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Three Cuties Gold-Diggers Or Not, They Struck Guggenheim Copper

Never having known the late Mr. William Guggenheim or his family or the circumstances that led him to be worth the entire residue of his estate, more than \$1,000,000, to three pitiful young ladies, we are not inclined to criticize his last will and testament.

Mr. Guggenheim and his six brothers inherited quite a stake in copper mines in the Old Man Meyer Guggenheim, William, by reputation an astute business man in his own right, was certainly no Tommy Xanville. Under his sunny eye, the family fortune continued to pile up.

William died last month, at 78. The will was made public this week and the New York newspapers proceeded to sensationalize over the provision that three pitiful young ladies share alike in the fortune. The implication was that William wronged his wife and son when he cut 'em off without a cent.

Well, we say, it was his money. He earned it in the will that his family had been taken care of during his lifetime. It is his money, and he has the right to do as he pleases with it.

As for the cuties, this should be a lesson to all their sister rollers that it is unwise to leave property to dig for money than for gold.

This Is It Japan Must Decide if She Will Retreat or Fight

President Roosevelt used the flat tone and a wry smile yesterday when he said reporters how the United States was tried to appease Japan and keep her out of the Pacific.

And here was a nation called Japan, which had been so aggressive in its purpose to enlarge their empire, that they don't have any oil of their own in the world.

Now, if we cut the oil off, they probably would have gone down to the Dutch Indies a year ago and you would have had war.

There is every indication that the United States, now that Japan has undertaken the military occupation of China, will cut off this supply of oil. If it is cut off, the President said, Japan will go to the Dutch Indies, she invades the Indies, it means that she and the United States will go to war.

Third Term The Men Without a Party—La Guardia Will Run Again

This week a duck-bottomed little man runs the world's second-largest city set down and wrote: "During the past two months there have been so many appeals... to continue to support the non-political government of our city that I have, contrary to my preference, decided to submit myself as a candidate to the voters of this city."

Wany controversies have centered around the Little Flower, the least of which probably was whether La Guardia was a Catholic or a Jew. He was a Jew, but few persons deny that he was the first elected mayor in 1935.

he has given New York the cleanest, most efficient, and most popular government it has ever enjoyed.

During the past decade the name of La Guardia has become so closely associated in the public mind with New York that there has been a widespread tendency to think of him as the ultimate New Yorker.

One of the most un-military-looking men in public life, he is an Army Air Corps major who saw fighting in France during the World War.

At 58, he is not only chief executive of New York City, but of the Office of Civilian Control. He works an average of about 12 hours a day at a rate that would baffle the ordinary executive.

He is the great paradox, one of the most powerful politicians in the nation—and a man without political party or machine. As such he is the pioneer of a new kind of honest government which the majority of New York voters seems to admire.

O-Boys The Blank Spaces Are for the Reader's Own Expletives

It is long policy for Congressional committees to hear witnesses for and against bills under consideration. Their testimony may sharpen the committees' understanding of the legislation, and in any case the people have a right to be heard.

However, the parade of witnesses before committees dealing with defense legislation has produced some notable freaks. We cite you a day earlier this week when the Senate Military Affairs Committee, of which Bob Reynolds, dad gummit, is chairman, was holding hearings in a bill to extend the one-year limit on the service of Selectees, Reservists and the National Guard.

General Marshall appeared and had a good deal to say. For the rest of the session the committee listened to a couple of fartos. Q is the letter for both of them.

Scrap Steel We Shipped Boatloads to Japan; Now—a Shortage

As everyone knows, the production of steel is the heart of the American defense effort. It is disconcerting, therefore, to learn that steel ingot output, now at almost 100 per cent of capacity, will have to be sharply curtailed within from two to four weeks because of a shortage of scrap steel.

This is an ironic revelation, coming as it does when we stand at the brink of war with Japan, to whom during the past five years we have sent millions of tons of scrap steel.

Why the shortage? Two reasons, says the Wall Street Journal: the ceiling on the price of scrap steel (\$20) is too low to encourage unusual steel on the part of junk dealers; and many a junk dealer of his employees have found jobs in the Government, they would be assured of a steady income.

Hershey's Scalp

By Hugh S. Johnson

ANTHUR KROCK wrote a column recently about the hope of some New Dealers to supersede Hershey as director of selectees and reserves. He said: "As a matter of fact, General Hershey is not now and never has been the director only 'acting' director. Dr. Gullion, president of the University of Wisconsin, was the only director appointed. That appointment was a partly New Deal money business."

The obvious General Allen Gullion, judge advocate general, with Hershey as deputy. It was obvious because Gullion had been a key-man in the first draft and knew the problem from the inside and because all precedent pointed to a quasi-judicial director with enough military knowledge to understand the balance between the military and civilian requirements of the problem.

But the New Dealers went a finger in that pie. They wouldn't stand for Gullion, and they wouldn't stand for Hershey, so they picked Dykstra as their man. He was in the draft but had not soiled himself in study of the World War draft. He was a well and religiously as Gullion. Dr. Dykstra made him

It all turned out perfectly. Dr. Dykstra at once perceived that the plans were as carefully and carefully as possible and that Hershey was ideally suited to carry them out. So he wisely and unobtrusively assigned all his authority to Hershey and has himself been little more than a name in the organization having done nothing continuously absent.

DRIFT IS BEST-EFFECTED PART OF DEFENSE EFFORT In the meantime, the draft has been the best effected of all defense efforts. It was in no sense experimental and no socializing blunders have been given a place in its Administration. The process has been entirely Democratic, the blunders and failures are few, and the country has complete confidence in its Administration. It does great credit to the military leadership of Dr. Dykstra.

But if every man deserved credit and official recognition of his fine work for the country by promotion and appointment as strict director of selectees, what place would there be for Hershey. He is not a particularly ambitious man and cares nothing for credit. General Hershey would doubtless be entirely satisfied to let the situation rock along until it is in the hands of an "acting" director. No harm would follow if that were done.

MEDDLING WOULD CAUSE DISPERFACTION IN ARMY But if, as some observers suspect, an inexperienced civilian of ultra-right New Deal type of social experimenter were brought to take Dr. Dykstra's place and began theoretical meddling with an operation that is being drilled to perfection, it would cause the greatest dismay and dissatisfaction in the Army, as Mr. Krock says (and I agree) throughout the country.

There are signs and rumors of this kind, not on all the facts, it seems so uncivic, unjust and just plain cockeyed that I can't believe the President would let it go for a moment. And yet, why has Hershey been for so long only "acting" director?

Highway Lights Save Lives

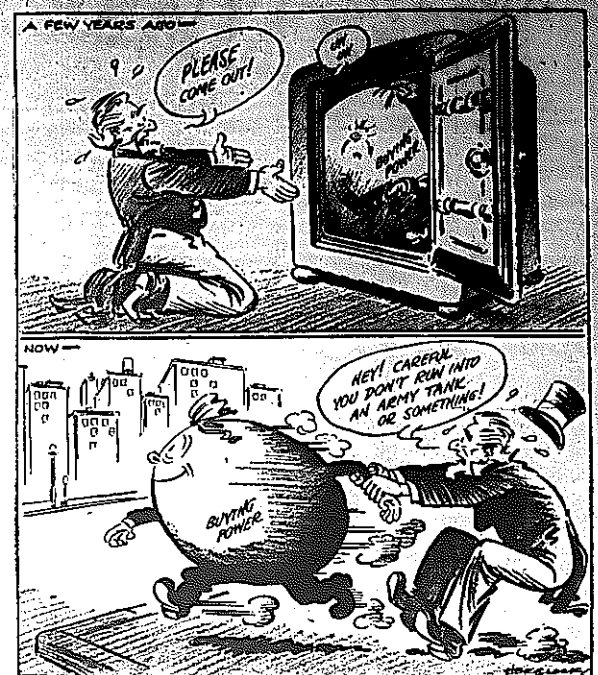
Baltimore Sun Alabama has entered upon a highway-lighting program which, according to the American City, is comparable to the work done in that field by the New Jersey Highway Department. Two installations thus far have been made. One is on the six-lane Birmingham-Bessemer highway, the other is at the State-Graden station of the highway between Birmingham and Memphis.

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The QUEEN CITY'S HOPE CHEST No. 1 - An Uptown Theater-Auditorium No. 2 - A Separate Court District No. 3 - An Uptown Rest Room No. 4 - Street-Widening

Problem Child

By Jonathan Daniels



Having Fun On Army Pay

Jonathan Daniels in The Nation

"You mean the duck, duck, duck," said the sergeant. He grinned. The soldier had not noticed about the deductions. Veterans of the last war remember them, but men in the new Army who thought their \$21 pay, while not much, was \$21 clear are still surprised by them.

Among the expenses they griped about were cleaning bills, haircuts, anything broken or lost, a 25-cent fee for recreation, 25 cents more for the old soldiers' home. In addition low-cost Government insurance, while voluntary, had to be taken in the first 120 days after induction or not at all, and it cost 65 cents per \$1,000 on a soldier twenty years old. There is not much money left in soldiers' pockets for fun.

When the sergeant and I went over their complaints, we figured that for a man carrying \$1,000 of insurance on his back, which he is being drilled to risk, the deductions would come to \$25 a month in the summer time, when no winter uniforms need cleaning but when laundry costs about \$150 and a couple of necessary haircuts will cost the soldier back 70 cents. It is not a great deal, but it cuts quite a chunk out of the supposed net pay of a soldier's pay above his living. If he smokes—which certainly cannot be held against him as an obligation of Uncle Sam's—that would take, say \$35 more. A soldier has personal necessities, such as razor blades, shaving soap, stamps, a lot of little things, which we might call 50 cents a month. That leaves him with something special on the installment plan. Add 45 to \$255 to \$235 and subtract it from \$21. That leaves \$10 for all the off-post recreation and everything else a selectee wishes to pay for himself. And such recreation, as the Army has stated in justification for the building of the recreation centers, is what the soldier wants. He can't buy a lot of it in 30 days for \$10.

At the State-Graden station of the highway between Birmingham and Memphis. There are signs and rumors of this kind, not on all the facts, it seems so uncivic, unjust and just plain cockeyed that I can't believe the President would let it go for a moment. And yet, why has Hershey been for so long only "acting" director?

There has been a good deal of talk by people who are more interested in low wages for workers than better morale for soldiers about plumbers getting as much for working one day as a soldier gets for maneuvering for a week. As the comparison is used, it makes very little sense. But in terms of morale, in terms of good natural recreation, the little pay from which the "duck, duck, duck" must come is one of the chief things which stands in the way of a contented Army.

One instance was told by Lindley Fraser: "A week or two ago they produced little butanahle badges for the men on the staff of the Winter Hotel Fund. Each of these badges had a portrait of a famous German: Bach, Mozart, Schiller, Wagner, Melike, and so on, and of course last, and also last, Adolf Hitler.

"We jumped at the chance and immediately started to press the Germans to buy all the others except Hitler. In fact, we ran an election. Here, we vote 'is your first chance to vote' in free election for years. Vote for Mozart, buy Schiller, and so on." We got by within a few days he was busy announcing that millions of Hitler badges had been bought and that the sellers were unable to get rid of others.

TODAY'S BIBLE THOUGHT

One came to Him and said, Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?—Matt. 19:16.

Side Glances An illustration of a man in a suit looking out a window. Below it is a list of items: 'Back to the Bright Light (Balfour Item, Hendersonville Times-News) Mr. and Mrs. Roy Daniels have moved from the village back to Greensville, N. C. (16 Year Ago, Transylvania Times) The Good Old Days 'What about a man who offers to pay for a patch of sidewalk to use Bryans Valley News; and when we make out his receipt he offers us a bill for \$100 to accept? As we have just deposited we could not change the bill, but if he had not been bigger than we were there would have been a scrap right away. Do you 'revoke'—we would most certainly be death trying to get people to pay essence of brains as dattled in our office if we had change for a hundred 'dollar bill.'

Resorting To Abuse

By Ray of the Sun

Clapper, in connection with the U.S.A. There is no one to be put on—\$50 per cent of several million people—no one to be put on the job like you, Pepper and Lily Roosevelt.

Your article yesterday has been forwarded to the authorities in Washington for observation.

"I will not buy a paper which will be used to abuse the people of the United States and flung from the small of your paid, low-class, common, unprofessional, uninteresting, unskillful, non-loyalty to our best country, or love for our flag, no admiration for our land do you show?"

HEB A "MENACE" SHOULD BE "REMOVED" "You are a menace to the welfare of the country and they should remove you."

"Why don't you go to England and let Churchill's boots every day as you must have taken the backing of Roosevelt."

"You certainly have a lot of guts like all the rest in the White House to give any of your ideas of what the rate you call Mr. Roosevelt—he does just as the sick British men tell him to and leave it to the Jews to do the rest of the dirty work."

"Nothing but Jew, a traitor of a cur would attack a true American like Lindbergh. He has more brains and information in his little finger than all the subsidized columnists."

"You have become so hysterical lately that the only apt term to describe you is meonoc."

MR. CLAPPER IS NOT POPULAR WITH HIS CHAIR "You filthy reptile, you low Red... The cure of God on you. By God I'll say for you until I die and I'll kill you as sure as there is a thing in your head. We got rid of you England in 1776 and to get rid of them now one word for all we have to get rid of you like you and your Administration. In conclusion, God curse you."

"Don't pay any attention to what Lindbergh says. Just listen to what that brutal, Finnish tyrant in the White House has to say."

"You dirty... calling Lindbergh an alien—you traitor. Arnold was your special grandfather."

AND SO ON with varying degrees of ingenuity and self-revelation as to the kind of following that has gravitated to the Lindbergh standard. One letter asks, "You do not know that Colonel Lindbergh will be a President of the great nation some day?"

ONLY ISOLATIONIST WEAPON LEFT IN ABUSE The isolationist cause has run out of argument and has crumbled to the point where it has only one weapon left—abuse.

The facts have converted the bulk of the American people. Most of us have gone through the cycle from isolation to the situation in Europe changed. There was some point in isolationism while England and France held a balance in Europe that made it impossible for any one power to assume threatening domination.

That balance has been upset. The American people have recognized it in their actions since the fall of France by voting more than 40 billion dollars for defense. Why have we changed to that expensive tune? Because we all know—including the isolationists who won't admit it except by voting for defense—that there has been a change in the balance that creates a danger for us.