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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have new value and which are written by persons not connected with the editorial staff of the paper...

"NOT FEAR OF ONE MAN" BY WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE Editor, Empire (Kan.) Gazette THE OBSTACLE to the thing we call recovery is not fear of one man.

If Roosevelt, Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin are to die within a month, the obstacle would remain. For hundreds of millions of men, round pegs in square industrial holes are functioning fully to capacity...

Universal education and the common use of machinery, have fused a new dynamism of discontent in the world. In Europe, the common man has turned futilely to the dictator. Soon the dictator will pass in America, the forgotten man turned to Roosevelt. Roosevelt still is temporary.

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Undoubtedly the young people of the United States today are faced with problems which differ greatly from those that their parents face. They approach them with new ideas largely based upon the experience of the last ten years.

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Nine-tenths of those responding expressed the belief that the industrial unions, as contrasted to the craft unions, would predominate in the United States within five years. Nearly three-fourths predicted a Democratic victory in 1940.

Mrs. Roosevelt found 50,000 egg rollers on the White House grounds last Sunday. The nation's first Lady believes in the Easter Bunny—and her good husband holds up his part of the myth by continuing the role of Santa Claus.

Arriving in Michigan from Florida, preparing for departure to Kansas and the Eastern seaboard, Governor Frank Murphy issued a press statement.

The state is in need of sharp cuttings of expenditures for administrative purposes. We now are spending anticipated revenue which is expected to be taken in next year.

It could here be ventured in modestly expressed suggestion that action, not words, is precisely that which is needed. State administrative costs may stand considerable paring.

The modern industrial civilization of the United States presents to each American family the mechanical equivalent of 400 human slaves, Dr. A. A. Potter of Purdue University, who maintains that science promotes us a finer kind of living than the wealthiest potentates of the past ever dreamed of.

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Congressional Comment by Representative George A. Dondero

Recent press reports stressed his efforts leading to the defeat of the initial appropriation for the construction of the proposed Gilbertville Dam, a key TVA project.

When the House refused to concur with the Senate on the TVA appropriation, the action was twofold in effect. The contested \$2,613,000 item was for the purpose of starting work on the Gilbertville Dam.

On Monday, December 11, the TVA directorate asked you for an appropriation of \$2,600,000 to build a dam at Gilbertville with a total reservoir volume of 4,500,000 acre-feet of water.

On March 22, the conference report came up for consideration in the House at which time Rep. Woodrum moved that the House vote on the TVA appropriation be postponed until after the election of November 2, 1938.

Referring to this letter, Rep. Plumley kindly said: "It occurs to me that the Congress is indebted to you for a thorough investigation of the whole problem, to the end that this dam of doubt be shelved forever and the people saved \$112,000,000."

On January 7, I addressed the House and urged the TVA directors to further detail and concluded by suggesting that "after all, it might have been discovered that the dam was on a piece of land that, beneath the waves were very valuable mineral resources."

On February 28, I made an attempt to bring up the question of the Bonneville project by \$2,613,000 but my amendment was not voted on.

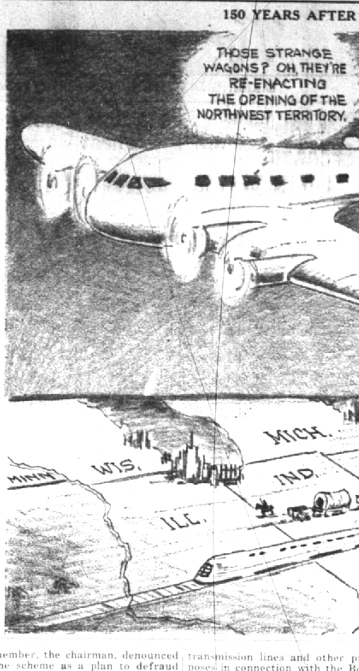
WASHINGTON LETTER BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT Congress Gives Jones, RFC Head, \$1,500,000,000 and Vote of Confidence

WASHINGTON—Regardless of whether Congress decides there should or should not be appropriated the sum of \$1,500,000,000 to lend to anyone in any amount for any length of time, the Congress certainly is applying the slogan: "See America first."

GOVERNOR FRANK MURPHY, whose greatest love seems to be that of traveling from one State to another, perhaps should be labelled "Gypsy Frank."

CHIEF SETTING BULL, famous Sioux Indian, at his work on his reservation in Heaven, looked down upon the land of his fathers, and granted: "Hes-white man chase us off our rich land and keep same for himself."

THE R. F. C. loan bill had little difficulty passing both houses of Congress. At the same time, President Roosevelt looks to Congress for \$2,000,000,000 of WPA money.



180 YEARS AFTER THOSE STRANGE WAGONS OR THEIR RE-ENACTING THE OPENING OF THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY

member, the chairman, denounced the scheme as a plan to defraud the United States Government. Four days later, January 11, the appropriation item for the Gilbertville Dam was withdrawn from the bill by amendment approved by the chairman of the subcommittee.

Jefferson's Birthday BY RAYMOND FITCHURN National Chairman Statehood of the Republic

"The immortality of Thomas Jefferson does not lie in any one of his achievements, but in his attitude toward mankind."

"Every government," he wrote, "degenerates when entrusted to the rule of the people alone. The people themselves, therefore, are its only safe depositors."

"Whenever the people are well-informed and things get so far wrong to attract their notice, they may be relied upon to set them to rights."

"The principle of the American idea of balanced powers in government," he declared, "is that of a separation of Legislative, Executive and Judiciary functions, except in cases of emergency."

"If the three powers maintain their mutual independence... our government may last long, but not so long as we can assure the stability of the other."

Happenings of Long Ago

Fifty Years Ago Persons are warned to keep dogs away from the cemetery as the section is using poison to combat gophers.

About 20 young persons surprised Miss Elsie Kysor Wednesday night and presented her with a perfume case, a pair of gold cuff buttons and a pair of silver napkin rings as birthday presents.

Under Worth, quietly and without any confusion, followed his meat market on Tuesday last, and will not doubt do his share of business.

William Parks of Troy brought in a beautiful wolf robe one day last week which he found on the tow line, to be advertised. He handed it over to a man in a field came in to advertise for a lost robe.

Twenty-Five Years Ago Here is a puzzle that puzzles everybody: Take the amount of your living brothers, double it and add the number of your living sisters, and multiply the result by ten.

Random Remarks

John D. M. Hamilton, chairman, Republican National Committee, addressing New Jersey Republicans.

Viscount Halifax, British Foreign Minister: "The English people have never remained, and I think never can remain, aloof from what is happening in Europe."

Will H. Hayes, president, Motion Picture Producers: "The function of the entertainment art is to entertain. There is no other criterion."

Neville Chamberlain, British Prime Minister: "Let us always remember that the sacrifice of peace are far less terrible than those of war."

Herbert Hoover, former President: "The forms of government which other people pass through in working out their destinies are not our business."

Jots 'n' Jest

SU-LIN, the baby panda "crown" who died in the Chicago zoo, is remembered as one foreign entertainer who lived up to advance notices.

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