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THE "FRAME" THAT FAILED

REPORTS from the investigation of the great petition hoax are rather meager, but it is apparent that the police at Portland are gradually putting together the pieces of a very ugly picture. A grand double-decker seems to have been the intent of the perpetrators of this strange affair.

According to the Corvallis paper, one of the gents at G. H. Q. in Portland spent \$5 on long distance one day last week giving the brethren in Corvallis a tipoff on an alleged deal with opponents of the measure, and one of the Corvallis group accordingly was sent to Portland to give the alarm and to act as a sort of extra watchman for the treasure.

Apparently the setup was to load the alleged petition buyers into a trap where they could be surprised by the virtuous Corvallis delegate, or at least identified for future reference. Something went "haywire" in the plans.

Either there never were any petition buyers or they were far too "caggy" to walk into any trap, or the bungling office watchman gave the alarm and brought down the police so soon that no delivery could be perfected. Either there was a scandalous transaction of attempted sell-out and double crossing or the whole thing resolves itself into a contemptible racket for the sole object of publicity.

About the only thing that is clear is that the principals in the maneuver were capable of tricking not only their opponents but the public and even each other. The public will find it difficult to place any confidence in people connected with such an affair.

The latest phase of the racket is a series of slander stories alleging that the brave souls in charge of the school raid are in danger from kidnapers or bombers or gangsters. These things we must grin and bear—mostly grin at, because they do not fool anybody anywhere.

TESTING LUMBER COMBINATION

PRESIDENT HOOVER replies to Governor Meier's proposals in behalf of the lumber industry with the suggestion that the government and the lumbermen organize a friendly civil suit to test the legality of production and price controlling combines. In effect, the president's suggestion is that the courts shall legislate around the Sherman anti-trust act by the process of interpretation.

That is one way of getting the thing done. The problems of lumber and the other natural resource industries, however, will probably require positive legislation in addition to all that can be done to help them by the loosening of present regulations. It is doubtful if operating combines can achieve efficient regulation of production without a coordinated program to bring all sources of supply under proper control.

The marginal operator in coal or oil or timber or mineral ores presents an extremely difficult problem. He owns property which is taxed and on which he is entitled to a chance to earn a return. The public will resent any loosely drawn program which eliminates all the essential elements of competition. Many economists do not believe the problem can ever be solved until the government appropriates all marginal resources into vast federal reserves.

Legalizing combinations for the self-regulation of present operations will be a helpful step insofar as it will strengthen industries to meet present emergencies, but a program which will conserve resources and prevent wasteful operations for all time to come will be needed in the long run. It is such a study, as we understand it, that Governor Meier has proposed.

HIGH COST OF CAMPAIGNING

WHILE the statesmen and near-statesmen sound off on "the issues" for the coming presidential campaign, the practical boys in both parties are getting busy on certain important arithmetical problems. Should we say "simple arithmetic"? Arithmetic is no longer simple when the sum comes to \$19,000,000. That, according to the experts, is what it will cost the two major parties for the campaign this year. About \$5,000,000 apiece! That's all!

Oh, no, don't get excited! The previous campaign cost the two major parties \$16,500,000, including what Bishop Cannon cost the Republicans and the Al Smith deficit which Johnny Raskob had to absorb. But that was in the piping period of prosperity when the slogan was two cars for every garage. Along with all other things the price of campaigning is coming down. This year, for instance, it will be quite unnecessary to say anything about two cars to a garage.

Of course, \$5,000,000 per party is still a very large sum, but not so shocking as it may seem. Many a private corporation spends as much or more on a single advertising spread to sell the American people a cigarette, a soap, a safety razor blade or a new kind of gum. Why should it cost any less to sell the people a presidential name?

As a matter of fact the campaign will cost each party much more than \$5,000,000 for that sum represents only what each national organization will spend. Each of the stronger local branches in state and county and city will be having its own campaign chest, part of which will go to help the national cause along.

Where will the parties get the funds? Well, that won't be so difficult as it might seem, even in these hard times. As a rule each job holder or prospective job holder is expected to chip in as much as folks do at Charity Chest time. Then there are certain very large corporations which can be expected to take a friendly interest in both campaigns. Finally, there are various wealthy individuals who have a yen for ambassadorships and such things. Astute campaign treasurers know where the money grows and there will be no lost motions when they begin raising funds.

Political theorists have long preached against the evils inherent in this situation. People who have been heavy donors to political campaigns often

expect and often receive proportionate favors. If things were ideal, parties would be financed by the dues of long lists of active members (as the Labor party in England was for many years). But practical politicians know the futility of trying to get and hold long lists of paying members. The present system is quicker and easier.

Most of us call ourselves Republican or Democrat without ever stopping to think that this really should involve a financial as well as a voting obligation. When we grumble because parties seem to favor special interests, we forget that we really have little right to complain.

LEAVING IT TO HERBERT

FACING election hurdles in the fall, the Senate and the House join in sending the relief bill to the president without removing the objectionable provisions for throwing the federal relief program open to every conceivable kind of grab. Republican senators claim they swung to the bill in the hope of hastening compromise action by bringing on a quick veto. Possibly they will hasten the compromise but they are taking for themselves the obviously easy "out." Hoover and Hoover alone will have to face the protests born of prejudice and misunderstanding in this matter.

The so-called Garner plan for opening the relief loan privileges to all comers without an adequate financial provision for the strain is one of the cheapest pieces of political clap-trap ever put before the public. The efficacy of the whole program might be subject to legitimate challenge. It is merely an economic ship-plaster at best. At no point has either party shown any genuine understanding of the social and economic dislocations which are giving the nation so much distress. In any form the relief bill is a mere "shot-in-the-arm" to ease the pain while nature does the rest.

Luckily the patient has such a rugged constitution that he will probably survive even the remedies of the experts. Maybe the experts will get so excited trying to pin the blame on Dr. Hoover that they will forget to operate. For business, that might even be a break. Perhaps the best thing that could happen to business would be to give up looking for help through politics.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

LARGELY BALLYHOOD

DESPITE the barrage of verbal broadsides in the great battle between President Hoover and Speaker Garner over the provisions of the relief bill, the country refuses to get excited about it. A lot of dust is being raised while the rafters ring and the windows rattle as the combatants shout the merits of the particular plan of salvation but this is a political year, one combatant heads and the other tails a national ticket, each is playing to the galleries with ballyhoo to secure votes—and we let it go at that.

Mr. Hoover sees a "grave menace" in the proposal to make a small percentage of the loans available to individuals, but a majority of both houses of congress unable to see the menace, approved it, and it is difficult to see why the big concerns should be the only ones aided. But if there is anything that excites the president it is federal relief for the jobless. And if there is anything that Mr. Garner typifies, it is this form of relief.

For the author of the Federal Farm board and the Reconstruction Finance corporation to be horrified over pork barrel legislation, sounds like Satan rebuking sin, for both of these Hoover creations have broken the world record in the distribution of huge hunks of pork—so big they dare not let the people know what has become of their money.

Mr. Hoover has shown his customary inaptitude in handling the relief bill. Instead of exerting pressure early enough to have the bill modified according to his wishes, he waits until it gets into conference and when an agreement is near, butts in creating needless acrimony and then grandstands for the public. Mr. Garner, who muffed his opportunity to control the house on the sales tax and economy programs of his party, has shown equal ineptitude and stubbornness in the relief program and a similar propensity for grandstanding. But it is an election year, and expected.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER (NEA Service Writer)

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WASHINGTON, July 13.—Big, bald, genial James A. Farley, the fast-thinking, fast-trading Irishman who is chairman of the New York Bowling commission, has brought his man safely through the elimination bouts on his first entry into the arena of national politics.

New come the finals, with J. managing one of the two contestants in what may be a presidential battle of the century—Roosevelt vs. Hoover. He is sure to do some splendid work in his high post as national chairman and campaign manager of the democrats. He may make some tactical blunders which will tax his demonstrated facility for japing quickly from his own messes, but he is a fellow and quickly from his own messes, but he is a fellow with a flare for practical success, and he is likely to be the most popular national chairman anyone will be able to recall.

Nearly all the most important men in the democratic party, along with the shrewd, hard-boiled, powerful machine bosses who usually dictate nominations, have just been licked, if not out-smarted, by this new-comer on the national scene who planned, organized and supervised the nomination of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Energy, alertness, directness, eternal good humor, snare-shooting, quick political sense and a grand line of blarney which makes nearly everyone his friend were the chief qualities which enabled Farley to execute that superb performance.

He doesn't drink nor smoke, but he chews gum on any and all occasions—chews it ferociously and conspicuously, even on the platform as he brings his candidate Roosevelt forth to address the convention. His extraordinary memory for names and faces was demonstrated a hundred times a day during the convention, as the important and less important democratic politicians of the south and west poured into his headquarters.

After Roosevelt's re-election by 728,000 majority as governor of New York in 1930, Farley said Roosevelt would be the next president. He began, as chairman of the New York state democratic committee, to write thousands of letters.

A year ago this month the democrats began to meet Jim in a big way. He traveled 30,000 miles in six weeks, once making 19 states in 20 days, giving everyone he met a plain heart-to-heart talk on why he believed Roosevelt was the best man to nominate and the easiest to elect. He built up a card index of six or seven thousand names of the folks he had met and undertook to maintain correspondence with them.

He worked with incredible speed and energy. And Roosevelt came to the convention with a substantial majority of delegates.

Farley was still green at national politics and sometimes he blundered. He let others lead him off on the wrong foot in the proposal to abandon the old two-months' more but that important, to grab too much lightning at Chicago.

But he delegated important work to some good men, such as Bruce Kremer of Montana, Dan Roper and Homer Cummings, veterans who wound up their job by pulling out all the stops on the old Wilson idealism in the critical drive for the Texas and California delegates.

SIDE GLANCES



"Haven't you anything to do but cold me? Why aren't you out raving speakles?"

MATERNITY MORTALITY

EXPECTANT MOTHERS MUST AVOID WORK LIKELY TO PRODUCE EXHAUSTION

By DR. MORRIS FISHEIN (Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygeia, the Health Magazine)

THE occurrence of complications due to special construction of the body which make the process of childbirth exceedingly difficult must be anticipated by a physician through proper study of the patient well in advance.

In instances where difficulty is a certainty, it is frequently desirable for the patient to go to the hospital a week or more in advance of the anticipated event.

Moreover, the physician of today is concerned in handling childbirth not only with the actual disease of the patient and with the question of medical care, but also with economic and social factors, which undoubtedly have an important bearing on childbirth.

The circumstances under which the woman lives, the state of her health and nutrition, her daily life and occupation may all exercise some effect on health and on that of the child. An unsanitary dwelling with overcrowding, inadequate lighting and ventilation may be serious in their effects on both mother and baby.

If the home conditions are unsatisfactory for the woman who expects to have a child, every effort must be made to obtain better accommodations, particularly at the time when the child is to be born.

Finally, there comes the question of work. How long shall the woman continue to work previous to childbirth? It has been shown that a prolongation of the process and a reduction in the weight of the newborn infant may be the direct consequence of work continued until the moment of childbirth.

Sometimes it is better that a woman continue the regular work that she has been doing as long as possible in order to keep her muscular system in good condition.

In any event, the employment of the woman should always be under observation, because of the danger of certain poison in industry, and particularly because of the dangers of undue fatigue or excessive strain.

In many countries laws have been passed protecting prospective mothers. In our own country there is little such legislation, but everything possible is being done to educate women to seek the attention of a physician as soon as position of a physician may mean the difference between life and death.

Modern Talkie Equipment Used For Free Movie

The latest in portable equipment—a recent invention of the Radio Corporation of America—will be used in presentation of an hour's program to be given Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock in the showroom of the Scherer Motor company, Gerald Scherer, manager, has taken over the Oldsmobile agency and is presenting the movie at his agency at west Seventh and Olive.

This equipment gives the same clear tone and pictorial effects of the larger apparatus used in the leading motion picture theaters of the country. It represents years of work by sound engineers and technicians who faced the problem of condensing the sound mechanism into a small space that could easily be carried and yet not sacrifice the quality of the sound.

The diversified program arranged for this showing will test the ability of the equipment. Included are a cartoon comedy with sound and music, a thrilling picture of deep sea fishing and a three-reel portrayal of interesting details of the designing and manufacturing of automobiles.

Junction City News

JUNCTION CITY, July 13.—(Special)—The local canny called in a crew of workers Tuesday and began on black cherries. There will be only a few days' work on cherries and berries. Berries will not be ready before July 20 and black cherries will be ready by the 25th.

Mrs. Flora Farley, who has been here for several weeks with her mother, Mrs. Frank Williams, left for her home in Portland on Sunday.

Ruth Young returned home Monday from a two weeks' stay with Mrs. Doll Tedrow, near Mounsooth.

HAYWARD VISITS CAMP LUCKY BOY

CAMP LUCKY BOY, Blue River, July 13.—(Special)—Camp Lucky Boy was inspected Monday by the regional inspector, W. L. Hayward, of Seattle. Mr. Hayward was accompanied by his son, Brooks Hayward, and will spend two days in camp.

HALSEY CLUB HAS MEETING FRIDAY

HALSEY, July 13.—(Special)—Purity Past Noble Grand club held its regular meeting Friday at the home of the president, Mrs. Edith Robinson. This is the last meeting of the summer. After the business session a social time was enjoyed and late in the afternoon the hostess served refreshments.

The King's Herald held a meeting Saturday afternoon at the country home of Phoebe Isom, one of the members. This is the junior missionary society of the Methodist Episcopal church. The children had their meeting under the supervision of their leader, Mrs. Merwin L. Vannice.

HALSEY BRIEFS

Rev. Omer Idso announces that next Sunday evening a special service will be a feature at the local Methodist Episcopal church when Rev. E. J. Atchley of Portland will give slides of the "Economic and Moral Waste of Sin." Everyone is invited.

Miss Ruth Snyder of Portland is here again this summer, to remain until fall with her sister, Mrs. Merwin L. Vannice, and family.

Miss Imogene Ellis of Marysville, Kansas, who is attending the summer school at the University of Oregon, spent the week-end here visiting her friends, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Taylor, Mrs. Taylor and Miss Ellis became acquainted last summer at summer school sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Tyson and daughter, Muriel, of Springfield, Mrs. Raymond Strawn and children Donald and Clarine of Toledo visited Mrs. Vera L. Isom Saturday. Mrs. Strawn is Mrs. Isom's sister.

Mrs. Dana C. Rossman accompanied Mrs. Clay P. Moody and children Cedric and Corella to their home at Marshfield last Saturday. Mrs. Moody and children had been visiting relatives and friends in this community for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gullberg of Portland, for many years residents of Halsey, spent the week-end at Cascade and visited friends and relatives in Halsey Tuesday and Wednesday. Mrs. Gullberg is a sister of Mr. Orlin W. Frum and William Kirk and are relatives of E. A. P. LaFollette.

Mayor Proclaims Eugene Showing Of "Grand Hotel"

Official recognition of the showing of "Grand Hotel" here Thursday and Friday has been given for the city of Eugene by Mayor Elisha Large, who issued a proclamation this week concerning the cinema. Mayor Large has set aside the two days as "Grand Hotel" days in the city. His proclamation follows.

Whereas, it is generally agreed that at its best the cinema art occupies a definite niche in the entertainment life of a community, and

Whereas, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's production of "Grand Hotel" has merited unstinted praise for having elevated the cinema art to its highest plane.

Therefore, I, Elisha Large, mayor of Eugene, Ore., proclaim Thursday and Friday, July 14 and 15, respectively, "Grand Hotel" days as a welcome to the roadshow presentation of this cinema in our city.

(Signed) ELISHA LARGE.

DRESSMAKING—HEMSTITCHING KATY ANN SHOP, 76 E. Brady. MARTIN'S SHIRT, 25c. 313 E. 8th. Ph. 1903-M. Ph. S. E. Stevens for piano tuning.

metal work; Henry Burns, metal craft; James Edwards, metal work; Walter Acherman, personal and Jerry Hume, public health. Lester Smith completed his service tests and David French his service tests. Work on other merit badges being completed rapidly and the scouts expect to complete encoining merit badge within the day.

The camp inspection Monday with the result a tie between Black Cat and the Yellow Legs. A free night was enjoyed by the scouts Monday who took part in singing and a ball game for the evening entertainment.

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