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—Byron

Who's Half-Baked?

Representative Mott in a letter to the Salem Building congress speaks of the temporary diversion of federal highway funds to the reforestation army as a sample of the "half-baked legislation that has gone to make up the president's so-called program."

As repeatedly stated, the forestry work is but an emergency scheme to relieve at once unemployment and provide healthful out-door work for the regeneration of idle young men fast becoming social outcasts. The youths will receive physical training, medical care, instruction, clothing, food and lodging with a cash wage of a dollar a day, and will do the work at once that otherwise would be spread out over future years.

To supply the money needed, unexpended balances in other public works projects were made immediately available, pending completion and coordination of the large public works plan proposed by Mr. Roosevelt for the relief of the unemployed and the stimulation of industry, to be financed probably by bond issues. Road building and other projects will be taken care of under this measure.

It is not a short sighted, but a far sighted proposal. It may cause a temporary delay in new highway construction, but does not affect contracts already awarded. It will probably mean far greater expenditures on highways than hitherto contemplated. And the author of the bill removing penalties from tax delinquency, which has caused a 40 percent tax delinquency in Oregon, is the last one who should talk of "half-baked" legislation. As a result of Mr. Mott's half-baked tax payment bill, the state, counties, cities and school districts have all been forced on the warrant basis, which penalizes the taxpayers far more than prompt payment of taxes would have.

Army Heresy

Speaking before a congressional committee on military affairs, Major General Johnson Hagood, commander of the Seventh Corps area with headquarters at Fort Omaha, declared the United States army "top-heavy and extravagant," would abound with red-tape and full of over-lapping bureaus and superfluous services. He demanded a complete reorganization in the interests of efficiency and economy.

Among other things, Hagood said:
Like every other department of the government the army is top-heavy and extravagant. It needs close trimming to make it fit the pocket-book of the man without a job.

It takes \$300,000,000 to run the army under its present organization. We can get a better organization for less. The army is overstaffed. I have twice as many staff officers, clerks and orderlies as I need, but cannot get rid of them under the existing system.

Hagood stated that for 50 years the army has been using a training system "based upon a three year regular army soldier when we should have a system based upon a ten days draft replacement" for in ten days a soldier could be trained for work in the battle line—though "he may not be able to compete with a Follies girl in making a snappy salute, but he will at least be able to shoot as well as a bootleg gangster."

Hagood would restore harbor defense to pre-war standards, advance the national guard to first line of defense, use the regular army to instruct civilian companies, with the R. O. T. C. key to the national defense. He would demilitarize the war department and return it to its status as a civil bureau of the government.

Not since General Mitchell attacked bourbonism in the air corps organization some years ago, has such military heresy been expressed by an army officer—and it would be well if his recommendations received the attention deserved, for the general's temerity is very apt to bring reprisals from the ruling bureaucracy—such as bestowed on Mitchell.

Unnecessary Delay

Attorney General Van Winkle has ruled on a technicality that the initiative bill for a vote on repeal of Oregon's bone dry prohibition amendment cannot be submitted to the electorate for a vote at the special election July 21 called for the repeal of the 18th amendment and for other measures submitted by the legislature or for referendums.

It was the intention of the authors of the bill calling the special election to include such initiative measures, and although this was covered in the title of the bill, in the confusion and rush of the closing hours of the session, it was inadvertently omitted from the body of the act.

An appeal from the attorney-general's ruling to the supreme court is probable to definitely settle the issue. If the ruling is sustained, it will be November 1934 before the people get a chance to vote whether they want to continue prohibition in the constitution or not.

All of this is the result of the state senate's defying the mandate of the people as expressed by a majority of 67,000 for the repeal of the state dry enforcement act last November. Had the legislators not refused the people the right to vote on state repeal by defeating the submission of a plebiscite, the prohibition issue would have been definitely settled in July and removed from politics. Should the 18th amendment be repealed before Oregon votes on state repeal, the state will lose the revenues it might have reaped from taxation of the liquor industry.

Retired Railroader Sat in Queen's Lap

Omaha, Neb. (AP)—Theodore Schupbach, 78, retired railroad man, has one honor, which never can be taken from him. Schupbach sat on the lap of Queen Victoria of Great Britain. The incident occurred in Kiesen, Switzerland, 75 years ago, where his father kept an inn. The queen stopped there en route to a carnival at Interlachen, picked up the youngster and placed him on her lap in the royal carriage.

Rickreall Aid Will Postpone Sessions

Rickreall—The April meeting of the Ladies' Aid society which was scheduled for the J. O. Price home in Dallas Wednesday with Mrs. Price and Mrs. W. C. Hill as hostesses, was postponed until next month on account of measles in the Price family and the illness of Mrs. Hill's eight-year-old son, who underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis Tuesday morning at the McMinnville hospital. The little boy is recovering nicely.

Eighty boys of St. Marlyebone, England, grammar school spent their summer vacation in building their own bathing pool.

Glennmation school, Loch, Longside, is believed to be the smallest school in Scotland, it having only 10 pupils, four of these being members of one family.

WIDOW WINS \$1000 DAMAGES

The jury in the \$10,000 damage action of Hattie May Bond as administratrix of the estate of Oliver Elam Bond against the Southern Pacific company returned a verdict for \$1000 in favor of the plaintiff. The verdict came in at 2 o'clock this morning with Circuit Judge McMahon on hand to accept it. W. P. George was foreman.

The jury retired at 3 o'clock in the afternoon yesterday and was out practically 11 hours.

The widow of the deceased brought action to recover damages for the death of her husband which she alleged was due to a collision between her husband's automobile and a Southern Pacific train at a North Santiam crossing. The jury visited the scene of the accident and also numerous photographs of various scenes surrounding the accident and its location went to the jury. The railroad company alleged that the accident was due to the negligence of the deceased. The plaintiff charged the train was operating at an excessive speed.

The National Whirligig

By PAUL MALLON

Washington—These visits of foreign premiers were booked up on the inside in a peculiar way.

The Hull-Lindsay conferences were not getting anywhere. Optimistic statements were being issued but they did not disclose the truly difficult situation encountered by the state secretary and the British ambassador. They found it utterly impossible to conduct a horse-trade through a third party with an ocean between the traders.

Mr. Roosevelt would have invited Mr. MacDonald but certain soundings out had to be done first. Norman Davis did that in London in a cagey way.

Mr. MacDonald did not personally care to make the trip because of his health. However, he agreed it was probably the only thing to be done. So the British foreign office put out a guarded statement, hinting he might come. That was the cue here for Mr. Roosevelt to send an invitation. The acceptance was back on the president's desk six hours after he sent it.

All along he wanted France, Italy and Germany to do the same thing. No sounding was done on them until after Britain accepted. They were glad enough to get invitations which were arranged in the same back-handed way as the British one.

The remaining nations were invited through sheer politeness. They are not expected to play an important part.

There is more than social diplomacy involved in the way these invitations were worked out. It showed clearly that Mr. Roosevelt assumed the initiative and responsibility.

He is even now meeting that responsibility by drawing up an American plan. It will not even mention war debts but will center around the following points: tariff reductions, stabilization of exchanges, abolition of tariff quotas and stimulation of prices.

It will be impossible for him to avoid discussion of debts, but that phase will be soft-pedaled. Europe is not worried particularly about tariffs, exchanges or prices. The one thing in its mind is the war debt. The one thing in our mind is tariff. An agreement will probably be reached. The situation is ideal for trading. Both sides have something to offer.

A neat back-tracking job was done by all on the censorship bill. As soon as they found it proposed unjust limitations on the press, everyone denied authorship. Chairman Summers of the house judiciary committee said it was handed to him by the justice department. That department said it got the bill from the state department. That department said there had been a mistake somewhere. Indeed, there had been.

The truth of the matter seems to be the author was none other than former State Secretary Stimson. It seems Mr. Stimson stepped into the situation a few weeks before he left office. He was afraid of threatened publication of Japanese diplomatic documents by a former state

Tells Fat Folks How She Reduced

"I am 23 years old and weighed 150 pounds. I have taken 3 jars of Kruschen Salts and have reduced 26 pounds and I think it will reduce me to normal weight. I think it's wonderful." Miss Leatha Ford, Dillon, S. C. (Nov. 2, 1932).
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department employee. The bill was written at his direction then.
The curse of republican authorship was taken off by no less an authority than Louis Howe. He is supposed to have okayed it for the White House.

These facts forcefully disprove the absurd rumors that Mr. Roosevelt wanted to assume dictatorial powers over the press. They come from a good republican source not friendly to Mr. Roosevelt. Therefore, they cannot by any stretch of the imagination be considered an alibi for him.

The inside situation on the bill is clear. Everybody wanted to prevent publication of traitorous and inflammatory material such as was threatened. In writing the bill some one went too far. Language chosen was faulty. It might be construed to curtail freedom of the press. That point was cloudy.
Nobody objected to altering the bill when the situation was brought out.

The press gallery boys are laying for former Senator Moses.

He led the fight three years ago whereby they were excluded from the floor of the senate. Now he is coming back to Washington as a reporter for a Chicago newspaper. He will be the only newspaperman to have the right of the floor, because of his status as a former senator. The galleries are planning steps against him.

That is not so bad, but the privileges for lobbyists on the floors of congress are something else again. Many former senators and representatives are employed as lobbyists. They all have the privilege of the floor. No great number of them has been around lately but as soon as their pet subjects come up for discussion you will see them lining the cloakrooms.

A shakeup is supposed to be coming on the federal reserve board. Mr. Roosevelt has not been getting the kind of cooperation he wants over there. When the move comes it will be interpreted as another step in preparation for broader fiscal policies.

Another broadening method the bigwigs are talking about is to open closed banks and issue money on assets therein. You could put out plenty of money that way if you did not care how good the security was.
That is unquestionably the quickest way to do the job but not enough money could be so spread as to influence prices materially.

DAFFODIL FIELDS BEING INSPECTED

County Inspector Van Trump yesterday inspected the daffodil plantings of Luther J. Chapin in the Clear Lake district and reports that this year Chapin has a planting of about 15 acres of daffodils in addition to a large planting of tulips. In one field of daffodils Chapin has eight acres of the bulbs planted. Some of the planting has been a little retarded in growth for some reason, the inspector reported but in the main the fields seem to be progressing nicely and quantities of blooms are being taken off.

GEORGE V SIGNS EMBARGO BILL

London, April 13 (AP)—The house of commons was notified today that the king signed the measure whereby the government can place an embargo on all Russian goods.

This measure was a direct outgrowth of the arrest of the Metropolitan-Vickers Electric company employees who are undergoing trial in Moscow. The government said it would not use the embargo unless it was found necessary to assure the British engineers of a fair trial.

In connection with the trial in progress at Moscow, Sir John Simon, foreign secretary, made this statement today in the house of commons:

"In view of the nature of charges made against six British subjects at the trial in Moscow I desire to make a specific statement.

"None of these men ever has been employed directly or indirectly in any connection with any branch of our intelligence service. None of them ever has supplied any information to any such branch. None of them ever has been paid or promised any reward for such information nor ever has been supplied with any money to obtain it. None of them ever has made any report to us on behalf of our intelligence service.

"All of these statements are equally true of the Metropolitan-Vickers company itself. That company has not and never has had any connection whatever with our intelligence service."

CHOIR TO PRESENT EASTER CANTATA

The choir of the Knight Memorial church will present Ira B. Wilson's beautiful Easter cantata, "Our Living Lord," Easter Sunday at 7:30 o'clock. Donald J. Allison, church organist, will accompany the choir and Everett Craven, of Portland, will be the guest soloist. The cantata will consist of the following: Chorus, "Hail, Day of Victory"; Chorus, "The Entry into Jerusalem"; Men's and Women's Choruses, "The Last Supper"; Carol Braden, Harriett Adams, Caroleine and Friends, "The Crucifixion"; Chorus, "The Burial"; Duet, "Watch Within the Garden"; Pearl Kye and H. C. Stover, Chorus, "The Open Tomb"; Men's and Women's Choruses, "The Angel's Song"; Chorus, "The Women at the Sepulcher"; Chorus, "Now is Christ Risen"; Duet, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"; Maynard McKinley, Vera Griffin, Chorus, "Our Lord Victorious"; Solo, "Lift Up Your Heads"; Everett Craven, Final Chorus, "The King of Glory"; Organ, "Chant Triumphant"; Gaud, "Andante in G"; Battiste "Fantasia"; Parry.

Hopnests—Mr. and Mrs. William De Geer and children, Buddy and Bobbie, of Portland, were Sunday visitors at the home of De Geer's parents. Mrs. De Geer and the children motored to Mill City with Mrs. De Geer's father, W. D. Lindsay, for a few days' visit.

Large Bobcat Killed By Mill City Man

Mill City—A big bobcat, measuring 4 feet 10 inches in length, was killed by O. J. Downing Sunday on Thomas creek. The animal had just killed a deer. The dogs were put on the trail and shortly afterwards Mr. Downing had bagged the cat.

It is one of the largest bobcats shot in this vicinity and weighed approximately 50 pounds.

MATSUOKA SAILS FOR HOME TODAY

San Francisco, April 13 (AP)—Yosuke Matsuoka, former chief Japanese delegate to the League of Nations, sails from here today on the last leg of his journey home from Geneva after urging peace and friendship between the United States and his country.

In a final address, Matsuoka declared he believed the United States would continue the "relations with my country" started 80 years ago "when Commodore Perry came to Japan and summoned us to open the doors of our hermit kingdom—with good will for and faith and vision in Japan."

"You evidently have confidence," he declared in the address delivered yesterday, "that the alarms which agitators have tried to create among you regarding Japan's intentions are unfounded."

Matsuoka said he had "found at least three important evidences that your country, as a whole, has no anxiety over the situation across the Pacific."

He declared the evidences were plans for Philippine independence, a United States navy below "full treaty strength" and a lack of interest in the fighting in China which he declared would be more keen if there was "anxiety" in this country.

The speaker declared he thought "Japan and America are going to mind their own business" and attend to domestic difficulties.

RENTS RANSOM RANCH
Riverview—Albert Fiedeman has rented the Charles Ransom farm here and is seeding the entire place to flax. This will furnish employment in the future for many needy ones in and around this community.

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