

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Ex-war criminal Alfred Krupp once again rules industrial empire. After the Second World War, Krupp got a prison term of 12 years for his slave labor tactics and for plundering Nazi-occupied France and Holland. But, two years ago a great industrialist was allowed to go free. Why? Your guess is as good as mine. What became of the vast fortune, the family's old industrial empire which had armed Germany and other nations of the world for a century?

Here's the revealing and amazing story: Once he received his liberty, Krupp lost no time getting back his property, minus 47 million dollars and steel and iron interests. The occupation powers made him sell these holdings, but he still possesses a personal fortune of 150 million dollars plus a string of plants that make everything from anchors to needles.

Now that the Allied Nations seem fit to free this dangerous war criminal, will he be permitted to go back into the get-rich-quick munitions business? That's the sixty-four dollar question a lot of people outside the industrial tycoons would like to have answered.

The fellow who won't act his age is often wed to a woman who won't admit hers. The reason why so many persons jabber so much is that they never know that they are going to say next, and they like surprises.

We hear a lot of talk about flying saucers nowadays, but how would

Cheaper, More Plentiful Christmas Dinners Seen

(By The Canadian Press) Canadians may eat more heartily at Christmas dinner tables this year. As Christmas foods will be cheaper. Cranberries, the usual turkey trimming, will be at least 10 cents a pound cheaper than last year across the country, a Canadian Press survey shows. Dried fruits will be cheaper in Alberta, and mixed nuts, some candies, raisins

and dates will be lower in Quebec province. The price of turkeys was uncertain this far ahead of Christmas but supplies were ample. British Columbia and Newfoundland, however, expect an increase over 1952. Prices about the same as last year were forecast in other provinces.

Turkey Prices: Turkeys now are selling at about 61 cents a pound at Regina, 69 at Winnipeg and Toronto, and 65 at Quebec City. In some sections Christmas foods were moving slower than usual at this time of year. Chain store officials blamed unseasonably mild weather for keeping people's minds on other things than Christmas.

Old-fashioned plum puddings ranged in price from the fanciest, in cloth bags with red bow ribbons, at \$1.25 a pound, down to 40-60 cents a pound in tins. More Cranberries: Supplies of cranberries were greater than last year. Prices are about 30 cents a pound, compared with 1952's 40 cents.

Prices of other Christmas goods were about the same as last year. Raisins sold for 14 cents a pound in Quebec compared with 25 cents in Alberta and New Brunswick. Glace cherries were cheapest in Edmonton at 59 cents a pound, they sold for 75 cents in New Brunswick. Unshelled mixed nuts were cheapest in British Columbia at 37

cents a pound. They cost 49 cents in Toronto and Manitoba. Currents were generally about 25 cents. Other prices: British Columbia: shelled almonds 64 cents a pound, shelled walnuts 39, Brazil 41. Alberta: fruit cakes 65 cents a pound, plum puddings 80, shelled walnuts and almonds 85. Regina: Christmas puddings were expected to sell at about \$1.25 a pound. Manitoba: plum pudding 70 cents a pound, Christmas cakes \$1.25. Toronto: fruit cakes 39-45, 50c a pound, cream candies 39-45, mince meat 20, unshelled almonds 35. Ottawa: a bakery advertised two Christmas cakes and a plum pudding with white glass casserole on wrought iron serving stand for \$4.95. Quebec City: dates about 80

you like to have to contend with flying serpents? Such a sky creature was sighted in Texas on July 6, 1873. The enormous serpent was seen floating in a cloud that passed over Bonham, where a group of farmers were at work in their fields, strange but true! Girls who fit well into sweaters don't have to worry about keeping the seams of their stockings straight. Anthropologists are finding out ancient secrets every year. Now they tell us that Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island, B. C., have given up artifacts that bear a remarkable resemblance to Aztec and Maya carvings. This find would seem to prove that a race with considerable artistic skill inhabited the region before the ancestors of the present-day Indians. Indeed, it may yet be proven that British Columbia may have had Aztec and Mayan civilization long before Mexico. Evaporation has caused Lake Mono to become so heavy with salt that a man can take a slab of pumice as large as an ordinary mattress—and sail it like a boat!

Remember the story Mark Twain once wrote in which he described how he was marooned on an island in a California lake, and that he solved his problem by paddling a large flat rock several miles to the mainland? Well, just about everybody including this scribe, chuckled over the yarn and said to themselves, "That Twain fellow is just about the biggest liar in the world." But Mark Twain was telling no tall tale, for it was on an island in Lake Mono that he was marooned.

No letter in the alphabet is used as frequently as 'D'. Why? Because almost every missive begins with the salutation "Dear", and any handwriting expert can write it forty-five different ways. If your doctor says your days are numbered, be of good cheer. Twenty years ago, Joe Fisher of Riverton, P. E. I., was told that he might drop off at any moment. He is now on borrowed time, and still going strong.

In 1861 the parents of Henry Hooke were told that he was nearing the home stretch, as the saying goes. A few weeks ago in New Jersey, Hooke celebrated his one hundred and fourth birthday. Those folk took it easy, didn't worry, and fooled their doctors. Worry will get you faster than a bullet. Some few people in the world are positively drown proof. Take for example, Rebecca Parker of Glendoln, Australia. Her body has such low gravity that she can jump into any river and nonchalantly recline on the surface of the water perfectly relaxed. Indeed, she is so buoyant that she can't remain standing up in water. No matter how hard she tries, her legs will slowly float to the surface. The men of some North American Indian tribes cut the noses off their squaws when they had evidence of their unfaithfulness. Art Kaplan, a Chicago cigar maker, dreamt that he ought to buy a plot in the cemetery at once. Although only 40, and in excellent health, he did purchase the plot the next day. On the way home he was run into and killed by a train.

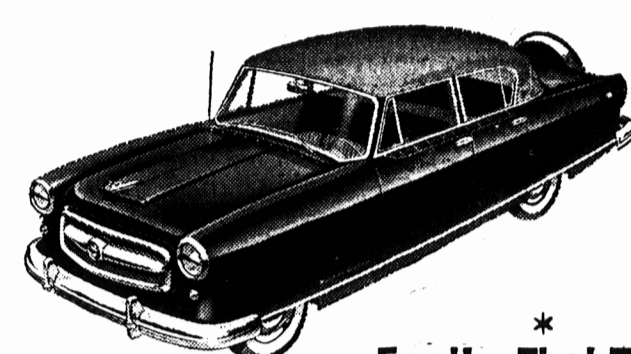
IRISHTOWN JUNIOR RED CROSS: The Irishtown Junior Red Cross held their meeting in the school room on November 20. The President in the chair opened the meeting by reading the "Health Rules". Twenty-three members answered roll call. Roll call at next meeting is to be answered with "My Favourite Drink". New business brought up was a suggestion to make gifts for crippled children for Christmas. This motion was carried and the secretary was asked to send for patterns. It was also decided to exchange names in the school for

Christmas gifts. New executive committee and Eleanor Mann and Beryl MacLeod; service committee, Thelma MacLeod, Lois Stavert, Gerald Proffitt, and Wendell Stavert; program, Mary Campbell and Rona Paynter.

STEADY CLIMB: Canada's population was estimated at 14,530,000 Sept. 1, 1953, a quarterly gain of 112,000. A contest was enjoyed and won by Lewis Simmons.

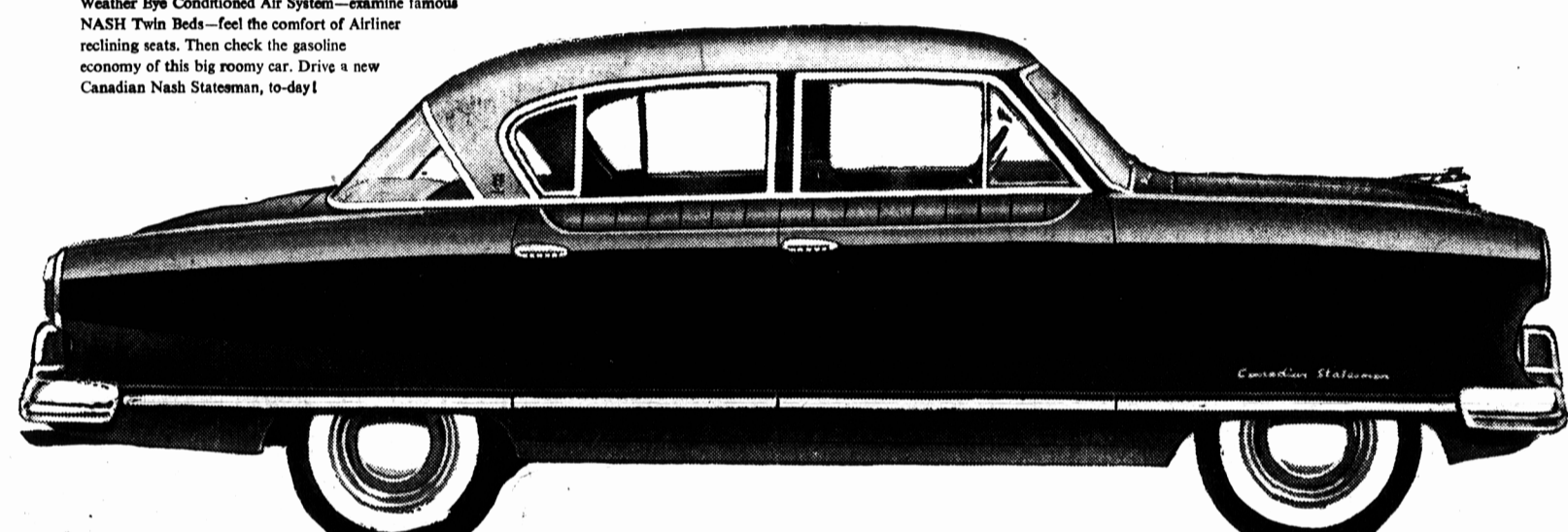
ANNUAL MEETING: Of the Prince Edward Island Fishermen's Association to be held at the Court House, Charlottetown on Monday, Dec. 7th at 1:30 p.m. Dr. A. L. Pritchard, Director of Conservation and Development Services will be present to address meeting. A good attendance expected. CHARLES F. RICHARDS, Secretary, P. E. I. Fishermen's Ass'n.

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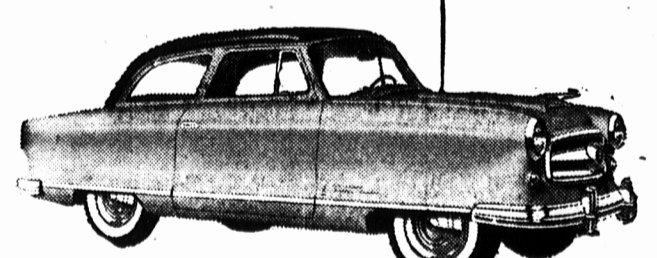
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DAILY CROSSWORD puzzle with clues and a grid. Clues include: 1. Head cook, 2. Polish, 3. Eject, 4. Mate kills, 5. To treat carefully, 6. Close to, 7. Biblical name, 8. A tally, 9. Flew aloft, 10. Rues, 11. Born, 12. Water of Fr., 13. Lamprey, 14. French author, 15. Blockade, 16. Holiday (Jap.), 17. (Abyssinia), 18. A wild ox (Tibet), 19. Finnish seaport, 20. Pitcher with a lid, 21. From (prefix), 22. Faring device, 23. Become mature, 24. Rob, 25. Sacred pictures (Gr. Ch.), 26. Not difficult, 27. Snare, 28. DOWN, 29. Large country house (Fr.).

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE puzzle with a cryptogram and a cryptogram quotation. The cryptogram is: Z HTAF ITEFL RTDD YW EHQ GDTATF PEN RIER, CEPT YW TH RZFTDQ CRMBZL BYEDT-GEFDQDT. The cryptogram quotation is: Yesterday's Cryptotequote—AND, AFTER ALL, WHAT IS A LIE? 'TIS BUT THE TRUTH IN MASQUERADE.—BYRON.