

QUEBEC MAN MISSING
COCHRANE, Ont. (CP)—Police Tuesday began a search for E. J. Vallageon of Rouyn, Que., missing since Sunday from a bush camp at Maher, 32 miles north of here.

SEVEN KILLED
BELGRADE, (Reuters) — Seven workmen were killed here Monday when ammunition they were handling blew up, the official Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported Tuesday.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Prisons in France is one place where the prisoners never riot. Why? Because they serve their sentences in solitary confinement. Each man must eat, work and exercise in a small space. Even while attending divine services every convict is locked in a separate compartment where he can't see anyone but the minister. A recent invention of a California man is an electrically controlled hospital bed that enables a patient to take care of a dozen of his needs without calling into service a nurse. By merely pressing a button he can warm his bed, lift his head higher, produce a toilet or a wash basin with hot and cold water. Other buttons control window shades and lights in the room. The custom of hiring foreign soldiers to fight a country's battles dates back to 1792 when the French Foreign Legion was founded.

Great Britain had a British Legion in the Carlist wars. This group was made up of Germans hired by George III to put the fear of the Lord into his American colonies. But the modern French Legion was founded in 1831. In Scotland nearly all transportation comes to a stop on the Sabbath day. Nearly all sports are put aside, all theatres are closed, and motorists experience some difficulty in buying gasoline or something to eat. The Scottish sabbath is something to be reckoned with. It used to be the same here in Prince Edward Island, but of late years things are different and who can say whether the change is for better or the other way around. In early days people dreaded the sight of a comet, as they were supposed to bring tribulations. The comet of A. D. 79, is said to have preceded the death of the Roman Emperor Vespesian. Pliny writing about the appearance of a comet in 48 B. C., had this to say: "We have in the war between Caesar and Pompey an example of the terrible effects which follow the apparition of a comet. . . That fearful star, which overthrows the powers of earth, showed its terrible locks."

When the end of the world was predicted in A. D. 1000, people imagined they saw a comet in the sky for nine nights. Fortunately, people are too busy today trying to outsmart each other to pay much heed to anything seen in the sky save flying saucers. It is just coincidental that striking events occurred with each return of Halley's. It is interesting, however, to note that Halley's comet appeared prior to the destruction of Jerusalem in A. D. 66. Its appearance in A. D. 551 coincided with the defeat of Attila at Chalons. William the Conqueror's victory at the battle of Hastings in 1066 is attributed by some historians to the appearance of the famous comet at that time. Coming to our own times, it is surprising the amount of anxiety Halley's comet caused in 1910. Instantly and quite a few cases of suicide followed at its approach, and there is a well-authenticated case of an enthusiastic young Island lady who prayed all day because she believed the end of the world was at hand. And young as I was at the time, I can still recall the stories I heard about the danger of us all being asphyxiated by the poisonous gases should the comet's tail lash out against the world. Yet nothing happened. The city of Paris and the body of King Edward VII lay in state at Westminster. Both natural events, yet some people seized upon these coincidences to cry other fearful warnings which goes to show that the fear of comets, like the fear of ghosts, dies hard among us.

Sir Walter Scott in five years earned the sum of \$400,000 by his pen alone. A proportional amount of writing today — providing it came up to Scott's high standard — would net an author millions each year. The craft of making hooked rugs will soon be forgotten so far as this Island is concerned. But in the days of our grandmothers and great-grandmothers the art flourished and every home in the Province boasted not a few, but many beautiful hooked rugs. The late Mrs. Daniel Fraser of Kingston, not only hooked prize-winning mats but also designed them. Precise and formal trees, net baskets of flowers, and sometimes animals were introduced into her mat designs. One of the most unusual rugs that I have ever known of was hooked by Mrs. Peter Inman of Cornwall and now living in London, Ontario. Shaped like an octagon, and made in soft colorings with a homemade fringe of black yarn with a charming floral design in its center, it was indeed a work of art. Sold to a tourist, it now adorns the floor of a Watertown, Mass., couple who prize it highly.

BURGESS BEDTIME

(Continued from page 10) work to believe her own eyes. But as soon as she saw how helpless Reddy was, she moved forward to help him. Now of course two Foxes to one small Weasel was at least one Fox too many. In spite of the excitement of being thrown about as he hung onto Reddy's lip, Shadow saw Mrs. Reddy and knew that he would have to let go. Now no one can move more quickly than Shadow the Weasel. At just the right instant he let go of Reddy's lip, dropped to the ground, and before either Reddy or Mrs. Reddy knew what was happening Shadow had disappeared. He had dodged in among the stones of the pile beside which they had been fighting, and beneath which was his home. Safe down in that home were Mrs. Shadow and the six children. "What happened?" asked Mrs. Reddy. But Reddy's lip was too sore for him to do any talking, and he wanted to get away from the sound of his jeering neighbors. He had lost all appetite for young Weasels, or for anything else just then.

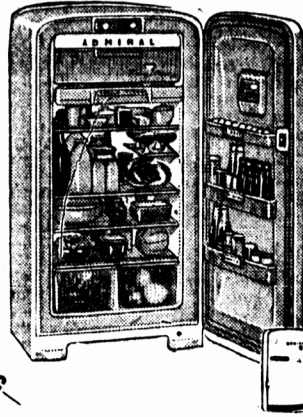
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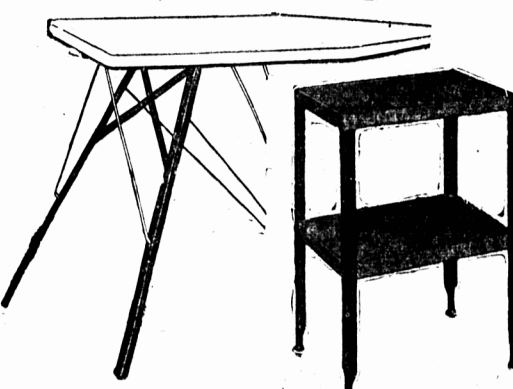
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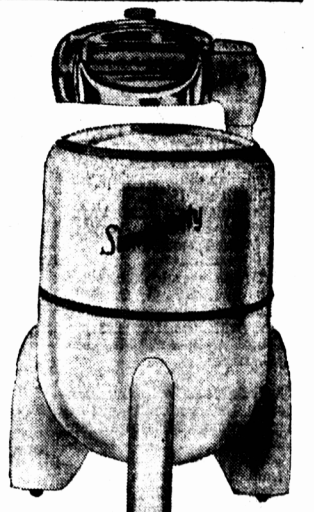
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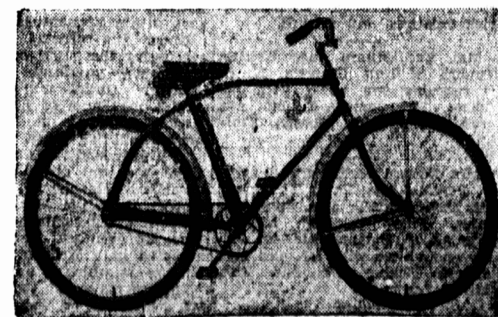
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