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—Byron

## The Mail Subsidy Graft

The Congressional Record of June 4 carries a table listing the volume of mails carried and compensation paid to contractors under the Merchant Marine act of 1928, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1931. It reveals plainly enough one of the sources of waste in federal expenditures and why the postal department incurs an annual deficit.

The table shows a total of \$18,790,765.72 paid steamer lines for carrying 28,103,600 pounds of mail. The amount to which they would have been entitled under the standard rates under Sec. 4009, R. S. totalled \$2,925,216.25. The balance, \$15,865,548.97 was subsidy, or as this form of graft is called under the amenities to the law, "subvention."

A few of the more glaring examples are as follows: The American West African Line, Inc., carried 133 pounds of mail, for which it received \$87,862.50, or \$660.62 a pound. The cost under standard rates would have been \$42.32. The subsidy amounted to \$87,820.18 or \$660.30 a pound of mail carried.

The Mississippi Shipping Co., received \$607,792.50 for carrying 161 pounds of mail, an average rate per pound of \$3,775.11. The cost under standard rates would be \$95.68. The subsidy amounted to \$607,696.82 or \$3,774.51 per pound of mail carried.

The South Atlantic Steamship Co., of Delaware carried 74 pounds of mail for which it received \$363,922.50, or \$4,905.71 per pound. The cost under standard rates would have been \$32.56. The subsidy amounted to \$362,989.94 or \$4,905.27 per pound of mail carried.

The prize subsidy grabber however was the Tampa Inter-ocean Steamship Co., which carried 85 pounds of mail for which it was paid \$438,775, and average rate of \$5,162.06 per pound. The cost under standard rates would be \$58.64, so the subsidy amounted to \$438,716.36 or \$5,161.37 per pound.

The camouflage for the subsidies is to encourage an American marine and keep the American flag afloat on the high seas—perhaps a commendable motive, certainly from the standpoint of shipping patrioters, but so expensive to taxpayers as to be scarcely worth the price. It is a fair instance of the abuse of government for special privilege so rampant in federal affairs. Congress remedies the situation itself created with the approval of the administration by raising postal rates 50 percent to the people along with other taxes to perpetuate the graft.

Small wonder the budget can't be balanced.

## Farewell to Common Sense

Congress having failed to reduce government expenses the needed amount to balance the budget, faces the necessity of raising an additional \$150 millions or \$200 millions by taxation, despite the \$1,100 estimated raised by the new revenue bill. In the battle between bureaucrats and taxpayers, the former always win.

Congress could, of course, have met the issue and raised the required revenue by imposing a general sales tax, exempting food, clothing, and other vital necessities, that would not have been burdensome upon any one. But instead it levied a comparatively high sales tax on a selected list of articles, classified as luxuries, but really necessities, such as oil and gasoline, tires, autos and accessories, matches, electric light bulbs, telegraph and telephone messages, and bank checks along with erecting a new tariff wall.

There is still left one taxable resource which will furnish all the revenue needed and insure a surplus—the legalizing and taxation of beer, which would penalize only the racketeer and bootlegger and restore to the government the billions now going into the gangsters coffers. But any such simple solution is too complex for a congress dominated by the Anti-Saloon league. Yet the same congress which protects the speak-easy does not hesitate to penalize the home brewer with a tax of 15 cents a gallon on wort, 3 cents a pound on malt syrup and 20 cents a gallon on concentrates, thereby putting the stamp of government approval on law violation by sharing in the proceeds.

At the same time congress is voting doles and relief measures that will hopelessly throw the budget out of balance and be mere palliatives of results without remedying causes of distress.

Where "there is no vision, the people perish" and that seems to be the plight under the existing bankruptcy of statesmanship. We seem to have bid farewell to common sense.

## The Statesman's Plan

The Statesman suggests that instead of selling its \$2,500,000 water bonds, the city of Salem borrow the money from the federal Reconstruction Finance Corporation provided of course congress passes the administration bill or the Garner bill authorizing loans to cities to be expended on self-liquidating projects and providing also that the validity of the bonds is upheld by the courts. The objective is to hasten the project so work may begin next fall to provide employment during the winter months.

The bill has not yet passed congress. The bonds have not been passed on, and as the decision, whatever it be, will be carried through the federal courts, there is no possibility of immediate adjudication. And the project as voted upon, is not suitable for winter work. If the bonds were declared illegal in the state courts, the city might drop litigation, effect a compromise with the water company and a new proposal be submitted to the people for immediate action.

The main objection to the water proposal is that it plunges the city into debt a million dollars more than necessary to secure an adequate municipally owned water supply. Prosperity can never be created by going into debt to an extent where the project will not be self-liquidating. If it is self-liquidating, the bonds will probably find a market without tapping Uncle Sam.

One of the causes of the existing depression is the large number of bonds which have been issued on the supposition that future generations would pay for them. But the carrying charges, interest and installments, have become too heavy to pay for the present generation—hence the breakdown.

## SCENE AFTER EARTHQUAKE IN MEXICAN CAPITAL



This picture made after recent earthquake in Mexico City shows the destruction left in its wake. More than three score persons were known to have been killed and upwards of 100 were injured. Much damage was done over a wide area and a number of smaller towns were destroyed.

## COAST DANCER WINS BERLIN

Berlin (UP)—Making her first European appearance at the Komode theater here, the California dancer, Myra Kinch, successfully survived the relentless scrutiny of a German audience.

Slightly jaded by performances of the best European artists, the Berliners, curious to see what an American dancer could offer them, accorded her their approval. The Berlin concert was the first of a series, to be continued in Copenhagen, Vienna, Milan, Paris and London.

Among Myra Kinch's 14 dances, three revealed particular talent—"Dynamic," "Allegro Barbaro," and "Polanka." In contrast to some of her more languid, studied dances, these three, full of verve, spontaneity and swinging rhythm, allowed the Californian artist to cast off the restraint which hampered some of her other performances and "let herself go."

In a dance she called "Ring-a-peg," which could have been a subtle satire of the American flapper, Miss Kinch was, perhaps, too saccharine to suit sophisticated European onlookers. But the Slavic peasant girl, adroitly caricatured in "Polanka," showed that Myra Kinch is capable of instilling humor and rich irony in her mimicry.

Masks and costumes, designed by the Danish sculptor, William Mortensen, of Laguna Beach, Cal., were of unusual excellence and fitness and contributed to the illusions with which Miss Kinch won the favor of her first European audience.

Myra Kinch began her career in 1929 at the Pasadena community theater and is at home in Los Angeles.

## Cat Freed After Two Weeks Durance Vile

Berkeley, Cal. (UP)—The mystery of Berkeley's "ghost cat," whose plaintive meows came from everywhere and nowhere, has been solved. William Sharpe discovered the "ghost," just a shabby cat of no particular ancestry, entombed in an old culvert. Upon investigation, Sharpe found street department workmen had sealed up an old culvert at both ends, imprisoning the cat.

Emergency crews broke open the concrete pipe and freed the "ghost" after two weeks captivity.

## UNIFORMS WON BY CADETS IN FRANCE

Paris (UP)—With the beginning of the fall term at Saint Cyr, the West Point of France, cadets will be permitted to wear their pre-war uniform of bright red trousers striped with blue, and a black coat.

Since 1914 the dress uniform of Saint Cyr has been a French blue with a cap surmounted by a white plume, and has been the only cadet uniform materially different from those of the regular army.

Led by their commandant, General Freyre, the cadets have won a long and hard battle with the bureaucrats, who insisted that the lighter blue suit and white plume should remain.

Government sanction has not been granted for the re-adoption of the pre-war uniform. Six thousand former Saint Cyr uniforms, exactly half the total of Saint Cyr officers in the French army at the time, were killed during the World war.

MUSEUM GETS MEDALS  
Cambridge, Mass. (UP)—A collection of medals bearing the likenesses of every president of the United States, together with original signatures of each, has been presented the Eliot House library at Harvard university by B. S. Prentice, an alumnus.

Bristol, R. I. (UP)—Edmund Larue, 13 year old Bristol boy scout who holds the southern New England marble championship, says the chief requisites for good shooting are a strong thumb, constant practice and determination.

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## THEATER STAR SAYS WRITER IS ALL WRONG

Paris (UP)—Sinclair Lewis is all wrong in the way he sees Main Street and George F. Babbitt, according to Mlle. Colette d'Arville, French prima donna, who has returned from a seven months' concert tour in the United States.

Mlle. d'Arville took up the cudgel in defense of America's best known thoroughfare and the people who live on it of her own accord.

"Lewis is decidedly unfair in his portrayal," she says. "He has depicted the warts, the pimples and the ugly excrescences, but he has forgotten to stress the finer qualities of the American people. After all, George F. Babbitt is not such a crude, vulgar fellow as Lewis has painted him. On the contrary, Babbitt has redeeming qualities, among them a series of life, and a growing appreciation of art—particularly of music."

"Young America is infinitely more than automobiles, golf clubs, radio sets and tabloids. Hurried tourists who 'do' America in a week or ten days and then write learned tones on the subject see only the superficial, sensational aspect of that great country, so their judgments are lopsided, prejudiced and unjust—even as Mr. Lewis. He has, it seems to me, an unwholesome taste for the drab, the tawdry and the vulgar."

"The real America is not at all like that. During the past visits regularly of five to seven months each, I have been permitted to know and to love the real America which cherishes finer things of life. I have been gratified not only by the friendly reception accorded me, but also by the seasoned, intelligent comprehension of my art."

"I was told that in certain cities musical appreciation was as dead as the dodo. Imagine my surprise then when, in these very cities I discovered a cultivated enlightened taste for my art. Doubtless my audiences contained what Lewis describes as Babbitts, but I can tell him that they know music—and good music at that!"

The popular French singer compares America to the cocktail it has created. "It is a little bitter at first, but later sends the blood to the head, giving one a soothing and conquering feeling."

After three or four months in Europe for rest and travel purposes, Mlle. d'Arville says, "I am going back to Main Street to sing Carmen, La Boheme and other operas because Main Street, with all its Lewis defects, loves and appreciates good music."

Boston, (UP)—F. Arthur Hincliffe, 60, an automobile merchant, and William E. Beakes, 51, a radio company official, made successful solo flights at Boston airport recently.

## SOVIET TRADE IS LOST TO U. S.

Moscow (UP)—The United States fell from the head of the list to second place in 1931 as a source of Soviet imports, the first official analysis of foreign trade by countries disclosed.

The outstanding fact is the sharp rise of Soviet purchases in Germany, with a total of \$10,645,000 rubles in 1930. The corresponding figures for America are \$29,915,000 rubles in 1931 and \$24,393,000 rubles in 1930.

Soviet exports to the United States, always extremely small, declined by nearly half last year. Whereas in 1930 America bought \$0,932,000 rubles worth of Soviet goods in 1931 it bought only \$2,690,000 rubles worth.

This decline is regarded as particularly significant by officials here. It is their contention that trade must be roughly reciprocal and that American hopes for a larger slice of Soviet imports must not overlook the necessity for favorable conditions for Soviet exports.

Germany, however, has not been much more generous in this respect. Despite its enormous expansion of sales to Russia, its purchases here for the year fell off from \$25,702,000 rubles in 1931 to \$23,339,000 rubles last year.

Totals for Great Britain were: exports to the Soviet Union, 73,381,000 rubles compared with 80,129,000 the year before; imports from the Soviet Union, 260,071,000 rubles against 279,909,000 rubles in 1930.

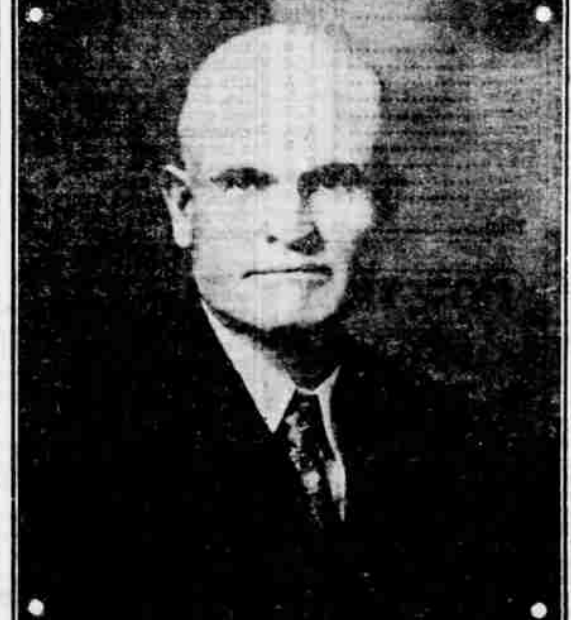
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Why oppose them, we ask of the first two girls? Why think of oneself in competitive beauty terms? If one hasn't beauty, why not scout around among one's other assets rig up a good array of charms not dependent on nature's handout? Why not remove oneself entirely from the field of beauty competition? That is, seek boy groups that are not persuaded wholly and solely by a pretty face? Or, better still, set up an opposing camp where boys will find amiable dispositions, jolly good times, belief in their importance, a jar of blarney standing around for spouting out at the right and psychological moments.

We're not trying to minimize the natural advantages of honey hair, violet eyes, sweeping long lashes, and a Diana silhouette in a boy interest winning campaign. It's a walkaway for most of these girls. But, comparatively speaking, there is beauty supply is limited. There is not nearly enough to go around. The remaining boys must have girl

interest, also. And there's where you get in your good work, you girls of the lesser beauty rating.

Should you reach a discouraging moment when you cry out about pretty girls only getting the breaks, just look over both the engaged and married girl situation. You'll recognize the little fact that men, theoretically, may be beauty worshippers, as aren't we all, but that they can be persuaded into steady company before, and after marriage on other terms.

And the comical part of it is when it comes to this matrimonial choice a man can endow the plainest Jane with beauty assets her own mother would never claim for her. That's the magic of love, sisters. The magic of a charming disposition. Of a kind, sympathetic nature. Indeed, the magic sometimes works where there aren't the gifts of sweet companionship, provided the man is sufficiently in love.

## RECORD IS MADE BY AIR TRAVELS

Paris (UP)—Three hundred and eighty-five travelers sets the record at LeBourget air-drome. On 23 incoming airplanes were 219 passengers, 410 kilograms of mail, two and a half tons of freight and three tons of baggage; 21 outgoing planes carried 166 passengers 225 kilograms of mail, two tons of freight and two tons of baggage.

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