

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK... By Lemuel F. Parton

Temperamental Sculptor. NEW YORK.—"A very temperamental sculptor," says A. E. Demaray, associate director of the national park service, in explaining to the house appropriations subcommittee how difficult it was for his department to estimate the degree of progress on the Mount Rushmore memorial at Rapid City, S. D.

Commenting on Mr. Demaray's statement, the sculptor, Gutzon Borglum, ever pungently articulate, remarks that the memorial is not a road contractor's job nor one that can be measured by the engineer's rule and compass.

In both thrust and riposte are marked a certain mildness usually not observed in Sculptor Borglum's controversies, wherefor it may with confidence be assumed that the current issue is of minor character, with little or no chance of its development into some such contemp-tants as that between the eminent master of chisel and hammer and the Stone Mountain Memorial association in Georgia.

That ended forlornly with the destruction by the sculptor of all plans, models and work in the carving of heroic figures of the Confederacy on the face of the mountain outside of Atlanta and his withdrawal from the enterprise.

Temperamental? Yes, quite so. But, as well, a thinker, a man of original views and conceptions, and physically as powerful as he is mentally dynamic.

It was Borglum who started the country back in the early 1900s when, in the course of an embattled interlude with critics of some of his ideas concerning sculptural embellishment of the outer walls of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Morningside Heights, New York, he announced that all angels were male; that a female angel was unknown in the heavenly phalanxery as set forth in Bible or religious rubric.

Spain's Strong Man.

FRANCISCO LARGO CABALLERO, who handed in his mandate as Spanish premier because of communist objections to his proposal of plans for a new government following the recent ministerial crisis, is not included in the new cabinet formed by Dr. Juan Negrin, former finance minister. Thus Spain's fourth premier since the outbreak of civil war last July passes from the official life of his embattled nation.

But those who know this militant Marxist, this man of courage and deep social convictions, have no idea he will disappear as a national force of immense influence. He was one of the leaders responsible for the overthrow of the Spanish monarchy and establishment of the republic in April, 1931.

The key to Largo Caballero's character lies in the fact that he was a typical child of the poverty-stricken Spanish masses. At the age of seven he began a long struggle to earn his living and at the same time to educate himself, circumstances which explain his fiery adherence to socialist doctrines from his early youth.

Learning the trade of stone mason, at which for many years he worked, he was in 1917 tried and sentenced to life imprisonment for his share in the organization of a revolutionary strike. His election as a socialist member of the Cortes saved him from his sentence. Arrested and imprisoned thereafter at various times and on various charges, he was at liberty when the present civil war broke out; he rushed to the Guadarrama front and participated in many actions.

Holding for a united front of Spaniards of all parties and affiliations against the forces of the insurgent General Franco, the premier was willing to grant representation in the government even to anarchists, for whom he has no regard, as well as to communists, to whom he is not warm. But in the end, his plan for himself to take over the portfolio of national defense, with the aim of imparting new vigor and better direction to the war, was not acceptable to opposing factions. So he retired.

Award for Merit.

TO Dr. James Lewis Howe, dean of the school of applied science and head of the department of chemistry at Washington and Lee university, goes the 1937 award of the Herty medal, which, symbolic of outstanding work in southern chemistry, is annually bestowed by the southern division of the American Chemical society.

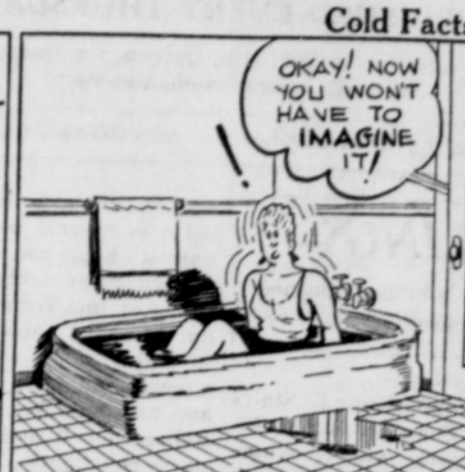
Dr. Howe, however, is a New England importation, stemming back to Newburyport, Mass., where, in 1859 he was born. Graduated from Amherst in 1880, he took degrees as master of arts and doctor of philosophy at Gottingen after a course of study in Germany ending in 1882.

THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

Clean Comics That Will Amuse Both Old and Young

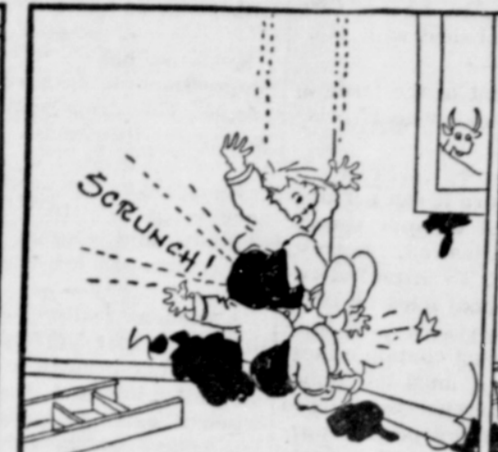
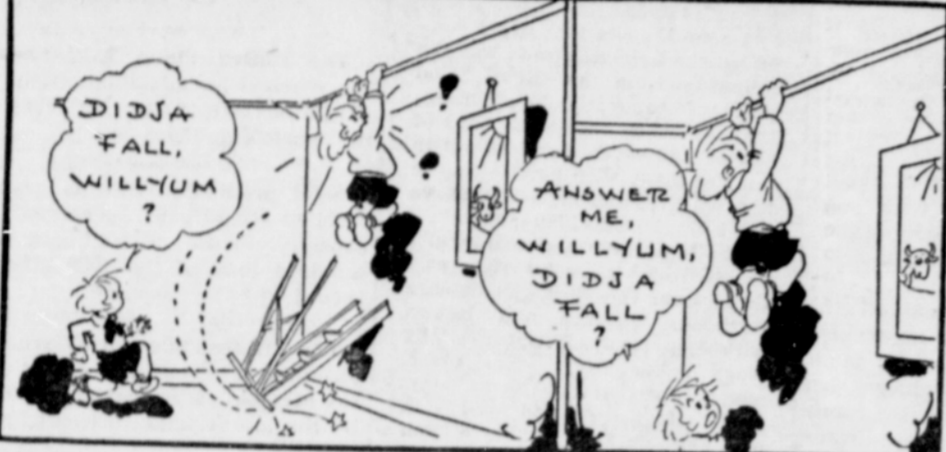
THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne



S'MATTER POP—Ya Didn't Need to Be So Positive, William!

By C. M. PAYNE



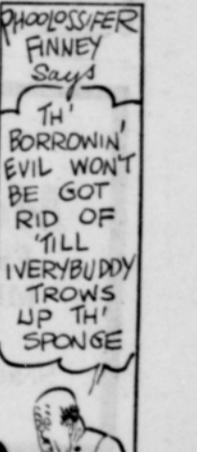
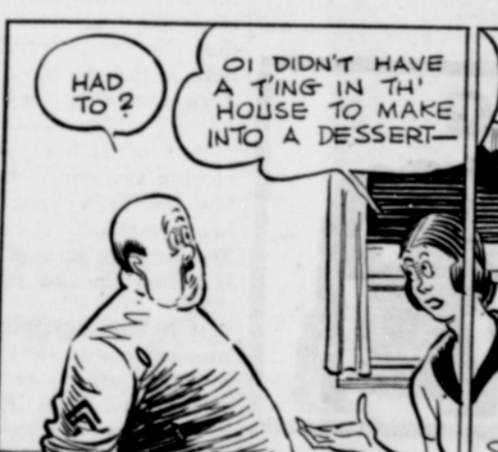
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By S. L. HUNTLEY



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin



BRONC PEELER—Withers Applies for a Job

By FRED HARMAN



The Curse of Progress



Rare Foresight

Bridget had just started on her duties as housemaid, and on the very first day she came up to her new employer. "Please, mum," she said, "would yez moind givin' me a recommendation?" "A recommendation, Bridget!" exclaimed the mistress, with a look of alarm. "Why, you have only just come!" "Yes, mum," admitted Bridget, "but you might not be wantin' to give me one when Oi'm lavin', mum."—Buffalo Courier-Express.

What a Menu

The little girl was tired of waiting for the store clerk to pay some attention to her so she resorted to strategy. "Hey, she called. "My father is home waiting for his breakfast." The clerk succumbed. "What can I do for you?" "I want a bar of soap, a bottle of ammonia, and a can of lye."—Boston Globe.

COLD BATHROOM

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

