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ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-
SEVEN years ago, on Oct. 13,
1792, a little group of people gathered
in David Burnes' corralled by the
Potomac to lay a cornerstone. There
were only the most rudimentary signs
of civilization about them, the nearest
real town being Georgetown, two miles
up the river.

They were beginning a President's
House, designed on classical lines
and modeled on the country seat of an
Irish duke. It was a tremendous
undertaking for a tiny, struggling
republic in the wilderness.

Three weeks before, the French
revolutionary armies beat off a Prussian
attack at Valmy. A couple of months
later the head of Louis XVI thumped
into a basket in Paris. All Europe was
abuzz with the long running fight
between the French Revolution and
the reaction which attacked it from
all sides.

The youthful republic, not un-
conscious of these world-shaking
events, had its own job to do,
the building of a house for its president.

Three years after the corner-
stone-laying the house was almost
ready for its roof. In 1800, eight
years after the beginnings of the
White House, President John Adams
got lost in the woods as his carriage
brought him to Washington from
Baltimore. The house was still un-
finished; Mrs. Adams hung up her
washing in the "great audience room"
(the East Room) and complained that
in a place surrounded by forests she
could not get enough wood for fire to
keep the place warm.

The building was not really fin-
ished until 1826, for it was badly
damaged by the British in 1814,
who tried to burn it. To eliminate
the stains of this fire, the sandstone
was painted white, and ever since,
this building has been known around
the world as The White House.

Many buildings in older days
stood for much longer than 47
years, yet saw the world change
far less than it has through the
events which this lovely white
mansion has looked upon.

Yet there is a strange an-
guish in the fact that 147 years ago,
when the workmen cleared a site
in the Potomac country and be-
gan the White House, Europe was
convulsed in war. Just as it is
today, "that war was regarded un-
less as 'the end of everything,'"
than is today's war in Europe.
Conservatives saw it as the con-
quest of Europe by the tough
Prussian mob. Progressives saw
it as the suppression of the "peo-
ple's republic" by the ruling mon-
archies of reactionary coun-
tries. All agreed that the world
was falling apart.

Today, the war in the White
House is closely in touch with a
new war in Europe. This nation has
grown great and powerful. But
the task is the same as that of the
men who sat in the same house
and watched the Napoleonic wars.
It is to see that that house re-
mains the home of a freely chosen
head of a great and free people.

THE strange and not yet com-
pletely explained attitude of
dictator German in Hitler has
had an unexpected and unfore-
seen aftermath. Already Hitler's
totalitarian principles have been
dropped overboard by Provisional
President Quintanilla. Presen-
tation has been abolished and
preparations made for an election,
with a return to constitutionalism
in full view.

At the same time in an inter-
view, President Vargas of Brazil
has reaffirmed his intention to
increase democratic procedures in
that country as soon as internal
conditions permit.

Both developments are heart-
ening. In the most despot of
South American regimes, the
democratic dream has never died.
These new developments are a
renewed inspiration for the demo-
cratic future of the western world.

OUT OUR WAY

DE ROOF HE'S
LEAK, DE PLESTER
HE'S FALL ON DE
HEAD, DE PIPES
HE'S BUST, DE
STAIRS HE'S BROKE--
I NO PAY DE RENT
TEEL HE'S FEEX!

ON Nov. 11, 1918, when the fight-
ing stopped on the European
front, the United States had broken
a number of records. One of
them was that it had amassed an
all-time high record of federal
employees.

This great civil army began to
be demobilized even sooner than
the fighting forces, and for some
years declined steadily. Then it
began to rise again, and now, 20
years later, it is bigger than ever.

June 30 of this year it totaled 926,
370, which is 2550 more than the
world war peak.

In short, in peace time we are
already beyond the wartime peak
in federal civil employment. The
length of the federal civil pay-
roll if another war should come
is something best left to the imagi-
nation.

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soon find out whether Stalin has a
blitzkrieg in his bag, or whether
his purpose is merely to pick up
such loot as can be SAFELY pick-
ed up.

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darian oil, but nowhere near as
much as she wants. The trouble
is that she CANT PAY FOR IT.
So far, she has been putting out
cash, but German cash is scarce.

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miles from the coast. The allies
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ward movement.

THE HAGUE.—Russian ex-
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nounced in a Vienna dispatch
received by the Austrian minister.
It is said the Czech troops
abandoned the city following
a battle in which they lost heavily.

FUN REIGNS AT
"SOPH" INITIATION

The initiated class at Roseburg
high school celebrated the upper
classman Friday, in the senior high
gymnasium with a very amusing
program. Donna Mae Campbell was
mistress of ceremonies. Sam Shaw
made an excellent job of en-
tertaining the students with a com-
edy ballet dance, followed by a
short skit entitled "What We Eat".
Several impromptu numbers were
given upon the request of other stu-
dents. The "sophs" then gave each
of the entire student body an ice
cream bar.

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of the program by initiating the
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Editorials on News

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Firebug Arrest

HELP REWARDED

The federal government has just
authorized the payment of \$200
award to four Portland men who
furnished evidence which led to
the arrest and conviction of a for-
est fire incendiary last spring.

Charles Gass was convicted in
Judge McCulloch's court, Portland,
on June 30 of felony for setting on
fire or leaving the first unat-
tended, and a misdemeanor for
failing to extinguish the fire be-
fore leaving them. The sentence
was two years in federal prison,
and 30 days in the county jail.

According to the evidence, four
fires were set on the afternoon of
April 11 along the road between
Harian postoffice and Kibekit
Lake in the Siuslaw national forest
protective area. With the aid of
the evidence furnished, forest of-
ficers and state police were able
to build up the case resulting in
Gass' conviction, hence, the re-
ward.

According to the U. S. forest
service, the area where the fires
were set is covered with valuable
young forest growth, with a good
stand of commercial timber near-
by. East winds and low humidity
occurred from the night of April
10 to April 12, and had it not been
for prompt and effective action
the fires in doubt would have
burned over a large area and caused
heavy damage.

The forest service commends the
acts of the four Portland men in
aiding in the conviction of the cul-
prit, pointing out that such act of
public service should be sum-
marily by all citizens who have the
welfare of the Pacific northwest at
heart.

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By Williams

POOR OL' DAVE--
HE SAVED AN'
SKIMPED TO BUY
A COUPLE OF
HOUSES TO RENT
SO HE COULD
GET OUT OF TH'
WORKING CLASS
--HE'S MORE IN
IT THAN EVER

I THINK HE MUST
TAKE THE STUFF OFF
ONE TO FIX THE
OTHER, BECAUSE
HE'S NO MORE THRU
WITH ONE THAN
THE OTHER NEEDS
TH' SAME!



THE NICKEL NURSER

DR. CHARLES A. EDWARDS

The world walks in darkness
and uncertainty and men stumble
in their search for the way.
Truth is hidden or distorted.
Never before was human-
ity in such dire necessity of
light and of truth as in the pre-
sent age. For such an impen-
etrable darkness, the light that
men can offer is not adequate.
God alone has power to over-
come such darkness as sur-
rounds the world today.

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MISS GRACE PARRY IS
HONORED AT SHOWER

A number of friends were in-
vited to a charming shower party
honoring Miss Grace Parry, bride-
elect, Monday evening at the
home of her sister, Mrs. George
Reed. Many lovely gifts were pre-
sented to Miss Parry and the eve-
ning was pleasantly spent in vis-
iting, after which delicious re-
freshments were served.

Guests honoring Miss Parry in-
cluded Miss Elsie Reese, Miss
Bertha Maynard, Miss Wilma Mar-
tin, Miss Ruth Kershner, Mrs.
Ruth Elva Veldner, Mrs. Lucy Mar-
sters, Mrs. Vera Post, Mrs. Clara
Whitaker, Mrs. Irene Howard,
Mrs. Julia Reed, Mrs. Florence
Reed, Mrs. Lucile Reed, Mrs. Flo-
rence Hummel, Mrs. Florence Gil-
bert, Mrs. Louise Marchand, Mrs.
Bernice Elba, Mrs. Bernice Mc-
Donald, Mrs. Olson, Mrs. C. Mc-
Gowan, Mrs. Dorothy Foster, Mrs.
E. Pearson, Mrs. Mary Fawcett,
Mrs. Treva Davis, Mrs. Lerah Raf-
ford, Mrs. John Parry, Miss Lora
and Miss Louise Reed, and the
hostess, Mrs. Grace Parry and
Mrs. Arniella Reed.

Miss Parry, who is a daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. John Parry, of
Melrose, is a popular member of
Roseburg's younger set.

N. OF W. PLANS
MEETING FOR MONDAY

Local N. O. W. is planning a
meeting for Monday at 6:30
o'clock in the upper part of the
evening at the I. O. O. F. hall.
All members are requested to be
present.

Leaves For East—P. H. Jurgens
left Friday for Seattle. Shok-
kane and Omaha on business and
will later go to Chicago to take
post graduate work in podopac-
tic, Swedish massage and hydro-
therapy at the American college.
Mr. Jurgens expects to return to
Roseburg via Los Angeles, where
he will visit relatives and friends
a short time.

SERIAL STORY

MURDER ON THE BOARDWALK

BY ELINORE COWAN STONE

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
CHRISTINE THORENSEN —
came to visit her cousin, found
a mystery.
BILL YARDLEY — had a reason
for watching Christine.
GEORGE WILMET — employed
Christine as a Boardwalk artist.
CHANDRA — looked into the fu-
ture—and into the past.

Yesterday, Inspector Parsons
reveals that Mrs. Talbert was
killed in a wheel chair, on the
boardwalk, that the murderer had
stolen the chair, wheeled his vic-
tim to the studio, pushed the
chair off the promenade. He made
one slip, the tide did not carry
the chair out to sea.

CHAPTER XVII
"Does it occur to you, In-
spector," Chandra went on—still
very stiffly—"that there are in-
teresting similarities between
Mrs. Talbert's abduction and that
of her nephew?"

"Just what do you mean?"
"In the case of Earl Talbert,
also, there were threatening notes.
In that case, too, the victim was
at first thought to have been kid-
naped, and perhaps murdered, in
his own car. In that case the vic-
tim had been drugged—or so it
was made to appear. . . . And
that case was confused by mis-
leading attempts to incriminate
others—as in this one, Captain
King, Miss Thorenson and I have
all been deliberately involved."

"Don't you think you're crowd-
ing this bunch of yours about the
nephew's being alive? You would
not push it so far, I suppose, as
to suggest that Mrs. Talbert kid-
naped herself?"

"Only far enough to suggest
that the two abductions were
planned by the same mind—ac-
cording to a similar pattern. . . .
I think, Inspector, that the time
has come to confess that Mr. Jas-
par has not been entirely frank
with you. I happen to know—"
the clairvoyant ignored the but-
ler's startled outcry—"that he has
some evidence that ought to help."

Christine was the only one in
a position to watch the medium
after he had stepped into the al-
cove where his desk stood. It
seemed to her that he fumbled
unsuccessfully long in an upper
drawer before he came back and
handed the Inspector a folded
sheet of paper.

It seemed to her, too, that In-
spector Parsons spent an inordi-
nate time over it, and then when
he finally raised his eyes to Chandra's, a look of intelligence flashed
like an electric spark between the
two.

At length the Inspector said,
"Perhaps we might pass this
around. Someone might—have a
suggestion."

He handed the paper to Bill,
who read it and passed it with-
out comment to Jasper.

Jasper adjusted his glasses and
scanned the paper with startled
attention before he put it into
Christine's hand.

Removing the sun glasses she
still wore, Christine thought,
after a first glance, "This is im-
possible. . . . Yet she read on,
fragments of conversation, strange
encounters, bits of coincidence,
which had seemed entirely normal
happenings tumbled about in the
chaos of her memory.

With shaking fingers she passed
the sheet to Mr. Wilmet.
The little man also adjusted
his glasses, tilted the paper to a
more favorable light, and perused
it slowly, nodding once or twice
as he did so.

"I think Mr. Chandra is right,"
Inspector, he said. "This should
have been handed to you at once."
Whatever Christine had expect-
ed, it was anything but this. For
the paper, written in a small, but
clear script, with ink barely dry,
had read:

"You will find that one person
in this room will be unable to read
this. He will pretend to, and may
offer some harmless comment, be-
cause of all those here, he cannot
allow it to be guessed that his
vision is very bad. He will have
no reason to suspect that this is
not actually one of the messages
he sent to Mrs. Talbert. The pa-
per, after which the arrangement of
the sheet are identical with those of
one of the extant notes Mrs.
Talbert showed me. Have you
noticed that Mr. Wilmet stumbled
in finding a chair, and almost fell
over a footstool?"

"You are right, Chandra," the
Inspector said quietly. "The re-
port that came a few minutes ago
from Mrs. Talbert's maid makes
it clear that that shoe-halter did
not come from her spectacles."
"You are all wearing glasses,
or Miss Thorenson was. Mr.
Wilmet—his voice dropped into a
pool of silence—"we'll begin
with you. Of course you won't
mind giving us the name of your
specialist?"

"Why, of course," Mr. Wilmet
looked startled but entirely con-
fident. "I've got my glasses from
the same man for years."
"But not those glasses," the
clairvoyant said softly. "Nat-
urally, people with vision as poor
as yours always carry an extra
pair for emergencies. You had
yours with you, if you recollect,
when you came to my studio on
the afternoon before Mrs. Tal-
bert's murder. Probably, since
you are above everything else an
opportunist, it was pure inspi-
ration that made you slip into your
briefcase that dagger you had
seen me wearing while Miss
Thorenson drew my picture. I
which you dressed hundreds of
people would be ready to iden-
tify."

"Inspector," Mr. Wilmet broke
in, "this man must be crazy!"
"Perhaps," the Inspector's
tone was dry. "Let's see just how
his madness will carry him."
"I wear that dagger only on
parade," Chandra went on. "When
not in use, it was lying on a low
table near the chair you took. I
didn't miss it till some time after
you went. . . . No doubt I should
have notified the police at once.
But how could I guess that it
would be used to commit a
crime?"

"I thought you called yourself
a medium," Mr. Wilmet looked
toward the Inspector for approval.
"That's what the Inspector calls
me. I call myself a student of
human nature. You see, I make
it my business to remember
things other people hardly notice.
And among other things, In-
spector, although I have seen Earl
Talbert only twice, I recall cer-
tain peculiarities which were
common to both him and his aunt.
They were both superstitious."

"The first time I saw Earl Tal-
bert, a few days before he dis-
appeared—he came to consult me.
Because he said, he had dreamed
that he was in great