



Field-Marshal Alexander

Amid reports that Field-Marshal Earl Alexander, former Governor-General of Canada, might resign as Defence Minister following the row over retirement pensions for World War I officers, Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill called an emergency cabinet meeting to consider revivis spreading within the ranks of his own Conservative party.

The revolt began when several Conservatives threatened in the House of Commons to hold up next year's service estimates—the armed forces' budget—unless the Government increases pensions for certain retired army officers and civil servants. Sir Winston himself announced the refusal to the House, and acknowledged that although it would cost only £200,000 (\$560,000) annually for the officers and a like sum for retired civilians in the same category, he could not make a "special case" of these groups when so many other demands are pressing. Strong criticism followed his remarks from his own followers, among which was Brig. Christopher Peto, who accused him of "a betrayal of trust."

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

There is much evidence that man may have been on the North American continent longer than he has been in Europe.

Here are a few amazing facts gathered from lengthy research and is now presented to readers of Strange But True to help substantiate this data:

Digging in the bed of an ancient lake in California, workers found artifacts which are estimated to be at least fifteen thousand years old; and the remains of Minnesota man, taken from glacial Lake Pelican may be more than twenty thousand years old; and those from the lower levels of the Sandia Caves in New Mexico, are presumed to be from the interglacial period just before this.

Another evidence of man's antiquity in America was the finding of the celebrated Calaveras Skull found in a mining shaft at Altaville, California. Professor Whitney, who made a careful examination of the skull reached the conclusion that it represented a people who existed even as far back as Miocene times.

The Calaveras Skull was of a higher type of humanity than others found in that same part of the country. And strange but true, many of the objects found along with the skull were well-fashioned, clearly coming from an advanced new stone age civilization anti-dating that of Europe by thousands of years. Yet at the time Calaveras Man is said to have inhabited the earth, the so-called Hiedelberg ape men were the highest forms to be found in Europe and Asia. Thus it would appear that the calaveras Man was what one might call a modern type of human when only very low types lived in all other parts of the globe, leading us to think he only could have originated on this continent.

But we have further evidence of the extreme antiquity of man on this continent. For example, there are the rock carvings found on the walls of Arizona canyons, which most researchers dismiss as Indian picture writings. If they were the work of early Indians, some of the tribes would surely know something about their history. But their ignorance of these petroglyphs leads scientists to believe—and with very good reasons—that they date back to a time when no Indians lived on this continent. On these old canyon walls alongside of the writings may be seen a very good likeness of dinosaurs which are believed to have become extinct maybe millions of year ago. So,

you see, the picture artist, whatever he was, must have known what these creatures looked like. Another ancient relic is the paved underground street discovered by Thomas Kenny in the Plateau Valley, on the west slope of the Colorado Rockies. Still in a good state of preservation, the pavement is made up of tiles, each one being exactly five inches square, laid in mortar which chemical analysis later proved to be of different composition from anything found in the valley. This relic of the past was viewed by many archaeologists, all of whom agreed that it was laid many thousands of years ago. The clue to its age is that similar strata in the district have been found in fossil remains of the long extinct three-toed horse.

A similar paving was discovered twelve feet beneath the surface at Blue Lick Springs, Kentucky. It was cut and laid as perfectly as would be possible with modern tools. And now we come to the bronze coin found one hundred and four feet beneath the surface near Chillicothe, Illinois, in 1871, while boring an artesian well. Above it were five layers of, or levels of, boulder clay and three of soil with more clay on top, showing that the coin had been dropped there at the beginning of the glacial period.

In Central and South America, the remains of ancient men have been unearthed at various places, though the vast stretches of mountain and jungle stand in the way of extensive exploration. What amazing secrets lie here can only be imagined.

Judging from the above data it seems certain that the Bering land-bridge theory hardly can explain the existence of ancient man in the Americas. The Eskimos and Indians probably came that way because they have definite mongoloid characteristics. But many others show no sign of such origin.

MacLean-Palmer Wedding

St. Mary's Church, Summerside, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Saturday afternoon, at 3:30 o'clock when Lois, Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Palmer, Freeland, exchanged marriage vows with George Lorne MacLean, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan MacLean, Coleman. Archdeacon G. R. Harrison performed the double ring ceremony.

The organist, Mr. Everett Penwarden was in charge of the wedding music and accompanied the guest soloist, Mr. Richard Henthorn, as he sang "O Perfect Love" during the signing of the register.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was lovely in a gown of white nylon net over taffeta, with length. The strapless bodice was topped with a bolero with long lily point sleeves and peter pan collar.

The finger tip veil fell from a headress in poke style with pearl head-trim. She carried a bouquet of Better Time roses. Miss Donna Palmer was her sister's bridesmaid, and was gowned in ice-blue nylon net over taffeta, fashioned similarly to that of the bride, and a bandeau head-dress, and lace gloves of pink. She carried a bouquet of Pink Delight roses.

Mr. Russell Lockhart of Coleman was groomsman. Mr. John

Trednick of Summerside, and Mr. Norman Campbell of Coleman, ushered the guests to their places, which were marked with bows of white ribbon.

Mrs. Palmer chose a suit of pearl grey, with matching accessories, and corsage of Pink Delight roses for her daughter's wedding.

The groom's mother was attired in a suit of navy with matching accessories and a corsage of Better Time roses.

Following the wedding a reception for forty guests was held at Birch Hill Tourist Lodge where the bride's table and its attractive arrangement of carnations and lighted tapers was centered with a three-tier wedding cake topped with miniature bride and groom.

For a wedding trip through the Maritimes the bride donned a suit of yellow gabardine with brown accessories and corsage of red roses.

On return they will reside temporarily in Summerside where the groom is a member of the R.C.A.F. The groom's gift to the bride was a rhinestone necklace and matching ear-rings. The bridesmaid received pearl ear-rings, the organist and ushers the clips, and the guest soloist cuff links.

Trust Companies To Follow Banks

TORONTO, (CP) — Two trust companies announced Saturday they will follow the lead of Canada's chartered banks by increasing the interest paid on savings deposits.

National Trust Company and Canada Permanent Mortgage Corporation will raise their rates from two to 2 1/2 per cent. The banks announced Nov. 28 an increase from 1 1/2 to two per cent.

Burgess Bedtime

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from behind a tree and ran toward a group of small pine trees. Among these he disappeared. Reddy looked worried. "That was a hunter," said he. "If that brother of yours keeps on the way he is going now I'm afraid something dreadful is going to happen. I ought to go help him. You stay here and keep out of sight. Don't move until I come back."

Before he could start there was a sudden bang from among those young pines in the distance. The young fox running toward them stopped abruptly, then fell over. The hunter came out of the pines, went over to the young fox and picked him up. The barking of the dog stopped as he came up with his master, sniffing at the fox held out to him, then jumping up joyously on his master. Young Toosmart shivered.

Reddy sighed. "He just didn't know what to do," said he. "Now you know what you must watch out for." It was a dreadful thing to have happen and to see. But it was a lesson that Young Toosmart would never forget.

Contract Bridge

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to the blank ace of diamonds. Declarer exited from dummy with a trump — and his hope materialized. East, thrown in, had no safe exit; on his forced club or heart return it was easy for declarer to discard his remaining spade while ruffing dummy; and after that of course it was clear sailing.

GARDEN OF EDEN

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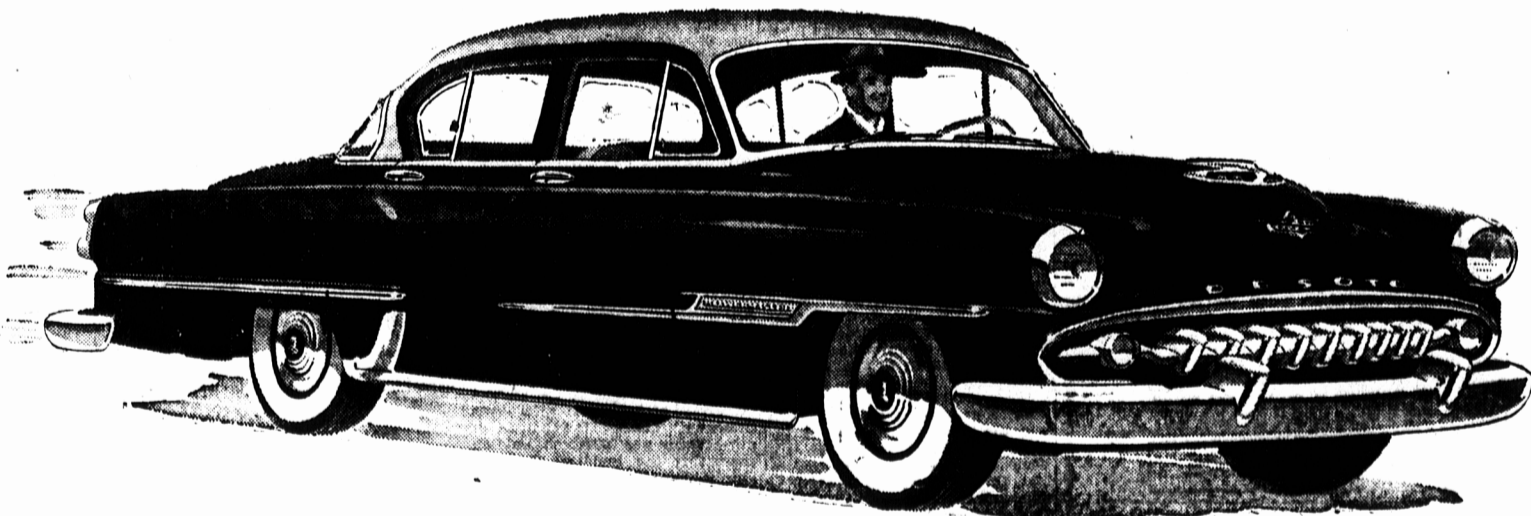
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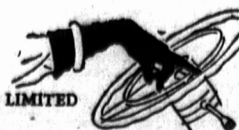
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