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COUNTER-TERROR IN ITALY

No apology can possibly be made for attempts at assassination of anyone, rulers or others. But it is quite possible to make explanations. Especially we can have a dispassionate viewpoint, as far away as we are from Rome.

The plot to kill Mussolini, dictator of Italy, and perhaps other officials, is a plot to accomplish something effective.

No one thinks, in England of trying to kill the king, no matter how tense the political situation is, because killing the king would not do anyone any good.

In France, no one tries to kill the president, because the president is a figurehead. And no one tries to kill the premier. The premier is not a figurehead. But if he were killed, some one else would be installed who would exercise the same powers as does Painleve now.

The President of the United States is the most powerful ruler in the world.

But no one thinks of killing Coolidge. And only crazy men have ever thought of killing any President of the United States.

For to kill the President would not possibly change any operation of the United States Government.

To kill Mussolini would mean something. It would mean an end to fascism in Italy. Or, if that end would not be certain, at least it is so likely that it is an attractive prospect to an enemy of fascism.

Fascism, as an operation of government in Italy today, is Mussolini. With Mussolini gone, there would be no warrant for a continuance of the dictatorship.

Mussolini is in power today by no warrant of law and by no approval of the people of Italy. He seized power by the force of arms. He keeps it by a manipulation of the means of terror.

This sort of a man is a shining mark for a counter-terror. The killing of any man except by process of law is wrong. In law, the slaying of Mussolini and of the humblest Italian workmen is equally heinous. Any argument that makes the killing of Mussolini unequally sinful must also take into consideration the public wrongs that tempt to assassination.

There is a special interest in the attempts that will be made by the Italian government to punish conspiracies against Mussolini from outside her borders. For this crime is what has always, through the ages, been considered a "political crime." And governments, no matter how amiable they are to one another, are reluctant to take up each other's political quarrels.

Mussolini took his job "by the sword." By an equal display of power he must maintain it.

WESTERN STATES FARE BADLY

Exploitation of natural resources at the hands of departments in Washington continues to the detriment of Western states.

One western state—Oregon—has as high as 54 per cent of its entire area locked up in definitely in forest reserves, mining, grazing and farming lands entirely withdrawn from settlement.

Senator Stanfield of Oregon, Chairman of Public Lands and Surveys, after holding public land hearings in each of the eleven western states, describes the way these great commonwealths are being "milked" by bureaucratic practices.

He is the first western senator to take a flat stand, without reservations, and raises the issue that the resources of the states shall belong to the states in whose boundaries they lie.

He is the junior senator from a state that has lost millions of dollars taxes by railroad and wagon road land grants being confiscated by the federal government and converted into federal reserves.

Wyoming is being drained of its oil and mineral resources for the benefit of the federal government, while Oregon has 140 billion feet of standing timber locked up in forest reserves, and other states are similarly situated.

In all these states the taxes on farm lands and private property are doubled, by withdrawing lands from taxation and extensions of federal power never intended in the constitution.

Trouble with being a prize fighter is that you have to look the part.



Fashion and pneumonia work perfectly in double harness.

As hotels increase, we find that scandal increases also in about the same ratio.

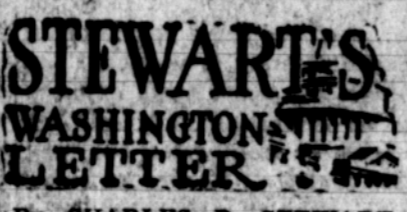
Culture means taping a cigarette exactly three times upon the wrist before lighting it.

When time passes slowly, you can get more action by investing in some second-hand tires.

A knowledge of arithmetic can be turned into cash more readily than a knowledge of grammar.

In the long run, human nature comes out on top, no matter how many laws are passed or how many wars are fought.

Nex Heck says: "A woman gets more joy out o' tryin' on hats than out o' wearin' the hats she eventually buys."



By CHARLES P. STEWART, NEA Service Writer, WASHINGTON

Judson Churchill Welliver, much better known as "Jud" Welliver, who has just retired as White House chief clerk to become publicity director for the American Petroleum Institute, got his start as a public character by disagreeing with President Roosevelt.

Jud was Washington correspondent for the Munsey publications at the time. One day the president sent for the newspaper men, among them Jud, to outline, for their benefit, a scheme he had doped out looking toward a solution of the country's railroad problems, just then pretty numerous and acute.

Concluding, he looked expectantly at his auditors, awaiting their verdict evidently in full confidence that it would be favorable.

It was, "Presidential plans seldom are looked very closely in the mouth, President Roosevelt's was greeted, almost unanimously, with enthusiastic acclaim. Almost, but not quite. Jud was glumly silent."

"Mr. Welliver," said the colonial, severely, "what do you think of my program?"

"I don't think much of it," replied Jud. "What?" stammered the president, "against as such less majesty. 'You don't? Why not?'"

"Before you can do a thing toward straightening out the transportation tangle," explained Jud, who had specialized on railroad news for years, "you've got to have a valuation of all the companies' properties made, and you don't say a word about that."

A pretty hectic 15 minutes followed, but the upshot was that Jud "sold" his idea to President Roosevelt. It really was the origin of the evaluation of America's railroads which has been going on ever since.

Senator La Follette introduced the bill, but it was Jud who won for the undertaking its first presidential support.

Announcement is also made of the marriage of Miss Evelyn Taylor and E. Q. Pierce, both of Ashland.

Miss Taylor is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Taylor, and was a senior in Ashland high.

Mr. Pierce has been a resident for some time, coming here from Montana. He is a high school graduate of 1922.

The marriage occurred Saturday evening at the Masses, the Rev. J. C. Mergler performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce are at home to their friends in their pleasant rooms in the Taylor Apartments.

Their many friends wish them every happiness and a prosperous future.

Ashland Couple Wed—Rev. William Nortridge and Miss Dayton Bussey, both of Ashland, were married at the Baptist Parsonage yesterday, Pastor W. H. Eaton officiating.—Jackson County News.

Group Meetings of Delphians—The announcement is made that the group meetings of the Delphians will take place Tuesday at two o'clock.

The group under the leadership of Mrs. D. Peroni, meets at the home of Mrs. A. H. Pracht. Mrs. H. C. Galey's group, at the home of Mrs. Don Whitney, and the group under the supervision of Mrs. John Finneran, will convene at the home of Mrs. Elbert Farlow, Jr.

The group meetings occur the second Tuesday in each month and the Chapter meeting the fourth Tuesday. The official board meeting is on the Wednesday preceding the group meetings.

College Club Meets—The Rogue River Valley College Women's Club will meet in Medford with Mrs. E. A. Welch, hostess, Saturday, November the fourteenth.

The program presented will be one of interest and a number from Ashland expect to be present. Under French Fifteen, "Swann's Way," by Marcel Prud'homme will be given by Mrs. R. E. Shinn. Mrs. F. J. Newman is social chairman for the afternoon.

Missionary Meeting Very Interesting—The Women's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church, which met Friday of last week at the home of Mrs. Harry Yeo, had a most interesting program and splendid meeting. There were thirty ladies present to enjoy it. In opening, Mrs. Wolcott sang "The King's Highway," the official song for the organization.

Enlightening reports were made: Mrs. Coder telling of the

work of the "King's Highway" with two boxes ready to be sent to the mission field. Each is well filled with things useful, and with 25 dolls and Christmas gifts besides three quilts, which speaks well for little people.

Mrs. Fred Nigle and Mrs. Homer Billings made full reports of the Branch meeting at Salem which they recently attended. These reports were given earnest attention by the society.

"The Laws Governing the Practice of Prayer," was the subject of a paper read by Mrs. Hunt. Mrs. Homer Billings sang, in closing the program, "Thou Art The Potter, I Am The Clay," an especially beautiful song, after which refreshments were served by the hostess with a number to assist her.

November Meeting A Luncheon—The November meeting of Mount Ashland Chapter, D. A. R. will occur at the Luthia Springs hotel, with a one o'clock luncheon as a special feature.

The business meeting and the program will be given in the ball room of the hotel, after the luncheon.

Each member of the chapter is privileged to bring one guest. The date set is November 20, the third Friday in the month.

Ladies Elks Club Meets—The Ladies Elks Club will hold its regular meeting Thursday of this week, at its club room. They anticipate a large attendance and pleasant afternoon.

Ladies Art Club—The Ladies Art Club will meet Monday evening in the Civic Club house. The hostesses for the evening will be Mrs. S. H. McNair and Mrs. Frank Nelson. An interesting evening is promised.

Upper Valley Community Club Meets November 19—The Upper Valley Community Club will meet November 19, instead of November 17, as originally planned, because of Miss Brewster's inability to meet with them on that date.

The Club will meet at the home of Mrs. Homer Barros, as stated and will be an all-day

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meeting, and the work will be the same as announced at the Millinery class held recently. All the membership and friends interested are to remember the change in date.

Shades of orange and yellow used in place card, favor and flowers, gave distinctive touch and added beauty to the lovely setting for this altogether delightful function.

Music, quiet and story played their part in entertainment and guests prolonged their stay for hours, loath to say goodnight to host and hostess.

The guest list included: Miss Ila Myers, Mrs. Guy Good, Mrs. Lillian Merritt, Miss Alice Robertson, Miss Nell Carter, Miss Edna Gibson, Miss Gertrude Haan, Miss Mildred Millon, Miss Ethel Reid, Miss Florence Hurd, Miss Beryl Jarmon, Miss Nora Ward, Miss Clara Anderson, Miss Hazel Bruner, Edna Kennedy, Mrs. G. A. Briscoe, Miss Alice Shepherd, Mrs. Mary Homes-Trucker, Mrs. Grace E. Andrews, and Mrs. H. C. Galey.

Vanishing Tea—Mrs. Randall Woods was hostess Thursday afternoon at an attractive afternoon tea, one of the series being given in Ashland, where a large number of hostesses are entertaining, as a part of the movement to erect the new Women's Building at Albany.

The afternoon was spent very happily, in easy chat and with fancy work employing many fingers. Bright laurel berries, and shaggy chrysanthemums were used effectively, giving quite a bit of autumn cheeriness, and during the afternoon dainty refreshments were served.

Those enjoying the hours with the hostess were Mrs. Fred Engle, Mrs. O. Winter, Mrs. C. (Continued On Page Three)

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