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New York City, Oct. 12.—One must see it to believe it! We refer to the crowds in this overgrown Babylon. And not only crowds on the sidewalks, but on the pavements, in the theaters and hotels,—everywhere.

Yes, there are too many people on this little island! And even more apparent too many motor-driven vehicles, especially taxis and trucks. We hate to think what will happen if there is ever a serious fire in the downtown district during daylight.

One amazing feature of the situation is the scarcity of accidents. For as before noted pedestrians pay no attention to traffic lights,—or practically none. They sift through whenever and wherever the stream of cars thins out a bit.

Judging by the newspapers, things are going from bad to worse in Germany, and are getting no better in Japan. What more could anyone expect? We have never had real experience or training as a colonial empire and yet that is essentially the job we now have,—ruling millions of foreigners in far distant lands.

We don't doubt Laval is a snake in the grass and on general principles deserves to be shot. But we will say this for the old reprobate,—he is smart and he isn't—hasn't been to date,—a "quitter." All in all he made monkeys out of the judge and the prosecution, and destroyed whatever dignity the proceedings once had.

So the D.A.R. has gone out and done it again, giving Eleanor Roosevelt another wonderful topic for her "Today" column! Another colored artist, and like Marion Anderson, a good one, has been denied the right to sing in "Constitution Hall" because of her color.

But for an organization representing our war for liberty and independence to bar artists from a hall erected by public funds, bearing the name Constitution solely because of color, makes too strong a dish for most self-respecting and thorough going Americans to swallow.

Speaking of the Constitution, that revered document also guarantees freedom of the press. In that play, "The Rugged Path," we mentioned in Washington the other day, in which Spencer Tracy stars, there is discussion of the freedom of the press which concludes by Mr. Tracy, the newspaper editor, maintaining there is no freedom of the press in the United States except as what is allowed by the Manufacturers Association of America,—or words to that effect.

It will be interesting to see if this line is retained when the show opens in New York, for a more outrageous lie and libel against the American press could hardly be imagined. In fact, the "Rugged Path" incident which provides the excuse for this amazing statement demonstrates the utter falsity and absurdity of any such claim. For it was a matter of editorial policy, Tracy resigning as editor and the writer of the editorial in question being fired, because the owner of the paper did not approve of the sentiments of the editorial urging immediate aid to Russia when attacked by Germany.

Well, what has that got to do with the freedom of the press? Nothing at all. Except the owner of the paper was entirely free to say what he wanted to say in his editorial department, and if some employe refused to support his policies, of course he should be let out. When the owner of a newspaper can not say what he wishes to say,—whether he is right or wrong,—because some outside authority, governmental, political, financial or what have you says he can't say it,—then and then only is the freedom of the press destroyed or endangered.

On The Side—By E. V. Durling

When I send you a red, red rose, The sweetest flower on earth that grows. Think, dear heart, how I love thee. Listen to what the sweet rose saith. With her crimson leaf and her fragrant breath. Love, I am yours, in like and death. Oh, my love, do you love me? —Ruckert

Is now claimed atomic power also holds the secret of long life. A group of scientists in Chicago will shortly start research which may result in all healthy people being able to enjoy a hundred more years of life. For example if you are 40 years of age and in good health you will be able to count on living to be 140 years old. That is of course, if you take care of yourself by always buttoning up your overcoat, keeping your head up when jaywalking and do not strain your heart playing three-horse parlay.

Please Note A U. S. army sergeant, who recently became a very proud papa, informs me that during the period of expectancy his wife gained 100 pounds. At the time of the child's birth the mother weighed 220 pounds. In the 12 days following she lost 90 pounds and now weighs 130 pounds. The baby weighed six pounds, two

body had thrown a part of the stadium at you.

Weddings What did your wedding cost? Don't answer me as it is none of my business. Just wanted to call your attention to fact that one New York organization offers to take care of all wedding expenses for a flat price of \$145. This includes price of wedding gown, photographs and a wedding breakfast for 30 people.

Sidelights A fountain pen that needs filling only once a year has been invented in England and will shortly be available to the public... Ever consume a turkey egg? Neither have I. Come to think of it I don't believe I have ever eaten a duck egg either.

News Behind The News By Paul Mallon Washington, Oct. 15.—The thermometer in both houses of congress went down to 32 degrees on the youth draft proposal of the M.A.S. report, no one said much about it, but their private expressions showed fresh enthusiasm for a voluntary system. A rising sentiment for modernization of the national guard was evident, a method Mr. Truman is reported to favor.

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Not much progress has been made on the bills to institute new army and navy academies or to break the deadlock over the Marshall (May) bill, but in the debate on liberalization of service pay, strong sentiment was generated for a democratic way of operating the future army. Congress seems turning that way.

THERE was nothing in the Marshall report to make that tide stand still. The retiring chief of staff, for instance, said the principle he is advocating is "identical to that of coaching a football team." It is—precisely. But did you ever hear of a football team which was drafted away from home for a year of service, on a fixed pay, and required to play? The democratic way in football as in all other matters, has been generally favored in this country.

The coach seeks people who want to play. He picks those who want to volunteer their talents. By that means he gets from them the enthusiasm and co-operation necessary to operate a successful football aggregation. He thus generates energy and spirit.

COMMUNICATIONS Letters to the Editor must state the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Thanks From Waltonians To the editor: The Rogue River Basin committee, representing all chapters of the Izaak Walton League of America, as well as various groups in Jackson, Josephine, Coos and Curry counties, interested in perpetuating the present scenic and recreational value of the beautiful Rogue river, wishes to extend thanks for the space given the article "A Frank Statement" in one of the September editions of the Mail Tribune.

U. S. VULNERABLE Chicago, Oct. 15.—(UPI)—The United States has "made itself vulnerable from every quarter of the globe" by producing the atomic bomb and must share its secrets with the world, Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago believes. "Secrecy at this stage is against our interests," Hutchins said at the university's Rockefeller Memorial Chapel services yesterday.

EVER better news than this was hidden in the paragraph announcement that the Hill bill to modernize the entire war department is to be taken up for hearings next Wednesday. It had been buried so deep by covert opposition and then so decorated with red tape by the joint chiefs of staff that not even the president could get the report recommending it a report made last April. (See column a few days back disclosing the contents of the report; my fire started under the combined chiefs of staff seems to have made it hot enough in congress.

ROGUE RIVER BASIN COMMITTEE IZAAK WALTON LEAGUE. By A. W. Lingas, Secretary. U. S. VULNERABLE Chicago, Oct. 15.—(UPI)—The United States has "made itself vulnerable from every quarter of the globe" by producing the atomic bomb and must share its secrets with the world, Chancellor Robert M. Hutchins of the University of Chicago believes.

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Objector Wins War's Highest Award



Believed to be the first conscientious objector to win the nation's highest award for valor, Pfc. Desmond T. Doss, Lynchburg, Va., will be presented the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Truman at the White House Oct. 12. Unarmed, a member of the Medical Corps, his feats of valor studied annals of Leyte, Guam and Okinawa. His wife, Mrs. Dorothy Pauline Doss, shown with Doss, will be present at the ceremonies.

if not among the sitting generals. Thus on two counts there are signs of the cracking of the old regime in the war department. The fighting generals and admirals in both services, and the young men with new ideas, are going to get a hearing for their bill, and the youth draft act is developing signs of senility.

I fought nearly a year against the youth draft. My first analysis of its deficiencies was presented in this space last September, when the gears were all greased to rush it through, and no one whom I knew was interested in stopping it. Hit it again and again, as the Marshall (May) bill was delayed and delayed, but not until the congressional reaction to the Marshall report became noticeable, did I feel encouraged to expect success.

I have only been at the single department matter a week, and it has reached the hearing stage. I will be hitting that subject again—and again.

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Instant public response was gratifying, and showed that many people, not only in the Rogue River valley, but the entire Pacific coast, are awakening to the possibility of the destruction of one of Oregon's most beautiful recreational resources for present, as well as future generations.

ILLINOIS men purchase Pruitt orchard near Eagle Point for \$40,000. Assessed valuation of county is \$6,500,000. William J. Bryan declared "supreme court is packed" in speech.

FOURTH CON DIES San Quentin, Calif., Oct. 15.—(UPI)—A fourth San Quentin convict was dead today as the result of drinking a wood alcohol fluid used in Mimeograph machines. The dead man was John B. Genoise, 26, convicted in San Mateo, Calif., in 1942, of grand theft. Warden Clinton Duffy said eight other men recovered after spending five days in the prison hospital.

WEATHER Northern California—Partly cloudy today and Tuesday with scattered light showers valley and thunderstorms in southern mountains. Gentle northerly wind off coast.

Closing time for Classified Ads 8:30 a.m.—Too Late to Classify 12:15 p.m.

Advertisement for Pepsi-Cola featuring the text "TOPS FOR QUALITY" and the Pepsi-Cola logo. Below the logo, it says "Pepsi-Cola Company, Long Island City, N. Y. Franchised Bottler: Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. of Medford".

ASHLAND POSTAL ROUTES CHANGED

Ashland, Oct. 15.—Changes in the postal service for the city of Ashland, authorized to begin this week by the first assistant postmaster general, will result in a balancing of the work of two carriers and improved service to patrons, the assistant states.

The changes, to be made on Route 1, carried by E. S. Robbins, and Route 2, carried by E. R. Burnett, will result in the delivery of the city sections of both routes before the rural sections. City sections will be delivered approximately three hours earlier, it is stated, delaying the rural sections about one-half hour with the result that the carriers will be relieved of the larger portion of their mail load without the necessity of transporting it almost entirely around the routes before delivery.

NO BREAK SEEN IN DRIVERS WALKOUT Portland, Ore., Oct. 15.—(UPI)—Walkout of nearly 200 drivers on the northwest division Overland Greyhound bus line went into its third week today with no immediate prospect of settlement.

NO further negotiations between AFL drivers union and the company have been scheduled. The strikers, who drive on lines running to eastern Oregon and Idaho, refused to work in protest against the company's cutting of wages from a wartime to peacetime basis.

PROSPECT Prospect, Oct. 15.—Prospect Home Extension will hold their October meeting at the high school, Friday, Oct. 19. Please bring your table service and cup.

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anniversary with a dinner October 6. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cody and baby son, Mrs. Ray Briggs and daughter, Phyllis, Mr. and Mrs. Randal Axtell and daughter, Joyce, and son, Johnnie, and Tommy Carlton.

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Ye Smudge Pot By Arthur Perry

A middle west youth, peevish because his grandmother refused him money for a dance, cursed her roundly, and tried to run over her with his bicycle. If drafted into the army, he better not try such tactics on the sergeant.

Candidates for high and low positions in the 1946 and 1948 elections, are wooing the "soldier vote." When climbing on the stump to address the multitude, the aspirant will see that his coat flaps open by accident, revealing the left side of his vest, completely covered with battle ribbons.

"This modern lodging house for sale, 46 roomers, always a full"—(Sign reported on an Eastern Oregon auto jaunt).

Indian summer continues, mild and warm, with corn in the shock, but still no frost on the pumpkins. Now is the time for pussywillows and violets, that forgot to bloom last spring, to catch up with themselves.

The Older Girls are now busy making mince-meat for Thanksgiving. This is what they threaten to make out of the smart-alecky husbands, who make fun of their hats.

A BLUFF IS CALLED (Boston Post) "NOTICE: The party who picked up the wallet on Main street containing a sum of money was recognized. He is advised to return it promptly to the owner."

"NOTICE—The recognized party who picked up the wallet says the owner can call at any time he wishes and collect it." Farmers report from nine to 90 hunters in their fields, each day at dawn to shoot C. pheasants. They wish it was July, and all the invaders were hay-hands.

Pierre Laval of France, who soared high and dropped low, was tied to a stake and executed by a firing squad this morning, in a fortress near Paris. He was one of a group of Nazi-bred traitors, whose black deeds, made the lone American betrayer of his homeland, appear respectable by comparison. "Black Peter" died declaring, "I loved France too much." It was not France, but money he loved too much. His record shows, dying was one of the few nice things he ever did.

WANT TO BUY A PLACE (Want Ad, This Paper) 80 Acres—No telephone, no well, no cistern, no basement, no fishing, hunting, loafing. Three-room house, ordinary cellar, log cabin. Some trees. Can be farmed but foolish to try. Priced accordingly. If you have no money don't waste my time and patience. Phone 622 Jacksonville.

"BUTTER CREEK—Hard times are no longer talked of in our neighborhood. Abundance of everything prevails, except girls. Bachelors are sheepherders and in the majority on Butter creek.—(50 Yrs. ago column Pendleton East Oregonian)—The pioneer lack of Eves.

SHORT-RIBS AND SHORTS "Postwar beef will probably be marketed boned, the army having proven to the satisfaction of all concerned that boned meat makes for easier handling, cutting, shipping, freezing, etc. Bones, of course, will be sold separately, for those who desire to make soups... Same goes for men's sport shorts."—(OPA report)

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