

**TRADE COMPARISON**

GLASGOW, (CP)—Sir Archibald Forbes, past president of the Federation of British Industries, told a Chamber of Commerce meeting that Britain's share of Canada's trade is less than before the Second World War. In 1939, he said, Britain supplied nearly 18 per cent of Canada's imports compared with nine per cent in 1952.

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**Strange But True**

By F. H. MacArthur

Chapter V

**ANYONE CAN WORK AROUND A MINE**

When my brothers got out of the army after the war's end they found me married. That didn't surprise them; nothing I ever did seemed to surprise anyone. Not only was I married, but I was operating a general store, looking after a local post office, and doing some shipping of farm produce as a side line.

But the death of my wife after only 14 months of marriage, ended

my venture in this field in the cold. I packed my belongings, sold my store, and headed, this time, for Alaska, Or, to be more specific, Hyder, Alaska. In those days, Hyder was a wide-open frontier town, with its quota of fast women, poor whisky, loose laws and high prices. It cost me exactly \$10. to stay at the little hotel for one night.

That afternoon, the manager of the Premier Gold Mining Company rode into Hyder looking for men. "We are awfully short-handed," he told me. "Did you ever work in a mine?" I said I didn't know any more about mines than I did about raising guinea pigs, but that I'd had some experience in the grocery business.

"We have an opening for a storekeeper right now and the

price is \$10. a day, less \$1. for room and board." Pitt informed me. "Besides groceries and meats, we handle just about everything from a needle to an anchor. Everything goes to the camp crew by means of requisition slips. These are turned into the head office every week and the amount of each man's purchases are deducted from his check. This system eliminates the handling of money in small amounts and works out to the mutual advantage of all."

That evening the manager and I rode side by side up the steep trail that led to the mine camp. The manager rode his own saddle pony while mine set him back \$12. for the trip. (He deducted the \$12. from my first pay check).

Premier was some 11 miles distant from Hyder, and the first few miles lay along the lowlands just back of where the first settlers had built the little town. Before we came to the ascent trail, we had to rein in close to a little river, fed from the snow-capped mountains.

Suddenly the whole place smelled like a rotten hamburger cheese and I took one hand off the bridle and held my nose with it. "What stinks to high heaven?" I asked. "Salmon," said the manager. "If you look close you'll notice that the river is polluted with them. They are now on their way upstream to spawn and die. The dead ones you see have already spawned and now are the prey of bears. The animals come right down to the edge of the water and fish with their paws. What they don't eat they leave rotting under the hot August sun."

"That answers my question," I said, still holding on to my nose with my left hand. "Let's get away from this awful stink," and we did.

A little farther on the trail we came to Camp No. 1 which, incidentally, is located on U.S.A. soil. The main camp, however, or "The Premier," as it is called, lies in Canada.

Pitt had a talk with the foreman of Camp 1, looked into some business matters, gave a few orders, and then we were off again. The scenery between the two camps was breath-taking, to say the least. Far above us I could see the eternal mountains robed in garments of pure white, with the timber line struggling up their steep sides. Far below us the river showed here and there like a ribbon sash out in the wind, and the little town of Hyder showed up in miniature size in the background, as did also its neighbor, Steward, on the Canadian side of the border.

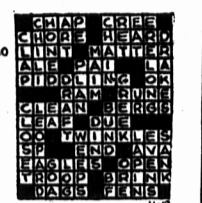
At regular intervals black bears crossed and recrossed the trail in front of our horses, causing them to shy a bit to one side or lift their heads with a snort.

"They are perfectly harmless," Pitt volunteered this information without having been asked, "only

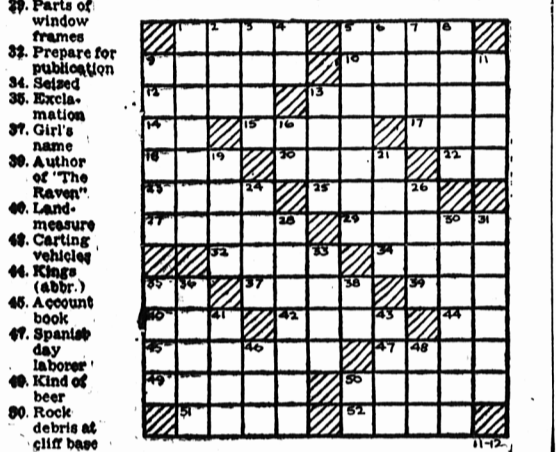
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**DAILY CROSSWORD**

- ACROSS**  
1. Mother  
2. Military cap (Fr.)  
3. Spanish title  
10. Manacles  
12. River in Asia  
13. A half-conscious state  
14. Norse god  
15. Express  
17. Excavated  
18. Tavern  
19. Little island  
24. International language  
25. Auricular  
26. Plant used for rope-making  
27. Parts of window frames  
28. Prepare for publication  
34. Seized  
35. Exclamation  
37. Girl's name  
38. Author of "The Raven"  
40. Land-measure  
42. Carting vehicle  
44. Kings (abbr.)  
45. Account book  
47. Spanish day laborer  
48. Kind of beer  
50. Rock debris at cliff base
- DOWN**  
1. A token of remembrance  
2. God of the sky (Baby.)  
3. Additional amount  
4. Land-measure  
5. Women's skirts  
6. Epoch  
7. Small body of water  
1. Bring upon oneself  
9. One who rescues  
11. State flower of Utah  
13. Exclamation  
16. Greek letter  
19. African river  
21. End forth  
24. Give over  
26. Fall suddenly on water  
28. Coats with silver  
30. Crow's nest (Naut.)  
31. Quantity of yarn



**Yesterday's Answer**  
33. Title of former Russian ruler  
35. Corridor  
36. Regions article  
41. Border  
43. Box scientifically  
46. Obtain  
48. High priest (abbr.)  
50. Twaddell



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KRKF NH CLKIG BC-CRUVWBEVG.  
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