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—Byron

Consolidating the Colleges

Governor Meier's efforts to reorganize the state higher educational program to eliminate waste in the interest of efficiency and economy is as commendable as his attack upon the prison management is censurable. With the facts set forth by the federal survey of the colleges and normals, the need for coordination and consolidation have long been apparent and the institutions as well as the board have now pledged cooperation in working out a practical program.

The surprise of the meeting was the suggestion by President Hall of the university favoring the California plan for the consolidation of the university, college and three normals into one great university with headquarters at Eugene under one administrative head, which would coordinate the work, eliminate overhead, duplication, rivalry and friction. A motion to this effect was made by Albert Burch, member of the board of higher education, seconded by Mrs. Cornelia Marvin Pierce, but a vote was delayed until the next meeting of the board April 29.

President Kerr of the college, while admitting that duplication of courses must be eliminated presented a lengthy statement of how it couldn't be done—but it evidently will be. The reason is of course that the institutions will, to a certain extent, lose their independence and individuality.

The sooner the board acts, the better, for the uncertainty of the future spells demoralization in the institutions. Agreed upon a definite program, stabilization will follow reorganization and its benefits be apparent to all.

Job for a Superman

Acala Zamora, provisional president of the republic of Spain, will need to be almost a superman to steer the new government through the era of unrest and turmoil into stability. Innumerable disruptive forces are at work any one of which may cause an explosion and produce a bloody civil war.

The issues to be faced, in order of their importance: the army problem, the church problem, the land, the race, language and separatism problems, the industrial syndicalism and communistic plots, illiteracy, and royalist conspiracies.

The greatest menace is the army, or rather the army officers, one to every 1000 of population, comprising a privileged office-holding class. Similarly under union of church and state, the church has enjoyed a privileged position with a state revenue of 50,000,000 pesetas annually. The agricultural lands are in the hands of the gentry, some 280,000 estates including most of the farms, with tenants little more than serfs.

The tradition of the monarchy is not to be upset in a day, especially when the separatist tendencies of the various nationalities have in the past found unity only in the throne. Industrialism has promoted the growth of labor movements in the cities and syndicalism and communism flourish.

Only a little over 50 percent of the people can read or write, which accounts for their backwardness and exploitation. So it will be seen that Zamora faces the most difficult of tasks in the creation of a democracy from such discordant elements.

Malheur Lake

Due to the recession of the waters of Malheur lake much land, lying between the meander line of the original survey and the present water line, stands uncovered. The ownership of this land has been in dispute for some years. Mr. Liljeqvist of the attorney general's office contended that the title was in the state and secured the passage of an act of the legislature so declaring. And, notwithstanding the fact that the federal government could not be sued without its consent, the legislature was induced to appropriate money from time to time to defray the cost of a suit which the attorney general proposed to bring against the government to quiet title.

Although the state made no headway with its suit the legislative appropriations were always consumed. An attempt was eventually made to secure the passage of an act of congress which would permit the government to be sued a party. Although this movement failed it did open the way for junketing trips to Washington at state expense.

The government, having full power to bring suit to quiet title, decided to do so. Mr. Liljeqvist was prompt to carry the news to the legislature and secure for the attorney general's office a further appropriation of \$2500 to be used in protecting the state's interest.

Now comes a committee, composed of representatives of the United States solicitor-general's office, the state land board and the attorney general's office, the United States biological survey, the state game commission, in which it is recommended that the lake be used for a game refuge over which the federal government shall have full charge. It was further recommended that the government be permitted to proceed with its suit to quiet title without opposition on the part of the state land board or attorney general's office.

The report of the committee is in keeping with common sense and, had it been made before Mr. Liljeqvist began to furnish the legislature with legal advice, the taxpayers would have been saved many thousands of dollars.

In view of this turn in affairs it will be interesting to note what happens to the \$2500 appropriated by the last legislature. Our prediction is that it will go the way of the state's gravel fund.

Women of Maclean Club

Macleay—The women of the Macleay Grange will meet at the home of Mrs. J. Tekenberg Wednesday afternoon to discuss plans for organizing an economic club. The economic club of the Macleay Grange is one of the 12 one-hundred per cent economic clubs in Marion county.

Lined exports from Argentina in a recent week were 88,000 tons, a record.

Past Noble Grand

Sheridan—Mrs. Rose Beckwith was hostess to the Past Noble Grand club at its social afternoon Friday at her home on Main street. Those present were Mrs. Henry Smith, Mrs. E. W. Haas, Mrs. W. H. Smith, Mrs. Herman Wilson, Mrs. Guy Seth, Mrs. Harold Hadley, Miss Jessie Harly, Mrs. Guy Bradley and Mrs. Beckwith. The hostess served a two-course lunch. Mrs. Guy Bradley is president of the local club.

WALKER HITS AT ACCUSERS AS SOCIALISTS

Albany, N. Y., (UP)—Mayor James J. Walker of New York has answered a misstatement charges against him and his administration with a blast of counter charges.

His response to the demand of the city affairs committee of New York for his removal—studied Tuesday by Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt—was a denial of charges against him, together with an attack upon the committee's leaders as socialists. The Rev. John Haynes Holmes, one of the leaders of the reform movement, was listed by Walker as leader of a group of "Soviet sympathizers"—a man who endeavored during the war to break down American resistance behind the lines.

The accusations against him, the mayor said, were false and unwarranted, and he asked that the reformer, in reaching a decision, "consider the source of the attacks against the mayor."

Governor Roosevelt received the Walker reply without comment and will read it carefully before making any statement.

COUNTER CHARGES
Mayor Walker charged that the accusations submitted to the governor under the signature of Dr. Holmes, chairman, and Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, vice chairman of the city affairs committee, were false, unwarranted, without specification or detail, vague, indefinite, propaganda, upon which a previous political campaign had been waged, and based on incidents not within the administration for which Walker was responsible.

After answering in detail the items as listed by the reform committee, Walker's answer said: "The city affairs committee is making more than an annex of the socialist party, masquerading under a name ingeniously contrived to deceive the public. The aim thereby is to gain prestige which might advance the political fortunes of a group that has been repudiated repeatedly and decisively by the electorate. Holmes and Wise are both enrolled socialists. Holmes was the campaign chairman of the socialist candidate for mayor in 1929."

SOCIALIST ATTACK
"Another vice chairman of the committee has been a chronic office seeker under the socialist emblem. He was socialist candidate for governor in 1924, for mayor in 1925, for president in 1928, for mayor in 1929 and for congress in 1930 (Norman Thomas). The executive board includes among them active in the socialist movement, the socialist candidate for governor in 1928 and 1930 (Louis Waldman) and a socialist candidate for congress in 1930 (Herwood Brown). Walker positively refused to discharge three city employees, whose records, he said, were clear, and which included not only able and efficient service to the city, but also service with American armed forces during the world war.

The answer was regarded as representing all the adroitness with which his political allies and adversaries have credited him.

PERRYDALE WOMEN ACTIVE IN CLUB

Perrydale—A pleasant afternoon was spent by the Good Will club Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. J. Schrist, and Mrs. Martin Van Groos were visitors from Ballston. Mrs. Shafer gave a very interesting talk on the work and plans of the Ballston club. Mrs. Elliott, the president, donated a sewing machine to the club. Frank Morrison has given a cook stove to the club and will install it as soon as it can be done. Mrs. Robert Mitchell, Mrs. W. H. McKee, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. E. Jennings, and Mrs. Payne Morrison were appointed to inquire and see about the price of material and amount needed for painting the club rooms. Lunch was served later in the afternoon to Mrs. H. J. Elliott, Mrs. H. A. Lee, Mrs. Shafer, Mrs. J. J. Schrist, Mrs. Martin Van Groos, Mrs. E. Jennings, Mrs. P. Ribbers, Mrs. Parr, Mrs. Charles Wirtz, Mrs. Frank Lynn, Mrs. D. L. Keyt, Mrs. Henry Keyt, Mrs. J. E. Youkum, Mrs. J. Payne Morrison, Mrs. H. W. McKee, Mrs. Henry Gilliam, Mrs. Robert Mitchell, by the acting hostesses, Mrs. S. Van Straaveran, and Mrs. William Stapleton.

Bethel Women Meet

Bethel—The women of the Bethel community club were called to a meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. J. G. Lauderback. There was a large attendance and plans were completed for serving the supper for the next community club meeting. The woman lost in the recent program contest, and the losers furnish the supper for the April meeting.

North Santiam

North Santiam—The ball game Friday between Stayton and North Santiam played at Stayton was won by Stayton, score 2-8.

"Man of Mystery" Now Humble Mechanic After Colorful Arabian Years

By HENRY T. RUSSELL
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Plymouth, Eng. (UP)—Aircraftman T. E. Shaw, once that romantic "Lawrence of Arabia" whose word was law from Aleppo to Mecha, who welded Arabian princes and potentates and tribesmen into a steel force and swept the Turkish armies from the desert; who built an empire and lived as a dictator, has but two small ambitions.

Perhaps Aircraftman Shaw would prefer to call them desires rather than ambitions, for "ambition," to his mind, "is the cause of most of mankind's evils."

"His two desires are merely: To experience the thrill of leaping from an airplane with a parachute; to write for a living without trading upon the romance of his name."

"You are up against a contented being," he wrote in one of his several letters to me before he agreed to break his long silence. And he added that he was "only a very ordinary and pleased creature, whose position in the R. A. F. forbids him to give interviews for publication." Nevertheless, there was no ban on "conversations!"

"You will recognize me easily," he wrote when he finally agreed to meet me. "The R. A. F. wear a dull grey-blue-green uniform like soldiers, but more scruffy. In this I am an inconspicuous and unimpressive figure about five and a half feet high, with a face the color of a boiled lobster."

Actually, when he met me, grinning broadly, at the top of the steps from which the Plymouth fathers embarked on the Mayflower 300 years ago, he wore over his "scruffy" uniform a black rubber coat.

"I'm Shaw," he said simply, and under his guidance we descended the steps to the water level and entered his American speed boat for the trip across the sound.

"She's the nicest thing in these waters," he said proudly. "The late Henry Segrave brought her back from the makers, Purdy of Portland, Washington, Long Island. She was bought by Colin Cooper of London, and given to me. We English can't make anything that can touch her."

"So he dashed across the sound at 40 miles an hour—and I understood the reason for the rubber coat. We landed, drenched, at Mount Batten, the royal air force station. And there he enabled me to live happily on 80 cents a day, his soldier's pay."

Ambition, first of all, seems to him "the cause of most of mankind's evils." This applies both to national ambition and the ambition of persons—commercial rivalry, the spirit of agrarism, etc. If the Egyptians had ambition, he says, they could probably rid their land of British occupational forces in a decade. If Mussolini had not inspired the Italians with ambition, he adds, Italy probably would revert to its pre-war status as a nation in a decade. Ten years, in his opinion, is sufficient time in which to make or break a nation—or a man.

And there are various kinds of personal ambitions which Lawrence cannot comprehend. Why should he receive letters—a dozen a day—asking for his autograph? Strange ambition, that, to have a man's signature.

And these women who wrote to him proposing marriage! Another strange ambition!

"A recent letter came from a woman who wrote that she was 'attractive,' and that I was 'just the man'."

"I have four more years to serve," he said, "when I shall retire to my cottage. I intend to write, but I probably won't make much out of it. I shall make what I need by translating. All I want is three pounds (\$15) a week, which I have saved already, and one pound (\$5) additional, for little luxuries. It is far too much trouble to work for more."

Before becoming "Lawrence of Arabia," he was an archeologist. He is an expert linguist, and his knowledge of Arabian dialects was responsible for much of his success in the desert during the war. But he scoffed at stories saying that he was many times "mistaken for an Arab."

"I never tried to pass for one," he said. "On the contrary, my name was to be spotted a mile away as 'Lawrence.' In those days I lived on my reputation. I succeeded by being the only smooth-shaven European in Arab dress in the entire desert."

"Thus I left him, the 'contented' aircraftman, assigned to whatever work his superiors determine he should do, from typing letters to repairing machines, living as a private, accepting what comes his way, and taking his amusement in long motorcycle rides or trips in his speedboat. His spare money—from an occasional bit of translation—goes for music, classical music played on a gramophone.

Beyond that he asks for nothing. (In tomorrow's story, third of a series, Lawrence tells of the annoyances of public life and his reasons for "disappearing.")

BALLOT TITLE FOR ROGUE RIVER REFERENDUM

The supreme court Tuesday certified to Secretary of State Hoss a new ballot title for the referendum petitions on the Rogue river closing bill. The action was taken on appeal of W. C. Allen, of Grants Pass, from a ballot title prepared by the attorney general.

In an opinion prepared by Justice Belt the court held that "the short ballot title as filed by the attorney general might reasonably result in misleading the voter and would tend towards confusion."

The new short title will read: "A bill prohibition commercial fishing on the Rogue River."

Other opinions: Margaret F. Sears vs. Arthur A. Goldsmith and wife, appellants; appeal from Multnomah county, action for damages arising out of personal injury.

Michael J. McAuliffe vs. Mick McAuliffe, appellant. Appeal from Clatsop county, action for damages for assault and battery. Opinion by Chief Justice Bean, Judge W. M. Duncan reversed and case remanded.

Irene Heinrich, minor, vs. James L. Spence, appellant. Appeal from Yamhill county. Action for damages for personal injury. Walker affirmed.

Phillip Blair vs. Joseph L. McCool, appellant. Appeal from Multnomah county, on petition for rehearing. Petition denied in opinion by Justice Campbell.

Father Is Honored
Hubbard—Mrs. L. G. DeWolf entertained with a birthday dinner Sunday, complimenting her father's 81st birthday.

Covers were placed for the honor guest, Frank Murk, and Mrs. I. M. Hochstetler and sons Glenn and George of Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Parrott, Claude and Vera of Parkdale, C. R. McCabe and son Francis of Albany and Mr. and Mrs. L. G. DeWolf and son Claud.

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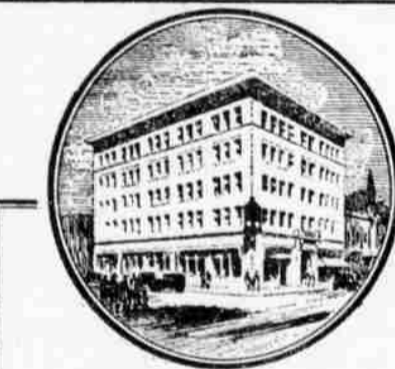
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