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UNFAIR CRITICISM

THIS is a time when the partisan politician and the partisan newspaper should be careful in its criticism of the government or of a government department. Criticism that is not based upon facts, or founded upon misinformation, is unjust and dangerous in time of peace, but when the nation is at war such criticism may be one of the straws that invite disaster. The editor who criticizes a government department at this time should be doubly sure of his facts and there is no excuse for a writer who makes an attack basing his statements on assumptions which are without foundation and giving impressions to the public that are incorrect. This is no time for politics. Just criticism is warranted and it may prove of great value to the nation at such a time, but to assail those in authority in time of crisis, when they are doing the best they can, without just foundation shows political desire and lack of judgment. Under the heading "Why Mails Are Slow" the Eugene Register publishes an editorial as follows:

"There are complaints on every side of the slowness of the mails. Readers of the magazines no longer expect their reading matter to be delivered on time and the publishers have been compelled to print notices urging the public to be patient and wait for some time before making complaints of non-delivery. At the same time the country is facing a paper shortage, and the newspapers are requested to limit their consumption in every way possible in order to make the shortage less acute.

"An example, both of why the mails are congested and why paper is scarce, was presented in the editorial offices of The Register, yesterday morning. Out of 27 pieces of mail—exclusive of newspapers, received at one delivery, only two were legitimate business communications. The remainder were press agent offerings, all of which were tossed into the waste basket without opening because their contents were known in advance through long and tiresome experience. A large part of the worthless mass was contributed by various government agencies.

"There are several thousand daily newspapers in the United States, and it is to be presumed that all of them received yesterday this accumulation of junk and all of them probably dumped it into the waste basket without looking at it—and yesterday was no different from other days; the stream is a constant one. Nor are the newspaper alone in bearing this infliction. Thousands of other concerns and individuals receive this worthless matter every day.

"It is not hard to see why the mails are so over-burdened that magazine subscribers are compelled to wait for days for delivery or why there is a large postal deficit."

The editor of The Guard does not doubt but that his newspaper mail is very similar to that received by the editor of The Register. The percentage of business communications is better than indicated by the Register's editor's statement. The mail he selected for his illustration must have been an exception. There has not been a mail received in this office during the last week in which there were 27 press agent offerings. Those contained in the mail this morning were from the Southern Pacific Railroad company, the National War Work Council of the Y. M. C. A., the League to Enforce Peace, the United States Marine Corps Recruiting Publicity Service, the War Industries Board, the United States Department of Agriculture Bureau of Crop Estimates, the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the Great Northern Railway company.

The great bulk of the mail of this character originates with various government departments and its volume has increased greatly since the United States entered the war. Edison, Hoover, Disque and other men of prominence are contributors. There is no doubt many of these offerings that all newspapers can not use, but there are none that do not contain possible value to an editor somewhere. There is none of it that should be classed as worthless. Much of the war mail received by the newspapers in Eugene originates with various government agencies or state organizations within the state of Oregon. Many of these organizations are headed by men and women who are republicans and they are working without any thought of politics in carrying out the publicity policies of the administration. They are trying to get to the public through the newspaper the things which the government desires that the people should know. The Guard received almost every day war publicity matter originating within

the state that it cannot use, but it regards this matter as being far from worthless. Much of it is filed away for future reference.

The editor's statement about magazine subscribers being compelled to wait for days for delivery is without foundation. The mails are moving on scheduled time all over the country. Some of the larger magazines arrive in Eugene, a city in the Pacific coast territory, four and five days ahead of the date marked for their release. There has been no serious delays in the mail service to the Pacific coast country since the heavy snows last winter.

The editor also speaks of a large postal deficit. There has been but a single year under Postmaster General Burleson's administration in which a deficit has been incurred. That was in 1915, before the United States entered the war, and followed a general increase in salaries for postal employees. The deficit that year was \$11,333,308.97.

Surpluses were reported for other years under Burleson as follows: 1913, \$3,800,000; 1914, \$3,500,000; 1916, \$5,216,243.61; 1917, \$9,836,211.90. It is estimated by the department that the surplus this year will amount to \$11,000,250.

The postoffice department under Burleson has made a record never before equalled in the history of the nation. The showing is not wholly a result of increased business. Many economies have been effected. One which especially reflected business management was a reduction in the size of the lock used on mail sacks. This change in weight saves the government one-half million dollars annually.

Figures for six years under the Wilson administration show a surplus for the postal department of \$25,000,000, as compared with a deficit of \$48,739,639 for four years under Roosevelt and a deficit of \$24,927,657.40 for four years under Taft.

A Story of Married Life REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

By Adele Garrison

How Dicky Did His Share in Getting Ready to Move.

"Oh, Miss Graham, were we ever going to get drunk?"

Katie stood in the capacious attic of the old Brennan house, her arms akimbo, her whole figure eloquent of exasperated bewilderment.

Standing beside her and looking at the pile of newspapers, magazines and books in all stages of dilapidation, which were piled indiscriminately on the attic floor, I secretly shared her irritation, although loyalty to Dicky kept my lips closed.

For the heterogeneous collection which confronted us and which I felt instinctively would be a big problem in our moving into our new home, belonged to Dicky, represented his favorite hobby. It was not until we came to the old Brennan house at Marvin that I discovered my husband's passion for collecting magazines, newspapers and old books. After his own room became so crowded that he began to put his treasures away in the attic. I happened to speak of his collection to Lillian, and learned from her that he had a room back of his studio filled with still another collection.

"He's always going to clip and file them," she said with an amused little laugh at Dicky's follies. "But he never gets time. I've tried to point out to him that to go through them even hurriedly, would take seven secretaries seven years, but he scorns my suggestions, so I've left him to his fate. I'd advise you to follow a similar course if you want to keep peace in the family. I don't know of anything else more touchy about than that ridiculous collection of his."

Madge's Simple Suggestion.
I recalled Lillian's words with a little glow of self-commendation. Never had Dicky heard from my lips the faintest objection to his hobby. He took every newspaper in the city, daily and Sunday and saved one daily and all the Sunday papers complete save for the advertising sections. He subscribed to all the leading magazines and religiously saved every number with the declared purpose of having them bound some day. And among the old books which he was constantly bringing home were numberless

bound volumes of old magazines from the beginning of American publications down to his own subscriptions.

It is an unusual collection, and if it were classified, the magazines bound, and the bulky newspapers clipped, I believe it would be really valuable. But in its present state it is of no use to any one, and an unmitigated nuisance to Katie and to me.

"It's going to cost something to move that stuff," Katie said with a sniff. I knew the reason for the sniff. I hadn't answered her first observation, and Katie's temperamental soul was offended.

"I know it is, Katie," I answered. "But perhaps Mr. Graham will sort them and sell some of them as waste paper or send them to the hospital. I'll go down and speak to him about it right now."

I had very little hope of success in my errand. But to my surprise Dicky was acquiescent, even affable, when I broached the subject.

"I've been meaning to get at those things for a dog's age," he said, throwing down his newspaper. "I'll get right upstairs now."

He ran lightly up the staircase and in a few seconds we heard a stentorian call for Jim. Katie summoned her spouse from the barn, and it seemed but a minute more before I was horrified to see both men descending the staircase and entering the living room, with their arms full of papers, magazines and books, some dust-laden and in all stages of dilapidation.

Dicky's Ultimatum.
"Dicky," I gasped. "Whatever are you going to do with those things in here?"

"Why, Jim and I are going to play pinocle with them," my husband explained with what he evidently meant to be crushing sarcasm.

"But, dear, the papers are so dusty. They'll ruin everything in here!" I protested, with feminine horror at seeing my household goods threatened with disfiguring dirt.

"Take the furniture out then," Dicky retorted. "Do you know that attic is as cold as a barn, and not very light besides? If you imagine I'm going to sit up there and freeze while I sort these papers for you, you've got another thing coming, that's all."

and returned by auto Sunday to Klamath Falls.

Mrs. Lillie Grubb and grandson, Ray Hilton, went to Summit Sunday.

Fred Tucker came up from Leona Sunday.

Harry Casey came Sunday from Reedsport.

Francis Hamoth and Louise Mattire returned Saturday from a month's visit in Portland.

Myrtle Potts and Claude Kime, played at the Yoncalla dance Saturday night. They have engagements ahead for a month, to play at different places.

Mrs. G. Soule came Saturday from Drain to visit her daughters at Dozens.

Mr. and Mrs. George Currin were up from Leona Sunday looking over their farm east of town.

R. W. Newland, formerly a merchant of Cottage Grove, is spending his vacation here.

The stork arrived at the Mercy hospital in Eugene July 28, with a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Buckley of Cottage Grove.

Harry Skilling, Jack Beager and Tom Mathews went down to Eugene Friday night on their bicycles to the show.

Nancy Chapin and Ethel Machie of Drain were in town Saturday.

Mrs. Jessie Gilchrist returned from Dunsuir, Cal., Saturday where she visited her brother George.

Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson returned from their auto trip in their son Fred's, new car, to Grants Pass where they visited their son-in-law, Harry Culver.

George Overholser cut his right foot

quite badly one day last week, while loading lumber at the depot.

Mrs. C. C. Gillam and three children returned Saturday from Butte Falls, where they were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hughes.

George Lea returned from Drain Saturday.

Mrs. W. S. Smith and daughter of Eugene visited at the home of Charles Stephens Saturday.

Sim Brand and family motored to Seattle Sunday to visit their daughter Margaret, who is one of Uncle Sam's stenographers and Mr. Brand's brother. They will be gone two weeks and more. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stewart motored to Dexter Saturday evening.

W. L. Brand and family of Roseburg visited Sunday with Mrs. Brand's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hull of North Pacific highway.

Jack Linguist and Al Johnson, old Bohemia miners, were in town Sunday from Bakerfield, Cal.

Wallace Winkler, an instructor in the school of wireless telegraphy at Seattle, in company with Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Lane School and Ailie Matlock of Eugene motored up Saturday and visited with Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Stewart.

Ruth Jorgensen and Bill Bastele went to Yoncalla Saturday night to the dance. James Kinnor of Santa Cruz, Cal., is visiting his father, Mrs. Sam Harris.

Mrs. A. M. Harding and daughter Grace accompanied Mrs. Herbert Eakin in her auto Sunday as far as Eugene, where they took the train for Reedsport, where they will visit Mrs. Harding's brother, Mr. Blackwell.

J. L. Jones returned to Reedsport Sunday. Mr. Jones is interested in two mills at that place.

JASPER.

Jasper, Ore., July 29.—Harvey Eaton was in town on business Thursday.

Mr. Love sold his Ford and purchased a new Buick four.

The Red Cross met Thursday afternoon to do some rush work. There were about a dozen ladies present.

Mrs. Lyons was in Springfield on business Friday.

Elizabeth Brent and Mrs. L. B. Brent and little daughter, Margery, were shopping in Eugene Thursday.

Miss Gertrude Ruthven was in Eugene Thursday.

The Christian Endeavorers of the Jasper church gave \$5 to the Red Cross fund and \$5 to the Armenian relief fund, and have enough money to purchase material for a service flag.

There will be no Sunday evening Endeavor services for a few weeks.

Mrs. John Wallace is enjoying a visit with her mother, brother and sister, who arrived from Seattle a few days ago.

Verne Vaughn, who was employed in the Blair Bros. store at Jasper, is now working at Mabel.

John Walsh returned from Camp McDowell, Cal., a short time ago, and is now clerking in Mr. Blair's store.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blair motored to Eugene Saturday evening.

Nearly all the wheat in this vicinity is cut and about ready to thresh.

KITSON SPRINGS

Kitson Springs, Ore., July 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McCurher, of Croferdville, came in Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith and family, of Santa Clara, who have been at the springs for two weeks, left Thursday evening for home.

M. T. Robertson, of Harrisburg, came in Thursday for a month's stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Filkins, of Michigan, who have been visiting relatives at Creswell, left Friday morning after a two weeks' stay.

WINBERRY.

Winberry, Ore., July 29.—Mrs. P. T.

A Fight for Life

It has been fight or die for many of us in the past and the lucky people are those who have suffered, but who are now well because they heeded nature's warning signal in time to correct their trouble with that wonderful new discovery of Dr. Pierce's, called "An-u-ric." You should promptly heed these warnings, some of which are dizzy spells, backache, irregularity of the urine or the painful twinges of rheumatism, sciatica or lumbago. To delay may make possible the dangerous forms of kidney disease, such as Bright's disease, diabetes or stone in the bladder.

To overcome these distressing conditions take plenty of exercise in the open air, avoid a heavy meat diet, drink freely of water and at each meal, take Doctor Pierce's Anuric Tablets (double strength). You will, in a short time, find that you are one of the firm supporters of Anuric, as are thousands of neighbors.

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Mrs. ROSA MEXLAV, of GETCHELL, WASH. says: "I was troubled with the backache for the last five years. I sent for a package of Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets, which cured me completely. I will recommend Anuric to all my friends who are troubled with backache."

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Hampton's
Wholesale and Retail

Adams is visiting at Winberry this week.

Wilber Carter is binding hay for the neighbors this week.

A. J. Reifro went up the river Saturday.

A. T. Miller is doing some road work in Winberry this week.

Ellis Edwards went to town Saturday.

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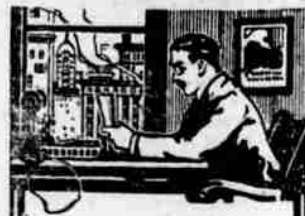
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