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Political Military Posts

AS President Hoover prepares to prune our excessively high army budget, it is reported that one of the things that makes our military expenses so great is the fact that the army maintains a great many military posts which have not the slightest military value.

Obviously, the first thing to do would seem to be to eliminate all of these useless posts. But it isn't going to be simple. These posts are maintained for political reasons—and senators and representatives in whose districts they are located can be expected to howl long and loudly if it is proposed to discontinue them.

This attitude represents peanut politics at its worst. A congressman who helps to keep our army expenses higher than they should be by insisting on the maintenance of useless military reservations has no right to say that he is truly interested in an efficient national defense establishment.

No Tears Called For

GILBERT SWAN writes from San Francisco that the famous old Barbary Coast has lost all of its glory, being now a quiet commercial street of garages, warehouses and lunchrooms; and, quite illogically, most of us, no doubt, feel a sort of pang of regret at the news.

In its heyday the Barbary Coast was known, with good reason, as the wickedest spot on earth. Sailors were robbed, beaten, shanghaied and murdered in its dens. Every form of vice and crime existed there, unchecked. To its contemporaries the place seemed like a genuine hell-hole.

And yet, so smoothly does time gild bygone things with the color of romance, our first reaction to Swan's news is to feel sorry!

We may as well save our grief. The Barbary Coast was horrible, not romantic. The world is better off without it.

When Auto Hits Train

IT is a revealing side-light on the nature of the average motorist to learn that a huge percentage of all grade-crossing traffic accidents are caused, not by the train striking the auto, but by the auto striking the train.

This, of course, means that the motorist was either extremely careless or extremely foolhardy. If he were trying to beat the train to the crossing, his judgment was simply atrocious—the train got there first with yards to spare. And if he simply failed to see it, he was guilty of an inattention that seems almost unbelievable.

What we started to say was that figures show that there were more of that kind of crossing accidents last year than ever before. And just what is to be done about it we don't know. You would think that any driver could keep from running onto a crossing that was already occupied by a moving train. But, apparently, an increasing number can not.

A Pennant That Doesn't Exist

YOU probably have read recently that the Mauretania has had to haul down the blue pennant, emblem of the speed championship of the Atlantic, and that the new champion, the Bremen, has hoisted it.

That's all very well, but if you happen to visit the Bremen, now or in the future, don't ask to see that pennant. You'll only get laughed at. There isn't any such thing.

The "blue pennant," famous as it is, is non-existent. It is, in its way, like the raspberry, which is often given to a man, but which never takes any tangible form. The lucky ship that has it is very proud of it—but this cherished flag, nevertheless, is one that never flutters from any masthead.

The home of a recluse was searched in Wisconsin and \$8,500 was found. He must have been a non-union recluse to have so little as that around.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

Do You Think or Just Feel?

Louisville Courier-Journal: "Emotional transfer" is the technical term used by psychologists to describe the method of disparaging propaganda, which consists of intermingling the object of attack with obnoxious names so that the reader's or hearer's feeling toward the latter will be communicated to the former. Of course, it works the other way too. A favorable impression can be created by endowing the object with such sacred abstract ideas as loyalty, love, honor and patriotism. Much can be done to lift a proposition above criticism by associating it with progress, liberty, the noble cause of education, or art. Much can be done to avert criticism by ridiculing opposition.

It is a newly discovered technique, only newly named. Since the beginning of recorded history it has been the sure-fire method of the demagogue. From time immemorial this has been

his practice. It is more effective in oratory than in writing, because the appeal is to the emotions and the ear is more susceptible than the eye to first impressions and exposed tricks of inflection. The eye can pause while the brain ponders, repeat the sentence and roam back at the command of a directing intellect to fetch down a preceding statement for comparison.

The antidote is thought. The mind will isolate the subject of discussion from the company in which it is presented and analyze the argument to see how sound it is devoid of references and implications. If a man can not be proved to be a liar without reference to Ananias or a traitor without coupling his name with Benedict Arnold's, a fairly competent intelligence should be able to penetrate the hokum. It is no compliment to his public for a speaker or writer to assume that it can not think—only feel.

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"A few tears, a few threats, a radiant kiss, and almost anything can be accomplished. With this assurance the youthful coquette sets out on her romantic career."—Evelyn Miller Pierce. (Plain Talk.)

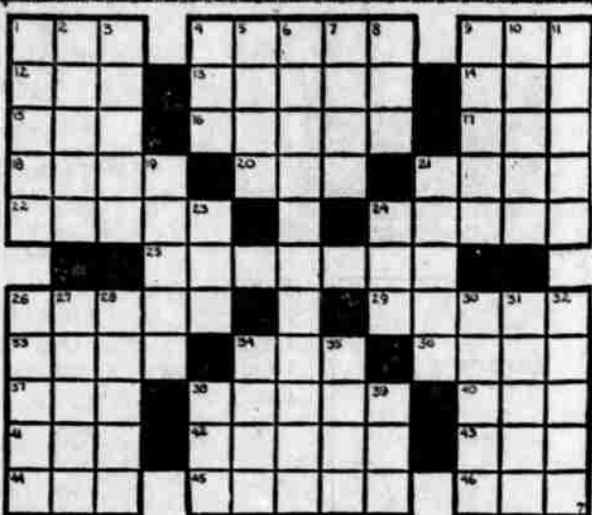
"Leisure is a crucial test of the individual and the influence he is daily subjected to."—William Green.

"In this world it is a pretty good thing to mind your own business, if you have any."—Clarence Darrow.

"A young woman can enjoy all the privileges and pleasures (including marriage) of association with a man twice her age; a young man who similarly associates with a woman does so at the cost of losing his self-respect and incurring the worst innuendoes of the onlookers."—Ernest Boyd. (Harper's.)

"We of the present generation need to be reminded that even in our own day stocks do not always rise."—Lewis H. Haney. (The North American Review.)

Short and Snappy



HORIZONTAL
1 Deer rug.
2 Lights.
3 Mover's truck.
4 Reverence.
5 Profit.
6 Striped cat's hair cloth.
7 Sunburn.
8 Cautious in worldly affairs.
9 Light blow.
10 Haven.
11 Falseness.
12 Century plant.
13 Sher.
14 Egg.
15 Pattern.
16 Disproof.
17 A province.
18 Valued.
19 Small horse.
20 Healer.
21 P a r t in a drama.
22 Inert.
23 Deadly.
24 Frost bite.

VERTICAL
1 An exact counterpart.
2 Conscious.
3 Tendency.
4 V a r i a t i o n in gradient.
5 Pertaining to grandparents.
6 Manages with skill.
7 C o n f i r m a t i o n.
8 Sausage.
9 Insipid.
10 To subside.
11 Pertaining to one's birth.
12 Anxiety.
13 Pertaining to the poles.
14 Horn.
15 Defect.
16 Shovel.
17 Reputation.
18 To hurry.
19 Pertaining to sound.
20 To rest off.
21 Station.
22 Concern.
23 To breathe laboriously.
24 Lord.
25 C a p r e e s l o a m.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

GARDEN CARUSO
ERI HAGAR SIR
OILS PAD CULL
RALLY P SHALE
IT TRAILER EN
AIM NICEER HAS
ROW NOW HIT
GATED N POLAR
ADOREE DELUGE
SERENE RANMED

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

All Is Quiet in Washington. Says Senator McWorter, and the Tariff Bill Is Going to Be Lovely—It Will Protect Consumers From Peril of Low Prices.

By ROONEY DUTCHER

NEA Service Writer.

WASHINGTON—Senator J. Boomboom McWorter's most recent weekly news-letter to the newspapers of his home state:

"Oil's well on the Potomac. In other words, everything is lovely. At no time within my recollection have there been such manifold reasons for contentment and pleasure on the part of the voters over the patriotic efforts of their duly chosen representatives in Washington, especially the Senate in its wisdom.

"As my able colleague Senator Goosegrease has often and truly said, we all ought to be humbly thankful that we live under the rippling folds of Old Glory with all the other countries owing us money and with 95 per cent of the world's automobile production.

"I suppose my readers are wondering what old Uncle Boomboom has to say about the tariff. Well, Uncle Boomboom, although he cannot tell all he knows, predicts this: We are going to have a tariff law that will protect both the producer and the consumer. It will protect the consumer from low prices, which are bad for him, and the same goes, of course, for the producer. I can promise with reasonable assurance that there will be no increase in duty on ice water, spray moths, chop suey, Cape Cod oysters, thunder and lightning, bobbed hair, Mohammedans, debt payments—if any, homing

pigeons, birthday suits, barnacles and fog.

"Above all this tariff law is going to be something that the Republicans will cheer about and the Democrats will squawk about. What more can you ask from a tariff bill than that? Everybody will be happy.

"Somebody is all the time writing in to ask where I stand on prohibition. I do not like to get such letters because they indicate that there is some doubt about where I stand on prohibition. For the benefit of new voters, however, I want to reiterate for the thousandth time that McWorter stands for the Stars and Stripes, the rights of the working man, the sanctity of the home and all other experiments, however noble.

"Now, the world peace. I think we are all agreed that peace is a fine thing when it isn't abused. What an inspiring spectacle it was the other day when our nation told Russia and China not to do any fighting! But I do not want my readers to think that we have thereby given Russia and China the right to ask us to stop whenever we want to do some fighting of our own. Just let those heathens try it and see where they get off! Of course, we all know that when our country sends soldiers or marines to fight anybody it is only in a holy cause and none of anybody's business.

"I am sure that you are now all convinced that each and every one of us is something to be happy about as he contemplates our national affairs. Mr. George W. Wickersham has achieved the impossible and said something that made both the wets and the dries happy at the

same time. The dries think it is just wonderful that Mr. Wickersham and President Hoover want to make the states help enforce the dry laws and the wets are happy because the more enforcement there is left to the states the less those states will have which don't want it."

STATE RESTS CASE.

COLUMBUS, O., Aug. 6. (AP)—The state rested its first degree murder case against Dr. James H. Snaok, former Ohio State University professor, today after completing its picture of his three year love affair with Theora Hix, the medical student he is alleged to have killed.



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THOUGHTS ON STATE AFFAIRS

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a hollow log for a boat. Transportation. That is what humanity hinges on today. The fastness of the human age is due entirely to the rapidity of transportation. If you will trace back history figures you will find that all life follows transportation.

THE average man's idea of happiness does not conform to the real definition of that word. Happiness comes to the man who has no fear, who is not trying to make an impression on anybody, who does as he pleases without transgressing on the rights of others, who is not trying to save the soul of anybody else, who is not trying to force his opinion on anybody or trying to regulate somebody else's life. Happiness comes to a man who has no politics to play, no axes to grind, nothing to conceal, and who is conscious that he knows how to make a living honorably.

Correct this sentence: "My life," said he, "is an open book"

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LETTER GOLF

THE MATTER OF POISE

It's difficult for a woman to keep her POISE if there's a MOUSE in sight. And even in letter golf poise has a way of slipping. Par is four and one solution is on page eight.

POISE
MOUSE

THE RULES
1—The idea of Letter Golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW HEN.
2—You change only one letter at a time.
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on page eight.

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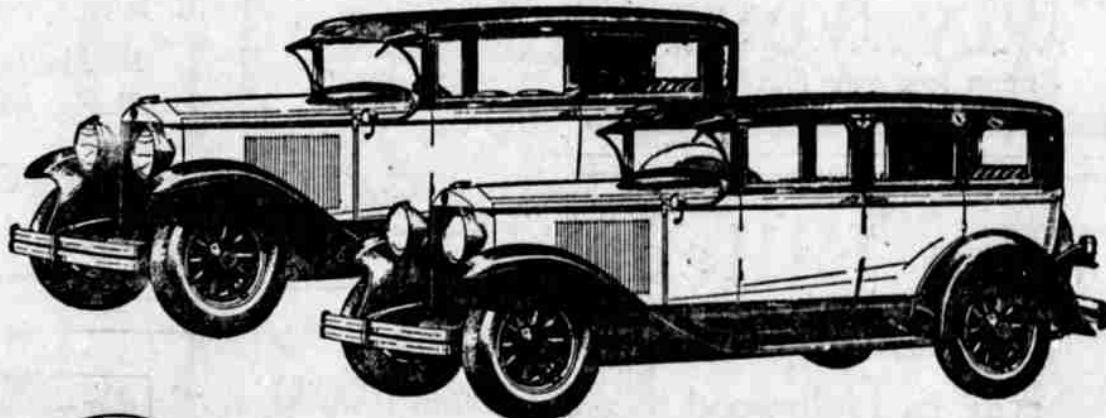
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