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Fisherman's Luck



Washington Merry-Go-Round

By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON—Jonathan Daniels, retiring White House press chief, was offered by Truman the job of rural electrification administrator. He turned it down to go with the MacMillan publishing company. . . . If General William O'Dwyer doesn't run for mayor of New York, Warner Brothers have offered him a top spot in their company. . . . Liberty Correspondent Burnet Hershey, returning from the war zone, reports that various allied groups already have begun grabbing for the huge German gold cache U. S. troops found in a salt mine. The gold bars are not stamped with the name of any country, and Holland has pointed out that part of her gold reserve was snatched by the Nazis.

A lot of people are not at all happy about having French Collaborationist Premier Laval brought to trial. He has a strongbox in a Madrid bank containing correspondence with various people, including the British, which won't look good if made public in court. . . . Marshal Petain is in the same boat. He even has a signed treaty with Churchill. . . . Some day the real reason why Mussolini was shot instead of being brought to trial will leak out. He also had some papers. . . . If Hermann Goering really goes to trial, the true story of the mysterious Rudolf Hess flight to Scotland finally will be told. Some people are not too anxious to have Goering stand trial publicly.

Barney Baruch's Dream
Barney Baruch has laid before President Truman an up-in-the-clouds proposal to reduce the cabinet to the state, war, navy and treasury departments, plus three other posts not now of cabinet status—office of war mobilizer, foreign economic administrator and Barney Baruch, himself. Baruch is a little vague about what his job should be but he is not vague about wanting a job in the cabinet. . . . President Truman listened to Baruch with outward cordiality, and pretended he would think it over.

Democratic Chairman Hennegan has decided not to go to the Philippines on the junket with Senator Tydings. (There aren't any votes in the Philippines.) . . . Filipino leaders complain that when they go to see Tydings, chairman of the insular affairs committee, he snaps at them: "Talk fast, talk fast." . . . Far-sighted General Fred Osborn, chief of the army's special services division, is completing arrangements for open-

ing a university in Paris where American soldiers can study until they are shipped home. . . . Although Portugal broke off relations with Germany just before V-E day, she refused to co-operate with the allies on the day following her break when the U. S. state department asked Portugal to "block all German and other enemy accounts and safe deposit boxes." The Portuguese refused, declaring such action would mean war with Germany.

Vandenberg's "Chinaman"
Senator Arthur Vandenberg is working sincerely and energetically at being a statesman, and bring good will to the allies. But he's not doing so well with the Chinese. The other day, Vandenberg was asked some questions by news men about proposed amendments to the United Nations charter. "They don't have a Chinaman's chance," was his reply. Four Chinese news men present were furious, said nothing.

The late Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox got into the same kind of trouble right after Pearl Harbor when the Chinese ambassador called to express China's sorrow at Japan's sneak attack on Pearl Harbor. "We'll fix those yellow-bellied so and so's," exploded Knox in reply.

Did You Know—That

The 30-caliber bullet used by the U. S. army will penetrate a 10-inch tree at 200 yards and kill a man behind it.

More water-borne cargoes clear through the Port of Chicago each year than through the Panama Canal.

Last year approximately half the canned vegetables and two-thirds of the canned fruit used by civilians was home canned.

More than 50,000,000 pest-destroying insects are shipped annually from California insectaries by air express to widely scattered destinations. The department of agriculture recently shipped 2,000 parasitized codling moths to Lima, Peru. One airline delivers insects to 18 different countries.

In the past five years the passenger revenue mileage flown in the United States increased over 200 per cent, totaling some 1,500,000,000 miles, or more than 10 miles per capita. Air express revenue mileage increased more than 600 per cent, totaling some 30,000,000,000 miles.



"I told our Cub Scout pack you marched all over France in 1918. Dad, so they elected you to take us on a 12-mile hike Sunday!"

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WM. E. MCKENNEY, America's Card Authority

CROSS-RUFF SET UP BY SUIT DIRECTING
I had a most interesting lesson from a chap in the Royal Norwegian air force. His regimental number is 501. He asked me not to use his name as he is

him the deuce and five spot. So at this point he shifted to the three of clubs. Remember that North had bid clubs and it was not unreasonable to believe that East would be out of clubs. East trumped and, recognizing the fact that his partner, by playing the three of clubs, had asked for the return of the lowest suit not trump, returned a diamond which "501" trumped, thus being able to give East another club ruff, setting the contract three tricks.

IN FORMER YEARS

30 Years Ago
F. J. Holmes went to Elgin to attend the telephone stockholders meeting.

Misses Lucile Switzer and Ruth Ghormley entertained informally at cards in honor of C. C. DeVore. Mrs. George Waite entertained the Nineteen Fifteen embroidery club at her home on Washington avenue.

15 Years Ago
Mrs. Parley Hutchinson went to Portland to be present for the graduation of her sister, Margaret Ireton, from the Good Samaritan hospital school of nursing. Mrs. Hutchinson was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Ireton of Payette, Fred Ireton of Jackson Hole, and Mrs. H. W. Mossman of Meridian.

E. E. Beatty drove to Baker to attend the Scottish Rite reunion. Mrs. P. J. Lilly went to West Virginia for a month's visit with her mother.

10 Years Ago
K. G. LaViolette, principal in the Cove school for four years, resigned to become assistant principal at Pendleton high school.

Rev. and Mrs. H. I. Hansen and daughters, Ethel and Mrs. G. J. Mehl and daughter Margaret, went to Canyon City to visit relatives.

Miss Lill Hofmann was re-elected to teach at Moss Chapel during 1935-36. The 1935 activities closed with a picnic at the Cove swimming pool.

Q—What percentage of Ireland is Eire?
A—Twenty-six counties form Eire; remainder constitute North Ireland.

Q—What percentage of children attending school also hold jobs?
A—20 per cent. In 1940, less than 2 per cent.

This Curious World



RUBBER FISH
CAST IN PLASTER OF PARIS MOUNTED ON FRESH SPECIMENS ARE REPLACING MOUNTED ONES IN SOME MUSEUM EXHIBITS.

ANSWER: Yes, but down there it is autumn now, even though it is May.
NEXT: He fell 2000 feet and lived.

WE, THE WOMEN

By RUTH MILLETT

Even to those who sit at home and wait—war is a terribly personal thing.

You sensed that in the reactions of men and women on V-E day. The war was over in Europe, and for that the man next door, the woman down the street, the clerk in the drugstore were thankful.

But the personal weight of the war couldn't be lifted—even momentarily—by a halt victory.

The man next door doesn't dare hope his son in Germany will be through with fighting because the European war is won.

The woman down the street knows how little the end of the European war means to her husband, already two years in the Pacific. She can't forget that it won't make any sudden difference in the pattern of her lonely days.

The man in the drugstore says, "But there

is still so much fighting ahead, so many lives yet to be lost. And then there are all those boys who never are coming back—boys for whose families V-E day came too late."

So though it was a day of victory for the world—to individuals it was not exactly a happy day.

For almost everyone there were sobering, quieting considerations.

It was V-E day—but it didn't bring Joe home. And for those who sit and wait, as well as for Joe, the day of real rejoicing is still in the future. That day is the day that Joe comes home for good. And if he never comes home, for those who love him there will never be a real day of victory.

For those who sit and wait, as well as for those who fight, war is a terribly personal thing.

Behind Scenes in Washington

By PETER EDSON, La Grande Evening Observer Washington Correspondent

Full import of the Soviet government's action in holding under arrest 15 Polish political leaders and one military leader can be understood only after examining the personal records of these key men in the underground movement. What this magnificent conceived and beautifully executed double cross amounts to is the capture of four cabinet members and the leaders of five major political parties—Peasant, Socialist, Christian Labor, Nationalist and Democratic—which functioned as a coalition council of national unity, or underground parliament, all through the war.

However else the pre-war Polish government may be criticized, it cannot be said that it developed any Quislings. Credit for this belongs largely to the underground parliament which, though it could not itself function as a government, at least saw to it that there was no Polish collaboration with the Germans.

At the head of this underground movement in Poland was a chief delegate who also ranked as vice-premier of the London Polish government in exile. This was Jan Jankowski who, next to the military leader and the only non-political leader, General Leopold Okulicki, was perhaps the biggest catch in the Russian 16-man bag. Jankowski was a labor leader, a lifelong member of the Christian Labor party. After the Pilsudski coup in 1926, Jankowski withdrew from politics and devoted all his efforts to labor union organization. During the Warsaw uprising last fall Jankowski was awarded the highest Polish military decoration for conspicuous gallantry, though he was not a soldier. To charge a man with such a record as being pro-German seems fantastic.

This is equally true of Eaziniarz Purak, perhaps the most important personality detained by the Russians. Purak's record shows that in 1905 he was arrested and sentenced to death for leading uprisings against the Tsar. His sentence was commuted to imprisonment but he was liberated only by the Bolshevik revolution in 1917. He returned to Poland, entered politics, became secretary general of the Socialist party, was a

founder of the underground and escaped detection all through the war.

A third leading figure among the Russian captives is Wincenty Witwos, for the last 35 years head of the Peasant party and three times premier of the old Polish government.

The other 12 political captives, as far as general American knowledge is concerned are unknown, largely unpronounceable and frequently unspellable names, except to readers of the Polish-American press. Yet because they may become symbols of Polish persecution in a celebrated incident that may well spread dissent among the Big Three powers, they should be better known.

Included are National party leaders Tadeusz Kobylanski, publisher and senator; Zbigniew Stypulkowski, lawyer, and student leader; Stanislaw Jasiukowicz, cabinet member and doctor of economic science. Christian Labor party leaders Jozef Chacinski, party chairman; and Franciszek Urbanski, secretary general of the farm laborers' union.

Peasant party leaders Kazimierz Baginski, imprisoned for radical left wing activities; Stanislaw Mierzawa, leader of the radical Peasant Youth association, and Judge Adam Bien, a cabinet member.

Democratic party members A. Czernik and Michalowski.

Socialist Antoni Pajdag, former deputy mayor of Crakow.

When on March 30, three days after their disappearance, a full report of the incident was sent to Washington and London, few people believed it. The treachery of forcibly detaining plenipotentiaries for whom safe conduct to London had been arranged was so great that only the Poles gave it credence till it was confirmed by Foreign Commissar M. V. Molotov in San Francisco a few days ago.

Through four years of war against Germany these underground political leaders had kept their guard up and had avoided detection. It was only when the Germans had been driven out of the country and the Polish patriots let their guard down to the Russians that they came to grief.

between Troutdale and Dodson—the latter a point about a mile east of Horsetail falls. Through and heavy traffic will thus be able to by-pass Crown Point, the Figure Eight and other esthetic features for which the present highway is noted, but which will be preserved for use of lovers of scenery and sudden vistas.

"Yet when this section has been completed only a relatively small part of construction on the new location will have been finished. It will cost \$11,000,000 to complete the remaining forty-four miles of the new highway to The Dalles, and in that remaining part are many features of the present highway that delight the esthetic, but aggravate the multitude of private and commercial vehicles that are going to and from eastern Oregon on business.

"At the present rate of allotment of highway funds it will require about fifteen years to complete the whole project. And that is far too long to wait for an improvement for which there is such strong commercial demand.

"It is repetitious, but pertinent, to recall that the Columbia River highway was built in a day when motoring was mainly pleasure driving. The motorist was presumed to take delight, and probably did, in sinuous roads and expansive points of view. Some, who have the time for it, still do, but even their pleasure is now disturbed by competition for road space by ponderous busses and slow-moving trucks and private cars in a great hurry. The Columbia River highway has become a major artery of business traffic, for which it was not designed."

EVENING OBSERVER'S PROGRESS PROGRAM

IRRIGATION—Complete the Grande Ronde Valley irrigation project.

LA GRANDE—A city of 10,000—Extend the city limits.

There's LAY'S TEXT

and numboth riches and honour come of thee, you want thou reignest over all; and in thine ond time d is power and might; and in thine hbit one d is to make great, and to give one mearlength unto all.—I Chronicles 29:12. ing letter

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

All power is a trust; that we are accountable for its exercise; that from the people and for the people all springs, and all must exist.—Benjamin Disraeli.

The Columbia River Highway

We note with pleasure the concurrence yesterday of the Portland Oregonian with our recent editorial pointing out the importance of a progressive attitude on the modernization and relocation of the Columbia River highway from Portland to The Dalles and on the Oregon Trail section to the Idaho border.

The Oregonian's editorial indicates that the importance of the highway to the entire state is as evident to the western portion of the state as it is to us here in eastern Oregon.

Believing that this matter should be emphasized as much as possible we reprint, in portion, the editorial comment of the Portland newspaper:

"On this project, \$1,200,000 has already been spent and the new money, it is expected, will complete the section

Funny Business



"I'm getting tired of sewing by hand!"

SO THEY SAY

I have complete confidence in the stupidity of the Japanese.
—Brig-Gen. Frederic Smith, commander, Fifth air force, Pacific.

I hope to be able to accept the invitation of President Osmena to visit Manila at the inauguration of the Philippine republic.
—President Truman.

We must strip Germany of her army, navy, and all of her heavy industries. She must be closely supervised. And let's leave her devastated cities unrepared. They would be a fine monument to all whom the Germans have murdered in Buchenwald and elsewhere.
—Rep. Marion T. Bennett, Missouri.

The kind of effect J. Lee is something kind of half-crazy, but convincing.
—Rouben Mamoulian, stage and movie director.