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Editorial

Unless there are different attitudes by the men who will become new members of congress January 3, there will be no more rubber stamping during the next two years...

Congress Resurgent

The congress will follow him in everything pertaining to that, for the people stamped their approval on it, and members of the congress usually like to do what the people have shown they want done.

Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON—Memos for the edification of certain people: Orson Welles—The Northeastern seaboard in particular and some other widely scattered areas were thrown into a mild excitement recently by a frequently recurring "SOS" marine distress call.

By Jack Stinnert

to bet him \$10 even money that the Washington Redskins would beat the Chicago Bears. "Now," said the Dixie senator, "just to make it a little more interesting, let's agree that the loser will pay the winner \$1 for every point difference in the score."

William Marcus Greve—Isn't it the height of something-or-other that after you made that money in Wall Street, left the United States, became a citizen of Lichtenstein, bought an estate in Bermuda and settled down to enjoy the rest of your days...

Frank Lloyd Wright—Of course any history of architecture and housing from now on is going to include a big chapter on you and your Imperial Hotel in Tokyo and your cantilever houses.

Vice President-Elect Henry A. Wallace—I suppose you remember how much trouble you had with farm air programs because you couldn't get a lot of the farmers to go in for keeping books and a daily, monthly and annual record of farm improvements.

Nick the Greek—If anybody ever comes around to you for your memoirs, include this story of a purely amateur gamble in which a southern senator poured it on one of his Yankee colleagues.

Man About Manhattan

By George Tucker

NEW YORK—Here is an item that explains how Broadway can be as vicious and as double-dealing as it can be sentimental and wacky.

But first, let's go back to a little conversation, related in a past column, has this reporter had with a nightclub man on Broadway one night.

When he first got here, he was a pretty human guy. He was hungry then, and he appreciated kindness. Then he got ahead. He began to make a success and also a first class heel out of himself.

Well, word got about recently that he was in a hospital. Why? Nobody knew. First one story was told, then another. They didn't make sense. The real story is this:

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

By Robbin Coons

HOLLYWOOD—"Santa Fe Trail." Screenplay by Robert Buckner. Directed by Michael Curtiz. Principals: Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland, Raymond Massey, Ronald Reagan, Alan Hale, William Lundigan, Van Heflin, Gene Reynolds, Henry O'Neill, Guinn Williams.

It would have been more aptly titled "Bloody Kansas" or "Carry Me Back to Ole Viginny" or "John Brown's Body," for neither Santa Fe nor the historic trail get more than a polite bow in this action tale of pre-Civil War strife.

Perhaps because movies already have been made of rail-road-building and covered wagon days, perhaps because John Brown and his fanatic mission of revolt and abolition just naturally ran away with the story, "Santa Fe Trail" never gets farther than six miles west of Leavenworth, and for its climax it turns completely eastward to Harper's Ferry, Va., where John Brown found his own trail's end.

As dashing Job Stuart, U. S. cavalry officer later to be famed in the Confederacy, Flynn is given ample and exciting opportunity to drive John Brown from Kansas, thus opening the Santa Fe Trail to more peaceful travel, and finally to take part in his capture at Harper's Ferry. There is plenty of riding, shooting, and chasing in typical western style, and there is romance, and a painless injection of history. The picture gains in stature over the usual action thriller, however, because of the work of Massey as John Brown, and of Heflin as a Judas impartial in dispensing his betrayals.

"Victory." Screenplay by John L. Balderston

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The Herald's Serial Story

Chapter 88 DART IN HER HAND In the movies I have always had to turn my head away from those medieval scenes showing victims of the rack and I had to turn it away now. For I could not bear the look on Bob's poor tortured face.

Remembering Eve's broad hint with regard to the identity of the murderer, I wondered if she had done more than hint to the person suspected. It seemed likely and that her own death had been the result.

No doubt she had gone upstairs because she realized she would be unwelcome among the other guests after her behavior in the dining room. Completely disregarding the fact that she might be called at any moment for questioning by the police, I could imagine her calmly deciding upon a nap.

Inside Job Nobody asked who had the dart in whose hand, because a deep, pleasant voice just behind us said, "So we've had a second casualty, with the police and the coroner in the house?"

Lieutenant Gregory was trying hard not to say anything he might regret. "It's an inside job, all right," he admitted sourly. "Either one of the people standing right here is guilty, or someone who is concealed in the house. I'm going to find that person even if we have six more murders while we are about it."

"That would make it just about unanimous, Lieutenant," said Bob, but there was none of his custom-

Who Killed Aunt Maggie?

By Medora Field

any faintness to match the words. "What do you mean?" Lieutenant Gregory barked. "This is no time for humor." Then, inconspicuously enough, he started counting us after the fashion of a conductor on a sight-seeing bus.

It seemed an odd question for Lieutenant Gregory to be asking but of course he had not yet got around to interviewing the guests, though he did have the list of names and other information and Anderson had taken fingerprints of all of us.

"Mrs. Benedict," Bill told him. "Eve Benedict." "Ah," breathed Mr. Dodson, "but she rather invited it, didn't she?" At his low-voiced remark you could feel the tension tighten

until it seemed that soon we would be hearing it crackle and see sparks as from electricity. "What's that?" Lieutenant Gregory snapped. "That's right," drawled Mr. Dodson, "you insisted on lunching alone and—making hay. You didn't hear the lady's parting shot when she left the dining room."

"Are you saying that she made some threat which would have inspired her murder?" "Well, hardly that," Mr. Dodson replied. "But I rather gathered there was more than met the eye in a good many things she said. She didn't seem to be overly fond of anyone present."

"All right," agreed Lieutenant Gregory resignedly. "We'll go into that a little later. Just now I want everybody to go downstairs and wait for me in that room we've been using for conferences. Mr. Sturtz, will you send Anderson up? I want him to check for fingerprints." "Fingerprints?" Claire repeated

strangely. Lieutenant Gregory glanced at her quickly. In fact, we all did, and I will admit that her words gave me a queer feeling of suffocation. Why did Claire, who talked so little, have to go saying things at a time like this? "What do you mean?" Lieutenant Gregory asked harshly.

I don't suppose in all her life Claire had seen a man glaring down at her like that and she dropped her eyes, so that the long lashes lay quivering on her cheeks, and shrank back against Bill. "Nothing," she whispered. "Why should I mean anything?" "Can't you see she's upset, officer?" Kirk demanded, although the fault lay entirely with Lieutenant Gregory. And Bill added his oar by inquiring truculently why we were all standing there, anyway.

As we trooped down the stairs, I thought Mr. Marshall looked decidedly the worse for wear. But he said one thing that cheered me a little and verified my own conclusions about the situation. "Well, anyway," he panted, "Bill couldn't have committed this one. He hasn't been out of my sight since we left the dining room."

his face brightened—the doctor could be mistaken about the time. Maybe his watch was slow. Such things do happen. Oh, well, Wade Allen will go into all that. We'll be in capable hands.

"Isn't it just about as good as a confession of guilt when you hire Mr. Allen?" Bill asked, and for the first time I began to realize what all this was going to mean to my husband unless he could promptly be cleared of suspicion. If this case came to trial, no matter if he was exonerated, there would always be people who would believe him guilty. Questions would follow us all our lives. There would be whispers behind our backs. And the money. We would never be able to use it as Aunt Maggie intended as long as there was anyone in the world who might insinuate that it was blood money.

"Listen, my boy," Mr. Marshall was saying, "circumstantial evidence has convicted more innocent people than all the guilty ones Wade Allen had been able to save. We are not going to take any chances."

The Timid Soul



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