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FINNS ARE PRESSING ON SALLA FRONT

By United Press
SALLA, Finland, Jan. 13.—Press dispatches from Stockholm said today that Finnish troops were in action on the Salla front, 38 miles from the Finnish positions there.

Press dispatches to the Aftenavis said that Finns, moving against the central front, had a point within 13 miles of the Russian line. The report indicated that the "waist" of Finland Russia had penetrated deeper than had been reported earlier.

Press dispatches said today that 20 persons, mostly women, were estimated to have been killed in Russian air raids on southern towns yesterday and that 40 persons were wounded.

Officials estimate that 25 persons were killed in the towns of Tammerfors, Lahti, Aabo (Turku), Bjoernborg, Hingve and Abo, it was asserted. Severe damage was reported and it was said that numerous houses were destroyed.

Communications to Helsinki had been cut because of the rupture of cables, whether by air bombs or by other means was unknown. Stockholm said that only one line was left from there to Helsinki.

Graphic advices to Stockholm from Aabo reported that Russian airplanes were shot by Finnish anti-aircraft yesterday. Nobody was killed in the raid on Aabo, it was reported. Several houses were destroyed by incendiary bombs, it was said.

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Police Are Tired Of Men Jumping Out Of Building

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HOUSTON, Jan. 13.—Police hastened today to eliminate a suicide hazard at their headquarters where three men have leaped to their deaths in seven months.

John Whitehead, 45-year-old cement contractor, was the third suicide. He jumped late yesterday from the fifth floor window of the fingerprint bureau at police headquarters.

Police Chief L. C. Brown had ordered the window barred a month ago after Albert Martin, washing machine salesman of Washington, D. C., jumped through it to his death, but the work had not been done.

Last June, Harry O. Floyd, an ex-convict, took his life in the same way and at the same window.

Whitehead was arrested at a cafe, where he had been drinking beer, for carrying a pistol. He offered no resistance but pleaded with Officers W. W. Chambers and Charles Cella, "Don't take me to jail."

The man was taken with two other prisoners to the fingerprint bureau and was waiting his turn. Fred Nash, fingerprint expert, was the only officer in the room.

"I was facing the window, looking down at a fingerprint card," Nash said, "when suddenly I heard the window go up. I started to the window just as the man leaped out."

Relatives said that Whitehead's wife died several years ago and that he had been despondent. He remarried six months ago but had separated from his second wife three weeks ago. He had five children.

Justice of the Peace Tom Maes returned a verdict of suicide.

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Dead Horses Give Grim Pictorial Proof of Finn Victory Over Russians



One of the grim scenes that lie behind the recurrent headline: "Finns Wipe Out Russian Column." Dead horses of a detachment of Russians lie in the snow-covered forest after a Finnish patrol had annihilated the Soviet invaders. (Photo by Eric Calcraft, NEA Service staff cameraman on Finnish front.)

Soviets Seeking To Copy Finnish Warfare Methods

By United Press
FINNISH MID-FINLAND HEADQUARTERS, Rovaniemi, Jan. 13.—Russian troops are reinforcing their communication lines and are seeking to copy Finnish methods of winter warfare, reports from the Salla Arctic circle front said today.

There are occasional Russian attacks in the area, it was said, but only attacks intended to keep the Finns away from the road leading back to the Soviet Kandalaksk base on the White Sea.

Salla reported that comparatively large Russian units were now using skis and wearing the white snow cloaks which the Finn ski patrol made famous. But, it was asserted, the Russian cloaks lacked hoods so that the heads of troops were uncovered and made excellent targets. The Russian skis were reported to be of better quality than those the Russians used early in the war. Some Russian armored cars have been painted white and anti-tank guns the Finns have captured have had white cotton covers.

The Finns asserted that fights have taken place at points where there were no Finns, and they took this to mean that there had been trouble behind the Russian lines.

A patrol on the Salla front reported that it approached a wooden hut and heard quarrelling inside. A burst from an automatic rifle stopped the talk, and the Finns entered to find one Russian shot dead and the other one in the hut wounded. The dead man, the patrol reported, was an officer whom the wounded man had been beating with a heavy stick.

Eastland Band Played At Clinic

The Eastland High School band, under the direction of C. M. Baldwin, attended the Band Clinic of the State and National Contest held in Stephenville Saturday, January 13.

Lieut. Col. Earl D. Irons, who is director of the N. T. A. C. Military Band at Arlington, conducted the clinic. Col. Irons is well known over Texas and other parts of the United States for his work in clinics.

Four Are Killed As Chartered Plane Crashes In Field

By United Press
CASEY, Ill., Jan. 13.—Four persons were killed when a chartered airplane flying westward from Detroit crashed last night in a boggy cornfield, exploded and burned. Three of the dead were members of a Detroit family who were going to Phoenix, Ariz., for their health.

The identified dead were Mrs. Mary Borozic, 37; her daughter, Joanna, 17, and a son, Leonard, 19. The pilot of the four-passenger moonplane was William B. Maycock, 43, commercial pilot of Detroit.

Only One Flier Is Killed In Crash Of Naval Planes

By United Press
SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 13.—The 11th Naval District announced today that one navy flier had been killed in a mid-air collision of two torpedo bombers and that the other five members of the two crews had been accounted for.

James Addison Crowson, 24, of Maysville, Ala., second pilot, U. S. Naval Reserve, was killed. He was announced. All others parachuted safely to earth. Only one, Harold Funk, 25, Od Ray, Colo., required hospital treatment. He wrenched a knee and was cut and bruised.

Soviet Warning Finns To Give Up or Germans To Come

By United Press
HELSINKI, Finland, Jan. 13.—The Russians have started broadcasting to the Finns in the Mannerheim line that if they do not surrender by tomorrow "The Germans will come," reports from the Karelian Isthmus said today.

Loud speakers were used to broadcast the warning to the Finnish lines, it was said. The warning, given yesterday for the first time, gave the Finns 48 hours to surrender.

An official spokesman said that Russian planes heavily bombed southern coast towns yesterday. Thirty planes attacked Aabo (Turku) and at Lahti, Russian planes put out of commission the Lahti radio station which has been broadcasting in Russian. Russian planes have sought persistently to silence it, and it was reported here that numerous Leningrad people have been arrested for listening to it.

Desdemona Men Form A Highway Body At Session

An enthusiastic meeting of business men was held at Desdemona High School building on Tuesday night, Jan. 9. The meeting had been called by L. E. Clark for a discussion on a highway association.

The necessity for an organization, composed of persons residing in the Desdemona community, to operate and function in all matters of community interest, was felt to be very important. A motion was made and carried to form such an organization with L. E. Clark as president and D. P. Key as temporary secretary-treasurer.

Thursday, Jan. 18th, was set as the next meeting night at which time a suitable name for the organization will be selected. Dues will be 50 cents per month.

The following men were present and became members: W. H. Davis, T. H. Key, L. E. Clark, T. L. Acrea, H. H. Williams, R. A. Brown, D. Putty, W. B. May, D. P. Key, T. A. Key, J. E. Heeter, W. M. Warren, Gifford Acrea, Herman Rushing and W. E. Anderson.

Belgium Says She Takes Measures To Provide A Defense

BRUSSELS, Jan. 13.—An official communique disclosed today that "certain defense measures" were taken yesterday. Details were withheld but it was understood that precautions might have been taken in the German frontier area.

It was learned reliably that Belgium decided to re-enforce defenses on the eastern frontier chiefly because of almost daily flights by German planes over Belgian territory. It was said, too, that the defenses would be strengthened because of German press articles hostile to neutral nations.

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Joliet Housewives Find Beer On Tap At Kitchen Sinks

JOLIET, Ill., Jan. 13.—All was confusion today when housewives opened kitchen faucets to draw water for their breakfast coffee and tasted beer—or was it soda pop?

Water Commissioner Joseph F. Whalen said that he didn't know what was wrong, but he was going to find out. He was certain that it was something more than over-worked imagination because more than one housewife had tasted it. One woman said it tasted like beer. A man said definitely it was beer and he wanted it stouter, with a collar on it. Another woman said it was strawberry soda. Others said it tasted like vanilla.

Whalen thought that perhaps the trouble was pressure. He said two breweries and two soft drink bottling plants were located in the neighborhood from which the complaints came. The companies supply their own water from wells, he said, but their private water lines have cross connection with city mains.

He believed the pressure in the private pipes had risen above the city's pressure and had forced the multi-flavored water into the city's supply.

Houston Policeman To Face Court Trial

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 13.—Police inspector Roy Floyd suspended officer M. M. Ferguson, 39, today pending outcome of Ferguson's trial on a charge of aggravated assault and battery.

Ferguson was indicted yesterday on a charge of hitting Vernon Lee Strait, 25, a carpenter who died in city jail, Dec. 9, after two fights with prisoners. Ferguson was at Liberty on \$400 bond.

Missionary Will Speak In Eastland

Blanche Rose Walton, a retired missionary from China, will speak at the First Methodist Church of Eastland this afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced here today.

The public has been extended an invitation by the Eastland Church to be present.

Mexico Denounces Monroe Doctrine In Strong Terms

By United Press
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 13.—President Lazaro Cardenas today announced Mexico's refusal to recognize the Monroe Doctrine and declared that Mexico would solve its oil problem, involving \$400,000,000 worth of foreign oil properties expropriated by the government, in its own way.

President Cardenas commented that reports the United States would send warships to see that Mexico's neutrality was not violated were "absolutely false."

Regarding the Monroe Doctrine, he said:

"The Monroe Doctrine never was recognized nor could be recognized by Mexico and other Spanish-American nations. It was only an expression of an unilateral policy which the United States adopted for the double purpose of excluding European countries from this hemisphere and defending its own interests.

"Such a doctrine, badly interpreted and applied beyond its original scope, sometimes converts itself into a pretext for intervention in the affairs of other nations. When the protocol against intervention in each others' affairs was proposed by Mexico at the Buenos Aires Pan American conference of 1936 and signed by all the American republics, it was considered that the Monroe Doctrine had ceased to exist in its previous form."

Cardenas pointed out that the Buenos Aires declaration was made against direct or indirect intervention by one American nation in the affairs of another and that it established the principle of mutual consultation among the republics.

Hearings Slated In Mail Fraud Case

FORT WORTH, Jan. 13.—Hearings will be held here Monday for Jim Banks and A. L. Dixon, both of Dallas, who were arraigned before Federal Commissioner Lois Newnam Friday on mail fraud charges after Dr. J. A. Bridwell of Overton allegedly was swindled of \$3,000. Banks' bond was set at \$3,000 and Dixon's at \$1,000.

Stocks Of Oil In 'Nation Increased

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The Bureau of Mines reported today that domestic and foreign crude petroleum stocks totaled 238,581,000 barrels Jan. 6, an increase of \$39,000 barrels over the preceding week.

The bureau said that current reports of the industry for the week ending Jan. 6, indicated a moderate production increase but a decline in crude runs to stills.

Japanese Warship Sinks Fishing Boats

SHANGHAI, Jan. 13.—Chinese reports said today that a Japanese warship off Swatow Thursday had sunk approximately 70 Chinese fishing boats, drowning more than 1,000. Loss was estimated at \$80,000.

Supreme Court Celebrates 100th Year Of Existence

By United Press
AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 13.—A special session of the Texas Supreme Court today marked the centennial anniversary of the first sitting of the court on Jan. 13, 1840. The court was created in 1836 but no cases were before it until 1940.

Marshall Orville Walker opened the ceremonies with the same "Oyez, Oyez, Oyez. The Supreme Court of Texas is now in session," that has been heard throughout its existence.

Chief Justice C. M. Cureton announced from the bench that purpose of the session was to commemorate 100 years of its existence and to celebrate the centennial of its first meeting. He then announced the Texas Bar Association would have charge of the program, with Hon. Angus Wynne, Longview, president of the bar association presiding.

The exercises were held in the room where the court has held its sessions since completion of the present state capitol in 1888. Members of the bar were present from many parts of the state. All of Baylor's law school faculty attended, proudly pointing out that two of the three justices of the first supreme court of the State of Texas were instructors in Baylor's law school. They were Justices Abney S. Lipscomb and Royall T. Wheeler and joined the faculty of Baylor when its law school was opened in 1849, offering the first collegiate law instruction in Texas.

Chief Justice Cureton closed the exercises with a high tribute to the founders of the court in which he declared the Texas Revolution was fought not alone for individual liberty but for state sovereignty as opposed to "centralism."

Racial Persecution Leads Man To Kill And Try Suicide

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 13.—Harold Friedman couldn't stand the thought of European persecution of his race. He couldn't bear contemplation of what the future might bring. The world was changing too fast.

It drove him mad. Yesterday he killed his wife and four-year-old daughter and shot himself. He lay near death today.

Friends didn't know that Friedman, 36, prominent in civic and social organizations, felt so strongly about racial persecution. He had no immediate relatives abroad. His contributions to refugee funds were a little greater than average but were made so quietly few acquaintances knew it.

His note did not fully explain his bewilderment and his condition was too grave to warrant much questioning today. The note said:

"Life has become too complicated. Our world is changing too fast. I am worried about the future of my family, religion and country."

He left his finance company office yesterday afternoon and apparently drove directly home. He carefully loaded his gun in a back room. Then he began firing.

His wife, 30, prominently identified in activities of the National Council of Jewish Women, fell first, killed instantly. Then his daughter was cut down with bullets in her chest and abdomen. Friedman died several hours later. Friedman turned the gun on himself and fired twice into his chest. He ignored his seven-months-old son.

Crude Production In U. S. Gained During The Week

HOUSTON, Jan. 13.—Crude oil production in the United States gained 20695 barrels daily for the week ended today to average 3,595,250 barrels, the Oil Weekly reported.

Production for the nation was 9,550 barrels a day below the U. S. Bureau of Mines estimate of market demand for January. Eight states which regulate production were 9,542 barrels below their aggregate federal quota.

The week's summary: Texas, 1,355,000 daily, up 35,550; California, 618,000, up 12,000; Oklahoma, 423,200, down 10,800; Illinois 336,000, down 4,700; Louisiana, 269,100, up 400; Kansas, 167,000, up 1,100; New Mexico, 104,250, down 5,750; Eastern States, 101,250, down 3,250; Mountain States, 85,900, up 1,800; Michigan, 68,000, up 500; Arkansas, 69,800, down 1,150; Mississippi, 2,650, up 650, and Nebraska, 100, up 50.

AIR RAIDS ARE DOMINATING BOTH THE WARS

By United Press
Air raids dominated both European wars today.

Britain's coastal defense planes and anti-aircraft batteries again were active but the air ministry claimed that by noon it had been established there actually had been only one Nazi air raid. The ministry said British pursuit planes shot down one German aircraft which had participated in a raid off the Firth of Forth and that Nazi raiders later in the afternoon had been driven off the Southeast Coast.

Nazi claims that German planes late yesterday shot down two British planes and damaged a third were denied by the air ministry. The Germans claimed to have downed an enemy plane over Helgoland Bay and another which had flown over German territory was crashed in France.

Communications, disrupted yesterday during widespread Russian air raids on Finland, continued unsatisfactory. Reports from Helsinki asserted that at least seven Southern Finnish cities and towns had been bombed and newspaper dispatches to Copenhagen said 20 persons mostly women, had been killed and another 40 wounded. Property damage apparently was heavy, including crippling of the important Finnish radio station Lahti.

The Finns claimed to have shot down three Soviet planes.

On land, activity in the Russo-Finnish war centered largely on the Salla front above the Arctic circle and in the far north in the Petsamo region. The Karelian Isthmus continues quiet with the Russians reportedly broadcasting a warning to Finnish defenders of the Mannerheim line to surrender by tomorrow or "the Germans will come."

Red troops were said to have attacked in the Petsamo region. A Russian and Finnish plane fight also was reported in that sector.

Finnish troops trying to surround 40,000 Russians on the Salla front were handicapped by a sudden rise in temperatures to 27 degrees above zero it was reported. Russian reinforcements were reported arriving in the Salla area where Red troops were said to be copying Finnish snow camouflage methods.

On Britain's home front Sir John Simon, chancellor of the exchequer, urged Britons to make sacrifices now to win the war unless they wanted inflation and a serious post-war slump. The chancellor's speech was one of a series by British government leaders in an effort to whip up spirit among the public.

Except for reconnaissance flights and some artillery action both the French and German high commands reported the Western Front quiet.

In the Western Hemisphere President Lazaro Cardenas of Mexico made a statement which may eventually prove important in the war. He declared that Mexico refuses to recognize the Monroe Doctrine believing it had been superseded by a protocol adopted at the 1936 Pan-American conference. The protocol provides there shall be no direct or indirect interference by one nation with another in the Western Hemisphere but that there shall be mutual consultation.

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Labor Board Gets a Wink From Grandpa

At a time when Congress, father of the National Labor Relations Board, is gravely sifting complaints of the neighbors about its unruly offspring, the board gets a broad wink and a reassuring pat on the back from the U. S. Supreme Court. Grandpa, apparently, doesn't give a hoot about what the neighbors are saying.

The Supreme Court decided that the Labor Board had attained the age of reason and that its actions weren't subject to review by the courts. According to the rulings, the N. L. R. B. is in itself a supreme court, after a fashion—a body judicially self-sufficient. Congress made it that way, the high court said, and if Congress doesn't like its own handiwork, well—

Specifically, the Supreme Court held that no federal court may review a board election order or a board certification of a union as a collective bargaining agent—at least not until a final ruling has been handed down by the board.

If there was any doubt about Congress revising the Wagner Labor Act during the present session, there can be very little now. It is hardly likely that Congress meant, in the first place, to create a body with as much power as has been sanctioned for the N.L.R.B. Certainly, the Supreme Court decision will play an important part in any consideration of amendments to the Wagner Act.

For some time the N. L. R. B. has been the target of criticism by elements in whose interests it was established. Employers have always felt jittery about it, and both the C. I. O. and the A. F. of L. agree that the Wagner Act should be changed, although they have somewhat different ideas on what changes should be made. The current House investigation of the N. L. R. B. was an outgrowth of these criticisms.

Early in the investigation, it developed that the executives of the N. L. R. B. were not all one big, happy family. Internal rivalries, schisms, and accusations interfered with the work of the board. Dr. William Leiserson, latest member of the three-man board, found plenty wrong with the setup when he took office last summer. It appeared more certain as the investigation proceeded that changes were needed in the law and that Congress would make these changes. The Supreme Court decision simply amplifies these sentiments.

To invest in any quasi-judicial body, no matter how noble its objective, more power than that accorded the federal courts, is a mistake. Even the federal district courts' decisions may be reviewed by appellate courts. And the rulings of the latter may be taken to the Supreme Court for final judgment.

The decision demonstrates the requirement for a board congressional review of the entire labor act. The House committee's investigation will doubtless produce new possibilities for revision. Whatever is done finally to the act should be done with a view toward serving the best interests of labor and employer alike.

FEMININE NOVELIST

HORIZONTAL

- Modern novelist.
- Dealer in oils.
- Bustle.
- Foreign matter forced under the skin.
- Ovum.
- Perches.
- Papa.
- Bone.
- Novel.
- Indefinite article.
- Humor.
- Loud merrymaking.
- Dance step.
- Vessel.
- Wrinkles.
- Currency.
- Adhesive substance.
- To growl.
- Measure of area.
- Debt.
- Frigid.
- Credit.
- Soft cap.
- Maxim.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

- Animal.
- Courtesy title.
- Insects' eggs.
- Bitter drug.
- France.
- Organ of sight.
- Sack.
- Verbal termination.
- Gypsy.
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- Her book.
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- Donated.
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- Vegetables.
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Planning a Merger?



"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By W. J. Williams



Most Legislators to Seek Re-election A Survey Shows

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 13.—Tabulations made here today showed that more than two-thirds of the present members of the Texas House of Representatives will seek re-election and that 14 of the 16 senators whose terms expire likely will be candidates.

Salesman Uses Car To End His Life

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 13.—W. J. Carter, 55, salesman, fastened a garden hose to the exhaust pipe of his automobile today, ran the hose into the car and asphyxiated himself.

Machine Gun Fire Is Only Activity Upon The Western Front

PARIS, Jan. 13.—French and German troops in the lines along the quiet Rhine front engaged in a brisk but resultless duel with heavy and light machine guns today, military informants said.

Services Planned For Trapped Miners

BARTLEY, W. Va., Jan. 13.—This little mountain town went into mourning today for 92 men killed in an explosion in the Pond Creek Potomac Coal Corporation bituminous mine.

Amarillo Seeking A New Record of No Traffic Death

AMARILLO, Tex.—Amarillo citizens set a goal of "no traffic fatalities during 1940" after helping establish one of the nation's best safety records during 1939—only two deaths, both pedestrians.

Bristol, Conn., A Theatre

BRISTOL, Conn. Jan. 13.—A two-story Bristol theatre was destroyed by fire to damage was estimated at \$100,000.

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SERIAL STORY

BLACKOUT

BY RUTH AYERS

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YESTERDAY: At Lady Ponce-Townsend's exhibit, Mary heard some women discussing Carla Marchetta. They wonder why it is that the young count who once loved Carla has never been explained. It was he, Mary recalls, who followed her on the Moravia. The women also remark about Vincent's attentions to Carla. Mary determines to solve the mystery of Carla but when she reaches home, she finds a message from Dr. O'Connell.

CHAPTER XVIII

YOU may go in, Mrs. Lenox. A startled, white nurse showed Mary into Dr. O'Connell's consulting room the next afternoon.

Mary had waited scarcely at all when the deep bass voice of Dr. O'Connell boomed:

"So this is Gilbert's wife. And how are you, my dear?"

Dr. O'Connell had a thick thatch of iron gray hair. A smile twinkled in eyes behind steel-rimmed spectacles.

"Before I left the Base Hospital I was given this to deliver to you." He handed her a letter addressed in Gilbert's handwriting. Mary reached eagerly for the letter, aware anew of a feeling she could not name.

"Now let's have a look. Let's see about these facial nerves and see just how deep the damage has gone," Dr. O'Connell went on.

He tapped her face with light fingers. As if to put her at ease he kept up a flow of conversation.

"Your husband is doing a mighty fine job in France. It's the young medical men who are doing the real surgery at the front. That's why I came back. Here in England I can serve my country better by being on hand when the cases that are invalided home arrive. Ordinarily, it takes months to build up a seriously wounded man to the point where plastic surgery would be any good at all."

"It makes me proud to hear about Gilbert."

"You have every reason to be proud of him, my dear." He tilted her face under the strong white examining light and studied the injured cheek critically.

"You don't know how much this means to me," she said at length.

"Save your thanks until afterwards," he said gruffly. "It will be time enough when we see if the operation is successful."

"You mean there's a doubt?" she asked.

"Well, there's always a doubt. We never know in advance what the results will be. We can only hope. Here's what I want you to do. You'll be admitted to the hospital today. We'll operate tomorrow morning, if you agree."

WITH the dispatch which characterized Dr. O'Connell, Mary found herself a patient in a private room in the same hospital she had left only a few weeks earlier. She purposely waited until the dull routine of tests was over and read the letter from Gilbert. He had to be alone.

"My dear," she read, "Dr. O'Connell will bring you this message from me because I fear you have not received any of my letters. Service is uncertain and vastly slow in wartime.

"You will soon undergo this operation. When I trust you to Dr. O'Connell I'm leaving you in the best hands I know. You have my best wishes for all the luck in the world.

"This has to be brief because Dr. O'Connell is leaving immediately. But it carries sincere affection.

"Gilbert."

Mary leaned back on her pillow, the letter tight in her hand. So he had written!

The words she had just read brought back the first time she had ever seen his red head towering above others in the air raid shelter. Someday she would tell him all about it and, perhaps, by then she would have learned the mystery of Carla Marchetta's strange part in the events that had taken place since that night.

That Carla was engaged in a mysterious mission, she now firmly believed. Her own intuitive desire to uncover that activity had been cut short yesterday, by the summons from Dr. O'Connell. But she would endeavor to pry out the secret when she was well again.

The scratching of starched skirts grew louder as a nurse approached her bedside. The imperturbable

British calm was, for once, upset, Mary noted.

"Another ship has been sunk," the nurse blurted out. "Nobody can make me believe these enemy subs are working blindly. There's a spy ring at work for certain."

Mary blanched, her eyes horrified.

"I beg your pardon, Mrs. Lenox. It was thoughtless of me. Dr. O'Connell wouldn't like it. It was only because I was so overwrought, I forgot myself. My brother was lost. . . . Now for the supper tray."

EARLY the next morning Mary found herself being lifted from her bed onto the blanket-covered hospital cart. This was the day that would either restore her to Mary Carroll or send her into a permanent blackout.

Inside the operating room, she blinked at the glare. Without the tiniest jar, she was slipped onto the operating table. She heard the sound of water as Dr. O'Connell and his assistants scrubbed for the operation.

"Take a deep breath," she could hear the nurse saying as the ether cone was clamped down on her nose and mouth. "Steady there. Steady. Steady."

A hand gripped her wrist as her pulse was being counted. The ether choked and tried to fight off the ether.

Down a well she tumbled. The well was deep and gray. There were faces on all sides. There was Vincent Gregg. There was the blue black face of Carla Marchetta, magnificent in plumes, rich furs and jewels. Lady Ponce-Townsend seemed to come into the scene. On one arm she had a pile of bedraggled garments. But she also held a stack of pencil sketches.

Then there was the blond boy who had frightened her from the shadows of the Moravia's deck. And Gilbert Lenox. It must have been Gilbert Lenox who kept saying "Steady. Steady."

In her last breath of consciousness she had but one thought:

Was she going to emerge from all this as the Mary Carroll she had been before? (To Be Continued)

RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



Veterinary Surgeons Elect New Officers

By United Press SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 13.—Dr. W. F. Hayes, of Farmersville, today succeeded Dr. Sam E. Bunton of Del Rio as president of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association which ended its two-day meeting here yesterday.

San Angelo was chosen for the next convention.

Other officers elected included: Dr. R. T. Dickinson, Dallas, and Dr. W. C. Brock, Dallas, vice-presidents; Dr. Lee Pierce, of Leonard, and Dr. M. B. Stearnes, Dallas, corresponding secretary.

Young People To Meet In Ranger

The Young People's conference of the Cisco Association Baptist Churches will convene in Ranger, January 16, at 7 o'clock at the First Baptist Church.

Former Ranger Man To Be Buried Today

Word was received in Ranger Saturday morning of the death of Bud Saggard of Hico, formerly of Ranger. Death occurred at his home.

Funeral services are to be conducted at Hico this afternoon at 1:30 with burial in the Hico Cemetery.

The deceased has a number of friends and acquaintances in this part of the country.

Rats Outnumbering Residents Of Nation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The American Chemical society reported today that rats outnumber the

human population in the United States almost two to one.

The estimate was made in a report of the society on the development of insecticides. It said that each rat does at least \$2 damage a year—a total of \$500,000,000.

That would place the number of rats at about 250,000,000, whereas the population at the last census was 131,000,000.

Only Seven Banks Robbed In 1939

AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—There were seven bank robberies in the State of Texas in 1939 and only one remains unsolved, state police reported today. Operation of a quick blockade system by which roads surrounding a bank robbery territory are swiftly guarded by local officers, was given credit for the record by Director Homer Garrison, Jr., of state police.

TRY A WANT AD

Spain Not To Send Aid To Finland

MADRID, Jan. 13.—Authorized sources denied today foreign (Italian) reports that Generalissimo Francisco Franco had authorized the dispatch to Finland of war materials which Italian forces left in Spain after the civil war. Franco has not decided what disposition to make of the material, it was said.

Municipal Busses Must Have Licenses

AUSTIN, Jan. 13.—San Angelo's municipally operated motor

Texas U. Band Is Voted All Opponent By TCU Musicians

FORT WORTH, Texas.—Members of the Horned Frog Band voted the orange-clad Longhorn Band of the University of Texas as the best musical organization they "played against during the football season."

Close Watch Kept On Irish Prisoners

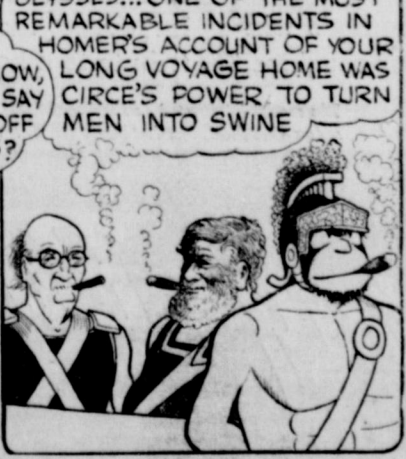
DUBLIN, Jan. 13.—A close watch was kept today on 30 Irish Republican army prisoners, seized after the arsenal raid last month, as a result of a mutiny in the Mount Joy prison yard yesterday.

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin

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New Standard of Greatness

Text: Matthew 20:17-28

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D. D., Editor of Advance

THE passion to be strong and great is an ineradicable trait of human nature. Not all men are motivated by it, for there are many who manifest the opposite characteristics of slackness and laziness.

Inevitably, there will be those who have the passion to excel, who are moved by great dreams of ambition and attainment. Men of this sort have brought blessing or curse to mankind, according to the conception of strength and greatness that they have had in mind.

Scholars, scientists, inventors who have devoted their energies and genius to the service of their fellowmen, have done a great deal to bless the world. Humble saints and ministers, whose ideal has been that of making their lives strong in goodness, have similarly brought inestimable blessing.

But the pages of history are rife with the tragedies that have fallen upon mankind through the ambition of kings and rulers and military leaders, who have had dreams of power and who have cared nothing about how the lives of their fellowmen were sacrificed or how much suffering they brought upon men as long as they could attain their ambition.

OUR lesson brings us right into the heart of this question of what constitutes greatness, and how greatness can serve to bless men instead of curse them.

It is significant that the mother of James and John of the 12 disciples was called "the mother of Zebedee's children." We don't know much about Zebedee, but his wife evidently was the ruling power in that family. She had inordinate ambition for her sons, and apparently she had inspired them with her own passion for a great earthly kingdom that Jesus was going to establish, she came to this with them.

that when He should set up His kingdom, her two sons should sit one on his right hand and one on his left.

It seemed a strange misconception of the kingdom that Jesus had come to establish, and it implied such misunderstanding of His teaching and of His example that one might reflect upon the woman's intellectual and spiritual blindness.

Is it not true, however, that blindness of this sort has usually been manifest on the part of those whose lives have been formed in worldly ambition and with dreams of their own aggrandizement? The great military leader, the bloated man of financial power, the great industrial magnate, the men conscious of their power over their fellowmen—and wielding their power with a ruthless disregard for everything but that power and their own ambitions—have usually been men who are really ignorant of some of the most essential things in life, lacking in appreciation of human problems and devoid of a proper sense of human values.

If the mother of Zebedee's children had been at all wise, she would have sensed the absurd nature of her request. But Jesus brought to her some very real challenges were they able to drink of the cup that He was about to drink of, and to be baptized with that baptism of suffering that He was about to bear? The sons did not flinch at the challenge. Their reply was firm and uncompromising, "We are able."

Little did they know of the ways in which they were really to share that kingdom and to participate in the true greatness of the Master whom they had chosen to follow. We must set over against the picture in our story that of John, the beloved disciple, transformed by the power of Christian love, seeking only a new sort of greatness as he said, "We know that we have passed from death unto life because we love the brethren."

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The Dies Committee and its activities may well become a national issue as the winter session of Congress decides whether to provide the money to keep up the work.

Extension of the committee's work last winter provided a lot of fireworks, with the administration opposing. Without new authorization and more money, the committee would go out of existence this winter. And the fight will be hotter than that of a year ago. For 1940 is an election year.

Dies has brought out a lot of testimony about Communism in and near the New Deal, and says he has a lot more. The thought of this sort of hot stuff coming out in the middle of a presidential campaign gives some of the New Dealers a cold sweat.

From this distance, it seems almost certain that Congress will give Dies the further time and money he wants.

BILL MAY KILL U. S. RED PARTY

COMMUNISTS and their activity have never been popular in the House, and they are less so since the invasion of Finland. Legislation is apt to be proposed this winter which would, in effect, drive the Communist party out of existence in the United States.

Dies was working this fall on a bill requiring any political party affiliated with an international organization (in this case the Com-

intern) to file periodic statements with the Secretary of State giving the true names of all officers and members, and a financial accounting. Such a bill might well go through the House. It might have if recent rumors are true that the administration would be quietly satisfied to see such a law passed, it might have little trouble.

MURPHY MAY STEAL SPOTLIGHT

ATTORNEY-GENERAL MURPHY'S grand jury investigation of foreign agents might, however, steal the spotlight in the meantime and cripple Dies' chances of another large appropriation. If the Murphy investigation should turn up with a nice assortment of headlines and a fat sheaf of indictments, administration leaders could argue that the job had been done except for prosecution—a job for the Department of Justice, and one that would require no further public hearings by the Dies Committee.

Best bet at the moment, however, is that Dies will get just about what he wants in the way of authority and money. What also likely is that the personnel of his committee may be changed in such a way as to soften its blows, or at least produce a more two-sided view of the matters under investigation.

In any case, every move made in relation to continuing the Dies Committee and every move it makes after being continued should be construed in view of the great dominating fact: 1940 is election year.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: From the British battleship Dreadnought, completed in 1906.

Society Notes

CALENDAR MONDAY
Woman's Missionary Society of First Baptist Church will meet at the church Monday afternoon for regular session at 3:30.

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Ladies Bible Class of the Church of Christ will meet at 3 o'clock Monday at the church.

Pythian Sisters will meet at 7:30 Monday evening in Castle Hall.

CALENDAR TUESDAY
West Ward Parent-Teacher Association will meet at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the school for session. All members urged to attend.

Junior Las Lealas Club will meet at the Woman's Clubhouse Tuesday evening at 7:30. Miss Ina Ruth Hale, president, will preside.

Mrs. Harvey to Host Bridge Club
Mrs. John D. Harvey will be hostess to the Tuesday Bridge Luncheon Club Tuesday, January 16 at her home. The club will meet at 1 o'clock.

Music Club to Have Federation Day Program

Mrs. W. F. Davenport will be hostess and leader on the Federation Day program of the Music Study Club at the Wednesday, January 17, meeting. The session is scheduled for 8 o'clock in the Woman's Clubhouse. Mrs. F. M. Kenny is president.

Response to roll call will be personalities of Texas Federation of Music Clubs.

Short Course in Flower Arrangement to Be Held

An announcement of the Short Course for Flower Arrangement, to be sponsored by the Garden Club of Fort Worth January 17 and 18, was made at the meeting of the Civic League and Garden Club this week.

The course will be conducted by Mr. Gregory Conway of Los Angeles with the lectures held from

10 a. m. to noon Wednesday and Thursday and at 2 p. m. Wednesday in the Junior League Building, 1312 W. Tucker Street, in Fort Worth.

CHURCHES

Eastland Garden Club Invited to Conference at TSCW in Denton

The Eastland Garden Club members this week received an invitation to attend a two-day garden conference to be held at Texas State College for Women in Denton January 15 and 16. This conference, first of a statewide nature held at a Texas college, is sponsored by the Texas Federation of Garden Clubs and the college.

Mrs. Will Lake, director of the Fort Worth Garden Center, and state president of the Texas Federation, and Dr. L. H. Hubbard, president of TSCW, have announced that representatives from Texas' 200 garden clubs, and clubs of Southern Oklahoma, have been invited to the conference.

Climaxing the two-day session the college is presenting J. Gregory Conway of the University of California. Mr. Conway, author of "Flowers East-West" and one of the greatest authorities on the art of flower arrangement, will give the main address at the banquet which will close the conference, Tuesday evening, Jan. 16.

Alpha Delphians Hear Program On Religious Education

At the Thursday afternoon meeting of the Alpha Delphian Club Mrs. D. J. Fiensy presided as leader for the program on Religious Education. Mrs. L. C. Brown, president, presided at the session which met in the Woman's Clubhouse at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. J. W. LaMunyon spoke on American Missions, followed with a discussion on Great American Churches and Memorials, given by Mrs. Luther Bean. Mrs. Leroy Patterson spoke on The American Youth Movement.

The club adjourned to meet January 25 with a program on United States and World Affairs to be heard.

Those present: Mmes. J. LeRoy Arnold, Luther Bean, L. C. Brown, Frank Castleberry, Geo. E. Cross, W. F. Davenport, Jess Day, D. J. Fiensy, Homer Hague, J. W. LaMunyon, Leroy Patterson and Miss Mable Hart.

First Methodist church school at 10 a. m.; morning services at 11 and evening period 7:30. Rev. Philip W. Walker, pastor.

First Baptist Church school at 9:45 a. m.; morning services at 11; B.T.U. at 6:15; evening worship at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. W. Weathers, pastor.

Church of Christ school at 9:45 a. m.; morning worship at 11; evening period at 7:30. Rev. A. F. Thurman, pastor.

Church of God school at 9:50 a. m.; morning services at 11; Christian Crusaders meet at 6:45 p. m.; evening services at 7:30. Rev. R. L. Morrison, pastor.

Christian church school, 9:45 a. m.; morning services 11 a. m.; evening services at 7:30. Rev. J. B. Blunk, pastor.

Police Radio Heard Clear In Australia

FORT WORTH—The short-wave radio of the Fort Worth police department is supposed to be for local use, but its messages have been picked up far afield—the farthest at Victoria, Australia.

Several times, Fort Worth police have heard that their radio calls came in on other sets—particularly short-wave receivers of other police departments on approximately the same wave-length.

J. E. Palmer, radio technician for the police department, was

Former Eastland Boy Reported Ill

Harry Brelsford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brelsford, Ft. Worth, and a former resident of Eastland, has been ill for the past several days but is reported as improving, and will be released from the Cook Memorial Hospital soon.

Eastland Personals

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hart and Miss Marie Hart, left early Saturday morning to spend the weekend in Midland.

nothing less than amazed, however, to receive a letter from Alan Graham, amateur radioman of Victoria, Australia, asking if "police ever picked up that drunk man on North Riverside Drive in Fort Worth, reported at 11:28 a. m. (Australian Time) Oct. 13, 1939." Graham said he had recorded at least 25 calls which his set picked up from the Fort Worth police department with "excellent reception."

VICTORS DONATE BASKETS

MASON CITY, Wash.—The Mason City high school basketball team played Santa Claus to the Hartline squad here and amassed such a heavy advantage that its players shot a few baskets for Hartline so that the score would not be too lopsided.

WRITC

Sunday - Monday

The "Four Daughters" PRISCILLA LANE ROSEMARY LANE LOLA LANE-GALE PAGE

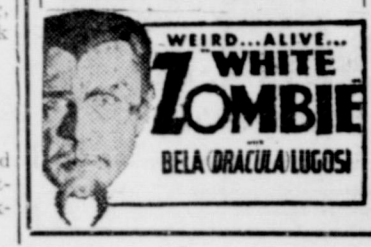


with Claude Rains Jeffrey Lane - Eddie Albert Star Feature - Frank McHugh Dick Foran - Steve O'Neal John GARFIELD

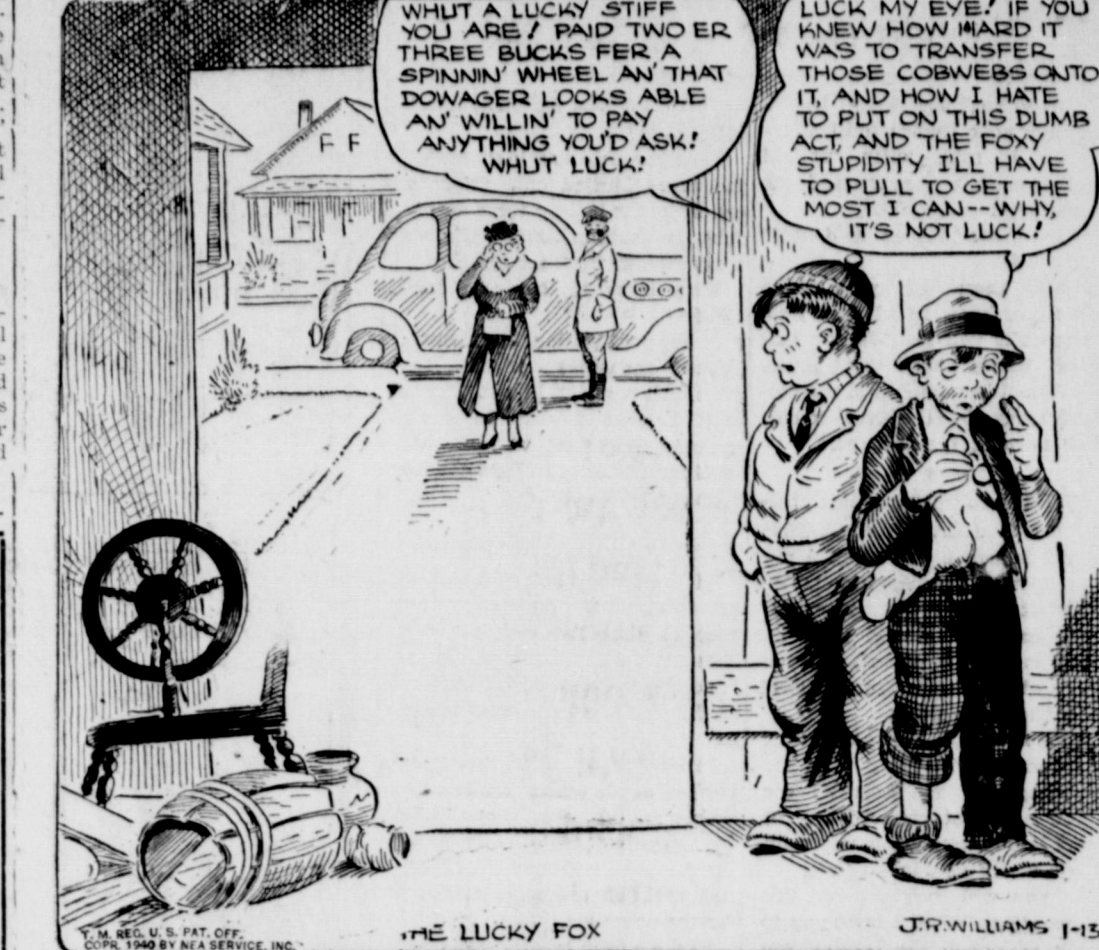
and Phil Spitalny's - New "Moments of Charm" "Cartoon - News"

CONNELLE

SUNDAY - 10c - 15c Better than "Dracula"



"OUT OUR WAY" BY WILLIAMS



WHAT ABOUT THE NEW YEAR?

Are you going to spend it in a rented house? If you are the average renter, you have paid around \$240 for rent in the past twelve months which is gone forever and nothing to show for it. This amount applied on a home would soon pay for it.

The cost of moving is always an item in every family budget and the joy and comfort one gets out of home ownership cannot be valued in dollars and cents.

At the very beginning of the New Year is a good time to start. A man who never starts never gets anywhere. Many families in Eastland now own their houses free of debt who started out on our easy monthly payment plan and never turned back until the last payment was made. It means a lot when one can say "I own my home."

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Abstracts — Insurance — Real Estate — Rentals

MAKE YOUR OWN TERMS

Why pay cash for tires when we will equip your car with the genuine Seiberling tires. NO MONEY DOWN... terms suit you? Come in today... no waiting... investigations... just show us your license identification and we will make immediate installation.

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FOR RENT—For adults, newly decorated 4-room apartment. Ideal home surroundings. Phone 465.

FOR RENT OR SALE—Six room modern house, double garage, 208 North Walnut. \$15 per month. Inquire Root Barbecue, 603 North Main.

FOR SALE—40 room apartment house, 606 West 9th Street, Cisco. Connie Davis, Agent. Phone 198, Cisco.

WHY NOT try my meals. During week 30c; Sundays 35c.—MRS. A. M. STOKES, 305 North Daugherty.

STRAYED or Stolen: Small rat terrier dog. Answers to the name of "Nute". White body with brown spot on head and ears. Collar with vaccination tag and lock. Reward.—BILLIE BRASHIER, 513 South Daugherty St., Phone 464-J, Eastland.

LOST: Black leather loose leaf ledger, somewhere between Hunt Tourist camp and Hillside apartment. Finder please call 601, Eastland Telegram, or see Mrs. J. B. OVERTON.

Political Announcements

This newspaper is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public offices, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For Assessor-Collector: CLYDE S. KARKALITS

For County Clerk: R. V. (RIP) GALLOWAY

For Sheriff: LOSS WOODS

For County Judge: W. S. ADAMSON

For County Treasurer: GARLAND BRANTON

For District Clerk: JOHN WHITE

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1: HENRY V. DAVENPORT

New Year... New Leaf... Why Not New Car?

THE slate's clean, the past is past, you're making a new beginning on a new year you hope will be happier and finer and richer — how about doing the job up right?

You spot the fun possibilities in this brilliant and buoyant Buick just by watching it flash by, but have you been in to try it?

Do you know what it's like — first hand, we mean — to have a hundred-plus Dynafash horsepower waiting your treadle-foot's nudge? Have you sampled the thrill in such an engine micro-poise-balanced to smoothness a wrist watch can't hope to equal?

Today's winter-roughened roads give you swell chance to try out Buick's gentle ride — raw weather emphasizes the stout snugness of Unisteel Bodies by Fisher and the convenience of the Flash-Way Direction Signal.

Now's when you most need firm new rubber — sure, soft, tiptoe brakes — Buick's automatic choke — stout, taut frames and rugged bodies, and why wait for spring to buy beauty that gives your spirits a lift?

Then too, driving speeds are naturally lower now and driving distances shorter, making this the best time of all to get a car properly started in life.

So figure it out! It's a new year. You've turned a new leaf. Ask your Buick dealer what a new Buick will cost you now — and let every month of 1940 contribute to a happy new year!

The model illustrated is the Buick SUPER model 51 four-door touring sedan \$1109 delivered at Flint, Mich. White sidewall tires additional.*

"Best buy's Buick!"

EXEMPLAR OF GENERAL MOTORS' VALUE

SEE YOUR NEAREST BUICK DEALER

Throw a dollar out of the window

There's a certain amount of pleasure in throwing a dollar bill out of the window (we suppose — we've never tried it) . . . watching it float through the air . . . guessing where it's going to land . . . seeing it finally settle on a curbstone . . . and perhaps seeing some surprised individual pick it up.

At least, it's certainly more fun than throwing away a dollar bill by paying one hundred cents extra for something you're buying. Yet every year we all part with a goodly sum of hard-earned cash that we might otherwise save—if we knew how to buy!

The quickest, easiest, simplest way to learn how to buy is to read the advertisements in this newspaper. Know values. Know prices. Know quality. Start now to stop throwing dollar bills away.