Camels Versus Motorcycles

With "Fifty-Fifty Honors" For Both

By FRANCIS FLOOD

The French Government in Equatorial Africa had agreed to supply us with gasoline at Mao. All right, but first we got to Mao. At Biu-Biu, [illegible] miles away, we had hardly [illegible] left scarcely half enough for all the heavy pulling in low gear. And yet I was just a little glad of it. I hate to admit it here because my pal Jim will probably read this, but I was glad just the same.

"It'll be a week to send a camel to Mao for gasoline," I reminded him instead of doing that we can load my machine on the back of a camel and Bill bump along on another driven with the rest of our baggage. It'll be just about [illegible] to get the machine to Mao."

"You're a better man than I, so I'll give in to your favor this time. The trouble is the trip man to cross the [illegible] Africa on a motorcycle." I admitted mainly to get a [illegible] I knew I was willing to [illegible] in order to avoid [illegible] of the "Ap-di-ka." But I thought I'd be lucky if I'd be able to ride on a camel instead of [illegible] "So you did."

"[illegible] I told Jim, "we'll have to carry [illegible] a couple of [illegible] And [illegible] stuck [illegible] the right [illegible] So you did."

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[illegible] out a thing like that. It looks more like a cartoon than a creation. It's a zoological dud."

"But he's not even a good cartoon," objected Jim. "He's more like some kind of a big animated toy like those stiring-jointed goofus birds and wooden donkeys and elephants that we used to play with at home. A sort of an animated jumping jack. He's put together the same way and he's just as wobbly and awkward in all his joints and fittings."

"No, Jim, he's a part of the Creation," I insisted. "But he was probably put up in the spare parts department. I've got it all figured out. When the morning and the evening were the fifth day of the Creation and the beasts of the field were all finished there were probably a lot of good pure stomachs and some neck remnants and extra joints left over. The Wise Creator didn't want to use—and I'm mighty glad of it—and so He just soldered them up and wired them together and then piled all the remnants of the zoological oddments on top for a hump and called the thing a camel. And the natural place to release such a living junk heap would be here in the desert, which is only a geological miscarriage itself."

But Jim still clings to his own theory just as he usually does in spite of the soundness of my own. I think he's still looking for a concealed button to push or the end of a string the camel fold up or [illegible] other mechanical trick.

The [illegible] awkward and unsteady [illegible] days. I'd like to take [illegible] some time just to [illegible] him again. He did that to both [illegible] before we had them [illegible] or settle on his knees and philosophically grumble away for hours, a sneer upon his big soft lips and his sad eyes half-closed in a complete boredom. When all things are settled in his mind and stomach he'll hitch himself up onto his hoofs and wobble back for a few more gallons of water. The process will continue for a day or two sometimes before he's ready for another two weeks' drought.

The strange [illegible] are about as indifferent about their food as water. At the end of a long day's trek through the bush and sand the camel is quite content to munch grazing upon the [illegible] of green bush that [illegible] in the neighborhood [illegible] Or he will stretch his long neck to nibble from the branches of a [illegible] tree a few [illegible] of leaves and buds; thorns they would seem to chew his lips to ribbons. Then this prehistoric beast, the hideous malformed [illegible], will sag down upon his calloused knees and chew away for hours, ruminating and dozing and [illegible] what satisfaction he can from watching past many islands from one stomach to another.

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[illegible] always burns the mediocre look of a pet. Of course, a perfect camel is impossible, but then you would swear a camel is impossible also.

The only redeeming feature of a camel from an architectural standpoint is its feet. Those great padded feet, splaying out in the sand like a flat balloon tire make a very efficient set of wide-surfaced sandwiches. These feet and the camel's battery of stomachs for the storage of water make him the good ship of the desert that he is.

How long can a camel go without water? All our information differed, and I lived in this land of camels for months. We watered ours at the end of our three-day trip and they seemed glad to drink, but an English Captain in East Africa told me of one Sudanese who watered his camels "on the month." The other officers present insisted this was exceptional and if true at all would be only during the cooler months when there would be a certain amount of dew on the grass. Furthermore, they assured me, this was the same man who watered his horses "on the week" and his beef herds every three days.

If a camel is accustomed to drink every day or two he will require it because he will take only as much water as he thinks he'll need, but a drink every week or ten days is quite sufficient for a regularly working camel. We found many cameleers who water their beasts every two weeks as a matter of regular schedule.

Incidentally, watering a camel after a two-weeks' drouth is a long process proportionate to the length of thirst. No self-respecting camel will wait two weeks for a drink and then be satisfied with one long mighty draught. Instead he will soak up a few feet of neck and one stomach or two and then wander away to graze [illegible] as indifferent about their food as water. At the end of a long day's trek through the bush and sand the camel is quite content to munch grazing upon the [illegible] of green bush that [illegible] in the neighborhood [illegible] Or he will stretch his long neck to nibble from the branches of a [illegible] tree a few [illegible] of leaves and buds; thorns they would seem to chew his lips to ribbons. Then this prehistoric beast, the hideous malformed [illegible], will sag down upon his calloused knees and chew away for hours, ruminating and dozing and [illegible] what satisfaction he can from watching past many islands from one stomach to another.

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To-Day

Look to this day
For it is life, the very life of Life.
In its brief course lie all the varieties
of existence;
The Bliss of Growth,
The Glory of Aaction,
The Splendor of Beauty—
For yesterday is but a Dream
And tomorrow is only a Vision;
But to-day
Well lived, makes every yesterday a
Dream of Happiness,
And every tomorrow a Vision of Hope.
Look well therefore to this day.
Such is the Salutation of the Dawn.
—The Sanscrit.

Hardest-Boiled Londoner

London.—If any competition were to be held to discover the world's hardest-boiled business man, London has a promising entrant. Appearing as a witness in a recent case at the Old Bailey Court, he complained that when he jumped on a passing bus to escape from a hostile crowd the conductor turned him off and he fell into the hands of his enemies. Upon cross-examination he admitted he had refused to pay his fare.

"But, surely," remarked the opposing counsel, "in the circumstances twopence would have been a good investment?"

"Oh, no," the man replied, "The bus was not going toward the district in which I had business!"

Magistrate—"Have you a lawyer?" Prisoner—"No, sir." "Do you want a lawyer to defend you?" "Not particular, sir." "Well, what do you propose to do about it?" "Well, so far as I'm concerned, I'm willing to drop the whole business."

Ideal Work For a Summer Vacation

HAVING A ROUGH RIDE IN NEW NATIONAL PARK

Poling canoes up the rapids of the Kingsmere River in Prince Albert Park, situated thirty miles from Prince Albert, Sask.

Demand for Copper Growing Steadily

Expert Predicts That by 1931 Maximum Production Will Be Fully Taken Up.

Position Best Since War

Credit Given to Institute for Preventing Erratic Changes in Price of the Metal

With world production of copper [illegible] at a [illegible] low [illegible] that of actual consumption, and the demand for the metal showing fairly the [illegible] toward trend, [illegible] the maximum capacity of the mines should be fully taken up by 1931, the entire industry finds itself in the best position in more than a decade, according to a survey by A. B. Parsons, associate editor of Engineering and Mining Journal.

After an almost uninterrupted climb from a low average of about 12¾ cents, reached in June last year, copper sagged 1½ cents in the closing days of May, 1928, and has remained [illegible] since. Such figures as [illegible] this year, to a level thus far in 1928 above mark [illegible] improvement in earnings of copper mining companies. Producers in the lowest cost class are making excellent earnings with the market for copper at current levels.

In touching on the various factors which contribute toward improvement in the industry, Mr. Parsons declares, that the first thought of those informed on the subject in only a general way is that the Copper Institute should be credited with the advance in prices. It is more accurate, he says, to consider that the institute has prevented the erratic fluctuations, upward as well as downward, that have characterized the copper market in the past. The prices in all probability would have passed 15 cents a pound during the active buying wave of June except for the steadying influence of the institute's statistical work.

The institute, he explains, is a trade association that began functioning about eight months ago and its members include companies that represent 90 to 95 per cent. of the copper production of North and South America. Its principal function has been to compile weekly statistics showing on blue figures for production, stocks and sales for prompt distribution among its members.

"Close study of the situation reveals that important elements of strength have a direct bearing on the general improvement in the price level and these same elements tend to brighten the outlook for the future," Mr. Parsons says. "Outstanding from the standpoint of consumption of the metal is the marked improvement which has taken place in the European demand. Ever since [illegible] copper prices have been [illegible] the Reparations [illegible] of copper. From present indications European consumption of copper in 1928 will approximate 942,769 metric tons, as against 7[illegible],300 metric tons in 1927. In 1921 European consumption had dropped to 281,[illegible] metric tons. Consumption in the United States has been fully up to the expectations, and no reason is apparent for doubting that it will continue at a high level.

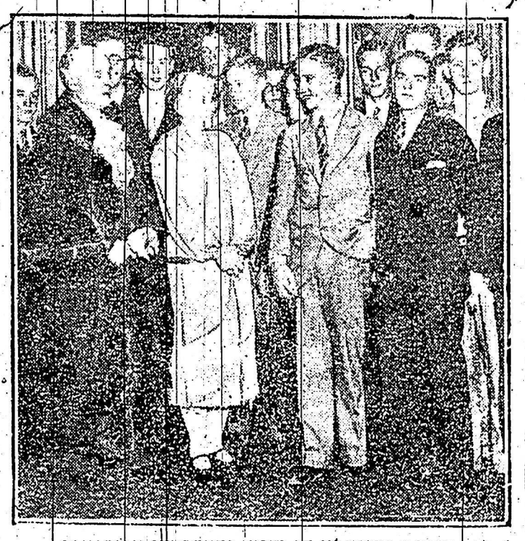
"Assuming that no exhilarant increase in the price of copper takes place and following the normal trend in consumption of the metal, it is reasonable to expect that consumption in 1931 will be 2,[illegible] short tons, virtually equal to present plant capacity. By 1933 the world requirements of copper should reach 2,220,000 short tons, and in 1935 fully 2,[illegible] short tons will be needed."

Coals to Newcastle

Ottawa, Canada.—The old adage about shipping coals to Newcastle has a modern counterpart in the shipment of about $5,000,000 worth of Canadian wheat to Russia, which went forward from Montreal recently.

Before the war Canada's greatest competitor in the wheat markets of the world was Russia, but conditions have so changed that not only is Canada now the world's greatest wheat exporter, but she is actually shipping wheat to Russia. The shipments are said to be necessary to meet a threatened food shortage in Russia.

Lucky Boys Broaden Outlook



CANADIAN STUDENTS VISIT AT MANSION HOUSE

The Lord Mayor of London and his wife received a large party of Canadian students and conducted them through the rooms at Mansion House.

Britain Guided by Safe Counsels of Older Men

Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate, 83, Is Dean of Distinguished Group

England is an old country ruled by older men and young. Canada is a ruled by the young.

This is a generalization often heard, and it is true almost all along the line.

King George is 63 and Mary, his queen, is 61. Stanley Baldwin, who runs his government as prime minister, is 60. Winston Churchill, who runs the exchequer, is 54; L. S. Amery, who runs the colonies, is 55; Lord Balfour, lord president of the council, is 80; Lord Birkenhead, secretary for India, is 55; W. C. Bridgeman, who is boss of the navy, is 64; Sir Austen Chamberlain, who conducts foreign affairs, is 6[illegible], and his half brother, Neville Chamberlain, who runs the health department, is 59; Worthington Evans, who boosts the army, is 59; William Joynson-Hicks, home secretary, is [illegible] and the Marquis of Salisbury, who is lord of the privy seal, is 65, while Lord Chancellor Hogg is 55.

When these Tory ministers have to face hostile attacks in parliament they see the Liberals headed by Lloyd George, who is 64 and the Labor party, led by Ramsay MacDonald, who is 61.

Don't Need Wigs

When people are haled into court they can't tell the age of the judges because all of them wear grey wigs. But most of them have grey thatches under the grey wigs. Lord Chief Justice Hewart is 57 and the other justices run like this: Acton, 61; Astbury, 67; Atkins, 60; Avory, 70; Bankes, 73; Bateson, 61; Clauson, 57; Eve, 71; Hill, 65.

It's the same with people in the church. The Established Church of England, the state church to which most Englishmen belong, is headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is 81. Most of his bishops are from a younger lot. [illegible] Birmingham, who is 54, is the church like [illegible] who is 74. [illegible] of the Roman Catholic [illegible] England is 75.

[illegible] organizations are the Salvation Army and the Scouts. The present [illegible] of former Chief General [illegible] who is 52, and the Scout movement is [illegible] Powell, who is 70.

Art and Literature

[illegible] is full of old men. It comes to medicine [illegible] distinguished [illegible] of old men. Lord [illegible] who is physician to [illegible] is 68; Sir Thomas [illegible] extraordinary, is 82. Sir John [illegible] surgeon, is [illegible] Lister, bacteriologist, [illegible] and famous [illegible] in medical and [illegible]

[illegible] one finds [illegible] are in Yeats, 64; [illegible] Hope, 64; [illegible] 72; John Galsworthy, 67; [illegible] Barrie, 67; [illegible] Hall Caine, 75; [illegible] 6[illegible]; [illegible] 71; H. G. Wells, 6[illegible]; [illegible] 76, and the poet [illegible]

News Chiefs

[illegible] greatest news [illegible] in Great Britain, is [illegible] of the World [illegible] Lord [illegible] is now, at 6[illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] of the [illegible] England is [illegible] 75.

TWIN GIRLS, TWIN JOB

Helen and Olive Pa[illegible] are porters on an Atlanta, Georgia paper cover their assignments and write their stories together.

Surprised Visitor Finds Quebec Has Snowless Summer

Promptly Sends Skis and Sleigh Home to Georgia; Keeps Palm Beach Suits

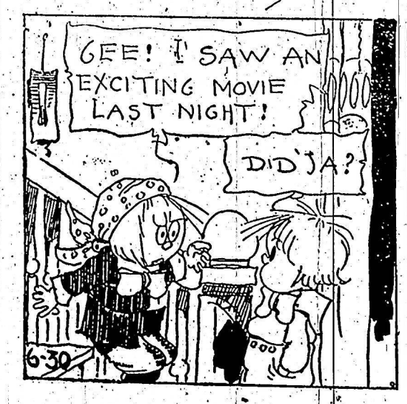
Quebec.—One toboggan, a pair of skis and a sleigh, just deposited at the local office of the Canadian National Railways express for shipment to Macon, Ga., by their unsentimental aspect, caused considerable speculation by the employees.

According to the express agent, they were given to him from the running board of a tourist's motor car bearing Georgia license plates. The tourist claimed that he had been misinformed as to conditions to be met with in Canada and especially in Quebec during the summer months.

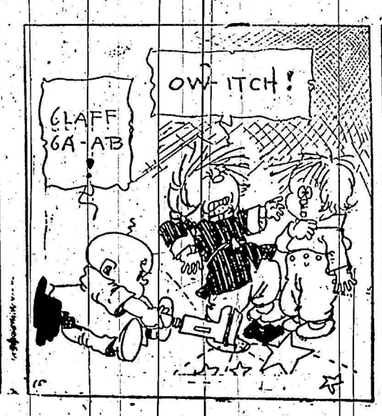
Throughout his long trip from the south, he had held before him the vision of a snowclad countryside. Winter sports in July and August were the lure that led him northward. He had come prepared. He stopped at Hamilton, Ont., but even there he had not been convinced when he was told that in Quebec he would find more use for his Palm Beach suit than for the toboggan and other winter paraphernalia strapped to the side of his car.

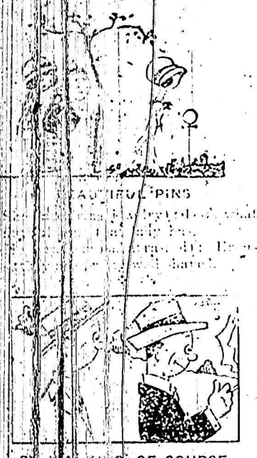
An afternoon in Quebec City, however, when the sun was high overhead, finally argued him off the futility of his hopes. A suggestion that he should turn westward to the Rocky Mountains, where in Jasper Park and kindred resorts he would find on the mountain peaks snow and ice to his liking, was not kindly received.

S'MA'TER POP—



Old Timer to the Rescue.





BY WALT KING, OF COURSE

How [illegible] a man go ten miles by [illegible] feet?

"By walking, you goof. Come again."

A York[illegible] [illegible]xton has tolled the bell a [illegible] for 30 years. What a [illegible] of [illegible]