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"With or without offense to friends or foes I sketch your world exactly as it goes."

Where is Mussolini's Glory?

Mussolini is not covering himself nor Italy with glory in this war, which proves that wars cannot be won by brag and bluster, that is war against civilized nations, though it may succeed against unopposed African savages.

With his loudly heralded Egyptian campaign long stalled in the African desert, with his invasion of Greece turned into a rout, comes the news of the destruction of a large portion of the Italian navy by a daring attack by bombers, adding another great naval victory to the long list of the British navy.

Despairing of ever getting the Italian fleet to engage in open battle, the Royal Navy planes flying from undisclosed bases, presumably airplane carriers, bombed Italian warships snuggling behind their shore defenses at the Taranto naval base, in the instep of the Italian boot, so seriously damaging two battleships that they had to be run ashore and crippling a third battleship as well as sinking two cruisers and two auxiliary warships.

This British victory destroys whatever chance Italy had to dominate the Mediterranean and is important to the British as it will release part of their war fleet for service in the Atlantic and elsewhere.

What has Mussolini gained by entering the war as an axis partner against the protests of the Italian people who fear Germany far more than Britain? Nothing except hardship, suffering and ignominy. There is no Italian will to fight in such a war of aggression and without it, there can be no victory.

So Near and Yet So Far

Election results have set the statisticians figuring. The following are some of their conclusions:

Less than a half million votes, specifically, 490,729 in eight key states, would have given the election to Wendell Willkie had they shifted from the democratic column to the republican. The Roosevelt popular majority, pending the final count, was 4,478,032 out of a tentative total of 48,652,263 votes cast; President Roosevelt 28 1/2 millions, Mr. Willkie 21 1/2 millions. Twelve southern states can be discounted. In the recent election the southern bloc gave the president 3 1/2 million popular votes and a net of 130 electoral votes. In the remaining 38 states open to a contest the Roosevelt popular plurality was a little over one million. Yet in the electoral count Mr. Roosevelt carried 38 states, which means, omitting the 12 elector states, that 26 of them were decided by little more than one million votes.

The conclusion reached is that a shift of 490,000 democratic votes, or about one percent of the electorate, would have reversed the election. Here is the statistical breakdown:

In Minnesota a shift of 30,341 popular votes would have given the republicans 11 electoral votes. In Wisconsin a shift of 10,332 would have meant 12 electoral votes. In New York a shift of 116,546 votes would have meant 47 votes. In Ohio a shift of 116,546 votes would have meant 26 votes. In New Jersey a shift of 30,066, 16 votes. In Pennsylvania a shift of 141,923, 34 votes. In Illinois a shift of 47,169, 20 votes. In Missouri a shift of 44,894, 15 votes.

Thus out of the 48 million national total, less than half a million shift in eight states would have changed 192 electoral votes, which with the 82 won by Willkie would have made a total of 274, 8 more than necessary to elect.

Cancer Discoveries

Science magazine contains a communication from Dr. Paul E. Steiner of the University of Chicago stating that from the unaffected livers of persons who had died of cancer, he had prepared an extract which produced cancer in mice. The experiments were conducted in 2000 mice. Extracts prepared from the livers of persons who had no cancers brought no such results.

Earlier this year Dr. John F. Menke of Stanford announced that he had succeeded in preparing from certain cancers an extract which in turn produced cancers in mice.

These are the first times human cancer has been transmitted to lower animals, opening the way to new research on a large but inexpensive scale. This leads the New York Times to comment:

What would happen if the extracts from the kidneys, pituitary bodies, spleens, thyroids and other organs of sufferers from cancer were injected into mice? Would tumors appear? Moreover, when cancer cells travel they start new growths in different parts of the body—what is called metastasis. Can it be that chemical changes may be detected in organs threatened by metastasis long before the microscope reveals pathologic changes? Such questions crowd to the fore, now that a new technique of exploration has been given to the research laboratory.

Auxiliary Fleet

In the last World's war our navy suffered greatly from the lack of ships in the auxiliary arm of its service. To correct this situation the U. S. Maritime commission is working hand in hand with the secretary of navy who has just announced the acquisition of nine modern auxiliary oilers recently constructed by the Standard Oil company.

Since July 1 the navy has purchased 113 merchant ships, yachts, tugs, etc. To supplement this work of the navy the U. S. Maritime commission has placed contracts for the construction of 174 ocean-going ships with a total gross tonnage of near 2,000,000. Some of these ships have been completed and many others are nearing completion.

It looks, therefore, as though another war would find our navy in far better position to meet war's demand than in 1917.

Lumber Auction For Bowie Finished

Leavenworth, Kas., Nov. 13, (AP)—The government's "auction" purchases of 55 million board feet of lumber for army training camp construction got under way Tuesday and at noon the quota of six million board feet for Camp Bowie, Brownwood, Tex., had been completed.

The government orders for the lumber from low bidders are signed by Major Wallace M. Allison, construction quartermaster at Fort Leavenworth where the sale is being conducted.

Between 80 and 90 lumber dealers from Washington, Oregon, Missouri, Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana, District of Columbia, and Alabama were present at the bidding. Present also were approximately 40 representatives of railroads interested in shipping the lumber to its destinations.

Unionvale—The Unionvale Community club's November meeting will be held Friday evening when an old fashioned pie social will be the main feature to raise funds for Red Cross, Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls. The program is being prepared by the Boy Scouts and the Camp Fire Girls.

A Dog's Life

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

The frost is on the pumpkin and the fiddler is in the shock. Thanksgiving is just around the corner and Charley Sprague, our governor, has issued a proclamation. The crisp fall air, the falling leaves, the honk of the geese and the moon—ah, don't forget the moon, have all conspired to awake poetry in somebody's bosom around the executive office, for the proclamation is in a class by itself when it comes to the garden run of Thanksgiving proclamations. We quote the following sentence in setting up this proclamation as the gem of all proclamations:

"Thanksgiving comes as the circle of the year curves in its closing arc. The burnished shield of the hunter's moon hangs in the sky. Deer forsake the parks of high mountains and geese point their echelons southward with unerring instinct. The fields which have yielded in liberal response to the farmers' discipline lie brown or fallow."

Novelties In the News

(By the Associated Press)

War is Heaven

Bloomington, Ind.—The draft process will be employed for the annual Dames ball, sponsored by the senior co-ed honorary society, Mortar Board, at the University of Indiana.

The girls will "conscript" the "dates," and the first capsule drawn from a fish bowl at the dance will determine which young man will be colonel of the legion of designing females. All expenses for the couples will be paid by the co-eds. Exempted are three classes: Those under 16 or over 43; conscientious objectors to shindigs, and any having a wife as a dependent.

A Fish Story

Hickory, N. C.—J. G. Alexander headed homeward across a railroad trestle with his catch of 16 catfish just as a train came along. He jumped.

The engine injured one of his hands. With the other he clung to a cross-tie and the 16 fish—until the engineer stopped the train and came back to pull him to safety.

The Maid's Mistake

Chicago—Out in suburban Glenview they're telling about the house maid who hung up, not once, but three times on telephone calls from President Roosevelt.

Following the death recently of Governor Henry Horner, a group of his friends, including Senator Scott W. Lucas (D., Ill.), gathered at the Glenview home of a Horner relative where the senator placed a call to Washington to inform the president of the governor's death.

While the group was at dinner the maid answered the phone, heard the operator say, "President Roosevelt is calling."

"Listen, I can't be bothered with jokes now," snapped the maid, slamming the receiver. In fact, she hung it up three times before the call got through.

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Kelly Says:

McNary Will Miss Senator Townsend

Oregonian Helps To Win Election

Flynn Will Get Berth in Cabinet

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Nov. 13 — Oregon's Charley McNary helped elect two new republican senators; one a country editor, Raymond E. Willis of Indiana, the other C. Wyland Brooks, alias "Curley" of Illinois; but he suffered a personal loss in the defeat of white-haired John Townsend of Delaware.

The assistance given Brooks was when the Oregon senator addressed farmers at a racetrack in Aurora, Ill., and "Curley" had a chance to speak from the same platform. Brooks' hair is curly, hence the nickname, and during the Aurora meeting the wind blew and Curley, hatless as was everyone else, constantly kept plastering his curls down with his hands.

Editor Willis, short, squat and voluble, was "robbed" of the election when he ran before. He was 5000 votes shy of winning, went to Washington and consulted McNary about a content and senatorial investigation. Senator McNary, who was defeated by one vote when he ran for the Oregon supreme court and refused to contest, advised Willis to go home and be a good sport. Willis took the suggestion and campaigned in the succeeding years while Sherman Minton (pal of Washington's Schwellenbach) became the most obnoxious new dealer in the senate.

Catches Charley in Tub At Kendallville, Ind., again at a county fairgrounds, McNary gave Willis the opportunity to introduce him; most of the introduction was about his own candidacy with one minute for McNary. Senator McNary arrived at Fort Wayne, Ind., from Bloomington, Ill., at 1:30 a.m. At 2:30 McNary was aroused from slumber by Willis, who had just arrived by plane to welcome the candidate for vice president. Five hours

later McNary crawled from bed and was taking a bath when (there was no key to the door) in stalked Willis soliciting advice for his campaign while the Oregonian shivered in a towel.

Minton, the 100 percent new dealer, is replaced by the country editor and is now looking for an appointment to the federal bench as reward for his services in the senate.

Envy Beats Townsend

John Townsend likes McNary so well that he flew with Joe Martin to Oregon to attend McNary's acceptance meeting at Oregon state's fairgrounds. Townsend had the happy faculty of being on good terms with all his colleagues and always knew the time of day. As chairman of the senate campaign committee he sent thousands of dollars to aid Rufus Holman in 1938. He helped Willis and Brooks in this campaign, also Steve Chadwick in Washington state, chipped in for John Thomas in Idaho.

Envy caused the defeat of Townsend. He moved to Delaware years ago, started raising chickens (thousands and thousands a year); raised turkeys by thousands, obtaining his eggs from Oregon; he became an orchardist with some 3000 acres; raised strawberries. Whatever Townsend undertook he made a success (he did not consider the orchards of Hood River district well kept), but others were unsuccessful and as he raised and marketed his products his neighbors, instead of adopting his methods, grew to dislike the ever pleasant, smiling farmer, and last week they beat him by 4000 votes.

Winston Churchill, who doesn't kid the British people, has warned them concerning the renewed U-boat attacks on British ships. What Churchill wants is more destroyers, and as British shipyards have been bombed he is looking to the United States as a source of supply. This centers attention again on the Pacific coast, where there is strong likelihood that many of the needed destroyers will be constructed.

May Find a Way

It is hinted in the national capital that, following the policy of "all aid to Britain," some of the destroyers ordered in Puget sound and San Francisco for the U. S. navy may be turned over to the British. Benny Cohen, who wrote the opinion announced by Attorney General Jackson that swapping the 50 over-age

Salem Sketches By Will Danch



"First chance you get, go watch Weldon Walker act one of his character roles. You'll never be a big time wrestler till you get more 'oomph' in your acting!"

destroyers for air and navy bases was perfectly legal, may find some way of authorizing transfer of new destroyers.

Although the British purchasing mission had conferences in Portland regarding destroyers and freighters no deals have been closed.

Washington scene: Ed Flynn, boss of the Bronx and national chairman, is to be appointed postmaster general but will first resign as national chairman, says report. . . . It cost President Roosevelt \$6.50 to attend

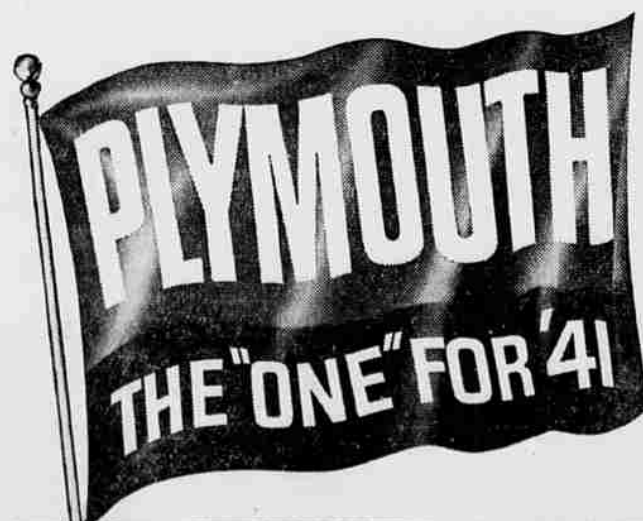
a dinner at which he was the honor guest at the National Press club; only club members attended and each had to pay. Mr. Roosevelt is a member; ditto his secretaries, McIntire and Early.

Idaho People Guests

Lyons—Mr. and Mrs. Milton Ulrich of Twin Falls, Idaho spent several days last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Crabtree. Mrs. Ulrich was a college friend of Miss Joanne Crabtree.



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