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Daily Press' Gunn Misfires

In a tirade against police inefficiency, the Daily Press front Charlie. It was also suggested that his belt, he would have strength enpaged an editorial written by its editorial writer James Gunn. look at the edtorial one would believe that the good citizens Timmins were staying up nights worrying about attackers with long carving knives. One sees visions of the populace being dispatched in droves while the police sit idly by their "calling all cars" equipment, playing an endless game of checkers. Also one gets the impression from the editorial that the police are a group of

nicompoops. But worst of all these points is the fact that the editor al creates a false impression as to what are the duties of the Timmins Police. There were other kinds of Charlies lice," Mrs. Mac said to the neighbour. The Timmins police are paid by the Town of Timmins for the pro- here in the early days, and these "They'll be looking fer Mac's whustection of the citizens which pay taxes to the Town of Timmins -- "other kinds of Charlies" had an in- key, but theyll hae to shovel a lot o' no more no less.

Since the Town limits end at the bridge, the Timmins police were perfectly right in calling the Chief of the Township Police and tleman widely known in the North Charley kept on eating very quietly, informing him of the call. The Timmins Police could not rightly as the "Lost Charley," a name be- but listening very intently, without send a poice car over the boundary of the Township without over- stowed on him with the odd humour appearing to do so. stepping their proper jurisdiction. A man was murdered in Mountjoy Township and the Township Police are responsible for finding the murderer, if they can.

The same thing would have happened if the same call had been it was believed that the little boy had made to the Provincial Police office. They would merely have been kidnapped and held for ransaid that they had no jurisdiction and would have told the person som, but, though the father was willto call Chief Gagnon of the Township Police. There has been so ing to pay any ransom, and did spend much trouble in the past when police have overlapped their ter- millions in trying to trace his child. ritories that Chief Lepic is perfectly correct when he states that no clue was ever found to lead to the they had no buisness investigating a call concerning another ter- boy, alive, or dead. The case was

This may seem a bit callous to some, and after the maudlin every lip. It showed the restraint of cryings of the Press, may seem to be against the citzens in general. the North Land pioneers that But such is not the case. The Press would no doubt begin to scream them there was only one "Lost Charif the taxpayers had to dig deeper into their pockets to finance ley," and he was not the son of the the Town Police every time they took on the Township police work. American millionaire. The Township doesn't pay taxes to the town for police protection The Last Charley of the North did and they have their own police force headed by Leo Gagnon, who some prospecting and mining work replied to the call eight hours too late to save Deluca.

Giving the Town Police their due, they did call Gagnon imme- North, but his chief search seemed to diately after getting the call. If Gagnon didn't see fit to get out be for precious golden liquids, those of a nice warm bed in the middle of the night to answer what Temperance Act. might easily have been the call of a nut, then that is Gagnon's fault as he is accepting the pay of the Township for carrying out

these duties. The same situation would have arisen in a metropolitan area like His one weakness seemed to be his quietly slipped away. Toronto or Montreal where the city may even surround a village love for the spiflicating, internal lu- For all his quietness, The Lost decent place to leave good whiskey. railroad brotherhood. or grow beyond what is still retained as a township area. The bricant. Some may claim it is unfair Charley had a quick wit and clever "In all relations between employers You may not be familiar with this little known Gentleman of Labor. I police jurisdiction, sad but true, is limited to the area which pays to call that love of the Lost Charley mind. It took him no time at all to and employees, there has to be give refer to Alvanley Johnston, Grand Chief Engineer of the Brotherhood of Locothe salary of the police.

There is no need of an investigation now or ever into the situation which arose that night which proved so fatal to Frank Deluca. The incident should not shake the confidence of the citizens on

such flimsy evidence of police incompetence. The citizens of Timmins have nothing to fear from incompetence of the Timmins Police as long as they give their full cooperation to the boys in blue. The condoning of crime is not the fault of the police but of the cynical, ill-informed public. The police are more than willing to do their duty and the citizens should cooperate.

Will Gold Go Up?

There are indications on the international scene that the price of gold will rise. These indications arise from many divergent sources. First, there is the need for gold to finance the world economy which after the late war has been shattered to a lament- in the polar regions are the proud of the sky with their heads up and able state. There are only two nations in a position sound en- possessors of teams of trained para- their tails wagging. They can hardly ough to undertake this vast project -- the United States and Rus - pups. Inasmuch as I came upon the wait to lean out of the Fortress sia. The cold war is progressing rapidly into a gold war. The story and picture layout in a British become airborne. There is a photo-Russians have been trying hard to manipulate the future of Europe newspaper sent on by a friend show graph of one of them looking proud airplane has obviously come to stay day seven months ago when the Building Service Union first demanded it. by political coups alone, but they are now forced, because of ERP ing a rooch floating happily to earth as punch. Naturally the parapooch and we have at last found a creature So the maids may strike against the Locomotive Engineers just about the time to turn their thoughts to other plans. It has been known for must have released the information for a parachute, the Army has become a complete sncb and won't that seems to enjoy riding in them, the engineers plan to tie up the railroads. some time by authorities in such matters that Russia has been It opens up fascinating possibilities, don't fly. The only species they will carrying on a prospecting campaign on a large scale. Every After the paradogs will no doubt come talk to are bird dogs. Darn. I just known and suspected source of gold in the Soviets has been gone parapussies chasing paramice; para- knew I shouldn't have started this. over carefully in an attempt to bring gold production up equal to mules and parapigs, paramonks floating Because you find yourself becoming that of the Western nations. Britain, pulling her belt a little to earth munching on parabananas, involved in such horrors as the theme This para. . dear me, maybe I shouldn't song of airborne dogs which might tighter, has escaped out of the fight for awhile at least. will be a fight to the finish and a desperate one, says Sylvia Por- have started this. ter stock market and financial analyst for the New York Post. Other experts in the field agree that United States will not take this lying down and that the recent subsidy of the Canadian government is piddling compared to what the prices may become.

Snow Removal Too Slow

Following a late season snowstorm the sidewalks, especially parahuskies. Landing in the snow in youth I used to hear people say, "It's the fearless birdman. Pretty soon ne those on the much travelled main street, were in terrible shape, the vicinity of the accident, sled, driver raining cats and dogs out." I never Pools of water and slush lay on the sidewalks for days. Not only dector, dogs, shed there paras. The thought I'd live to see the day. was it uncomfortable walking but decidedly dangerous footing for doctor tends the injured man or men. However, it is a comfort to consider spinning, everything was okay. As soon those attempting to cross the intersections. We do not suggest The driver collects the dags and hit- that flying at last has reached the as I'd throttle down to come in for a that the town remove every bit of snow from the streets but, a few men with snow shovels and those large handy scrapers could clean up those awful pools at the intersections. The snow will probably have melted when this editorial comes to the notice of the public and the town council. That is of little matter. The pools lay there for days without anything being done and there is every indication that it will happen often when the snow season comes around again. In many town where the hazard of snow is great, they have a regulation which requires the merchants of the main street to remove the snow from in front of their stores immediately following a storm. If the weather is cold and there is a scum of ice underneath the snow, this is often removed or salt placed on it, or if left, sanded liberally. A few reprimands from the council would no doubt go a long way with the merchants who do not realize that it is to their own advantage to keep the snow removed from the front of their many fine stores. It was downright demoralizing for citizens to tramp around, jumping over puddles and slithering through heavy slush. A system of doing these things would soon make this town's main street something to talk about, even after a fall of snow. Nuff said.

A Dream Come True

During the recent visit of Robert Saunders, Chairman of the down in controversy whenever it came up in the United States Hydro-Electric Power Commission, Timmins was able to hear Senate that everyone was inclined to consider the whole matter straight from "The horses mouth" just what the future plans are a bust A new agreement, drafted in 1941, again failed to pass the for Hydro in Ontario, and for Timmins. The whole province from Senate, though then, not being a treaty, it needed but a simple the Quebec border on the east to the Man'toba border on the West majority. From every appearance the latest rejection of the seawill be one vast network of power plants and sub stations. "From way plan will mean 't will be a dream for a long while yet. Niagara to James Bay," said Mr. Saunders. And that will be the But the power development being separated from the whole scheme ultimate goal. This enterprise will take all of 15 years or more and of seaway and made to stand on its own feet as a venture was the when completed will make available to everyone in Ontario the best move of all. Power is needed badly in industrialized centres benefits of the tremendous Hydro-Electric Power resources. At on both side of the St. Lawrence. It will mean a further boost to long last action is about to take place on the development of hydro- Canada's industry and that beautiful plan of power networks -- | We were ready to assume that without electric power resources of the St. Lawrence River. Just last which in turn will aid Timmins.

In The Days When The Porcupine Was Young

By G. A. Macdonald

No. 51. The Lost Charlie Found the Buried Whiskey

lies of the Porcupine was proven by than tea to drink.

cipal councillors, members of parl- house. iament, or university professors. "Here come a couple of pesky poterest and a glamour of their own.

For example, there was the genof the people of the North. The original "Lost Charley" was the young son of a wealthy man in the United States. The child disappeared, and words, "The Lost Charley," were on

in Porcupine and other parts of the

The Lost Charley was a gentleman, self-effacing was he.

and refining was he, toften people the beautiful stuff.

Paul Gallico Covers

Operation Parapup

I trust I am exposing no military loaded aboard and away they go.

only dogsleds can operate to take out plaints should be addressed to

something called Operation Paradog. bill to cover the cost of handling.

thorities. Canada was originally the reluctant party when pri-

crashed and wounded fliers to safety Editor, care of this newspaper.

secrets in commenting upon the fact According to the story, the dogs that the U.S. Air Forces practicing love it. They come sailing down out

No. 50 of this series had much to place at Matheson. Mrs. Mac had Charley and some pals had a salusay about the prominent part taken just given him a lunch. He would brious time until the serpent entered in the progress and development of have preferred something to drink, that garden of Eden when the last Timmins and the Porcupine by men but he did not feel strong enough bottle was empty. That serpent who bore the Christian name of to ask for that. He may have thought took the form of a travelling pros-Charles, and the familiar name of that with the tasty lunch beneath pector who stopped at the shack. the talent of the pioneering Char- ough to suggest something stronger serious loss?" the prospector asked

the fact that so many of them won Mrs. Mac forgot his presence in the high place, not only in this North, kitchen and was freely gossiping with but also in a much wider sphere. a neighbor lady. They talked a-It was not intended, however, to bout various intimate matters until leave the impression that all Char- Mrs. Mac noticed a couple of Prolies became merchant princes, muni- vincial Policemen approaching the

dir-r-t before they'll find it."

The two women laughed. The Lost

a supply of good Scotch Whiskey though strictly speaking, the law did and redeem that seventh bottle. not allow him to have any liquor on He got it. his premises. But, as Mac himself The story should end on this happy said: "There'll be nae hairrum in it note. But it doesn't. at a' when it's ainly fer mae ain use

derstand the matter, and, particularly, shifts he lost. All his logical arguwhiskey, even to the police, or to the allowed at least two shifts' pay for law. As Mac himself said, "That would two trips to and from Matheson on

to it that the whiskey was not left give full details. where police or other unauthorized The Lost Charley was not a ma bury them in the manure pile.

The police made a thorough search, and good sportsmanship were at stake. but found nothing. They hardly no- "It's no wonder," Charley comment-

one day in 1916 when he was at Mac's worked occasionally, but not oftener, most unsuitable resting place."

well be "The Last Time I Saw Paras,"

"Did you hear of Mac's verra, verra the Lost Charley. "What would that be?" was The

Lost Charley's innocent response. "Why someone stole Mac's whiskey from the manure pile where he had hidden it from the police. They car-

ried away the whole seven bottles.' The Lost Charley looked stunned by

"Oh, don't worry about it," said the prospector cheerfully. "It's not such a serious matter, even for Mac, and it doesn't make any difference to you. You're too sympathetic, Charley.

Charley did not make any reply while the pospector was there, but as soon as he left. Charley said to himself, "Goodness! He said The fact of the matter was that a SEVEN bottles, and I only got SIX."

When The Lost Charley eventually returned to his work at the mine, he Mac did not trust the police to un- found he had been docked for all the vere antagonistic to the textile union. be a ver-ra, ver-ra, see-ree-us loss!" genuine errands of mercy were un-With Scottish canniness, Mac saw availing, perhaps, because he did not

folk would find it. What Mac did who talked overmuch as a general was to take those bottles of good rule. On this occasion, however, whiskey out behind the barn and there was an exception to the rule. He felt that principles of decency

ticed The Lost Charley so quiet and ed, "that there is trouble between the

is not fit for human beings. If we this, he'll agree to pay his own employees a living wage. can sell it to dogs, I say by all means paradogs, took flying with marked en- considering picketing one of them in the next few weeks. Why?

people had more sense than dogs and got a raise - so now they earn about \$30 a week.

and used to take my wire-haired dachs-Apparently, the Air Transport Com- and "Parachute If You Must This Old Do fell away he looked back at me as the union-owned hotel. and have tested it at Goose Bay, in not forget to inclose a twelve dollar though to say, "Well, if it's okay with a paradector and a whole team of come drifting cut of the sky. In my he was not impressed with his master, for a full week's work). fan up in the nose of the ship kept ches them to the sled. The patient is proper level of passengers, because landing he'd wake up, stand up in the seat, look over the side and take a mild week, following the recent refusal of the United States Senate to interest in the proceedings.

ratify the St. Lawrence Waterway Agreement New York State | Also, the idea of para-pet dates, be-Governor Dewey ordered the State Power Authority to open nego- lieve or not, from World War I, when tiations with the Province of Ontario. The practical effect of so help me, a patent was granted for this order will be joint application to the International Joint the cat bomb and it was seriously

Commission for permission to develop the power. Consequently considered putting it into operation. The idea was to sink a battleship a dream which was dreamed over a century ago, then brought up from an airplane. But this was before to date shortly before the first world war, begins to take the form the days of the Norden Bomb Sight of reality. The Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario has and the problem was how to land a almost from the beginning had its eye on the immense and steady bomb on the deck of the dreadnought. flow of potential power available from the St. Lawrence. The Up came a genius with an idea. Atstrong popular support which public ownership had in the Pro- tach a bemb to a cat. Attach the vince of Ontario had a strong influence on the attitude of the Do- bomb and cat to a parachute. Fly over

minion Government in its discussions with the United States au- a battleship, toss package overboard. Cats, reasoned the genius, hate water. As the cat descends he sees a large vate power interests in the United States, toward the end of the body of water which cause him anguish. first Great War, sought to construct dams and diversions near He also sees a nice dry battleship. So Massena, New York, for power purposes. This led to a genaral he starts scrabb'ing with all four feet survey which was completed in 1921, and more detailed plans in in the air to land on the ship. Move-1926. Because the power development was for so long inter- ment of paws works the shorud lines of woven with the seaway project, it had little hope of becoming more chute. Cat and bomb land on the than a beautiful dream. The seaway project became so bogged deck. BLOOOCOOOOOE! A little

USEFUL INFORMATION

If you don't happen to be adventurous you can let somebody else do your experimenting for you. For instance, scientific tasters recently sampled eighty-one different kinds of eggs and came up with the astounding answer, that chicken eggs tasted best tasting the other eighty.

Inside Labour

by Victor Riesel

There were 1,200 silent men on the jury

Uninterrupted even by a single boo or derisive cat-call, the defendant god at the microphone attempting to refute serious charges.

In this city's Convention Hall, which the CIO's textile workers had turned into a vast courtroom for an afternoon, the defendant was being tried at his own request - by a jury which certainly was made up of his peers.

In this first trial of its kind by convention delegates, the little fellows, weavers of New England, cotton workers of Virginia, towel makers of Georgia, found him guilty of trying to exploit his union for the promotion of Communist activity.

And they threw him out of office. It is a sign of the times.

For the first time in years a nationally powerful union (450,000 members in 34 states and four Canadian provinces) invoked its constitutional clause prohibiting pro-Communists from holding office. The little people in the union did it themselves.

It was as their outspoken, bluntly honest and democratic president, Emil Rieve, put it to me later:

"We gave him the most democratic trial possible. Now he can't go up and down the countryside claiming he was martyred."

What were the charges against Hyman Gurinsky, who was dumped by his own people from the presidency of the Paterson, N. J., Textile Union Local 75? Look closely at them. In these charges is the action picture of what a union means to a pro-Communist activist in any union, and in any town

He was found guilty of promoting "the interests of the Communist Party and Communism while acting in (his) official capacities . . ."

Under his administration his union had "contributed funds to various Committee for opening the Western Front; the Press Fund Committee; the Freiheit both official publications of the Communis Party; the Trade Union Committee for apening the Western Front; the Press Fund Committee; the Paterson Council for American-Soviet Relationship.

"For example, a check of the local union made out to the Press Fund Committee was endorsed by one William Norman, who was N. J. state director of the Communist Party, and for many years up to and including 1947 the executive board supported Communist organization and Communist party few days before, Mac had brought in The Lost Charley rushed out of his line policy by sending delegates to conferences such as the National Free shack, to walk the twelve miles again Browder Conference, Conference of American League for Peace and Democracy. American Peace Congress. Daily Worker conferences, etc., etc.,

So the charges run. The defendant sold the Daily Worker at union headquarters and mass meetings. He "attempted to indoctrinate members of the local in communism and sought to recruit members for the Communist Party He signed nominating petitions for New Jersey state and municipal officers." The convention also ruled that the Communist Party and its philosophy

And then it forthrightly and sophisticatedly said something that should he did not went to lose that good ments to the effect that he should be be pasted in sky-high letters atop every union headquarters. Let's say it and say it hard and tough. Let them know we mean it. Here it is never

The convention backed a statement which denied that its action interfered with the pro-Communist liberties. The delegates said:

"The action . . does not interfere with the right of . . . Kurinsky and his colleagues to hold a job, to be members of the Textile Workers Union, to advocate communism or to contribute financially to the Communist Party or to Communist front organizations. The decision does prevent Gurinsky from using the Textile Workers Union to promote the union to promote the interests of an antogonistic organization and philosophy

I say that only a specialist in disdainful arrogance could do it. Only a man convinced that he is the aristocracy of labor personified, could workers and the mines, when they'll at one moment call on the public to support his scheduled nationwide strike cultured, well-educated and genial at Neither did Mrs. Mac notice him in deliberately dock a fellow for taking of railroad engineers which this week threatened to paralyze the country's all times and under all conditions, and definite way not even when he a little time off to do a good deed. transportation, and at the very same time, refuse to recognize smaller unions "I tell you, honestly, that was no which today are attempting to unionize buildings owned by his powerful

a "weakness." They would argue reason the matter to its logical con- and take. And I am ready to take motive Engineers. He's allergic to publicity. You may not know his union that love of liquor was one of his clusion. He didn't wait for a fork or all they'll give, so there's no reason either, although it's one of America's wealthiest, what with its huge office a shovel. He hurried out behind the why we shouldn't get along all right. buildings and 400-room hotel, the Park Lane Villa. This sizeable real estate

In any event, The Lost Charley was barn, and he soon dug up the grac- You can see it's not my fault. in Cleveland where the independent Brotherhood has its quiet national office. welcome everywhere, and, so quiet ious whiskey - six sealed bottles of "If the mine bosses were really "It's strange that this rail union should have remained so obscure. At one human, they would have gladly paid time it controlled many banks swung million-dollar loans, bought coal mines would actually forget that her was Down at his wee shack in Munro me time and a half for overtime for (and gave John Lewis a tough time) and invested in Florida real estate.

around. That was the way it was fownship near the mine where he rescuing that lone bottle from its ... But I'm enthused over the chance to give the Brotherhood's Grand Engineer a little publicity, now that he's one of the powers behind the threatened rail strike. This project enthuses me because he's got a double code of as it is conducted today it certainly labor ethics which really needs some airing for the first time. Perhaps, after

The Locomotive Engineers own three big buildings in Cleveland Two let us turn the whole industry over are the usual office "skyscrapers," The other is the plush Park Lane Villa. to them. The story said that both Now hear this: none of these buildings has a union contract with the AFL's sexes, the parabitches as well as the Building Service Employes. At this moment the Cleveland AFL is seriously

thusiasm and could hardly wait to Because, according to one of the Building Service Union officials, the board the Fortresses and Transport Grand Engineer "is a hell of a tough old guy to deal with and shows every planes from which they were to be sign that he doesn't want any union to control working conditions in his buildings." What are these conditions? In the Park Lane Villa, which the Now I have always maintainned that Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers built, the maids and charwomen just

I say let's forget about the whole bus- Mind you, for seven months the Grand Engineer has stalled the little Building Service Union. And this, after the Building Service leaders had However, lest the A. T. C. thinks it signed up the Park Lane Villa's maids and had gone to Johnston for a union has discovered simething new, your contract. He had retorted that he didn't believe that the Building Service commentator was flying a dog as far people had a majority among the maids. The little union then offered to show back as 1932 when I was an active pilot him the membership cards. But the Grand Engineer wouldn't look at them

He has even refused to discuss formerly the maid's union demands or to hund aloft with me, tied up in the front negotiate in some way. Johnston "has been very tough about the whole thing ccekpit. The first time we took off, and just doesn't like the union," the Cleveland AFL organizers told me. Only mand has worked out a disaster rig for Grey Malamute, But Spare Your Coun- he stood up with his front paws on the fact that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers is in its own strike accidents in the frozen north where try's Wags, She Said. . . . " All com- the side of the cockpit. As the little crisis and was scheduled to stop hauling trains at 6 a.m. Tuesday has kept The ship took to the air and the ground Cleveland's AFL central trades council from throwing a picket line around

Nor is the Building Service union insisting on any tactics which would you, it's all right by me." Then he hurt the engineers while the Brotherhood fights for a pay increase (a little They drop a parasled, a paradriver. It is an uneasy age when animals curled up on the seat and went to sleep. more than half of what they pay their own employes at the Park Lane Villa

The Building Service leaders still are on the single ethical standard of learned that as long as that electric not hurting their fellow workers - even if their fellow workers on the railroads don't seem happy over the poorer relatives.

Well, as I told you before, it needed an airing.

LIBERAL CONVENTION South Cochrane

at the Oddfellow's Hall MATHESON, Sat., May 15th

at 2.30 p.m.

will leave from Daigneault Motors, 28, 2nd Ave., at 1 p.m. Sharp

Colin Campbell Will be Guest Speaker