

Greeks Hal Coaster For Legless Soldiers

Young U. S. Diplomat Invents Wheel Chair, Too, for Use by Injured Warriors.

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ATHENS, March 22.—Legless Greek soldiers, brought back from the Albanian front to enter convalescence, are finding new hope through two hospital devices designed by George Lewis Jones, a young American diplomat, who is a member of the legation staff.

Mr. Jones, who holds the rank of commercial attaché, after six years' service in Greece, has invented a wheel chair for invalids and a self-propelled floor coaster for legless men that created a wave of enthusiasm among veterans when introduced experimentally in an Albanian hospital.

Among hospital executives and Red Cross officials, the two devices have likewise been received with delight because economy is the keynote of their design. Mr. Jones has perfected both original models in his own workshop at his home in Psychico, a suburb of Athens.

The wheel chair is a solid pine affair resembling a steamer chair with the leg-rest eliminated. The seat itself is a curve of canvas. The front legs rest on the ground, the rear are two solid wooden wheels mounted on an axle. The unique vehicle is an adaptation of the cantilever principle, which gives the chair extremely steady balance. A 7-year-old child can wheel an invalid man of the heaviest stature.

Mr. Jones began designing the chair after the Italian invasion when he found that the Greeks were short of wheel chairs and the cheapest obtainable cost 2500 drachmas, or about \$16.50. The third of his successfully improved models is now being made by craftsmen in the employ of the near east foundation for approximately \$4.60. Although heavier than a tube wheeler steel chair, it can be folded, for shipment, to the size of a large suitcase.

The indoor coaster is something like the platforms upon which legless merchants are sometimes seen on American city streets. Made also of pine and costing about \$1.65 to construct, it is about three feet long and half as wide, raised about six inches from the floor. It rides upon four furniture casters, the roller skate wheels which Mr. Jones designed being unobtainable. The casters themselves are almost unobtainable and Mr. Jones has cabled to the United States for 1600.

The veterans propel themselves with two elliptically curved pieces of iron, covered with strips of rubber hose. These have wooden handles, held in each palm like a flatiron and used simultaneously with a rolling movement.

When two of the coasters first were tried out in an Athenian hospital they nearly caused a riot. The legless had to be restrained from jumping from their beds to try the device, which offered them the first hope of independent movement.

Burning with unused energy, they held races in the corridors, and the first models were worn out in three days of uninterrupted use.

Greece is hard-pressed for hospital facilities, so the two devices are welcomed by nurses and doctors because they cut down, as well as ease, the period of convalescence.

Plane Builder



His name is much in the news, but Prof. Willy Messerschmitt, builder of the famed German fighting plane, is rarely photographed. Here he is honored by Hermann Goering, visiting the Messerschmitt plant in Germany.

10,700 PLANES DUE FOR BRITISH

Senate Committee Gives Its Unanimous O. K. to 7 Billion Aid Bill.

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will be flown to President Roosevelt in mid-week for his signature at sea aboard the yacht Potomac. The bill provides: \$2,051,000,000 for aircraft and aeronautical material; \$1,350,000,000 for agricultural, industrial and other commodities; \$1,343,000,000 for ordnance and ordnance stores; \$752,000,000 for facilities and equipment for manufacturing defense articles; \$362,000,000 for tanks and other motorized equipment; \$260,000,000 for miscellaneous military equipment; \$200,000,000 for testing, inspecting, repairing, and outfitting defense articles for foreign governments and \$50,000,000 for administrative expenses.

Knudsen Heard

The disclosure that the aircraft fund would provide 10,700 planes was said to have been made by Defense Production Director William S. Knudsen and other defense chiefs to secret sessions before the Senate Appropriations subcommittee, which completed work on the \$7,000,000,000 bill yesterday. The planes would be in addition to the 11,800 British have ordered in this country. Of these, 3400 have been delivered. Some committee members were reported to have questioned the ability of the industry to meet Britain's needs but Mr. Knudsen and other witnesses were said to have expressed confidence that it could be expanded production facilities.

A few hours after the committee acted, the House passed a \$4,073,107,074 defense appropriation bill for 3600 new Army bombing planes and equipment for an eventual 4,000,000-man Army. This bill, which now goes to the Senate, brought to more than \$15,000,000,000 the defense funds in pending legislation, including the lend-lease appropriation.

Expect Further Requests. There were some committee members who believed the \$7,000,000,000 appropriation might be followed by supplemental requests for Greece and China. They said Administration witnesses had testified that the program had been worked out on the basis of British needs, which might indicate that all of it was intended for Britain.

A high official of the Maritime Commission, however, disclosed that merchant ships, especially adapted to convey war materials, as the first step in meeting the Empire's critical shipping problem. Consumption of the transaction was said to await only the arrival here of Sir Arthur Salter, who has been assigned to coordinate Britain's shipping needs with those of this country.

Best Dressed in America Named

NEW YORK, March 22 (U. P.).—The Fashion Academy struck a blow for liberty today by naming 13 women as the "best dressed in America."

The awards this year constitute a kind of declaration of independence because, the Academy said, American designers since last spring "have set their trends without the aid of Paris."

The all-American winner was Lucy Monroe, Chicago City Opera singer, who likes red, white and blue, and therefore "exemplifies the nationalistic trend."

The other winners were: Screen, Rosalind Russell; opera, Irene Stearns; society, Barbara Hutton; debutante, Josette Daly; sports, Sonja Henie; business, Vivien Kellems; radio, Alice frost; ballet, Vera Zorina; Stage, Gertrude Lawrence; supper clubs, Adelaide Moffett; public life, Mrs. Henry A. Wallace, and author, Clare Booth Luce.

3 MEN INJURED AS TRAIN STRIKES CAR

Three men were injured today when their car was struck by a Big Four train at the 34th St. crossing. They are Salvatore Gice, 27, R. R. 9 Box 662; Thomas Wilson, 17, of 1418 Delos St.; and Albert Henschel, 35, R. R. 9 Box 661.

The injured men were placed on the train, brought to Union Station and then taken to hospital. At City Hospital, the condition of Mr. Gice and Mr. Wilson were reported as fair. Mr. Henschel was taken to Methodist Hospital.

NOW DENIES MURDER. NEW YORK, March 22 (U. P.).—Martin Benjamin, attorney for George J. Cvek, said today that Cvek had denied that Bronx police had his confession that he murdered Mrs. Catherine Papas, Bronx housewife, last month.

CITY MAY SUE ON COURT FEES

Division With County Leads To Legal Dispute; Clerk Withholds Funds.

A test case may be filed in the courts soon to unravel a complicated dispute over the division of Municipal Court docket fees between the County and City treasuries.

So far as Mr. Taxpayer is concerned it's mostly a matter of taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another but it's vital to the financial showings of the respective departments of government.

For many years the County Clerk has been turning over to the City all Municipal Court fees collected in cases involving violations of City ordinances. These amounts to about \$10 a case, totaling between \$1000 and \$1500 a month.

Eye Docket Fees

Last December City officials decided their treasury ought to be getting more revenue out of the Municipal Courts, specifically docket fees from criminal cases based upon State laws as well as City ordinances.

And an opinion issued last Dec. 30 by Samuel Jackson, former Attorney General, upheld this contention. These docket fees in cases based on State laws have been turned over to the County treasury by Clerk Charles R. Ettinger. They amount to \$5 a case.

City officials heard of the Attorney General's ruling they decided to fight it and County Attorney John Linder and Carl Seet drafted a counter opinion. They ruled that the law was broad enough that City officials not only could keep docket fees in State cases but the fees in City cases as well.

So, while the legal dispute rages, Mr. Ettinger has decided to withhold from the City its usual quarterly dividend until the matter is settled.

City Suit Expected

Mr. Ettinger ignored a demand made by Edward H. Knight, City corporation counsel, for an accounting of docket fees since 1935 to determine the City's share.

I have advised Mr. Knight that I am holding the City's regular distribution of fees in escrow pending a legal settlement," Mr. Ettinger said.

The City is expected to bring a suit for a declaratory judgment to determine which branch of the government gets what money.

4-POINT SAFETY PLAN DRAFTED

Harmony Session Decides On Cafeteria Courts, Law 'Codification.'

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Judges and citizens for lack of unity in the traffic problem.

In addition to the Mayor, included in the group were Wallace O. Lee, advisory committee chairman; Dr. R. N. Harger, chairman of the subcommittee that studied traffic enforcement; Leroy J. Keach, Safety Board president; Police Chief Michael F. Morrissey; Prosecutor Sherwood Blue; Sam Blum and Forrest W. Littlejohn, deputy prosecutors; Louis Adams, city prosecutor; Coroner Roy B. Storms; Sheriff F. J. Murphy; Municipal Court Judges John L. McNeil and Dan White, and George J. Rinier, Municipal Court judge pro tem.

The cafeteria court was cited as a definite need for proper traffic enforcement. It was said that police officers were not making all arrests possible because of court congestion, and that arrests are certain deterrents of traffic violations.

More time for court cases will allow the deputy prosecutors to prepare their cases so they will not have to go into court with a "what's this case about?" prosecution, it is said.

It was said that "light" judgments on appeals did not "help respect for the law," and the judges are to confer on uniform interpretation of the law.

The "ghost patrols" are legal, it was said, but to overcome fear by motorists that the plain-clothes policemen might be gunned it was decided to equip patrol cars with signs that would flash on when the motorists are stopped.

EXPECT CIVILIAN AS DRAFT BOARD HEAD

WASHINGTON, March 22 (U. P.).—The Administration today was expected to choose another civilian as national draft director to succeed Dr. Clarence A. Dykstra, who resigned to devote full time to his new post as chairman of the National Defense Mobilization Board.

There was some speculation that Hoosier-born Brig. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, assistant to Dr. Dykstra and now acting director, might be named to the post. The Administration, however, reportedly feels that the selective service system should have a civilian in charge.

Whether the successor is a civilian or soldier, however, informed quarters believed that Gen. Hershey would be the "man behind the scenes" in operating the system.

A former Indiana schoolmaster, Gen. Hershey is credited with being largely responsible for development of the draft set-up and was given a free hand by Dr. Dykstra in assisting in its operations.

ROOSEVELT AT SEA AFTER LONG DELAY

ABOARD U. S. S. BENSON WITH PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AT SEA, March 22 (U. P.).—President Roosevelt headed out into the warm waters off Florida early today for 10 days of fishing under the protecting guns of the Destroyer Benson.

Elsie in Friendly Moo(d) on Visit Here



Elsie poses with some local admirers.

Elsie, America's most famous cow, added to her millions of admirers yesterday evening during a brief stopover at Union Station. The bovine movie actress—she made her debut in "Little Men"—received several old friends and greeted new ones in her deluxe baggage car boudoir.

She lowered her heavy eyelashes over her big, dark eyes

becomingly as they exclaimed over her trim lines and Jersey beauty. Mooing graciously, she posed with officials of the Furnas Ice Cream Co., Indianapolis unit of the Borden Co., Elsie's sponsor. Shown chatting with her left to right are John K. Wood, Furnas' products manager; W. R. Kemper, sales manager; his daughter, Miss Helen Kemper, and Clarence Hill,

general manager. During personal appearances at the two World Fairs and elsewhere, Elsie has met an estimated 16 million persons. Already a grandmother with four daughters, two sons and two grandchildren, she will celebrate her ninth birthday Monday. Her visit here was en route from Columbus, O., to Kansas City for another personal appearance.

Plymouth Blitzed Again; Children Get Parents' Aid

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shells. Great bomb craters had been gouged into the streets. The shopping center and the residential districts around it had taken the greatest shock.

It had been estimated that 10,000 incendiary bombs had fallen in the first raid. Many more were hurled last night. With them came hundreds of explosive bombs, to ruin homes which had been damaged in the first raid and others which had been left unscathed.

At one time fires were raging all over the city, but again they were put out one by one, and again the Germans came to start new ones or to drop explosive bombs into the flames.

In hope of frightening fire watchers away from their posts, the Germans, contrary to their usual custom, started last night's raid with hundreds of explosive bombs. The fire bombs followed.

So intense was the anti-aircraft gunfire that at times its roar drowned out the exploding bombs.

Firemen, air raid precautions men, surgeons and nurses were busy all during the raid and for hours afterward, and those hospitals which the bombs left functioning were crowded with wounded today.

Bucket Brigades Formed

There were far from enough firemen for the fires and householders formed neighborhood brigades, passing water-filled buckets from hand to hand, knocking down burning joists and beams with long poles, and saving those trapped in ruins.

The sky all around Plymouth was reddened by the flames and the pall of smoke which lay over the city and its environs was like a London fog. Yellow chandelier flares and glittering white strings of flaming incendiary bombs could be seen in the smoke.

Rescue squads worked all during the raid taking wounded out of the ruins of homes, shelters and hospitals. Emergency relief centers throughout the night supplied the homeless with hot meals and hot drinks.

Evacuated From Shelter

At the height of the raid the entire staff of the newspaper office where I was working, were ordered to an emergency shelter, where it continued to operate in what was called officially "a state of imminent danger" for about two and a half hours. Then the police ordered us to evacuate because we were hemmed in by buildings which had been hit and were likely to collapse.

I then went home and found my family leaving our house because the house next door had been hit and ours was no longer tenable, though the telephone was still working.

I packed a few belongings and began today's work, like others who were not hurt.

Women, Girls Fight Fires

In my street, a house burned furiously and threatened to destroy others, including my own. No firemen were available to fight it because all the men were fighting fires elsewhere.

The women and girls formed a chain and with buckets, jugs and bowls of water, taken from the only supply of water in the neighborhood, the boiler in my house, got the fire under control.

Nearly a girl whose home had been destroyed by a bomb found a neighbor's house aflame. She ran in and rescued a 3-year-old child.

A grimy girl of 17 who had been working at first aid all night amid the smoke and flame, took a cup of WAR DIMS VATICAN EASTER. ROME, March 22 (U. P.).—Well informed Vatican quarters believed today that because of the war Pope Pius would confine his Easter celebration to a mass in his private chapel. Usually the Pope on Easter imparts a blessing from the balcony of St. Peter's before a multitude assembled in the square.

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SHELBY TO GET NEW DRAFTEES

6167 Hoosiers to Join Guardsmen Under Tyndall During April.

Of the 6900 Hoosier youths to be inducted into the Army during the April Selective Service call, 6167 will be sent to join the 38th Division now in training at Camp Shelby, Miss.

The allotment was reported to State Selective Service headquarters here by Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall of Indianapolis. Camp Shelby and 38th Division commander.

Gen. Tyndall issued the "call" for selectees to fill his division to "war strength" following completion of construction of the Mississippi camp, now the largest in the nation.

The April Selective Service call is to be the largest in Indiana thus far. Inductions will begin March 31 and continue through April 19.

Due to Arrive April 5

Draftees will begin arriving at Camp Shelby on April 5. Gen. Tyndall said. Selectees from Kentucky and West Virginia, which with Indiana furnish troops composing the 38th Division, also are to be assigned to the 38th during April.

The 37th Division, Ohio, the other principal Federalized National Guard unit stationed at Camp Shelby, will receive Ohio selectees next month. Gen. Tyndall said the total number assigned to Camp Shelby would reach more than 10,000 during April and that they will be received at the rate of 1000 per day between April 5 and 17th.

60,000 Camp Goal

The addition of selectees, the first for Camp Shelby, will increase the total strength at the Southern post to around 50,000.

Present plans call for increasing strength at Shelby to more than 60,000 by June.

The balance of 733 selectees from Indiana not assigned to Shelby will be sent to other camps throughout the country.

ACTING DIRECTOR OF DIVISION IS SELECTED

Dr. Howard B. Mettel, chief of the material and child health bureau of the State Health Board, has been named acting director of the crippled children division of the State Welfare Department.

He replaces Dr. Oliver W. Greer, who recently was granted a year's leave of absence when called to Ft. Knox, Ky., for a year's service with the U. S. Medical Corps.

Dr. Mettel also is associate professor of pediatrics of the Indiana University School of Medicine.

ISSUE OVERSUBSCRIBED

WASHINGTON, March 22 (U. P.).—The Treasury announced today that its recent offering of \$500,000,000 in 2½ per cent 11 to 13-year bonds had been oversubscribed by more than 1200 per cent when the books closed Wednesday night.

BOY FALLS TO DEATH

WOONSOCKET, R. I., March 22 (U. P.).—Three-year-old Teddy Damsenau chased his pet cat to the roof of his home yesterday, slipped and fell 55 feet to his death.

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