

**A Nichol's Worth of . . .
Comment On This and That**

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Washington — (U.P.) — What James Paul Mitchell knows about labor he learned the hard way.



Long hours and little pay. The folks, bushy-topped Secretary of Labor recalled during an interview that his first job returned him all of \$2 a week in take home pay. He worked three or four hours a week after school and 12 hours on Saturday.

"My dad was a newspaper reporter on the Elizabeth, N.J., Times, now out of business," he said. "I suppose in 1913 he was making close to \$10 or \$12 a week. I wanted to help."

Remembers First Pay Day

"I'll never forget my first pay day," the secretary said, hitching a leg over a red leather chair in his comfortable office.

Seems the boss had just paid him off with two one dollar bills. The boss also handed him a dime and told Jim to run around the corner and get him a spool of dental floss.

It had been snowing out and

Jim accidentally dropped the dime in two feet of white flakes. He dug and he dug but couldn't find it.

Only one thing he could do was to buy the floss out of his take-home, which at that point shrunk to \$1.90.

Learns About Father

When he got home he learned that the senior Mr. Mitchell not only was a reporter, but a stern father.

"He whopped me good," the Secretary said.

Time marched on and finally Jim had saved up enough of his potato spurring and egg candling money to reach for higher learning. And right in the middle of his reaching he met and wed Isabelle Nulton. Mitchell had a chance to buy \$1000 in stock of a chain grocery. He went to a bank in Rahway, N.J., and asked to borrow the money.

"I must have looked either brazen or honest," he said, "but the banker went along with me."

"That went along pretty well until the bubble broke and in 1927 I was not only busted but \$18,000 in debt," Mitchell said.

"It took me from 1927 to 1941 to get well. I drove trucks and I loaded lumber and I sold wood by the stick."



COPS JUMP GUN, BEAT NEWSMAN — Fred Feary, 42-year-old Stockton Record photographer, shows effects of beating he received at the hands of two private patrolmen. Entering a rear door of auditorium in Stockton, Calif. to cover the University of San Francisco-College of Pacific basketball game, Feary was admitted by head usher Dwight Curtis. One of the officers tried to stop him and as Feary, loaded with camera equipment, attempting to explain he always entered this door on assignment, patrolmen Elden Smith and S. W. Allen forced him back to the door. In ensuing scuffle, Feary's nose was fractured and he was knocked unconscious. He required hospitalization.

Reveal Effort to Bribe High Court

Olympia, Wash. — (U.P.) — An effort to bribe the Washington State Supreme court, perhaps by a party interested but possibly not involved in an appeal on a civil suit, has been revealed.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation was asked to assist officers in tracking down the person who sent a letter and \$500 to Chief Justice Frederick G. Hamley in an effort to influence a decision by a five-member department of the high state court.

Hamley said a Western Union messenger delivered an envelope to the court clerk Friday. It contained \$500 and a typewritten letter to the effect the money was a "campaign contribution" to the judges, and \$4,500 more would be forthcoming if the court upheld judgement in a Seattle lawsuit case up for appeal.

The case concerned an appeal by a Seattle man on a judgment made by King county superior court in Seattle awarding \$20,000 in attorney's fees on a tax case.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

Ornament Factory Explosion Would Be Anti-Climax To Night in Rome Theater

By GLORIA SWANSON
Written for United Press

Rome — (U.P.) — Witnessing an explosion in an ornament factory would be an anti-climax after an evening in a Roman theater.

Italian women, unlike their foreign sisters, have long realized that while sitting in a theater the only portion of the anatomy visible is from the shoulders up, and so this is where they concentrate their effort. Sensible, no?

That headgear! It can't always be called a hat. Ostrich plumes, egrets, jewels, furs, flowers, baubles, veils, ribbons, and something that looked like lavender Kleenex were all in beautiful evidence the other night when I attended Luchino Visconti's production of "Uncle Vanya."

Reigning Figure

Count Visconti, a member of the Milanese nobility with pioneering spirit and impeccable taste, has become the reigning figure of the Italian legitimate theater. He first brought Ameri-

can and French contemporary plays to Italian audiences, among them "A Streetcar Named Desire," "The Glass Menagerie," "Death of a Salesman," "The Crucible," and soon to be premiered "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof."

Edith Green Wins Real Estate Suit

Portland — (U.P.) — Rep. Edith Green (D-Ore.) has won out in a suit against her involving a real estate commission of \$1,850.

Circuit Judge James W. Crawford ruled in Mrs. Green's favor in a suit brought by Francis L. DeHarrport. The suit was based on sale of property which Mrs. Green owned and had listed in the fall of 1933 with the plaintiff.

The suit claimed that DeHarrport's realty firm had listed a home owned by Mrs. Green for sale and that when the firm produced a buyer Mrs. Green refused to go through with the deal. Mrs. Green claimed conditions of the sale were unacceptable to her.

Finest Interpretation

Tennessee Williams has ventured that Visconti's production of "Streetcar" was the finest among the countless foreign interpretations of his play. Abounding with energy as well as talent, Visconti also directs operas and revamps the classic movies for new productions at Milan's famed La Scala. "Senso," his latest film starring Valli and Farley Granger, will arrive shortly in America so you can see for yourself.

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On The Side By E. V. Durling

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British Princess Margaret is reported as "smiling again." Also as wearing a pink evening gown. As any color psychologist will tell you, pink is the most powerful of all male attracting colors. It is also something of which all well informed young women are well aware.

Passing By

Frank Leahy, distinguished football coach. He was an eighth child. So was his wife. And they have eight children. Frank is an extremely conscientious father. When the first child was expected, Frank took an "expectant papa" course in infant care.

Asking

Queries from clients. Q. The father of what world's heavyweight boxing champion was an undertaker? A. The male parent of James J. Corbett was an undertaker in the Hayes Valley section of San Francisco. . . Q. What film star of the silent era was billed as "The Man You Love to Hate?" A. Eric Von Stroheim. . . Q. What were the measurements of the so-called "Hour Glass Figure?" I claim it called for an 18 inch waist. A. Measurements of figures referred to were, bust, 36, waist, 21 and hips, 34. . . Q. What do the initials G.O.P. stand for in reference to the Republican Party? A. Grand Old Party.

Shoes

What must a young woman measure to be classified as a tall girl? Answer is 5 feet 8 or over without heels. Why do tall women wear flat heeled shoes? Haven't their mothers, their

best friends or their physical culture teachers told them that flat heeled footwear makes a tall girl appear awkward? Also has a tendency to make her shuffle along and slouch a bit. High heels improve gait and carriage. Cause her limbs to seem better streamlined. Generally make her look more graceful. On this, all experts on the subject are agreed.

Sidelights

The champion all time prolific papa of Ireland was Michael Fenlon, of the County of Wexford. Fenlon was the father of 64 children. Twenty-four by his first wife, 20 by his second and 20 by his third. . . San Franciscan says she is . . . a black eyed, honey blonde. . . Very interesting. I have never seen a black eyed, honey blonde. Or a green eyed one either. Only brown eyed, honey blondes. Maybe I don't get around enough.

Please Note

Irene Hobson has been married four times. The first time when 15. The fourth when 76. She is now 86. Mrs. Hobson is the rejuvenation expert, who frequently says she had no financial success at all until she followed the advice of a numerologist that she put an "H" in her first name. That is, changing it from Irene to Irene H. So young woman, if your luck hasn't been so good lately and your name is Irene, give this a trial.

Among the Married

If you had your life to live over would you marry the same girl again? Of the husbands asked that question, 64 per cent said they would repeat as to brides. Twenty-four per cent answered in the negative. Twelve per cent were undecided. Nobody has asked a number of wives if they would repeat as to husbands. Better skip that. Only about 25 per cent of women marry for love in the first place. So the percentage of those who would say they would marry the same man again might be very low. This would be very discouraging to bachelors and make husband hunting by bachelorettes even more difficult than it already is.

Man-Caused Fires in State Totaled 821

Salem — Man-caused fires in Oregon forests totaled 821 during the 1935 season, more than the previous year but below the five-year average of 885 fires, according to the annual report of the Keep Oregon Green association issued by Executive Secretary Albert Wiesendanger.

The report pointed out that while the season as a whole was not too serious, hazardous weather in late August and the first of September contributed to an outbreak of fires by lightning which resulted in considerable losses. The number of fires fought by various protective organizations indicated that 445 were on state forestry department lands and its cooperating associations, 294 in national forests, 55 in Indian reservations, 25 on bureau of land management lands, including grazing districts, and two in Crater Lake National Park.

Wiesendanger pointed out that one of the important parts of the KOG program is the Green Guard, a youth organization sponsored by KOG. During 1935, 11,757 youngsters joined the group, bringing the total enrollment to 77,000 since it was organized in 1942.

State Income Taxes

May Indicate Drop

Salem — (U.P.) — State income taxes may show a drop because of lower farm incomes but the state may come out with a small "cushion" in the year ahead. State Sen. Rudie Wilhelm Jr. of Portland, told the Oregon State Farmers Union here Friday.

Wilhelm is chairman of the Legislative Interim committee on Taxation. He said "Unless we increase expenses more than normal, the present tax structure will carry us along."

Almost one-half the residents of Paris were born and reared within that city.

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