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## Alaskan Comment on Power

VENTURES Ltd., and Frobisher Ltd., associated holding company in Canada, in a recent report outline their plans for cheap power by making use of the Taku river.

Their conclusions after surveys are that 4,500,000 horsepower could be developed by diverting into the Taku river waters from the upper Yukon, the Dextadeash and Salmon rivers.

It is planned to have the main storage reservoirs formed above Whitehorse by two dams, one in Miles Canyon on the Teslin river and the other one on the Yukon river where it joins the Big Salmon.

It is proposed to erect storage reservoirs with an elevation of more than 2,000 feet. Waters would be conducted southward from Atlin lake through rock tunnels.

Industrial plants on the Taku river on the Canadian side would be approximately 44 miles from the two main power plants.

There is nothing in the reports about the proposed Alcoa plant near Skagway, which must get its power from the upper Yukon on the Canadian side. The Alcoa plant, if built, will have a natural tide-water harbor. But the Canadian plant on the Taku river is above the navigable point. Possibly barges might be used to take cargo down the Taku river to American tidewater. It would seem that Alcoa might have bargaining power to get Yukon river water.

The Canadian companies plan the first unit to produce 100 tons of steel and iron a day. The other unit would treat cobalt concentrates.

Further plans would include production of calcium, and magnesium, alumina, phosphorus and "heavy water" for atomic reactors.

—Ketchikan Daily News.

## Ray REFLECTS and REMINISCES

First wine to be served with meals in Vancouver was poured last Saturday, along with gratuitous advice concerning the use of wines. The illustration was brightened with portrait of two gentlemen and a lady—each with a charming smile. We wonder if this is the beginning?—pleasure when enjoying refreshments. Surely isn't that the way it ought to be. Why wait for the dining room to become at least three or four times daily, an unlovely, unhappy sort of place. You know what's meant.

Being careful about dress helps a young man to succeed. Then he can well afford to go around looking like a bum.

### COMING UP

An emperor wearing a whisker and an impressive title will be in Ottawa early in June. He's been heard of before, of course. The late Mississinipi tried to capture him and his country and lost out. Halle Selasse rules fifteen million Africans in Ethiopia and will be the guest of Canada's governor general, flying to the

## Two Students Lost in Sea Off Oregon

COOS BAY, Ore. (AP)—Two high school boys on a class picnic were swept to sea and presumed dead from a rock at Sunset Bay, south of here. They were Frank Collins, 16, and Avery Morgan, who was observing his 16th birthday.

They were among some 50 students who came to the coast for their class outing.

Two other students, Keith Ryder and Norman Malone were with young Collins and Morgan. They came upon a sharp rock jutting up from the beach. Collins and Morgan decided to climb on it and work their way around on the seaward side. The other two decided not to chance it, but walked instead around the rear of the rock.

Ryder and Malone said two big waves swept in while they walked behind the rock. When they got to the other side, they discovered that Collins and Morgan, who had been about 25 feet up on the rock, were missing. They located them in the waves, about 100 feet from shore. Both were swimming, but were being carried seaward with the outgoing tide.

They disappeared from sight after they got about 300 yards out.

city from Boston. He is known as the Conquering Lion of Judah, Elect of God and King of Kings.

The little "actors" church (St. Peter's) for 96 years in the heart of London is to be torn down to become a jewelry store site. This venerable building has brought spiritual solace to the theatre world. Easter, more than six hundred veteran show people stood in line for an hour to get in, and some wept openly as Canon May said: "Surely there is need for a hallowed house in an area where there are so many houses that are not hallowed."

A youthful alien with home in Toronto has had his jaw and skull fractured by nine boys because, it seems, of his inability to speak the language. All of us have our own ideas concerning autism building, and the growth of population is not encouraged by assault with the odds nine to one.

It's beginning to look like a shakeup in the Senate. For example, it recommended that four of the best men, Euler, Roebuck, Crerar and de B. Ferris continue to sit and not be subject to retirement at 75. They are too useful—or so it's said. Percy Ben-gough has become a man of leisure, and, in time may listen to reason.

Some time ago we gently chided the CPR for saying it had "approximately" 58,000,000 railway ties on its right of way. We felt it ought to know exactly. Well, it does. And some day when we have time there will be another count when the ties will be laid end to end instead of cross-wise.—Standard.

An elderly woman is said to have been arrested while trying to cross from East Berlin to West Berlin with 101 eggs concealed on her person. One almost said there's a woman who doesn't believe in hiding all her eggs in one basket.

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## As I See It

BY

Elmore Philpott

### Train-Truck Merger

THE RAILROADS of Canada and U.S.A. are learning their lesson. They are taking a leaf out of the book of the cunning old war politicians who used to say:

"If you can't lick 'em, join 'em."

In the near future, all the big lines will begin "piggy-back" truck-trailer rail service.

Since 1952 both CPR and CNR have experimented in a small way with pint-size trailers. These were a special job, owned by the railways themselves, and used only between Toronto and Montreal.

Now on both sides of the border plans are underway to carry two full-length (36-foot) truck-trailers, which will fit back to back on specially built 75-foot flat cars.

THE MAIN idea of the railroads is to operate fast freights between the main cities.

But the idea offers intriguing possibilities. I have always wondered what would happen, for instance, if the CPR and CNR would offer motorists special bargain rates for overnight service between Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver. If it were possible to drive aboard your car, as you now do to the ferries, and land next morning up in the Rocky Mountains, or vice versa, it seems to me that many people would take their cars along by train.

Of course, the price of this service would have to be moderate enough to make it attractive. But as things now stand it takes two days hard driving to get from the coast to the Rocky Mountains. The trip by train is just half that. It seems to me that the geography of B.C. is almost made to order for some kind of a combination service, for motorists, along the line where the railroads now propose to sell to eastern truck operators.

THE FIGURES for train reservations are debunking the talk of another depression.

MPs here at Ottawa are forced to book weeks ahead to get reservations for the trip home.

The government is also feeling very bucked up at the latest figures for construction in Canada.

The official figures show that completions of new homes are running 11 per cent ahead of last year—and last year broke all records for construction in Canada.

IN SPITE of the sharp upturn in employment all across Canada, the government is planning more energetic measures for dealing with seasonal unemployment next winter.

The trend in recent years has been toward greater and greater winter unemployment. Quiet studies are being made to see what can be done to switch over to the slack winter months cycle.

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struction which has been usually undertaken in the other seasons.

ONE SERIOUS missing link in the government's equipment to deal with unemployment is authentic knowledge about what kind of public expenditures provide the maximum amount of jobs.

The Minister of Public Works, who is generally conceded to be one of the ablest men in the Cabinet, recently pointed out that the vast expenditure on the Canso Causeway did virtually nothing to relieve unemployment.

Scientific study of this problem is long overdue.

## 16th Century Statue Found Under Chapel

LONDON (AP)—A stone statue of Christ, believed to date back to the early 16th century, has been found beneath a chapel destroyed by bombs during the war.

Joan Evans, director of the Society of Antiquaries, and Norman Cook, keeper of the Guildhall Museum, describe the figure in an article in the Times as "certainly one of the major archaeological finds made in London during this century."

The statue, 6½ feet tall, was uncovered by workmen digging five feet below the floor of the bombed-out Mercers' Chapel, in the Cheapside district near St. Paul's Cathedral.

An original chapel on this site, built between 1518 and 1522, burned down in London's great fire of 1666. It was one destroyed by bombs was built in 1682.

Both feet, the right arm and the left hand of the statue were missing. The work shows the body of Christ lying on a bier on three beams, covered by the royal mantle given to him by Pilate's soldiers.

## French To Delay Asking U.S. Aid Until Cease Fire Talks Underway

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER  
WASHINGTON (AP)—French diplomats today said France will delay asking United States intervention in the Indo-China war as long as cease-fire talks are under way at Geneva.

Meanwhile, Britain is reported to have proposed that prospective military talks on Southeast Asia among the Big Three Western allies, along with Australia and New Zealand, should be held at the highest military level that is, among the chiefs of staff of the five countries.

Military representatives of Britain, France, the U.S. and the two Southwest Pacific powers are expected to meet here within the next two weeks. What they can accomplish in the absence of overall political decisions, however, is not clear.

### SEEN IMPORTANT KEY

One key to such a decision perhaps now the most important one, is a proposition from the French government for U.S. intervention. The U.S. govern-

ment has told the French governments in talks at Paris that such a proposal would be necessary as a basis for future American decisions, bearing in mind that the U.S. would act only as one member of a coalition.

State Secretary Dulles told a press conference that no such bid had yet come from the French. French diplomats here say no bid is to be expected until events at Geneva take a decisive turn one way or another.

U.S. authorities privately point out that Communist negotiators now are in a position to drag out the negotiations with new moves from time to time if that is their purpose.



VEN. E. S. REED, Archdeacon of Quebec, has been elected Anglican bishop of Ottawa diocese. (CP Photo)

## Dental Hypnosis Depicted on TV

LONDON. (Reuters)—Millions of British television viewers this week saw a pretty 19-year-old girl have a tooth pulled after she was hypnotized in a dentist's chair. It was the first time television has shown dental hypnosis in use. The girl said she felt no pain and would have another extraction, if necessary, the same way.

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## OTTAWA DIARY By NORMAN M. MacLEOD

All female Ottawa—and, more secretly, most of the male population of the Capital as well—is romantically agog over the triple wedding some three weeks hence when the three very comely daughters of the Peruvian Ambassador will be married in a single ceremony.

From the standpoint of the Capital's residents, the happy event merits all the attention it is receiving. For it is very definitely an Ottawa first. Marriage records both in Canada and abroad have been combed carefully by the Capital's authorities. They have disclosed that never before anywhere have three sisters been married in a single ceremony. It is a case of Peru and Ottawa co-operating to stage the first religious ceremony of its kind in world history.

Peruvian Ambassador Fernandez-Concha, father of the three brides-to-be, is one of the Capital's most unusual as well as distinguished foreign diplomats. His appointment as an Ambassador was the sequel to a singularly unlucky accident. The son of a Peruvian Senator who at the same time was the Republic's most outstanding lawyer, he took to large-scale dairying as a young man and developed a herd of just under 1,000 Holstein-Friesian cattle. But a fall from a horse left one side of his body paralyzed as a result of a brain injury. His case was beyond the experience of the medical profession of Peru. So as a last resort he came to the John Hopkins clinic at Baltimore.

An operation there was partially successful and he was told that if he remained under medical care in the United States for two years it would be wholly so. He put in the time by attending the agricultural faculty of the University of Maryland. His specialty was poultry husbandry. It was in those years that Fernandez-Concha gained the knowledge of North American ways that caused him to be drafted into the diplomatic service of his native Peru. His flair was for trade and concrete business deals. When he got the Peruvian sugar quota in the United States market raised

from 9,000 tons to 51,000 tons annually, his government recognized his talents as a free enterpriser. His reward was appointment as Ambassador to Canada.

During his term of office here with his attractive wife, Fernandez-Concha has become celebrated for the assistance in hospitality that his three attractive daughters have given him. They have become widely known as one of the most pleasant features of any visit to the Embassy. Their unique marriage ceremony impresses social Ottawa as a fitting climax to the happy relationships which they have enjoyed during their stay here. No one in the Capital—male or female—quarrels with high romance for having marked them for its own.

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