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The Last Straw

It is surely the last straw for the Railway to impose extra passenger charges on the Borden-Tormentine ferries at this time.

We thought that this matter had been settled by the presentation of our case before the Turgeon Royal Commission on Transportation...

Coming on top of the 17 per cent freight rates boost which will seriously affect our shippers, merchants and farmers...

France's Situation

A look at the final tally in the French parliamentary election reveals two things, principally: (1) The new Assembly, for what it is worth...

An interesting sidelight to this situation is the reduction of Communist strength from 149—the number they had in the last Assembly—to 20.

What all this adds up to is almost a complete absence of moderate-leftist influence in the Assembly.

Some political observers in France—and elsewhere—see in this unusual situation a threat to civil liberties.

farlanism. There is a possibility, therefore, of the French political pattern's developing into two segments—the extreme right and the extreme left, the Communists.

Merchant Tonnage

Lloyd's Register of Shipping reports that the world's merchant marine fleet continues to grow and has reached a new record size.

The principal increase came from the Liberian "flag of convenience" fleet which ousted Norway from the third place, despite the continued growth of the latter's fleet.

The United States' fleet of 25,589,596 tons continued as the world's largest, although it declined by 321,259 tons from 1957.

The report notes that the world total of tankers increased by 3,652,000 tons over the previous year.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A scientific test has revealed that drivers don't drive as well after taking a few drinks as when completely sober.

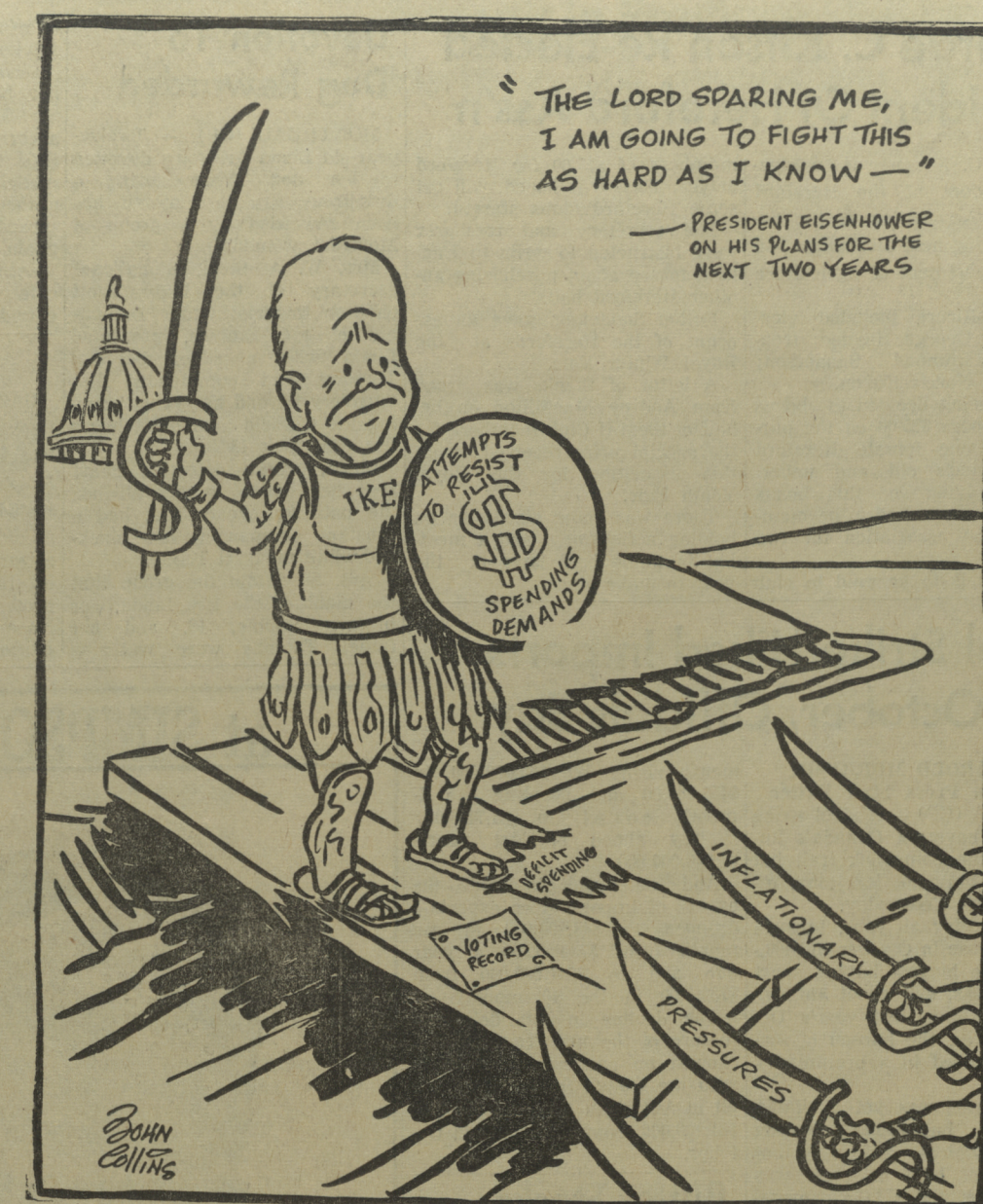
The United States has \$3 billion tied up in wheat surpluses alone. The volume amounts to about 1,200,000,000 bushels—200 million bushels more than the country consumes and exports in a year.

A report from Alexandria says that Soviet collective farmers have presented a "gift horse" to President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

The Toronto Telegram thinks that shoes will cost from 50 cents to \$1 more a pair next year, owing to increased cost of leather.

News of Red Cross: Mrs. Francis Taylor of Marysville, N.B., blind since 1920, was awarded the Red Cross badge of service for her outstanding achievements in Red Cross work over nearly half a century.

At last someone has protested against the use of that abominable word "geriatrics", which seems to have replaced "geratology" as a scientific term for the study of old age and is applied to aged persons as well.



HORATIUS ON A SHAKY BRIDGE

OTTAWA REPORT

An Economic Checkup

By Patrick Nicholson

The greatest preoccupation with most of us is money. "What is my income?" and "Where does the money go?" are the two most important questions underlying our daily life.

Superficially, most of us probably feel that 1958 has been a bad year economically, for each of us as individuals and for all of us as a nation.

More specific good news comes from Hon. George Hees, our Minister of Transport, who is making a name for himself as a Cabinet spokesman who always has something worthwhile to say when he delivers a public address.

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of Canada's demand for dresses, their future is severely threatened by competition from the United States.

So they made a formal request to the Government in Ottawa, to place a limit of \$25 on the value of clothing which any returning Canadian may bring into Canada duty free.

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Berlin Settlement Problem

By Lloyd MacDonald, Canadian Press Staff Writer

Mention the word Berlin at the United Nations these days and the reaction immediately becomes evasive.

Even the Soviet-bloc delegates haven't gone on record as pushing the issue of the former German capital in the world assembly, although Premier Khrushchev has indicated that he might favor the UN as a possible mediating factor in any "internationalization" of Berlin.

Two factors appear to be keeping Berlin out of the UN even as a talking point. One is that for the next few months at least the big powers directly involved have a time limit to consider.

When the Soviet premier served notice on the Big Three Western allies that Russia was abrogating its occupation agreements regarding Germany he specified a six-month period for the United States, Britain and France to do likewise.

This would leave the Western sector of Berlin marooned in the midst of an unfriendly state.

The immediate reaction by the Big Three was that they would not change their position of refusing to deal with any East German government.

But compromises reached over periods of time have been the historical and basic means of attempts by the UN to settle disputes.

That was the way the Quomoy crisis was handled, once the formal issue of Red China's representation was shelved for another

year—even though by a narrower vote than ever before. Since then, early in this fall's General Assembly session, hardly a word has been spoken about the Chinese offshore islands in UN debates.

While the underlying problems remain of course unsolved, most delegations at the UN appear to hew to the traditional diplomatic line that delay is the best of all possible worlds if no immediate solution seems in sight.

In addition, the German people fall into much the same category

Hidden Valleys - Lost Worlds

New York Herald Tribune

There was an eerie quality in a dispatch from Australia the other day that solved a twenty-seven-year-old mystery. Some body on a mountain called World's End came upon the wreckage of a plane that disappeared in 1931 carrying two pilots and six passengers, included in the American theatrical producer Clyde Hood.

The incident is a reminder that, while many people yearn for new worlds beyond our own, this globe still has its secrets. Scientists cannot dismiss the "abominable snowman" of Asia, for example, because its habitat—if it exists—is a 30,000-square mile region that has never been closely explored.

The legend of Shangri-La is intoxicating because men like to think that such a place is possible making safe landings in hidden kingdoms that outsiders have never seen.

Do you remember the celebrated case of WAC Corporal Margaret Hastings, one of three Americans—and the only woman—who survived a plane crash in the unmapped interior of New

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Portrait Of An Executive

By Herman N. Budesen, M.D. PORTRAIT of an executive: Physically, the executive is a big man. He is slightly taller than the average man and he weighs a little more, too.

MENTALLY SUPERIOR Mentally, he has superior capacity. He has good judgment, is creative and can express himself with ease and directness.

HOW HE RELAXES Yet he knows the value of relaxing, and he knows how to relax. He plays golf; he fishes occasionally, does a little gardening.

USUAL AILMENTS The usual executive diseases are those of metabolism such as low thyroid state, elevations of blood cholesterol, and—of course—obesity.

OTHER TROUBLES Next come herniated disc, cholelithiasis, diaphragmatic hernia, golfer's prostritis, hyperuricemia, rheumatic heart disease, congenital anomaly of the venous system, diabetes, bursitis, polyp of the stomach or colon, gastritis, and away down on the list—duodenal ulcer.

QUESTION AND ANSWER L.B.A.: I would like to know the symptoms, effects and the prognosis of multiple muscular atrophy.

OUR YESTERDAYS (From The Guardian Files) TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (Dec. 4, 1933)

TEN YEARS AGO (Dec. 4, 1948) Work on reconstruction of Borden ferry landing by Foundation Maritime Ltd., was completed last week.

WINTER RETREADS as LOW AS \$9.95 with class A trade in new and used tires for complete tire service see

O. K. RUBBER WELDERS 64 St. Peter's Road We are tubeless tire experts

CITY OF CHARLOTTETOWN To The Drivers: TRAFFIC MESSAGE To The Parents: Extra caution is necessary NOW!

C. W. MacARTHUR, Chief of Police.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Hula hooping has been forbidden in the streets of Japan, because there were too many accidents. All those kimonos getting caught in the spokes of the rickshaws.—Kingston Whig-Standard

We need to educate women as well as men in our society. But it is the boys, to be completely practical, who will be leaders in professions and business for some time to come, and that's where the educational emphasis should be.—Calgary Herald

A woman sitting with her small son in a swank restaurant called the waiter over. "Waiter, wrap up these roast beef left-overs for my dog, please," she said.

Canadian women, food companies have found, are willing to pay a substantial premium for four hours a day of freedom from the kitchen. This is one department where the do-it-yourself craze has gone into reverse.—Winnipeg Tribune

A Roman coin minted about 450 A.D. was found the other day in a Miami parking meter. The mascot who put it there should be easy to find.

An eastern university gives sixty-two courses in how to make money and only one in how to spend it. Which only proves that men need to go to school sixty-two times as much as their wives.—Winnipeg Tribune

A hundred-year-old Scottish woman is about to publish her first novel. It's unfortunate that some contemporary authors did not show similar restraint.—Edmonton Journal

Attracting industry to any one area is a highly competitive business; one might almost say a cut-throat business.

Gov. Frank Clement of Tennessee countered country music with a counterblast to Billy Rose, who had labeled it "obscene junk."

To complete this work Mr. T. Pendergast, J. MacIsaac and others were trained and became accomplished sand hogs.

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Mr. Brooke Claxton says present-day students have many distractions. But there are no more distractions there were in his day.—Journal

Auto races were held in with only two cars entered. American Ford and a Moskvich. The Ford was ahead of the other. Prizes were reported: "The Moskvich placed second, the American Ford was the last."—Ottawa Journal

As for political apathy depends on what you mean. Grandfathers attended class but on election days they were out as good as dead. Modern voters. On the whole, and on the candidate is probably a soberer and thoughtful business man than it ever was.—Detroit Free Press

The New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, late A. A. Milne, tells that Bears are digging into holes in search of honey.

A top official of Canadian defence Research Board, says that he does not believe in saucers. In the near sense who does? This is a respected physician saying that he does not believe in oil to be a cure for rheumatism or an obstetrician declaring that storks don't actually deliver babies.—Cape Breton Post

HURRICANE STRIKES SUVA, Fiji (Reuters)—A cane hit this South Sea island capital Tuesday with more than 85 miles an hour.

BADEEN-POWELL MOVIE LONDON (Reuters)—A son of the late Lord Baden-Powell who founded the Boy Scout movement 50 years ago, will be knighted by the Queen.

THE AGE OLD STORY The glory which I had There before the world was

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