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England's labor government just staggers from one victory to another—Martin's Ferry (Ohio) Times.

When the year is up, Europe may want to place the accent on that "more" in moratorium—Wichita Eagle.

It seems to be a rule. The more a man deserves jailing, the longer it takes to convict him—Los Angeles Times.

It's funny how the stock market perks up at the news that the world's biggest account is uncollectable—Dallas News.

An astronomer says that electrons and atoms are always at war. Up, electron and atom—New York Evening Post.

Calvin Coolidge can now take a vacation without having to wear Indian togs and a ten-gallon hat—Louisville Courier-Journal.

How the language changed! Only yesterday a racket was a big noise, and now it's on the quiet—New Britain Herald.

A new London theater is so small that people in the audience can overhear what the players are saying to each other—Punch.

The flappers are surely good-hearted creatures. They wear furs in the summer time when the animals don't need 'em—B'nai B'rith Messenger.

Strange as it may seem, Europe's response to our invitation to stop paying us for a year is positively enthusiastic—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

Looks like about the only way to insure preservation of the wild flowers of this country is to cross them with poison-ivy—Ohio State Journal.

Mr. Hoover acted after getting a long letter from President Hindenburg. The Hindenburg line must be as good as ever—Wichita Eagle.

NO ISSUE SOLVED, UNTIL IT'S SOLVED RIGHT

DURING the recent sewer bond election opponents of the measure made many votes, by capitalizing Governor Meier's popularity, and making it appear that the Governor of Oregon wanted his local followers to vote the issue down.

It now transpires that later on certain opponents of the bond issue wrote Governor Meier and requested him to check up on the state board of health and determine why that board had endorsed the bond issue, the supposition being presumably, that the board would either withdraw its endorsement, materially modify it, or that the Governor would be drawn into the controversy against the proposal.

If so, they were grievously disappointed. For Governor Meier wisely refused to be drawn into the controversy on either side, but simply asked the state board of health its opinion of the Medford situation.

This opinion was given a week after the election was held. Instead of withdrawing its endorsement, or modifying it in any particular the state board of health reported to Governor Meier as follows:

Oregon State Board of Health Portland, July 23rd, 1931

Governor Julius L. Meier, Salem, Oregon. Dear Sir:—The delay in answering your letters referring to the Medford situation was due to the fact that the state sanitary engineer was out of the city and it was not possible for me to give you all of the facts at an earlier date.

Briefly, the situation in Medford is that the city has grown very rapidly but the sewerage system has not expanded sufficiently to accommodate the building activities. Bear creek is dried up due to irrigation and there is not sufficient dilution to properly care for the effluent from the septic tank. The septic tank is too small to function properly. For this reason numerous complaints have been filed with us and the local health department complaining of the nuisance. The situation is undoubtedly a health menace which can only be solved by the building of an adequate disposal plant and an extension of sewer to the unsewered parts of the city.

Statements made by Mr. Green were that any additions to or modifications of the present sewage disposal plant would not be approved because septic tank treatment would not be satisfactory at Medford. This is true because there is insufficient diluting water available in Bear creek. He at no time stated that any particular type of plant must be built. He referred to the present widely used units of primary treatment, Imhoff tanks and mechanical clarifiers. He also stated that secondary treatment would be necessary in such a plant and that either of the two common methods of treatment, trickling filters or activated sludge, might be used. Intermittent sand filtration is not referred to because at the proposed sites there is hardly enough area available for such units, and since the sand is not present on the site such beds would be costly. None of the above processes are patented. Mechanical clarification equipment is manufactured by the Door Company and the Hardinge Company. The Imhoff tank was originally patented by Dr. Imhoff of Germany, but we are informed that the state board of health has not presented the enforcement, especially when the cities are separated by long distances. However, as these cities grow the menace becomes greater and sewage disposal plants are cheaper than epidemics of typhoid fever.

He stated that the estimate of cost of the proposed sewage disposal plant was reasonable. Figures from over the entire country show that the cost of complete sewage treatment varies from ten to twenty dollars per capita. The cost does not include outfall sewers. The bond issue was provided for a new outfall sewer, the estimated cost of which was more than half the entire amount asked for.

Our engineer visited Medford because he was asked for by the city officials. At no time did he say that Medford "must" vote the bonds and install an adequate sewage disposal plant. He said they "should." I believe that the Medford city officials will advise you that the above statements are correct.

It is a very difficult matter to get cities to realize that proper sewage disposal is only another means of safeguarding the health of the people. The state law provides that cities shall not dump sewage into streams used for drinking purposes. This is a very difficult law to enforce and the state board of health has not presented the enforcement, especially when the cities are separated by long distances. However, as these cities grow the menace becomes greater and sewage disposal plants are cheaper than epidemics of typhoid fever.

Yours truly, FREDERICK D. STRICKER, State Health Officer.

If a stronger, more reasonable, more convincing argument in favor of an adequate sewage disposal plant in Medford, could be conceived; we don't know where one would find it.

It answers those who maintain all Medford needs is another septic tank. It answers those who maintain that the estimated costs of the trunk sewer AND disposal plant were excessive.

Coming from one of the most highly respected doctors in the state, it answers those who have claimed that raw sewage dumped into a shallow creek in the business center of the city is not a menace to health.

But, as Dr. Stricker well says: "It is a difficult matter to get cities to realize that proper sewage disposal is only another means of safeguarding the health of the people."

It is also a difficult matter—in fact, we fear it is almost a possible task to pass any bond issue exceeding \$100,000 in Medford at the present time.

What then should be done? In our opinion, just what we suggested the day after the election,—call in the best sanitary engineer available, have him make a complete survey, and tell us what, in view of the circumstances, CAN be done.

WE HAVE no desire to stir up discussion, or revive a controversy that for the immediate present, is dead. But as far as this sewer problem is concerned, it isn't settled, until it is settled RIGHT. And it isn't settled RIGHT, until it provides for the proper protection of the health of this community.

And popular or unpopular, we are going to fight right along that line if it takes all summer—or a dozen summers.

THERE are two general types of newspapers. Those that try to find out what is popular in a community and then support it; and those that try to find out what is BEST for a community and then support that—i. e.—try to make it popular. The Mail Tribune is now, and always has been, in the latter category. We believe this sewage disposal problem must be solved, because we believe that the health and the better welfare of this community demand it.

FLIGHT O' TIME

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

From the Files of The Mail Tribune

Monday. The Russians drive the Teutons back along the Dnieper.

No trace of German submarine reported off the coast of Maine.

The strength of the week with Mary Fuller, attraction at Star Theater.

Arthur Burgess has left for Chicago, where he will appear with a company presenting "The Defective."

Passenger on Espee train attempts to commit suicide with a jackknife.

No sugar factory here until valley adopts irrigation.

Tuesday. Threatened strike of 400,000 railroad workers is averted by President Wilson.

Nominee Hughes begins to show strain of too many campaign speeches.

Jackson county Republicans infuriated by sight of Democratic intruders, bearing words "The Keep 'em Out of War" Women voters urged not to be deceived by false appeal.

E. H. Porter and W. A. Folger leave for Boston by auto.

City and county authorities start war on glaring headlights.

Important meeting of fishermen called to discuss fishing problems.

Wednesday. Robert S. Towne, owner of the Blue Lodge pike, dies in New York City.

Bartlett pear picking and packing season now in full swing.

Bud Lawrence, driver of the Panatorium delivery wagon, sustained a bad cut on the scalp, when he dove into Rogue River, and misjudged the depth.

Allied arms gain ground on all fronts.

Joe Knowles, "The Nature Man," appears at the Page.

Walter Bowne drives a car from Portland in 17 hours.

Thursday. Bartletts bring \$2 per box, cash, Medford.

Nominee Hughes addresses farmers of North Dakota.

Warm weather continues, with cool nights.

Deer season to open next week, and governor issues warning to hunters to be careful of fire.

Grater Lake lodge reports record business to date.

Chamber of commerce comes out and says "Medford should do something for the tourists, and not be caught napping."

Friday. Many leave to spend the week-end on coast.

Stuart Holmes in "Sins of Men" at the Page.

Army deserter passes through and passes bogus checks on local firms.

Talent Orchard company packing plant destroyed by fire of unknown origin.

Hiram Johnson of California displays displeasure with Nominee Hughes, and breach threatened.

Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Newhall and Mr. Stewart, Patterson, auto to Crater lake over the week-end.

Miss Katherine Clements of Grants, Pass is visiting Miss Jeanette Patterson.

Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Emmens leave on auto trip to McKenzie river section.

The Marshmallow club holds a "weenie roast" on Griffin creek.

The Dime society holds its annual picnic at Ashland, and sing the songs of the southland.

The Grizzlies establish permanent camp at Crater lake.

The Rev. W. C. U. H. Mrs. Kemp discuss the proposed "brewery amendment" at the Baptist church.

Our Defiant Aliens Out of Melting Pot

(Kansas City Times)

The disappearance of an important witness in a murder case indicates that the Italian hoodlums are continuing their terrorist activities despite the police campaign against them.

The brutal murder of a negro who had sought police protection against these hoodlums has focused public attention upon a condition in the North which, although was intolerable. Three young Italians are under arrest in connection with that crime, and now the state is unable to find one of its principal witnesses.

The success of the new police patrol in the terrorized district shows that the regular authorities are entirely competent to deal with the situation, but it calls for drastic measures. The hoodlums are a constant law enforcement problem, and they will have to be taught respect for American traditions of law and order.

Press Comment

Why the Session? Governor Meier's tax conservation committee has adapted a resolution asking a special session to enact its recommendations, which are summarized as follows: Centralization of tax regulation, along the Indiana plan by vesting in the state tax commission, acting jointly with county tax commissioners, regulatory control over budgets, tax levies and proposed future bond issues of local tax levying bodies.

Scanning New Books

By Richard Massock

NEW YORK—Midgets are the subjects of numerous jokes, especially among show people who are closer to the miniature mortals than are most folk.

The wee ones apparently take the quips in good grace, along with the Scots and other favorites of the gagsters.

But a dwarf in the family is no joke, if Edith Olivier knows what she writes about in her novel, "Dwarf's Blood." Especially if the father is like her Nicholas Roxerby, a blindly sensitive father.

Came The Dwarf. Young Sir Nicholas, Australia born, inherited a crumbling estate in England. Eagerly setting about to restore the place with his colonial fortune, he evidently was trying to establish a new life.

He and Alethea Braxton met and were married, "knowing at the time as little of each other as do most brides and bridegrooms." Their first child was a normal daughter. Their second, a son, was a dwarf, small although not deformed.

Sir Nicholas' mother came to visit him and Alethea learned that why Nicholas was so morose over his son, Hans, that he could not bear to look at him. The father's feeling of inferiority because of his inherited "dwarf's blood," was almost a mania.

The novel is a study of dwarf's minds in big bodies and a big mind in a dwarf's body.

The mother shielded her son from the father and from the sister, Portia, a selfish child who gloried in her physical superiority. Finally Hans so distinguished himself as a painter that he earned his father's belated love.

In his family, "it is the small people who always have had the brains, while the tall ones have been fools," Sir Nicholas says.

Popular Elements. Despite her theme, Miss Olivier's novel has the elements of popularity—romance, maternal love, inherited wealth, the happy ending.

In building up sympathy for Hans, she goes to the extremity of making him a sort of handsome gnome who has strange power over the wild birds and beasts, but she restrains herself in time.

Daughter of a country parson, the author was reared in the Victorian formality of an old English manor, always having to curtsy to her parents when she came into the room for dessert after dinner.

Brookings, the scene of her novel, is that sort of a country seat.

Dwarf's Blood, by Edith Olivier (Viking Press). The Literary Guild book for July. The author develops her story against a background of English country life. Nicholas and Alethea marry and live at the old Roxerby estate. Brokeby, a daughter is born, and then a son, and the son is a dwarf. It is a quiet story, and one in which deep psychological insight is not lacking. It swings along at an easy, restful pace, to a conclusion that is intensely dramatic. It is one of the good novels of the season.

The publishers' summer and fall catalogues are rolling in and I have skimmed through them for a brief list of forthcoming works that sound especially interesting. Here they are:

Shadows on the Rock, by Willa Cather (Knopf). John Henry, by Roark Bradford (Harper). 1919, by John Dos Passos (Harper). The Champion from Far Away, by Ben Hecht (Covici, Friede). Half a Loaf, by Grace Hegger Lewis, (Liveright). Turnabout, by Thorne Smith (Doubleday Doran). The Wet Parade, by Upton Sinclair (Farrar & Rinehart). Gringos in Green Mansions, by Sam Love (Century). The Great Mouthpiece, by Gene Fowler (Covici, Friede). My Fight for Birth Control, by Margaret Sanger (Farrar & Rinehart). The Brown Decades, by Lewis Mumford (Harcourt Brace). The Epic of America, by James Truslow Adams (Little, Brown). Perhaps Women, by Sherwood Anderson (Liveright). Since Calvary, by Lewis Browne (Macmillan). The Scientific Outlook, by Bertrand Russell (Norton).

MUSSOLINI AND POPE. FIGHT FOR ITALIAN YOUTH (Continued from Page 1)

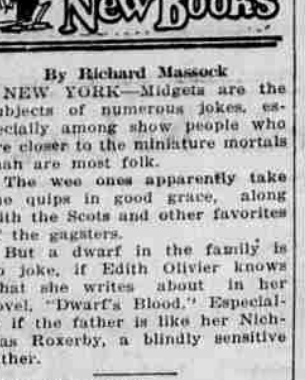
first, was the alleged political activities of the Azione Cattolica (Catholic Action) in Italy. Azione Cattolica is the generic name for a series of seven Catholic adult and youth organizations. The activities of its youth branches fell under Fascist restriction because of its youth education.

Fascist Targets. The adult branches of the Azione Cattolica, and especially its leaders, have been the targets of Fascist political activities. It is remembered that no political parties are allowed in Italy except the Fascist party. Azione Cattolica is not, or was not, a political party, but Fascist charges that its membership harbored many former members of the Popular Party, a powerful party mostly composed of Catholics which was disbanded in 1925.

The fact that the membership of Azione Cattolica included many former Popular Party members has given rise to repeated accusations that Azione Cattolica was fostering anti-Fascist elements and in secret meetings, and through subversive propaganda, was a latent and potent enemy of the regime. The church has repeatedly denied these charges.

The situation was further complicated because under article 43 of the Lateran Concordat, signed in 1929, the Italian government recognized the continued existence of the Azione Cattolica, although specifying that its activities must remain outside the political field. Thus, although charging the entire Azione Cattolica movement with latent anti-Fascism, the government was unable to close

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Salesmen at the Western Auto Supply Company are pleased to motorists this week, according to their local managers, each item purchased from the "Buy One and Get One Free" merchandise a duplicate will be given free of charge. Driving shows here, are included among the featured items.

the Azione Cattolica as an entity, although it could strike at its very existence by disbanding its youth branches.

Started in 1870. The beginnings of the Azione Cattolica in Italy go back to the 1870's, but a definite form was not given the organization until early in the present century.

Pope Leo XIII enlarged the work of the Azione Cattolica but forbade it to engage in politics. The next pope, however, Pius X, definitely instructed the organization to take an active part in electoral campaigns and to assist in the political and administrative life of the nation.

Under Pope Benedict XV, in 1915, a Central Junta was formed controlling the various branches depending upon the Azione Cattolica. This junta is composed of the presidents of the various branch associations, the president of the Azione Cattolica itself, and four members nominated

by the pope. The junta met second Saturday in the month, this junta which the pope has been directing the Azione Cattolica into political pastures.

Since 1915 great stress placed on the development of youth branches of the Azione Cattolica, especially the young men's political pastures.

Aluminum Foil Heat-STATE COLLEGE, Pa.—(UP)—Experiments at Pennsylvania State college have demonstrated the effectiveness of steam pipes. A device of ten-thousandths of an inch was found to be as effective as ordinary copper pipes.

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