

Ostrich Egg Omelette Gets Try-out; Harry Non-Committal

By WILLIAM LESLIE

St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 21 (AP)—President Truman may or may not have eaten ostrich egg omelette during his Key West vacation. He wouldn't say. But if he didn't, he missed something. It's good. I know. I ate some.

Ever since Mr. Truman received four of the cantaloup-sized eggs from St. Augustine ostrich man Jim Casper, the world has waited for report on how the huge henfruit tastes in an omelette.

The president was reticent. He would say only—through an administrative assistant—that the eggs were "very much enjoyed" at Key West. But newsmen couldn't find out if he had fun eating them or just looking at them.

So, wanting to fill the void left by the president's non-comment on ostrich eggs, we asked Chef Pete Lovell of the Alhambra hotel here to whip up a special "ostrich egg omelette a la Truman" for me and 12 other guests of Casper, the ostrich man.

First Lovell knocked the huge egg against the side of the table. It took quite a healthy whack to break it. Ostrich egg shells are strong.

But it broke, and the contents tumbled out. The insides resembled a giant chicken egg. The yolk was about the size of a baseball.

Using a three-quart pan, the chef added a little beer and some Alhambra sauce, made

with his secret recipe. The pan soon overflowed.

So Lovell transferred the mixture to three hotel-sized frying pans and cooked it for eight minutes.

The result was fluffy, light, golden and inviting-looking. It made three omelettes which measured a yard long (end to end) and six inches wide.

It was good, much the same as a regular omelette. If anything, it was a little sweeter and creamier and not the slightest bit "gamey."

Ostrich egg omelette would be a nice dish when you have 13 guests for breakfast sometime. If you can afford it, that is. When you can get them, ostrich eggs come at \$120 a dozen.

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Hubbard — Larry Brentano, the son of Mrs. Janell D. Gillock of Hubbard, is enjoying the Christmas vacation with his mother. Young Brentano attends Hill Military academy in Portland during the year.

Although the leopard never changes his spots the leopard frog does.

Grieved Mother To Make Drive

Chicago, Dec. 21 (AP)—The mother of Patty Owens, 4, who died of a rare disease Dec. 7 after she was returned from California to spend her "last Christmas" here, says she will campaign for years if necessary to set up a fund to aid children suffering from the same ailment.

Mrs. Marguerite Owens, 30, said today she was disappointed by a telephone report from her husband, Robert, that he could find no interest in the "Patty Owens Memorial Fund" when he returned to Sunnyvale.

They had understood from news reports, she said, that sponsors of the fund intended an all-out campaign to finance research into the fibrocystic disease of the lungs and pancreas which killed Patty.

They also believed, she said,

Fight Over 'Fair Deal' May Bring Top Battle in Congress

By FRANCIS M. LE MAY

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Republican cries of "socialism" in Washington, while President Truman flexed his program at Key West, are heralding what may be the most interesting struggle in the new session of congress.

The reconvening of congress two weeks hence will signal the marshalling of forces for the conflict. The house and senate face decisions on what Mr. Truman calls the "fair deal" and the opposition assails as the blueprint for a "welfare state" or "poor house state."

that funds would be raised to aid families who otherwise could not afford expensive medical care needed in such cases.

"We don't want any of the money," she said. "We just want to see that the fund gets started in earnest so it can help people."

"But now that Patty's dead," she said, "they'll probably do nothing."

4. A new farm program.
5. Federal aid to education.
Perhaps the biggest fight of all will settle on taxes, when congress gets to considering how the government is going to pay for the things it is being called upon to do.

The administration opposition already is booming for slashes in spending, to thwart any tax boosts. There may be actual cuts

in congress the issue is bound to be cut clear for the congressional elections next year and for the presidential campaign in 1952.

The struggle—with the public a sideline spectator until balancing time rolls around—may be fought on at least five fronts. These sectors are Mr. Truman's proposals for:

1. A vast expansion of the federal social security program.
2. A federal plan of health insurance that the opposition dubs "socialized medicine."
3. An expansion of the government's housing program.

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tion, returns to Washington today.

in excises.
It is expected that Mr. Truman will start a new drive for his controversial domestic program in the state of the union message to congress January 4 or 5.

The program attained only limited objectives in the first session of the democrat-controlled 81st congress. Mr. Truman, ending his Florida vaca-

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