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And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.—Rev. 19:6.

A GREAT UNDERTAKING

Within the last few days work was started on the Boulder dam project, one of the greatest engineering undertakings in modern times, comparing in magnitude with the Panama canal and dwarfing practically all other engineering achievements of the past.

While the contract for only a part of the work involves expenditure of \$48,890,995, the colossal size of the undertaking is not realized from afar until it is learned that the construction of a town, a railroad, and four tunnels 50 feet in diameter and 2000 feet long for diversion of the Colorado river around the dam site, are counted by engineers as mere preparation details.

Boulder dam when completed, will represent as much in labor and materials as the Panama canal. It will be about seven years in building, barring unforeseen accidents and obstacles, and engineers are of the opinion that due allowance has been made for all such contingencies.

Should Arizona succeed at this late date in forcing abandonment of the project in the name of state's rights, it would be halting the most extensive reclamation and power project ever undertaken by any government. Arizona may be right in her position from a standpoint of law, but there is a possibility she would be standing on a right that will be to her own disadvantage.

It is the postage stamp that sticks which delivers the letter, and it is the man who hangs on who achieves the goal.

CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY

Democracy finds its champions in unexpected places. They step forth from the least democratic of nations, social classes and environments to declare themselves in sympathy with political and social principles supposedly foreign to everything they know or feel.

Fascist Italy, where the despotism of a dictator reigns and where the last vestige of democracy has been stamped out by the rule of might, has just produced an apostle of democracy more optimistic than any the democratic countries have nurtured since the war.

While some men, born in the faith, have been gloomily predicting the decline of the democratic form of government and the rise and spread of dictatorships, Professor Ferrero, the Italian scholar, is in the United States telling this greatest of democracies that post-war dictatorships are mere episodes in an accelerated transition from monarchy to republicanism and democracy. He sees no halt or break in the conversion of the world to democracy which began with the American and French revolutions.

The learned Italian emphasizes the essential part the intellectual and moral support of America, England and France must play in democratizing the rest of the world, and hopes that these nations will not desert Asiatics and Europeans who are now looking to them for emancipation.

It is comforting to know that all have not lost faith, and that political scientists have not given up.

Did you ever notice that the man who is pulling on the cars has no time to rock the boat?

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer WASHINGTON—Glances from the press gallery during the closing minutes of the first congress.

Senator Reed of Pennsylvania shaking his head in disgusted fashion as it becomes evident that Thomas of Oklahoma would filibuster up to the last minute.

Tom Hefflin enters the chamber before 12 o'clock and the packed galleries crane their necks for a glimpse.

shakes. . . Much backslapping. . . Many smiles. . . Some irrelevant soul in the press gallery chirps: "When did you ever see so many former senators on the floor at one time?"

The News Used To Be:

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (From Observer, Fri., Mar. 23, 1906) The cabinets of the Epworth League in the La Grande districts are in convention here today.

It is estimated that the recent cold wave resulted in the loss of half of fruit crop in the Walla Walla valley.

The Summerville Lumber company of Imbler is considering the purchase of a road locomotive to haul lumber eight miles to the railroad.

TEN YEARS AGO (From Observer, Tues. Mar. 22, 1921) At a recent meeting of the Union Livestock Show association, officers were elected.

Contagious disease is almost eradicated in La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Frees are the proud parents of an eight and three-fourths pound son, born Monday, March 21, at Hot Lake.

ONE YEAR AGO (From Observer, Sat., Mar. 22, 1930) Rev. O. I. Kendall, of Jerome, Idaho, has been appointed as pastor of the First Methodist church of this city.

A marriage license was issued by the county clerk this morning to Walter Murphy and Yvette Coalwell, both of this city.

BOWLES ANSWERS QUESTIONS TODAY

Continued From Page One) witness up to Mrs. Bowles' fatal visit to Miss Loucks' apartment.

Tells of Conversation Mowry asked him to tell of his conversation with his wife.

"I said, 'What are you doing here?' She said, 'I was trying to find you.' I said, 'Why didn't you come to the office?'

"I said, 'What do you want?' She said, 'Well, we've got to settle things, we must decide if we are going to get a divorce or not.'

"I said, 'Do whatever you want to do, I will be all right with you.' She said, 'Well, all three of us are here together, why can't we talk it over?'

"Bowles said his wife then turned to Miss Loucks and asked, 'Do you love my husband—do you want to marry him?'

"Miss Loucks answered, 'No.' Bowles declared, and continued: 'My wife turned to me and asked me a question, I don't think I answered her.'

"She said, 'Well, there is only one thing left to do—to make my life over. I've stood more than most people, haven't I, Miss Loucks?'

"Bowles said Miss Loucks answered, 'Yes.' Then my wife said again, 'Let's talk it over.'

"Then what happened?" "Miss Loucks said, 'That's between you two—there's no need for me to be here.' She left the room."

"Miss Loucks left?" "Yes." Bowles testified he remarked to his wife that "I'm awfully sorry you came here."

"She said 'Why?' I said, 'It is unnecessary and will only cause unhappiness.' She asked why and I said 'I'll call Miss Loucks and she will tell you.'

No Quarrel There was no quarrel, Bowles declared, although he said there was a great deal of suppressed emotion in his wife's voice.

Miss Loucks entered, the defendant testified, and said to Mrs. Bowles, 'I never want to see him again.' Bowles said he does not think his wife heard the statement, or got the meaning of the words.

There is only one thing to do—I'm not going to live like this any more."

"I said, 'What's that?' She said, 'I'm going to get a drink.' Then, only a moment later, the defendant had previously testified, Mrs. Bowles went to the kitchen for a glass of water.

While she was in this kitchen a breakfast ploughed into her heart. The state contends it was suicide, the defense insists it was suicide.

Bowles continued to relate the details of the tragedy. His wife went to the kitchen, he said. From his seat on the davenport he could see only a part of her coat.

She had been in the kitchen several minutes, Bowles said, when she started for the room. He was not worried, he said in answering the prosecutor, but "stunned."

"Did you think she was committing suicide?" "No," the defendant declared. Bowles said that just as he reached the door he leaped forward to catch his wife. "Just as I rotated she turned and crumpled and fell," he testified. "I may have clutched her arm as she fell."

Miss Loucks, he said, was not in the room. "And then what?" the prosecutor inquired. "My wife rolled over on her back and then I saw the knife."

St. Valentine's Day Murder Two Years Ago Remains Unsolved

EDITOR'S NOTE—Police files in various cities bulge with affidavits, evidence and statements on unsolved murder mysteries. The slayers never have been convicted.

CHICAGO (AP)—The unsolved murder of Al Lingle one June afternoon last year frustrated a plan to trap the chief figure in the St. Valentine's day massacre of seven gangsters, now a two-year-old mystery.

The four killers were identified by eye-witnesses, but they never have been convicted. Yet every few months there bobs up a new theory as to why the sensational drama was enacted.

An episode in a war for control of the dyeing and cleaning business was one theory. Another was that a wealthy man, frantic from kidnaping threats, instigated it.

The police were accused, and the assigned motive was revenge upon a gang that had failed to pay promised protection money. A fourth was that Detroit liquor runners wiped out the mob by hi-jacking truck trucks.

Fred Burke, identified as one of the North Clark street garage killers, was to visit an apartment over a drug store on the South side the afternoon Lingle was killed, said John Stege, detective chief at the time of both murders.

"We had shadowed the place several days. Lingle was slain early on the morning of the murder. Burke was expected about 2:30 o'clock. The Lingle news spread rapidly and the hoodlums ran over each other getting out."

"The town was hot. Burke never appeared. But just to show you how close we were—the 'finger' who tipped us off was 'rubbed out' in the drug store building a few days later."

Steger believes the septuple homicide was a sequel to the murders of Tony Lombardo and Pasquino Lodi, Sicilian society chiefs, and associates of Al Capone.

The boldness and ruthless precision of the garage killing gave it startling distinctiveness. A call that a truck of liquor was to be sold assembled the Moranites at the garage February 14, 1929. The call was part of the plot.

Bad Stomach Cause of Bad Skin

You can't expect to have a good clear fresh-looking complexion if your stomach is weak and disordered.

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FARM BURDEN THROWN BACK TO FARMERS

(Continued from Page One) need a farm board to tell them that.

He observed that farmers would reduce acreage only when economic conditions absolutely forced them, and expressed belief that next fall if wheat prices dropped to 50 cents, as he thought they would, production would be curtailed.

Would Re-open Controversy Gray said the board's decision would re-open the entire farm controversy in congress. As a result, he said, he was confident a method of control through the export debenture or equalization fee would be adopted.

The Farm Bureau federation, he said, favors the equalization fee in controlling large surpluses because it would not require as much public money to make it operative.

Gray said that from the board's policy for 1931 in respect to wheat, the inference could be drawn that it would not make stabilization purchases in cotton for the next crop year.

Two ALTERNATIVES WASHINGTON, March 23 (AP)—Learning that he cannot expect the government to attempt stabilization of the 1931 wheat crop, the farmer today had two alternatives—to limit production to domestic demands or accept world prices.

The farm board made it clear yesterday that its grain stabilization corporation will not try artificial price maintenance indefinitely since

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Last November it went into the market with a new campaign, making purchases until holdings topped 100,000,000 bushels.

Since then the corporation has added to its stocks, buying when it believed it necessary.

This wheat is held in storage and represents, traders say, a threat to the market. Besides these 200,000,000 bushels, the carry-over on July 1 is estimated at 275,000,000 bushels with predictions the domestic production for 1931 will equal the more than 800,000,000 production a year ago.

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