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A Real Opportunity

After months of more or less lethargic marking time during the depression, the Chamber of Commerce has a chance to do something vital for the development of community and valley to justify its existence, by cooperating with the Champagne Paper company in its proposed flax experiment.

The company stands willing to spend \$100,000 the first year, asks no bonus, no government subsidy, but merely the signing of 1000 acres of flax for which they agree to furnish seed and to pay farmers \$23 a ton for it cut and provide a payroll for 50 people in processing.

This is but one of several districts in which similar experiments are to be made by the Champagne Paper company—one in California—and the location of a huge industry is dependent upon the results.

Eugene and other districts stand ready to meet the company's requirements and if Salem wants it, now is the time for action.

Merely Correcting an Abuse

A bill has been introduced in the legislature to curb the initiative bill petition abuse by requiring that signers of initiative and referendum bills go to the court house to sign them instead of having them hawked about by paid petition peddlers at so much per name.

This has brought an appeal from the Portland Journal to "defend our liberty" by defeating the amendment and continuing the status quo.

This must certainly be a veiled attempt to kill the initiative and referendum. Under such a law it would be almost impossible to secure the required signatures.

If people are sufficiently interested to justify an initiative or referendum bill, they will go to court houses or any where else. If not, the bill has no place burdening the ballot.

Loan Sharks Again

Our present small loan law was enacted by the legislature of 1931, and under pressure of highly paid lobbyists. In 1933, to prevent its repeal, money was spent without limit.

Under this law, the loan sharks may fix their own rates on loans of \$30 or less. Their rates run as high as 540% per annum. On loans above \$30 and not over \$300 3% per month, or 36% per annum, may be charged.

Due to a growing demand for a lawful curb on these operators, bills will be introduced at this session the purpose of which will be to bring the maximum rates within reason.

At this session, the operations of loan companies will be brought out in the open and each member of the legislature will be made to show his hand.

Chinook Wind

prevailed. Salem had a 40-degree temperature, Eugene 42, Roseburg 40 and Medford 30. Lakeview, which had had sub-zero weather, warmed up to 24 degrees.

Baker, out of reach of the chinook, was cold at 10 degrees. Burns had the same temperature. Walls, Walla shivered at 6 above, and it was 4 above at Spokane and Yakima.

At Bend the temperature was 12 degrees below Sunday but this morning the reading was 26 above.

San Francisco, Jan. 21 (AP)—The cold wave broke in the Pacific northwest today, and higher temperatures were in the making for most of the Pacific region except the coastal area south of San Francisco.

A disturbance off the Oregon coast brought rain to Seattle and Portland.

Forecaster Thomas Reed of the United States weather bureau said normal temperatures were to be expected on the coast after today from San Francisco northward, with continued sluggish mercury and frosts to the southward.

News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Jan. 21—Whoever said President Roosevelt is losing his punch spoke too soon. The delicate fineness of the new social plan was up to new deal standard politically. Again he has out-manuevered his opposition by giving it something which cannot be generally opposed.

You may score it as at least a nine strike. The Paul Mallon one pin he will lose will be old age pensions. Congress will hike up his proposed \$15 a week maximum, possibly even doubling it to \$30 a week.

Price—There are reasons for suspecting Mr. Roosevelt left the old age pin to be knocked down. His problem was to fool the Townsendites, those embryo financiers to whom a trillion dollars is two easily spoken words.

You may recall that his last word on the subject some months ago was that he was going to drop the old age angle of his program for a few years. If he had, the Townsendites would have taken the issue out of his hands.

Instead he has given them something milder to play with. It will not cost much money, even if they treble his old age rate, because no one is to be immediately affected except those on relief rolls who are more than 70 years old.

There are not enough of them to make the game safe no matter how high the ante goes. Sense—The political trouble with the plan is that it may be financially sound. That fact was not stressed in the presidential message.

It will not be stressed in congressional debate. It must be kept a secret because anything sound is considered unpopular right now. You will hear the radical aspects played up in the coming discussion.

What you probably will not hear is that business earnings are not expected to be influenced. The taxes for unemployment insurance will come out of the pay envelope in one way or another, depending on state laws to be enacted.

Also obscure is the fact that it is a long-range venture, which will not start functioning effectively for five years and may not reach a level of efficiency for ten or 20 years. It will not affect the present unemployed (except the aged) and will pay its own way.

Disaffection—This does not mean everyone is for the plan. The fact is no one is 100 per cent for it, even the super-brain trust which composed it. Some of the liberals in Mr. Roosevelt's own cabinet are displeased with it.

They cannot say anything out loud, but they wanted to take a bigger first step, something like the British plan. The authors are mostly college professors and welfare workers whose names would mean little to you.

The heavy snowfall suspended street car service and kept most automobiles off the street for a time, but was being cleared today. The snow was deepest since February, 1923, when 18 inches fell at Seattle.

Bend, Ore., Jan. 21 (AP)—High winds, although piling snow into great drifts on the central Oregon plateau today, blocking highways to traffic, provided some relief from the bitterly cold weather that had sent the temperature to sub-zero marks over the week-end.

Astoria, Jan. 21 (AP)—A gusty, warm chinook wind, reaching gale velocity at times, swept over the tip of northwestern Oregon today. The temperature wind, carrying a pelting and persistent warm rain, broke suddenly last night and by morning had removed nearly every trace of the five inches of snow that had piled up on the level.

The change was so sudden that the temperature, at the 25 degree mark at 7 o'clock last night, had increased to 40 degrees at 9 a. m. today. The North Head weather station reported a 56 mile wind this morning. Shipping in and out of the river was halted. The steamer Maudslowi went out at 10 p. m. yesterday and, unable to drop the pilot, carried him on to Seattle.

POLITICAL PRIMER

18. How Votes Are Taken There are four different methods of voting in the house; in the senate usually only two. Since there are only 96 senators,

votes are taken either viva voce or by roll call. In the house, with a membership of 435, in order to conserve time a roll call is employed only when absolutely necessary.

Usually the Speaker puts the question: "Those in favor say 'Aye'; those opposed, 'No.'" If the Speaker is in doubt, or if it sounds close, any member may ask for a division. In this case those in favor stand up and are counted, then those opposed do the same. The Speaker does the counting and announces the result.

If he still is in doubt, or if a demand is made by one-fifth of a quorum, tellers are ordered. The Speaker appoints one member on each side of the question to make the count. The two tellers take their places at the head of the center aisle. All members favoring the proposition walk through between the tellers and are counted. Then those opposed do likewise.

This vote settles most questions. But a roll call may be demanded by anybody on any question in the house, and if supported by one-fifth of those present it is ordered. This privilege is guaranteed by the Constitution.

The clerk reads the names of the whole membership, and as his or her name is called the member answers "aye" or "no." The names of those not voting the first time are read a second time, so that all members in corridors, cloakrooms, committee rooms, or offices, who have been notified of a roll call by signal bells may come and vote.

Continuation of— Kidnapers of —From page One and slaying of Weiss. The record said the announcement was made by R. George Harvey, agent in charge of the U. S. bureau of investigation here.

"Mals broke completely and told us everything," Harvey is quoted as saying. The story says Mals told where the body of Weiss will be found and it had not been thrown in the Delaware river which had been dragged many times by authorities here.

Where the body was hidden was not disclosed. The caravan will bring Legenza back to Philadelphia with the others if a motor ambulance can be found for the trip, Le Strange said.

Legenza, named the "real brains" of the gang by department of justice men, was arrested in a New York hospital where he was receiving treatment for a leg injury suffered as he sought to escape police here last month.

The other four are Mals, Martin Farrell who escaped from Eastern penitentiary last summer by crawling through a sewer; Edwin Gale, and Marie McKeever, said by police to be Mals' friend.

Mals and Legenza who were under sentence of death on a charge of slaying a postal employe during a holdup, escaped from a Richmond, Va., prison last September. One guard was killed as they shot their way to freedom; another committed suicide later.

Less than a month later Weiss was abducted near his suburban home. Police pointed to Mals. Several times they crossed a trail he had left, and twice last month he escaped police traps.

The four men and the McKeever woman were rounded up—picked off one by one—in New York by Philadelphia and New York police and federal agents. Grilled constantly they admitted, authorities said, participating in robberies; Mals told of his escape from the Richmond jail, but until early today, Harvey is silent as saying, Mals made no statement concerning the Weiss kidnaping.

SETS NEW MARK Steubenville, Ohio (UP)—A toy balloon, released here by Walter Thompson, was found in Welland, Ont., several hundred miles north, by Miss Helen Stempier. The previous local record was 100 miles, held by Joseph Gathe, who received a report one of his balloons had floated 160 miles.

of the darkness merged the figure of a man. He was dressed in trousers and a dirty shirt, and his huge tattooed arms were bare to the shoulder. Through the mop of tousled hair which hung down over his forehead he stood glaring and blinking at me like some monstrous ape.

I did not kill Osborne

By VICTOR BRIDGES

SYNOPSIS: A valuable formula which has been stolen from Mollie O'Brien is being sought by various sinister interests. Nicholas French and Jerry Mordant are aiding her in her attempt to recover it; suddenly Mollie disappears from her hotel. It is said that she was taken ill, and had to be removed to a hospital. But Jimmy Fox, a boy whom Mollie has befriended, follows and tells Nick that she actually has been hidden in a slum. They leave a trail at the end of the street and start to find Mollie.

Chapter 20 BATTLE FOR MOLLIE Relieved by the knowledge that he had at least secured our retreat, I set off with Jimmy along the empty terrace.

It was a depressing thoroughfare, consisting of shabby-looking three-story houses, most of which were doubtless let out in lodgings. None of them had apparently been painted or done up for years, and in many cases the stucco was peeling off their fronts.

A thin driving rain added to the general air of sordid discomfort. We trudged on in silence until, a little way ahead of us, the roadway began to slope upwards. At the top of the rise it narrowed into what was evidently a bridge—a short stretch of about twenty yards with high iron railings on either side of it.

"Is this the canal?" I inquired. Jimmy nodded. "That's right, sir. Runs along at the back of the house."

He volunteered no further information until we had reached the opposite end, when he pulled up abruptly under the light of a street lamp.

"You can see for yourself now, sir. That's the place we want—the second one past the yard."

I started down into an untidy litter of timber and old barrels. Beyond this I could make out the black shape of two buildings, each of which seemed to possess a narrow strip of ground running down to the canal bank. Both of them were in complete darkness.

"Better have a look at the front first," I said. "If there's nothing doing there we can come back and try this side."

We continued our way down the farther slope, and in a few steps arrived at the entrance to Wiarf Lane. It was a gloomy cul-de-sac with a blank wall on the left, terminating, as Jimmy had said, in a rough piece of waste ground, railed in from the road. Facing this was a couple of gaunt houses, with high steps leading up to their front doors.

Trudging as softly as we could be moved on past the gate in the wall, and pulled up outside our destination. Like its next door neighbor the place looked as though it were deserted. Not a ray of light appeared anywhere, and the only sound that broke the stillness was the faint pattering of the rain amongst the bushes opposite.

I peered through the half-open gate which led down into the area. Dark as it was I could see that the kitchen windows were heavily barred, the stout iron stanchions reaching up to within a few inches of the top eaves.

On the left, however, just above the dim outline of the dustbin, there was something else. It was a small pane of partly broken glass about two feet square, and at the sight of it a sudden inspiration flashed across my mind.

"Come on, Jimmy," I whispered. "Let's go down and do a bit of scouting."

Blindly as cats we descended the steps and creeping forward to the side of the dustbin, I pulled out a pocket electric torch which I had brought with me from the flat. The broken pane was about six feet from the ground. I raised myself on my toes, so that I could just see over the lower ledge, and inserting my torch through a hole in the glass, pressed down the switch.

SUNDOWN STORIES

LOUD KNOCKING

By Mary Graham Bonner Willy Nilly at last had the adhesive tape to fasten back his stocking-out ears. Later he would see what he could do about making them more he thought about it the more he thought about it.

He was on the point of moving forward when his heart gave a violent jump. Without the slightest warning one of the doors on my right was suddenly jerked open, and out

of the darkness merged the figure of a man. He was dressed in trousers and a dirty shirt, and his huge tattooed arms were bare to the shoulder. Through the mop of tousled hair which hung down over his forehead he stood glaring and blinking at me like some monstrous ape.

"Chove his alasty!" The words, whatever they meant, came out in a hoarse growl, and somehow or other the sound of the brute's voice steadied me instantly. "You filthy swine!" I said.

"Where's Miss O'Brien?" I took a step towards him, and at the same moment he sprang at me like a wild beast. One clawing hand gripped me by the shoulder, and I felt the blood spurting beneath my knuckles as my left fist crashed home full in his face.

Back went his head and up came his chin. Swift as a flash, and with the full weight of my body behind it, I slung in my right. It landed square on the point of his jaw, and lurching back against the wall, he toppled to the floor with a thud that shook the house.

A trifle dazed by the suddenness of it all, I stood staring stupidly at the sprawling bulk in front of me. He lay flat on his back—one arm flung out at full length, and the other doubled under him.

His mouth and chin were covered with blood and I noticed for the first time that he had silver rings in both ears. There was a shuffie of footsteps in the passage behind. In another moment Jimmy came scrambling up the stairs.

"Cricket!" he ejaculated. "That was some punch, that was! He inspected my handiwork with a kind of awed interest. 'I wish I'd seen it,' he added regretfully.

"I want you to keep an eye on this chap," I said, "while I go and find Miss O'Brien. You're not afraid, are you?"

"Not me," was the cheerful response. "If he moves I'll kick 'im on the 'ead."

(To be Continued)

'CHURCH MOUSE' WITH RAILROAD FILM OFFERED

A spicy, snappy comedy, based on a famous Broadway stage hit, that gives an intimate picture of the drab young women who actually rule the rulers of great business institutions, and incidentally a glimpse or two of Parisian whoopee centers, is "The Church Mouse," which will be at the Capitol theater Tuesday and Wednesday.

The supporting cast of British film stars is headed by Ian Hunter, who portrays the banker who works when he works and loves when he plays, and who is inclined to play more than he works.

Others in the cast are Edward Chapman, who has the part of the banker's assistant; Clifford Heathery who is his partner, and Jane Carr, a London radio star, who portrays the former secretary who not only knew what she wanted, but who was able to teach the secret to Laura.

"The Church Mouse" was adapted for the screen from the play of the same name by Paul Frank and Ladislav Fodor.

"Beyond the Law," Tim McCoy action railroad thriller, with Shirley Grey and Addison Richards in prominent supporting roles is also at the Capitol theater in a double bill. Directed by D. Ross Lederman, the film relates in breath-taking fashion the exploits of a special railroad detective on the trail of a gang of train robbers. Others in the cast are Harry C. Bradley, Dick Rush and Merit La Varre.

ANSWERS TO A QUESTIONS

By Frederic J. Haskin

A reader can get the answer to any question of fact by writing the Capital Journal Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C. Please enclose three (3) cents for reply.

Q. Do members of congress have to pay federal income tax or any other tax? M.A. A. Members of congress are subject to federal income tax just as are all people in the United States. They are subject to all other taxes according to the laws of the states in which they live. The only incomes exempt from federal income taxes are those paid to state employes.

Q. Do more people in the United States die of excessive cold or excessive heat? J.M.E.W. A. In 1930, the census figures for these causes of death were: excessive cold, 337 deaths; excessive heat, 1487 deaths.

Q. What is a railroad conscience fund? A.D. A. Conscience fund is a nickname given to the money sent into the railroads by persons who have failed to pay or who have underpaid their fare.

Q. Where is the home of the giraffe-necked women which were featured in one of the circuses? T.E. A. The curious women exhibited and advertised as giraffe-necked women are members of the Puduung tribe of East Burma. Although they are a curiosity in this country, the practice of encircling the neck with brass rings is characteristic of all women of the tribe. The collar-like effect produced by these rings makes the neck appear abnormally long but in reality there is very little stretching.

Q. Who said "Don't cheer boys, the poor devils are dying"? T.M. A. It was said by Captain Jack Philip, United States navy (the late Rear Admiral J. W. Philip) who was in command of the United States battleship Texas, in Santiago harbor. It was said regarding the enemy on the cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa and the Oquendo when forced to surrender—to quiet the loud cheering of the Americans over this victory, July 3, 1908.

Q. Why do some lakes in northern Florida disappear and then reappear? M.K. A. The lakes in northern Florida occur in sinkholes formed by the caving in of the roofs of caverns resulting from the solution of the limestone which underlies that fe-

Q. What proportion of the population is color blind? K.M.C. A. The public health service says that congenital color blindness occurs in from 3 per cent to 4 per cent of males and in only 3 per cent of females. It generally affects both eyes and is often hereditary.

Q. What is the Augsburg Confession? G.C. A. It is the chief credal statement of faith in the Lutheran church.

Q. What is the origin of the famous thorn bush at Glastonbury Cathedral? A.L.B. A. According to tradition the famous thorn at Glastonbury cathedral was brought and planted there by Joseph of Arimathea, and was part of the crown of thorns which was pressed upon the brow of Christ. According to tradition it blooms at Christmas time and the possession of a piece is said to insure good fortune through the year. There is also a slip which has grown from a gift from Glastonbury, at the cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul, now building in Washington, D. C.

Q. Who first mixed and used paints? L.B. A. It is unknown, since paint has been employed from a very early period. White lead was mentioned by Theophrastus, Pliny, and Vitruvius, who described its manufacture from lead and vinegar. Yellow ochre was used by the ancient Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans. Pots of it were found in Pompeii. Naples yellow has been found in the yellow enamel of Babylonian bricks. Verdigris was familiar to the Romans. Indigo has been employed by the East Indians and Egyptians from an ancient time.

Q. Who said, "Statistics are like alienists—they will testify for either side"? N.B. A. The Home Book of Quotations gives this as a quotation of Mayor La Guardia's.

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