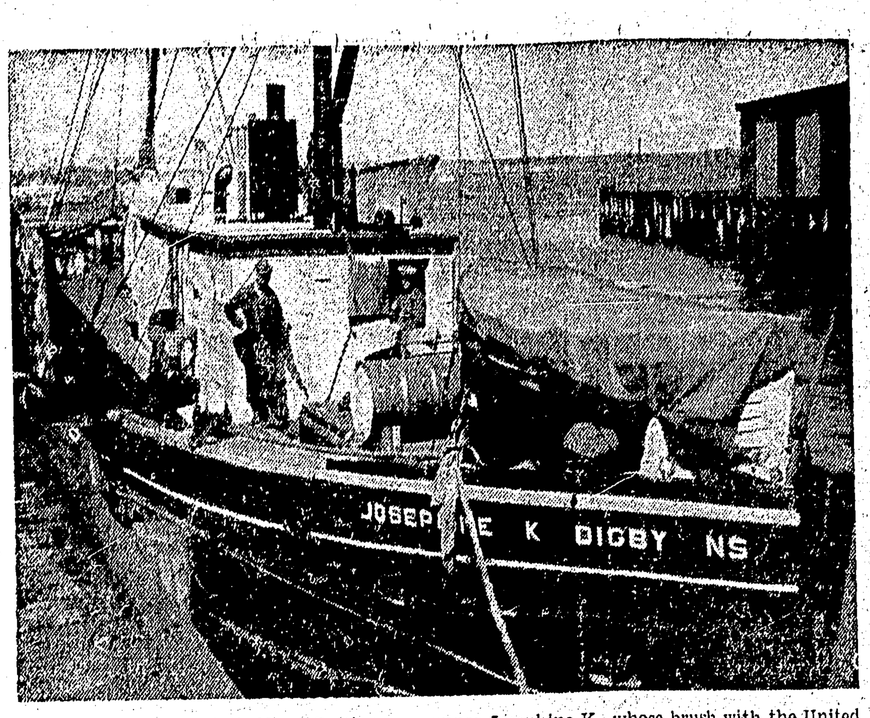

THE ONCE-NOTORIOUS Nova Scotia rum-runner Josephine K., whose brush with the United States Coast Guard was an international incident in 1931, now plies a quiet coastal freight run in eastern Nova Scotia. Her pilot house still shows the bullet hole drilled by coast guard shot that killed her captain 25 years ago. She is shown at her Halifax dock. (CP Photo).

TRIPS CAUSE NO STIR

Once Notorious East Coast Vessel Now Carries Legal Liquor Cargoes

By DAL WARRINGTON
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HALIFAX (CP)—A tubby-looking little ship eased away from Central wharf on upper Water street here and with a farewell bleat from her horn headed down harbor in wisps of morning fog.

Her stern bore the words: Josephine K., Digby, N.S.

The chug-chug of the engine carried to shore as she moved toward the open sea, but her passage caused no more stir on the waterfront than the regular trips of the Dartmouth ferries.

No one appeared to notice that a little coastal freighter was leaving on another trip to the fishing ports of Guysborough country and Cape Breton island.

CENTRE OF INCIDENT

Yet 25 years ago her name was known to millions, linked with an international incident that disturbed relations between the United States and Canada.

A paint-filled bullet hole still shows where a shot from a U.S. coast guard boat pierced the Joe K's pilot house and killed her skipper, Capt. William Cluett.

That fatal shot, fired in January, 1931, off the United States coast, reverberated in Washington and Ottawa. For the Joe K. then was a rum-runner out of West Indies ports with cargo for prohibition-parched throats in the U.S.

The coast guard said the shot was intended as a warning to halt. But it felled Capt. Cluett at the wheel. He died soon afterward.

Tension mounted as Bill Cluett's body was brought home to Lunenburg, N.S., for burial. The word "murder" was muttered by many Nova Scotians, seaman and landlubber alike. Capt. Cluett's funeral was one of the largest ever seen in Lunenburg, where fortunes were made in rum.

The U.S. scrapped its prohibition law eventually and the incident of the Joe K. may have helped to speed repeal.

NOW LEGAL CARGO

Built especially for the rum trade at Shelburne, N.S., in 1928, she's been owned and operated as a coaster by A. J. Burke and Co. of Halifax for 18 years. She still carries liquor on occasion, but legally now, for the Nova Scotia liquor commission.

"She's a good boat," says company manager Cyril Burke. "They really built them in those days. She'll outlast many a newer ship if she's lucky."

And the Joe K. has been lucky so far.

On June 2, 1954, she grounded on a shoal off Canso, N.S., but got off after her cargo was removed. One year later to the very same day she ran onto rocks near Halifax. The pumps barely kept her afloat as she limped into port for a new keel.

This year the June 2 jinx was beaten. The onetime rum-runner stayed in port that day and nothing happened.

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Opposes CNR Hotel

OTTAWA (CP)—A Saskatchewan senator Wednesday cocked a critical eye at the CNR's new $20,000,000 hotel now under construction in Montreal.

Senator Ralph Horner, a Progressive Conservative, said that he has always been opposed to a government agency building the hotel and still is.

He spoke during debate on legislation to provide funds for the publicly-owned railway to meet capital expenditures in 1956. These included money for the 1,216-room Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal.

The thing Senator Horner said he didn't like was the probability that the cost of the hotel would help increase freight rates for those who have to market goods by rail.

The Senate approved the measure's principle and sent it for committee study.

VICTORIA—Architects Whittaker and Wagg, are receiving separate bids until noon, July 16, for the following school construction:

(1) One-room Sandspit elementary unit; ((2) two-room addition and activity room to Queen Charlotte City elementary school, (3) three-room addition Masset elementary school.

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