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Tragedy At Stanhope

The double drowning tragedy at Stanhope yesterday has come as a shock to all our citizens, whose sympathy will go out to the bereaved families in full measure.

Unfortunately the accident occurred a mile from the nearest life-guard station, so that help could not be forthcoming in time.

Commendable Enterprise

Faith in the continued progress and prosperity of Prince Edward Island has been expressed in a concrete manner by Imperial Oil Limited, whose new marine terminal, designed to improve oil distribution facilities in the Province, represents a capital investment of one million dollars, over and above expenditures of \$200,000 on improvements of the company's bulk plants in outlying centres.

The provision of such enormous facilities indicates the great increase in our oil products requirements over the past few years, and the certain prospects of future expansion. Continuity of supply is a most important factor in meeting these requirements, and Imperial Oil Limited is to be warmly congratulated upon its efforts in grappling so successfully with this problem.

Slim Chances

At the recent meeting of the International Labor Organization in Geneva much was said about the desirability of a world ban on racial discrimination in employment.

The Soviet Union delegation called for an outright treaty which would bind all the signatory nations to removal of racial discrimination. This, naturally, was supported by the Asian and African delegates.

All this, of course, was a propaganda victory of magnitude for the Soviet Union. Delegates from Asia and Africa were unanimous in praising the Soviet stand and in condemning the American hesitancy.

Supreme Court, in the Western sense, to see that the law is observed.

It would be scarcely practicable for the United States to put its signature to a treaty guaranteeing civil rights for peoples outside its borders until it has been able to guarantee the rights of its own citizens.

No Condemnation

During the election campaign Mr. Diefenbaker promised, if elected, to call Parliament together in September for the purpose of raising old age and other pensions and reducing taxes.

The Prime Minister has said that he does not think that a postponement for this important reason would receive "much public condemnation". That is an understatement.

Canadians will be just as well pleased to have pensions raised and taxes reduced in October as in September. For that matter, if the full intention of the promise must be followed, the increases and the reductions can easily be made retroactive to September.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Britain's financial position is strengthening all the time. On June 30 the gold and dollar reserves stood at \$2,381 million, \$36 million higher than in the previous month and the highest point in a year.

An agricultural economist says that "the more efficient the poultry farmer becomes the less he should expect to receive for his products". The theory is that efficiency cuts down costs. Does it mean that once a farmer achieves 100% efficiency he must be satisfied with no profit at all?

One report says that former External Affairs Minister Pearson is to be the new leader of the Liberal Party when the post becomes vacant. Another says he is to be the Governor of Cyprus. Just the same, there is no doubt that Mr. Pearson would fill any important office requiring political knowledge and experience with distinction.

The 30 scholars and scientists who are enjoying the hospitality of Mr. Cyrus Eaton at his estate in Pugwash have decided not to give out any report of their discussions regarding the dangers of radiation. It is just as well. It seems that everything possible has already been said on the subject.

For the first time a statement by Mr. Dulles has been accepted with a slight reservation by Mr. Khrushchev. Recalling that Mr. Dulles had accused the Soviet Union of trying to "torpedo" disarmament talks, Khrushchev told an audience: "Unfortunately, this imperialist statesman was practically right".



TELLING THE WORLD

Sects Of The Mighty

Frank Swanson in the Ottawa Citizen

If you think you have troubles, consider for a moment the complex problem of working out seating arrangements for the new House of Commons.

At stake is more than the simple disposition of 265 members of assorted political faiths and affiliations. What happens could be a guide to the whole complicated philosophical question of party alignment.

Because the CCF is the next group to the Liberals in numerical strength, the socialists presumably will have the second choice of seats. Will the CCF elect to sit in the remaining seats on the opposition side or will it pick the remaining block of seats to the right of the Conservatives?

One of the splinter groups will be obliged to sit with the Conservatives whether it likes it or not, and notwithstanding the superficial impression the appearance might make on casual spectators in the public galleries. And indications are it will be the Social Credit group to the right of the government's immediate right.

Klondike Days Recalled

National Geographic Society

Yukon's population is booming. But it's a pop compared to the thunderous explosion of 60 years ago.

The remote Canadian territory, bordering Alaska, has quietly expanded from a meager 9,000 in habitants in 1951 to a still modest figure of 42,190.

This number of people would have been swallowed among the thousands who swarmed into Yukon during the Klondike gold rush. Triggered by a breathtaking strike in 1896, near the junction of the Yukon and Klondike Rivers, the stampede began the following year.

Ships pulled into Skagway and Dyea, on Alaska's panhandle, to disgorge hordes of hopefuls, the National Geographic Society recalls. Dumped ashore amid mounds of ill suited equipment, clerks, factory hands, bank tellers, farmers and crooks faced the problem of scaling glacial coastal mountains.

Like lines of toiling ants, they inched over Chilkoot Pass and White Pass to lofty Lake Bennett. The Yukon's headwaters. Many built boats, cynically dubbed "coffins," and whirled downstream 550 hair-raising miles to the Klondike — and Dawson City.

Tents mushroomed on Dawson's broad muddy streets at 8,000 bawling men jammed this hub of the gold region. Nearly 20,000 more squelched through the muck of light-packed claims outside town. "Cheechakos" (Chinook for tenderfoot) stared at the prices.

Sourdoughs, flourishing moosehide sacks of gold dust, tossed off \$10 for a haircut, \$3 for one egg, at least \$1 a minute to stamp through a "cawtillion" at the Flora Dora.

On such neighboring greeds as Eldorado, Bonanza, Eureka, and Last Chance, miners hewed the permafrost, then panned gravel, hoping to make wages, \$16 a day. Some blew savings on saluted claims. Some came down with scurvy and dreamed of fresh food instead of nuggets. Some lost their minds when seemingly endless winter pinned them to snowbound cabins. Some got rich.

Gold fever ebbed quickly. From 1897 through 1904 Yukon placer mining produced more than \$100,000,000. Then machines took over from picks and pans. Massive dredges now chew through creek beds, gleaming 25 cents worth of gold per ton of gravel. Old timers scorned dirt paying less than 10 cents a pan.

Best Way To Relax In Sun

Sun bathing is not merely a method of getting an attractive tan, nor should it be confined exclusively to the female sex.

One of the best ways of relaxing is simply to be in the sun. Don't overdo it, of course. I think you will find the sun's warm rays very soothing and restful.

You don't have to go to the seashore or the lake to take advantage of this refreshing sunshine. The backyard will do quite well.

You can read while sun bathing. If you want to, or you can simply close your eyes and do exactly nothing. Perhaps this is best.

If you plan to read, make sure it is for pleasure. Do not plan to relax in the sun with business papers. It is virtually impossible.

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The Age Old Story

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The Poet's Corner

FIRST DAY ON THE FARM By night the farm had taught the city child

What country children know: gates are to close. Pigs will not play. The yearling colt is wild.

That's the bull, with a brass ring in his nose. Wheat's good to chew. Chickens are not to chase.

OUR YESTERDAYS

From the Guardian Files

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (July 10, 1932) The largest cargo of lumber ever to come into Summerside on a small schooner landed at Holman's Wharf on Friday.

Major General J. H. McBrien, Ottawa, Commissioner for the Dominion of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police is expected to arrive on an official visit to the province today.

TEN YEARS AGO (July 10, 1947) The emergency airport housing at Maple Hills will be continued until September, 1948, it was announced yesterday by Mr. J. F. Connolly of the Department of Reconstruction.

The hearing of the application of the Island Telephone Company before the Public Utilities Board for an increased rate schedule was adjourned yesterday until further notice.

The most astounding thing of all, said Hope-Taylor, is that no actual built-up parts of the foundations were found — only their marks and the marks of the post holes.

The most important of all recent archaeological discoveries, however, is that of Jericho, the ancient city whose walls collapsed at the sound of Joshua's trumpet.

The mystery of mysteries is to view machines making machines, where man first developed agriculture, and a number of village settlements of these early cultivators are known.

That highly organized settlements such as these should exist so early in time, the said, "is completely revolutionary to previous ideas about the beginning of civilization."

"It has long been recognized that Western Asia was probably the birthplace of civilization."

NOTES BY THE WAY

Some men who are tied to their wives' apron strings should be glad of it.—St. Thomas Times-Journal

For sheer, long-suffering fortitude it would be hard to beat W.S. McGregor of Brazoport, Texas. Mr. McGregor is an entomologist who has taken on the job of mosquito control.

If civilization should be wiped out, one wonders how archaeologists of the future would explain the re-appearances on automobiles. Brockville Recorder

Of course clothes don't make the man, but so many are better judges of clothes than they are of man.—Brandon Sun

Some of our language must seem strange to the Hungarians. A vacuum cleaner does not clear vacuum, nor a steam shovel shovel steam.—Brandon Sun

The school year can be considered as officially ended when the usual decision has been reached to blame the report card on father's side of the family.—Hamilton Spectator

Dining rooms are fast becoming obsolete as few people can afford to have more guests than can be seated in the kitchen or breakfast nook.—Kitchener-Waterloo Record

An arms factory in the United States has announced that henceforth it will give feminine marks a choice of colors — they may buy revolvers in pink, turquoise or gold. This should revolutionize gun-toting by the fair sex.—Ottawa Journal

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