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A Shade Appeals to a Ghost

There must be somewhere in Geneva, among the fine marble buildings that house the physical plant of the League of Nations, a large filing case to which the appeal of King Zog of Albania has recently been consigned.

King Zog's letter to Secretary-General Avelon of the League was a request that the facts of the conquest of Albania be called to the attention of League members, with a request that they refrain from recognizing this "conquest achieved by blood and iron" and brought about "by all modern means a state of 44,000,000 has at its disposal when it plans an act of aggression."

In that same file would be numerous documents from Haile Selassie, the King of Kings of Abyssinia, faintly protesting from his English retreat, the occupation by Italian troops of his remote African domain. And beside it somewhere must be the files from China, couched in the polite and gentle language of the Chinese diplomat, asking the League to do something about the invasion of China.

The file grows apace, wherever it is, and yet of course these documents are doomed to no better fate than to yellow and fade, and await the attention of the historians of the future.

These shades of kings and governors are appealing to the ghost of a League, and there is a strange unreality about the whole procedure.

The League still exists, thirty-or-so members still adhere to it and maintain the marble buildings and the thinning secretarial staff that still goes through the motions of conducting a going concern.

Perhaps even so shadowy a performance is not entirely in vain. May there not come a time when the nations of the world, weary of the eternally-increasing burden of armament, sick of living beneath the perpetual shadows of crises, will turn again to try to reconstitute a better way of handling these things than by force and threat?

In its main objectives the League of Nations has failed. It is easy now to see some of the reasons. Too heavy a dominance by the victors in a great war, too close a tie to the terms of settlement of that war, these are factors of failure which are easy to understand today.

Yet the League has done good work in some fields, has adjusted many minor problems, even though it failed in the great ones. It has not been entirely in vain. The experience gained in the "experiment, nobil in purpose," will be a guide-post when the effort comes anew, as it must come some day.

It is a ghost, perhaps at Geneva, but it is a ghost of whose presence men are still constantly aware.

The White House has signed up an impressive list of musicians to play and sing for the king and queen. The program won't be truly American, though, unless Benny Goodman is included.

Waiting to See the King and Queen



Mrs. A. F. Taylor To Present Her Pupils In Recital Thursday, Friday

Mrs. A. F. Taylor will present her pupils in a recital Thursday and Friday, June 1 and 2, in the high school auditorium at 8:15 p. m. Mrs. Taylor and her patrons extend an invitation to friends and the public to attend.

Program for Thursday evening: Valgo Boatman, Mero; Johnny Lou Hart, Helen Lucas.

The Gobler, Spaulding, Charles Perry.

Proty Birdie, Spaulding, Colonel Don Brasher.

On a Lark, Lemont; Zither Player, Groten, Velma Baggett.

Minute Waltz, Chopin, Jocelle Coffman, Mary Hearn.

I've Got You Looked In My Heart, Westland, Charles Lucas.

(Teacher, Victor Acres). Accompanist Helen Lucas.

Barcarolle, Offenbach, Joe Jane Nin.

Jolly Fisherman, Herwit, Billy Brasher.

Wood Nymphs, Harp, Sea; March Militaire, Schubert, Verbeke Jackson.

Oriental, Luboschutz, Helen Lucas, Johnny Lou Hart.

The Cabin Song, Cram, Virginia Ann Creamer.

Humoresque, Dvorak, Melba Wood.

The Violinella, Scheffer, L. Y. Morris.

May Pole Dance, Bugbee, Barbara Patterson, Gladene Womack.

Serenade, Schubert, Doris Hennesse.

Simple Aveu, Thomas, Jack Coffman.

Reading, "Sister Caroline Speaks" Madge Hatcher, (pup of Mrs. Womack).

A Sweet Brier, Crafford, Doris Hennesse, Julia Brown.

To Spring, Greg; Country Gardens, Granger, Caroline Robinson.

Majesty of the Deep, Hamer, Jocelle Coffman, Johnny Lou Hart.

Prelude Opus 3 No. 2, Rach-nimoff; Minuet, Paderewski, Mary Hearn.

Cape Town Island Will Be Fortified In Defense Move

By United Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa.—The "Island of Desolation," as Robben Island, facing Cape Town, is known, may become South Africa's "Singapore."

New batteries are to be erected at various points and the island will form a key point of the proposed coast defenses.

Oswald Prow, minister of defense, and general staff officers have been making inspections of the island, which has been taken over by the military for fortification. Access to it by sea is forbidden, and fishermen and tourists must keep clear.

This is not the first time that the island has been fortified. Toward the end of the 17th century several four-pounders were sent over as a protection from attack and to command a part of the Table Bay. Now 15-inch guns are to be mounted on the island.

Before the critical developments of the past year, the South African tourist department had intended to develop the uninhabited island as a pleasure ground. Plans had been drawn up to equip the island with a casino, a beach and amusement ground. Other schemes being considered were to use the island as South Africa's "Ellis Island." At one time the government tried, unsuccessfully, to encourage the establishment of dangerous industries on the island.

Now, in face of the pressing need for defense all these schemes have been abandoned.

The island covers an area of only two square miles, and is inhabited mainly by rabbits, said to be descended from one pair introduced years ago. Several thousand men and women once lived on the island but it has reverted back to nature since the leper compound was destroyed five years ago. Now seabirds make their nests in the deserted buildings.

At one time Robben Island was a penal colony, convicts being sent there to hew the bluestone for Cape Town houses, and collecting shells for the lime kilns. Their treatment was said to have been compared with that on Devil's Island at its worst. Often the only food they got was refuse thrown overboard from ships and washed ashore.

Later the island was used simply as a dumping ground for lunatics. The unfortunate people were sent there and left to spend the remainder of their lives among convicts and criminals. Eventually the insane were joined by lepers. The population once consisted of 500 government officials—wardens, guards and so on—100 convicts, 500 lunatics and 1,000 lepers.

Added to its history, the island has the sinister reputation of having been the cause of innumerable wrecks. Now it is to play a vital role in the defense of South Africa.

Air Conditioning Units Installed At Modern Plant Here

Installation of a modern cooling and air conditioning system has been completed at the Modern Dry Cleaners and Dyers, according to J. B. Johnson and R. A. P'Poole, owners.

The cooling and air conditioning system at the Modern is in two units and utilizes the washed air principle. The system was installed by George Harper of Eastland.

After leaving the system is of 80 degree temperature. Since installation of the system temperature is between 80 and 85 degrees in the plant. As a comparison in difference since the system has been installed, temperature last week in the plant without the installation was above 100 degrees.

Operators of the Modern declare that they believe the system will increase employ efficiency in addition to providing customers comfort while in the plant.

Over 10,000 cubic feet of air are displaced each minute by the new system.

FOUR-H MUSIC

"A national broadcasting hook-up Saturday from 11:30 a. m. to 12:30 will carry the regular national 4-H music hour, according to extension officials.

HOTEL MAYFAIR THE SAME PRICE FOR ONE OR TWO GUESTS 200 250 300 SINGLE OR DOUBLE all private baths M. DALLAS JACK YUCKER—OWNER—MGR.

CLASSIFIED

SPECIAL SALE: Prices start at \$2.75 per 100 straight run chicks. \$5.75 per 100 quality guaranteed.—FRASIER HATCHERY.

LOST: Grown Persian grey cat. Call 37.

FOR SALE or trade—25 acres on highway 80 half way between Eastland and Cisco. Will trade for house and lot in Eastland or Ranger. Write Box 375, Eastland.

COOL machineless permanents \$1.50 up. Other waves \$1.00, two for \$1.50 up. Loflin Hotel, 319 W. Elm, Ranger.

FOR RENT: House well furnished or if desired partly unfurnished. See Miss Bell Wilson, 409, South Daugherty.

BARGAIN for quick sale: Cafe, house, lots and acreage.—Mrs. E. A. Wilson, West of Square, Wilson Cafe.

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BESSIE TAYLOR, Editor

Attend Announcement Luncheon

Mrs. J. E. Harkrider was among the guests listed who attended luncheon Monday in the Laguna Hotel in Cisco announcing the coming marriage of Miss Lois Pulley, a former Cisco girl, and Mr. W. A. Aynell of Fort Worth.

Entertains With Bridge

Mrs. Keith Boyette of Fort Worth, who is visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Perkins, entertained with bridge Tuesday afternoon in the Perkins home.

Mrs. James Tusk Pipkin, Mrs. Sam Conner and Miss Ruth Rosenquest were her guests for the afternoon.

Mrs. Springer Host Readers Luncheon Club

Mrs. Carl Springer, as host to the Readers Luncheon Club, entertained with a luncheon in the Connellie Hotel Coffee Shop Tuesday. Following the luncheon the group met at the home of Mrs. Springer for the regular afternoon discussion on current events and current literature.

The home was decorated with an arrangement of cadmium and gladioli centering the decoration theme. Guests: Meses, Leslie Gray, James Horton, W. E. Chaney, V. T. Seabury, Art Johnson, Tom Haley, Grady Pipkin, Clyde Grooms, W. B. Pickens.

Eastland Personal

Mrs. Willie Mae Snelleman and son, Laurence, of Wellington, Kansas, left Monday for their home after a weeks visit with Mrs. Snelleman's brother, Mr. William

J. E. Spencer of Cisco was an Eastland business visitor Wednesday.

Wade Johnson of Baird, former Eastland resident, is visiting friends here.

Visitors Tuesday in the home of County Clerk and Mrs. R. V. Galloway were the following: Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cearley of Amarillo and daughter, Hesta Sue, en route to Denton to attend summer school; Jack Galloway, member of the San Angelo school faculty; Mrs. M. B. Watson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galloway, and husband of Breckenridge, and Mrs. H. C. Penn, sister of Mrs. Galloway, from Hillsboro. Jack Galloway is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Galloway.

Frank A. Jones, postmaster, was a visitor Monday at Cisco. Collin Gilbreath, formerly of Eastland, continues to improve at Odessa from gas explosion injuries, his father, J. R. Gilbreath, has been advised.

Legal Records

91st district court: West Texas Clinic Hospital, Inc. vs. Major J. W. Timmons, et al. suit on sworn account.

91st district court: Dee Lila Hull vs. Edward Hugh Hull, divorce.

91st district court: Olive Mae Huntin vs. Guy Huntin, divorce.

88th district court: State of Texas vs. Tiff Harrell and Mrs. Lola Harrell, injunction.

New Car Registrations 1939 Ford truck, Texas Coca-Cola Bottling Co., Eastland, Pa-duch Motor Co. 1939 Chevrolet pickup, Lone Star Gas Co., Cisco, A. G. Motor

HOT WEATHER BEAUTY HINNEY



Keep your family cool and your skin fresh with warm water

JUNE ONLY SPECIAL

For as little as \$1 Down \$1.90 Per Month ... you can own a modern automatic gas water heater

Warm water—one of your most important summer cosmetics. Used with a good soap to wash your face frequently, it keeps your over-active pores free from clogging impurities. (Follow up with a cold water to complete refreshing and invigorate your skin.) Doctors recommend plenty of warm water for the whole family also. Keeps them fresher and happier—avoids cold-water shock (especially bad for children) and adult summer stiffnesses in joints. Take advantage of our special June offer and make your hot water system now.

Community Natural Gas Co. LONE STAR GAS SYSTEM

FOREIGN STATESMAN

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'FOREIGN STATESMAN'. Includes a small portrait of a man in the bottom right corner of the grid.

DATE WITH DANGER

BY HELEN WORDEN

Martin walked toward the hall. 'I'm going to get my coat, Miss Shirley.' Then in a whisper to Nick, 'Shut up, you fool.' Nick mumbled something about people who couldn't stand kidding. 'What'll you have, Miss Shirley?' he asked as he poured himself a scotch and soda. 'I've been drinking a marvelous cocktail Mr. Martin mixed for me.' She held up her glass. 'It's empty.' 'Is he trying a new one on you?' 'Yes.'

"Glad to see you, Mickie," said Martin. "Meet Miss Shirley." The little man shook hands with Clem. "Come in, said the spider to the fly," he chuckled. "But in this case, I guess it's the other way round, Miss Shirley. I'm the fly and the Duke's the spider. At least I'm one of the flies." His eyes rested on her. She and Martin followed Mickie. The tightly shuttered windows, dim lights and cigar smoke, helped the hush-hush atmosphere. So did the people. A group of dark-skinned, unshaven men stood at the bar talking in low tones. Two or three who might have been race track bookies were in a corner drinking.

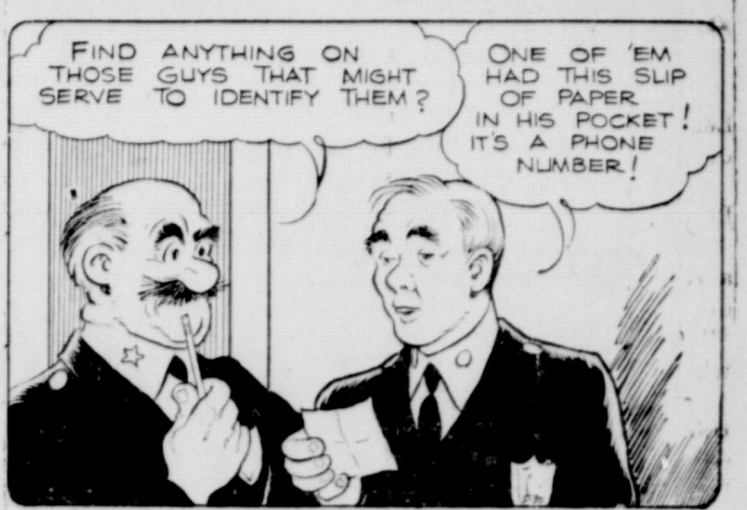
"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



RED RYDER By Fred Harman



FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



KEY OOP By Hamlin



MEXICO'S Problem On Petroleum Has Three Phases Now

MEXICO CITY.—Three trends of thought are being formed in Mexico regarding the negotiations over the petroleum question. In the first place, the opinion of a wide sector of the literate population is that it is necessary to forget much of the bombastic, nationalistic talk heard immediately after the expropriation of the "rebellious" foreign oil companies on March 18, 1938, and that the time has arrived to enter into a reasonable agreement which will benefit the nation at large, and improve its financial and economic position. It is realized, of course, that anything along this line will naturally adversely affect the politicians and laborers who have obtained important executive positions in the industry after the foreigners were ousted.

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON



THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



Advertisement for KC Baking Powder, featuring a woman and a child, with text about its benefits and price.

Advertisement for Dionne Quints in their first auto journey, mentioning their trip to Toronto and the motorcade.

Advertisement for Norge refrigerators, washers, and water heaters, featuring the Norge logo and contact information for C. I. Hyatt.

Advertisement for 'WIZKOEYER' featuring a cartoon character and text about planets and meteors.

Large advertisement for 'WANTED! CLEAN, WHITE COTTON RAGS' with a price of 5c per pound, suitable for cleaning machinery.

Rockets' Red Glare--- Newest War Horror?



An Army officer points out the possibilities of a weapon that may make past wars look like a bit of good, clean fun

Giant rockets, directed by human pilots, may come plunging out of the sky laden with tons of flaming, explosive death.

A 24-inch shell would weigh in the neighborhood of four tons!

Potential range of such bombarding rockets is much greater than that of any imaginable gun. Theoretically at least it would be possible to fire rockets clear across the ocean, and bombard New York from Berlin. The practical limits would be the enormous cost of such super-rockets and the difficulty of hitting the target.

For very long flights, as in possible trans-oceanic rockets, Major Randolph thinks that human pilots will be carried. It will not be necessary to recruit suicide squads for this purpose. After they have guided their deadly spaceships close to the doomed target, the pilots can escape in parachutes or small planes, make a landing, and either surrender as prisoners of war or slip off into the country to start forest fires, cut communication wires, and generally raise individual hob until caught.

The very lack of accuracy, in unmanned bombarding rockets, is one element of their terror. It would be very fine (from the attacker's viewpoint) if all hits were made on arsenals, munitions works, railway stations and similar targets. Even the citizen could take some comfort in that, for he would know what places to avoid. But when a truckload of hell may be dumped into his own unimportant back yard at any moment—well, it isn't good for civilian nerves.

DISTINCTION must be made between the 100-mile shots which Major Randolph thinks could be made with relatively little change in existing rockets, and the 1000-mile

they could considerably simplify the problem of coast defense, "providing a weapon comparable in effect to the heaviest cannon, yet a great deal easier to move from place to place."

In their more natural element, it is also possible that rockets might be employed for anti-aircraft defense. One of the drawbacks about using guns of large caliber against aircraft is the difficulty of aiming a heavy piece at a rapidly moving target. But the launching tube of a 300-pound rocket can be swung about more easily than an anti-aircraft cannon firing a shell weighing only a 20th that much; and of course the bigger charge could burst much farther off its flying target and still score a knockout.

In all of its suggested uses, the rocket has two considerable advantages over the cannon. First, it keeps its velocity throughout its whole flight, until the propelling charge in its tail is burned out. The shell, on the other hand, is going fastest when it leaves the gun muzzle, and is slowing down throughout its trajectory, so that it is going at its slowest when it strikes.

The rocket's second advantage is that if there is any part of the propelling charge left when it strikes, this can be so arranged that it will explode, adding its effect to that of the bursting charge in the rocket's nose.

MAJOR RANDOLPH does not imagine that rockets will take the place of artillery altogether. For many military purposes, the reign of King Cannon is still firmly established. But as in the World War, the jobs once performed by artillery were taken over in part by trench mortars, airplane bombs, Bliven projectors and even hand grenades, so in any future war it is likely that rockets will find their part to play in the great havoc.

Rockets are not a new thing under the red sun of Mars. They were used, with considerable effect, by the English during the Napoleonic wars. The rockets of that period were the invention of Sir William Congreve; later the British adopted the improved Hale rocket.

The Congreve rocket is permanently memorialized in our national anthem. In 1813, British frigates were equipped with these rockets, and when their fleet attacked Fort McHenry on Baltimore harbor, one anxiously watching prisoner on a frigate deck caught glimpses through the night of a flag, still defiantly flying, by "the rockets' red glare."

NOR would rockets seek their targets only on land. Major Randolph believes that



G. Edward Pendray, president of the American Rocket Society, filling a rocket with fuel.



Copyright by R. H. Goddard. One of Prof. R. H. Goddard's rockets in vertical flight.

By Dr. Frank Thone

CITIES of what we used to call the civilized world now cower beneath the menace of raiding airfleets that may ride out of tomorrow's dawn to kill and demolish with TNT, gas, and flame bombs. Some of the cities are so close to unfriendly frontiers that even now great guns may have been set up in secret, guarded emplacements, ready to bombard them as Paris was shelled during the World War from the enemy's lines 75 miles away.

A new horror can be added to the infernal havoc that now impends. Rockets, that we have always known merely as pretty things to shoot up into the sky on Fourth of July nights, may presently come plunging out of that sky like the meteors of Judgment Day, laden with tons of flaming, explosive death.

This is not a fantastic dream of a Wellsian imagination. It is a definitely calculated possibility, backed by the cold figures of ordnance engineering.

In the professional journal *Army Ordnance* an officer of the U. S. Army Ordnance Reserve, Maj. James R. Randolph, sets forth the military possibilities of rockets as they exist at present and as they may be expected to become practical in the fairly near future.

Major Randolph sees rockets as capable even now of long-range bombardments: "In the present state of the art, there probably would be no great difficulty in equaling with rockets the performance of the German long-range gun that bombarded Paris from a distance of 75 miles. But instead of firing shots of moderate caliber at long intervals, a rocket plant could fire the equivalent of 24-inch shells about as fast as desired. Such a job would be no more ahead of present practice than wartime bombing raids were ahead of the airplanes of 1913."

The shells of the long-range gun that bombarded Paris had a caliber of only eight inches or a little over, and weighed about 700 pounds.