

WASHINGTON DAYBOOK

By HERBERT C. PLUMMER

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Across Missouri avenue from the census bureau are several blocks of old houses. The windows frame dark faces, and in the street negro boys sinker with ancient automobiles. One of the houses is distinguished from the others by a broken board carelessly wired to the railing of the steps. This is numbered 51 and reads:

JOHN TYLER RESIDED IN THIS HOUSE BEFORE HE BECAME PRESIDENT
As Tyler entered congress in 1816 he may have lived in the house more than 100 years ago. Looking at it one does not hesitate to believe it.

The sign, "Rooms for Rent," the hot dog wagon resting (for it was Sunday) in front of the place, and another sign offering to press and repair could not take away the dignity from the doorway or the grandeur from the doors with their carved faces.

Quite Dirty
There is no bell or knocker. We were curious to see how the place looked on the inside and walked into the dark hall. It was not necessary to have a light to discover that it was very dirty.

We followed the handsome old balusters up through the dusk toward the sound of feminine laughter, and found a pretty young Greek woman standing at a stove vesturing with a pancake turner. Another young matron was holding a baby. They occupied the light housekeeping apartment on the second floor. One of the women did not speak English, but her little girl did. They were all proudly hospitable.

It was difficult to reconstruct the rooms as they must have looked before the civil war. The marble fireplaces are guarded now by red and green pictures of Greek military heroes of Greko-Turkish wars. Modern linoleums cover the floors crowded with overstuffed and shining mahogany finished furniture.

Yet John Tyler reside down in this house. Undoubtedly some of his numerous children slid down the walnut banister.

Leatherneck Writer
Maj. Gen. John A. Lejeune, described by his friends as the greatest leatherneck of them all, has laid aside his fighting equipment for awhile and is writing a book. It is to be called "Reminiscences of a Marine" and will be his version of "how the marines won the

SOCIETY

Miss Frances Martin and Miss Alice Dcherty have issued invitations for a dinner in honor of the senior class, at the Martin home Friday evening.

Mrs. Will Beckley is entertaining the Community Bridge Club and guests this afternoon. After luncheon at the Oasis the guests played several rounds of bridge at the Beckley home.

Mrs. A. C. Grant will have as luncheon guests Wednesday, Mrs. Roy W. Martin and Mrs. Yates.

LeRand Orr entertained a group of young friends with an Easter party Saturday afternoon at the home of his parents, Judge and Mrs. Wm. E. Orr on North Fifth street.

Miss Marion Cahlan was hostess to 18 tiny folks on Sunday afternoon when her mother, Mrs. A. E. Cahlan entertained with an Easter party in her honor.

PERSONAL
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Devers and finally were visitors in this city with relatives over the week end. They are from Brea, California, and this was their first desert trip. Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Harrison and party of Grand Park, California spent the week end as the guests of their old friends, Dr. and Mrs. Roy W. Martin. Mr. Harrison is an ex-newspaper man and was for many years prominent in Nebraska politics.

MENINGITIS EPIDEMIC IS HELD SERIOUS

SHANGHAI, April 2.—The meningitis epidemic having reached serious proportions, officials of the steamship companies have decided not to accept steerage passengers bound for America, hoping to prevent the spread of the disease to America.

It is to be published in Philadelphia by Dorrance & company. General Lejeune retired as commandant of the marine corps March 4, after eight years of service. He will become superintendent of Virginia Military Institute—"the West Point of the south"—next fall.

Costumers Ready With Spring Styles



An interesting woolsen fabric makes the smart suit at the left. The exford and handbag are of Java lizard. Center: An ideal coat for treamer wear of brown and white check with cuffs of beaver. Right: A new evening gown of black crepe Elizabeth combined with white and green. The chiffon handkerchief of green is an important new note. Models posed by Lord and Taylor.

AGE PUBLISHES IN NEW PLANT

This issue of the Las Vegas Age is published from the new plant at 411 Fremont, on the new Duplex press which was installed last week.

Last Saturday's edition was made up in the old plant, the forms were printed on the new press. The moving of the equipment was affected Saturday night, and this is the first issue to be wholly manufactured in the new offices.

Three weeks ago Contractor C. C. Young started the construction of the new plant, which extends back to the alleyway. This building, constructed of tile, was roofed exactly a week from the time it was started.

The office building, the west half of which is occupied by the Age offices, was built the following week, in four days, and since that time the finishing and equipping of a modern plant has been carried speedily forward.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Capt. Sir Hubert Wilkins, Polar explorer, announced today he is considering a voyage across the North Pole by submarine, possibly this summer or next.

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Hollywood Sights Sounds

By ROBBIN C. JONES
HOLLYWOOD, April 2.—For some time we have believed that Hollywood's easiest job was that held by the portly negro who guards the entrance to the Pathe studio at Culver City.

Day after day Major T. Harris (Major is his name, not a military title) sits or stands, resplendent in his dogman's uniform, and with dignified ease extends his arm to swing back the screen door for visitors. Those who walk up in the porch of this white colonial frame building that resembles an old southern mansion more than a movie factory are not interrupted by Major—all are welcome to him. The unpleasant task of turning back those who have no proper mission within falls upon the keeper of the inner door. So Major remains unruffled, serene, supremely content in his dignified position, and except occasionally to descend to the road to assist at the opening of automobile doors, need never stir. He is part of the picture of old southern charm that the buildings presents.

But now we are forced to the conclusion that Major's labors are great—in comparison to those of the "whistle-blowers" at Warner's.

Important Ease
There are four of these workers at the stage where "On With the Show" is being filmed and recorded at Warner's auxiliary studio on the old Vitagraph lot. Their sole duty is to blow a whistle about every quarter of an hour, one blast the first time, two a minute or so later. For eight hours they are on duty, then the day's work is done.

The new positions have not been created, however merely to increase the Warner payroll. They are important jobs. For "On With the Show" is an all-talking picture, being filmed entirely in color on a large stage where an unique theater has been built.

Sh-h-h Men
But outside, while singers, dancers and actors are performing under microphones within, a large construction program is under way. It was inevitable that the exterior noises, workmen shouting orders, loaded trucks rumbling, materials being dumped, and hammering, should interfere with recording. Hence the whistle-blowers.

They stand outside the sound stage entrances, and on signal from within, each blows one blast as a warning that outside work is to cease temporarily during recording. When the sequence is completed, they sound two blasts and the melody of exterior sounds can begin again.

Congress To Consider Air Base For Dirigibles On Pacific Coast

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Laying plans for the operation of the navy's two new giant dirigibles to be built in Ohio, congress has been asked to establish a lighter-than-air base on the Pacific coast.

Extended flights to prove the worth of airships for both military and commercial purposes are planned. The flights, navy officials have intimated, may be made across the Pacific to the Hawaiian islands if the west coast base is approved. Cost of the base is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Since the new airships are to be assigned to the fleet for tactical duties, navy officials say a base should be provided on the west coast, where the ships would be close to the battle fleet and its aircraft squadrons.

Better conditions prevail over the Pacific than over the Atlantic, which would make feasible the operation of the new dirigibles on a regular schedule between California and the Hawaiian islands. Contact with the American outposts in the Hawaiian islands for both commercial and military reasons has been considered important by the government for years.

The present naval air base at San Diego has been considered by navy air officials to be too crowded for successful operation of aircraft. Two hundred and forty planes are now operating with fleet maneuvers at sea, and planes in reserve must be maintained at shore bases.

Establishment of an adequate air base at some point on the Pacific coast decided upon after a survey of possible sites would make possible operation of both heavier-than-air and lighter-than-air craft from the same base with an appreciable saving of funds, navy officials say.

TAHOE ROAD OPEN

The road to Lake Tahoe by way of the Clear Creek grade is open and in fair condition for the greater part of the distance to the lake, according to motorists who have made the trip.

The use of chains is necessary, however, in some of the cuts near the summit. Several cars have made the trip during the past few days, it is said.

A FAN BY ACCIDENT

NEW YORK, April 2.—Bill Carey, new head of Madison Square Garden, never saw a boxing match until 1920, when he went to a card in Boyle's Thirty Acres, more to inspect the big wooden bowl than to watch the fighters. He came away a confirmed fight fan.

TONY HAS TO SHOW 'EM

NEW YORK, April 2.—When the Yankees appear here in their first home game in April, the Babe again will be the prize attraction, but there will be a few thousand out there to see for themselves whether Tony Lazzeri's throwing arm is strong again. Fans and critics alike have shown considerable skepticism.

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