

"No Favor Sways Us; No Fear Shall Awe." From First Statesman, March 23, 1851

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Pax Britannica

INDIA remains for Britain the outpost of empire. One by one the colonies settled by men from the British isles have been accorded independent status in the commonwealth of nations making up the British empire.

Mahatma Gandhi, eminent leader of the Indians opposed to foreign rule, has now notified the British viceroy, Lord Irwin, that he will launch the policy of "civil disobedience" by which he hopes to drive the British out of his country.

At the close of 1929 the National Congress of India was held at Lahore. This was an assemblage of the men who are striving for complete national independence.

Despite the self-confidence in Indian self-government which the foreign educated young Hindus possess, independence for India would mean the releasing of bitter internal strife. It would light the fires of religious frenzy, of class consciousness if revolt against the caste system were worked up, and all the ancient hatreds which long have divided the inhabitants of India.

The danger to India is summed up by J. L. Garvin, a noted British publicist, writing recently in the London Observer, as follows:

"Mr. Gandhi is a saint, but in the intensity of his fixed ideas he is the Lenin of Asiatic sainthood. If he and his colleagues in political bolshevism had their way they would sweep India into a raging gulf of anarchy, and bring about the most appalling catastrophe that could overwhelm the inconceivable millions of its hapless common people."

From the Life

YOU never can tell what a fellow may have behind his eyes. He may be an ordinary business man in most every way, but when you come up on his blind side you discover he has some mental quirk you can't explain.

Now we could tell him the Koreshan cellular theory is all bunk, because we never heard of it before. But that wouldn't satisfy him. This old fellow, who had an interest in a hotel in Winlock and in Portland real estate, had a hobby and that hobby must have been studying whatever mystical abstractions this Koreshan Unity promulgated.

You never can tell. Your next-door neighbor may be a spiritualist, a reformed bandit, or a parlor socialist. People are queer that way.

At Plainfield, Wisconsin, they had a community celebration and the merchants threw in the bonfire their stocks of oleomargarine and their licenses to sell the stuff. That is good publicity for the cause, and in a state which produces as much and as good butter as Wisconsin there ought to be little market for oleo which is so greatly inferior in food values.

Some of the moving picture stars are in trouble over their income tax reports. Evidently some of the revenue agents read salary schedules in the film magazines and then checked up. The income tax is one place where "the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" is the only safe as well as wise policy.

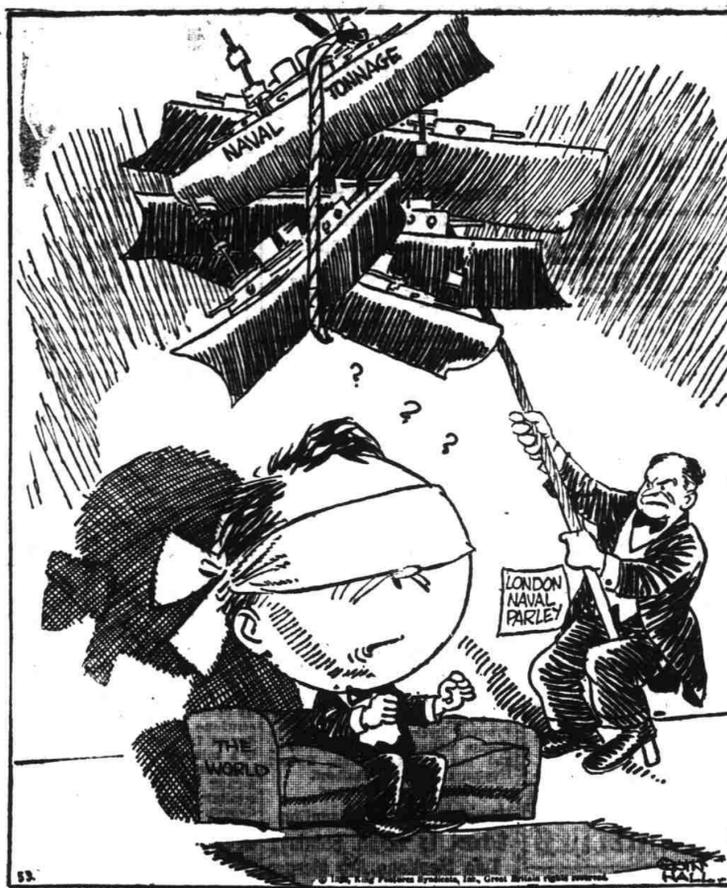
It will not be long now till we see the coast league starting with Portland in its first-of-the-season rank of 1939.

Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Easter falls on April 20th this year. Plenty of time to "do your Easter shopping early."

The farm board has quit leaning on an artificial basis of values for wheat. That will be good news to custodians of the public treasury. Uncle Sam is rich, but he does hate to lose money on the board of trade.

Klamath Falls has just dedicated a new hotel. All the Oregon towns seem to be out of step on hotel question but Salem.

THE GUESSING GAME



BITS for BREAKFAST

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The Mission Play again:

Since this column has contained a number of references to California's Mission Play and her old missions the history of which the play gives in colorful and impressive pageant form, numerous questions have been asked of the Bits man concerning this historical portrayal.

"Does the Catholic church own the Mission Play?" is a common question. No. The bulk of the funds necessary to construct the playhouse and its auxiliary features was raised by a committee appointed by the Los Angeles chamber of commerce. Then the Mission Playhouse corporation was formed, with 21 directors. The project was largely financed in a popular way.

One of the foremen in the construction of the playhouse was in Salem a few days ago. He is a Methodist, former resident of Albany, Oregon, now a citizen of Los Angeles. He told that at one period of the construction of the playhouse the company ran out of funds, and the work stopped or was about to stop. Then some of the rich and forward looking men of Los Angeles came to the rescue and the work proceeded. Such men as Harry Chandler of the Los Angeles Times and E. L. Doherty, the oil man, reputed to be the two wealthiest individuals in California.

Though the force of players numbers about 100, and some of them have good salaries, the net profit is small. They are all devoted, for all time, to the restoration of the old missions and other historical enterprises. John Steven McGroarty and his wife have donated to the play all their copyrights, covering the presentation of the play there.

"Who owns the old missions?" is another question. The Catholic church owns them. They always did. They started them. Each of the 21 mission establishments belonged to the members of that church, mostly Indians— to the members of the local church organization. Just as a Methodist or Baptist or other church in Salem belongs to its members. Every mission was first a Catholic church. The rooms, shops and eating places, and the crops and cattle and sheep to support them, belonged to the 21 churches.

The Mexican government, whose constitution after seceding from Spain was proclaimed Oct. 4, 1824, gave an edict of "secularization" of all the mission property, which was, in plain language, confiscation. It was robbery. The Catholic politicians of Mexico robbed their own churches of California, because they thought they needed all these cattle and horses and sheep and all the gold and silver ornaments, etc., etc. The robbery was all but complete, and the \$0,000 Indian converts were driven away into destitution and starvation. Even one priest started with his Indian neophytes, Father Barria (not Serra) at Soledad, who remained with his dusky fol-

lowers after the high handed edict.

But after the Mexican war, when the flag of the United States went up over the old custom house at Monterey, which was in its history the capital of three nations, the edict was of no effect. Uncle Sam gave what was left of their property back to the churches—but little was left excepting ruins; some of them splendid ruins. The United States has never played the role of a robber of churches. To indicate to the reader how splendid are some of the ruins, it is only necessary to cite the case of the mission of San Juan Capistrano, near the coast between Los Angeles and San Diego. An eminent architect, Arthur B. Benton, after a careful survey, has estimated that \$200,000 will be required to restore that mission—though the massive walls of the church are still intact, and the whole church building is in fair repair—after 154 years.

In only one of the old mission churches, that one at Santa Barbara, have the lights on the altar never gone out. Services are now regularly held in nearly all the old mission churches, and more or less work has been done on nearly all of them, toward their restoration. The state of California has undertaken to restore the one at Sonoma. In due time they will all be restored, though the last of this work is likely to be at a date far in the future.

Besides bringing the first palm and olive and pepper tree, and many others to California, the Franciscans brought the first grape vine and literally hundreds of plants. They invented at the San Luis Obispo mission the curved tiles so generally used in California, and elsewhere. They originated the mission style of architecture, so nearly universal in that state.

"Is any one free to see the old missions?" is another question. Yes. But at most of them are caretakers who either make a charge, usually 25 cents, or expect a contribution from those who are shown through. Some one is expected to pay these caretakers. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." They must live. If one is seeking for information, he usually gets more than he pays for, if he parts with only 25 cents. In such establishments as the San Gabriel mission, near the Mission Play, where large parties are shown through, often one after another, the receipts are considerable, but so is the fund of information imparted, for the men in charge are well posted on their history and are courteous in answering fully and correctly all questions. Many of the pictures and objects on display are of venerable age and of large value, and each one has a history worth hearing and remembering.

How many boards 6 inches wide and 10 feet long, and 4 1/2 inches to the weather, will be required to cover a wall 30 feet long and 14 feet high, allowing 25 per cent for openings and 5 per cent for waste? Answer to Yesterday's Problem \$1250. Explanation—Multiply 2-3 by 2; then 2-3 A's plus 4-3 A's equals \$900. Find 1-3 and 2-3. Take 2-3 of 450; subtract from \$900; then 4 B's equals \$500. Find 4-4. Add \$900 and \$450.

RABBIT CLUB FORMED CENTRAL HOWELL, March 7.—The Rabbit club is to meet at the home of the leader, Clarence Herr, Friday afternoon.

SOVIET SENDS RELIGION TO THE BONFIRE



These working men and women of the Soviet smilingly pile the religious symbols which they have collected from laborers' dormitories upon the truck that is to carry them to the bonfire. Five thousand items were burned in one huge celebration which was attended by 15,000 men, women and children. These religious pictures were taken from the dormitories "Volodarsky."

Editorial Comment

From Other Papers

UNEMPLOYMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT

Senator Wagner in his move for an inquiry into unemployment may be prompted by a political motive and a desire to embarrass the administration. But the situation is one that is going to demand attention. It cannot be solved by police clubbings of unemployed marchers, even if some of the marchers are radical.

You can't preach order and morality successfully to men with empty stomachs and whose families are feeling the pinch of want. They are more prone under such conditions to listen to those who shout to them, however mistakenly, that there is something wrong in the general scheme of things. That is where the chronic soapbox orators come in. It is a situation wholly to their liking and ready made to their hand.

The administration and congress will be making no mistake if they give some attention to the problem of unemployment. In its potentialities it is a problem more important than the tariff, more important than foreign relations and fully as important as any other single question now before the country.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF EVERYTHING?

Important for the trend of thought it evidences is the advocacy of government control of the lumber industry by W. B. Greeley, former chief forester, now of the West Coast Lumbermen's association at Portland yesterday. He favors this as a means of restricting undue competition and stabilizing the business.

The need of restricted production is of course apparent to all. It is necessary to even a fair measure of prosperity that the market should not be continually glutted with more lumber than can be sold at a decent price. Nor is there anything revolutionary about the idea, for the government is trying to do it for the farmers and is being asked to do it for the oil trade, which is not exactly "lucky" as it has been immensely profitable, but is suffering from an overproduction which makes it hard for the manufacturers to maintain their present high price levels.

The The Santa Cruz mission, built in 1791, was visited by an earthquake and a tidal wave in January, 1840, partially destroying the building. In 1851 the walls fell, and that mission has now entirely disappeared.

Many thousands of Indians were buried in the holy ground of the missions in their glory. Not a trace of all these graves is left. The fathers were generally buried under the tiled floors in front of the altars of the churches. Father Junipero was so buried in the San Carlos de Carmel mission church six miles east of Monterey; his home church. His unique and magnificent monument is there.

Yesterdays

... Of Old Oregon

Town Talks From The Statesman Our Fathers Read

March 8 1905 Information has come to the state board of trustees of the insane asylum to effect that the state sewer which runs through the city on Center street and carries the asylum and penitentiary is being tapped by private parties.

Notwithstanding the fact that the governor has vetoed the act which authorized the Master Fish Warden Van Dusen to purchase a patrol boat at a cost of \$5,000, it now seems that this official will be provided with this necessary convenience. The warden has been instructed to begin preliminary work on the Willow hatchery.

The girls' basketball team of Willamette met defeat at the hands of the Chemawa Indian girls by a score of 18 to 3. Misses Balknap and Corry were stars for Willamette, and best plays for Chemawa were made by Miss Wood, Mrs. Mahaffie, Miss Lee Dixon, Dixie from the south, Dorothy Middleton, Ann Annesley, a social service field, Mildred Robinson; Barry Reid, Rosamond's fresh man brother, Joe Simmons; Harriet Annesley, Ann's younger sister, Francis Fredrickson; Tess, Ann's protegee from the village, Ethel Case; Mike Ryan, a susceptible policeman; Donald Hart; Brian Pierpont, a brilliant young lawyer, Dean Allen; Ren Archibald, Perry, pastor of the village flock, John Oliver; Dallas Thorne, owner of the "Tavern." Ralph Dempsey; John Sedgwick, an old flame of Miss Day's, Frank Hamilton; Gloria Sherwood, Jerome, a fascinating widow, Edna McCrow; Celeste, Gloria's maid, Nadia Carroll.

The senior class play, directed by F. M. Mitchell, will be given in two or three weeks.

FAREWELL PARTY IS GIVEN MARTINS

AUMSVILLE, March 7.—(Special)—Members of the women's Bible class of the Bethel Sunday school called on Mrs. A. Martin Wednesday afternoon for a farewell party as Mr. and Mrs. Martin are moving their family to Salem this week where Mr. Martin has employment. Those present were Mrs. Mills Martin, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, Miss Strayer, Mrs. Saere, Mrs. McCollough, Mrs. Wallace, Ms. Powell, Mrs. Gray and Mrs. Frank. A luncheon was served late in the afternoon. The Getchel home was the

OREGON Know Your Oregon! An Interesting Game of Questions and Answers Prepared by The Research Department of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce HOW MANY CAN YOU ANSWER CORRECTLY?

- Set No. B-6 1. Name two reclamation projects in Oregon which are the largest in this country now being developed. 2. Name a federal irrigation project in Klamath county. 3. What is the principal crop produced in Rogue River valley irrigated lands? 4. Name three towns in Umatilla county in irrigated sections. 5. Name the irrigation project that produced the nation's finest alfalfa clover seed in 1929. 6. Name the leading county in Oregon shipping apples raised on irrigated land to world markets. 7. Name towns in Morrow county known for their melons raised on irrigated lands. 8. Name a county in eastern Oregon with large irrigated tracts also noted for its scenic wonder-

Nervous Headache! Dr. Copeland's Health Topic Today

It's One of the Most Common Ailments and a Frequent Cause is Eye-Strain, Says Authority, Advising Against Delay in Corrective Measures.

By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D. United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

ONE of the most common ailments is headache. It is capable of incapacitating us so that for the time being we find no joy in living. Many a day of pain and ineffectual work is the consequence.

Any one of many conditions may produce headaches. They might be classified into two distinct classes, as:

- 1. Headaches due to some organic disease, and 2. Headaches which are symptoms of some functional disturbances. The tissue cells and nerves of the brain are affected by the blood stream, just as every part of the body is affected by it. Poisons set up in the system are carried by the blood stream to the brain. The chief cause of headache is eye strain. Young children, the middle-aged and those well on in years all feel the bad effects of headaches at one time or another and usually from this cause.

With eye strain often comes a "nervous headache." School children may be sufferers from this sort because of poor lighting systems in the schoolrooms. You should have the eyes of a child examined and have glasses fitted if necessary. Long continued eye strain brings serious trouble sometimes. Many persons have eye strain and headaches from looking at moving pictures. Given names and vomiting may occur. Such persons should have their eyes examined and rest until they are stronger. Any disease which is producing in the system, causing poisons to circulate through the blood stream, may bring with it severe headaches. Abscessed teeth, infected tonsils, diseased nasal sinuses or suppuration of the ear, ulcer of the stomach, infected kidneys, or bladder an infected appendix and anemia are productive of headaches.

If you have long-continued headaches you should see your doctor and have a thorough physical examination. It may be only the eyes, but this is in itself a most important factor. The eyes should be looked after and kept in the best of condition. There is a more sensitive organ than the delicate eye.

If it should be that you have pus formation in your system you surely want to eliminate that. Do not suffer from headaches week in and week out without doing something about it. There is always some cause for these painful ailments. Why suffer an infected appendix and work and work until you are in a worse condition by procrastination? Have you tried, as a cure for your headache, a quiet, dark room in order that you may sleep it off? Nothing is better than refreshing sleep.

Answers to Health Queries

D. L. Q.—I am nineteen years old, five feet three inches tall, what should I weigh? A.—You should weigh about 120 pounds. R. M. Q.—What do you advise for psoriasis? A.—For full particulars send self-addressed, stamped envelope and repeat your question. Miss R. G. Q.—Will peroxide destroy the roots of hair on the face? A.—Fresh peroxide of hydrogen, frequently applied will bleach the hair, thus making it less conspicuous and it is contended by some, peroxide will retard the hair growth. Washington, D. C., Newspaper Feature Service, Inc.

SOPHOMORE CLASS PLAY REHEARSED

RICKREALL, Nov. 7.—(Special)—The cast of the sophomore class play "Tea Taper Tavern," directed by Doris Phenice, started to practice this week. It is a three act comedy. The cast is as follows: Marlon Day, a canny chaperon, Margaret Edgar; Rosamond Reid, her niece just out of college, Elizabeth Rowell; Sally Lee Dixon, Dixie from the south, Dorothy Middleton; Ann Annesley, a social service field, Mildred Robinson; Barry Reid, Rosamond's fresh man brother, Joe Simmons; Harriet Annesley, Ann's younger sister, Francis Fredrickson; Tess, Ann's protegee from the village, Ethel Case; Mike Ryan, a susceptible policeman; Donald Hart; Brian Pierpont, a brilliant young lawyer, Dean Allen; Ren Archibald, Perry, pastor of the village flock, John Oliver; Dallas Thorne, owner of the "Tavern." Ralph Dempsey; John Sedgwick, an old flame of Miss Day's, Frank Hamilton; Gloria Sherwood, Jerome, a fascinating widow, Edna McCrow; Celeste, Gloria's maid, Nadia Carroll.

GREENWOOD COMEDY DRAWS FULL HOUSE

GREENWOOD, March 6.—"The Ghost in the House," a comedy in three acts, was presented at the Greenwood schoolhouse Saturday night at 8 o'clock, directed by Mrs. H. A. Dempsey. Wunder's five-piece orchestra of independent furnished the music. The cast follows: Henry Witherspoon, Ora Lantz; Rebecca Witherspoon, his wife, Elva Brown; Frank Witherspoon, their son, Davis Allen; Marjorie Witherspoon, the daughter, Doris Lantz; Marion, her chum, Anna Storttler; Spiggat, the butler, Harney Dempsey; Annie, the maid, Rida Allen; Mike Clancy, a policeman, Lloyd Stuffer; Harry, Frank's chum, Pete Brown.

ZENA, March 6.—Miss Evelyn French of Salem was a week-end visitor in Zena at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James C. French. Mrs. French and Miss Zena were Sunday afternoon callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Merrick of Zena.