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ITALO-ETHIOPIAN BIG COMBAT FLARES

Foul Play Suspicion Persists in Todd Death

Through the Editor's Spectacles By GEORGE

The Cisco Elks lodge, as customary, will present its annual Christmas Charity show on December 19 at the Palace Theater. K. N. Greer, Palace manager, has always cooperated liberally with the Elks in this show, allowing them use of the showhouse without charge. Funds derived from the show are used to distribute well-filled baskets of Christmas food among the needy of the community. The money spent on tickets does a double duty of providing an evening of entertainment for those able to pay for it and then going on to help make Christmas happy for poor families with needed food. Do your bit and buy a ticket to this show.

K. H. Pittard has a pet peeve. He admitted this morning that it stirs up a fire in him to call him "Brother."

The local republican element is beginning to gain courage. Clubs of individuals, scattered and stung by the overwhelming Roosevelt victory, are beginning to knot up again around the cafes and the soda fountains, emboldened by the remarks of Mr. Hoover and wisecracking among themselves with as much certitude as little boys talking about how they are going to whip the bully if he comes around next week. There's Bob Gilman, with a cigar as long as a foot rule; "Sheenie" Jamison with a grin like a negro preacher at a chicken dinner, and P. R. Warwick, whose devastating remarks are dreaded in any gathering of respectable people.

Since Herb has come to rate a whole page in the Star-Telegram again these boys are really in the smiles.

NO REASON TO CHANGE-DAVIS

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—Norman Davis, chief United States delegate to the naval conference, told the Japanese that because neither the United States nor Japan has any intention of taking offense against each other, there is no reason to change the existing relative power of their navies.

Bomb Explodes Near Jap General's House

TIENTSIN, Dec. 17 (AP)—A bomb exploded today in a vacant house next to the residence of General Tada, commander of the Japanese troops in a North China garrison, killing one person.

The explosion occurred in the home of Kwei-Tang, pro-Japanese bandit leader. The Japanese concession district was thrown into almost a panic.

Season's First Cage Game This Evening

The first basket ball game of the season here will be played tonight between teams from the senior and junior classes of Randolph college. The game will start at 7:30 and there will be no charge of admission.

H. R. Garrett is coaching at the college.

Weather

WEST TEXAS—Fair tonight and Wednesday; probably frost in the southeast portion tonight.

EAST TEXAS—Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; probably frost on the east coast and central portion tonight.

2 EXTORTION NOTES FOUND TO BE SENT

Theory of Sunday A. M. Death Offset by Mrs. Ford

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17 (AP)—A maze of conflicting and mysterious circumstances confronted the police investigating Thelma Todd's death today. Finding definite traces of carbon monoxide poisoning, the county autopsy surgeon said she probably died in her garage about 4 o'clock Sunday morning after an auto delivery proprietor drove her home from a party. But Mrs. Wallace Ford, an actor's wife, told the police she talked with Thelma late Sunday.

The police said they would not abandon the possibility of slaying, nor cease investigating other theories, including suicide, accidental death and heart attack.

It was revealed that the actress, victim of an extortion plot in which two men have been arrested, recently received two extortion notes which she had not given to the police.

Brownwood to Play Lobbies on Court Thursday

The Cisco Loboes will start the basketball season off Wednesday evening with a game with the strong Brownwood Lions at Cisco high school gymnasium at 7:30. Brownwood's team went high in the League basketball race last year and is rated as strong this year. Cisco's prospects are yet to be tested under fire.

Coach Shelley said he probably would start Wagley at center; Exum and Wende at guards and Slicker and Johnson at forwards. A charge of ten cents will be made for students and fifteen cents for adults.

EASTLAND MAN DIES

EASTLAND, Dec. 17.—G. W. Fisher, 73, farmer and stockman in Eastland county 32 years who died Monday, was buried here Tuesday. He was a director of the Eastland National bank.

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

Why They Called Him Speedy

By IRVIN S. COBB

BERT SWOR, the minstrel man, is something more than a mere black-face comedian. He was born and reared in a Texas town and he probably knows as much about the true interpretation and, what is more, the true delineation of certain negro types as any



living man. He knows what most Northern-born men do not, that the essence of the Southern negro's humor usually is based on a gorgeous hyperbole, a natural instinct for exaggerated comparisons. Much of the material out of which he coins his laughs on the stage is based upon things he heard or saw when a boy down in Texas.

One of his most popular wheezes is a faithful rendition of something which a colored man at Fort Worth said years ago. Two negroes were talking together. As Swor passed he gathered that the subject under discussion was the relative fleetness of foot of the pair. As he came within earshot one of them said: "You claims you is fast! You says you's so fast folks calls you speedy! Jest how fast is you, nigger?" "I'll tell you how fast I is," said the other. "De room whar I sleeps nights is got jest one 'lectric light in it w'ich dat 'lectric light is forty feet from de baid. W'en I gets undressed I kin walk over to dat 'lectric light and turn it out and git back into baid and be all covered up befo' de room gets dark."

(American News Features, Inc.)

Grocer Convicted



George W. Norris (above), grocer of Alva, Okla., was convicted of perjury by a federal jury at Lincoln, Neb. He was charged with testifying falsely regarding his attempt to become a candidate against Senator George W. Norris of Nebraska in the 1930 Nebraska primary. (Associated Press photo).

Part of Addition to Gorman Closed

GORMAN, Dec. 17.—Commissioners' court has ordered all streets, avenues and alleys of Townsend Apple Orchard addition to Gorman, with the exception of one street and a portion of another, abolished, released, abandoned, vacated and transferred to the owners of the fee title.

Exceptions to the order were described in the court's order as follows:

"All of Townsend street, lying just south of M.-K.-T. Ry. Co. is an open and improved thoroughfare and is hereby excepted from the order; Roberts street is hereby excepted and left open from Azro avenue in northwesterly direction to the west borderline of said Townsend Apple Orchard Addition; Azro avenue is hereby excepted and left open from the north side of Roberts street to the north side of De Leon street. It is understood that any street, avenue or alley will not be fenced up without the consent of any property owner affected thereby."

The commissioners' action hinged on "so far as it was with powers delegated to them by the state."

WOW DISTRICT MEETING HELD HERE TONIGHT

Large Class to Be Initiated by Cisco Drill Team

A district Woodmen of the World meeting will be held in Cisco this evening beginning at 7:30 at the call of G. B. Kirk, district manager, of Abilene. A large class of candidates is due to be initiated at this meeting, with the drill team of the Cisco lodge in charge of the initiation ceremonies.

Refreshments will be served at the close of the session. Members of the drill team will be presented with gifts in recognition of their services during the past year.

Between 30 and 40 visitors from Baird, Rising Star, Carbon and Gorman are expected to be here to meet with the members of the Cisco lodge.

4-Fold Federal Relief Program Hoover Demand

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17. (AP)—Former President Herbert Hoover last night answered recent speeches of President Roosevelt with a sharp indictment of the New Deal and a proposal for a four-point federal relief set-up which would "go far to assure a clean election."

The former president "in the interest of good government" suggested a four-fold plan to decentralize relief control, cut government allotments to states by more than half and "relieve human distress which suffers enough without the poison of politics in its bread."

He said "people on relief have suffered enough from having playboys take America apart to see how the wheels go round."

Addressing the John Marshall republican club of St. Louis, Hoover singled out for a torrent of sarcasm Roosevelt's Atlanta remark two weeks ago that "the merchants of civilization came to a dead stop on March 3, 1933."

The republican chieftain said the depression actually was turned back throughout the world in June and July, 1932, but that the New Deal caused this country to lag for two years while other nations progressed.

Roosevelt made a \$2,500,000,000 "error," Hoover said in estimating the New Deal's public debt for \$2,200,000,000 of recoverable assets loaned out by the Hoover regime. He predicted the public debt would rise to 32 to 33 billion by next July.

The former president blamed the 1933 bank panic on hysteria induced among bank depositors by the incoming administration, and called it "the most political and most unnecessary bank panic in all our history."

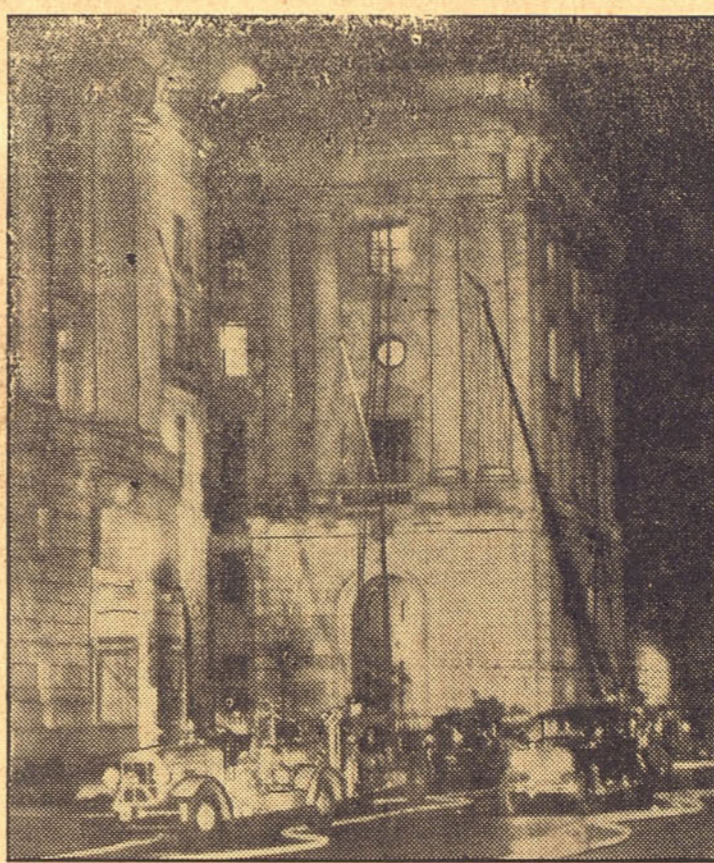
"Typical of Waste" He called the New Deal unemployment relief organization "typical of the whole gamut of waste, folly, ineffectiveness, politics and destruction of self-government."

"The inevitable and driving purpose of any bureaucracy," he said, "is to use its powers to secure its jobs. The sudden appropriations to cities, counties and states were singularly timed to elections. And this is not the only method of making politics out of human misery."

"When in the face of a decrease in the unemployed, the cost of relief rises from \$1,100,000,000 to an appropriation of \$4,800,000,000 in a single year, it is certainly reason for searching inquiry. x x "Every community has been

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Fire Damages U. S. Postoffice



Fire in the new \$8,000,000 postoffice department building at Washington caused damage estimated at \$100,000. The blaze, shown as firemen battled it, started in old paper

files in the general accounting office on the sixth floor and spread through the ventilation system. Forty firemen were overcome. (Associated Press photo).

LAVAL VOTED CONFIDENCE OF DEPUTIES

Test Skirmishes Bring Heavy Fighting on North Front

(By Associated Press)

The Italo-Ethiopian war flared in major combat today as Premier Laval told the chamber of deputies that he had agreed on a peace plan to avert an European war.

An Italian communique reported that 3,000 Ethiopians had outmaneuvered an Italian detachment in the Takkaze river valley on the northern front, forcing the Italian outposts back with considerable losses.

The main Italian forces immediately began action with airplanes and tanks.

The British cabinet strongly indicated a retreat from active support of the Hoare-Laval peace plan.

The chamber of deputies gave Premier Laval a vote of confidence after the premier had dared the chamber to overthrow the government, declaring he refused to go to Geneva "under humiliating conditions."

Rome sources said that Mussolini was certain to accept the peace plans, with reservations, which would place the burden on France and Great Britain to show that Italian commercial activities in the projected influence zone had not been pre-empted by native or foreign interests.

Reports of fighting along the northern front indicated that Ethiopian forces were swooping down on Italian outposts in test skirmishes preliminary to a mass attack.

Half Brother of S. H. Nance Succumbs

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Nance will leave early tomorrow morning for Tulsa, Texas, to attend funeral services for C. D. Edmondson, 73-year-old half brother of Mr. Nance who died there at 4:30 a. m. today after a week's illness. Mr. Edmondson formerly lived at Rising Star and was well known throughout this section.

Funeral will be at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. Four children survive.

Today's Livestock Market

FORT WORTH, Dec. 17.—Hogs—Receipts 1300, including 125 on direct billing. Market steady with Monday's packer market. A top of \$9.15 was paid by packers. Bulk better grade 175 to 300 lb. averages \$9 to \$9.15. Packing sows steady or \$8.50 down. Light lights \$7.35 to \$8.85; lights \$8.35 to \$9.15; medium \$9.05 to \$9.15; heavy \$8.90 to \$9.15; sows \$8 to \$8.50.

Cattle—Receipts 3300; calves 1700. Market on slaughter steers strong; yearling kinds dull and weak; other classes generally steady. Grass steers \$4.15 to \$6.15; shorted steers and yearlings \$6.50 to \$8.25; beef cows \$2.75 to \$3.65; low cutters and cutters \$2.75 to \$3.65; bulls \$3.50 to \$4.50. Bulk slaughter calves \$3.75 to \$5.75.

Sheep—Receipts 1500, including 500 on through billing. Market on fat lambs weak to quarter lower. Bids on aged wethers 25c lower; good to choice fat lambs \$9 to \$9.50; bidding \$4.75 for good shorn aged wethers. Feeder lambs \$8 down.

Advance estimates for December 18: Cattle 400; calves 1700; hogs 1200; sheep 800.

MYSTERIOUS ERRANDS ARE BEING MADE IN MILNE CASE

GOP Convention Set at Cleveland for Next June 9

NEW YORK, Dec. 17. (AP)—Relatives of the missing Caleb Milne sped on mysterious errands today into two states as officers searched for the missing youth.

An aunt, a brother and a G-man departed hastily from Woodstock, N. Y., where Milne's mother lives.

Earlier the aunt, Miss Anita Smith, said: "we are hoping something will break immediately." In Philadelphia, Milne's grandfather left the Milne mansion, and returned in an hour.

Three Prisoners In Cuban Kidnap Case Shot Dead

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 17. (AP)—Three prisoners in the Castano kidnaping case were killed today during an attack on a Cuban army car in which they were being brought here after the millionaire had been liberated.

The automobile ranged alongside of the army car, near the suburb, and a group of unidentified men opened fire with guns. Three of the prisoners were wounded fatally.

Adult Schools to Give Program Thurs.

The Cisco adult schools will sponsor a program at the Cisco high school auditorium Thursday evening beginning at 7:30, purpose of which is to give the public a concrete idea of what the schools are accomplishing.

Every department of the system will be represented on the program. There will be no charge for admission.

Cluck to Speak at Adult Teachers Meet

Supt. R. N. Cluck has accepted an invitation of A. A. Bullock, San Antonio, state director of emergency education, to speak at a district state-wide meeting of adult education teachers at Paducah tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Cluck is president of the Adult Teachers association of Texas.

Miss Helen Hunterman and Mrs. John Holland of Albany are guests of friends in Cisco today.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. Thy saints shall shout for joy.—Psalms 130:2.

"A glorious song of rejoicing
In my innermost spirit I hear;
And sounds like heavenly voices,
In a chorus divine and clear."

Let us each cultivate carefully and joyfully and joyously the portion of soil providence has committed to our care.—Gold Dust.

He Has the Stuff!

AN Eastland lad, Billie Allen Kenny, 10 years old, who faces almost a year of confinement to his bed has organized a "Happy-in-Spite" club. A bone infection is the cause of his illness. Hearing of the club, Gov. Allred voluntarily joined it. The boy once lived in Cisco where his father, F. M. Kenny, was pharmacist for the Elliott Drug company. The club is the organized determination of the lad that he won't permit his spirits to succumb to the illness that keeps him away from the outdoors and his playmates.

DIFFICULTIES contribute more to human advancement than all the good fortune that may occur. Out of difficulties have come some of the noblest achievements in history. The challenge that hardship and trouble fling to the will of men has been carried high upon the fires of an aroused spirit to achievements that never would have been dared in contentment and ease. The reaction of the Eastland lad to the misfortune of

his illness shows that he has the stuff and the courage it takes to make life a success. More power to him.

Laws Don't Prevent Murder

LAW did not make murder a crime. And legislation does not prevent it. The fallacy of belief that one may stop a condition or improve the state of the race by simply passing a law to achieve the effect has been eminently disproved by experience with prohibition. The efficacy of legislation had ample opportunity to prove itself there. It failed, because there is no virtue in statutes except as there is virtue in the will of the people behind them.

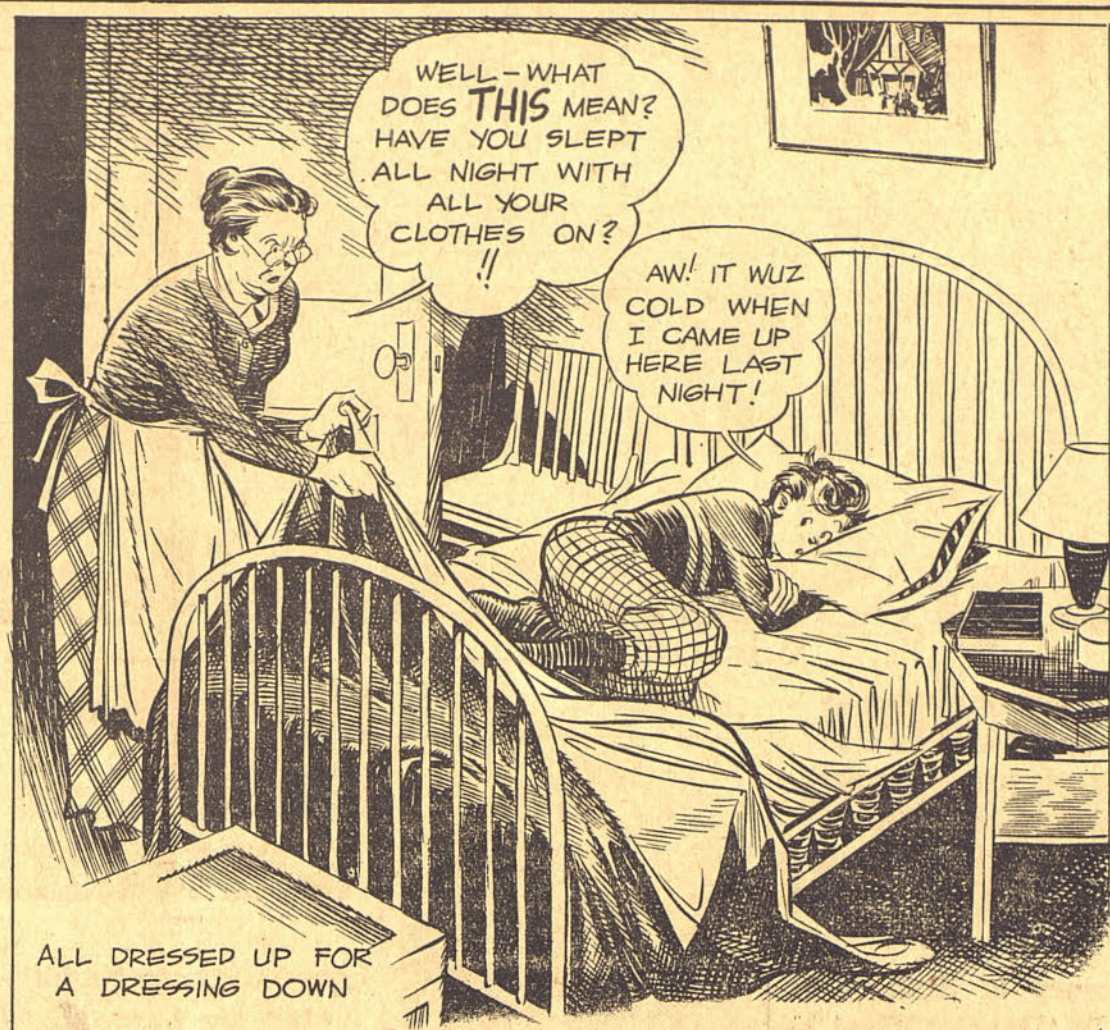
FROM that standpoint one wonders what is going to be the effect of the social security legislation enacted by the last congress at administration behest in a cause that is certainly worthy. The aim of protecting people against vicissitudes of fortune and against their own lack of thrift and foresight which is embodied in this legislation is a radical departure from the American concept of rugged individualism. It is a curious super-imposition upon the ideals that have so far fostered American business and social advancement.

IS there such a thing as the government guaranteeing security to an individual? If so, what will be the effect of that guarantee upon the individual? It seems plain that those who will receive most of the benefits from the unemployment insurance will be those least entitled to them by reason of contribution to the fund which is designed to make these benefits possible. Will not the effect of this insurance, therefore, be to take the premium off industry and thrift and add it to idleness, in that manner decreasing the will to initiative and individual achievement.

THE old-age pension legislation recently enacted by the state of Texas is already having the effect of developing a definite and influential political body to which those who seek office are already beginning to make direct appeal. What will the influence of unemployment insurance payments to a large body of jobless be?

THE social security measure seems to be too socialistic to work in this individualistic country. If the legislation provided for individual savings rather than a collective form of insurance its chances of success would be enhanced. There is no substitute for hard work and good management in any scheme of social security. The best that any legislation can do is to insure the opportunity for profitable venture and employment. The measures enacted in the social security measures are thoroughly idealistic and thoroughly Christian. The trouble is, however, that most of us are not.

THE GAY THIRTIES



ALL DRESSED UP FOR A DRESSING DOWN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear Reader:

The depression is passing by we are being taught that recovery is fast approaching, let us give thanks. May we take down our dust covered Bibles from the back shelves and be thankful that we are living in a Bible land where we can learn more and more about our supreme creator who reigns with all power over Heaven and earth. The Bible is the grandest book and teacher in the universe. It teaches us what we need to know, it teaches us what to do and what not to do. It teaches love, obedience, patience, long-suffering and forbearance; it teaches to be truthful, merciful and helpful; it teaches us to be modest, decent and orderly in all things. There is no end to its teachings. Let us not tarry all the days of our life on the outer edge of the shore of doing, let us drift out in the deep and learn more about the will of our Heavenly Father. He will lead us over the troubled waters if we will follow Him who said it is I; be not afraid. We do not have to wait until after we are dead to enjoy God's blessings, they are here with us in this life in a bountiful plenty for us to enjoy if we will, but we cannot know all the blessings that God has in store for us hereafter. My mind is to live a life each day in a way that I know that I am worthy of the friendship and good will of my friends and neighbors and then with a clear conscience I can face anything that comes to me. We can be merciful by living and let live, cost nothing to be truthful; we can be helpful in many ways without the cost of money. I will refer to a little incident concerning myself recently. I was at Eastland and in walking up a flight of steps and some how I made a little misstep. I did not fall instantly, some one gently took hold of my arm, we ascended to the top step, I looked

around, it was a girl, a lady with a beautiful helpful smile on her face. I thanked her, I did not know who she was but that did not matter she turned and went her way and I went on my way with that beautiful smile impressed on my mind. That kind of helpful smiles do live.

Well again the festive season is here with much that can delight and cheer. May we find fresh blessings strewn along our way with peace on earth and good will toward men and the voices of little children ring out above it all. A Merry Christmas.
MRS. SAM HULL,
Cisco, Texas.

Route 4, box 29.

Human and Other Nature

By W. F. BRUCE

Here comes from the air, announced as from the very scene of the industry itself, a talk on the Christmas tree business. Strange that it should even be a business. We usually think of getting our Christmas trees by going directly to the woods and picking out our own. We have resources in this section for supplying that need.

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NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By JULIAN CAPERS, JR.

AUSTIN, Dec. 17.—Taxation and revenue will be the theme song of the third special session of the 44th legislature, to meet again in January. Confronted with a state deficit estimated at around \$10,000,000, and with only a million or two of liquor taxes provided to meet an annual old-age pension bill which may run to another 10 or 12 millions, fiscal matters will be the main business of the solons.

Gov. Allred has learned by bitter experience in two called sessions that he cannot feed legislative subjects too fast to the legislature. In the first called session he gave them five important topics, and saw them adjourn without doing anything much about any of the five. Then he adopted the plan of submitting only one at a time, and did somewhat better during the second session. His plan probably will be to submit only the revenue problem at the January session's opening. That will throw the gates wide open for prolonged committee hearings and floor debate. The governor probably will not make any specific recommendations for revenue-raising taxes, since he still has before the legislature his message at the opening of the regular session a year ago, wherein he detailed many specific possible revenue sources.

That some kind of a sales tax will be enacted is the consensus of observers here. The senate adopted a sales tax last time. Lt. Gov. Walter Woodull breaking the tie vote that sent the measure to conference. The house rejected it, but by a margin that dwindled in every test until the closing hour. The lobbyists, who favor a sales tax, to avoid levies on the special interests they represent, are wondering just how far the governor will go, in accepting a

"modified" sales tax on certain selected items. They feel certain he would veto a general sales levy. The oil industry also is rather jittery about the possibility that the legislature may turn to it again, with increased crude or other oil taxes, to raise money. Its spokesmen are conducting an extensive anti-oil-tax propaganda campaign by means of speeches and other mediums.

Recent rulings of the WPA and other federal agencies regarding the supplying of labor for federal-financed work-relief projects promise to relieve a situation that has been holding up many Texas improvement projects. There has been a scarcity of relief labor in some localities to carry on the projects. Under the new ruling, contractors may apply to the WPA to transfer eligible relief labor from one district to another, if practicable. If this does not supply the demand, labor from the rolls of the Texas State Employment service may then be requisitioned, to prevent halting of the projects, when the relief labor persons who actually need work, but who have managed to keep off relief rolls, to work on such projects, when the relief labor supply is inadequate. County officials also feel it removes a penalty upon those who may desperately need work, but have shown initiative and energy enough to avoid going on direct relief.

East Texas oil independents, headed by Tom Foster, Kilgore, plan to visit Austin in force, aboard a special train next week, to demand the railroad commission fix a higher allowance for their field. The drying up "hot" oil, firming of the market for crude in other sections, and increased nominations of major oil buyers, they assert, entitle them to more oil. The commission at its December hearing will consider the matter only from the conservation angle, however, and engineering data recently submitted concerning the potential production and gas pressure of the field, does not lend much en-

couragement to the plea of the East Texans, from the conservative standpoint. Some major companies, who have heretofore urged constantly smaller allowances in East Texas, have joined the independents in their plea for more oil now. The testimony, upon which the commission will decide the question, should be highly interesting to all oil-producing communities.

Confirming a story published two weeks ago in this column, daily newspapers of the state are carrying the announcement of George B. Terrell of Alto as candidate for commissioner of agriculture. Terrell formerly held the office and later was a congressman-at-large. He was strongly anti-New Deal during his service in congress.

A. U. Puckett of Kaufman county, farmer and former lawyer who practiced in Dallas, is the newest candidate for governor. He says he will oppose Gov. Allred on a platform indorsing the sales tax. Puckett, who specialized in criminal practice, was widely known 10 years ago for his uncanny ability to evoke tears at will, like a Hollywood dramatic star, when he addressed a jury. His only previous political venture a race for the legislature in Dallas county, in which he was badly worsted.

Texans who believe in commonsense methods of game and fish conservation are welcoming to their ranks a new and powerful ally, in the person of Milt Saul, veteran Texas newsman, once sports editor of the Dallas News, who is now editor of the Southwestern Fish and Game magazine, published at Dallas.

RAISE POSIES
SYDNEY, Dec. 17. (AP)—A prison farm for women, outside the penitentiary at Long Bay, is explained by the Australian minister of justice as giving first offenders a chance to cultivate flowers and raise poultry.

was one. He works on the principle of conservation that has been wisely adopted as a plan for the utilization of our natural resources.

Thus we see that shortsighted, self-centered business will exploit goods and work for the ultimate detriment of man. But a wise and generous spirit in business will serve the needs of men, conserve resources for their permanent good, and at the same time will receive a just return for services thus rendered. I see no reason why even Christmas trees that enliven the landscape as long as they are growing and satisfy a worthy human sentiment after they are cut down should not be utilized in such a way as to leave a promise for the future. When I go after my Christmas tree this year, instead of hacking out the prettiest stem and leaving a jagged stump and some straggly branches, I might as well cut out neatly the branch that will serve the purpose and leave the rest encouraged to produce Christmas trees for the future.

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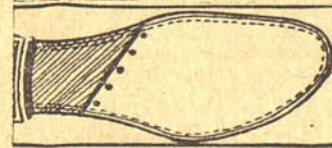
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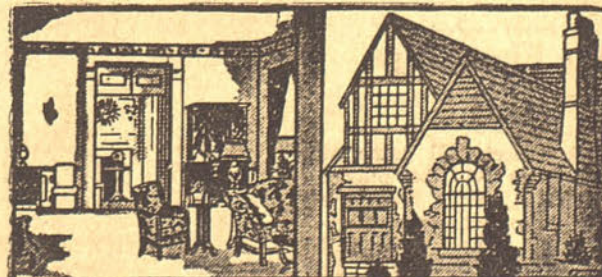


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NEVER MIND THE LADY by David Garth

SYNOPSIS: Allaire West, helping Terry Willett in a quarrel with Hildez, leading boss who is substituting worthless packing cases for the equipment Terry needs up river, is forced to shoot Hildez. And now Terry and Geo. Fox, attache at the American embassy, are doing their best to figure out a way to keep Allaire out of the affair. To complicate the situation, the country is on the verge of revolution, and nobody, not even the bystanders, is really safe.

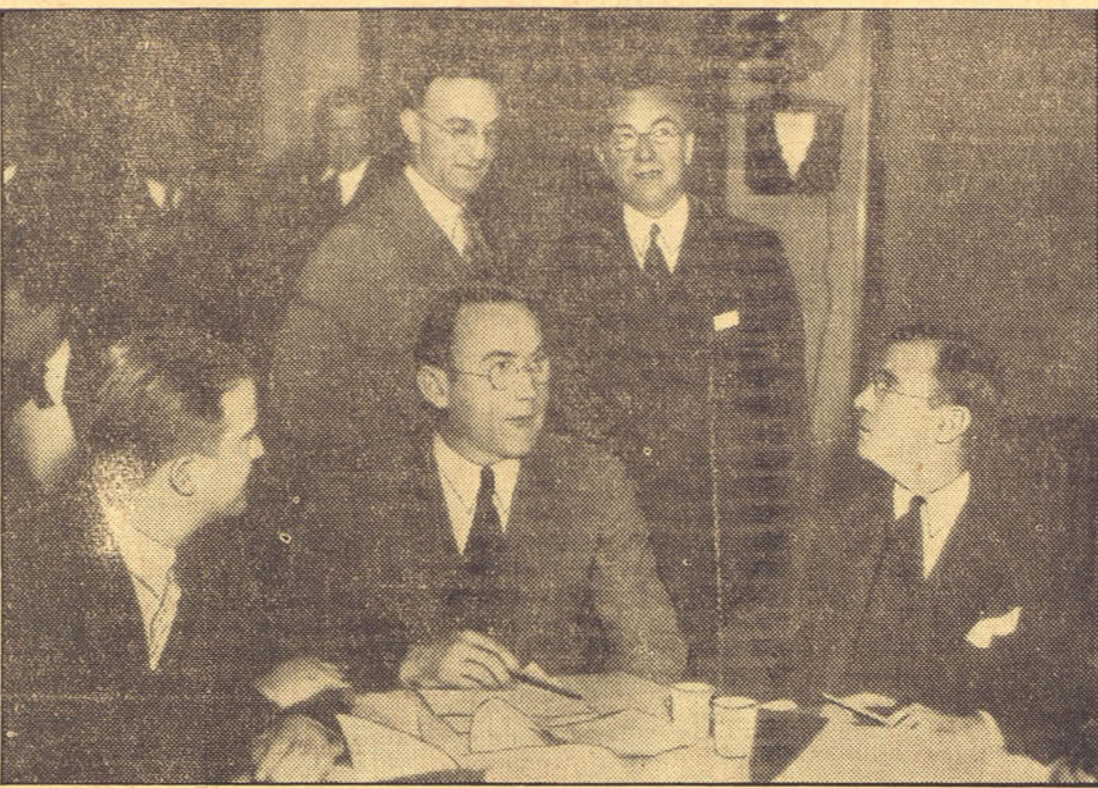
Chapter 11 ON THE CARPET

"She's a swell girl, Terry," said Fox. "They mustn't pick up her trail. God, this is a mess. What are you going to do?" Willett flicked his cigaret out into the street. "Me?" he repeated. "I'm sailing on the 'Parajalibo' tomorrow. I know plenty about that ship—her crew won't stop me, that's a cinch." "Oh—" said the attache uncertainly. He took a brief pull at his cigaret and then threw it away. "Yes, I guess you'd better. Wouldn't be surprised to see things break wide open any day now. Coastwise trade will be stopped—you'd better cut your stick for your camp." He hesitated. "Only—" Willett looked at him. "I have a job to finish." His voice was flatly final. "Can't muffle this chance of getting away?" "No," agreed Fox. "You can't—God, this is a mess." Willett gestured at the car. "Better park it out of sight for a few days. Somebody might be watching for it. So long, George." Fox said something. Willett walked away. He looked back over his shoulder and saw the attache still standing by the car. "Yes, Fox was covering that girl. Hell, wasn't that what the American Foreign Service was for?" Rule One: "Protecting and—" He suddenly remembered he needed a drink. The American Ambassador called his staff to the Embassy study shortly before noon the next day. "Everyone is to stand by today regardless of previous engagements," he told them. "The latest word from the President's palace is that the new tax bill will be signed in its entirety, not excluding the coffee industry."

He regarded his staff searchingly, eyes moving from face to face. "You know what that means, gentlemen. It is all the Propionaire crowd has been waiting for. I'm afraid we're in for a little trouble." He paused and looked at George Fox. That young man's mind seemed to be wandering in the highways and byways of something distinctly alien to the President's latest tax on the smouldering coffee country. His Excellency frowned slightly. A revolution camping down around their ears and a certain attache clasped his hands on his chest and stared vacantly at the ceiling. "Mr. Fox," he rumbled, "I should like to see you privately a moment. All right, gentlemen, that is all for the present." Dent and the others withdrew. Fox stood up and went over before the heavy mahogany desk. "Yes, sir?" The Old Man thought quite highly of his attache, but he bent a rather severe glance on him now. "I understand perfectly that Legation Club parties and like affairs are in the line of your duty," he remarked. "But you really don't have to go to sleep right under my nose, Mr. Fox. Tell me—have you been to bed?" Fox hadn't. And there was a receptacle crammed with cigaret stubs in his rooms that would have been more in place at an Elk's smoker. But under the Old Man's searching eyes he hastily jumped back on the diplomatic bandwagon. "I'm sorry, sir," he apologized rapidly. "I've been thinking. About that polo party." "So have I," nodded the Ambassador. "They can't sail for a week." "I've looked up sailing schedules," Fox said eagerly. "They don't have to wait a week. There's a ship sailing for Vera Cruz day after tomorrow and there they can be picked up almost immediately by a cruise ship on her way to New York." "You seem to have done some tall figuring," the Old Man rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "Not a bad idea, either. Better that way than possibly having to send them off on a battleship. The sooner we get all transient Americans out of here the less we'll have to worry about. Sure of your dates, Mr. Fox?" "Absolutely positive, sir." Fox

couldn't have been more emphatic if he'd thumped the desk. "Well," the Ambassador commented dryly, "you don't need to get so all-fired excited about it. I'll talk with Mr. West today and you be on hand if I should want you. And for Heaven's sake, boy, start catching up on your sleep. Every time I look at you I feel like taking a nap." Fox left the study and returned to his desk. Captain Dent grinned sympathetically. "What's the matter, George?" he inquired. "Didn't you dance with one of the fat wives of the War Department or something? Well, I guess that's all over for a while. We'll be ducking Washington despatches and hauling errant fellow-citizens out of harm's way from now on." He sighed. "I'd planned on going out to Decerno to see Allaire West take off today. Be interesting, that, I imagine flying for the first time after a terrible crack-up is a lot like going swimming right after you nearly drowned." "And," he mused reflectively, "I know that feeling. Not sure of yourself and your ability to stay up. All you can think of is what will happen if you should get a sudden cramp or swallow too much water." George Fox heard him rather indistinctly. He'd completely forgotten this was the day when Allaire took the controls and she dreaded it. "You don't think, you don't breathe—you just wait." And last night— Stand by, the Ambassador had said. Fox went out of the Embassy and looked around for his car. It dawned on him after several minutes that he had carefully stored it away for the time being. He went to the Alvio in a taxi. Allaire lived far more exclusively than her parents. Her private suite was high, fronted the harbor, and was accessible only by a flight of steps from the last lift exit. Her maid took him out on the terrace and withdrew. She was dressed in white and had a corsage of the country's famous wild orchids pinned on her shoulder. The attache sat down beside her and impulsively took one cool hand in both of his. "I know everything, Allaire," he said. "Willett told me. I phoned you early this morning, but you couldn't be located." "I went swimming." He looked at her uncertainly. "Swimming?" "Swimming, George. The water was cold as the devil, but the sun-rise was beautiful." There was something strange about her. She seemed so perfectly composed that he felt it was useless to advise her not to worry, but he did anyhow for want of something better to say. "I'm not worrying," she smiled at him. "Sat up all night looking at the lights of the harbor and wondering what makes the world go round. I suppose you'll think me absolutely hoppy, but for some strange reason I felt as though everything had been taken out of my hands. Nice comfortable feeling like that of somebody taking orders and liking it." Fox began to feel slightly dizzy. Allaire taking orders?—From whom? Not from her father, that was sure. She would have told him where to head in if he'd dared to try it. "What made you run off last night?" She shrugged. "Oh, one of those things. Somebody was going somewhere and not afraid of anything he might find along the way, I went along for the ride." "Ride is right," he agreed fervently. "As an engineer Willett is one of the best, but as a compan-

WALL STREET OPERATOR BEFORE STOCK BOARD



Michael Meehan, Wall Street operator charged with alleged stock manipulation, appeared before the securities commission in Washington, D. C. Left to right, seated, Jacob Gruber, J. J. Burns, and George McNulty, legal counsel for the commission. Standing, Munroe Golding, Meehan's attorney who charged "prejudice" against his client, and Meehan. (Associated Press Photo)

ion he's dynamite. He doesn't care what he does or where he does it. Just as well, I guess, that he's cleared the city." There was a sudden breathless silence. He was astonished to find her looking at him as though he had said something profane. "What did you say?" "Say? Why, I said Willett has left the city. He's on the 'Parajalibo'." "Really how do you know?" Her tone was almost imperious. "He told me last night he was sailing." The girl leaned back with a strange smile curving her lips. "So that's it," she commented. "Every man for himself." Her maid appeared with word that Major Herrera's car was ready to take her to the Decerno flying field. Allaire didn't even look at her and Fox took it upon himself to send a message. (Copyright 1935, by David Garth)

Terry Willett takes a course he had not planned, tomorrow.

The Sportsman

By LARRY BAUER All is not well in the great outdoors. Fish hatcheries and game incubators are producing at capacity, but their output is small compared with demand. Game management experts, conservation officials and thinking sportsmen everywhere are trying to remedy the situation. Leaders in this bring-back-the-wild-life movement are hopeful. There is hardly enough game and fish to supply the army of more than 12,000,000 licensed men and women hunters and anglers with a fair individual share of sport. Add to the 12,000,000 of record all those who hunt and fish without licenses and we have quite a total. One can only guess at the number of birds, animals and fish taken in a single year. Fishing in Metropolitan Area Of course, some folks get more game than others, depending upon where they live. Naturally, those in congested areas suffer most. Here's the plight of a lad in Gotham, who writes us what he's up against: New York is mostly steel, concrete and hurrying throngs, and fishing to most New Yorkers means going to the nearest market and buying a couple of herring, a filet of haddock or a mess of clams. However, there are swarms of hardy ones who are willing to go to extreme lengths to wet a hook and feel the thrill of a healthy tug at the end of a line. There are trout streams scat-

tered around, but the poor fish can hardly look up without spotting an artificial fly or other lure. That leaves the ocean—which is plenty of water, all right, but with its own problems. For the surf easter, there's little surf the approach to which has not been staked off and guarded by "No admittance" signs. It's a poor substitute for the streams and lakes of the north or the southern Appalachians, and one has to endure two bad features or do without. One is the crowds of summer, the other is the rough weather of the other seasons of the year. I took one of these fishing trips in early November, to see what it was like, and found out much to my surprise that I can take it. I had to. The boat was the largest one of the fleet of perhaps 25. There were 87 fishermen and women on the ship. We ploughed out past Relief Lightship and anchored eight or ten miles farther out, in 17-fathom water. It was supposed to be swell codfish water, but it was mostly swells. The "North Star" would dip her nose down and take about half a big wave over her bows, with the green water swirling down the deck all the way to the stern. Lots of the smaller boats were cutting even more deadly capers. With 87 trying to get their hooks out we were crowded badly, and someone always had his line tangled with that of someone else. Soon the congestion at the rails

lessened. Fully 30 of the fishermen became seasick, and one member of the crew did, too. There were the customary reports of old timers to the effect that "In six years of fishing every Sunday I never saw it so rough before in these waters." But the water really was rough, with whitecaps as far as one could see. Luckily, I did not get sick. And, as usual, the particular fish we went after weren't biting. There were too many sand sharks around. They drove off the cod. We did catch plenty of sand sharks everywhere we went. We caught lots of other fish, too. There were fine blacks, and lots of whitings and plenty of ling, the least desirable of the edible ones. In addition to sand sharks, we got an unholy mess of dogfish

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Scanning New Books

By JOHN SELBY

It may be just fancy, but it seems to one reader at least that a book very quietly published under the unavoidably misleading title of "Alcibiades, Beloved of Gods and Men" (Putnam) deserves a good deal more drumbeating than it has had.

Vincenz Brun, a young Viennese, wrote the book. It's not at all a serious study of the days of Socrates, as its title would indicate. Instead it is as lighthearted an affair as John Erskine's "Private Life of Helen of Troy," and a good deal less self-conscious than was that irrepresible best seller. Brun writes the life story of Alcibiades as if he were the boy around the corner. Pericles and Aspasia maintained a menage in Socratic Athens, it will be recalled. Alcibiades was the bright jewel of this menage, and an impertinent, gay, handsome youth as well. When the story opens, Alcibiades just has won an Athenian beauty contest; the reader should not forget that the ancient Greeks set much more store by

male beauty than by female beauty.

Alcibiades begins his career by being very naughty indeed with a young lady in Pallas Athene's temple. He is naughty with a good many other people, male and female. He annoys, flatters, charms, inspires, ridicules, fights—he does everything and does it unexpectedly. And in the end he steals the Athenian fleet and sets out with it under the angry brows of the populace, leaving the populace to crown him with laurel or a Grecian urn.

"Alcibiades" was a bright spot in a long hard week for this reader.

"War and Diplomacy in the Japanese Empire," by Tatsui Takeuchi (Doubleday, Doran): a Japanese professor describes the way the Japanese empire works; not light reading.

"If You're Going to Drive Fast," by Ray W. Sherman (Crowell): good advice for everybody who owns a motor car.

"English Speaks," by Sir Philip Gibbs (Doubleday, Doran): first rate job of reporting the present temper of England; Sir Philip interprets his findings with extraordinary fidelity.

"The History of American Sailing Ships," by Howard I. Chapelle (Norton): the whole story of American ship design, told as concisely as it could be, illustrated beautifully and handsomely bound.

"Technique of Happiness," by Charles Francis Potter, (Macaulay): inspiration.

"Propheats and Poets," by Andre Maurois (Harpers): astute critical estimates of nine prominent English writers, by a Frenchman who made his name writing about the English.

"Mexican Journey," by Edith Mackie and Shelton Dick (Dodge): the plain facts about Mexico in guidebook style: where to go, how to go, when to go, what to see.

"Portrait of My Family," by Derek Patmore (Harpers): of course you know the Patmores, my dear; good old Coventry, and all the rest; well, this is their story.

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Kidnaped Cuban Found by Army

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 17. (AP)—Nicholas Castano, millionaire, kidnaped a week ago for a half million dollar ransom, was found alive by the Cuban army in a house near town on the outskirts of Havana. Two men who were guarding Castano and a chauffeur were arrested.

New Cuban Head



Dr. Jose A. Barnet (above), 71-year-old Cuban secretary of state, automatically succeeded to the office of president when Col. Carlos Mendieta resigned. He was expected to serve only until Mendieta's successor is chosen. (Associated Press Photo)

The Notebook

TUESDAY

Circle 1 of the Baptist W. M. S. will meet with Mrs. B. Bob Key, 906 H Avenue at 3 o'clock.

Circle 4 of the Baptist W. M. S. will meet with Mrs. Clement 602 West 9th street at 3 o'clock.

The Womans Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian church will meet at the church at 3 o'clock.

THURSDAY

The Pivot Bridge club will meet with Mrs. J. A. Bearman, Laguna Hotel at 2:30 p. m.

FRIDAY

Cisco Community Choral club will meet at the First Baptist church at 7:30 p. m.

The Twentieth Century club will meet at the club rooms at 3 o'clock.

Miss Coldwell Is YWA Class Hostess

Miss Frances Coldwell was hostess to the members of the Y. W. A. class of the First Baptist church, at the Christmas party Monday evening when the following program was given. Miss Mary Beth Langston, Christmas story; Jane Kizer, LaRue Ely and

Mrs. Spencer Is Complimented at Birthday Party

Mrs. J. E. Spencer was complimented Sunday when a number of relatives surprised her with a dinner on her birthday. While Mrs. Spencer was attending Sunday school and church the friends gathered at the Spencer home carrying baskets of cooked food and gifts. As Mrs. Spencer entered the back door the guests were assembled in the kitchen and began singing "Happy Birthday."

The dining table was laid with white linen and centered with potted poinsettias. At the honoree's place was a large birthday cake and a bouquet of Ethiopian violets which had been sent her from Fort Worth and which are very rare. On the serving table was a large crystal bowl of fruit flanked by red candles in crystal holders. Places were laid for C. B. Poe, Mrs. Spencer's father of Carbon, J. E. Spencer, and their daughter, Alice Estil, Bobbie Poe, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Poe and Mrs. R. L. Poe of Cisco, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Poe and daughter, Lucile Furr, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Poe, Mrs. Cora Martin and daughter, Virginia, of Carbon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Poe and children, Joe Tom and Mary Janette, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Shaw and sons, Jack and Robert, Elizabeth Mosely and Carlos Skates of Fort Worth, Travis Huffman of Magnolia, Ark., Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Poe and daughter, Margery June, Mrs. Williams and son, Mr. and Mrs. Pate of Rising Star. Mrs. Spencer was invited to be seated in the living room where she was presented a clothes basket filled with gifts brought in by her neices and nephews, Bobbie Poe, Virginia Martin, Robert Shaw, Joe Tom and Mary Janette Poe.

Dorothy Jean Walker, two vocal selections; Doris Surles, Christmas reading; After the program interesting games were played, carols were sung and gifts exchanged. Refreshments were served to Misses Fay and Sybil Holder, Pauline Flaherty, Mary Beth Langston, Lurline Poe, Carrie Bell Perdue, Ruth Wilham, Willie Frank and Dorothy Jean Walker, Dahlia and Doris Surles, Jane Kizer, LaRue Ely, Johnnie Ladd, Lillian and Francis Coldwell and Mrs. H. B. Hensley and Mrs. E. J. Poe.

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forced to become a conspiracy to get their share from the federal grab bag."

Hoover said the cost of relief in the last year of his stewardship to federal, state, county, city and private agencies was about \$1,100,000,000. The federal overhead, he said was not more than \$250,000 and the number of government employes fewer than 200.

For the year ending last October the federal, state and local cost aggregated \$3,500,000,000. Hoover asserted, with 140,000 officials on the federal payroll drawing about \$300,000,000 a year.

"It is easy," Hoover said, "to detect another \$200,000,000 in pencils, typewriters, offices, automobiles, Pullman fares, etc., not to mention press releases.

"You and I know and the people know that this horde of officials has been appointed by the advice and consent of democratic politicians."

"Floundering"

He asserted the administration's "floundering" was shown by "the buffeting of those in distress from the FERA or PWA or its subsidiaries to EPW, then to SERA, then to CWA, party to FRSC, then back to SERA and over to WPA.

"It has been a sort of rainmaker's cabalistic dance."

Attacking the president's Atlanta statement, Hoover said:

"I have always believed that newspapers are one of the mechanisms of civilization. They did not quit, x x x I saw no headlines that the farmers had ceased to till the fields. Most of you did not detect that the delivery of food to your doors had stopped. x x x We still had to jump out of the way of 23,000,000 automobiles. x x x And the supreme court seems to be functioning yet."

Joe Tompkins of Albany is the guest of Charles Trammell today.

Field Goals Only Scoring Method in TCU - LSU Games

FORT WORTH, Dec. 17.—Field goals seem to be the only method of scoring when the T. C. U. Frogs and the L. S. U. Tigers meet on the gridiron. The two teams have come together twice—in 1931 and 1932—and have scored a total of nine points—three field goals.

The first game was played in Ft. Worth, and the Frogs sent the Tigers back to Louisiana on the short end of a 3-to-0 score. Big Ben Boswell, T. C. U. left tackle, booted the pigskin squarely between the goal posts near the end of the game to ice away a victory after a thrilling three-quarter deadlock.

The next year, 1932, the Frogs journeyed to Baton Rouge to take on the Tigers in a night game. This was an early tilt and was one of the major games of the nation that week. T. C. U. scored early by another field goal. Again Boswell dropped back from his tackle post to kick another perfect placement, and the Frogs settled down to defend their narrow lead.

But a fumbled punt proved the undoing of T. C. U., and the Tigers gained possession of the ball in scoring territory. Their thrusts at the line failed. Jack Torrence, giant tackle for L. S. U., came back into the secondary and put a place-kick between the up-rights to tie the game. Neither side was able to score again.

When T. C. U. and L. S. U. meet for their third time, in the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans on New Year's Day, it is not likely that field goals will decide the issue.

The Frogs have kicked but one placement this year. That was against the Santa Clara Broncos on Dec. 7. The reason they have not kicked more is that they have never been in a position when

three points would do any good. They've always been so far ahead that they didn't need a field goal, or in the case of the S. M. U. game, in a predicament where only a touchdown would do them any good.

But if the Sugar Bowl affray turns into a close defensive battle, the Frogs can put a host of place-kickers on the firing line. Walter Roach, great right end, has missed but two tries for extra point in 14 attempts. "Tilly" Manton, fullback, is an ace placement booter. Several other Frogs, Vic Montgomery, Scott McCall, and L. D. Meyer, can place-kick in the fastest of company.

Gov't Works to End Power of Calles

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 17. (AP)—The government is moving today to crush the last vestiges of the once enormous power of former President Calles it was made known when four state governors considered to be Calles' followers were ousted from office.

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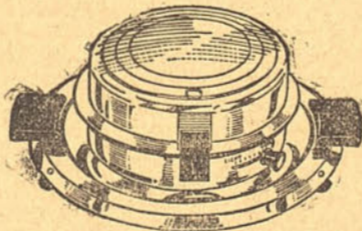
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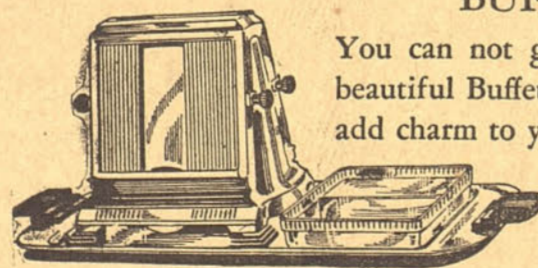
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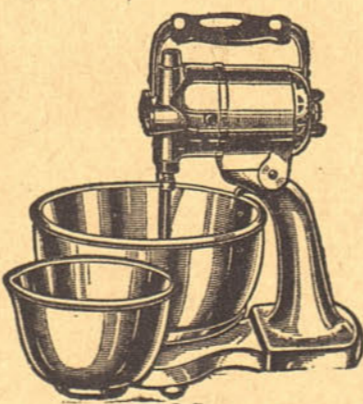
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