

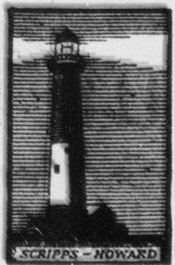
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Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way

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NIPPON'S WOOING OF CHINA

JAPAN'S courtship of China reminds us of one of those impossible, old-fashioned, "ten, twenty and thirty" melodramas.

The black-mustachioed villain of the piece would pursue the heroine through four acts of the most diabolical persecution imaginable. He would tie her to the railroad track so the fast mail might run over her. He would bring her to the carriage of the old sawmill so she might be sawed in two. He would put knockout drops in her coffee and throw her off Brooklyn Bridge. Then, in the last act, dagger in hand, he would hiss:

"Now, me proud beauty, will you marry me?" and somehow he always seemed astounded when she replied no, she preferred her rags and her virtue to becoming the plaything of such as he.

THE soldiers of Nippon, in full war kit, have just marched into Peiping to take over this ancient Chinese capital. Overhead roared their battleplanes. But this time, instead of bombs, they dropped mashnotes.

"The Japanese Army has driven out your wicked rulers," the raining pamphlets proclaimed. "And it will keep them out. Although Nanking is prepared to wage a destructive war, do not be afraid. The Japanese Army will protect you."

There is something magnificently and breathtakingly naive about all this. If you didn't know otherwise, it would sound as if the Japanese were indulging in a bit of subtle, if grim, humor.

But such is far from the case. They are in deadly earnest.

And yet, whenever the Chinese offer mild objection to this "protection," the Japanese give them a burst of artillery and machine-gun fire. At the same time they solemnly assure the world of their sad regret over having to resort to such harsh measures.

"You see," they explain, "the Chinese are not sincere. They can't be trusted."

All of which would be funny indeed were it not so terribly tragic.

SIGNS OF LIFE WELCOME

HERBERT HOOVER may not be the ideal leader for a Republican revival campaign—the matter of leadership being one to be settled within the party—but it seems to us the country ought to greet with cheers, rather than jeers, any move by any prominent Republican to bring the Grand Old Party back to life.

We hope, then, that—barring a better proposal by someone else—the members of the party will give serious consideration to Mr. Hoover's plan for a big national Republican battle rally next winter and for other activity intended to make the party a real factor in the elections of 1938 and 1940.

Mere activity, of course, won't earn the Republicans any title deed to a bigger representation in Congress next year or to the Presidency three years hence. They will have to offer the country something a great deal better than they have been offering. But it would be good to see them at least trying once more.

Our system of government functions best with two strong parties, each keeping the other on its mettle. Since 1932 the Republican Party has provided such feeble opposition that the Democratic Party has grown overconfident and careless. And here lately the Democrats, with the Republicans lying down on their job, have taken to fighting each other.

If the Republicans can put new life into their party the Democrats will have to tighten up their lines. That will be fortunate for both parties, and most fortunate of all for the country.

INTERSTATE DRIVER CONTROL

A FORETASTE of what the uncontrolled traffic accident problem may bring is seen in the bill before Congress to prohibit operation of motor vehicles in interstate traffic by unlicensed drivers.

The proposed legislation, already favorably reported by a Senate committee, would hold within state borders all vehicles in states which do not license drivers following an examination testing eyesight, ability to read and understand traffic signs and signals, and proper driving ability. It also would impose an age limit of 16 years and require state provision for revocation and suspension of licenses.

While the legislation would not take effect for four years—giving states time to enact proper laws—it behooves Indiana and other "safety delinquent" states to put their houses in order without waiting for compulsory measures. More than half the states, including Indiana, would be affected by the proposed law.

The recent Legislature dodged the real safety issue when it failed to require examination of license applicants. The next Legislature must face the issue squarely.

ADVISING ALL AUTHORS

A LOS ANGELES man recently won fame of sorts by writing a novel in which he did not once use the letter "e." A Georgia author has rivaled this achievement by producing a book in which every word begins with the letter "s."

It has been suggested that, still more remarkable, some newspaper columnist ought to try turning out a day's production without employing the capital "I." That, probably, is too much to expect. Indeed, we are constrained to offer a few words of advice to writers who may be inspired by the feats of the Los Angeles literateur and the Georgia genius:

Such striving seems stupid, strained, superfluous. Sedulous scribes should show sanity, soundness, sobriety; should select suitable subjects, syllables, sentences; should seldom sacrifice sense seeking sensational satiety. Scorn sibilant scintillation! Stop silly stunting! Start saying something!

Inviting Labor Violence—By Herblock



Fair Enough

By Westbrook Pegler

C. I. O. 'Administrator Spokesman' Arouses Suspicion That He May Be None Other Than Lewis Himself.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Paul Anderson, who does Washington for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, recently had an important interview with one who, from certain indications, may be visualized as a man with bushy eyebrows and prognathous chin.

"Availing himself of the precedent established by the President himself in laying down the regulation for his press conferences," Mr. Anderson wrote, "This executive took the role of 'administrator spokesman' for the C. I. O. This suggests that the 'administrator spokesman' occupies in the C. I. O. a position equal to that of Mr. Roosevelt in the Administration, and the total authority of his remarks gives me strongly to suspect that the state-met accurately presents the sentiments of John L. Lewis.

So I have read the salty truths and find the "administrator spokesman" of the C. I. O. acknowledging a serious breach between John L. Lewis and President Roosevelt, and further find it impossible to imagine anyone who could commit John L. Lewis to this position but John L. Lewis himself.

That, however, is mere deduction. The "administrator spokesman" who, in the absence of absolute identification, will be referred to as "John L. Doe," reminds the President that the United Mine Workers alone contributed \$500,000 to his last campaign, and bitterly resents the President's refusal, after long temporizing with the riots of the C. I. O. to endorse these methods.

THE interview bespeaks a belief on the part of John L. Doe that in return for the \$500,000 and the C. I. O.'s votes, the President should have helped Mr. Doe to bulldoze unwilling Americans into the ranks of the C. I. O.

Mr. Doe said, "the mercenaries of the steel companies have murdered 18 of our men, and not one word of condemnation has been uttered from those sources from which we would naturally expect it. It may be true that murder is not an offense against the Federal Government, but it is a moral offense under any government."

THIS salty truth assumes, however, that the Chicago police force, which killed 10 of the 18, is a mercenary arm of a steel company, and that a workman driving to work was a murderer when he got a brick through his windshield, lost control of his car and ran down a picket.

HEARD IN CONGRESS—

Rep. Vinson (D. Ky.): Our genial friend from Pennsylvania (Rep. Rich) uses a stereotyped expression, "rubber stamp," as applicable to Democratic members of Congress. I wonder how many of us were here and had the opportunity of observing the attitude of the gentleman from Pennsylvania while the Interior Department appropriation bill was pending, when he made a very splendid speech in behalf of a certain appropriation included in that bill, in fact, stood in with the subcommittee with respect to that.

Then the distinguished minority leader came down and first smiled at the gentleman and then pulled his eyes down, the gentleman from Pennsylvania did not vote the way he talked.

General Hugh Johnson Says—

Giving Perkins, Roper and Hopkins Power on Census of Unemployed Is Like Turning Little Goodie Two-Shoes Over to the Three Bears.

BETHANY BEACH, Del., Aug. 10.—The Senate wants a census of the unemployed. For two and a half years this census has plagued for that.

For two and a half years, while we dished out \$8,000,000,000 to cure an ill we hadn't even diagnosed, the New Deal said no dice on an attempt to find out what the problem was.

The President favored it, but none of the palace janitors would go along. Uncle Danny Roper was willing, if they would give him \$80,000,000 and let him take the count on the United States census model—half a year of doorbell pulling to take the count and half another year at the adding machines to total it up. Except as a historical document, it wouldn't be worth the taking.

THE suggestion of this column was to repeat what this writer actually did during the war. We passed a law requiring men between 18 and 45 to register at precinct polling places, exactly as for elections.

The suggestion served as an occasion for Dr. Doty, Prof. Sap and Comrade Cockeye, departmental pundits who hadn't done it and couldn't do it themselves, to say in solemn concert that it never could be done.

This "expert" advice reflected only the bitter opposition to any revelation of the facts. It is so much easier to get billions to spend on a guess that "one-

TRUCK DRIVER PRAISES SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

By R. W. Ads
I am a tank truck driver. As you know, I travel the streets all day long, and I want to compliment our Chief of Police Morrissey on his latest move to curb fast, reckless driving on our city streets. The signs along the streets indicating speed permitted are doing more good than anything that ever has been done. Let's have more of them, as in Chicago. No matter what streets you travel, there is a sign that tells you how fast to drive.

But our Chief is overlooking one of the greatest perils—our kids on bicycles. They ride two, four and six abreast. Blow your horn at them, and they just stay put, blocking the street. They also run through red stop lights and preferential streets.

Now is the time to teach these kids to respect these regulations, because they will be the motorists of the future. I suggest that police impound the bicycles of those caught violating a traffic rule for 30 days. I believe this will teach them to respect traffic rules.

All police should be detailed to watch traffic violators. I saw two boys on a bicycle run a red light, and a squad car was sitting nearby with two police in it, but they did nothing about correcting the boys for their dangerous practice.

WANTS MERRY-GO-ROUND TO JOIN BROWN, BARNES

By Hiram Lackey
The Merry-Go-Round tells us that the real reason Congressmen want to go home is political cowardice. It is not the heat but the lack of courage to face the issues. Now if we can persuade the Merry-Go-Round to join Brown and Barnes and stop so much back-sliding, if we can encourage the Merry-Go-Round to continue to tell the truth, perhaps we can dedicate a portion of the right-hand side of The Times editorial page to education. This light will dispel the shadows that lurk on the left-hand side of the page.

CONGRATULATES DEMOCRATS FOR PLAN TO PURGE PARTY

By W. Scott Taylor
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It will make it unnecessary for the progressives to vote for an Old Guard Republican for Senator for no other purpose than to show the rest of the country that the men for whom they vote cannot knife the President with impunity.

There should be no fear about the result. If there were enough conservative Republicans and Democrats in Indiana to win at the polls, President Roosevelt never would have been re-elected. As for the Court battle, anybody who reads the letters endorsing Senator VanNuy's can see that the writers are saturated with Old Guard Republican propaganda. The letters long since have given the writers away, and it is too late for them to pretend to be anything else.

The Democrats should have even less fear if Senator VanNuy runs as an Independent. He would split the conservative vote, weaken the Republicans and insure the election of a Democrat pledged to support the President beyond the possibility of a doubt.

While the Democrats are cleaning up, why not make it a complete job, building for the future? What about the Congressman who won such hearty praise from Republican ex-Senator Watson? Who was Mr. Watson referring to when he said: "Republicans can have no quarrel with the comparatively few Democrats who voted against the New Deal?"

Why overlook the Congressman who voted with the Old Guard on the Power Trust on the Holding Company Bill?

While the Democrats are cleaning up, why should they overlook the Congressman of whom it could be said—everybody is for peace and everybody is for humanity, but not for starving the destitute, or for the Power Trust, or for knifing the President?

WHEREVER there is authority, there is a natural inclination to disobedience.—Hailburton.

The Hoosier Forum

I wholly disagree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to say it.—Voltaire.

(Times readers are invited to express their views in these columns, religious controversies excluded. Make your letter short, so all can have a chance. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld on request.)

tention of a courageous Senator in Washington. Opportunistically presents itself for citizens of our State to defend a worthy and able executive.

COMMENTS VANNUYS FOR COURT STAND

By X. Y. Z.
Patriotic people should commend Senator VanNuy for his stand on the Supreme Court bill. We need men like him who will stand up for constitutional government regardless of what party dictators advise. We need men at all times who are loyal to duty.

We need no time servers who are ready to obey when Simon says "thumbs up" to them. We need statesmen at all times.

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DAILY THOUGHT

But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments.—Leviticus 26:14.

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Just Fadin' Away to Nothin'!—By Talburt



It Seems to Me

By Heywood Broun

Copeland Seems to Find Weather Too Hot for Congress, but Not For Pushing Own Political Ball.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—Royal S. Copeland, the nose and throat solon, told his lay colleagues in the Senate that they should adjourn, because politics constituted a medical risk in summer weather. And yet the good doctor has thrown his health to the wind in order to serve his country and save New York City for the Republican Party.

If he were consistent he would be nibbling a little lettuce now, sitting in a cool place and vigorously eschewing all excitement and alcoholic beverages. Instead he is about to plunge into two or more primaries at the risk of both his political and his private life. The nation needs him, and that is all he needs to know.

This column is not written with any intention of assailing him. On the contrary, I hope the other Senators will follow his example and enlist for duration rather than run home to coolness and to cover.

I am well aware of the fact that it is very hot in Washington, but I imagine that quite a few of the textile mills are not air-conditioned. And if women and children are to work maximum hours for minimum pay until winter comes, I think the sacrifices they make to cruel economic necessity will be no less than that which the national legislators should assume.

THE Wages and Hours Bill is certainly far less than ideal, but the only way to make a beginning is to begin. Grave are my doubts as to whether things now put aside would be promptly taken up at the next session. What, for instance, has become of the fervor of those in Congress and out who were all for liberalizing the Constitution if it were done by the amendment method? Where are their amendments now? Where will they be a year or 10 years from now? The answer, I'm afraid, is smack in the middle of Limbo.

Still more startling than the plea that the Senators are too tired to go on is the cry of commenting columnists that the workers in the mills must wait their turn until these writers have had a chance to think the issues over a little longer. Thus Dorothy Thompson writes in her syndicated piece, which she must deliver three times a week in spite of wind and weather, "This column is itself written under far too great pressure. The public has no time to think things through."

This confusion between the individual columnist and the public is not uncommon among all members of the craft, but what I am wondering is whether Miss Thompson seriously suggests that the affairs of the country must come to a complete halt until she has had time to catch up with her home work and make up her mind? It is my notion that the mills still grind.

ANOTHER devoted liberal who has recently been articulating against haste in many legislative matters is Oswald Garrison Villard, and yet on one issue Mr. Villard is so premature that he has already enlisted for a war which has not yet been declared. In his weekly sermon in the Nation, Mr. Villard makes a courageous commitment. He says that if Franklin Roosevelt should run for a third term, "I for one should expect to campaign against him by day and by night as for the very life of the republic."

Mr. Villard, I assume, would constitute himself a pillar of fire by night, but just now his violence about an issue which has not arisen is more in the shape of a cloud of dust by day.

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

Urban States Needing Housing Paid Big Share of Rural Project Costs; Maritime Commission's Registry Reads Like Who's Who of Lobbyists.

By Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—All the Senate talk about New York State getting chief benefits under the Wagner Housing Bill overlooked the fact that New York, and other densely populated Eastern states, have been paying a large part of the West's agricultural and reclamation bills.

For instance, no member of Congress has been more successful in getting appropriation bills benefiting his state than Rep. Jack Dempsey of New Mexico. That state now has a population of only 400,000, but Rep. Dempsey put through a total of 10 measures this session authorizing or appropriating funds for the benefit of New Mexico.

Among these was a \$6,000,000 reclamation project and a \$4,000,000 project for the canalization of the Rio Grande River.

TO some of the politicians in the House, principle, apparently, is one thing and consistency another. After a protracted struggle, the ban against simultaneous job-holding by husbands and wives was repealed. When the ban was adopted in 1933 some 3000 husbands and wives were dismissed, and a number of divorces and unwed relationships were directly attributed to it.

The House voted for repeal by a large margin. Among those who shouted "nay" were:

Rep. Lewis L. Boyer (D. Ill.), whose son, John L., is on his Congressional payroll.
Rep. Raymond S. McKeough (D. Ill.), whose daughter, Catherine T., is on his Congressional payroll.
Rep. Andrew J. May (D. Ky.), whose wife, Julia G., is on his Congressional payroll.
Rep. John M. O'Connell (D. R. I.), whose son, John M. Jr., is on his Congressional payroll.
Rep. Malcolm C. Tarver (D. Ga.), whose son, Malcolm C. Jr., is on his Congressional payroll.

DESPITE all the howl on Capitol Hill about lobbyists, it has taken the new Maritime Commission to crack down on the buttonhole boys. The shipping lobby has been notorious in Washington for decades. But now the commission has required all lobbyists to furnish statements telling everything about their connections, fees and expense accounts, and moreover to file them every month. The rule has been in operation only two months, but 319 lobbyists have registered.

As a result, the commission's registry reads like a lobbyist Who's Who. Among the names are some that have figured prominently in sensational Congressional investigations. In contrast, the SEC has been decidedly lukewarm in enforcing its antibribery authority. Judging from the few registrations—20 at present—the high-pressure gentry are taking full advantage.