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LINCOLN ON WASHINGTON

"This is the 110th anniversary of the birthday of Washington. We are met to celebrate this day. Washington is the mightiest name on earth—long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty; still mightiest in moral reformation. On that name an eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name and in its naked, deathless splendor, leave it shining on."

MORE THAN THAT AND MORE THAN THAT

(Eugene Register.) Col. Carl Abrams, secretary of the state board of control, tells the members of the Eugene Kiwanis club that in 1927 the penitentiary flax plant sold approximately \$170,000 worth of flax fiber, and could have made additional sales of at least \$100,000 if it had had the flax. But that is only a part of the story. The demand for this additional \$100,000 worth of Oregon flax came largely from Europe. Selling Oregon flax to Europe is equivalent to selling Oregon automobiles to Detroit.

Nor is that all, the Eugene Register might have added. It is bringing the institution to the point of self support, which it will reach in time—soon if the funds are forthcoming to handle the crop of 8000 acres of flax. Later, if the industry must of itself earn its own way to that point. And a big sum will be required to handle that acreage, in money for the farmers for the flax and in funds to provide the additional labor and equipment— And more than that. It is reformative. Productive labor is reformative. And, in Oregon, prison confinement must be reformative in order to obey the mandate of our fundamental law. It is in our Constitution— And more than that. It provides means of support for dependents on the outside; the innocent victims of crime, who are the most deserving of pity and help. The more than that recital might go on column after column.

Washington was the father of his country, and he was more than this. He was the father of the movement for civil liberty that will in good time give that liberty to all the peoples of the world.

Naval Court of Inquiry Fixes Blame in S-4 Case

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Responsibility for the collision of the submarine S-4 and the coast guard destroyer Paulding was placed jointly on the commanders of the two vessels by the navy court of inquiry. In its findings, the court recommended the detachment of Rear Admiral Frank H. Brumby, who was in charge of the salvage operations over the sunken submarine, from the command of the coast force, which includes submarine force, which includes submarine force, which includes submarine force.

clear the Paulding and the coast guard vessel's failure to sight and recognize the submarine and clear her. The late Lieutenant Commander R. K. Jones commanded the submarine when she cut across the bow of the Paulding off Provincetown, Mass., Dec. 17, as she was emerging from a standardization trial. Lieutenant Commander John H. Bayles was in command of the Paulding. "Serious blame was incurred by them" the court said in fixing the responsibility. With reference to Rear Admiral Brumby, the court included the following paragraph in its findings: "Rear Admiral Frank H. Brumby, USN, has been in command of the control force, including all submarines in the Atlantic, since August 1, 1927 and was in command of the forces employed in rescue operations on the S-4 from December 18, 1927, until such operations were discontinued. Rear Admiral Frank H. Brumby's testimony before this court showed that he had not the familiarity with the essential details of construction of submarines and the knowledge of rescue vessels, and his knowledge of the actual work being carried on by his subordinates necessary to direct intelligent operations of which he was in charge. While the plans he approved, conceived by an expert staff of which Captain King was the senior, were logical, intelligent and were diligently executed with good judgment and yet Rear Admiral Brumby failed to contribute that superior and intelligent guidance, force and sound judgment expected from an officer of his length of service, experience and position. The court therefore recommends that Rear Admiral Frank H. Brumby, USN, be detached from the command of the control force."

MRS. TOMS GIVES EVIDENCE AT TRIAL

Widow of Slain Druggist Points Accusing Finger At Hickman LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—(AP)—A close relative of a killer's victim today, for the second time in two weeks, pointed an accusing finger at William E. Hickman in a murder trial courtroom here. This time it was Mrs. C. Ivy Toms, widow of the slain Rosehill druggist who identified Hickman, already under sentence of death, and his boy crime companion, Wolby Hunt, as the pair which held up Toms' drug store a year ago Christmas eve, and shot him to death. Hickman appeared not in the least perturbed as the widow, her eyes filled with tears and her voice shaking with emotion, testified in low tones. Only week before last the youth had faced Perry M. Parker, father of the slain school girl Marian, in the same courtroom and heard himself named as the killer. He has been sentenced to die on the gallows next April 27 for that killing. Today Hickman, almost indifferently, glanced about and smiled occasionally as Mrs. Toms testified. With Hunt, however it was different. The boy, just past 17, was undergoing his first ordeal of the kind and he kept his head bowed. His eyes apparently were riveted on the floor. Not for a moment did he lift them to meet the gaze of the witness. Victor Page, a customer of the drug store and present during the fatal shooting of Toms, further identified Hickman and Hunt in the courtroom as the two robbers.

Bits For Breakfast

How about this— The proposed county law library? The county court made an order assessing 10 per cent of filing fees in suits and actions, to create a fund to buy books for a county reference law library. This was in response to the unanimous request of the bar association. Now, some criticism having arisen, the court rescinded the order and makes return by county warrants of the \$39.85 collected in the two weeks the order stood. It would take about \$2000 to buy the books needed. The reference county law library is not sorely needed by the young lawyers or students, or even the old lawyers; but it is needed by the judges; the circuit and county judges. It costs a lot of money to run the courts. It costs about \$100 a day to conduct a jury trial. The general taxpayers have to stand this expense. The litigants put up only a few dollars for filing fees. If a judge makes a wrong ruling on account of the absence of a reference library, there may be a second trial in any particular case, costing the taxpayers hundreds of dollars. In the light of these facts, a county reference law library would be a great economy. And it would be provided at the slight expense of litigants, and not by the taxpayers. The cost to the litigants would not be great. It would be only slight, from 50 cents up to \$1 or more, for the litigants. This would not last long, till the money was provided for the necessary reference books. A year or two.

PROTECTION ASKED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Protection of union workmen from oppressive injunction proceedings of federal courts was urged today before a senate judiciary subcommittee by A. J. Grossbeck, former governor of Michigan, who was counsel for the workers in the recent Indianapolis street railway strike injunction proceedings.

The OUTER GATE

By OCTAVUS ROY COHEN CENTRAL PRESS ASSN., Inc.

Chapter 23 Carmody drew an alluring picture. And such an exquisite revenge—a punishment identical with his. The most glorious part of it was that Borden was innocent. Just as he had been innocent. He essayed a pallid doubt. "How am I to get into the safe?" Carmody tossed him a paper. "There's the combination." Bob gasped. "Of Borden's safe?" "Yes." "How did you get it?" "That is the combination. You needn't worry about how I got it. It may interest you, though, to know that I've had it for some time. There's very little about Borden I don't know. And now—" "Afraid?" "Yes. I have been in prison once. It isn't human not to be afraid of it." Carmody laughed lightly. "Do you suppose for a minute I haven't thought of that? I will tell you just what to do. They'll never suspect you. But even if they do, they'll never be able to prove it. You'll be safe, even if they should know you were guilty. If it one thing to know a person has committed a crime and quite another thing to prove it. Surely you have been in this office long enough to understand that." "You guarantee my safety?" "On my word of honor!" Bob Terry looked in Carmody's eyes. His trust was pathetic. The man had hypnotized him. He was no longer able to think for himself. "I believe I'll do it," he said nervously. Carmody's fists clenched. "If your conscience troubles you—" "I have no conscience!" snapped Terry. "I left it all in the penitentiary. Tell me what to do!"

Narrow Road Disapproved; One Near Hubbard Gets OK

Road viewers yesterday submitted to the Marion county court reports disapproving one proposed road in the county and approving another. A road which had been asked adjoining the extension of South 12th street at Salem, a short distance outside the city limits, was disapproved as not being of public benefit and only half wide enough for a county road that close to Salem. The road as petitioned for by T. L. Davidson and others would have described a rectangle on the east side of the road which extends on south from 12th street. It would have been but 30 feet wide. The road viewers returned a report in favor of a new county road asked for by H. H. Uppendahl and others in Road District No. 2, near Hubbard. The road will pass through the city limits.

to you this way if I hadn't been very much worried." She crumpled a filmy handkerchief, but spoke bravely. "Bob remained home Saturday evening. Father was at the office, but came in late. He was working. A few minutes later he tried to walk—a man calling Bob. He immediately took his hat and left—said it was something important. Pardon me for being personal—but I answered the phone originally, and I knew that the call was from neither your uncle. "No, I didn't phone." "He went out and I don't know when he returned. But yesterday morning, I saw him for only a moment. He did not seem to be himself. There were dark rings under his eyes—and something in his manner which I couldn't understand and didn't like. He looked more as he did when he first came out of prison. Last night he came in very late. I had made an excuse to stay downstairs. He tried to walk past me without saying anything, but I stopped him. He had nothing to say. I asked him if he was well, and he said yes. But his manner was gruff—rude almost. Miss Shannon—there is something wrong with Bob. The girls did not spar with each other. "I haven't seen him at all, Miss Borden. I had the idea that he has been avoiding me. I have been worried, too. And afraid—though God knows why. I know even less than you do?" "You believe something is wrong?" "Yes. I have no specific reason for thinking so. But I can't help believing—it isn't natural for Bob not to see me for this length of time." "Your uncle?" "I think that's why I've worried. He has been with Uncle Todd constantly. That is, I'm pretty sure he has. I asked Uncle Todd—and got no answer. He doesn't dissemble very well, you know, and it was patent that they have been discussing something which they don't want me to know. Uncle Todd has been secretive and embarrassed. He inquires about Bob, but he told me not to worry—and that was without any hint that I was worrying. It told me plainly that there was something to worry about." "What?" "God knows, Miss Borden. And it comes just when I thought things were going so well. I'm frightened." "Why?" "I'm frightened too, but I cannot understand my own feelings. It is so good to have you to talk to—to understand me. You—you think that perhaps—" "Bob?" "Yes." Kathleen met the other's eyes. "Well, we mustn't forget, Miss Borden, that Bob Terry does not think of other men do. For three years he lived in the penitentiary. I'm terribly afraid that he has done something—" "Criminal?" "Oh! It is rotten of me to think that, but I can't help it. I wouldn't blame him if he did. But I'd be sorry—" "Lola rose impulsively and dropped her hand on the other's shoulder. "Why?" she asked simply. Kathleen looked up with eyes which were misted. "Don't you know. Hasn't Bob told you?" "What?" Her voice was little more than a whisper. "Bob and I are engaged!" For an instant, Bob Terry closed her eyes. The room swam—she felt dizzy. Then she smiled gamely. "I thought you were. I am so glad, Miss Shannon—so very glad, for Bob's sake—and for yours." And then she did a very queer thing. She seated herself suddenly—because it seemed that her knees would not support her. And despite her heroic efforts, the tears streamed down her cheeks. Kathleen sat on the arm of her chair. She pressed her face against Lola's slender shoulder—and Kathleen, too, was crying. "Oh! Lola," she said, "I'm sorry—so sorry about this. And I don't know about Bob. Or about myself—or you. But right now we've got to keep our courage, we've got to find out what is

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THE MORNING ARGUMENT

AUNT HET

By Robert Quillen "I reckon one reason why a woman likes to kiss a child on the back of the neck is because that's the only place that's clean enough." (Copyright, 1928, Publishers Syndicate.)

PRUNPORT COMPANY MAKING PROGRESS

Makes PrunJu Shipment To London; Business Outlook for 1928 Good A considerable number of people of Salem and vicinity, who are stockholders of the Major Fruit Products company, will be pleased to learn of the progress of that concern. Its office and factory are at present at 703 Jefferson street, Vancouver, Wash., but it is hoped to have them finally in Salem. The company makes these prune products: PrunPort, PrunAle, PrunKrest, PrunPulp PrunJu, and PrunO-Marmalade. Order From London The company on last Friday received a cable from Henderson & Turnbull, Ltd., of London, England, for a sample fifty gallon barrel of PrunJu. PrunJu is the concentrated juice of dried prunes without sugar. It is believed this is the entering wedge to a large market for Italian prunes abroad. This shipment left on the steamship Montgomeryshire for London on Saturday, February 18, the day following receipt of the order. Inquiries from all parts of the United States for their products are coming in constantly. They have already received orders from California for both PrunJu and PrunPort fountain syrup. They anticipate a considerable volume of business on their entire line of prune products for the year 1928.

HONOR WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Decks cleared, congress was ready tonight for the traditional tribute to the father of his country which will be the only business before either house tomorrow. Again Washington's farewell address will be read, just to make sure, presumably, that no new member goes unadvised as to what the first president had to say. By way of preparation the house lumbered along today with general debate on the District of Columbia appropriation bill while the senate struck a two hour snag on agreeing to the conference report of the \$22,000,000 interior department supply bill. Once his was out of the way, it went into the long deferred Muscle Shoals debate, revolving today around the Norris resolution for government operation. On the house side the naval committee attacked for the first time the task of trying to agree on a building program after weeks of open hearings while administration wheel horses began mobilizing support for the engineer corps flood control plan endorsed by President Coolidge. A counter mobilization by Mississippi water head representatives, including republicans and democrats, to oppose the administration scheme also got going. The day was enlivened by seemingly well founded reports that a new administration proposal was in the making.

POOR PA

By Claude Callan "Betty got to mockin' Ma's laiser yesterday an' it wasn't funny to Ma like it is when she mocks my people." (Copyright, 1928, Publishers Syndicate.)

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(From columns of The Statesman, Feb. 22, 1903.) An epidemic of murders was reported in the press yesterday. Shootings occurred in four cities. It is announced that George Moore, the novelist, who has been a leader in reviving the ancient language of Ireland, has gone back to the use of English. Willie Hayes, who eloped from the Chemawa Indian school, fell under the wheels of a train on which he was "bumming" and was killed. Governor Chamberlain vetoed a bill providing for a summer normal school at Newport. POSTPONE ARRANGMENT Thursday Set as Date for Charges Against Firm's Head PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Arrangement of James P. Cooke, Charles R. Goodwin and Howard F. Philpott on charges preferred by the county grand jury as the result of the collapse of the Overbeck and Cooke brokerage house was postponed today in the circuit court and the three defendants will not be required to appear for arraignment until Thursday. In the meanwhile, A. M. Cannon, referee in bankruptcy in the federal court, has set March 19 as a date for a meeting of the creditors of the bankrupt company to elect a permanent trustee to carry on the settling of the affairs of the company. SKI RACE WON LAKE PLACID, N. Y., Feb. 21 (AP)—Magnus Satre of Norway today outdistanced a field of 27 of the best skiers of the United States and Canada in the 10 miles race here and annexed the eastern cross country ski championship.

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