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MAN CAN 'TAKE IT'

THAT man can do nothing to prevent floods such as the one which has just moved disastrously down the Ohio Valley is the depressing contention of Dr. Charles P. Berkey, professor of geology at Columbia University.

Here, in substance, is Dr. Berkey's argument: When there is an oversupply of rain or melting snow, river systems are bound to be flooded. Special reforestation, levees, and a few dams at best can impound but little of this surplus water. The rest must flow down into the rivers.

In normal times, the inner channel of each river carries the stream. During a flood, however, the valley bottom also is covered; and, in great floods, even the lower terraces may be reached.

The point is, Dr. Berkey indicates, these lands form the right of way of one of Nature's giants; and men who live on these valley bottoms are, in effect, trespassers.

Such people are in yearly danger, he continues, and will learn by experience, if not otherwise, that Nature is still master.

Eventually, he maintains, populations crowded along the river bottoms should be moved beyond reach of danger; and cities even replanned.

"Instead of praying . . . or attempting to dispute the right of way of one of Nature's giants," Dr. Berkey concludes, "it would show great wisdom to accept the situation and turn back to the river such portion of the river bottom as it may occupy on occasion."

There seems no question but that Dr. Berkey's suggested solution, if carried out, would prevent future flood mortality and property loss. But the first move to uproot human beings from the side of a river which has, in the main, treated them kindly, would surely bring a thundering protest.

People choose to live beside a river because it is an artery of trade, and the soil near it is rich, all of which spells prosperity.

The river finally becomes a part of them. In much the same way as midwestern farmers come to love their prairie land, which first attracted them because of its fertility.

And occasional floods are not going to drive away the inhabitants of bottom lands any more than occasional tornadoes or dust storms will frighten off the farmers.

For most human beings are gamblers at heart, and gluttons for punishment. They always have been willing to take whatever Nature could hand them, and come up fighting, providing they thought they had a chance to win out.

Man is puny, says Dr. Berkey, and he should not dispute the right of way of one of Nature's giants. Man, however, doesn't seem to realize how puny he is, as his conquests of the Colorado, Columbia, Tennessee, and other rivers reveal. And he is just stubborn enough to go ahead and conquer, or at least try to tame, the mighty Ohio and Mississippi, too.

NIGHT'S DANGERS

A TRAFFIC squad expert in a large American city recently published figures showing that more than half of the fatal accidents in his city in 1936 took place at night—although, as a moment's reflection shows, by far the greater part of any city's traffic moves in daylight.

The reason is not far to seek. Streets are often poorly lighted. On rainy nights every light sheds a dozen confusing reflections—on windshields, on auto windows, on gleaming pavement. Pedestrians, unwarily crossing a street in the middle of the block, are invisible until the driver is almost on top of them.

Part of the remedy, of course, is better street lighting. But the thing that is chiefly needed is greater care on the part of the drivers. It ought to be obvious that to try to make daytime speed under nighttime's conditions of limited visibility is bound to lead to tragedies.

Six per cent of the appropriation for a new anti-flood program will be spent for "pest control." It is difficult to keep away the flood lighters.

"Scientists to study early man." Their curiosity is understood by the wife who has such a tough time waking her spouse.

Philadelphia is to have a "Temple of the Arts." The Temple of one art, we understand, is Shirley.

In New York hotel elevator operators are walking out. And hotel patrons up.

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

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

ONE of the most interesting symptoms of scarlet fever involves the tongue. Because of its bright red appearance, and because the tissue of the surface of the tongue swells so as to show tiny pits, the tongue of a scarlet fever victim is called strawberry tongue.

In most cases of scarlet fever, swelling of the neck glands is a common sign. Also exceedingly important are the serious effects of the disease on the kidneys; another important complication is infection in the ears. The severe inflammation and swelling in the throat may extend into the Eustachian tubes, which pass from the back of the nose to the ears. The infection, too, may spread through to the ear and cause serious infection, with ultimate destruction of hearing.

In the majority of cases, scarlet fever is spread by infection which passes from one person to another, another important complication is infection in the ears is a contaminated waste or milk supply.

Also interesting is the fact that infections with scarlet fever vary from time to time in their severity. The condition at present appears to be a fairly mild type, but there have been occasions when exceedingly severe forms of scarlet fever have attacked whole communities.

The usual time required for an attack of scarlet fever after one has been exposed to the disease is from three to four days, although cases have appeared as late as seven days after the infection.

The germ which causes scarlet fever is a streptococcus. This has been apparent for a great many years. The streptococcus, however, is an organism which ap-

pears in many forms. Thus, there are streptococci which produce such conditions as childhood fever, erysipelas, septic sore throat, and possibly also rheumatic fever and St. Vitus' dance.

The widespread distribution of streptococci and the various types of disease which they cause are, no doubt, responsible for the delay in isolation of the special form which seem invariably to produce scarlet fever.

Scarlet fever, as I have already said, is a cold weather disease. It begins gradually to increase in the autumn and to reach its greatest incidence from January to March. From then on, the number of cases declines until the lowest number appears during July and August.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Among the large field of entries in current speculation as to the six men Roosevelt would choose for the supreme court if Congress gave him power to replace or supplement those on the court over 70 years old, the following may be considered the best bets at this time:

Dr. Felix Frankfurter of the Harvard law school, Assistant U. S. Atty. Gen. Robert H. Jackson of Jamestown, N. Y., U. S. Solicitor General Stanley Reed, of Mayville, Ky.

Donald R. Rieberg of Chicago, Judge Joseph C. Hutcheson, Jr., of Houston, Tex., member of the Fifth U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Except for Jackson, all these men are in their fifties.

The sixth man would be, like Hutcheson, a judge from one of the circuit courts of appeal, probably from the far west. That is practically certain. So are the appointments of Frankfurter, Rieberg and Hutcheson—if Roosevelt gets the chance.

Jackson, who is only 45 years old and something of an administration favorite to succeed Gov. Herbert Lehman of New York, might or might not accept a seat on the high tribunal. Reed, upon whom has fallen the heaviest burden of arguing New Deal laws before the present supreme court, is a strong probability.

Murphy's Possibility

There are some good alternative bets. You may be sure that the appointments would be geographically distributed—probably one being drawn from the south, one from New England, one from New York, one from the border states, one from the middle west and one from the Pacific coast-mountain states area.

The one doubt about Donald Rieberg rests in the possibility that organized labor would fight his confirmation. Although Rieberg rose to fame as a lawyer for railroad labor unions, his attitudes during his service with NRA and as "assistant president" enraged many labor leaders.

If labor should go to bat strong against Rieberg he probably would lose out. And in that case you could turn your gaze toward Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana, an able lawyer and a loyal administration man; toward Dean Lloyd K. Garrison of the University of Wisconsin; and toward Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan.

Murphy, who has just been congratulated by the president for his work in settling the General Motors strike, is especially strong as a possibility because Roosevelt undoubtedly will feel compelled to appoint a Roman Catholic member to the court if there is any revamping. But Murphy is young and probably would not accept. The only Catholic justice now sitting is Pierce Butler, who is over 70.

(Don't pay an attention when you hear rumors that Roosevelt will appoint one or two Negroes. That's merely a whispering campaign now being prepared for possible effect on southern members of Congress.)

Other Good Bets

Frankfurter looks as a certainty because he is so utterly logical a successor to Justice Louis D. Brandeis, whose devoted disciple he is.

Senator Robert Wagner is most likely to be the next New Yorker appointed to the court in case Jackson, for one reason or another, doesn't go on. Wagner is practically a freak in national affairs, because he combines a sincere progressive social vision, and outstanding ability as a former judge turned legislator, with a close affiliation to Tammany Hall. Judge Sam Rosenman, Roosevelt's close counselor, and Judge Ferdinand Pecora are also among the genuine possibilities.

In case your correspondent is wrong in forecasting appointment of a far western circuit court judge, the next best bet will be Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Washington. He does not seek it.

Personal Feelings Enter

New Dealers incline to agree that Hutcheson is "the best federal judge in the south." That means that he is a liberal willing to uphold New Deal measures and a jurist of outstanding ability.

Chief trouble with these predictions is that the backstage hackings of this supreme court battle is full of jealousies and personal ambitions. F. D. R. has embarked on the fight of his life, and his record indicates that regardless of his personal preferences, he is willing to trade patronage for votes.

Whether any supreme court seats will be traded, no one knows. But the New Deal record on federal judgeship appointments is enough to turn the stomach of any political purist.

And the prospect of trades in circuit court judgeships under the Roosevelt reorganization program is conducive to groans and grunts on the part of innocent bystanders—of whom there are still few in Washington.

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AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHBIEIN

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

LITTLE is gained by treating the throat with antiseptics during an attack of scarlet fever. The initial soreness and swelling soon disappear. If, however, the throat feels more comfortable following gargling with some mild antiseptic solution, this may be done.

The physician who attends the patient—and there should always be a physician in constant attendance—will determine the nature of the substances that are to be used.

If possible, only people who already have had the disease should be in contact with the patient and help the doctor with these procedures.

The doctor will watch the patient's temperature carefully and determine from it whether secondary infections will occur. He will examine the ears for the first signs of spread of infection from the throat.

He also will examine regularly the excretions from the kidneys, to determine whether there is any danger that these vital organs will be inflamed. He will help prevent this complication by making sure that the patient remains quiet and that the diet does not throw an undue burden on the kidneys.

Remedies may be prescribed that will prevent headache and other pains, and various lotions may be recommended to soothe itching and irritated skin.

It also is necessary for the doctor to advise the family as to the cleaning of linens, utensils, and other materials used by the patient in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

The bed and body linen and other materials that may have been contaminated by discharges from the patient, and all objects such as thermometers, spoons, cups, and toys that likewise may have become infected, should be boiled or steamed, or soaked in some suitable germicidal solution.

After the patient has recovered, the permanent furniture should be thoroughly washed and cleaned, and the room aired and sunned for at least one day.

Health authorities insist that children with scarlet fever shall be quarantined until all discharges, including those from the ear, have ceased. Disastrous outbreaks of this disease have resulted from permitting patients with such discharges to go back to school and come in contact with children who are susceptible to scarlet fever.

It is possible, by examining the discharges, to find out whether scarlet fever streptococci are present. Such examinations should be made when the discharges have lasted for a long time, and should determine whether the dangerous germs are still present.

The application of the measures that have been mentioned will do much to control this serious infectious disease, to lessen its virulence, and perhaps ultimately to eliminate it altogether.

Two Churches Plan Missions This Week

BAPTIST VESPERS
4 P. M. SUNDAY;
DR. WU TO SPEAKBy MARIAN LOWRY
(Register-Guard church editor)

TWO missions open in Eugene this week, one conducted by the Community Liberal (Unitarian) church, starting Monday evening; the other sponsored by Central Lutheran church, starting Tuesday evening.

The Community Liberal's mission of "liberal religion" will continue through the week, ending February 28. Meetings are to be held every week evening at 7:45 o'clock, except Saturday, and at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday, February 28. Liberal views and viewpoints respecting the nature and the function of religion will be explained in a series of seven addresses by Rev. Horace Westwood of Berkeley, mission preacher for the Unitarian Laymen's League. Each evening lecture will be preceded by a question period. "Liberal Affirma-

tative plans are to have a breakfast meeting with Episcopal students, Sunday morning of that week-end, Sunday afternoon, Bishop Dagwell is to meet with the local vestry, called into being at that time by the local rector, Rev. H. R. White.

Communicants Class Meeting
 The communicants class for young people looking to membership in the First Congregational church is to meet with the minister, Rev. William Wirt, Monday at 4:30 p. m. in the church.

Featuring music at the Lighthouse Temple, at Sunday evening service, will be numbers by the ladies' quartet, songs by Mrs. and Mrs. Thompson, and a solo by Mrs. Irene Hanakamp.

Dr. Wu, national secretary of the student Christian movement in China, a visitor in Eugene this week-end, will speak at the First Methodist Episcopal church at 11 a. m. and 5:15 p. m. Sunday. In the evening at this church, the Wesley foundation from Oregon State college, Corvallis, will be entertained at the local group's meeting.

First Church, Christ Scientist:
 Twelfth and Olive streets. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Services, 11 a. m., 8 p. m., lesson-sermon subject, "Mind." Testimonial meeting, 8 p. m. Wednesday. Reading room, 432 Miner building, open daily, 9 a. m. to 9 p. m.; Sundays, holidays, 2-5 p. m.; Wednesday room closes 5 p. m.

St. Mary's Episcopal:
 Seventh and Olive streets. Rev. H. T. White, rector. Communion, 8 a. m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Single Eye." Lenten services 10 a. m. Wednesday.

First Christian:
 Eleventh and Oak streets. Dr. S. Earl Childers, pastor. Bible school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Uplifted Christ." Service broadcast from 11:30 a. m. to 12 noon. All Christian Endeavor groups, 6:15 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock, sermon "The Unknown God Known."

Rev. B. E. Bergeson of Minneapolis will conduct the preaching mission in Central Lutheran church, starting at 7:45 o'clock, Tuesday.

Vespers Sunday
 Robert Gould, organist and choir director at the First Baptist church, is presenting the regular semi-monthly vespers at that church at 4 p. m. Sunday. The public is invited. These vespers have created considerable interest. The program for Sunday, mainly requests, follows: Fantasia, Best; Melody, Davies; Sea Garden, Cook; Humoresque, Ford; The Lost Chord, Sullivan; Londonderry Air, Old Irish tune; Pomp and Circumstance, Elgar; The Rosary, Nevins; Evensong, Johnston; Serenade, Federlein; Finlandia, Sibelius.

The choir of the First Baptist church is to have a party following rehearsal, Wednesday evening.

Bishop Dagwell Due
 Further plans regarding the proposed new edifice for St. Mary's Episcopal church are expected to be announced co-incidental with the official visit of Rt. Rev. Benjamin D. Dagwell, bishop of the Oregon diocese of the Episcopal church, next week-end. Bishop Dagwell is coming to conduct annual confirmation services at the church at 11 a. m. February 28. He will arrive in the city Saturday, Ten-

Emmanuel Lutheran:
 Second avenue west. Rev. Lewis C. Larsen, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Danish service, Holy Communion, 11 a. m. Luther League meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Church of Christ:
 First and Blair. T. H. Tarbet Jr., minister. Bible school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The

Church of Christ:
 Twelfth and Olive streets. Rev. E. J. Fulton, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Stewards of God." Young people's meeting, 6 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 o'clock, broadcast, 7:30 to 9 o'clock. Mid-week service, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday. Store room open all day Wednesday. Prayer service 1 p. m. Thursday. Bible school evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m., Friday.

Church of God:
 Third and Monroe streets. Rev. U. G. Clark, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Word of God on Christian Lullaby." Junior church 11 a. m. Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evening service, 7:30 o'clock, sermon, "Running Away from God." Missionary prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Grace Lutheran:
 Missouri Synod. Eleventh and Ferry streets. Rev. Martin P. Simon, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Discouraged Prophet." KORE broadcast, 1 p. m. Lenten service, 7 p. m.; young people's meeting following.

Community Liberal (Unitarian):
 Eleventh and Ferry streets. Rev. Herbert Higginbotham, pastor. Congregation meeting, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Uniqueness of Understanding." Preaching mission each evening, Monday to Friday, 7:45 o'clock. Rev. Horace Westwood, Berkeley, speaker.

Central Lutheran:
 Sixth and Pearl streets. Rev. P. J. Luvaas, pastor. Bible school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Men in the Shadows." Junior Luther League, 5 p. m.; Lutheran student and senior league, 6:30 p. m.; evening service, 7:45 o'clock. Preaching mission open Tuesday, 7:45 p. m., Rev. B. E. Bergeson, preaching.

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EUGENEANS of the Methodist Episcopal faith joined with some thousands of others of the church throughout the nation for the special broadcast of the NBC Wednesday evening featuring the address of Dr. Stanley Jones. Above is a "shot" at the Eugene gathering. Local First M. E. church Wednesday evening when a supper was held, followed by the broadcast, and then a local program. Rev. Carl R. Baker photo, Willshire Express.

Health of the Soul: Children's Bible drill, 7:15 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 o'clock, sermon, "Conversion of Soul."

First Methodist Episcopal:
 Twelfth and Willamette streets. Rev. Cecil F. Ristow, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, Dr. Y. T. Wu speaking. Evening service 5:15 o'clock. Wesley club, 6:15 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:15 p. m. Fireside fellowship service, Thursday, 7:30 p. m.

Church of Christ:
 Fairmount, Seventeenth and Columbia streets. Rev. J. Michael Shelley, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Idolatry." Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 o'clock, sermon, "Hell, and Who Will Go There." Visitation to shut-ins, Sunday, 2:30 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday, 8 p. m.; choir practice, 7 p. m. Thursday.

Church of Christ:
 At 812 Madison street. Rev. Bertrand F. Peterson, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon; young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m.; evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday; young people's prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m. Friday. Service Monday, 7:30 p. m., Long Tom 3-C camp.

Pentecostal:
 Open Door Mission, 251 Eighth avenue west. Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Jones, pastors. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship, 11 o'clock; junior church, 11 a. m.; evening service, 7:45 o'clock. Fellowship meeting, Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.; evangelistic services, 7:30 p. m. Thursday; prayer meeting for sick, Friday, 2:30 p. m.

United Lutheran:
 Thirteenth and High streets. Rev. Frank S. Belstel, pastor. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "With Christ on the Way to Jerusalem." Rev. Frank S. DeLoe, preaching. Lenten service, 7:30 p. m.

Fairmount Presbyterian:
 Fifteenth and Willard streets. Rev. R. E. Clark, pastor. Church school, 9:45 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Zero Hour," pulpitorial, "A Temperance Educational Program." Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Choir practice Thursday, 7:45 p. m. Lenten service, Thursday evening.

Church of Christ:
 Waltherville, Walter A. Barnes, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning service, 11 o'clock with sermon on "A Better Church." Young people's meeting, 7:15 p. m.; evening service, 8 o'clock, sermon topic: "Jesus Teaches of New Birth."

Cottage Grove Lutheran:
 Seventh Day Adventist church building, W. Sylvester, Roseburg, pastor. Service, 7:45 p. m. with sermon on "With Jesus Meeting His Enemies."

Creswell M. E.:
 Rev. Everett H. Gardner, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "Facing Defeat with Christ." League meetings, 6:30 p. m.; evening union service, 7:30 o'clock, Dr. Fred B. Measing, speaker.

Church of Christ:
 Noti, J. B. Moomaw Jr., pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning worship, 11 o'clock, sermon, "The Mind of the Christian." Young people's meeting, 5:30 p. m.; junior C. E., 6:30 p. m.

God's PLUS SIGN
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 BETHANY EVANGELICAL CHURCH
 Rec. C. S. Bergstrom, Pastor
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