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U. S. Exports Coal to Europe

The United States will ship over 35,000,000 tons of coal to Europe this season. This is a boon of American mines which otherwise would have to reduce their work-weeks. It gives a good piece of business to the railroads serving Hampton Roads, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, the principal ports for coal export. But it is costly to European nations because of the dollar exchange required. Even when it comes as a grant under the Marshall Plan it serves to reduce imports of other raw materials that may be needed, such as steel or steel scrap.

Europe has plenty of coal but just isn't able to get it dug and distributed. In Great Britain mining is an arduous task—the coal seams are narrow and it is hard to manipulate power mining machinery there. Even so Britain is falling down in coal production when comparison is made with prewar figures. Fewer men are working in the pits and there is greater absenteeism among the miners. Some of the latter is due to the readiness of miners to skip a day's work in order to avoid getting into a higher bracket on their income tax. Immigration of miners from Italy which is sadly overpopulated has been proposed, but the strongly entrenched miners' union objects, so only 1,300 Italians are at work in British coal mines.

German production also lags, for a variety of reasons. Housing for miners is needed. Owners have been uncertain as to the future title to the mines. Coal mines in Silesia were lost to Poland in the drawing of postwar boundaries, though Poland is producing more coal and Western Europe is getting some coal from that country. France gets a share of German production, and Germans do not like to see this disposition of their coal which forces them to import American coal at higher prices.

Quite a tangle to be sure. The United States will have to insist on greater coal production in Europe since its countries have both coal and manpower.

Judges and Politics

Justice Douglas has written to President Truman to advise him that he is not available as candidate for President or vice president. It was hardly necessary this year, for since Douglas refused the Truman bid for the vice presidency in 1948 his name has pretty well been dropped from the list of party eligibles. The Southern Democrats who will cut a wide swath in the party convention are not at all interested in Douglas—unless it be to get him off the supreme bench.

It could not have been Douglas that Senator Butler of Maryland was aiming at when he introduced a resolution in the Senate last Thursday calling for a constitutional amendment to bar any member of the Federal judiciary from running for any political office until five years after he has resigned from the bench. He says his reason is to relieve judges from all political pressure. (Was he looking at Chief Justice Vinson when he wrote his resolution?)

Senator Butler told his fellow members:

"The federal bench is the last resort of free men for justice and it should be left unhampered to do its important duty."

He cited with his disapproval the President's invitation to Judge Thomas F. Murphy to head the clean-up campaign in administrative offices.

All of which may be good medicine for the country. But Butler, who attained his present

office through a political campaign reeking with fraud and misrepresentation is hardly the one to prate about the sins of politics.

Not "Cheaper by the Dozen"

After reflecting on the upcharge of 10 per cent on quantity purchase of postcards the Wall Street Journal sagely concludes:

"What you need in the Government's topsy-turty business world is a fellow with the inside track who can get it for you retail."

President Truman is asking for \$5 billion in additional taxes. Here is one way to understand what that sum means. A stack of \$1000 bills which total \$1 million will measure eight inches in height. A stack to represent a billion dollars would be 111 feet higher than the Washington monument. A stack to represent \$5 billion would be as tall as six Washington monuments . . . How far is it to the moon?

Oregon Democrats head in different directions on the presidency. Monroe Sweetland, national committeeman, works for a Truman slate of delegates. Sen. Tom Mahoney was the early bird with Democratic petitions for Eisenhower. Now his political pal, Sen. Jack Bain, is touting Senator Kefauver of Tennessee. It all contributes to political gayety in Oregon, of which we have too little.

The Agriculture Department reports that fewer people were working on farms the last week in December than at any time in the last 42 years. Power machinery makes for less human labor on farms, freeing farm hands for urban industries and trades and farmers for winter trips to Florida and Arizona.

When a husband gets a phone call from Friend wife that says, "But I want you to come and look at it" he should reach for his checkbook as well as his hat.

Editorial Comment

CHURCHILL'S "CAMBRIDGE" DERBY

(From Manchester, Eng., Guardian)
American descriptions of Mr. Churchill's hat as "that extraordinary headgear" and "a sawed-off Derby" are causing a little pain in St. James's. The hat may not be modish now, but it is not quite a museum-piece yet. The managing director of James Lock and Company, supreme in matters of hard felt, says that almost a hundred people bought similar hats last year in black, grey, or brown—not to mention a large order for the staff of a London hotel. The hat which is now enchanting America, and which we usually see at election time, is a version of the bowler or coke known to the trade as the "sawed-off." More particularly it is called the "Cambridge."

The "Cambridge" has two close relatives, the "Cockburn" and the "Russell." A slightly domed top distinguishes the "Cambridge," the "Cockburn" is flatish, and the "Russell" lies somewhere between. Their great period was from 1865 or 1870 to 1900, when their popularity began to wane among all but the most staunchly conservative. It is probable that the three "square-crowns" were named after members of the peerage, but documentary evidence is unavailably missing.

The last order from Mr. Churchill for a "Cambridge" on the books is dated 1919. He sets himself somewhat apart by his continuing affection for his "Cambridge," but there is nothing exclusive about the "extraordinary headgear." You can walk into the shop in St. James's to-day and with luck be fitted readily from stock with a black or brown (a grey might be more difficult) at a cost of £3 5s—the same as that of a coke or bowler.

U. N. Commission Report Indicates World Ready to Prevent Economic Depressions

By J. M. ROBERTS, JR.
AP News Analyst

A United Nations commission reports the world has learned enough about handling unemployment and the like to prevent future economic depressions like that of the 1930's.

The idea is that, at least for the countries with mature economic systems, prosperity is here to stay, although there may be less of it at some times than others.

Yet Europe admittedly faces inability to look after its own defense without interfering seriously with living standards.

The British Commonwealth is in the midst of an extremely grave financial crisis which some experts are predicting will bring the collapse of the sterling bloc. And there is a deadly inflation connected with prosperity in the United States which cannot help but remind of the fool's paradise of 1929.

Leaders of the British Commonwealth are meeting in London now to discuss ways and means. The sterling bloc ran a deficit of a billion dollars in October, November and December in its relations with gold and dollar areas, and the end is not in sight.

The pound is thus under serious pressure. A new reduction in its value is threatened. Britain will try to meet the threat by regards herself by reduction of government expenditures for all except rearmament, by cutting back the supply of consumer goods and pushing exports, and by boosting production even at the expense of longer hours of labor.

She wants other members of the commonwealth to do like-

wise. The situation in France has become so critical that there is actually a movement among taxpayers to do their duty. Traditionally, in France and Italy, businesses just avoid their taxes.

Governments have been slow to put on the pressure to collect because of political consequences. Firms which would like to be honest cannot do so and still meet competition.

Now there are just the beginnings here and there of a movement to see if this problem can be met on an industry-wide basis. Hardly anything could be more indicative of French ap-

preciation of their country's predicament.

I'm no economic expert, but the suspicion has been with me for a long time that the last worldwide depression really was only seemingly ended by war production.

And that having shot up a vast amount of its resources, the world can't really be better off than it was 12 or 13 years ago. Imbalances between the haves and have-nots are just as pronounced as ever, in a world sense, and however old-fashioned it may sound, that is still the problem which is fundamental to the cold war.

Literary Guidepost

By W. G. ROGERS

THE PEOPLE WITH THE "DOGS," by Christina Stead

(Little, Brown; \$3.75)

Edward Massine, thirtyish, key figure in Miss Stead's new novel, has a dog, Musty, and a cat, Westfourth . . . the Massine locale in downtown New York; he owns a couple of brownstones and can live economically on his income; he has a mistress, Margot, who expects more of him than he expects of her. And his somewhat plaintive question is: "What is wrong with a quiet life and hurting no one?"

A good deal of quiet living and hurting no one goes on in this story, for there are a good many Massines. Aunt Onaida Solway, her husband Lou, the pianist; Leander Massine, his wife Little Jenny, his daughter Flora; Ollie Massine Benson. There are more Massines in the country, at Big Farm, and friends of Massines, and critics of Massines. Margot complains that Edward "never had to love anyone," and he admits, "I have too little to do, but nothing attracts me." So like the rest of the family, if he can't be relied

on in human matters, he can be in canine, and there is a dog for almost every character: Madame Butterfly, the Alsatian, the Abbott, Darryl, Sambo, Bones, Charlie.

The novel begins with a slaying and it ends with a decision reached. In between, however, there is a vast stretch of people being ineffective, of life being pointless, of going on but never getting anywhere, of satisfactions that fall a little short of making one content. At least they do not content the reader. I do not know really what Miss Stead means. Is she defending the old, the traditional, the people who have nothing to do but walk in their dogs? That way of life is all right, except that in these pages it is not made attractive. Or maybe she implies, inversely, that the supposed American aggressiveness and ambition are faulty qualities; but her attack on them is not convincingly devastating. This is like notes for a novel; this hasn't jelled; the though behind all this has not fired Miss Stead's unusual imaginative talents. She doesn't blow hot, and so I don't either.

GRIN AND BEAR IT by Lichty



... Must be some mistake... ours was a planned BABY ...

IT SEEMS TO ME

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comprehensive plans and would be of the unimpeachable public benefit. We cannot, merely in reliance upon the preliminary refusal of the State Commission to issue licenses or permits, avoid responsibility for considering the broader public interest questions before an under the Federal Power Act."

I do not see how one may quarrel with that interpretation of the FPC's legal responsibility. It must appraise the proposed project by its own rules and decide according to its own judgment.

The principal objection to the power dam is its interference with the program of state and federal governments for building up the run of salmon. It is admitted the run in that river is small now. The power company has made certain offers to finance fish propagation. The State Fish Commission thinks its provision is not adequate. The FPC makes this finding:

"The record is not sufficient to determine at this time the amount the applicant should contribute each year toward operation and maintenance of the fishery conservation facilities and we will leave that matter for future determination."

Finally its order includes this Article 34:

"The licensee shall negotiate with the Fish and Game Commission of the State of Oregon with respect to the amount the licensee shall pay each year to defray a reasonable portion of the operation and maintenance costs of the fishery facilities to be provided under this license. Should the licensee and the state agency fail to agree on the amount to be paid by the licensee for such purposes, the Commission reserves the right to determine the amount of this annual payment after notice and opportunity for hearing."

This requirement has not been made clear in the publicity regarding the action of FPC. It points the way to a settlement by negotiation. If that fails the Commission will make the decision. The State Hydroelectric Commission might well join with FPC on this solution to the controversy.

I do not see where the court action which is threatened by opponents of the project will accomplish anything more than delay the work. It seems to me the greatest utility for this section of power. That certain federal and state administrative agencies made some agreement to reserve tributaries of the lower Columbia as fish sanctuaries is not binding, for powers of legislation are retained by the congress and state legislatures.

I merely want to offer my own conclusion after reading the opinion and order of the Federal Power Commission: (1) It does not invade state rights governing the use of water; and (2) it gives due consideration to the preservation and building up of salmon runs on the Deschutes, and (3) the state agencies should work to effect a settlement of the fish issue by negotiation and not rush into court.

Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I don't choose to walk past that place."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "unfrequented"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Announce, annihilate, animosity, annoint.
4. What does the word "aphorism" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ur that means "courtesy of manners"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I would rather not walk by that place." 2. Accent third syllable, not the second. 3. Annoint. 4. A pithy sentence stating a general doctrine or truth. "Benjamin Franklin is famous for his many aphorisms." 5. Urbanity.

Home Nursing Classes Filled

Home nursing classes under part-sponsorship of Marion County Red Cross chapter, beginning this week, were nearly filled to capacity for this session, it was announced Wednesday by Chapter Manager Frank Parcher.

Another class is being formed at Chemawa under co-sponsorship of Marion County Civil Defense. Room for two or three more trainees was available in two classes meeting in the Old High School Building, High and Marion Street, tonight and Tuesday, Parcher said.

The class meeting tonight will be taught by Mrs. Florence Cameron from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m. The Tuesday class, taught by Mrs. Irene Strom, meets for a two-hour session at 1 p. m. The Wednesday night unit was filled.

Persons interested in enrolling for the open classes may contact the Red Cross office for further information, Parcher said.

Mrs. McCormick To Be Released From Hospital

Mrs. Glenn McCormick, Salem, and Mrs. Paul McElwain, Coos Bay, will be released from a Palm Desert, Calif., hospital Friday or Saturday, it was learned in Salem Wednesday.

Their husbands will remain hospitalized, McCormick for three or four weeks, as a result of an auto accident in which all four were injured Jan. 9.

Word of their recovery was brought to Salem Wednesday by Mrs. Oscar Olsen, Coos Bay, who flew to Salem with the McCormick's daughter, Glenda Lou. The latter was not in the accident but had been with her parents at Palm Springs.

Mrs. Olsen is the wife of the manager of McElwain's garage at Coos Bay. McCormick and McElwain are associated in radio station operations. McCormick is the owner of KSLM, Salem. It was not yet known whether he will remain in California to recuperate after he leaves the hospital.

Sons, Daughter Of Salem Couple On Isolated Train

Among those snowbound on trains in California's High Sierras this week were the two sons and one daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Warthen, 1175 Fairview Ave. The three, Merland and Verli and Mrs. Lila Del Ponte, spent 36 hours on a train which was ahead of the City of San Francisco, whose passengers were rescued Wednesday. The three live in Vallejo, Calif. and were returning from Reno, Nev.

Joseph Schuetz New Sergeant On Police Force

New sergeant on the city police force is Joseph Schuetz, who was certified to fill a vacancy Wednesday by the Salem civil service commission.

Schuetz was high man of eight who took the sergeant's examination. Certified as eligible for promotion to sergeant when vacancies occur, are: Marion Mathers, Frank Sloan, Elwood Hewitt and Charles Esplin. Three others took the examination.

Quote for the Day

For everything you have missed you have gained something else.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

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West Oregon Indians Seek Independence

PORTLAND (AP) — The director of Indian affairs here Wednesday proposed that the government end its supervision over Western Oregon Indians. The move has been approved by more than 2,000 Indians affected. E. Morgan Pryse, area director, said.

Pryse said that the plan has been discussed at scores of meetings with Indians who want to be freed from federal control. They want to be able to own their own land and manage their own money, he said.

And, he added, they are well able to do it.

Load Limit on High Street Area Sought

Request for a five-ton load limit on a block-long section of South High Street beyond the edge of the city was filed Wednesday with Marion County Court.

Petitioners, Gerald D. Beach and Harold L. Porter, said the 300-foot gravel section between the city's edge and Fairview Avenue was breaking up under heavy traffic.

Members of the court said the section is a "public road," which means the county is not obligated to maintain it, but an investigation is underway.

Ex-Salem Resident Mrs. DeLong Dies

A former Salem resident and Willamette University graduate, Mrs. Mae T. DeLong, died in Portland Wednesday.

Mrs. DeLong left Salem for Portland in 1918. Included among the survivors are two cousins in Salem, Mrs. Alma Pohle, and Mrs. Floyd Ulter. She leaves also her widower, a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren, all in Portland.

Services will be held Friday morning from the Finley Mortuary in Portland.

Gas Victims Return Home

The victims of a near-asphyxiation were home Wednesday.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zunk, who escaped from being asphyxiated Tuesday by monoxide gas at their home on East Ave. Both were found unconscious from the effects of the gas and spent Tuesday in Salem General Hospital recovering.

Play at Church Concerns Lepers

A play aimed at creating interest in work with lepers will be presented at 8 o'clock tonight in Bethel Baptist Church by the Women's Missionary Society.

The society's annual public program will include the play, "Episodes in the Life of Mary Reed." She worked among the lepers of India. The denomination now is starting to work with lepers in the Cameroons of Africa.

State Income Tax Collection Sets Record

A new record of state income tax collections was set during 1951, with a total of \$59,285,130, Chairman Ray Smith of the State Tax Commission announced Wednesday.

The former high was \$59,203,647 in 1948. Smith said that the increase has come from approximately the same number of taxpayers as in 1950, but that taxable incomes have risen.

Personal income tax collections rose, in the year, by 31 per cent to \$39,319,323; corporation excise tax collections by 47 per cent to \$19,965,807. The number of taxable personal returns increased 4 per cent to 391,913 and those of corporations declined by 8 per cent to 5,767.

It was pointed out that the total increase last year was more than the figures indicated, since the 1948 figures included not only tax payments for 1947 but also several months of 1948 withholding payments as that program began. Last year's total included only the 1951 withholding receipts and the difference between actual returns and amounts withheld for 1950.

DR. MARTIN DIES

NORTH BEND, Ore. (AP) — Injuries suffered in a traffic accident caused the death Wednesday of Dr. June Martin, 72, North Bend, osteopath. Dr. Martin was a past worthy grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star of Oregon and had been state chaplain of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Willamette U. Students Plan Spring Classes

Pre-registration for Willamette University spring semester began Wednesday as final exams for the fall session loomed 10 days away for students.

First day of the three-day early registration period saw about 770 students pick up materials for mapping out next semester classes, Registrar Harold B. Jory said.

More than 900 students are expected to register this week. Regular registration will be held Feb. 4, when a total enrollment of about the same as fall term's 1,064 is expected.

Fall semester exams will begin Jan. 6 and will continue through the following week to Feb. 1.

No between-semester vacation is scheduled as spring classes begin the following week on Feb. 5. Degrees will be conferred on about 10 seniors graduating fall term or last summer session during Founders and Benefactors Day observances Feb. 7. Convocation will be held at 10 a. m. in the university gymnasium.

About nine other graduates have elected to receive their degrees at regular commencement exercises in June, Jory said.

Exchange Club Panel Discusses Education Phases

All levels of public education from primary stages through college were discussed by a panel of Salem education leaders before Salem Exchange Club meeting at the Senator Hotel.

Members of the panel were Mark Hatfield, dean of men at Willamette University; Edmund Carleton, Salem High School principal, and Miss Mathilda Gillis, Richmond School principal and state president of Elementary Principals Association. Dr. George Martin, head of Willamette's education department, acted as moderator.

Problems and methods in each level were discussed by panel members, after which questions from the floor were answered.

About 120 Club members and friends attended the meeting following a dinner honoring Dr. and Mrs. Frank Bennett and members of Salem School Board.

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