

## AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

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## A LESSON TO LEARN.

IT is beginning to look very much as if the end of the depression were just about in sight. The upturn probably won't be rapid, but it at least ought to be steady; and if at last it is at hand, the nation will be as truly thankful as if a long and arduous war had ended.

But there are one or two things the depression has taught us, and it is to be hoped that we can remember them after good times return.

First and foremost, the depression has taught us that our utter lack of any organized system to prevent recurrence of the unemployment cycle is almost criminally stupid.

Secondly, it has proved pretty clearly that our hit-or-miss way of taking care of the victims of the unemployment cycle is about as unsatisfactory as it possibly could be.

And when one ponders over these facts it is a little hard to understand why there are still diehards who protest loudly against any plans for state old age and unemployment insurance.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce the other day issued a blast on these allied subjects. It declared that such proposals are "socialistic" and it predicted that they would "undermine and weaken" the character of the people.

Now here is a point worth looking at.

Possibly the sturdy self-reliance of the wage-earner would suffer if the wage-earner knew that the state had instituted a system whereby he would be guaranteed a pittance if his factory had to shut down. But you might take a few minutes off, sometime, and consider whether our present system, or lack of system, is not even more fatal to self-reliance and ambition.

Go to the breadlines and see if the private charity that has got us through this depression has not "undermined and weakened" the character of its recipients. Go out with the social workers into the homes of families which have lived on free handouts for a year, or two years, and see what has happened there. Then ask yourself if a system of state unemployment and old age insurance could possibly be any more harmful.

## TYPHOID MARY

TO most of us, "Typhoid Mary" is just a name out of medical history. It was a little bit surprising, the other day, to read that the woman on whom a generation of medics have fastened that name is still alive, an inmate of a cottage on North Brother Island, New York City.

Typhoid Mary has been there more than 17 years. She is in perfect health and she has committed no crime, but she is under detention and she probably will be to the end of her days.

She works in the laboratories of a city hospital on the island, takes all her meals by herself in her little cottage, and while she is not strictly a prisoner she is never allowed to get very far from the watchful eye of the city health department. Now and then she is permitted to go into the city for an afternoon, but she always returns in the evening.

There is something unspeakably tragic about this woman's case. Mary Mallon—this is her real name—has the misfortune to carry the germs of typhoid fever in her system, and although she has never had the disease herself at least 57 cases of it, several of them fatal, have been traced to her.

To permit her to have her liberty would be to loose a certain, devastating source of infection upon everybody with whom she came in contact. So she must live in a cottage on an island off Manhattan, a virtual prisoner, cut off from the freedom that makes life worth living. Was there ever a woman much more unfortunate?

This case, somehow, seems to symbolize the way in which the modern world has erected restrictions on individual liberty for the sake of the common good. Mary Mallon is the victim, not of wilful injustice, but of the new order of society which must, now and then, sacrifice one for the sake of many.

## A NEW ANGLE

IT is interesting to read that one of the results of the construction of the St. Lawrence seaway may be extension of railroad electrification on a huge scale. Recent dispatches indicate that the New York Central railroad may arrange to use some of the power generated by the seaway to electrify its main line all the way from New York City to Buffalo.

A good many years ago, when electric locomotives were first being developed, it was commonly reported that they would very soon oust steam locomotives from railroads everywhere. So far, however, the steam locomotive is holding its own pretty well; for these big electrification programs are enormously costly to install, however many economies they may promise after they get into operation.

The New York Central, however, sees a new source of cheap and abundant electric power, and considers going ahead with the program on a grand scale. Railroad men and general public alike will watch with interest to see if this program is really to be put into effect.

## GRAND OPERA IN CHICAGO.

ALTHOUGH Chicago's gaudy civic opera has gone broke, it is probable that the city will have grand opera next winter anyway—only this time it will be grand opera without frills.

Under plans now being prepared, Chicago would get its opera at vaudeville prices. The singers would work for a percentage of the box office "take," costly trimmings would be avoided and the whole proposition would have to pay its own way just as any other theatrical enterprise does.

This is excellent good sense. As long as grand opera in America remains a plaything of the wealthy and socially prominent, subsidized by vast grants of cash from millionaires and existing chiefly to give social registerites a chance to display themselves, it will never prosper. Let it display itself, it will never prosper. Let it display

remove its high hat and appeal to the masses instead of to the upper crust and it will eventually take root and become a permanent institution.

## THE ICELAND AIR ROUTE

IT is beginning to look like a safe bet that the first commercial air line between the United States and Europe will be an affair of several comparatively short hops, routed via Greenland and Iceland, instead of one long jump over the "great circle" course.

Captain Wolfgang von Gronau, completing his third flight over the sea, adds one more demonstration to the number that have already been made to show the feasibility of the Greenland-Iceland route.

It is flights like his, rather than the spectacular non-stop affairs, that are really helping to bring regular transatlantic air mail service nearer to reality. It is hardly going too far to expect that a very few more years will see such a service established; and when that day comes flyers like Captain Gronau will get a large part of the credit.

Most of the nations of the world are convinced that Japan needs a good spanking, a famous historian remarks. But the trouble is that so far we have had no volunteers for the mother role.

An Englishman is breeding rabbits whose fur cannot be told from sable. That even things up. We've been paying for sable that you couldn't tell from rabbit.

In South America, we are informed, a man's wealth is often determined by the horses he owns. Here, his wealth is often determined by the horses he backs.

Mussolini says he is a firm advocate of economy in government. Just to prove his point, cabinet dinners in Italy now consist of a table set for one.

A Chicago woman who shot her husband says that she will miss him. But she didn't at the right time.

Hotel clerk robbed by guest, says a headline. Another case of the man biting the dog.

## WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

## THE GETZ TESTIMONY

(Corvallis Gazette-Times)

IN the testimony given by E. L. Getz of this city in the preliminary hearing of Cyril G. Brownell, charged with the theft of the petitions in the merger case, Mr. Getz related a telephone conversation which resulted from a call to him from Mr. Brownell in Portland, Mr. Brownell offered, according to the testimony and according to the reports as published in all the papers except the Eugene Guard, to return the school of commerce to Corvallis, make Dr. Kerr chancellor with residence here, and to pay any expenses that had been incurred for circulation of the petitions. This conversation of course was well known in Corvallis at the time the petitions were stolen but it remained for the Eugene Guard to give its own people an entirely different slant on the conversation. The Guard's special reporter at Portland sent the matter to his paper as follows:

Getz was then asked what the terms were for his part in forestalling the filing of the petitions, and the witness startled the courtroom with the answer:

"The return of the school of commerce to the Oregon State college, the appointment of Dr. Kerr as chancellor, and reimbursement for expenses of circulating the petitions."

The readers of the Guard may expect to receive biased editorials relating to the merger. It may expect to receive editorials that vary from the facts, but we would think they had a right to expect a correct report of proceedings in the preliminary hearing. The chances are that many of the Guard's readers in Eugene take some Portland paper and will get it correct anyway, which will leave the Guard in an embarrassing position. It is also more than likely that the owners of the paper did not know that its over zealous reporter sent it a wrong story, for our regard for the journalistic profession makes us hesitate to believe that the reporter's story was purposely changed in the Guard office to give its readers a wrong impression. However, considering some of the other things that have been published by the Guard that were entirely erroneous, and considering the charges that are brought out in this hearing, Eugene people will be willing to go to prevent a vote on the merger, we probably have no right to be surprised at anything.

## WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER  
(NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—The reorganization of the \$5,000,000,000 federal government, proposed and debated for decades, has begun.

An immediate saving of about \$68,000 a year, achieved by the firing of 40 people, is in prospect. That's about \$13 out of every million the government spends.

Consolidation within the department of commerce of the bureau of navigation and the steamship inspection service into a new bureau of navigation and steamship inspection appears to add \$9000 a year to the deficit.

But absorption of the radio division of the commerce department by the federal radio commission much more than makes up for that loss and it seems to be in order for all right-thinking citizens to cheer and build bonfires. At last it appears that it is possible to consolidate a couple of government agencies in the interests of economy without costing the taxpayers more money than ever.

THE BOLD ECONOMY BILL

Of course the R. of N. and the S. I. S. are only a couple of small bureaus employing a total of some 600 men and women, less than 100 of whom are in Washington. But congress stepped out boldly in the economy bill and decreed that the two should be merged.

It also ordered consolidation of the two radio agencies and even went so far as to toss the personnel classification board, with all of its 58 workers, into the civil service commission. It stopped there, of course, but that was something.

Democrats in congress complained that President Hoover, chief employer of reorganization propaganda, had refused to be specific as to just what he wanted consolidated.

Congress gave him power, however, to consolidate bureaus within executive departments—subject to congressional disapproval.

HERE'S A NICE, NEW JOB

There's a nice new \$8000 a year for the man who becomes director of the bureau of navigation and steamship inspection. The heads of the two old bureaus become his assistants, directors at their customary salaries of \$7500 a year.

The only possibility of economy seems to consist of laying off employees whose work is found to duplicate. But there doesn't seem to be much of any duplication and Malcom Kerlin, administrative assistant to the secretary of commerce, says no dismissals are anticipated.

It seems that the R. of N. was primarily a maritime law enforcement agency whereas the S. I. S. was primarily a maritime inspection service and so far it hasn't been figured out how one employee could do another's job along with his own.

THE REAL TRIUMPH

But the radio commission-radio division merger, involving 400 persons, was reorganization's triumph.

## SIDE GLANCES



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"I wonder if he stopped writing to me just because the postage rate went up."

## DIGESTIVE TROUBLES OFTEN PROVE SIMPLE TO PHYSICIAN

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

THE term, "indigestion" is an unscientific word like "dyspepsia," but almost everybody knows what it means. It merely means that the person who suffers with this symptom is having trouble with the digestion of his food or in absorbing it.

Most of the processes of the body under normal conditions take place without notice on the part of the person in whom they are going on. Just as soon as any of the physiologic processes begins to attract attention because of pain, noise, irritation, irregularities or any other disturbance it assumes the nature of a disease even though it is really only a symptom.

The digestive organs are, in general, not sensitive to heat or cold, or to light pressure. On the other hand, they are in intimate contact with organs in which there is acute sensibility so that disturbance in the digestive organs may be called to attention through feelings in organs adjacent.

Many people get used to a certain amount of discomfort during digestion and pay little attention to it. Others are acutely sensitive and respond to much smaller stimuli.

Chronic disturbance of digestion is frequently due to bad habits in eating, but in many instances is the result of actual disease of the stomach or intestines.

According to Dr. S. W. Patterson, the commonest cause in every day life of discomfort after meals is the bad habit of burping over meals, chewing the food incompletely, or swallowing large masses.

Moreover, great gulps of air may

be swallowed with the food that is taken hurriedly or with fluids taken rapidly. As a result the stomach becomes distended and air is regurgitated.

Sometimes the difficulty arises from chewing food and then washing it down with large swallows of fluid. Under such circumstances the eating of the solid food separately from the taking of fluids serves as a simple and successful means of prevention.

In many instances when there are erosion in the stomach at the end where it empties into the intestine, or when there is irritation of the valve where such emptying occurs, the symptoms are quite definite. The usual manifestations include discomfort two or three hours after a meal, relieved by taking food or by taking bicarbonate of soda.

The first symptoms of this disturbance are heartburn, belching of acid and the development of a large amount of saliva. The people who have this combination of symptoms find frequently that it comes on during cold weather, after worry or exposure, and that it is much worse when they are constipated.

Obviously, the determination of exactly what is wrong under such circumstances is of the greatest importance. The physician makes his diagnosis after a careful study of the case, including the use of x-rays to view the stomach while actually working, and including also a study of the fluid secreted by the stomach during the process of digestion.

The control of the condition through suitable medication and diet is a relatively simple matter once its cause is thoroughly understood.

## Coburg News

COBURG, Aug. 11.—(Special)—Gravestone services were held Tuesday at the West Point cemetery for Mrs. Ruth Hawk, who recently died in the Pacific Christian hospital in Eugene. A number of friends were present for the service. Rev. Errol B. Sloan of Fairmount Church of Christ officiated.

The Willing Workers' club held a picnic in the Snyder grove west of Coburg, Wednesday afternoon. Those attending were Mrs. Rebecca Simmons, Mrs. Ed Payne, Mrs. Gilbert Simmons and daughter, Gladys, Mrs. Hal Harrington, Mrs. Harry Harrington and son Harley, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Arthur Rosch, Mrs. Ralph Newman and son Ralph, Jr., Mrs. Chester Taylor, Mrs. Effie Ward, Miss Anna Vogel, Mrs. James Green and son Harry, Mrs. John Hurd and daughter Mary Jean, Mrs. Harold Hurd, Mrs. Cramer Surder, Mrs. Snyder and

daughter Beverly, Mrs. Ella Meek, Mrs. John Gustafson, Mrs. Richard Johns and two daughters Caroline and Geraldine, Mrs. James McDonald and two daughters Mary and Kathleen, Miss Ioris Smith and Miss Mabel Smith.

The next meeting will be in the form of a picnic in the Hurd grove, Wednesday, Aug. 24.

COBURG BRIEFS

The Methodist Ladies' Aid society met and cleaned the church Wednesday afternoon. There was no quilting.

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session of the aid held this week.

John Young and son Walter, Richard Malpass and Bobby Malpass have returned from a fishing trip to Yachats. They came home by Florence and report fishing very good.

Mrs. Harold Hurd attended a meeting of the fifth division of the Methodist Ladies' Aid society of Eugene at the home of Mrs. B. F. Godpasture at Leaburg, Tuesday.

Miss Leo Longoey, Miss Helen Ries, Miss Roberta Taylor and Miss Florence Swango made up a horseback riding party to Conger's camp last Tuesday. They reported a very fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Jose, Mrs. Marjorie Blair and daughter Lu Anne, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Matzek of Seattle were weekend guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Smith, Mrs. P. Mrs. Blair and Mrs. Matzek are pieces of Mr. Smith.

Miss Helen Ries and Miss Leone Longoey have returned to their homes after visiting for a few days at the home of Miss J. J. brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Siple in Portland.

Frank Lovelace, who has been seriously ill at his home in Eugene, is improving. Mrs. Martha Park ran a fall from a bank, just west of town, Wednesday, as she was on her way, for a visit with a friend and cut her head slightly above the eye. The injury is not serious.

Mr. and Mrs. James Seely and Dennis Mervell of Portland were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lovelace, Sunday. Mrs. Mervell is still staying with her parents to help care for her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodman and Ben Goodman of Harrisburg were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goodman, Monday evening.

## Junction City News

JUNCTION CITY, Aug. 11.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Borgard have moved to their newly erected home on Colina street between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith of Eugene visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Speer, Tuesday. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Speer are sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnson and Mrs. Annie Harp left for a week's stay at Bandon beach.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson have sold their farm in district 17 and moved back to their home at Fourth and Greenwood streets this city.

Ray Wisecarver of McMinville.

democratic candidate for secretary of state, was in Junction City looking for votes.

Ira Starr and Charles Pope of Blachly were Junction City visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Kemper and Mrs. Brown of the Norton district were Junction City visitors Tuesday.

Elmer Gray, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gray of Norton, is spending a month at Brienbush Springs, taking the baths and treatments for eczema from which he has been troubled for a number of years. The last report was he was improving.

J. O. Holt, manager of the Eugene Fruit Growers' association, was a visitor at Junction City Tuesday on a tour of inspection of the Junction City unit of the association which is now running on beets and beans.

Night in Hawaii—Saturday; Williamette Park.

Ph. S. E. Stevens for piano tuning.

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