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"The Strongest Memory is Weaker Than the Weakest Ink."

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The Crisis Continues

The long-threatened railway strike is upon us, and recriminations with regard to the failure of the workers and management to settle their differences are useless at this stage. What stands out lamentably is the failure of the Dominion Government in the face of what it now declares to be a national emergency.

Whatever excuse the Government had for non-intervention in the strike generally, it was criminally negligent in not immediately taking over the operation of our Borden-Tormentine carferry service.

It was under the powers contained in an order-in-council dated 20th January, 1925, that the C. N. R. was entrusted with the management and operation of our carferry service.

All that was needed, therefore, was a stroke of the pen to terminate the present system of operation and restore control. This did not require a vote of Parliament—only another order-in-council—and it would have been perfectly in accord with practice and precedent in other matters.

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throws an increasing burden on the businesses which are not so favored.

If carried to such extremes that private business was forced out of existence, it is interesting to conjecture just how Governments are to raise funds for the many and growing demands that are made upon them.

Co-operatives perform most useful functions and have succeeded in bettering the lot of their members in many instances, but that should not be allowed to imperil the public revenue.

EDITORIAL NOTES

St. Bartholomew.

The Huguenot Massacre in 1573.

Donkey baseball between the Kiwanis and Legionaires today should evoke more than a horse-laugh.

Some mail service has actually improved as a result of the railway strike, as it did in parts of Newfoundland under similar circumstances.

Under the Soviet form of Government, a farmer must sell his produce to the Government and take what he gets. In other words, he works for the Government on his own farm.

M. P.s and Senators will, within the next couple of days, be converging upon Ottawa in R.C.A.F. planes. Next thing our legislators will be demanding regular free transportation by plane as well as by rail.

According to reports 1,200 railway men here are directly affected by the strike, while 6,000 farmers, besides innumerable merchants, industries and consumers generally are anxiously and eagerly waiting for resumption of operations.

Statistics indicate that foreign investments now represent a lower ratio of the ownership of all investments in Canada than formerly. Canada is, quite obviously, growing up industrially, and Canadians are investing in this country's future.

Flies, which are especially numerous in late summer, are not only a nuisance but dangerous disease carriers. Modern insecticides give us a great advantage in destroying these pests on the wing, but it is better to avoid providing them with breeding grounds in the first place.

It is reported that Mayor Houde of Montreal is to be appointed chairman of a five man Montreal Transportation Commission carrying a salary of \$15,000 per annum. In that event it is stated Mr. Adhemar Raynault, a former Mayor will offer for re-election with the backing of Duplessis.

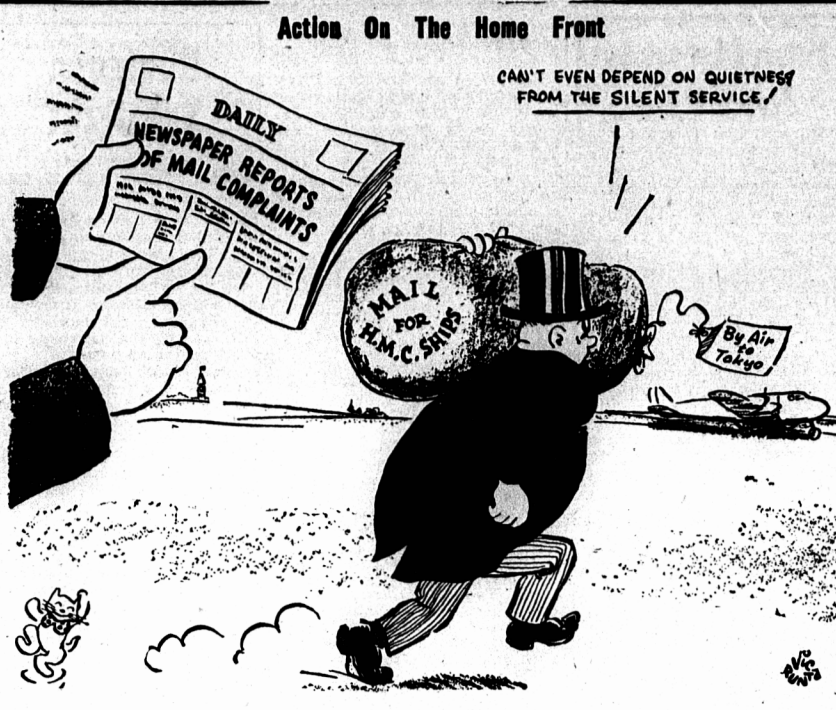
In time of industrial trouble it is necessary to have men in positions of trust who are reliable, discreet and having initiative in dealing with emergency situations. So much harm may be occasioned by having square pegs in round holes. Up till now Prime Minister St. Laurent and Premier Jones have acted admirably and diplomatically.

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PUBLIC FORUM This column is open to the discussion by correspondents of questions of interest. The Guardian does not necessarily endorse the opinion of correspondents.

TRIBUTE IN VERSE Sir, — As a city dweller to whom the beauties of P. E. I. make a special appeal, here is an attempt to express the appreciation which a roaming trip round the Island invariably inspires.

P. E. I., August 1950 Come from the North, South, East or West, Home to this Island of the blest. A garden of river, wood and field Round which the ocean flings a shield.

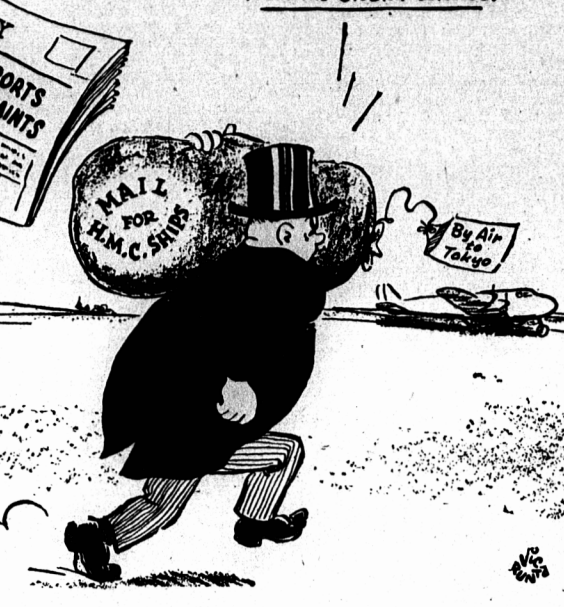
The Poet's Corner HIGH ROAD This is the kind of road I like. One that clambers twisty. Climbing a pine-dark mountain-side Until the air grows misty.

Mr. Malik Talks Fast (Hamilton Spectator) Jacob A. Malik, Russian delegate to the United Nations, was some fast talking on Long Island the other day and it wasn't as president of the Security Council either.

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Action On The Home Front

CAN'T EVEN DEPEND ON QUIETNESS FROM THE SILENT SERVICE!



The "Churchill Resolution"

The passing of the "Churchill Resolution" in the Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg was a strange episode to watch. The majority for it was large, the enthusiasm great. And yet most of the representatives who voted for the motion must have been conscious that it meant so many things that, in fact, it meant nothing.

But — the question is obvious — how, in a Parliamentary Assembly, could a motion be voted without its meaning having been made clear in the preceding discussion? The answer is that there had been practically no discussion and certainly no kind of explanation.

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That is, in brief, the story of the resolution which is being called everywhere the Churchill Resolution, although, in fact, Mr. Churchill was responsible only for a portion of it.

Organisation. The pace may be too slow. The organisation may be capable of improvement. But that is another matter. What is certain is that we were now to scrap the work that has been done and the organisation that has been created, and to start all over again to build some new organisation on entirely new lines, the effect could only be to delay achievement by months or even years.

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Old Charlottetown

From a petition of the inhabitants of Charlottetown, signed by "about eighty of the respectable citizens of the Town," to the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council, June 3, 1847.

"The present alarming state of disease in the town may be attributed to the landing of the passengers of the ship 'Lady Constantine', whilst suffering from an infectious and fatal disorder — being contrary to the direction of the Board of Health. It appears that a fortnight since upwards of 400 passengers were landed; about 40 or 50 of the worst cases were selected and sent to occupy a small inconvenient building, not adapted in any manner for the reception of the sick—without the means of fumigation, and exposed to the noxious exhalations of an adjoining swamp. We believe they are without proper attendance, and are destitute of the common comforts and conveniences provided everywhere for the sick. The natural consequences are, that from the want of common cleanliness, the complaint will become still more virulent; and unless precautionary measures are instantly adopted, we may look forward to the town being deservingly visited with a fever during the ensuing summer.

"Under the circumstances, we earnestly solicit that your Excellency will be pleased to take immediate steps for the removal of the sick from the town, and we venture to suggest that under present circumstances the Lunatic Asylum is best calculated to afford them shelter, as objects of charity; and that a permanent Fever Hospital be erected on the Government reserved grounds, formerly a French battery, on the eastern side of the entrance to the Harbour.

"We humbly request that an investigation be made into the circumstances of the 'Lady Constantine' being permitted to anchor near the wharf, having on board an infectious complaint — of which 25 had previously died during the voyage. We fear that unless such an investigation takes place, other emigrant vessels will take a similar license, and the town will necessarily be exposed to contagious diseases."

The Age-Old Story He shall have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. Yes, all things shall fall down before Him, all nations shall serve Him. His name shall endure for ever. His name shall be continued as long as the sun; and men shall be blessed in Him, all nations shall call Him blessed. Let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

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Notes By The Way

A living chronicle of events in Kashmir for the last one and a half centuries, a 150-year-old Kashmiri Moslem villager has teared again. He appears quite smart even now and goes to assist his children and grandchildren in the fields. He is All Sheikh, who relates eye-witness accounts of the reign of Maharaja Ranjit Singh and all the Dogra rulers of Kashmir since 1846. It is said, All Sheikh is a widower and has a host of children, grand-children and great-grandchildren. The secret of All Sheikh's health and long life is said to be simple food, regular open air exercise and a spiritual outlook on life. —Dacca (Pakistan) News.

How did the word "cop" originate? This question was discussed recently in police magazines. There are so many theories about the origin of the word that it is almost impossible to decide which is correct. No one seems to be quite sure where it came from. George Winger of the Los Angeles record bureau gives this opinion: "Apparently the term originated with the method of abbreviating the words 'chief of police' to 'cop'."

The ordinary citizen can make little sense out of penalties imposed for breaking liquor laws when, as happened in provincial police court, one man is fined \$200 for being caught with a bottle of home brew in his possession, while another, in possession of a 45-gallon still and several gallons of liquor gets off with a fine of \$100. The man caught with the bottle was charged under the provincial Liquor Act with having liquor not purchased from the Liquor Commission. The minimum penalty is \$200. The still owner was charged under a section of the Excise Act. Under it anyone who makes, or has in his possession or control an apparatus for making liquor without a licence, is liable to a fine of not less than \$100 and not more than \$2,000 for a first offence. —Winnipeg Free Press.

Elk, almost tame elk, in Redbridge area, in the eyes of the Ontario government, are fair game for hunters' rifles this Fall. Game Minister Scott has announced an open season on elk this Autumn "because it has been found that they are harboring an infection of a parasitic disease that it is feared might spread to the deer population."

PROFESSIONAL CARDS

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