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WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 10, 1939.

SENATOR DICK SHOULD REPORT THIS BILL.

A bill creating a Bureau of Mines was passed by the House last session. That measure provides for the only practical means of safe-guarding, as far as possible, the lives of our fellows who work underground.

The bill has hung fire in the Senate. The upper house has been too busy to give it consideration. Yet in the two months of this session alone, while this body has neglected this bill, 350 of these fellow-Americans have lost their lives because mine owners either would not protect them or did not know how.

If a Bureau of Mines would save one life a year and it were possible to put that one man before the Senate of the United States, it is hard to believe a single Senator would then be indifferent to this legislation. He might not vote for it; but he would demand to vote upon it. What, then, can be said when 350 times one man are killed in two months? When more than 3,000 are killed in a year? Only this—that Senators must be brought to realize by every means short of producing the men themselves that the nation cannot afford to lose five out of every thousand men employed in any industry.

Twenty States have indorsed the Huff-Bartlett-Wilson bill. The 300,000 members of the United Mine Workers have indorsed it. The owners of the mines have indorsed it. And the 1,000,000 men whose lives may be made more nearly secure have a right to demand its passage, and as reflected in practically every newspaper in the country, the great body of their neighbors have demanded it. The Senate Committee on Mines and Mining has indorsed it. All that remains, apparently, is that Senator Charles Dick of Ohio shall report the bill to the Senate.

A VICTORY OVER POLITICAL RIP VAN WINKLES.

Without doubt the disposition of the Congressional conference committee to give Mr. Taft an automobile will produce a fresh spasm of grief among the champions of the horse—"man's best friend," to quote Senator Bailey. The opposition to the President-elect's perfectly reasonable and legitimate wish to make the auto his official carriage is one of the most curious examples on record of the old-oaken-bucket sentimentalism which from time to time obsesses certain gentlemen from whom a patient yet progressive country expects nothing but statesmanship.

The futile attempt to prevent the establishment of a White House garage takes a place in history alongside the equally futile and ridiculous endeavor to prevent the introduction of the typewriter into the Government service. If some of our so-called statesmen had their way, the Government would still be using quill pens; for in the Capital of this land whose common people are the most up-to-date aggregation in the world—as witness the use of the automobile and the telephone in the remotest districts—are to be found some of the most distinguished Rip Van Winkles in real life.

But little now remains of this anachronistic filibustering against the Presidential automobile except the possibility that Senator Bailey will turn his back on the machine when he meets it on Pennsylvania avenue, or that Senator Tillman, armed with the shotgun that he says should be used for such a purpose, will set a trap for it and see that it doesn't make more than five miles an hour.

TRADE AS A BUILDER OF GREAT CITIES.

This question, asked by a London paper, has occurred, no doubt, to many persons: "On what do the 6,000,000 Londoners live if they don't live by taking in one another's wash?" Its own answer is:

There are enough manufacturers, no doubt, to account for a considerable number of inhabitants, but still for only a small fraction of the whole. Another small fraction lives on the interest on invested capital. But we suppose there is no doubt at all that the greater part of this vast population lives upon the existence of the port of London as the great emporium of the world, and the great center of the world's commercial and financial communications—in brief, upon the fact that London has free goods and free gold.

A new understanding is here offered of what it is to be a great trading center, though in this country we have had many demonstrations of how traffic that passes through a city builds it up. Chicago was made because it was so situated that it commanded the carrying trade of the Northwest. In order

to reach the East the grain and the cattle and the lumber of the West and the North had to come through that city. Hence it grew by leaps and bounds. New York is the great port of entry of this country and, though for many years it fought with Philadelphia for first place, its pre-eminence as a shipping point gradually gave it the lead.

In the West we can see cities now forging ahead like mad because they are fortunately placed so as to demand toll of traffic that goes by them. Seattle, in the far West, is crawling up on San Francisco, and, with its unrivaled harbor and the rich territory back of it, seems destined to be a great city.

Somebody fifty or more years ago had the foresight to see that the junction of the Kansas and Missouri rivers seemed marked by destiny for the site of a big metropolis, and Kansas City sprang into being, to be the gathering point of the harvests and the industries of a dozen States. It, too, seems to face a great destiny.

In ancient times cities grew and flourished or declined as the tide of travel came and went. When a new way to the Far East was found, Venice and the cities of the Mediterranean discovered that their livelihood was gone. Washington! Washington! Look up! Look out!

COUNTRY LIFE AND THE COUNTRY TOWN.

The country life commission strongly recommends extension of co-operation among farmers. It likewise recommends establishment of the parcels post.

These two things can mean only one result: the decadence of the country town. The parcels post means that orders may be sent to the city and filled, cheaply, conveniently, satisfactorily. The extension of co-operation means that the co-operative societies will everywhere be doing what they are now doing in a few places—emancipating themselves from the exactions of the limited market of the country town; from the "grain buyers' ring," which every country town used to know, from the agreement among the little group of "general stores" at the county seat town, from the limitations of the meager market in which they were compelled to turn in their "butter and eggs and chickens," and take out a poor equivalent "in trade." It means putting the farmers' business on a new basis, and bringing him to the greater market for both his sales and his purchases.

All this means an end to much of the importance, commercially and socially, of the country town. Add to this the improvement of the country schools, by process of consolidation, grading, and free transportation of pupils to and from them, and the village will find its excuse for existence largely gone. The real question, then, is whether the country town is worth saving; whether the business it does costs too much in the doing; whether it is a mere middle factor, a consumer of more than it produces. This view of the country town has long been held, and it is certain that the most enlightened thought tends toward methods that mean its destruction.

The changes, of course, would not come immediately; they would not even be striking in their approach. The country town would cease to grow as it once grew. Its people would go to the cities and to the farms. They would adapt themselves to the new conditions as those conditions developed. If in the end the general welfare were promoted by the change, it ought to be made. Certainly, for the sake of the country town's future, there ought to be no belligerent opposition to changes manifestly for the good of the great rural population of the nation.

By the time the House insurgents get done fighting among themselves the regulars ought to have rather an easy time adopting the old rule.

The trouble is that there are too many insurgents who insure strictly for home consumption, and want to be regular for Washington purposes.

This story of the Sugar trust defrauding the Government of \$3,624,121 by using doctored scales certainly is a sweet mess, but it may develop that under-weights were necessary as an offset to the proportion of sand used.

Mr. Knox, however, is a skilled constitutional lawyer, and he will doubtless find a way to demonstrate that the Constitution was made before anybody thought about the desirability of his entrance into the Cabinet.

Announcement has just been made of the marriage of the Rev. W. J. Morton, of Christ Church, at the rectory in this city of Charles Reeder, of Washington, and Mrs. Betty Waters, of Alexandria. The ceremony was performed on January 29.

The sporting editor opines that while Lodge has rather the longer reach, William Alder is built from the ground up and should be expected to develop great staying qualities.

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HALT, SAYS SENTRY; CABBY TUMBLES OFF

Driver Now at Post Hospital in a Critical Condition.

There must be something particularly nerve racking about the summons "Halt!" when given in a business-like tone by a sturdy warrior in Uncle Sam's livery who emphasizes his demands by bringing a magazine rifle into position.

At least it shattered the nerves of Patrick Sherwin, a local cabby, when he was summoned to stop at Fort Myer at an early hour this morning. The cabby was so startled that he fell from his box and hurt himself so seriously that he is now a patient at the post hospital in a critical condition from concussion of the brain. Sherwin's cab and horse are being cared for by the cavalrymen.

DISCUSS THE NEED FOR VACCINATION

Whether Smallpox Has Become Epidemic in Alexandria Is Question.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Feb. 10.—Whether smallpox is enough of an epidemic in Alexandria to justify the appointment of physicians to vaccinate the pupils of the public schools as well as indigent persons, is the subject which is today being discussed among Alexandrians. The question was raised by the introduction by President Stanton in the common council last evening, of such a resolution.

The introduction of the resolution produced a general discussion of the prevalence of smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and other contagious diseases in Alexandria. The resolution was finally referred to the committee on general laws.

A communication from the owners of property in the square bounded by King, Cameron, St. Asaph and Washington streets, protesting against the alleged violations of the building laws of the city in the erection of a moving picture theater in that square, were referred to the committees on streets and general laws.

A petition, from Charles E. Pettey, a fireman, for \$300 damages for injuries received while working at the Jameson fire, was referred to the finance committee.

The question of allowing the streets of the city to be used for a carnival during the week from April 29 to May 1 produced quite a discussion, and the matter was finally referred to the committees on streets and general laws.

Miss Caroline M. Taylor, daughter of Cornelius and Susie Taylor, died at her home, 130 South Fayette street, last evening. Miss Taylor was quite popular in the community. No arrangements have been made for her funeral.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Isabelle F. Bartlett was held from her home, 10 North Payne street, this afternoon and was largely attended. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. G. I. Humphries, of the Methodist Protestant Church, and the burial was made in the Union Cemetery.

A meeting of Fitzgerald Council, No. 459, Knights of Columbus, will be held at St. Mary's church, 1000 Washington street, this evening, when the first degree will be conferred on a class of candidates.

The Young Men's Senate held an interesting meeting last evening at the Young People's building, in South Washington street, when final arrangements were made for the anniversary banquet which will be held on next Tuesday evening. Invitations have been extended to the Rev. W. J. Morton, chaplain of the House, and the Rev. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the Senate.

A Pure Food and Industrial Exposition will be held in Armory Hall, in South Royal street, during the week beginning March 24. The officers of the Pure Food Association in this city are C. O. Fulman, president, and C. R. Yates, treasurer.

A delegation of Shriners from this city will visit the Valentine party of Alexandria Shrine on Friday night. The Alexandria Shrine will be headed by Mayor Fred J. Paff.

M. L. Dinwiddie, John Graham, Frank Latham, of Andrew Jackson Lodge, and R. E. Fuller, of Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons, are in Richmond attending the session of the Grand Lodge.

Alexandria-Washington Lodge of Masons will on February 22 give their annual banquet at the hall in the Young People's building in South Washington street. Among the speakers on the occasion will be Representative S. K. Miller and Representative Joseph Johnson.

ASK REDUCE RATES

Alaska - Yukon Exposition Representative Calls on the President.

Jesiah Collins, representing the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, called at the White House this morning to enlist the President's aid in getting the Interstate Commerce Commission to agree to a reduction in railway rates to a party which will act as convoy to the Liberty Bell across the continent. Mr. Collins was presented by Representative Humphries of Washington.

The Philadelphia authorities have agreed to lend the historic bell to the exposition, but there has been a hitch in the arrangements for transporting it to Seattle because of certain rulings against reduced rates.

Mr. Collins extended invitations to Vice President-elect Sherman and Speaker Cannon to speak at the opening of the exposition, June 1.

MAY KILL UNIONISM IN POSTAL SERVICE

Leaders Say Meyer's Charges Are But a Beginning.

It is said by leaders of union labor that the charges made by Postmaster General Meyer against Frank T. Rogers, president of the United Association of Postoffice Clerks; William E. Kelley, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, and E. H. Roberts, of Washington, representing the railway postal clerks, for "attempting to influence legislation in your own interest and in the interest of the association you represent," is but the beginning of a movement to take the entire postal service from the ranks of union labor.

Congressmen are vitally interested in this movement. During the last election a number of members, who have been more or less persistent in opposing increases of pay, leaves of absence and long sick leaves, were defeated for reelection, and others had their majorities cut down by many thousands. It has been charged that Representative Overstreet of Indiana, for years chairman of the Committee on Postoffices and Post Roads, was defeated by the efforts of a various postal organization, although the defeat of other Indiana Congressmen would indicate that the trend toward a change had much to do with it.

The various letter carriers' organizations are affiliated with labor organizations. The biggest figure in their organization, according to report, is not even connected with the service in any way, one Quinn, of Philadelphia, and yet he is on the executive board of the National Association of Letter Carriers, and is reported to be the head and chief of negotiations in the interest of the organization.

Congressmen are very careful in discussing the affairs of the organization, but it is expected that the present investigation, which has the indorsement of the President, will pave the way for an Executive order that will effectively compel the 74,000 postal employees, which the three men named practically head the various postal organizations, to withdraw from all labor activities, if indeed it does not demand the disbandment of their organizations.

In his letter to the three officials named, Postmaster General Meyer outlined the Executive order, dated January 31, 1938, forbidding officers and employees of the Government from soliciting any increase in pay or to influence or attempt to influence any legislation in their own interest.

The Postmaster General has also expressed his sympathy with the postal employees, and has stated that while he personally favors legislation to improve their condition, he cannot recommend any increases in pay, with the department facing the heaviest deficit in its history.

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INCREASE IS SHOWN IN MEASLES CASES

Epidemic Gains Hold During Past Week—Other Contagious Diseases Light.

The epidemic of measles in the District continues to increase, according to the report of the health department for the week ended February 6. There were 88 new cases reported, and the week closed with 1,212 cases under treatment, as compared with 399 the week previous.

The record of other contagious diseases follows: Diphtheria, 23; whooping cough, 12; chickenpox, 17; and typhoid fever, 1.

There were 120 deaths during the week, 67 among the white and 53 among the colored population. The birds numbered 126, of which 95 were white, and 41 colored infants.

MRS. P. LEE PHILLIPS ENTERTAINS COMPANY AT LUNCHEON TODAY

Beautifully Appointed Affair at Her Home on H Street.

Mrs. P. Lee Phillips entertained a company at a beautifully appointed luncheon today at her residence on H street. Her guests were Mme. Chermont, wife of the secretary of the Brazilian embassy; Mrs. Lamar, wife of Representative Lamar; Mrs. Julian James, Mrs. Robert Hinckley, Mrs. Charles H. Campbell, Mrs. James Harlan, Mrs. Richard Wideman, Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins, Mrs. Thomas W. Symons, and Mrs. William Barrett Kilday.

The hospitable home of the Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks, which is usually thronged each Wednesday at Mrs. Fairbanks' weekly receptions, will be closed this afternoon, as Mrs. Fairbanks is in mourning for the recent death of her brother, and will take no further part in the social program of the season.

Four of the Cabinet hostesses are not receiving today, so the round of Cabinet calls will be somewhat shorter than usual. Receiving today will be Mrs. Bacon, wife of the Secretary of State, who will have with her her daughter, Miss Lewis Marshall, Miss Harriet Klein, Miss Jennie Stier, and Miss Mary Temple, of Knoxville, Tenn.

In the evening Mrs. Gadsby will entertain a party at bridge. Mrs. Robert E. Parker, of the Portney, will receive this afternoon. Mrs. F. J. Barrett and Miss Barrett will receive this afternoon.

Mrs. de B. Randolph Keim and Miss Keim, of Reading, Pa., will be at home at the Elanere this afternoon for the last time this season. Mrs. Edgar Allan, assisted by her daughter, Miss Allan, and Mrs. Charles Kinchelo, will be at home today and the remaining Wednesday in February.

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The Misses Heth, daughters of Col. and Mrs. Stockton Heth, will receive this afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock. Mrs. Wallace Hanger will receive this afternoon for the last time this season.

Mrs. Charles P. Granfield, wife of the First Assistant Postmaster General, with her daughter, Miss Granfield, and her mother, Mrs. C. S. McKee, will be at home informally to friends this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, at her residence, 949 S street.

Mrs. Cummins, wife of Senator Cummins of Iowa, will receive tomorrow from 3 to 5 o'clock at the Arlington. Mrs. Craig, of I street, will receive Thursday afternoon assisted by her house guest, Mrs. William Busch, of Wilmington, Del.

Mrs. Andrew B. Graham, 407 Sixteenth street, will receive this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock. Mrs. Myron Benjamin Wright, 1119 P street, will be at home informally this afternoon.

Mrs. James H. Draper and Mrs. Samuel A. Kimberley will be at home this afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock at 1705 Twenty-first street, for the last time this season. Mrs. William E. Clark and Miss Hooper, 218 Wyoming avenue, will receive informally Thursdays, February 11 and 25.

Miss Edith M. Clark, Gunston Hall, will be at home tomorrow. Mrs. C. Eaton Creech and Miss Fenwick will receive this afternoon. Mrs. William J. Warrin, of the Burlington, will be at home from 4 to 6 o'clock this afternoon.

Mrs. John C. Scofield, Mrs. T. S. Clark, and Miss Scofield, of 1614 P street, will be at home informally tomorrow and February 15. Mrs. William H. Daw will be at home informally Wednesday, February 24.

Mrs. C. W. Russell and Miss Russell will receive tomorrow at the Burlington from 4 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Denny and Miss Denny, wife and daughter of Col. Frank L. Denny, will be at home from 4 to 5 o'clock at U. S. M. C. will be at home Saturday afternoon at their residence 154 Connecticut avenue.

Perrie-Duke. Mr. and Mrs. Augustus L. Perrie have sent out cards announcing the marriage of their daughter, Mary Gray, to Joseph Chiswell Duke, Monday, February 8, at Washington. Mr. and Mrs. Duke will be at home after March 1, at 1096 I street southeast.

The Guild of St. Stephen's Church has issued cards for a reception to General Washington and his Cabinet at the parish house, on February 22, from 4 to 10 o'clock.

AT HOME

Mrs. Theodora North McLaughlin and Miss McLaughlin will be at home this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, assisted by their house guests, Mrs. J. Beverly North, of Snow Hill, Md., and Miss Harmonson, of Berlin, and by Mrs. Fletcher, Mrs. Eckels, Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Terrell, Miss Irving, Miss Hewitt, and Miss Frances McLaughlin.

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The President and Mrs. Roosevelt Are Hosts at Dinner.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt dined last evening with the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Garfield at their residence on Massachusetts avenue. The company invited to meet them included Mr. Justice White, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Beekman Winthrop, Mr. and Mrs. Bentley Charnoy, of Boston; Dr. and Mrs. George Shain, of Chicago; Mrs. Bayard, Mrs. H. B. Beale, and Clifford Pinchot.

The Italian Ambassador and Baroness Mayor des Planches were dinner hosts last evening, having among their guests the German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff, Senator and Mrs. Aldrich, Senator and Mrs. Wetmore, Senator and Mrs. Burrows, Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Legare, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. Hope Slater, Baron Hye of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy; Marchese di Montagliari, Roberto Centaro and Giuliano Cora of the embassy staff.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand had as their guests at dinner last evening the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmueller, the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Senator and Mrs. Cullom, Senator Bacon, Senator Keam and Miss Kean, the American Minister to Venezuela and Mrs. W. W. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins, the Counselor of the German Embassy and Countess Wedel, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Denegre, Miss Patten, the Naval Attache of the French Embassy and Mme. de Blampre, Captain de Chambrun, military attaché, Viscount and Viscountess de Martel.

Mrs. John R. McLean entertained a company of young people at a beautifully appointed luncheon today in compliance to Miss Lillian Chew, one of the season's debutantes.

The meeting held by the Council of Jewish Women Tuesday afternoon in the vestry room of the Eighth Street Temple was very interesting. Mrs. Albert Sanders read a paper on "Notes and Comments," and Miss Elsie Cohen gave a reading relating to "Birth Life." Music was given by Miss V. Corey, and the meeting closed with a social hour.

Mrs. Meyer Stern, of the Cliffbourne apartment, has returned, after visiting her daughter, Mrs. Jerome Franc, of New York. Mrs. Bertha Cohenzer, of 1404 Twelfth street, will be at home Saturdays.

Messrs. David and Alfred Posner spent the week-end with friends in this city. Miss Gladys Mayer, of S street, leaves today for New York city, to visit relatives. Mrs. Samuel Gans left town to spend a fortnight at Atlantic City.

Miss Flora Brock is visiting relatives and friends in New York. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lieberger have returned to their home in Baltimore, after being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schwab, of Columbia road.

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Pupils and teachers of every school in the District, including the high schools, will suspend their programs tomorrow afternoon to do honor to the memory of Abraham Lincoln.

In many of the schools the Gettysburg address of President Lincoln will be read and in all programs have been arranged, at the Franklin school recitations bearing on the life of the great President and a musical program will be a short play based on Lincoln's life.

At the Abbot school the program will be brought to a close by the presentation of biographies of Lincoln and other books bearing on his life to the school from the library of the late George Jacob Abbot, for whom the school was named.

The Henry and Polk schools will hold joint exercises and the address by the Rev. Wallace Redcliffe, an authority on the life of Lincoln.

Others who will endeavor to deliver addresses at various schools are the Rev. Dr. George Bailey, Seaton; E. E. Dutton, at the Webster, and Myron M. Jones at the Morse school.

NAIL STRIKES EYE. WEST CHESTER, Pa., Feb. 10.—While at work making boxes, Charles Conrad, an employe of Sharples Separator Works, was struck in the eye and blinded by a flying nail.

White House Callers. Secretary of State Bacon, Attorney General Bonaparte, Senators Kenny of Washington, Bourne of Oregon, Representatives McKim of Illinois, Anshury of Ohio, Stevens of Minnesota, Cocks of New York, Calder of New York, Fowler of New York, Goulden of New York, Gardner of Massachusetts, Humphrey of Washington, Bennett of New York, Ellis of Missouri, Atchison of Tennessee, Reader of Kansas, Commissioner of Pensions Warner, Major General Crozier, John Temple Graves, Dr. Charles W. Neeldman, T. St. John Galt, of New York, Ernest Harvier, of New York, The Rev. John York, of New York, The Rev. Thomas Powers, of New York, Robert Dunn.