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Socreds win, but popularity on wane.

abdicated. With three parties running Rupert riding.

However, the fact that CCFer F. Credit victory possible.

during the pre-election campaign. In- ingly skeptical electorate.

THERE were few surprises in yester-stead Mr. Brothers plugged the "day's byelection in the Rossland" amount of public works carried out in Trail riding from which former lands the Rossland-Trail district, something and forests minister Robert Sommers not likely to happen in the Prince

against Social Credit standard bearer Whatever it was which hypnotized Donald Brothers there was little hope the faithful Socred core of voters the that any of the other parties would fact remains that only the preponderedge him out. ence of candidates made the Social

E. De Vito only trailed Brothers by 385. Premier Bennett may see Brothers' shows that Socred popularity in the election as "the finest Christmas pres-Kootenays has waned considerably ent any government ever had" but to since Sommers was returned with us, the election result depicts a trend more than 5,000 votes in 1956. which will show up even more sharply The Sommers bribery and conspir- if Mr. Bennett decides to take his acy issue was not stressed too heavily chances next year with an increas-

Crunchless munching

OISELESS popcorn—you chew it men or theater lobbies on this side of without a crunch—has been devel- the Atlantic. oped by science. It promises to bring They popped it on a hot, flat stone without masticatory interference.

But don't expect toc much of that around 1890. promise—yet.

some modern hybrid popcorns expand year. as much as 35 times. Since popcorn is sold by bulk, they'll have to make pop we have a suggestion which should get sorghum more expansive to lend it this crunchless munch project off the commercial appeal.

Lots of research is going on to improve popcorn. The Department of ma griculture. Cornell University (nopun intended), Purdue University and other institutions are working on it because of the great increase in popcorn consumption the last 20 years.

Like other maize types, the movie corn is native to the Americas. Indians ate it long before there were white

back the silent movies in which you laid over a fire pit. White settlers could actually hear the sound track took it up, but the stuff didn't really become commercially important until

Now, as an outgrowth of the The new, silent popcorn is actually sweets scarcity in World War II and a sorghum, not a corn. While it makes the introduction of popcorn stands in no racket under bicuspid compres theaters, it's the basis of an industry sion, its kernels expand when popped grossing many millions yearly. Growto only 17 times their original volume. ers in the midwest corn belt states You call this inflation? Not when harvested 251 million pounds of it last

> In the interest of prosperity for all, ground.

Why not capitalize on the natural sweetness of sorghum, and peddle the hot buffered pop sorghum as a sweet (as well as quiet) alternate to the pop-

We make this suggestion free of charge. You can have it for the perfecting. Well, don't just stand there. —The Denver Post.

TIME and PLACE...

By Mrs. Robert Tomlinson as told by Robert Tomlinson THE KITWANCOOL JIM AFFAIR

When I arrived on the Skeena in 1919, to teach school at Glenvowell, I heard about the Kitwancool Indians and their animosity to white people, and about them not allowing white men into their village. Later I asked my husband about it. He told me that the story had been greatly exaggerated, and that the Kitwan-, heartbroken. They buried the cool Indians were not so bad as they had been painted. He said the Grease trail went through there, and that they had never had any trouble going or coming that way.

"I'll tell you a story behind that story," he said. "The Indians had some cause for resentment, if they ever had

I have written up the story, told me by my husband, about Kitwancool Jim. Robert and his father, happened to be in Kispiox, when the Potlatch people were arriving from down the river. It was before their mission had been started at Cedarvale, and they were just looking things over at the old mission site, now called Tonilinson's flats. Robert heard one of the people say that he hoped Netzqu was not among those who were coming as there was always trouble where he was. He came, and the trouble started. It didn't end for many months, even

It was Potlatching time in the winter of 1888. The Indians from the villages along the Skeena river were gathered at the village of Kispiox, on the Upper Skeena. Whole families journeyed over the ice to take part, and get their share of the Yule. Kitwancool Jim and his wife, who was a chiefess, were there with their three

The large Community House was crowded. Each chief and chiefess had a seat of honor. The head chief sat in the middle, and the others sat on each side of him, in order of rank. Mrs. Jim had her place. For some reason she was called down to the door. Before she left her place, she put her little son on her seat. No sooner had she left, when Netzqu, a witchdoctor who belonged to her own tribe, shoved the boy off the seat and sat down himself. The child went crying to tell

his mother. Mrs. Jim, who was a real figoross, lost no time in returning to her place. She got Netzqu off her sent and told him. what she thought of his behavior. Netzgu was plenty mad. He was shamed before all the

He made his way to the door, but just before he left, he was: heard to say: "He is now on the sent, but he won't live very long any-

When the Potlatching in Klapiox was over the people left for Kitzegueln. This was the vilinge Mrs. Jim called her own. Notzgu also camo from this villago. Jim and his wife, were guests of Mrs. Jim's famlly. Buddenly their oldest son

took very sick, and in a few days he was dead. This was the year the measles took such a heavy toll of the children and the young people in the Skeena district. No one believed cause of the boy's death. It was the work of the witch doctor Netzqu. Jim and his wife were little fellow there, and the Potlatch went on. Now Jim and his Chiefess had lost their zest, and watched the rest of the celebration silently.

The people moved on to Kit-

waneool about 20 miles in from

the Skeena river. This was

Jim's home town, and their

home. Their second child was

by this time feeling sick, and

the parents were very con-

"Had Netzqu not been sat-

isfied with taking one of their

sons, must he also rob them of

another." They watched over

the small boy as he grew

worse. The rash spread over

his body, and the boy's tem-

perature rose. He tossed about,

and when he spoke it sounded

as if he was not making sense.

Jim called the old ladies, and

they brewed herbs to try and

save the boy's life. They made

tea, but the boy could not

swallow it. The plaster, made

from the roots of the water

lillies seemed only to aggra-

vate the fever. They looked on

helplessly as the child grew

worse. Netzqu was at the bot-

tom of all this sickness, they

said. Soon the faint flicker

of life was gone from the boy,

and their second son was dead.

The witch doctor had done

more even than he had threat-

There was still another son,

just a small baby. He luy

snuggly wrapped in his little

Indian cradle. Mrs. Jim was

frantic in her grief. Two of

her sons were gone, but she

would save her baby. She turn-

ed on Jim with all her pent-up

"You old woman!" she cried,

"If you were a man you would -

"Gol" she screamed, "Be a

man—shoot Netzgu before he

casts his evil spell on the only

Jim could not stand the ridi-

Grimly he took down his

cule of his wife, and he was

anxious too, to save his child.

gun from its place and started

out to find Netzqu, for he was

determined now, to put an end

(To be continued)

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find Netzgu and kill him, be-

fore he kills our baby."

son we have left."

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ened to do.

cerned, and said:

will spend Christmas at home, at the close of a thoroughly operational, hard-working year. In left foreground are the six destroyer-escorts of the Second Canadian Escort Squadron. In the centre, centre right and upper left corner are frigates of the Fourth Canadian Escort Squadron. The four minesweepers of the Second Canadian Minesweeping Squadron are berthed elsewhere in Esquimalt harbour, not visible in the picture. Some officers and men of the ships are enjoying a leave period over the holiday season, in preparation for long months

VICTORIA REPORT By James K. Nesbitt!

VICTORIA—The Hon. Mr. Martin, the Minister of Health and Welfare, at a recent political meeting, said if there was a shouting competition he'd outshout everyone and win easily When he said this he was shouting at a heckler who was shouting at him. Mr. Martin seems to have won easily.

Yes, the Hon. Mr. Martin's a good shouter; in the Legisland ture he's quite delightfully entertaining as he shouts, thought the Premier doesn't like his Minister of Health and Welfaren shouting, and does his best to shush the Hon. Mr. Martin. When's Mr. Martin is thus shushed by his chief it's not nearly so much fun in the Legislature.

The Premier, of course, may shout to his heart's contention and no one dare try to shush him, except the opposition, and no chief of government ever pays the slightest attention to what the opposition says. Shouting in politics is not undignified, or rude; sometimes,

it's necessary to shout in order to get people to pay attention to you. People who shout are not necessarily hollow-brained. Absolutely amazing was the defeat of Vancouver's Mayor

Fred Hume. One would have thought Mr. Hume could have

been mayor as long as he wanted. In his defeat is a warning and a lesson for all politicians and it is this: sooner or later, if they remain in office longer enough they get defeated, everyone, that is, except Mr. Uphill? of Fernie, who's still going strong after 38 years as an MLA (victor, in 11 general elections) and apparently will keep, on winning as long as there's breath left in him. However, this is an unusual case—so unusual that it has made political history in Canada, and everyone wants to know how Tom dose it, and

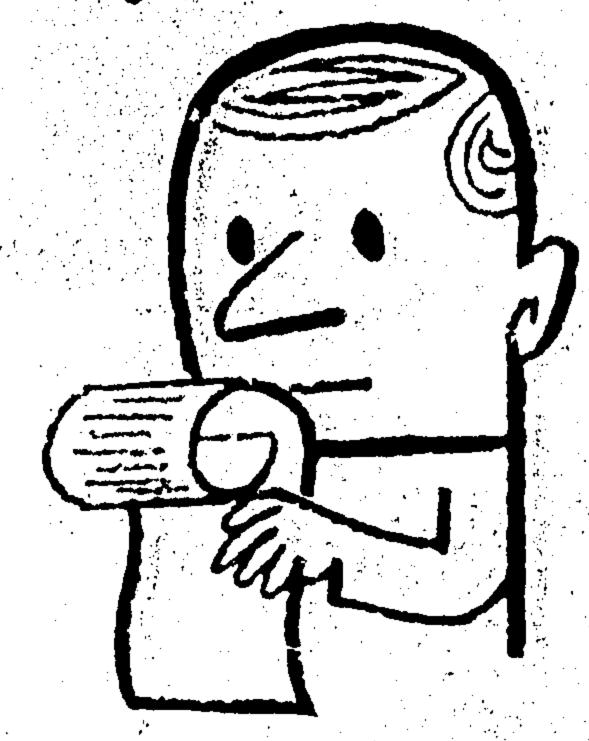
Last week Byron Johnson marked his 68th birthday, slowly. recovering from serious and prolonged illness at his beautiful? waterfront residence in this capital where he was born Dec. 10,000

Tom explains: "The good Lord is always on the side of their

He is one of only three native sons of B.C. to ever have been B.C. Premier, the others: Richard McBride (1903-15), born in New Westminster, and Dr. Simon Fraser Tolmie (1928-33) who was born at Saanich, at historic Cloverdale House, still standing, built in the early 1860's by his father, Dr. William Fraser Tolmie when he married Jane, the eldest of the eight daughters of that great pioneer, Hon. John Work of Hillside Farm.

Byron Johnson was elected B.C. Liberal leader on his 57th birthday—December 10, 1947, and a few days later was sworn in as Premier, succeeding John Hart, remaining in office until his death by W.A.C. Bennett's SC'ers in 1952. Mr. Johnson is B.C.'s only living ex-premier.

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INTERPRETING THE NEWS

Big drive by labor slated in new year

By DAVID ROWNTREE

Canadian Press Staff Writer

Labor unions in the United States have begun a great drive to extend their influence. It may result in more and bigger strikes in an embittered atmosphere that business and labor have not known for many years. There have been a number of developments

recently: Jimmy Hoffa, cocky president of the Brotherhood of Teamsters, is reaching out to bring policemen, hospital workers, firemen and other local and state government employees totalling about 10,000,000 under his wing. Earlier this year he formed a conference on transport

and air unions into an alliance. George Meany, the AFL-CIO president, says labor will start its own political party if this is the only way it can meet its objectives.

unity with the object of welding all land, sea

The unions feel themselves to be in a powerful position. The Democrats now dominate Congress; laws designed to curb union powers were defeated in five states in the Nov. 4 election; and they see the possibility of organizing - just send their money and stay . . . out themwhite-collar workers whose wages have not always kept pace, with inflation or union-wonpay increases.

Opposed to these signs of strength are worry over corruption in the unions and automation In industry, an unemployment hangover of 4,000,000 despite the business recovery and fears that all is not well with the AFL-CIO, merged just three years ago.

Old rivalries as to which union should have jurisdiction in cortain industries-the Issue-that split the labor movement in 1035—and the numbor of expulsions from the organization that do not apparently result in reforms are two causes for worry.

HITTONG CHATATENGE

The tennisters were expelled from the AFL-CIO on charges of corruption. But Hoffa scens to be riding higher than ever although the strongest challenge to his role so far.came from a Judgo in Washington Thursday.

Judge M. Diekinson Lotte told: Wolfa and his assistants to obay orders to ride the union of magyory churactors and stamp out corruntion. The judge threatened to: hold: him in contampt of court if he does not comply. Mossa holds office only provisionally and could be removed by a court order.

Hoffa is shooting for control of all civil

service workers. "We recognize the tremendous resistance that will come from politicians and anti-union elements," he said. "But we will make this one of our major projects and there will be no lack of funds to bring the benefits of unionization to these workers."

Hoffa blamed Meany for being lax in seeking higher wages and better conditions for these 10,000,000 civil servants.

Among other things, the present power plays include a struggle for the leading role in the labor world between Hossa on the one hand and Meany and Walter Reuther, his vicepresident, on the other.

voice. When Meany spoke of a third party, he cautioned businessmen about becoming involved "My advice to the business community, and I mean this seriously: They had better

It is also a struggle for a louder political

"You see, they've got the money, but we've got the people. And in a contest between money

and people, there is no doubt of the result."

From The Toronto Telegram Upon the well-founded proposition that the public's business should be conducted in nublic. City Council has requested the Toronto Harbor Commission to open its meetings to the eyes and cars of the public-the press.

The Commission—comprising three members appointed by Council, one by the Dominion Government, and a fifth appointed by the Government upon the recommendation of the Toronto Board of Trade—is responsible for the Port of Toronto and for harbor lands. Its noticios and docisions directly affect this city and its citizens. Not always are they acceptable, as when it proposed commercial usage of lands hotween the Cardinor Expression and Lake. Shore boulevard, from Ellis avenue to Parksida. drive, instead of park development.

Admission of the present as representatives of the public would serve the dual nurness of bolleies, proposals and deisions.

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