

**News Behind
The News**

By Paul Mallon

Washington, July 20.—When, in the first week of last year, it was announced that Richard Washburn Child had been named special adviser to the secretary of state, there was considerable mystification over the appointment and speculation as to why it had been made.

As far as any one knew, Mr. Child had no special claims upon the administration and, in some respects, quite the contrary was true. He had been in the diplomatic service, but, previous to being named for this post, he had been writing articles for publication which were decidedly critical of the administration. In fact, some practical persons found in this cause of his being given a job, and the only sufficient cause.

As special adviser to the secretary of state, it was stated that Mr. Child would attend the session of the London economic conference, that he would travel in Europe to study and report on the present and prospective state of the economic situation there, with special reference to the resolutions of the economic conference which had been passed and were pending. He was to have the rank of ambassador and draw the ambassadorial salary of \$17,500.

Mr. Child's appointment was announced on March 5 and now, just about four months later, he is back in this country. And the mystery of his original appointment is only deeper because he is again writing articles for publication which point out faults and fallacies in the program of the administration in which he has just served. At the state department, it is said that Mr. Child is no longer so respected with the diplomatic service. It would be somewhat incongruous if he were because one of his latest articles is devoted to telling the political opponents of the administration how to embarrass it and hamper its proposals. As to the mystery of his appointment, under the new deal, it is being asked: "If it was to be so soon done for, what ever was it begun for?"

Don't Click—A certain incongruity exists in the roles being played at the moment by General Hugh S. Johnson, recovery administrator. In San Francisco, he is appearing, either by invitation or by intrusion, as mediator in the strike. As such, he is expected to maintain an impartial attitude between employers and employees, between companies and unions.

While this is his status in San Francisco, in Washington he is being publicly denounced as a foe of unions and labor. As a result of the Donovan incident, the department of commerce business, and the NIRA, is being pelted and, at the lunch hour and closing time, marchers walk around the building bearing placards reading: "Chase No. 1, Johnson," "Johnson a sell-out."

Voices Silled—Absence of the president from Washington and the usual summer doldrums have put an end for the time being to what, earlier in the season, was one of the capital's most flourishing industries. Before this full set in an activity with which politically-minded society people were busily occupied was trying to get another well known woman into the diplomatic service. The ice having been broken by the naming of Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen as minister to Denmark, it was thought by promoters of women's rights and privileges that the example should be followed up.

Specifically, the friends of Mrs. J. Borden Harriman believed that she was just the person to fill the vacant post of minister to the Irish Free State. A campaign of "incantation" her for the place, or saying that she was being considered for it, was carried on for some time without any apparent substantial results.

Then, the friends of other women prominent in democratic or new deal circles decided Mrs. Harriman was not the only one fitted to represent this country in Ireland, and they got busy with the same method. It was hinted that Mrs. Mary Harriman Ramsey, chairman of the consumers' advisory board of the NRA, had just as good a chance as Mrs. Harriman. This kite flew for a while along with that of Mrs. Harriman.

Then, as the president went away without doing anything about it, the strings broke or the kites were pulled in and the sky in that quarter is temporarily dull and lifeless.

Rustic Repartee—A young lady who attended the famous Tugwell hearing some weeks ago was considerably impressed with the fact that certain senators considered Dr. Tugwell unfit for public office because he did not have enough mud on his boots.

The day after the hearing, a sudden heavy rainstorm drove the same young lady scurrying into a shop entrance. A moment later, she was joined by Dr. Tugwell, who was also seeking shelter from the storm.

"Awful rain," he remarked good-naturedly, shaking the water off his coat.

"Seems to me," she replied as she recognized the handsome brain truster, "a little mud wouldn't do you any harm."

**New Office Building
Debt Is Cut Down**

The debt incurred by the state when the new state office building was constructed in 1929 is being steadily lowered, the state treasurer reported yesterday.

Of the original \$511,137 cost of the building, \$357,209 has been repaid. The \$153,928 payment reported yesterday on the building started in 1927, two years before it was completed.

Forum

Contributions to this column must be confined to 200 words and signed by writer.

To The Editor:

Helen Taylor withdraws from Legion contest. Helen says: "When I entered this contest I did not expect to have to compete with lodges and leading stores. I thought it was to be a campaign of girls, and not to see which was the strongest lodge or club in Salem. All of my votes have been given by myself or members of my family, while the other contestants have the Elks, Eagles, American Legion, state house or some other large concern behind them."

One merchant claims a book of 50,000 votes was stolen from his counter—another leading merchant tells me that for \$12 (twelve dollars) he could guarantee any girl to win. Also one big business house was holding back 40,000 votes for their candidate.

With this going on what chance of winning is there for some one trying to run alone and square.

I want to thank all of the people who have cooperated with me in any way.

Helen Taylor

Lyons—Mrs. Leroy Hilt is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Weddle at Stayton. She has as her house guest there, Mrs. Kenneth Beech of Roseburg.

Scotts Mills—Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Smith Friday evening were the Misses Eugenia Shanks and Burga Zunkler of Dallas and Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Brougher.

Dallas—Mrs. John Casper of Sierra Madre, Calif., is the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Albert Smith. She is also visiting her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ora Cosper.

**Old Age
Pensions**

The following is the official publication of the record of payments from the Old Age Pension Fund during the month of July, 1934, as allowed by the Old Age Pension Commission according to records in the office of the County Clerk. All pension payments are for the month of June.

- Floora Abbot, \$10; James B. Abbott, \$10; Sylvester S. Ackley, \$12.50; Frank Adams, \$10; Mary E. Adams, \$10; Silas L. Akins, \$10; Berthold Albiaker, \$5; Frank B. Alford, \$5; Missouri E. Alford, \$5; Leora A. Allingham, \$8.75; William M. Allingham, \$8.75; Lillian G. Applegate, \$10; Frederick W. Arensmeier, \$5; Sophia M. Arensmeier, \$5; Dora A. Arnold, \$5; Wilford E. Arnold, \$5; James R. Arthur, \$10; Lemira S. Baker, \$8.75; William M. Baker, \$8.75; Annon J. Baldwin, \$5; Rosan Baller, \$7.50; Edna M. Bandman, \$10; Joseph Barber, \$10; Evan E. Barnett, \$10; Milo Barnett, \$7.50; Lillie Barrett, \$10; David M. Bartlett, \$5; Melinda Barzee, \$5; Elizabeth Bayley, \$15; Marcus T. Bayley, \$15; Grace F. Beaman, \$5; John J. Becker, \$17.50; Theresa Becker, \$10; Lena M. Bellinger, \$10; William Beringer, \$10; Nelson Bliss, \$5; Emma A. Boatwright, \$8.75; Valentine Boatwright, \$8.75; Caroline Boesch, \$5; Henry Boesch, \$5; Clara Bope, \$5; Caroline E. Boles, \$10; Clara Bondahu, \$8.75; Earnest J. Bondahu, \$8.75; George L. Bowman, \$5; John Bowman, \$8.75; Katie Bowman, \$8.75; John E. Boyer, \$12.50; Lewis E. Bradford, \$7.50; Emma Braxer, \$10; Mary E. Brassfield, \$5; Aslak Brautt, \$7.50; A. W. Brickley, \$5; Sarah A. Brock, \$8.75; John W. Brock, \$8.75; John Brooks, \$10; Elizabeth Z. Brown, \$10; Fred D. Brown, \$12.50; John A. Brown, \$8.50; Mary A. Brown, \$5; Marion H. Buell, \$7.50; Willis E. Bunn, \$10; Edwin Burnett, \$5; John T. Caldwell, \$7.50; Sam J. Calman, \$5; David Caney, \$17.50; Martha R. Carden, \$10; Richard W. Carey, \$5;

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The Water Project

Glancing through the newspaper files of December 1931, dated the day before the \$2,500,000 water bonds were voted by a small majority of a minority of voters who went to the polls, we find the following propaganda in the Hollywood Itch which was distributed throughout the city:

HERE'S WHAT WILL HAPPEN—IF THE WATER BONDS CARRY
Unemployment in Salem will be ended.
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Salem will have water equal to that of any other city anywhere—water that we can advertise and brag about—and plenty of it.

The payroll of about \$4,000 a day of new outside money expended in Salem would give an impetus to every line of business. Salem men could head-off the mortgages which are about to take their little homes from them. Their wives and babies will have clothes to wear and food to eat. There will be fuel in the woodshed and meat in the house. The grocery man will be able to collect his bill and the dry goods and clothing merchants will see a lot of new customers.

Salem will be started on an era of prosperous activity while other cities are still waiting for the depression to end.

The bonds were voted, and in the two and a half years since not a single one of these glowing promises has materialized. The difficulties in the way of realization were fully exploited by the two daily newspapers as well as the folly of plunging the city into debt a million dollars greater than necessary for a municipally owned plant. But hysteria won the election.

As a matter of fact the city is much worse off than as if the bonds had been defeated, for the water company would have gone ahead, completed its purification system, a new reservoir, and expended the \$500,000 in improvements it proposed—and we would have had pure water, and probably have purchased the plant by this time.

The entire municipal water project has been bungled and mismanaged from its false start. The council has continuously demonstrated its incapacity to solve the problem, and its lack of sound business commonsense. It refuses to buy the plant outright at a fair price determined by arbitrators. It insists on condemnation which will mean years of further delay. It passes up the RFC offer of a grant and loan that would finance the proposal. It has let a snap contract on a cost plus basis for engineering to the originators of the scheme and authorized some \$20,000 warrants for the taxpayers to pay without knowing what it was all about. Stamped one day by the public ownership league of non-taxpayers and the next by indignant taxpayers, it has gone back to marking time.

General Strikes Always Fail

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor has issued a statement at Washington in which he says the workers of San Francisco "made a grave mistake when they engaged in a sympathetic strike, but they acted wisely when they ordered it officially terminated."

The general strike calls for violation of contracts arrived at through collective bargaining and involves the possibility of losing economic gains. Of such strikes, Green says:

No sympathetic strike of any consequence or possessed of any national significance was ever won. To the contrary, the record shows that all experiments of this kind have failed. The sympathetic strike is immediately accepted as a challenge to government, and because the government must be supreme it is compelled to bring all its resources into action. * * * Everyone must know and understand that in such a conflict the government must win; it cannot surrender. It must establish its supremacy, and usually the result of such a conflict is that the government wins, the strikers lose, and the employers against whom the original strike was directed become the beneficiaries.

It is to be regretted that some such warning was not issued by the federation chief before the radical leadership of San Francisco precipitated the general strike. However it is in time to serve as a warning to the hot-heads of Portland who are threatening a similar walk-out which would even be a bigger fiasco than in San Francisco. The general public figures it has been penalized long enough by a willful minority that rejects reason.

Offers the Factory

An Associated Press dispatch from Manorsville, Pa., states that when the 50 striking workers of the National Mirror Specialty company presented their demands for a higher wages and shorter hours, the boss shook his head, thought a while, and said:

"Tell you what I'll do. I'll turn the plant over to you. You do the managing, fix the hours to work, take your wages out of the profits and pay me a salary as a salesman."

After a hurried conference, the men said they didn't have sufficient managerial experience, to which the owner replied, "Then how do you expect a man with experience to do something you can't do?" So the strikers put their grievances up to the regional labor board.

This concern, like many other businesses and industries, including most of those in Salem, probably had been operating during the depression "in the red" and only kept going by stringent economies and drawing upon a reserve accumulated in more prosperous times and now depleted. But, as in so many other instances, the employees fail to realize the situation and demand the impossible, and bring on strikes that are crippling to both the business and themselves.

SAVED THEIR MONEY
Rock Springs, Utah (UP)—Italian residents of this town did not take Primo Garnera's defeat before the mauling fists of Max Baer as hard as they might have. They raised \$15,000 to bet on the Italian man maintain the night of the fight, but they couldn't find any Baer backers.

DIED BREAKING LAW
Versailles, France (UP)—Maurice Gauthier, 35, section hand, father of four, broke the law by bathing in a reservoir at Verneuil. Emerging, he brushed high-tension wires, was stunned, drowned.

Lablah Center—Mrs. Frank Weimer and family of Aurora were visitors at the home of Mrs. Kathryn Daugherty during the past week.

101 YEARS OLD
Kelo, Wash. (UP)—Samuel Gaton, pioneer and Indian war veteran, observed his 101st birthday this month.

PROVES FISH STORIES
Twin Falls, Ida. (UP)—Fish stories are fish stories but Millard Statham can prove his. He recently returned from an angling expedition on the Salmon river with an eight-pound Dolly Varden trout. It was 27 and one-quarter inches long, six inches around the belly and had a tail span of 7 1/2 inches.

CURFEW FOR LANDING
Mays Landing, N. J. (UP)—Curfew may be old-fashioned, but it has just started here. Twelve men were recently sworn in to enforce the new law, which stipulates that no children will be allowed on the streets without their parents after 10 p.m.

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