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MIRRORING THE NEWS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Frank J. Starzel, general manager of The Associated Press, told Utah-Idaho AP members that weeding of bad news from good news by editors is "Pollyannish." The act of sifting bad news from the good results in making reporters and editors propagandists, he declared.

Many readers, we know, would prefer that newspapers print less crime news, fewer cold-war scareheads, and less of the seamy side of life, while giving more optimistic and pleasant news. In fact, one newspaper, "The Christian Science Monitor," enjoys a wide and deserved circulation on just that sort of editing. But we wonder how well informed the American people would be if all newspapers followed the Monitor's style of reporting.

A newspaper may be likened to a mirror. It is supposed to reflect accurately its community, state and nation, together with the world situation. When it fails to reproduce accurately a portion of the image before it, the person gazing into the mirror sees a distortion.

A Trick With Mirrors

In a popular comic strip one of the principal characters, a magician, caused a particularly ugly man to see his face reproduced in a mirror as that of an extremely handsome male. A newspaper can do exactly the same kind of tricks with news—and it needs no magic. It can hide the fact that ugliness exists in the world and show only beautiful, pleasant things. Such a newspaper would furnish enjoyable reading, but would it truly be a newspaper?

A subscriber buys a newspaper to be informed of what goes on in the world, particularly his own community. He wants to know about events and people and conditions. Because he can't personally make all the contacts necessary to obtain the information he needs, he spends a small amount of money to hire the services of hundreds of thousands of workers in every part of the world to bring that information to his doorsteps. He wants accurate information, presented without color or bias. He wants opinion kept separate from statements of events. He demands that his newspaper furnish a certain amount of entertainment.

He is not paying for trick mirrors which remove the blemishes from the face of the news.

Why More Crime News?

Because newspapers today are filled with news of crime, many people hold the opinion that crime is increasing tremendously. We cannot share that belief.

True, we have more arrests, particularly involving young people. We also have more news of crime. But this is due, at least in part, to better law enforcement and improved facilities for dissemination of news.

The science of crime detection and apprehension has advanced by leaps and bounds in recent years. Consequently fewer criminals go unpunished. Due to better organization on the part of law enforcement agencies, newspapers have less difficulty in obtaining detailed crime reports. And because newspapers have greatly improved facilities for transmission and dissemination of news, crime stories are more available for publication.

Readers Getting More News

We can recall when a small daily newspaper received 1500 to 2500 words of telegraph copy per day, transmitted over Western Union or Postal Telegraph wires. It came in skeleton form and had to be rewritten. Later wires were run into the newspaper office and a Morse operator handled about 5,000 words a day. Now, teletypewriters pound incessantly bringing news from every part of the world.

In the office of The News-Review, for instance, teletypewriters run from 11 p. m. to 3 p. m., reporting news from wherever it occurs. Report from a happening on the other side of the world will arrive in The News-Review office within minutes after actual occurrence. In larger newspaper offices batteries of teletypewriters operate around the clock. Pictures are transmitted by wire from around the world.

Contrast modern facilities for news gathering with the fact that when Port Arthur was surrendered to Japan in 1905 it was 29 days after that event before the first eyewitness reports reached the U. S. mainland.

From wire reports covering every section of the globe, coupled with work of local reporters, syndicated features and columns, and other material, editors endeavor to select items of greatest interest to readers while, simultaneously, striving to provide all information essential to proper understanding of world events. If in this effort news appears which the reader may find distasteful, it should be remembered that it is not the duty of the editor to shield the reader nor to be a Pollyanna. His sole duty is to so arrange the mirror that it furnishes a true reflection, be it good, bad or indifferent.

Damage Suit Verdict Favors Defendant

The circuit court jury Friday returned a verdict for the defendant, George McIntosh, in a damage suit brought by Max Green Sr. by his executor, R. D. Green and Max Green, doing business as Green Flying Service.

The suit was an outgrowth of a flying accident on Sept. 17, 1949 at Toketee Falls field. The plaintiff charged McIntosh damaged an airplane rented from their service. The Green Flying service asked

in its complaint \$1,896.70 for damage to the plane and \$265 for loss of income from the plane while it was being repaired.

WILL IN PROBATE

The will of Albert E. Kent has been admitted to probate on the petition of Myrtle Kent. Albert Kent died June 1, 1950 in Douglas county and left an estate estimated at \$18,000.

Myrtle Kent has been appointed executrix of the will. Roy Hutchings, I. G. Pickens and W. F. Harris have been named appraisers.

Still Holding The Floor In Washington



In the Day's News

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with arrows until he looked like a fretful porcupine.

Put yourself in the position of the enemy of such a super-person armed with such a super-weapon. You could be struck at but you couldn't strike back. Your name would simply have been mud.

CAN you blame the ancestors of these Amazonian tribes, when they held this mighty weapon in their hands and saw its disastrous effect on their enemies, for thinking they had the world by the tail with a down-hill pull?

You can imagine what must have been their first thought. They must have said to themselves: "Boy, this is IT! As long as WE ALONE possess this potent thing, we're hunky-dory. But if we ever let our enemies get the hang of it we'll be up the creek without a raft. WE MUST GUARD THIS SECRET AS WE GUARD OUR LIVES. If anybody else ever gets it, the jig's up."

YOU probably know what happened—even though it was a long, long time ago. The boys kept it hush-hush. They turned pale when anybody even mentioned bow and arrows. I expect their teeth chattered most of the time even when they were asleep.

Then—

I hate to think of it— But I IMAGINE that one fateful day their Big Chief called in his secretary and told him to arrange a news conference pronto and when the reporters gathered to hear what was cooking he told them in a hushed voice that his tribal secret service had just reported that over in Ump-tee-toodle-land SOMEBODY HAD JUST SHOT AN ARROW FROM WHAT MUST HAVE BEEN A BOW!

You can imagine the consternation.

THE moral?

I suppose there isn't any moral. But even as far back as that must have been it was demonstrated that human beings can't keep a secret.

We've been learning that to our cost with regard to the atom bomb.

ONE other thought, in closing.

These primeval savages down in the Brazilian forests haven't got very far in the world. YOU CAN'T GET VERY FAR IN THE WORLD WHEN YOU MAKE A GREAT DISCOVERY AND ARE SO CONSTITUTED THAT ALL YOU CAN DO IS TO SIT TIGHT AND HUG YOUR SECRET TO YOUR BOSOM.

STRIKE END ASKED

AREQUIPA, Peru, June 17.—(AP)—Labor leaders appealed today for workers to end their general strike as this second city of Peru returned to normal after a brief and bloody revolt.

Except for military patrols and street barricades thrown up during the street fighting, there was little visible evidence of the rebellion Tuesday and Wednesday in which an estimated 50 to 150 persons died.

MAN JAILED

Committed to the city jail Friday, following a plea of guilty to a drunk charge, was Edward Niska, 36, of Roseburg, reported Judge Ira B. Riddle. Niska was committed for ten days, in lieu of a \$30 fine.



The Bitwuns have a fixed routine when it comes to "doing" a city they have not visited before. Mr. Bitwun is interested in mileage, a place to eat, and a place to lay his head, come evening. He makes careful logs in advance (it's Mrs. B. who makes them as they go along. She saves hers).

Mrs. Bitwun reads advertising literature, especially chamber of commerce material with which she is usually provided in advance. She lists places to see, and figures the time closely so as to crowd in as much as possible. Then—they arrive and what happens? Always!

The log made by Mr. B. marked down Vancouver, B. C., as a turning point . . . then by ferry to Victoria, and home through the Olympia area. Mrs. B. meanwhile had carefully studied all places listed and was primed with pointers on how to see the most in the least possible time. She's really good at that.

Arrived in Seattle, they decided to check up on ferries, even before they reached Vancouver . . . at the ferry information desk Mr. B. looked at Mrs. B. and Mrs. B. looked at Mr. B. One of them said "Have you seen everything you want to see in Seattle?"

The other said, "Uh-huh. What

say we take a night boat to Victoria and so—that's what we did. There were a few hours to kill—and Seattle is a lovely place, very lovely indeed! How would they use the few hours to best advantage?

Shortly after, in accordance with the information clerk's understanding and helpful advice, the Bitwuns were happily seated on a rug above Lake Washington, maps and so on strewn close. Soon they folded up the maps and just looked at the water and the green hills, and enjoyed themselves. On the way back to the ferry they naturally took a wrong turn and saw quite a bit more of Seattle that way.

Mrs. B. objected to the Jacob's ladder way the streets dropped down to the ferry, so, good-humoredly, Mr. B. took a roundabout way to avoid the down-dropping blocks (before they left Seattle they had up-and-downed, it seemed to Mr. B., most of the Jacob's ladder streets available). Mr. B. doesn't care if the car stands on end just so long as it gets where he heads it.

On the 81-mile ferry trip to Victoria Mr. B. crumpled up some sheets of paper. "I don't know why I ever made out a log for a trip," said he, as usual—"we never yet have followed it!"

Glendale School Faculty Hired

T. H. Lang, Glendale school superintendent, announced that the faculty for next year has been completed.

He announced that James Pate has been employed as head coach, replacing G. W. Line, who has submitted his resignation. Pate is a graduate of Willamette university with eight years' teaching experience.

Patrick Polick has been employed as assistant coach. He will take the place of Howard Edson Jr., who resigned to accept a position at Hereford in Baker county.

There will be two other new teachers. Jean Gaedecke has been added to the faculty because of increased enrollment. Kathryn Hut- ton will replace Miss Virginia Najum, who had resigned and later passed away before the end of the school year.

Returning teachers for the high school include Delight Buckland, Florence Johnson, Jean Neely, Alvin Rosenfield and Ruth Sether; for the grade school are Alma Archambeau, Barbara Walters, Mildred Sether, Marie Roll, Georgia Tarver, Ruth Harney, Myrtle Wunsch, Velma Anderson and Lula Pratt Sheriff.

Bethlehem Furnaces Shut Down By Union

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 17.—(AP)—The 21 open hearth furnaces at the Bethlehem Steel company's Franklin plant were shut down today as a result of a walkout by members of the CIO's United Steelworkers union.

Two hundred workers on the afternoon shift walked off their jobs yesterday and 200 more quit at midnight.

The plant employs 800. The walkout was in protest, union members said, of company discipline of some workers. Details of the discipline moves were not disclosed.

The company made no comment on the walkout by members of the union's local 2,635.

Local News

Home For Summer—Bob Berrie, student at University of Oregon, is spending the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Berrie, in Roseburg.

Called to Warrenton—Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Adams of Roseburg have left for Warrenton, where they were called by the serious illness of the latter's father.

Visit in Coos Bay—Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Collier of Roseburg spent last weekend in Coos Bay visiting their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collier.

Spent Day in Coquille—Mrs. L. G. Twoby and Mrs. A. B. Collier of Roseburg drove to Coquille Thursday, where they spent the day with friends.

Leaves For Convention—Mrs. R. B. (June) Hershele, organist for St. George's Episcopal church in Roseburg, left Thursday for Tacoma to attend a three-day music conference at Annie Wright Seminary.

At Stearns Home—Mrs. Sy Rodakowski and daughter, Terre, and son, Scott, of Eugene are in Oakland visiting Mrs. Rodakowski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Stearns. She is the former Madlyn Stearns.

Promoted—Ensign Harold L. Marr, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Marr of Roseburg, has been promoted to jet flying instructor at Cecil airfield at Jacksonville, Fla., according to word received here.

Expected Monday—Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wimberly and daughter, Jaue Ann, and son, Donald, are expected to arrive in Roseburg Monday from Berkeley, Calif., to visit Mr. Wimberly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Wimberly, on Glenn street.

Will Arrive Home Sunday—Norman (Sandy) Moore, who was graduated last Sunday from University of Washington in Seattle, is expected to arrive in Roseburg tomorrow to spend the summer with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Moore, on East Douglas street.

Arrive For Visit—Major and Mrs. Raymond E. Brett and three sons, Jim, John and Chris, of Hamilton field, Calif., arrived in Oakland Friday to spend a week visiting Mrs. Brett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Bridges. Mrs. Brett is the former Joyce Bridges.

Return to Corvallis—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marshall and baby daughter, Christine Ann, have returned to their home in Corvallis, following a few days in Roseburg visiting Mr. Marshall's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Marshall, on East Douglas street.

Attend Meeting—Mrs. Murray Smith, royal matron of Douglas court No. 18, Order of Amaranth; David L. Taylor, royal patron, and Mrs. T. W. Bernard, associate matron, went to Eugene Monday night to attend the friendship night affair of Willamette court, Order of Amaranth.

Visit at McDonald Home—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. McDonald of Roseburg had as guests from Monday to Friday the latter's daughter, Mrs. C. W. Devine, of North Bonneville, Wash.; her daughter, Mrs. H. Ruud, and the latter's daughter, Ellen, of Alberta, Canada. Mrs. Ruud is a granddaughter of Mrs. McDonald and Ellen Ruud is a great-granddaughter.

'Western Union' U. S. Newspaper, Soviet Idea

PHILADELPHIA, (AP)—Russian authorities in Berlin apparently believe there is an American newspaper named "The Western Union."

Paul Warner, director of the Philadelphia Inquirer's editorial page, was in the German city several weeks ago and decided he wanted to enter the Soviet sector to watch the mass propaganda demonstrations.

Warner was getting no where fast with the soviet officials until he produced a western union telegraph co. card entitling him to use its facilities in filing dispatches. The card caused an immediate flurry of excitement and in a few moments, Warner was handed a press card authorizing him to view the mass demonstrations.

On the card, Warner was identified as "staff writer of the Western Union."

PLEADS GUILTY

Charles D. Wheelchel, 23, of Albany, pleaded guilty in municipal court Friday to a drunk driving charge. Judge Ira B. Riddle said, Wheelchel was given a 30-day jail sentence, to be suspended upon payment of a \$150 fine. In addition, his operators license has been revoked for a one-year period.

Two Idaho Youths Face Gallowes For Murder

BOISE, Idaho, June 17.—(AP)—Two Boise youths were sentenced Friday to hang for their admitted killing of a 65-year-old grocer. District Judge C. E. Winstead set Aug. 2 for the execution.

Troy Powell, 20, and Ernie Walrath, 19, pleaded guilty to the first degree murder charge. They were accused of killing Newton Wilson during a robbery.

New York Newspapers Still Not Publishing

NEW YORK, June 17.—(AP)—The New York World-Telegram and Sun, shut down since last Tuesday by a strike of CIO American Newspaper guildsmen, was closed for the weekend today.

The newspaper's management said it would not publish today, and the paper has no Sunday edition.

Federal mediators held a nearly six hour meeting with both sides.

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yesterday but said the parties' stands were "substantially unchanged." A new meeting was set for Tuesday.

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NOTICE OF TAXPAYERS' MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Douglas County Taxpayers' League will be held at the Court House, Monday June 19th, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of considering the 1950 County Budget, election of officers, and such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

All taxpayers are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

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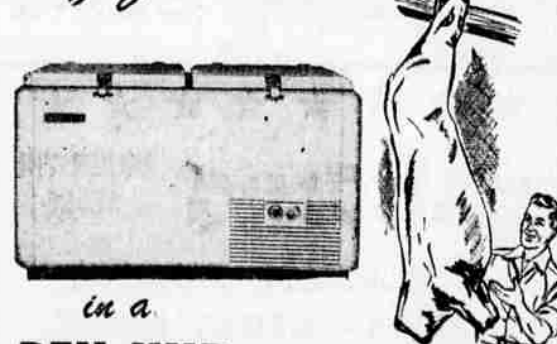
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