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THE LORD IS GOOD—Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting; and His truth endureth to all generations. Psalm 109:2, 3.

Wet politicians don't seem to realize how many people there are in this free and independent land who talk wet and vote dry.

A motor tourist says he found towns in the Southwest so hospitable that they scattered tacks in the road to persuade travelers to stop there.

Very interesting—the senate's inquisitiveness about both parties' campaign contributions for 1920. And now how about this year's contributions?

THE MAN WHO FOUND HIMSELF

This might be called a patriotic editorial for middle-aged men. Let us face the worst at once. At the age of 42 George Washington was almost an unknown man, undistinguished, and with no reason for supposing he ever would be.

His early military exploits, which had not been very important, were nearly forgotten. He had slipped almost out of public life. He continued a member of the Virginia house of Burgesses, but was so inconspicuous in the work of that body that for a dozen years there is scarcely any record left of him except bookkeeping accounts showing that he drew his pay. His time at the state capital, aside from such routine work as may have fallen to his lot, was occupied mainly with social activities—endless dinners and dances and dramatic performances—varied with the card-playing and fox-hunting and horse-racing that interested every Virginia gentleman of the age.

Washington had settled down to the life of a planter, apparently content with that existence, while border wars raged around him and a great world war flamed across the water, and seeds of war began to sprout in the New World. He had had enough of public service, civil or military. He was content on his plantation, with his slaves and his lodge and his neighbors.

Then came the first Continental Congress in 1774, waking this prosperous, middle-aged farmer from his lethargy. He was sent as a delegate. And in 1775, when it seemed desirable to raise an army, to his astonishment he was appointed commander-in-chief.

He received that appointment because he was the only man in sight who had ever had any military experience at all. Multitudes of Americans had never heard of him. He accepted the post very reluctantly, knowing his limitations but willing to do his duty.

Then—the whole world knows the rest. A big man, once committed to a course, goes through with it. Washington found himself, in some incomprehensible way, entrusted with the destinies of his young, struggling country. Hesitating, fumbling, but clear-eyed and strong-hearted, he felt his way forward step by step. He was a man who, as he himself once said, never took back his word and never regretted anything.

He created, little by little, an army out of nothing. Somehow he got that army armed and clothed and fed. He grew with the job. Civil responsibilities were added to military. The big weight of the war and the fate of a continent settled down on his shoulders. With ability to command grew nobility of character. From a self-centered planter, he became the most selfless of soldiers and statesmen. He developed and labored until he had created a nation and gained undying glory.

And he did it all after he had passed the middle milestone of life. The seeds of greatness were in him all the time, but they never showed until he neared 50, in an age of young men. He did it by disregarding custom, self and ease and committing himself unreservedly to a new job.

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That hard, cold, old ivory finish so often noticeable on military knees can be considerably softened down by vigorously rubbing 'em with unboltsed cornmeal. Raisin a daughter an' 'idin' her safely over is a serious problem these days, specially if you haint got money enough to pay a big reward.

Flivver Plane Sets New Mark; Flies 900 Miles

TITUSVILLE, Fla., Feb. 22 (AP)—Harry Brooks, pilot, and his diminutive flivver plane, without advance warning today had made this city the terminus of a record-breaking flight for small, economical air craft.

Although his projected route, which led from the Ford air port in Detroit to Miami was not completed, when Brooks landed his tiny ship here last night at 5 o'clock he had covered more than 900 miles of air (the distance in all flight less than 12 hours.

The previous non-stop record for planes of 40 horsepower or less was 871 miles, set by Max Knipping, French aviator, in a flight from Le Bourget field near Paris, to Koenigsberg, Germany, last year.

Brooks' descent on Titusville was unexpected and consequently no formal reception was recorded him by the startled population.

Before starting, about 11 from the long aerial jaunt. He also explained that he had been forced down (his some 200 miles short of his goal because the 52 gallons of gasoline with which he left the Michigan city yesterday morning had been consumed. His only other procedure was to telephone representatives of the Ford company in Miami that his flight had been cut short.

Details of his flight, including his exact route, speed and other data on the jump which bids fair to be a epoch-making in the history of aviation of "popular" size and cost, were postponed until he could assemble the facts his log displayed.

Jimmy Walker On Way Home Again

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 22 (AP)—Jimmy Walker, mayor of New York and ex-officio king of the 1918 Mardi Gras of New Orleans, packed his wardrobe trunks today to start home by easy stages. He has a speaking engagement at Mobile tonight, a three-hour visit with Atlanta friends booked for tomorrow with a final southern appearance at Winston-Salem, N. C., Friday when he will speak again.

OREGON TO HEAR CHICAGO OPERA

Will Be in Portland on Mar. 22, 23 and 24—Engagement Arranged

PORTLAND, Feb. 22—Citizens of Portland who have joined in guaranteeing the \$2,000 engagement of the Chicago Civic Opera company at the Portland Auditorium March 22, 23 and 24, are hopeful of being able to make the engagement such a success that it can be brought to the Pacific Coast generally for a season of opera such as is enjoyed in the music centers of the east.

That the engagement has every promise of being a complete success is indicated by the advance ticket sales which are said to be far in excess of the sale this far in advance of either of the other two times the company has been here, since 1922. Also it is reported the engagement is paying out in all the cities where the company is appearing in its present transcontinental tour.

Non-Commercial

The Portland engagement will be strictly non-commercial. Admission prices have been fixed so that the engagement can be made self supporting and show a small margin of profit. All profits are to go to the Portland community chest. Any losses will have to be made up by the 100 citizens who have signed the guarantee necessary to bring the company here.

The Portland engagement will be for three days and will include four operas. The first will be the spectacular and favorite, "Aida" with such artists as Van Gordon, Barocco, Marshall, Murilo, Lazar, Fomichl, Marie, Oliviero and many others. The second performance will be "Snow Maiden", a comparatively new opera in English with a long list of stars including Mason, Jackson, Pavlovskia, Van Gordon, Hackett, Bonelli, Barocco, Deferre, Claessens, Sandrine, Nicolich, Oliviero, Rapoport and others.

Mary Garden to Sing

The famous Mary Garden will head the cast in the opera "Resurrection" at the Saturday matinee. Other stars in this opera will be Mason, Jackson, d'Hermant, Correnti, Claessens, Nicolich, Handin, Meusel, Deferre, Fomichl, Mojica and others. The final performance will be the Italian favorite "Il Trovatore" including in the cast such stars as Muzio, Van Gordon, Kargan, Correnti, Rimin, Lazar, Malja and others.

The company will bring 300 people in three special trains. One full trainload of scenery and equipment is to be brought out. The opera will be presented on the same month-scale as they are at the company's own, palatial theater in Chicago.

The sale of seats is now on at Sherman Clay Co.'s music store in Portland and for the benefit of out of town patrons tickets have been made available by mail.

ACTION DEFERRED

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Information was received at the office of Governor Patterson yesterday from Washington that action on Representative Hawley's bill to preclude the state from participation in the railroad land grant tax refund will be deferred until the state can file a brief and be heard by a representative.

STATE REQUEST DENIED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22 (AP)—Request by state officials that a test suit designed to prevent borrowing of state accident funds for building of a state office building at Salem be dropped, has been rejected by James Wilson, Portland attorney who indicated that steps would be taken to carry the case to the United States supreme court.

FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN



"In This Cage We Have—"



Some new kind of pipe? No, it's Marie Arends of Chicago, showing how one takes the new Cleopatra vapor baths. She is sitting in a glass case, and the pipe is the tube she breathes through.

Wilkins Will Fly in Wooden Plane Over North Pole on Scientific Quest

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21 (AP)—Capt. George H. Wilkins, Australian aviator-meteorologist, plans to fly a wooden plane over the north pole this summer while he searches for sites for meteorological stations.

The plane and other equipment for this, his third Arctic exploring expedition, are to reach Alaska soon. Lieut. Carl Ellison, army aviator, will accompany Wilkins on his flights, which are expected to carry the men from Alaska to Spitzbergen.

Captain Wilkins' expedition is sponsored scientifically by the National Geographic society and financially by The Detroit News and by a fund raised in Detroit.

A wooden plane was chosen by Captain Wilkins for his latest quest because he believes it will be less affected by ice, and hence more manageable than the all-metal ship he has used in the past.

The plane is a trim, fast craft with bullet shaped fuselage. Its cruising speed is about 115 miles an hour and its cruising range 3,200 miles. It was built by the Lockheed Aircraft corporation, Traveling by steamer from San Pedro to Seward, Alaska, the plane and equipment will be taken thence by train to Fairbanks.

At Fairbanks the explorers will take the air to fly to Point Barrow, where they plan to establish a base.

From this point Captain Wilkins and Lieutenant Ellison will begin their search for suitable places in the polar wastes to establish stations for the study of atmospheric phenomena. Three such sites already have been found by Captain Wilkins in previous flights. All were approximately in the same latitude.

The plane will carry a short wave radio set and 100 pounds of extra food and clothing. When the explorers end their flights on the other side of the north pole, in Spitzbergen, they will return through Europe by more conventional modes to travel to New York.

FALL FATAL TO MAN

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 22 (AP)—Falling from a window on the third floor of the Pittsburgh Athletic association building today, C. H.



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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22 (AP)—Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury; Gov. Fisher of Pennsylvania and Frank B. Noyes, president of the Associated Press, today received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the Washington birthday exercises of the University of Pennsylvania.

Three exercises have been held annually by the university, founded by Benjamin Franklin, since 1826.

Dr. Josiah H. Penniman, provost

of the university, presided. In conferring the degree upon the secretary of the treasury, Dr. Penniman said:

"You have come to be regarded as one of the soundest thinkers and greatest geniuses of our country in the construction and administration of financial policies for the nation. In foreign as well as in domestic affairs your advice has been sought and your counsel given."

DIES IN URISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22 (AP)—Fred Raack, San Francisco newspaper boy who began nearly 30 years ago selling papers and laid the foundation of a fortune which aggregated more than \$500,000, died here yesterday at the age of 37.

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