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RUDY VALLEE, TRAINING TO BE A WRITER, LAUNCHES COUNTER-ATTACKS ON CRITICS

NEW YORK (AP) — Rudy Vallee's hope is to become a recognized author, so that the public will talk about his writing just as it now does about his singing.

Vallee is serious about putting his words into print. So serious, in fact, that he already is building the groundwork. As a starter there is his autobiography which, despite statements to the contrary, was entirely his own effort from the first capital letter to the final period.

And That Ain't All

That isn't all that he has done and is doing as an author. He has written numerous newspaper and magazine articles.

When Rudy gets on the typewriter he doesn't mince words. Very often radio writers who have said what he considers to be unkind things feel the lash of his phraseology.

"Pretty Good" in English

Few who read about Rudy know that he was pretty good in English while at college, giving him a foundation for his authorship ambition.

"I was high school senior in my freshman year at the mid in my Shakespearean examination," he explains, "and in my sophomore year I was among the first three high men in English."

Vallee, although he may sing in a distinctive style for which he has gained unusual fame, says he is just the average active young man. "I work hard," he says, "with my orchestra, and think most of how the public will appreciate my efforts than of myself."



Rudy Vallee at the desk where he puts pen and typewriter to work in producing material for newspapers and magazines.

morning. Three convents and the Jesuit faculty residence have been burned and looted there.

Palace Is Robbed.

From Santander came unconfirmed reports that the Bourbon summer palace had been stripped of valuables, and the Guadalupe police were guarding Catholic buildings there.

Business is tied up as the stock exchange still is closed. The peseta dropped again today to 10.02 to the dollar.

The government announced it knew nothing of reports that Vatican City would protest the anti-clerical disturbances.

All factories discharging workmen without reason merely because of outbreaks would be seized by authorities, it was announced. The Count of Zamago, former member of the executive committee of the monarchist party, was brought here today from Barcelona and imprisoned, bringing the total of leading royalists now in jail to about 150.

\$429,000,000 IS BUILDING COST

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acquired or in process of negotiation or condemnation, and (6) authorized and sites in progress of selection.

The second group includes 150 projects on which construction has begun within the last three months and which will be completed at an estimated outlay of \$120,213,000. A cost of \$20,097,000 is expected to cover the third classification, which includes 56 projects.

Sites have been acquired and plans partially completed for 190 projects which have been limited to a cost of \$192,173,723. President Hoover expects work on this group to be under way within six months.

For 115 more projects, on which construction is to begin within a year, sites have been determined and acquired or are being possessed through negotiations or condemnation. The limit of cost for these is \$50,622,941.

Besides these, congress has authorized about 200 to cost around \$46,000,000. Officials are attempting to select the sites.

The most expensive building in the already completed group is that in Washington, D. C., the new bureau building. It cost \$10,000,000. The most costly under construction also is in the capital, will require an outlay of \$17,500,000 and will house the commerce department.

Physicist's "Last Big Job" Goes Ahead Despite His Recent Death

PASADENA, Cal. (AP) — Death cannot thwart "the last great experiment" of Dr. Albert A. Michelson, famous physicist.

While the grand old man of physics lies dead here, the ambitious project which he undertook as his crowning achievement in science is being carried on by two of his colleagues, Dr. Francis G. Pease and Dr. Seth B. Nicholson.

Michelson took to his bed after building the longest vacuum tube in the world, a mile stretch of pipe at the Irvine ranch, some 40 miles from here, near Santa Ana, Cal. It serves in one of the most fascinating and exacting experiments in science, the clocking of the fastest thing known—the velocity of light.

A frail little man of indomitable will, the 78-year-old scientist had a part of the basis of all modern experimental physics, has a part of its foundation in Michelson's determination of the speed of light.

It is his last great experiment," he told Dr. Albert Einstein, famed German physicist, who sat with him on an army cot in the little experimental headquarters shack.

This was in February. It was but a few days later he went to his bed in Pasadena. After weeks of diminishing strength, creeping paralysis set in.

Nicholson declared on his visit here that Michelson's work had given him the conception of the theory of relativity. All astronomical measurements of today, together with a large part of the basis of all modern experimental physics, has a part of its foundation in Michelson's determination of the speed of light.

He was past 70 years when, by using revolving mirrors on Mount Wilson and San Antonio Peak, 22 miles apart, he measured the velocity of light as 186,213 miles a second. He previously had measured it at 186,173 miles per second.

Then he decided that there might still be a slight error of a few miles or so, and the most elaborate physical experiment of its kind was set up by him with the cooperation of the Carnegie Institution. This is the Irvine ranch test.

The precise results of the experiment will not be known until mid-summer, owing to the exhaustive supplementary tests involved.

McClees, Eastern Oregon Warden, New Supervisor

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split upon the selection for some time, with Commissioners Dana and Vanverer favoring John E. Cullison, former game commissioner; Commissioners Corrigan and Silver advocating appointment of Fish, and Commissioner Vining standing for Senator E. W. Miller of Josephine county.

Finally, it was explained, to break the deadlock the candidates under consideration were side-tracked, and McClees was suggested as a compromise candidate.

During the late afternoon meeting the commission announced it would re-employ the entire existing personnel of the state trout hatcheries and game farms, but that these employees would be obliged to take a ten per cent salary reduction.

Morelock's Resignation Accepted

The resignations of J. P. Morelock, deputy game warden at La Grande; John Combs, deputy at Prineville; and G. W. Russell, Tillamook deputy were accepted. Their resignations became effective today but their salaries will continue until June 1.

McClees has been district game warden for the east of the Cascades district since last September. Before that he was deputy warden in Malheur and Coos counties for about eight years. He is married, about 50 years old, and a veteran of the Spanish-American and World wars. He has lived in Ontario for five years. Before moving into the eastern section he was special game warden in Coos county where he worked with Art Fish.

McClees at one time was widely known throughout the country as a jockey making the rounds of the big tracks in the east.

The new supervisor will receive a salary of \$3,000 a year compared to the \$4,200 which the state game wardens in recent years have received. Fish will receive \$185 a month. The ten per cent cut in salary of hatcherymen and game farm employees was explained as an effort to equalize these salaries with those of deputies. These employees are provided with homes, water, light and fuel in addition to their salaries.

VANDALISM IN SPAIN IS CONTINUING

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had been held ready since Sunday, cavalrymen surrounded the block in which the bank stands, guiding their horses among the gathering crowd which was to have staged a demonstration at noon.

Unconfirmed reports said communists had organized the demonstration and had planned to raid the bank while the main body of the crowd engaged the police.

No Disorder.

Evidently the strong display intimidated the crowd, for there was no disorder and in 15 minutes the demonstrators began to leave and the troops were recalled to quarters.

In Valencia smoke still rose from fourteen burned and burning Catholic buildings and soldiers with fixed bayonets guarded the ruins. There was looting in the night but today the troops were under orders to shoot to kill and the streets were quiet. Damage done from the fires was estimated at half a million dollars.

At Granda the mob ran wild through the streets until early this morning.

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In Washington

By Herbert Plummer

WASHINGTON—General Pershing is the most decorated American soldier, but there is a ribbon in his multiple decorations he ever wears when out of uniform.

It is a tiny button reproduction of the ribbon in his distinguished service medal—the reward of his own government for his services as commander-in-chief of the arm in France.

Others in both civil and military life wear that same ribbon. But there is hardly another American, living or dead, who could boast such ancient foreign token of high service.

There is, for example, the British Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, the French Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor, the Italian Grand Cross of the Order of St. Maurice Lazzaro, and other honors from a dozen more countries.

All the general's decorations, American and foreign, with the six campaign badges he is entitled to wear, would justify some 30 bits of ribbon on the breast of his tunic.

SELDOM WORN

It's no use asking him about them. Inquiry would only cause him to turn the conversation to something he considered more important.

The bejeweled stars and crosses and medals are scattered about. His case is entrusted to members of his office staff. They are in his trunks, in his office safe and elsewhere.

When all, except when paying official visits abroad, the country requires he wear them, the little distinguished service medal button is the only token seen.

And even that disappears at the burial of the Unknown Soldier in Washington in 1921. When the general walked behind the casket from the capitol to Arlington cemetery, he wore only the victory medal, to which every man who served in the armed forces of the country during the world war at home or abroad is entitled.

GESTURE

While he headed the commission to solve the territorial row between Peru and Chile, he formed the habit of wearing a carefully selected list of his decorations. This however, was a little gesture calculated to increase his prestige among the Latin-Americans.

All his decorations are not in his possession. There is still in the office of the state department a beautiful ornate ceremonial sword presented to Pershing by the president of Venezuela. It is known as "The Sword of General Paaz."

The law permits distribution of stars, medals and crosses or any other type of decoration. But so far the legal winds of the state department have been unable to read a sword into the hands of any man, whatever its name or significance.

So the weapon remains in governmental storage indefinitely.

The News Used To Be

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO (From Observer, Fri., May 11, 1906)

Adjutant General W. E. Finzer, of the O. N. G., will inspect Company L next Monday night. While here he will award medals won at the last rifle shoot, by local sharpshooters.

Mrs. William Allison entertained the Five Hundred club yesterday afternoon. The prize was won by Mrs. J. H. Atkine. Those present were: Mesdames E. W. Bartlett, Jay Van Buren, Fred Kiddle, Fred Swaney, H. S. Cavana, W. H. Bohnenkamp, G. F. McCully, William Ericson, Jake Gulling, M. L. Causey and J. A. Aikine.

TEN YEARS AGO

(From Observer, Thurs., May 12, 1921)

Much interest is being shown by farmers of this section of the county in the coming livestock show at Union. Tuesday a party consisting of L. G. Terry, W. H. Ledbetter, Leon Levy, Robert Wintcomb and Harry G. Avery visited a number of farms in this section regarding exhibiting of stock.

Miss Ardis L. Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Palmer, and Walter Palmer, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents last evening, Rev. G. L. Clark, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Pendleton, officiating.

ONE YEAR AGO

(From Observer, Mon., May 12, 1930)

After a long period of discussion that kept the meeting some 20 minutes overtime, the chamber of commerce today went on record by a vote of 12 to 7 to ask the city commission to put the daylight savings time in effect in La Grande.

In a Texas women's golf driving contest, Mrs. J. A. Burborow of Houston won with 923 yards in three shots.

For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.—Hebrews 4:12.

ROOM AT THE TOP

In a few short weeks hundreds of thousands of boys and girls will graduate from high schools and colleges and face a world in which there are still great opportunities. For it is one of the paradoxes of civilization that the more opportunities are utilized, the more new ones are thereby created.

The automobile, for example, created a new field for the exercise of human ingenuity, while the byproducts of this invention are amazing in their reach and scope. It might seem to the young graduate that everything worth while has been invented, discovered or utilized. Yet there is not a thing that contributes to human welfare and comfort, not a piece of machinery, not a household necessity, but is capable of being improved.

There is still a big field for human enterprise in the trifles which others pass by. Men have made fortunes out of the commonest things; scraps of leather, slag, junk, grit and the byproducts of mine and mill.

Opportunities? They are all around us. There is power lying latent everywhere waiting for the observant eye and the ingenious mind. Find out what the world needs and then supply its wants. And there are several needs developing right here in La Grande that will require attention very soon.

The greatest hindrance to advancement in life is the lack of observation and the lack of inclination to take pains. The great things of the world have not been done by men of large means but by those of large vision. They have usually started from where they stood, as Edison began his experiments in a baggage car when he was a newsboy.

There is plenty of room at the top.

DEFICIT OF THE MAILS

When the last fiscal year of the postoffice department closed with a deficit of \$98,000,000, the department was disturbed and talked of postal rate increases. With still darker prospects for the present year of a deficit of approximately \$140,000,000, the department has become alarmed and its recommendations of last year are being strongly urged.

Decreased business, which has cut down the revenue of the postoffice department without permitting a corresponding curtailment of expense, chiefly explains the estimated \$42,000,000 increase in the deficit this year. Rural delivery and air and merchant marine mail subsidies also help keep the department in the red.

It is well for the department heads to worry about these annual deficits and to work for their reduction, but they are now repeating an error of judgement which was brought forcefully to their attention last year. That error is in thinking that the addition of half a cent to the first-class or letter rate is the solution. Such a move would penalize a self-supporting part of the service and place the burden of maintenance upon the form of communication by mail for the encouragement of which cheap postal service was created.

A SAFE MARGIN

The enemies of democracy criticize and challenge it for its faith in majorities. It is charged that by majority rule injustice is imposed on those who lack numbers to match their faith and conviction.

Saner judgment recognizes that majority rule makes no claim to measure truth by the tabulation of totals, nor to grant power, as of right, to the force of numbers. A majority is no more than a demonstration of a margin of opinion, conviction, and directional effort in national life. It reveals a definite national character, and a measurable pressure of progress arising out of the vitality of the country.

There is safety in the margin revealed by majorities. There is no safety in the average, for it is at the mercy of doubt and indecision; it is vulnerable on all sides, and has no reserve strength to meet unexpected shocks and challenges. We cannot stand always at a crossroad; we must choose a highway for better or ill, and tread it with confidence. Just as a man weighs all opportunities and finally follows the path of greatest promise, so the nation must accept the guidance written in the thin margins of majorities.

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PAYNE TRIMS MORGAN

LOS ANGELES, May 13 (AP)—Cecil Payne of Louisville, Ky., gave California's lightweight champion, Tod Morgan of Los Angeles, a drubbing to win the decision in their ten round match last night. Payne weighed 133½ while Morgan weighed 135.

ZBYSKO, KRUSE IN DRAW

TACOMA, May 13 (AP)—Stanislaus Zbyzsko, veteran grappler and former heavyweight title holder, and Bob Kruse of Oswego, Ore., went eight rounds to a draw here last night. Each took a fall. Zbyzsko took the first fall in the sixth round with a series of reverse headlocks. Kruse evened the count in the final round with a series of flying tackles and flying wristlocks.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned having been duly appointed by the County Court of Union County, Oregon, administrator of the estate of CORNELIA D. ROE, deceased, and having qualified, notice is hereby given to the creditors and all persons having claims against said deceased to present them verified as required by law within six months after the publication of this notice to E. R. King, attorney for said administrator, at his office in the West-Jacobson Building at La Grande, Oregon. Dated May 13th, 1931.

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