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ONLY A TEMPORARY HALT

IT WAS on a question unconnected with the London conference on limitation of naval armaments that the French government of Andre Tardieu went down to defeat Monday and that by the narrow vote of 286 to 281. Such a result can not be said to amount to a rejection of the defeated premier's policy at London. And it is nothing either new or serious for a French government to fall. The thing happens often and always has done so.

Nevertheless the French cabinet crisis has a definite temporary effect on the London conference. It is essentially a five-power conference and France is one of the five powers. With nobody to speak for France the conference is brought to a temporary complete halt. This may prove to be a good thing for everybody. There was an atmosphere of strain growing out of recent differences developed in the negotiations. Unofficial private conferences that are certain to be carried on during the interim of the wait for the French government to get going again may well be expected to reduce this strain and clear the air.

Meanwhile home sentiment for the American purpose at the conference as enunciated by President Hoover is as strong as ever that "reduction cannot be too low for us." The British purpose is as strong as ever to negotiate and settle in terms of actual reduction. The Japanese have urged a holiday in capital ship building. The Italians have declared they will go as far as any other continental power in the direction of reduction.

The situation is not one for over optimism as to results likely to be attained but neither is it a situation by any means without hope. Tardieu refused consent to the abolition of the submarine. Possibly under a reorganized French government the French delegates might prove more amenable on that point. Certainly they can do no worse. Meanwhile there is near agreement over the Anglo-American differences regarding battleships and cruisers. Messrs. Stimson and MacDonald might well devote the interval to trying to compose those. And Mr. Stimson will be making no mistake if he will put the emphasis of his negotiation on reduction by agreement as advocated by the president as distinguished from mere insistence on parity. This country wants to get out from under the load of a big navy.

A CASE FOR RELIEF

GEORGE WALTHER, with a companion, was passing through a wood near his parents' home in the Underwood, Wash., district more than six years ago when a rash-trigger federal prohibition agent searching with another officer for an illicit still in the neighborhood shot him through the back without a word of warning. From that day to this George Walther has never walked. He will never walk again. He is paralyzed from his hips down and is confined to a wheeled chair.

The agent, who fired the shot which crippled young Walther for life told him it was an accident, that "my foot slipped. Besides it was a new gun." Nevertheless the agent filed a liquor charge against the boy in an attempt to justify the shooting. Investigators have declared there was no scintilla of evidence in support of the charge. After it had stood for five years it was dismissed. That it had been continued that long was mainly due to the desire by government officials to provide for the helpless youth. As long as the charge hung over him $150 a month was appropriated for his care. When the charge was dropped the allowance stopped. Walther was reduced to the necessity of selling papers from his wheeled chair for a living. His physician has testified that he is unfit to do this. Besides being paralyzed he is internally injured and in some respects is as helpless as a baby.

Senator McNary introduced in congress a bill whereby the government was to pay George Walther $150 a month as long as he lived. The bill failed of passage. It has been revived and new effort is under way to pass it. It ought to pass. If there are decency and justice in our government practice it must pass. The government has a direct responsibility in the matter. Nobody supposes that the rash-trigger agent intentionally shot down an innocent man but he shot him nevertheless and crippled him for life. And not only does George Walther maintain his complete innocence but all who have been close to him and to the case from the beginning declare themselves convinced of his innocence.

CANNY CAL COOLIDGE, planning a visit to Los Angeles, wrote the postmaster of that fair city to meet him at the train. We will allow you one guess as to who it was that had appointed that postmaster but that is not the point of this paragraph. Cal reckoned without California's hospitality. At the train he was met by the governor and a group of leading citizens including but not featuring the postmaster. He had asked the postmaster to engage modest hotel quarters for him but was ushered into a suite of six rooms in the city's finest hotel and they were free. Being an ex-president is not so bad.

Oregon Editors' Opinions

(Medford News)

THE writer is in receipt of a letter from Louis A. Hoffman, whose office is located on Broadway in New York City, who is undoubtedly the snappin of handingers. He suggests that perhaps some of our advertisers are a little behind in the payment of their accounts and that if we will induce them to invest in two huge bank stocks listed on the New York stock exchange that "their profits on these stocks before Easter Sunday may entirely clean up their debt to you."

Hoffman gives the information that he invested in the two stocks November 13 and made a big "cleanup." "They are to go much higher, he says.

In closing his confidential letter to us he omits nothing which will establish his identity and gains one's confidence. He says:

"Good for you to know I am a Blue Lodge Mason. I am a Royal Arch Mason. I am a 7 degree Masonic Grotto boy. I am an Elk, and I am a Woodman, and plenty, plenty of my chums are K. C.s. And my first thought is always to the health of my dear mother, now 73."

In short this man who gave us the tip is a genuine handmaiden, in his own estimation.

Reed Smoot's Satisfaction
(Klamath Falls News)

Listen to Senator Reed Smoot of Utah as he speaks of "success.

"I am drawing dividends on the life I have lived since boyhood.

"I've never, never drank liquor in my life. I've never smoked. I've always eaten good, plain food and loved work. I never was lazy and never saw a time when I didn't have plenty to do.

"I've wronged nobody. I was fortunate in marrying as perfect a young woman as ever lived. My children have had a marvelous mother, a superb home-maker. Of all the blessings received by me, one was the greatest."

His wife died in 1928.

Small Checks and Large
(Weston Leader)

Paris announces that small checks will succeed dots and dashes in ensemble material. However, large checks from the American customer will no doubt continue in favor.

Elbert Medeism
(Cottage Grove Sentinel)

The goody-goody man quite frequently makes others cuss. In other words his method of preserving his own morals has a tendency to disrupt the morals of others.

Let Trains Beware
(The Dalles Chronicle)

Three cheers for the autoist who knocked the railroad train off the track. If a few more drivers would follow his example the railroad companies might learn to cross crossings cautiously themselves.

News Briefs

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Having inherited $1,000,000,000, Joseph Horowitz, court interpreter, intends to take a month's vacation and follow a German opera company from Indianapolis to California. Long a lover of opera, he has walked miles in order to save carfare and buy seats in the gallery of the Metropolitan Opera house.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—H. L. Mencken is back from London with an enormous beer glass, perhaps the largest it holds 20 quarts. He didn't indicate to what use it would be put, but hurried for Baltimore with it.

GONZAGA QUINTET DEFEATS U. OF O.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SPOKANE, Feb. 20.—Gonzaga university's basketball team defeated University of Oregon 28 to 28 here last night in a non-conference game in spite of Coach Billy Rinehart's efforts to find a combination that would stop the Bulldogs. Oregon took an early lead and held a shade, 16 to 15, at the half mark, but soon began slipping as the second half got under way. Gonzaga soon took a lead of 25 to 24 and the score shifted back and forth half a dozen times before the local team pulled away on their final run for victory.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—Columbia university's basketball quintet defeated College of Idaho 28 to 25, here last night.

BRINGING UP FATHER

By Geo. McManus

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Maybe I'm Wrong

By J. P. MEDBURY

ONE advantage in a girl getting married so often is that if her folks miss the first wedding they can always go to the next one.

Auto-Suggestion—Every dog has his day and every cat has its night, but Sunday belongs to the road hog.

Null and Void—The girl who went into a lingerie shop and asked to see a pair of Arabian knightics.

Justifiable Homicide—A modern woman is one who trades her rolling pin for a revolver.

Pitiful Cases—A red hot mama with chilblains.

Momentous Moments—When a dairy goes bankrupt because they can't pay their water bill.

Social Accomplishments — The egotist who likes to show off by stopping payment on a bum check.

Vital Statistics—The father gives away the bride, but the mother entices her back.

American Tragedies—A deaf and dumb hermit died of lonesomeness the other day. His hands got frost bitten and he couldn't talk to himself.

Our Own Vaudeville—Johnny: Dad, who named women the fair sex? Father: I don't know, but whoever it was, didn't know much about justice.

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Editorials on News

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doesn't want them, so it is trying to push them off onto Oregon.

NO SLANDER of Southeastern Oregon, which has plenty of GOOD land, is here intended.

The agricultural development of this state simply hasn't yet reached the point where these untaken lands are valuable. It will not reach that point for many years.

Until it does reach that point, somebody will have to shoulder the burden of carrying these lands, and it might as well be the government, whose shoulders are broad.

THE government, as everyone knows, is pushing off onto Oregon a considerable share of the burden of carrying the RESERVED national forest lands, which are being held for the benefit of the entire nation. So it shouldn't try to shove over onto us the load of carrying these unreserved and unwanted lands which for many years will represent only EXPENSE without any offsetting income.

ESPECIALLY when it attaches to the "gift" the string that SURFACE rights only are to be ceded. That means that if somebody should strike oil, or find something else of value under the ground, it would be the government and not the state of Oregon that would benefit from the royalties.

ITEMS ON TARIFF BILL ARE BOOSTED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—With only an occasional mild protest from eastern democrats, a flock of amendments offered to the tariff raising on agricultural products were put through the senate yesterday.

In the first three hours of the session, increases in duties had been approved on cheese, green peas, green beans, frozen onions, packed oats, sauerkraut, raw cascory and bent grass seed, also canned oysters, alligator pears and mangos had been transferred from the free to the dutiable list.

An amendment by Senator Vandenberg, republican, Michigan, increasing the duty on raw chicory from one and one-half cents a pound to two cents, was approved without a record vote. Senator Vandenberg said the increase would equalize the advance in the rate on the manufactured product provided by the bill.

Senator Trammell, democrat, Florida, succeeded with an amendment to raise the duty on pineapples from 22½ to 50 cents a crate. The bill had raised this duty to 35 cents

Advice to Girls

By ANNIE LAURIE

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

I am a girl in my late teens and am going with a young man for a few weeks. Do you think 11 o'cock is too late for a girl of 18 to stay out? I have been reading your letters every night and have been helped by many of them.

BETTY.

BETTY: The hour you name is just about the correct time for any nice young lady to be homeward bound, unless of course it is a very special occasion, like a dance.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

Is it proper for a girl to write to a young man first? I worked in a small town last winter and there met a very nice young man. The last night that I was there he took my chum and her friend and myself to a dance.

I did not write to him immediately upon my arrival home, but waited several months. I mailed the letter and waited patiently for an answer. Then one day I received a letter from the postmaster of his town saying, he did not want me to write to him again. Just by those words I know that the letter was not delivered to him.

He keeps telling my chum that if I write first he of course will answer.

WONDERING.

WONDERING: It is not proper for a girl to write to a young man first. Why should she? If the man is anxious to continue the acquaintance he will take the initiative soon enough. I have known of instances where men regarded letters from girls as trophies, and showed them around with great glee. Tell your chum to ask him to write to you first if he wishes to start corresponding with you.

DEAR ANNIE LAURIE:

I am a girl in my late teens and am alone in the world. Last year I met a young man three years my senior, and he has recently proposed to me. He has a good income and owns a nice home. Is it proper, now that we are engaged, to allow him to kiss me? Also when we are married and when he kisses me following the ceremony, do I return the kiss? I have tried to find out in books, but was not able to find it and I know you will tell me. Is it proper for a fiance to go with a girl to buy her wedding clothes?

WORRIED.

WORRIED: It has been the custom of engaged couples since time immemorial to kiss, but a public demonstration of affection is not in good taste. Whether you return the kiss after the wedding ceremony must remain a question for your own decision, for such gestures are, invariably, spontaneous. As to your trousseau and its selection. It would be far more suitable if you could find a woman friend with good taste to accompany you.

Dodge sedan in first class condition. A big roomy car with genuine leather upholstery, offered for sale for only $450 by Roseburg Motor Co., Oakland-Pontiac distributors.—Adv.

Talks on Health

By DR. R. S. COPELAND

MANY children go listlessly about, behind in their school work, burdened more than they should be by long hours of study and home work. In consequence they are unfit to do any task with profit and pleasure.

How about your child? Has his school report shown him behind in his studies? Does he seem tired and disinterested in what is going on around him? Is he underweight?

This question of underweight centers about a good many contributing causes. Perhaps the first thing to consider is whether or not he has any physical defects. Nobody but a doctor can tell you that. The child should have a thorough physical examination.

A healthy child is usually a happy one. Such a child should be able to maintain his school standing, and in later life to make his way in the world. Without good health, this is an impossibility.

If your child is underweight he is a sick child. He must be kindly and firmly taught the right habits of living, of eating, sleeping and recreation.

Any physical defects should be corrected. That goes without saying.

At midday, after his luncheon, he should have an hour of rest in bed, in a dark room, sleeping if possible.

The child needs plenty of out-of-doors, in fact he should be out-of doors every minute of daylight after school hours. He must have fresh air and sunshine, all that is possible. Nothing will bring him back to health so quickly.

As he gains in weight and strength, he will of his own accord get enough exercise in play. Soon his appetite should return, his eyes grow brighter, and, as his physical vigor grows, so, too, will his mental powers increase.

After all, health comes first of all in importance. The underweight child must be considered as a sick child. He should not be found fault with, but firmly and kindly guided in right living habits. When his day has been reorganized, and he has had time to build up his bodily functions, it will be worth untold riches to have him again in good health. It will be a joy to know that his depleted condition has been turned into one of sound bodily vigor.

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YOUR INCOME TAX

NO. 13

Pensions paid by a corporation or person to an individual for services he, himself, has rendered are taxable. Pensions or retired pay paid by the United States government also are taxable, except as provided by the revenue act, which exempts from taxation "amounts received as compensation, family allotments and allowances under the war risk insurance act, the vocational rehabilitation act, or the World War veterans' act, 1924, or as pensions from the United States for service of the beneficiary or another in the military or naval forces in time of war."

Pensions received from a state are exempt from tax, also a bonus paid by a state to its residents who served in the military or naval forces during the war with Germany. Benefits received from a labor union by a member while on strike constitute taxable income. An allowance paid by the governing body of a religious denomination from retirement funds formed by assessments of various churches in which he has been employed is taxable income.

Annuities paid to retired employees of the federal government are subject to the tax to the extent that the aggregate amount of the payments exceed the amounts withheld from compensation of the employees. If an employee leaves the government service before he is eligible for retirement, and receives the amount of salary withheld, together with interest, he should report only the amount of interest received as income for the year in which received.

HART FUNERAL SATURDAY

Funeral services for William Thomas Hart, who died at Wilbur Tuesday, will be held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Wilbur church. M. E. Ritter is in charge of arrangements. Interment will take place in the Goff cemetery.

SARPOLIS DEFEATS DICK DAVISCOURT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—In a rough wrestling match, Dr. Karl Sarpolis, Cleveland, Ohio, medic, defeated Dick Daviscourt, Los Angeles, former Multnomah club amateur wrestler making his local professional debut, here last night two out of three falls. Sarpolis took the first fall in 19 minutes, 40 seconds on a flying body scissors hold. Daviscourt won the second fall in 22 minutes and 45 seconds with a reverse body slam. Daviscourt's efforts to try the same trick in the third fall ended when Sarpolis picked him up and slammed him head first to the mat. Daviscourt was carried from the ring. The fall came in about five minutes of the final session.

In the preliminary, Farmer Vance took one fall and the decision from Young Kruse.

ARMY FLIER DIES IN PLANE CRASH

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Feb. 19.—Lieutenant Willard R. Whitmore, of the army air reserve corps, was drowned today when his plane nose-dived into a gravel pit partly filled with water. His body was recovered.

Whitmore, 24 years old, was a native of Wichita, Kansas.

WILLAMETTE TOWNS FORM BALL LEAGUE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 20.—Representative baseball players and interested parties from Salem, Corvallis, Eugene and Albany met here last night and organized a strictly "home talent" baseball league for Willamette valley towns.

Officers elected were: George Wilhelm, Eugene, president, and Frank Graham, Eugene, secretary.

Other officials will be elected at a meeting to be called by President Wilhelm later in the season when a set of by-laws and a schedule of games will be adopted. Plans also will be made to finance the league.

SULLIVAN INFANT TAKEN BY DEATH

Nova Jane Sullivan, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Sullivan, of Myrtle Creek, died at Mercy hospital this morning after a short illness. The funeral services will be held Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Methodist church in Myrtle Creek, with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Myrtle Creek. M. E. Ritter is in charge of arrangements.

HEADS OF SOCIETY OF VETS DUE HERE

J. F. Burkhart, department commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, and C. O. Gosney, department secretary, both of Marshfield, are due to arrive in Roseburg tonight to attend the regular meeting of the local chapter, according to word received this morning by Mr. R. Brown. A large attendance of the local members is desired to greet the two state officers.

K. OF P. CELEBRATES 66TH ANNIVERSARY

A well attended meeting of the local Knights of Pythias lodge was held last night celebrating the 66th anniversary of the founding of the order. Following the business session there was an interesting program, consisting of a concert by the orchestra and an address by C. A. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist church, who spoke on the history of the order. The address was followed by a dance and refreshments were served late in the evening.

SPORTSMEN ASSN. TO ELECT FRIDAY

The annual election of the Douglas County Sportsmen's and Game Protective association will be held Friday evening, February 21, at 7:30 o'clock at the office of the C. A. Lockwood Motor company. Officers will be chosen and matters pertaining to the club's activities discussed.

Leaky Roofs

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NOTICE

The ladies of the M. E. Church South will hold a food sale Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at Parslow Furniture store.—Adv.

Trucks, trucks, trucks. Chevrolet and Fords, with and without special gears. Prices ranging from $50 and up for sale by Hansen Chevrolet Co.—Adv.

Use our battery trade-in plan and avoid cold weather starting trouble. Newland's battery department.—Adv.

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Eat barbecue sandwiches and live forever. Brand's Road Stand.

GOOD-NIGHT STORIES

By Max Trell

The Shadow Children Go Duck Hunting—in the Goldfish Bowl!

"Hunting," said the Tin-Soldier, "is the best sport in the world. If I wasn't so stiff from all this tin in me, I'd do nothing but go hunting."

Mij, Flor, Yam and Knarf—the five little shadow-children — were impressed. It was late at night. All the real-children were asleep. The shadows were sitting on a little wooden block in the playroom fac

Knarf Plunged in.

ing the Tin-Soldier, who stood leaning on the butt of his musket.

"Yes," he went on—"hunting is the sport for me."

"I wish we could go hunting," sighed Mij.

"And why can't you?"

"H'm—we have no guns."

"And, besides, there is nothing to hunt here in the house and it's too late to go to Africa," said Hanid.

"You don't need a gun and you don't have to go to Africa. There's plenty to hunt right in this room."

"Where?" they cried all at once.

"Sh—h, not so loud. Come in closer and I'll whisper. Do you see the goldfish-bowl by the window? Well, swimming on top of the water is a wild duck, just waiting to be hunted. Crawl up very quietly and sprinkle a few grains of salt on its tail. That is all there is to it. Then bring it back here and I'll show you how to roast it."

It sounded like an excellent plan. They decided to begin the hunt at once.

"You others start climbing up to the top of the bowl," Knarf said, "while I go in the kitchen for the salt." The next moment he returned carrying a grain in each hand and quickly joined his companions, who were sitting on the edge of the bowl.

They could make out the duck plainly enough floating motionless on top of the water a few inches from the edge. Its back was to them and it appeared unaware of their presence.

"How will you get the salt on its tail?" Yam asked.

Knarf was puzzled. After awhile he said: "I have a plan. You four crawl around to the other side and suddenly shout boo! That will scare it and make it swim back in fright towards me. Then I'll jump up and before it knows what to expect I'll sprinkle the salt on its tail."

The four now crawled stealthily to the other side and at the proper time they all shouted boo! But the duck didn't budge a jot.

"Louder!" Knarf called.

"BOO!"

Still the duck didn't move.

"It must be deaf," said Knarf in vexation. "I'm going to swim to it."

And before they could stop him he plunged into the water. In three strokes he reached the duck. But when he came to sprinkle the salt on its tail he found it was gone, for the water had melted it.

"Anyway, it was only a celluloid duck," he told the Tin-Soldier later upon relating what happened, "and it wouldn't have been the least bit good to eat."

But the Tin-Soldier shook his head. "You've got a deal to learn about hunting yet, young man."

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NEW BUILDING AT MELROSE CREDIT TO COMMUNITY

Among the prosperous communities of Douglas county is that of Melrose, eight miles west of this city, at the intersection of the Elgarose and Coles valley roads, leading to Roseburg. There is quite a settlement at Melrose, and farmers and stockmen from all directions find it a convenient place for grange meetings and community functions of all sorts. The newest addition to the prosperity of the place is the new stucco building just recently completed by Carl Lindsay, who has conducted a store there for several years. Mr. Lindsay will celebrate the completion of the building next Saturday by a special selling event, which he is advertising today. This new building is a credit to the communities it serves, and, indeed, would command attention in any locality. It is a handsome structure, consisting of store, warehouse and service station. The material for the structure was either manufactured in the county or purchased through Roseburg dealers, and the work done by city mechanics or contractors.

OREGON BUSINESS COLLEGE
Will open Monday, March 17th. A few more can secure the $25.00 reduction by acting NOW. It is PLUCK not luck that wins. Standard courses taught—DEGREES conferred. EMPLOYMENT bureau. LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS good in 25 BUSINESS COLLEGES. See or write S. P. Bailey, president. Phone 470. Box 1272 or call at Douglas hotel.—Adv.

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