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Erratum

It has been pointed out to us that in our review yesterday of the legislation passed by this special session of Congress, we were in error in saying that it was in very small type which seemed to be trying to hide something.

We are glad to do it. There was one bill of some importance passed. It was the appropriation of \$225,000 for the traveling expenses of the members of Congress to and from the special session.

Conrad Comes Through

Conrad is alive and well today. And we are glad of it. Somehow we like Conrad.

Conrad, if you didn't read the story, was ship's kitchen on the square-rigged ship, the Commodore. In an instant moment, he had forgotten to hold on to the rail and so had gone overboard. The sea was all around Conrad, rolling most damagingly.

Not-So-Foolish Fears

In telling the newspaper boys of his conference with a couple of utility moguls from up Pennsylvania way, the President was what he seldom is -- inane.

Behind England's Moe

England, which a few weeks ago could not resist the temptation of the Mediterranean for duty in China, is apparently preparing now to steam a great part of the grand fleet east of Suez shortly, and she is strengthening her garrison at Hongkong.

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days already been upon, until April. And so England, which never yet has been disturbed by mere words, will have a breathing space of three or four months in which to bristle up for the education of the Nipponese.

To How the Line

The Senate Civil Liberties Committee might well take a tip from the committee of eminent persons that has been formed to go to bat for the restoration of constitutional rights in the bailiwick of Mayor Frank (Rifka) C'est moi Hagios of Jersey City. This committee, on which are to be found such middle-of-the-roaders as Walter Lippmann and Edna Ferber, has been organized to see that the rights of the injured party, CIO, but because it is devoted to civil liberties even for those of whose principles and behavior it may heartily disapprove. The Senate committee, La Follette's pious thing, evinces no such detachment.

And for this reason, this committee's disclosure yesterday on the subject of industrial espionage and strike-breaking, deplorable as such tactics are, do not quite carry the weight that they would had La Follette et al. ever showed the slightest concern over the rights of the employers of labor, and the tactics, equally deplorable, of strikers. The committee may dismiss such an allegation of bias by saying that the bosses are altogether able to look out for their own rights. In fact, the law can hear the committee's plea to much right now. And again it misses the point, for the point of a civil liberties committee is that it shall defend neither this side nor that, but that it shall defend civil liberties wherever it learns of their violation.

The Reason of It

The peace negotiations between AFL and CIO having gone the way of the Brussels conference and all parleys between major powers in our time, we are moved to reflect that, so far as an outsider can see, there seems to be no conclusive reason why they shouldn't as organizations get together. There is the question of vertical unions or craft unions, to be sure, but that, after all, would seem in common sense to call for a compromise in which there would be room for both. And surely this question is secondary when compared to the things which the sides have in common.

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In Praise of Sillabub

(Col. Warren A. Parr, Lincoln Times)

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paid either in money or in kind, and thus it might result in a series of discontinuing disclosures which would subject the offending institutions to public scorn and to additional sanctions and get them in warm water with their opponents. And that would be a come-off, for the universities in this neck of the woods would find themselves free at last from the Graham Plan only to be under a more rigorous Morgenthau Plan, with the FBI having come to mean 'Full Back Investigations.' Maybe it would be the part of wisdom just to go ahead and pay the drafted tax.

THE METHOD, NOT THE END

WASHINGTON—The defeat of the wage and hour bill carries its lessons to the nation.

A lot of 'em has been made of people who say: 'I am for such and such an objective of the President, but I can't accept this or that method of reaching it.' O. K. Anything the way and hour bill repeated gets through. Nothing I can recall ever gave me a greater pain in the neck than to be constantly reminded at the end of two or three years that the thing I had been fighting for had been accomplished.

Exactly the same strategy and practice of the Graham Plan is being used in the farm bill. The House Old Style Farm Reform House and Senate versions of that measure are twin monstrosities. Both set up a far worse dictatorship and the probably more moderate method of reaching the end of the hour bill. But the farm bill by both houses notwithstanding the almost universal agreement among students of its provisions that it is rotten to the core. Why?

The answer is perfectly simple. It has two branches—patronage and obscenity. The wage and hour bill was a much simpler proposition. It was easier to expose its horrors. Nobody could successfully defend it in any but an impartial non-political forum.

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City's Holiday Garb Reminds Her Of Coney

Money Spent Ought To Have Got Us Excellent Decorations In Season's Spirit.

Dear Sir: A great deal has been said about the amount of money spent on holiday decorations for the business season, money that would be better spent in relieving the distress of the city's poor.

The Association sponsoring this laundry display, apparently in an effort to divert the money on to doing that Christmas shopping early, caused it to be crested before Thanksgiving Day and formally gave it to the world the night after Thanksgiving. Since then the foliage would about the wires has of course withered and died. So far only decorations before Christmas the shopping district has been bedecked with loads of dead yellow, bedraggled and depressing and certainly not the sort of thing that inspires people to rush out and buy up the town in a frenzy of Yuletide spirit.

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

On request, sent with stamped, addressed envelope, Mr. Ripley will furnish proof of anything depicted by him.



Explanation of Today's Cartoon

THE GALLOPING EARL—Robert Carey, the first Earl of Monmouth, 1560-1630, was a favorite of Queen Elizabeth of England, and was indebted to her for most of his personal fortune. When the queen lay dying in London in March 1603, Carey decided to ingratiate himself with the queen's successor by being the first to notify James of Scotland of her demise. The queen died in the early morning of March 24, and Carey lost no time in mounting his horse for the grand ride to James the First's headquarters at Holyrood, Scotland. He covered the distance of 400 miles on horseback in 60 hours, using three horses. Considering the bad state of the roads in the 17th century, his ride is a most remarkable feat of horsemanship.

Two Conditions in City Streets Which Officials Should Give Attention To

Dear Sir: There are two little conditions on the streets of Charlotte that need attending to of some sort.

One: The condition of the sidewalk in front of Hastings Garage on South Church Street. This ally greases and dirt that covers parts of the surface of the walk not only make the section look bad but keep it adequately equipped for people getting dirty or falling. When the weather freezes, so does the walk.

Two: The intersection of South and East Boulevard needs a traffic light. This intersection is a dangerous intersection. Congratulations to your Mr. Paul for the aid similar: 'As difficult as getting into East Morehead from South McDowell.' Verily one can read a chapter from a book while waiting.

Maxwell H. Hark

Visiting Around

CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR IN FAN MILA

Hint to Whom, Venessa? (Venessa Purson, Monroe Journal) Hint: I am expecting a wedding to take place about Christmas, and I will be delighted to send it to The Journal.

New All Pigs Despite Cold Weather— (Venessa Purson, Monroe Journal) Hint: I am expecting a wedding to take place about Christmas, and I will be delighted to send it to The Journal.

For a year I've been treasuring a human document which appeared in a Miami newspaper. It was signed 'Perplexed' and it ran: 'I am engaged to a young man, but I am worried because he has no steady job and is drinking heavily. He borrows money from me constantly and beats it on the horse races. Someone or other has been seen to win. At least he always gets the next day. Honey, I lost every penny. I can't tell whether he is telling me the truth, because he never takes me with him. There is another girl who goes with him to the horse races. I know this is true, but he always denies it. And I am worried, too, because he has such a bad temper. He frequently swears at me and is cross almost all the time. Do you think I ought to marry him?'

The newspaper expert answered, 'Certainly not. Tell the young man that you do not wish to see him again, and then proceed to forget about him as soon as possible. Marriages to such a man would be a disaster.'

The More to Lose

(Richmond Times-Dispatch) Why is it that committees formed to uphold civil liberties in this country generally include a prominent majority of radicals? Why do not the conservative recognize that there is the largest state in our civilization, and that consequently they ought to serve on such committees, and see that the rights of free speech, a free press, religious and political and assembly are upheld?

We are moved to those reflections by recent editorial expressions of the Memphis Schmittler appropos of National Council of Civil Liberties in that city. The Memphis authorities have apparently taken the view that persons with radical leanings have few, if any, rights under the Constitution. The Memphis Schmittler states that an organization will be formed in Memphis for the protection of civil liberties, and that it probably will have a distinct radical tinge. The paper then goes on to say:

The conservatives have more to lose by the loss of liberty and the protection of law than the radicals. It is more than a coincidence that the only country in Europe which is under Communist rule is Russia, the country which under the stars rigorously suppressed its radicals and clipped their wings. The country which has the most wealth and most science in England, when radicals have always been permitted to say what they please and to read what they please without interference.

True Love Hits a Bump

(John Hadden, Salisbury Post) Non-matrimony: In county court Saturday a man was held in trial on a charge of driving while drunk. ... His name was True Love. ... And officers testified that True Love was so completely confident at the time of arrest that he fell out of the car to his trunk at the feet of the arresting officers. ... And that True Love, as the old saying goes, did not run smoothly.

Definition

(Richmond Times-Dispatch) An American is any one who works overtime to pay for his Christmas.