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The Oregon

Again it has been decided that the old Battleship Oregon shall be scrapped. Congressman Walter Norblad has so been informed by the Navy. Let's not protest again. For a more substantial enshrinement, than any material one, is in the hearts of her countrymen.

For more than 50 years the people of Oregon and the Navy have worried about what ought to be done with the Oregon. For some years she drooped sadly in Portland harbor where they tried to make a shrine of her. It didn't work out, and she was taken to Guam where she is to be sold for junk. But her material destruction need not be the end of her, and will not be if her story can be revived and her tradition handed down, as it must be, to future generations.

An older generation knows, and a younger vaguely knows, that the old ship is famous. But few know that she is twice famous—for the part she played in the Spanish War, and for the established fact that her long voyage from San Francisco around Cape Horn to join Admiral Sampson's fleet off the Cuban coast was the main inspiration for building the Panama Canal. That voyage and the valiant part she had in the Battle of Santiago are history.

No one who was a youth then can forget an incident of that voyage. For many days no word had come from the Oregon. She couldn't be located, and the Navy was uneasy. Perhaps prowling Spanish ships had gotten to her. Cable messages were broadcast to the Oregon's commander, in the hope that one would reach him. And then this one came back from Captain Charles E. Clark:

"Don't tangle me up with instructions. I'm not afraid of the whole Spanish fleet."

John James Meahan, a poet of the day, wrote "The Race of the Oregon":

Lights out! and a prow turned toward the South,
And a canvas hiding each cannon's mouth,
And a ship like a silent ghost released
Is seeking her sister ships in the east.

When your boys shall ask what the guns are for,
Tell them the tale of the Spanish War,
And the breathless millions that looked upon
The matchless race of the Oregon.

And this from Arthur Guiterman:

They held her South to Magellan's mouth,
Then East they steered her, forth
Through the farther gale of the crafty strait,
And then they held her North.

Six thousand miles to the Indian Isles!
And the Oregon rushed home,
Her wake a swirl of jade and pearl,
Her bow a bend of foam.

Mark Sullivan, in the first volume of his historical work "Our Times," said of the Oregon's voyage around the Horn and its influence for the building of the Panama Canal:

"By that experience America's vague ambition for an isthmian canal became an imperative decision.

"President McKinley, in his message to the next Congress, December, 1898, made the recommendation. Congress, the following March, 1899, created an Isthmian canal commission." Then followed, Sullivan recalls, negotiations with Great Britain concerning "some embarrassing British rights" under an old treaty, and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty was substituted which gave the United States unrestricted right to build the canal.

The trip of the Oregon was described by Admiral French E. Chadwick, historian of the Spanish War, quoted by Sullivan, as "one unprecedented in battleship history, and one which will long preserve its unique distinction." And Secretary of the Navy John D. Long said, "It has no parallel in history."

"The trip and the emotions it aroused," Mr. Sullivan concluded, "had more to do with American determination to have a Panama Canal than any other cause."

So the best enshrinement is that American youth shall know that a great ship once bore the name of Oregon, a ship as great as the Constitution or the Bon Homme Richard, or any other under any flag that ever sailed the seas.

John Day Lower Dam Opposed

The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors has rejected the proposal to allow construction of the John Day dam at a lower height than originally planned. The reduction was proposed to prevent flooding of valuable farming areas and river site towns. The board suggests a comprehensive flood control review of the entire Columbia Basin area. The board states:

"We can't eliminate a positive flood control storage unless we find positive places it can be replaced with equal efficiency. We may wind up with a lot of power projects in the Pacific Northwest with no more flood control than we had in 1948 when the Columbia Basin suffered a bad flood."

Both the Portland district and the North Pacific division engineers had recommended a lower dam storing a half million acre feet to prevent flooding of Umatilla, Ore., and other port and river port sites upstream from the proposed \$100 million high dam.

Gen. Louis H. Frode, Portland division engineer, states that he is confident that alternate storage is available, but was unable to designate the specific amount and location, and a complete review will settle the issue.

Among those recommending a lower dam were the Oregon state engineer, the Oregon Fish Commission opposing the proposed site, the Washington Fishing Commission also opposing the dam, but favoring the lower dam if any dam is to be built.

The primary objective of the dam is Columbia river flood control and a low dam it is claimed will not be sufficient.—G. P.

It's the Yankees Again

New York will offer another of its "subway series" to America's baseball fans, for the Yankees are in. True, they could lose if they wanted to, but they don't and with a two and a half game lead with five to play—the Indians have only four—they won't lose. The Indians might under similar circumstances, but they've already alerted to that little chime by blowing what looked like a decisive two game lead last week, losing four straight.

Many sneer at the Yankees, saying that the financial ability of the club to hire players is what makes them great. But this is far from the whole story, or even the most important part of it. The Yankees didn't dominate on the basis of superior man power this year. They had a tough time all the way and appeared to be beaten only a few days ago.

They win because they have a great manager in Casey Stengel, great technical skill but also in ability to handle a man's things, and because they have real talent, without which champions seldom become such against severe competition. The fans need not worry about the Yankees' money even if they did win five consecutive world championships prior to 1944 when they lost the pennant to Cleveland. The qualities that make them great can't be passed through the window at the bank. If they could the Boston Red Sox would have been champions years ago.

Overshadowed



POOR MAN'S PHILOSOPHER

Millionaire Hard as Lovely Lady for Hal to Understand

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (U.S.)—Sidewalk reflections of a pavement Plato: If there is anything harder for the average man to understand than beautiful women, it is millionaires.

Millionaires and pretty women have a great deal in common. They are self-complacent on the surface, full of secret fears, and unpredictable. They never quite act the way you expect them to. They rarely quite live up to the images of them you have in your mind before you get to know them well.

Women and millionaires (particularly new millionaires) brood a lot. Both are highly suspicious of any attention you pay them. Both want to be flattered, not for what they have, but what they don't have. In the case of women, their brains; in the case of millionaires, their social charm.

Honesty never pays off in dealing with either. They yearn to be admired for some imaginary quality they think they have rather than the one they actually do possess. You can tell a woman she has prettier legs than Betty Grable, she says humbly, "Is that all you see in me?" If you tell a millionaire, "The thing about you I like is your bank balance," he gets downright insulted.

But why? Anybody who has either beauty or hard cash has an edge in this world, and ought to be satisfied with either one or the other.

A poor man is disappointed with both lovely women and millionaires. Neither is as romantic as you expect them to be, or as spendthrift of their charms as you would like. They are cautiously determined to keep what they have intact, whether it be their beauty or their wealth.

Personally, I have found most millionaires boring, fearful fellows afraid to live up to their station in life. My theory is that a millionaire should act like a millionaire and live a rich carefree existence.

Now if I suddenly got a million bucks I'd live up to it. I'd drop all my shoddy pals and start mingling with a better class of people. I'd have a big white butler in my lapel that said "I Am A Millionaire." And when anybody bent over to read what it said on the button I'd squeeze a hidden bulb and squirt water in his eyes.

I'd drink champagne in bed, breakfast, ride on horseback behind a pack of foxhounds down Broadway in the afternoon, and spend my evenings pouring bubbly water down the backs of chorus girls at gay parties.

You wouldn't have to ask where I was. You could follow me around town by the trail of \$50 bills I'd let dribble out of a hole in my pocket.

I'd buy me an air-conditioned limousine of silver with diamond-tipped headlights, and I'd have a uniformed chauffeur the tallest, swiftest, red-headed showgirl in all America.

My bodyguard would be the smallest, toughest, meanest retiree I could find. He would be about with me wearing his rain-slicks and boots, and carry a riding crop in one hand to beat the peasants out of my path, and a shotgun in the other to cow anybody who wanted to make something of it.

You think people would hate or despise me? If you do, that's how little you know about people. They always admire a man with a grand manner, one who snubs kings but flips \$2000 goldpieces in a passing beggar's hat.

That's the old-fashioned idea about millionaires. And the secret dream of most people today isn't merely to be a millionaire—but to live like they dream a millionaire should. High wages and handsome salaries, I must die broke and be buried in a pauper's grave, but the man

A Smile or Two

Bob Considine

Small girl-type child of ours named Debbie has given up on 1955. She showed unusual interest in the first few hurricanes of the season. "What are they going to call the next one comes?" Debbie asked excitedly.

It took courage to look her in the eye. "Crushed," she answered. "Shucks! Have to wait a whole 'nother year."

CHOOSE YOUR FRIENDS

By Confucius

Never contract friendship with a man who is not better better than yourself.

NATIONAL WHIRLIGIG

Leniency of Judges Toward Tax Offenders Irks Andrews

By RAY TUCKER

WASHINGTON, September 21.—Internal Revenue Director T. Coleman Andrews has denounced publicly the leniency of many federal judges toward fraudulent income tax evaders. As further evidence of his attitude, here are his written private comments on certain cases which outrage him, as well as the criminal details:

"Ligh," wrote Andrews on a court file involving Robert G. Leuty of Minnesota. He failed to file any income tax return for 1951, with tax and penalties amounting to \$23,403.35. He is a dentist, Judge Robert G. Bell placed him on probation for three years, and fined him \$5,000.

Seven-Year Offender: The Internal Revenue agents investigated Leuty from 1948 to 1952, inclusive—seven years in all. With court costs, the expense to the government was more than the \$3,000 fine.

"How considerate," was Andrews' written comment on the sentence which Judge J. Joseph Smith gave to Patsy Frank Di Zeno of Bridgeport, Conn.

Di Zeno was convicted of evading income tax payments totaling with penalties, \$236,112.23. From 1946 to 1951, inclusive, a rental housing corporation official and general contractor, he omitted business receipts from his records and claimed mortgage interest deduction to which he was not entitled.

Fined \$1,000 and Suspended Sentence: When he pleaded nolo contendere, usually regarded as an admission of guilt, he was fined \$1,000. He was given a suspended six-month prison sentence because of "poor health."

And, as reported in yesterday's column, a New Orleans man who failed to buy a \$50 Federal Gambling License was fined \$3,000, as against the \$1,000 on a \$236,112.23 charge.

"No! I can hardly believe it!" This was Andrews' comment on a tough sentence by Judge George Boldt of Seattle, Wash. For 1946-48 income tax evasion, involving taxes to penalties of \$179,100.33, Judge Boldt gave Amador A. Seinos, a pinball operator, five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. Andrews wishes there were more Boldts on the Federal Bench.

Another Interesting Case Since does not permit a listing of all the lenient sentences denounced and derided by Andrews in his written comments. But the following case is interesting because it involves James J. Moran of Brooklyn, N.Y., former First Deputy Fire Commissioner, and a close friend of former Mayor William O'Dwyer.

Moran was convicted of income tax evasion for 1946, 1949 and 1950. The money on which he paid no taxes consisted of "shakedown" from installers of oil and other municipal equipment. Taxes and penalties assessed against Moran amounted to \$272,

'Trial Heat' Suggests Ike Would Win Against Truman

By GEORGE GALLUP

(Director, American Institute of Public Opinion)
PRINCETON, N. J., Sept. 20.—If Dwight D. Eisenhower were to run against his predecessor in the White House, Harry S. Truman, in a presidential election, who would be the victor?

The latest Institute "trial heat," in which voters were asked to pick between the two men, shows Eisenhower the likely winner with better than a 2-to-1 margin over Truman. Eisenhower polls 68 per cent to Truman's 32 per cent.

As reported Sunday, another trial heat race showed that Eisenhower would poll 61 per cent in the two-party vote in a match with his 1952 rival, Adlai Stevenson, who received 39 per cent.

The candidacy of former President Truman, who has already started the 1956 political campaigning, was recently advocated by Gov. James Folsom, of Alabama.

In its periodic checks of Democratic candidate standings, the Institute has found the former President receiving frequent mention from Democrats as the man they would most like to see nominated next year, although Governor Stevenson is currently named by a majority of 55 per cent of Democrats across the country as their top favorite.

To determine the outcome today in a race between the man from Abilene and the man from Independence, the Institute assigned its reporters to put this question to a true cross-section of voters across America:

"Suppose the presidential election were being held today. If Eisenhower were the Republican candidate and Harry S. Truman were the Democratic candidate, which candidate would you like to see win—the Republican or Democratic?"

The vote:
Ike vs. Truman
Eisenhower 65%
Truman 31
Undecided 4

Excluding the 4 per cent undecided, the above figures become:
Eisenhower 68%
Truman 32

One of the most interesting findings of today's survey is the fact that more than one out of every three Democrats questioned say they would like to see Ike win.

On the other hand, three GOP voters out of every 100 say they would like to see Truman win. Eisenhower is the overwhelming favorite of Independent voters, with 84 per cent of the vote.

Here is the vote by party affiliation:
Eisenhower 97% 84%
Truman 3 16

In its three most recent trial heats, the Institute has found Eisenhower the victor in two out of the three. Besides winning over Truman in today's race, Eisenhower topped Stevenson.

But if the late Franklin D. Roosevelt, the all-time Democratic champ, were the opponent of the GOP favorite, Roosevelt would come out ahead.

If there were an election today between the last two occupants of the White House, Eisenhower would be the winner by better than a 2-to-1 margin, judging by the latest Gallup Poll "trial heat" results.

Another trial heat found that Eisenhower would outscore his 1952 rival, Adlai Stevenson, by a margin of 61 to 39 per cent.

But in a race with Franklin D. Roosevelt, the all-time Democratic champ, Eisenhower would come out second best, polling 45 per cent to the late FDR's 53 per cent.

Here are the figures, with the undecided vote included in the first column:

IKE vs. FDR
Roosevelt 52% 55%
Eisenhower 47 43
Undecided 1

IKE vs. STEVENSON
Eisenhower 59% 61%
Stevenson 37 39
Undecided 4

It must be pointed out that trial heat races reflect the popularity of candidates to a greater extent than the popularity of

They Say Today

Gen. Julio Alberto Lagos, commander of the Argentine rebel army, on whether Peron should be permitted to leave the country: "A delinquent must be brought to trial."

Ed Sullivan television master of ceremonies, on his use of performers hired by Arthur Godfrey: "If Godfrey wants to let go of a performer while he's big, I'll use the performer. The only test is the entertainment value of the performer—I'd be delighted to have Godfrey on my show."

Leroy Gore, founder of the "Joe Must Go" club which fought Sen. Joseph McCarthy, on his projected trip to Russia: "I want to make a study of the dairy situation there and I would like to do a picture story of the little people."

Jose Maza, Chilean president-elect of the United Nations General Assembly, on freedom of the press: "Journalists should not have indirectly to seek for information it is their duty to transmit to the world."

Prince Aly Khan on reports that Rita Hayworth might go to Europe with her daughter, Yasmine: "I ask nothing from her mother than to be allowed to see my daughter and to be able to make sure she is being well brought up."

Both appear to be saddened and perhaps they are. But public sympathy might run deeper were they not such battle-scarred veterans in the business of unending love.

GOOD TIME TO CALL
Ottawa Journal
"I'm calling to make an appointment with the dentist."

"I'm sorry. He's out right now."

"Oh, thank you. When will he be out again?"

BETTER CLEAR THIS UP
St. Louis Globe-Democrat
If Kefauver tosses his coin into the ring, he'll have to prove he isn't running against Davy Crockett.

DON'T ALWAYS DOUBT
Dr. Frank Crane
You may be deceived if you trust too much, but you will live in torment if you do not trust enough.

HOW TO KILL LIBERTY
Edmund Burke
The true danger is when liberty is nibbled away, by expedients and by parts.

A Smile or Two

The Furrow

As a creaking huggy drawn by a swayed horse approach a 20 m.p.h. speed zone, the driver was heard to say, "You handle the reins, Ma, I'll take the whip and we'll see if we can make it."

CONSERVATIVE OPTIMIST
Sherman County Journal
We are inclined to think that the good sense of the nation's people will assert itself before any more "liberals" are put into power.

Get an EYEFUL of autumn!

We've new styles to match your gypsy mood this season! Gaily tinted frames to vie with nature... soft shades for the most delicate complexion. Fitted with our usual precision and skill... to bring you PERFECT VISION.

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