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Britain Is Sorry—So What?

According to report from London British diplomats are beginning to wonder whether the United States is really as mad as it sounds about the delay imposed on American mails and shipments by British authorities.

England is worried, and perhaps, a little sorry. But she's started something now, and she can't gracefully call off the bloodhounds without losing face, an international commodity more talked about these days than rates of exchange. So, from unofficial sources (which are as close to being official as Britain dares to be) come suggestions and reasons, explaining why American vessels have been held up so long.

To the United States, the reasons are unimpressive. Uncle Sam is not convinced. The whole business looks phony to him. And why shouldn't it?

Britain's own shipping industry needed help the moment war broke out. It was imperative that the merchant fleet be maintained on a profitable basis, and to do so, boats must carry full cargoes.

The suggestion has been made before that England engaged in a bit of a conspiracy with her shipping interests. It has been whispered that England agreed to stop American merchantmen for unreasonable periods while British boat representatives passed the word among American shippers that service would be much better on boats flying the Union Jack.

That's one version. It may not be an accurate explanation. Official British would say it's ridiculous. But perhaps it's not nearly as absurd and insincere as the reasons advanced for stopping American ships and holding them longer than other boats are held; or for delving into American mail pouches.

Americans don't like to have anyone else reading their mail. They're rather sensitive about that. We wouldn't like it a bit if Nazi sea raiders opened mail pouches destined for other countries. We like it no better if Britain does it.

It is not preposterous for the United States to demand simple rights, even during wartime. We didn't start the war, and we want as little of it as possible. We are willing to stay out of the way of belligerents as far as such a course is reasonable. We have already put up with discomforts and inconveniences for which we are not responsible. But there is a limit to how much the United States can take—especially from a nation that presumes upon our natural sympathy to take unfair advantage.

If nothing more, the United States is entitled to the same kind of rights as other neutral nations. More than that, we don't expect.

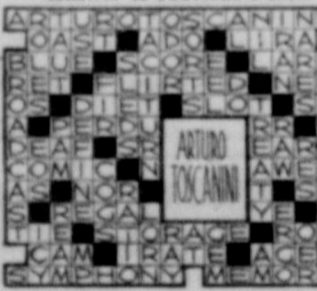
The boys are getting a little impatient about the President's silence on the third term issue. All the candidates seem to have that feeling that someone is looking over their shoulders and chuckling.

FRAIL POETESS

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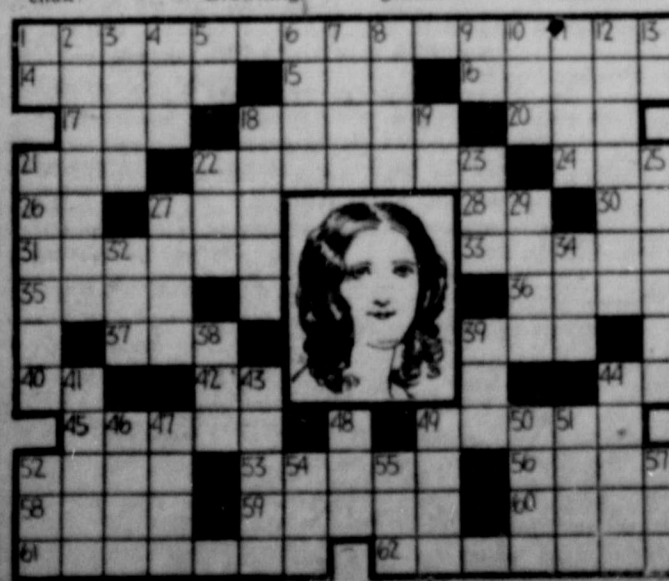
- 1 Noted poetess, Elizabeth
- 14 Kind of theater.
- 15 Hind.
- 16 Loom bar.
- 17 To stop up.
- 18 Artificial stream.
- 20 Large.
- 21 Skirt edge.
- 22 Figure.
- 24 To undermine.
- 26 Half an em.
- 27 Heart.
- 28 Alleged force.
- 29 Toward.
- 31 To cleave.
- 33 Wattle tree.
- 35 Deposited.
- 36 Spar.
- 37 House cat.
- 39 Modern.
- 40 Stand still.
- 42 Giant king.
- 44 Affirmative vote.
- 45 Backless chair.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



VERTICAL

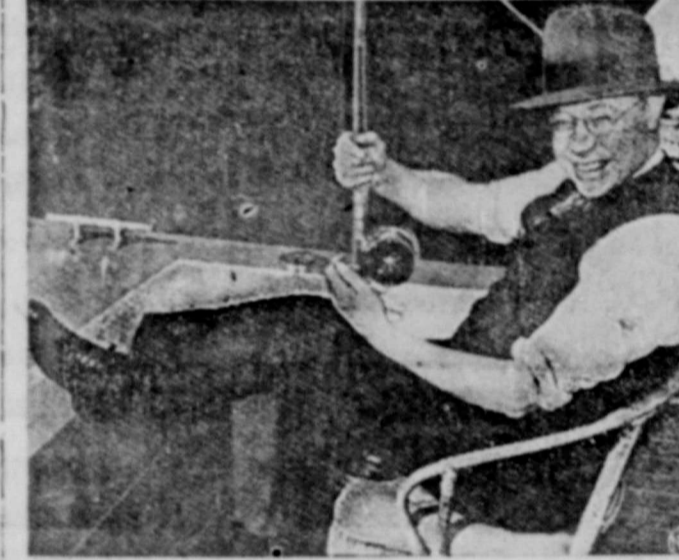
- 12 Nullifies.
- 13 Grain.
- 18 Healed.
- 19 Musical note.
- 21 Her — was frail.
- 22 Neither.
- 23 Tennis stroke.
- 25 Her — has stood the test of time.
- 27 To yield.
- 29 Cupola.
- 32 Side bone.
- 34 Uncooked.
- 38 Also.
- 39 Born.
- 41 Ancient.
- 43 Italian people.
- 43 Tumbler.
- 44 Quaking.
- 46 To lift with tongs.
- 47 Spoken.
- 48 Folding bed.
- 49 Bill of fare.
- 50 Arabian.
- 51 Italian coin.
- 52 Common verb.
- 54 Burmese knife.
- 55 Hurray!
- 57 Sorrowful.



"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



Taft Assumes Presidential Pose



Ohio's Senator Robert A. Taft, angling for the G. O. P. presidential nomination, proves he has one of the all important qualifications of a chief executive—ability to fish. He went to St. Petersburg, Fla., to snare southern delegates and sailfish.

Rare Data Put In U. S. Archives At Washington

WASHINGTON—Out of thousands of feet of historical government records acquired by National Archives during the past fiscal year experts have pieced together an important part of the story of government aid to agriculture for years back and surveyed many obscure events in American diplomatic relations.

This was brought out in the annual report of R. D. W. Connors, national archivist. The archivist came into possession of more than 60,000 cubic feet of records, including paper documents, maps, atlases, motion pictures, sound recordings and pictures, during the fiscal year which ended last June 30.

Eddie Finds Out Dynamite Grows Touchy With Age

MANKATO, Minn.—Dynamite, like women—so experts say—grows increasingly touchy with age.

Eddie Becker didn't know it. Eddie, who was only doing his duty as he saw it, walked into the police station here, dumped a big box on the desk.

Device Is Found To Find Producers In Oil Horizons

TULSA, Okla.—A super-sensitive device for the discovery of new producing horizons in already developed fields—producing sands which were passed up in the first drilling operations—is the latest piece of equipment to be exhibited at the 1940 International Petroleum Exposition, it is announced by Wm. B. Way, general manager of the May 18 to 25 Tulsa oil show.

Developed by Engineering Laboratories, Inc., Tulsa, the new equipment depends upon emissions of Gamma rays from various geological structures for its operation, according to W. G. Green, president of the Tulsa engineering firm and official of Well Surveys, Inc., who will exhibit the instrument.

Chief Thinks Speed Limit for Cities In The State Too Low

EL PASO, Tex.—If Police Chief L. T. Robey has his way about it, the state law providing a 20-mile-an-hour maximum speed within city limits won't be invoked in El Paso.

Oceans' Canyons Yield To Study

NEW YORK—Giant gullies on the ocean floor, known as submarine canyons, according to a new theory by Prof. Douglas Johnson of Columbia University.

Johnson, head of the university's geology department, theorized that the canyons—"one of the most puzzling features on the surface of the earth"—were excavated by submarine springs in the submerged continental slope caused by artesian pressure and other favorable geologic conditions.

This hypothesis Johnson said, "appears to offer more hope of a satisfactory solution of the submarine canyon problem than does any one of the many explanations previously advanced."

British Air Officer Has Artificial Legs

LONDON—Douglas R. S. Bader has two artificial legs, and yet is a first class pilot of the R.A.F. somewhere in England, with the title of flying officer.

Christ Picture to Be Shown Before Citizens Feb

"Golgotha," a talking picture, will be presented Eastland High School and Sunday, Feb. 11, under the sponsorship of the South Ward Teacher Association, announcement today.

Junior College To Play In Hills

The Ranger Junior College football team will go to Hillsboro Junior College there this afternoon, and will be coached by Coach H. G. Jennings.

A Massachusetts musician reported his bagpipes stolen. The neighbors know about it.

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SERIAL STORY

THE CAPTAIN'S DAUGHTER

BY HELEN WORDEN

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YNDY: Dan gets out to Marie, has a bitter word but with that on board the "Molly," a bitter announcement that he has to marry Marie in a few days. Dan tries to resist Dan's plan in finding her, but Dan is ready for down the pier.

CHAPTER XIV

YNDY MARTIN got up in time to have breakfast with her father Thursday morning. "Anything wrong, baby?" he inquired when he saw her sweeping the breakfast room, a vision in a foam green chiton negligee. "I haven't had breakfast since Christmas," she smiled and kissed him. "I'm not teasing you. I just felt like sweeping a nice early morning visit to you." She sat down in a chair opposite him. "You're such a busy man, I never have a chance to really talk with you." He was sitting on the edge of his bed, and he was looking at her with a smile. "I'm glad you're here, and I'm glad to see you." "How would you like a little holiday with me? I've got to go to South America on a business trip. I'll be gone for a couple of weeks. I'll be like so many American men of your type, Martin had a matter-of-factly well-cared for face, a little self-indulgent, perhaps, about the small, shrewd blue eyes, but generally benign. Fifty-five, he was a couple of years under the stars in the vast grocery chain store company which he headed, he still felt like a kid of 21. As a boy he had boxed in amateur bouts at the Athletic Club. He still belonged to the Athletic Club though Lynda and his sister-in-law, Mrs. William Martin, were always trying to persuade him to shift his patronage to the Racquet and Tennis. Ordinarily indulgent, as far as Lynda was concerned, he drew the line there. He never felt quite at ease with the Racquet and Tennis Club fellows, although, as he often told himself, he could buy and sell them all out, half a dozen times, and never miss the money. Lynda poured a generous amount of cream over a crystal dish of hot raspberries the butler set before her. "O dear, I'd like to go with you Daddy," she pouted prettily, "but right now, well—I'll tell you a little later." He looked at her sharply. "What's up?" "Oh, nothing. She sprinkled the raspberries with powdered sugar. "Mr. Donovan was here last night and you weren't in." Amusement spread over Martin's face. "Mike Donovan—what did he want?" "Oh, he was just calling." Lynda

smiled. "What do you think of his son?"

EVER since Mike Donovan had told her the night before that his son, Dan, intended to ask her to be his wife, Lynda had been walking on air. While her first impulse was to resist and tell her father, her second was to hold back. But meanwhile she wanted the way paved. She was not entirely certain how her father felt about the Donovans. She knew he had been on the opposing side in several business deals with Mike. She also knew that the Martins were a pace ahead of the Donovans socially. Still, Mike Donovan was a very rich man, perhaps even richer than her father. "I don't know, Daddy?" she repeated. "But Mr. Martin did not hear. The phone was ringing. "For you, sir," said the butler, "your office is calling." He hurried out of the room. "I'll ask you what you thought of Dan, Donovan, Daddy," she pouted when he returned, "and you didn't answer." "Oh, yes. Well he's all right, I guess," Martin answered abstractedly. "Sorry, pet, I have to rush off sooner than I expected." He gulped his coffee. "I'll talk about young Donovan another time." Lynda finished her breakfast and went back to bed but she could not rest. She had slept little the night before thinking of Dan. She wanted to believe more than anything else in the world, that Dan would marry her and yet, in her heart of hearts, she doubted the truth of his father's words. Tossing on her bed, she dug her beautiful long-pointed fingernails into the palms of her little hands. Maybe Dan didn't want to marry her, but after all, he might not have much to say about it. His father was on her side, which was something. A tap on the door broke in on her thoughts. "What is it?" she called. "Mr. Donovan, Miss Lynda," the butler said. "Mr. Daniel Donovan?" She jumped out of bed. "No, his father, Mr. Michael Donovan." The corners of her mouth turned down, then up again. "Very well, Perkins. Tell him I'll see him in a few minutes." She rang for her maid.

WAITING for Lynda, Mike Donovan paced the floor fretfully, formulating his plans. Not yet fully recovered from the quarrel he and Dan had on the barge pier,

BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA SERVICE Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Senator George Nye of North Dakota probably will get the foreign relations committee post made vacant by the death of Senator William Borah.

In recent years Nye has been one of the leaders of the isolationist group in the Senate. He happens to be chairman of the Republican committee on committees, which is to fill the vacancy. Formal action won't be taken until after Senator Borah's Senate successor is appointed and sworn in.

One thing few people knew about Senator Borah was that he was a one-man community chest. All sorts of strangers used to ask him for aid; he would have them looked up, and if they weren't just professional panhandlers, he would make more or less regular contributions to them.

In a number of cases he paid for expensive medical services for people who had no claim on him except the one claim he couldn't resist—that they needed help.

A despairing member of his office staff once remarked that he gave away so much money she actually didn't know how he lived.

LIEUT. COL. PHILIP FLEMING, a wage-hour boss, had a lapse in diplomacy the other morning. To look up some historical point he borrowed a big volume of "Battles and Leaders of the Civil War," and absent-mindedly left it face-up on his desk while he received three industrialists.

Too late, he realized that his callers came, respectively, from North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia.

A MEAN under-surface storm that may presently come out

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



Study of Roads And Traffic Is Almost Complete

By Outpost Press

WESLACO, Tex.—A detailed study by the Texas Highway Planning Survey and the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads of the speed of traffic and the position that speeding traffic occupies on highways is drawing to a close on Texas' most-travelled roads.

A party of four men, representing the two highway bodies and headed by O. J. Labell, supervisor for the Bureau of Public Roads, has completed several months of work in Texas by a careful survey of Rio Grande Valley highways, chiefly on U. S. 83, the Valley's 65-mile-long "Main Street," and U. S. 281, only paved highway leading northward from the Valley.

During recent months, the survey party has investigated traffic speed, the number of vehicles using the roads, the position occupied by each vehicle on the road and the type of vehicles using the highways.

Their survey studies have been established and studies made of traffic conditions on U. S. 81, between Austin and Waco; on U. S. 75 north of Dallas, and on U. S. 75 west of Galveston before the group transferred to the Valley. In this area, they studied traffic flow and conditions on U. S. 83 between Brownsville and Olmito, Harlingen and La Feria, Weslaco

Singapore Says Harbor Is Safe In Spite Of Mines

By United Press

SINGAPORE — An assurance that the port of Singapore is "absolutely safe," if masters of ships will take the trouble to get the necessary information about minefields, has been issued by the harbor authorities.

This announcement followed the sinking of the 7,745 ton liner Sirdhana with a loss of 20 lives after it struck a mine.

At the inquiry into the disaster, it was revealed that a battery on a fort overlooking Singapore harbor did not fire because the commander of the battery could not fire a shot without permission from the fire commander who was stationed some distance away. The latter, in his turn had to communicate first with the port war-station from which he took orders, and by then it was too late, for the liner had already struck a mine.

In addition to the Sirdhana, a Norwegian freighter has been sunk by mines in Singapore waters, while a British ship, the Brecknockshire, passed over a minefield but was undamaged.

Authorities are content that all the losses are due to the fact that those responsible for the safety of the ships did not acquaint themselves with the information officially announced regarding the danger zones.

The exact location of three minefields has been announced by authorities and the presence of other "dangerous obstructions" in other regions also is admitted.

"Masters must take special care to obtain all published information as to the existing situation before arrival," state harbor authorities said. "Wireless sets should be manned so that the four-hourly broadcast warnings may be received." It is added that the mines are of a type which cannot explode should they break loose from their moorings.

Cycle Capacity Leads To A Town Dispute

By United Press

HALIFAX, N. S.—How much weight is a proper carrier capacity for a bicycle? Halifax civic authorities thought they were generous when they passed an ordinance limiting a load to 25 pounds.

A delegation promptly appeared and said the regulation was causing hardship for more than 100 delivery boys. Now the load limit has been raised to 50 pounds.

Russian reports untold horrors of what Red prisoners are being subjected by the Finns. The Soviet captives are being bathed.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

THE ELEPHANT AND NOT THE LION, IS CONSIDERED BY MOST AUTHORITIES THE KING OF BEASTS!

ONE-FOURTH OF ALL THE CONFEDERATES KILLED IN THE CIVIL WAR WERE NORTH CAROLINIANS.

WHAT TWO STATES IN THE U.S. ARE BOUNDED BY FOUR STRAIGHT LINES?

ANSWER: Colorado and Wyoming.

Per capita cost of annual operation over the United States is \$303.39.

The cost at San Antonio is \$215.63.

San Antonio State Hospital under Dr. W. J. Johnson's superintendency was the first institution of the sort to have a beauty shop. Its effect on morale of women patients was so great that now nearly all mental hospitals include a beauty shop.

Patients who had refused to go about became eager to attend hospital dances after a manicure and a wave. They began to take pride in dress and showed marked interest. Another feature of the hospital is a bowling alley. Menus are diversified and served in cafeteria style with many fresh vegetables from the institution 500-acre tract.

Three superintendents of other state hospitals have trained there under Dr. Johnson and also the assistant superintendent of one of the state asylums.

The 2,800 patients left there after transfer of 100 to the new hospital at Big Spring have Catholic and Protestant religious services and are kept out of doors as much as possible.

Johnson Hearing Does Not Affect State Hospitals

By United Press

AUSTIN, Tex.—Texans with relatives in San Antonio State Hospital got cheering news during the State Board of Control investigation into alleged happenings in the institution. They learned that none of the happenings affected patients there.

They heard, too, that the institution has a record far above the national average in the number of patients it is able to return to normal life after mental treatment. In the United States the average is 48 per cent. The San Antonio hospital average is 56. The death rate per 1,000 in such hospitals over the nation is 71.9. The San Antonio hospital record is 60.6.

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