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INCOMPETENT OFFICERS.

NO matter how fast the ships or how powerful the guns, a navy is no stronger than the men who command it; and Admiral William S. Sims says bluntly that in that respect our own navy leaves a great deal to be desired.

The retired commander of our overseas squadrons during the World War makes this statement in the current issue of The Atlantic Monthly. It is his contention that the system of promotion now in vogue tends to raise incompetent officers to the top and ruin the morale of officers in the lower brackets.

"It is enough to make one's hair stand on end," he writes, "to contemplate the results of an unexpected outbreak of war at a time when the fleet and the Navy Department happened to be in the hands of officers who lacked the essential confidence of the service."

Such a situation, he adds, could very easily develop. The present selection boards charged with making promotions, he says, cannot get enough information about the officers they promote to form a just estimate of them, and injustices are inevitable. The result, as he sees it, is that good men leave the service and stuffed shirts often reach high command.

Admiral Sims is not the first to make such charges. During the past summer Dr. F. Russell Bichowsky, former physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory, wrote a book called "Is the Navy Ready?" in which he asserted that naval officers are poorly trained and badly selected and that the fleet as a whole is far from ready for action.

The importance of all of this is evident when you reflect on the enormous responsibility that can rest on the shoulders of a naval commander in time of war.

It was said after the battle of Jutland that Jellicoe, commander of the British grand fleet, was the only man on either side who could have lost the war in one afternoon. In the heat of that battle, Jellicoe had something like ten minutes to make one of the most fateful decisions of any admiral's career. Had he chosen wrong, Britain might have been out of the war by daylight.

It is different with an army man. There is always a tomorrow for a general. Campaigns last for weeks and months. There is time to take counsel, to repair mistakes, to devise new tactics. But the admiral gets one guess and no more. His entire career can be focused in a tense quarter of an hour in the conning tower—and his country's fate goes with him.

We have spent tremendous sums on our navy in the last two decades. The money will have been wasted if we fail to give the navy the best possible commanders. Admiral Sims' charges need a sweeping investigation, and if they are found to be correct a complete overhauling of the system is imperative.

DROUTH THROUGH THE AGES.

THESE periodic drouths that are the curse of the American west are apparently a very old story. The National Geographic Society has been studying weather conditions of the long ago in Arizona and New Mexico, and it has found records of a very destructive 23-year drouth which began in 1276 and caused the migration of Indian tribes from a once fertile region of 40 villages.

This drouth took place about the time that old Kublai Khan ruled in China, and it turned a fertile plain into a desert. The Indians abandoned their villages forthwith, and moved on to greener fields, experiencing, no doubt, all the discouragement and heart-aches that our own farmers know last summer.

Some six and one-half centuries have passed since—and the problem is still with us. Fortunately, modern reclamation and forestation schemes do not condemn us to the only solution the Indians could find—hopeless flight.

ARMY PUTS ON A SHOW.

THERE is a homely American touch to the news that throngs of tourists have been so dense in the vicinity of Pine Camp, N. Y., that the elaborate war games being practiced by troops there have been in danger of actual interruption.

These games are the most elaborate ever held by the American army. Some 35,000 regulars and national guardsmen have been assembled to go through maneuvers. The United States has never seen such a large assemblage of troops in time of peace.

Naturally, the thing has been a bait for tourists. Army officials have estimated that at least half a million Americans are trying to get a look at the soldiers.

We can't be in much danger of militarism when the gay indisipline of sight-seers can overwhelm the American army itself.

Michigan youth jerked into air and injured by balloon at county fair. That'll teach him to keep away from all but stratosphere balloons.

Australian convict escapes prison in an airplane. Not a bad substitute for the wings of an angel.

If Mussolini should ever seek trouble with the United States, an incentive is available in the way radio sopranos murder Italian melodies.

New York begins war on noise. We won't believe the city is sincere unless its next election is preceded by a whispering campaign.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

NOT CONSISTENT

(The Oregonian)

FOLLOWING the recent recall of Howard Merriam, representative to the legislature from Lane county, the democratic Lane county court made a great virtue of choosing a republican to succeed the republican Merriam. The voters had elected a republican, unctuously proclaimed the democratic court, and they were entitled to have a republican in the vacant place. It made good reading, and was quickly seized upon by democratic politicians and the democratic press as argument for filling other legislative vacancies, to which democrats had been elected originally, with democrats. Mr. Taft, our democratic county commis-

sioner here in Multnomah, has let it be known that he will stick by the noble Lane county precedent, though the heavens fall or until hades freezes over. All of which is his right, of course. What is questioned is his promise.

But let us get back to our Lane county muttoms. Ben F. Keeney, Lane county assessor, died the other day. Ben was a republican from away back—always a nominated; always so elected. And the same democratic county court which had broadcast its devotion to the voters' mandate when it elected a republican legislator to succeed a republican, straightway elected a democratic assessor to succeed the late republican Keeney, who, running as a republican, usually had led the whole Lane county ticket at every election.

There is a deal of false pretense in political practice, and no party has a monopoly of it. As a matter of fact, there is no implication in the election of a man of one party that the voters are giving a mandate for election of somebody else of that party. A much sounder interpretation of the voters' desire is that which recognizes the rule of the runner-up in filling vacancies. A fair guess is that the Lane county court filled the Merriam vacancy with Mr. McKevitt because the latter was a local leader in the Townsend plan movement, not because he was a republican. At any rate, that court has deserted in the election of Mr. Stevens—a democratic party leader, to succeed the republican Keeney as assessor—its own rule so piously proclaimed in the Merriam-McKevitt case.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—The debated question of whether the new banking law represents a victory for Senator Carter Glass or Governor Eccles possibly is less important than a couple of other issues, to-wit:

Does the act tighten and centralize public control over the national banking, credit and financial policies? Does it tend to free American banks from the domination of Morgan and the big banks of New York?

Each time, the answer seems to be: Enormously. Those were the chief aims, as every informed person knew, of the Banking Act of 1933 when it was first proposed.

The present Federal Reserve Board, regarded as more or less hostile to Roosevelt and friendly to the New York banks, will be dropped. Roosevelt will appoint a new board of seven men. The 12 governors of the regional Federal Reserve banks, now to be called presidents, must hereafter have the approval of this board after they're chosen by bank directors. Three board members must be Republicans, but Republican No. 1 undoubtedly will be "radical" Gov. Marriner Eccles himself and the other two probably his choices.

Power Over Credit

The new open market committee is empowered to order Federal Reserve banks to buy or sell government securities—which at least theoretically will enable it to expand or contract credit by increasing or decreasing reserves of member banks. The committee, thanks to Glass, comprises the FRB and five Federal Reserve bank presidents, instead of merely the FRB as urged by Eccles.

Whether this will mean public or banker control of open market operations remains to be seen and depends on the care with which Roosevelt selects the board. Remember that the five governors must have been okayed by the FRB.

Now, just contrast that new setup with the present open market control system, under which the 12 bank governors undertake to control those operations, representing and responsible to private bankers.

Two Other Weapons

The FRB has other powers over credit—also regarded as weapons with which to head off speculative booms—which are now to be expanded. One is the power to change the rediscount rate (interest charged by Federal Reserve banks to member banks, which controls rates charged by latter to borrowers) and the act makes this more specific and enforceable.

The other enables it to change reserve requirements, under which member banks must keep 10 per cent of demand deposits and 3 per cent of time deposits with Reserve banks. Heretofore the FRB could only change those requirements by declaring an emergency—which would automatically create an emergency in case the board were merely trying to anticipate trouble.

The new act permits it to double the requirements without any such declaration and it's important to note that such a doubling would just about cancel out the present vast amount of excess reserves which so many experts regard as potential dynamite.

Shifts to Capital

Eccles and many other bankers have long been opposed to domination of the banking system by Wall Street bankers, who—more or less controlling the Federal Reserve—have worked out credit policies, set the pace on rediscount rates and worked with European banks. Policies have sometimes been made in view of the international rather than the domestic situation, as when the discount policy was adjusted in 1927 in order to support the pound.

The FRB now certainly will have no less than a balance of power between the New York bankers and the other bankers and it looks as if control might definitely be shifted from New York to Washington.

Since the open market committee can force regional banks to buy government securities, it will be much more difficult for New York banks to carry out tacit threats of revolt against the Roosevelt program by refusing to buy Treasury issues.

Liquidity Facilitated

Another break the outside-New York banks get is in the broadening of requirements on paper eligible for discount. Originally the only eligible paper was highly liquid short-term stuff and in 1929 many banks went to the wall with sound assets because their paper was technically ineligible.

The new act removes that and other restrictions, extends eligibility to nearly all sound assets and allows national banks to lend much more liberally on real estate. That means a lot more to bankers outside New York than to the big institutions of Wall Street. It may remove shackles in many cases and the administration, for the umpteenth time, thinks it has pulled something from the hat which will do a lot toward eliminating the bankers' "liquidity complex."

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

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

NEVER let your body go to extremes. Too much, or too little, both are unhealthy. And that is especially true in the activity of the thyroid gland.

I have already described the way in which over-secretion of the thyroid affects the system. Well, underactivity is just as dangerous.

Underactivity of the thyroid is called myxedema and cretinism. Under this condition, a person becomes cold, flabby, slow and dull. His body is bloated with fluid. The skin is dry and everything about the system is torpid. The heart, also, becomes enlarged and flabby.

Persons suffering with this trouble, can be supplied with the extra thyroid gland material that they ought to have, and this can be given by mouth.

When the right amount is administered, the effects are striking. In a few days the patient feels warmer, and begins to be alert. He is able to talk more fluently and to move his muscles more accurately.

The fluid which makes his body soggy begins to be excreted and the bloating disappears. His skin becomes active. Sometimes the skin grows so fast that these people practically shed some of it.

The hair, which has been brittle, becomes soft and grows faster. Usually in two or three weeks the patient tends to return to a normal appearance.

If, however, too much thyroid is given, there is an aching and tenderness in the muscles, the heart speeds up and there may actually be pain of the type of angina pectoris. Cases have been reported in which the heart has collapsed, due to an overdose of thyroid material. It must be remembered that the heart has become flabby and boggy, due to the material which accumulates as the result of the thyroid deficiency, and that time must be allowed for the tissues to return to normal before pressure is put on the damaged organ.

SIDE GLANCES



"Can anybody tell me how Wash Tubbs made out today, before he was cut into a paper doll?"

News of Noti

NOTI, Aug. 29.—(Special).—The Kill Kare Klub met at the home of Mrs. Owen Kayser. The day was spent in quilting and a covered dish lunch was served to the following: Mrs. Ragner Nordstein, Mrs. Leon Huston, Mrs. Bratten, Mrs. Elva Bourgeois, Mrs. Guard Huston, Mrs. Wm. Jay, Mrs. Rolan Vaughn, Mrs. Sterling Hopper, Mrs. Elwyn Kayser, Mrs. Clifford Fisk, Mrs. E. E. Rothwell, Mrs. Lester Perry, Mrs. W. R. Lee, Mrs. John Yarbrough, Mrs. Maud Cresson, Miss Zelpha Huston and the hostess, Mrs. Kayser. Next meeting will be in two weeks with Mrs. Elwyn Kayser.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Allison and daughter Virginia and son Jack attended the races and fair at Tillamook from Friday until Sunday of last week. Elery Perry of Yoncalla spent the week-end with relatives in Noti.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Goodman of Portland arrived Wednesday evening to visit with their father, Oscar Mitchell.

Helen Sutherland and Helen Withrow are leaving to begin work at the Seavey hop farms Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Perry of Yachats were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Perry Wednesday evening.

Leonard Hester of Camp Lewis Wash. and Katie Timish of Portland are spending the next two months with Mr. Hester's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Braunman who live in the Poodle Creek district.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brewer of Molalla were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holland and family of Veneta were Sunday guests at the Vernon George home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Ringdahl of the Poodle Creek district spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simpson and children and Vernon Swenson all of Swishome were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wigle were called to McMinnville Saturday to attend the funeral of a nephew. After spending a few days with relatives they will go to the hop yards near Independence to work through the picking season.

News of Westfir

WESTFIR, Aug. 28.—(Special).—Mrs. Clara Ryan and daughter Alice of Portland, who had spent the previous several days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Elam and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Rehwal and family, left for their home last Saturday. Mrs. Ryan is a sister of Mrs. Rehwal and Mrs. Elam.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Gerimonte and Miss Gloria Palladini accompanied Miss Muriel Bauman upon her return to Portland, Saturday. They returned Sunday. Miss Bauman had spent two weeks here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Gerimonte.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Stewart and daughter, Mrs. Otis McGee, drove to Eugene Saturday. They camped up the McKenzie Saturday night, returning home by way of the Brook road Sunday.

Mrs. Walter Smith has accepted a position in the alteration department of Montgomery Ward's store in Eugene.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ruble and son, Vernon, who spent the past few days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. V. J. Ramsdell and family left for their home in Portland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Elam and daughter, Billy Jane, were called to Payette by the sudden death of Mrs. Elam's sister. They were accompanied as far as Eugene by Mr. and Mrs. Martin Elam on Tuesday.

Miss Marjory Anthony returned home Saturday following a two weeks visit with her friend, Miss Mary Alice Bartlett at Toledo.

Dr. J. A. Benson spent the week-end here as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Lawford. He left for Portland on Tuesday.

Picnic groups at Salmon Creek falls.

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LATE WEEK IS QUIET SOCIALLY

Coming Week Will See Increased Activity

By MARIAN LOWRY

THE warm weather of the past few days and the prospective holiday week-end have combined to eliminate much social activity for the remainder of the week here.

Following Labor day next week, however, announcement will be made by several clubs and organizations of their plans for the new year. September will bring first meetings for several groups.

MEETING FRIDAY

The executive group of the Women's City club is to meet Friday afternoon at the home of the president, Mrs. George P. Winchell, to make plans for the group's first meeting.

TEAS FOR DAUGHTERS

Mrs. C. A. Horton entertained at a large tea Wednesday afternoon at her home to honor her daughters, Mrs. Margery Horton, who is to be married next Wednesday to Francis W. Kelley Jr. of New Haven, Conn., and Miss Lela Horton, who has been visiting here from West Virginia.

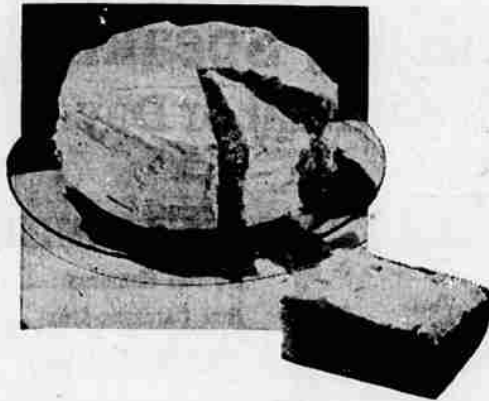
Women Winners in Meet with Caddies

A tournament between the women and the caddies featured the weekly ladies day at the Country club, Wednesday. The women won, twenty-nine and one-half points to nine and one-half points. Mrs. John Bushman won first for the women with a net seventy-eight, and Mrs. Belden Babb and Mrs. L. B. Sigwart were second, each with eighty-one. For the caddies, Robert Findner was first with seventy-three and Robert Spear second with seventy-four.

Following are the results of the tournament:

Mrs. Dick Spritz, 114, handicap of 22, net of 91, vs. Mr. Jay, 92, 14, 78; Mrs. Belden Babb, 95, 14, 81 vs. Mr. Brown, 111, 20, and 91; Mrs. Joseph H. Koke, 99, 16, 83, vs. Dick Good, 109, 22, 84; Mrs. Newton Smith, 110, 15, 95, vs. Mr. Huestis, 97, 16, 81; Mrs. Waldo J. Adams, 100, 10, 90, vs. Robert Findner, 82, 9, 73; Mrs. L. B. Sigwart, 92, 11, 81, vs. Prentice Black, 94, 10, 84; Mrs. W. D. Abel, 101, 17, 84, vs. Mr. Anchor, 106, 22.

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Honoring Miss Margaret Ellen Osborne, who is to be married September 15 to Max E. Hill of Sacramento, Cal., Miss Margaret Osborne entertained at a surprise shower at her home Wednesday evening. Games were played and the Mu sorority trio sang songs. Refreshments were served.

Those attending the party were Miss Margaret Ellen Osborne, Allen Osborne, Miss Janet O'Connell, Miss Pearl Murphy, Miss Lucy Wendell, Miss Jessie Mathews, Ray Martin, Miss Marvel Reed, Mary Margaret Lott, Mrs. J. H. L. Nutt, Miss Lucy Crow, Miss L. Cherry, Miss Frances Taylor, C. E. Cutler, and the hostess.

Two weeks from Wednesday will be played the qualifying rounds for the start of the fall tournament for the women.

JUDGE NAMED
 SALEM, Ore., Aug. 29.—(UP)—G. F. Hodges, Pendleton, became a county judge of Umatilla county today, by appointment of Governor Martin. Hodges, a democrat, succeeded the late Clive Cheshire.

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