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STUBBORN NATIONS

JAPAN and China are stubborn. First Japan, heedless of international convention, pacts or any other idealistic agreements, invades Manchuria, then over-runs Shanghai. Diplomatic leaders make humble explanations to other nations; civil governmental authorities chide the military. The military, however, laughs up its gold braided sleeve and continues to dig into its eastern cousin. What can the world do about it?

Treaties are cited. Japan says her actions are not treaty violations. The rest of the world could boycott Japan. But it won't, for Japanese trade is too big an item and this is a commercial world. The other nations could start a bigger war, but what would be gained and who would take the chances of another world conflict. In other words, Japan has the rest of the world stumped and continues on her own way.

China, thinking that she might stir up a little added trouble, turns her guns toward the Shanghai international settlement and cuts loose a bombardment. Probably she believes that the settlement guards, which include companies of American, British, French and Italian fighting men, will fight back not only at the Chinese but the Japanese and there will be a complicated three-cornered mix-up. China is angry because Nippon's marines violated the neutrality of the foreign settlement by marching through the streets. She herself is going as far as she dares in bringing the battle into that zone. China, although facing heavy odds, is going her own way, too. Both nations are very stubborn.

KIDNAPERS' PENALTIES

SOME congressmen, prompted by a passion for making more laws or perhaps from a real interest in the matter, have suggested a measure that would wreak dire punishment on kidnapers or those who conspired to kidnap.

The death penalty has been suggested, as has life imprisonment, for these crimes. The law, they point out, should be federal in order to apply to gangs who take their hostages from one state into another. Investigators in Chicago and other middle-western cities are finding there have been more kidnappings than have reached the report books of police departments.

It would seem, judging from the news, that no town, not even the smallest hamlet, is immune from the vicious mobsters who ply this kidnaping trade. Even in Las Vegas, though it was never publically announced, there was a kidnap plot recently rumored. The plan was never carried through, however, and worried parents of two small children were finally pacified.

Perhaps the congressmen who would put kidnaping in a place with the Mann and Dyer acts, with severe penalties, have suggested a feasible way to combat the menace.

REV. MASTERSON TO HOLD SERVICES

In the absence of the Rev. C. H. Sloan, who is ill in a hospital in Reno, Rev. Masterston will conduct the regular Baptist services in Las Vegas until the return of the regular pastor, it was announced last night.
Sunday school will be conducted at 10 a. m., and regular church services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

SIXTY PER CENT ARE EARNING SCHOOLING

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Jan. 29. (U.P.)—A survey just completed at Arizona State Teachers' college here shows that 60 per cent of the 550 students are working their way through school.
Approximately one person of every 12 inhabitants are treated in hospitals of the United States annually.

WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON — That old injunction about sawing wood and saying nothing does not apply to Gov. "Alfalfa Bill" Murray of Oklahoma.



He planned to tackle the woodpile on his Washington visit. The news cameras men got advance notice to make sure they would be on hand to record so historic a scene. But the lanky transplanted Texan talked so much and about 60 many things during his Washington-revisited tour that one wonders how he found time to sleep.

For political writers none of his utterances had so much savor as his press interview recapitulation of the democratic list of presidential possibilities. None of them seemed to please Governor Bill. He did not discuss himself in that light, of course. Few are doing that yet.

NOMINATING BY INFERENCE
But, in effect, the Oklahoma governor managed to make a one man nominating convention out of that talk with the Washington political writers. He was both nominator and nominee by inference. The next day he obliged with a few glimpses of the Murray 1932 platform ideas.

Prior to this invasion of the eastern seaboard territory by the Oklahoma governor, most political speculators of the Bystander's acquaintance were inclined to ticket the Murray presidential nomination boom was in reality a drive for the vice presidential berth.
The favorite way of running for that job is to do a flank movement on presidential nominee honors. That is the way Curtis of Kansas worked it in 1928.

Taking Murray's blunt summary of the eligibility of the leading figures in the race for the democratic nomination as face value, however, how could he expect favorable glances in his direction as a possible running mate should any of the men whose claims he brushed aside so casually, make the grade?
Take Governor Roosevelt of New York, not the Philippines, for example.

Should he be nominated for president, selection of a running mate from the interior might appeal for vote-getting purposes. But with Murray proclaiming the New Yorker as "without courage," and not measuring up to the situation, certainly a Roosevelt-Murray ticket would seem unlikely.

POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY
A vice president of the United States once told the Bystander that nobody ever really ran for that post anyhow.

"Vice presidential nominees are selected, not elected," he said.
Looking back to the Kansas City convention that put up the winning Hoover-Curtis ticket, that seems confirmed.

And Curtis was picked by candidate Hoover and his advisers, not because of any love lost between the two men personally, but because of highly practical questions of political geography. A presidential nominee can forgive a lot under that urge.

BATTLER DROPS BOUT TO POLICE IN WILD SPRINT

Dick Schwartz, well known "Batling Expressman," who has gained local renown in the squared circle of the prize ring, yesterday lost a decision to Officers Foxley and Jones in a thrilling chase half way across Las Vegas.

Foxley and Jones were patrolling Westside streets when they said they saw Schwartz speeding along Clark street well in excess of 30 miles an hour. In the chase that followed

EVERYDAY MOVIES



"Just squint one eye and see it come right out"

HIP-POCKETER COUPLE FINDS NABBED HERE

Another alleged "hip-pocket" bootlegger operating from a car parked in front of a local gambling establishment was nabbed by Officer Jack Ott last night after several nights of watching the suspected car.

A warrant was issued for the car, and, waiting for the car to park in its usual place, Ott observed the suspected driver attempt to squeeze into a short parking space, dimpling the fender of another car in the process. The owner of the damaged car appeared on the scene and Officer Ott arbitrated the ensuing dispute to both car owners' satisfaction, asking Jim Morris, the suspected man, to come to the station to report the accident.

At the station, Ott flashed the warrant upon the surprised Morris and proceeded with a search of his car and person. Morris, who gave his address as Havre, Mont., was found to have three "mickies" and two pints in his car, according to police. He was charged with illegal possession and jailed.

Boulevard stop at Main and Clark streets, sped up Stewart street at 45 miles an hour, and ran the boulevard stop at Fifth and Stewart streets before being caught at Eighth and Stewart streets.

In spite of his frantic protests, Schwartz must face Municipal Judge Morse, charged with two speeding violations, and two boulevard stop violations.
Schwartz has been in the toils of the law once before, when he was found guilty and fined \$50 for assault and battery.

The Dixie college baseball league will play its entire schedule next spring, without curtailment.

COUPLE FINDS HOME BURNED

Returning home after a pleasant evening spent in Las Vegas only to find their home, with all their possessions, a mass of smoking embers, was the unpleasant experience of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Thompson, who live in the little 4-mile community south of Las Vegas.

Futile efforts of neighbors to save part of the Thompson's belongings were prevented by the flames, which enveloped the house.
The fire was thought to have started from an overheated stove, left burning when the family came to Las Vegas for the evening.

VEGAS VERDE

ARMISTICE SIGNED
Comparative quiet had been restored Friday after several days of combat between the inhabitants of Vegas Verde and North Las Vegas. Each section seemed content to content in its respective name. This left the section east of Fifth street and north of Tonopah avenue to be known as North Las Vegas, while the Rose Garden tract and the Vegas Boulder addition No. 1 is still known as Vegas Verde.

PLAN SEATTLE TRIP
Agnes Donaldson and mother are leaving Saturday for Seattle to visit Carl Donaldson, their brother and a son, who is in the U. S. marine corps at Bremerton navy yard.

FATHER DIES
Mrs. Service of Vegas Verde received news Friday of the death of her father at Kansas City.

VISIT MRS. BAKER
Lera and Daisy Farkes were the guests of Mrs. Homer Baker.

BRINGS FRUIT
J. H. Baker returned from California Thursday night with a load of fruit.

MARRIAGE LICENSES
MATHEWS — WILSON: William Martin, 24, and Nellie B., 18, Boulder City.
MARTIN — DICKERSON: Clayton T., 28, and Gertrude L., 28, both of Seligman, Ariz.

BEBEK OPENS NEW STATION

Again the public is invited to inspect a new business in Las Vegas. This time it is the new Bebek service station located at 1000 Fremont street. The building has two covered driveways and two islands, each supporting two gas pumps. Petrol gasoline, Quaker state, Penzoi, western oils, and kerosene will be dispensed. Elsewhere in this edition of the Age will be found a special, opening day bargain, offered by Bebek.

WATER SYSTEM IS INSTALLED IN TWO FISHER DIVISIONS

The Fremont Welding company, operated by Weller and Stone, have installed a complete water system on Fisher's Fremont street and Boulder Dam highway subdivision. The work has been under way for some days and was completed Saturday. Every lot owner in the subdivision can now secure artesian water by connecting with the water mains.

Tung oil trees in the south promise to enrich the section by almost \$15,000,000 annually.

WIDOW'S MITE



S. S. Silber, railroad brakeman, is looking for one. Silber, in Reno for a divorce, wants some widow to lend him \$2,500. That sum would satisfy his wife, Mrs. Mattie Gaines, St. Louis, he says, and end her threats of contesting his suit. After he had won his freedom he would marry the widow, he promises. He is shown here explaining his plan to Arthur Jeffers, his attorney, outside the bank where he would like the \$2,500 deposited.

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MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By United Press
NEW YORK, Jan. 29. (U.P.)—Press photographers—those hairy souls for whom life is just one long adventure—cavorted with more celebrities than could be counted, at their annual ball in the Hotel New Yorker.

The boys who photograph the fires and Follies girls, the murders and Manhattan skylines, have made their yearly party a legendary thing as yearly parties go. Quite naturally all the celebrities flock to the affair.
There were more of them on deck than photographers when the ball got started tonight. A quick peep revealed, among others, Rudy Vallee, Belle Baker, Bert Lahr, Ethel Merman, Morton Downey, Kate Smith, Helen Morgan, Lois Moran, Will Mahoney, Willie and Eugene Howard, Bing Crosby, Russ Columbo, Texas Guinan, the Mills brothers, Nils T. Granlund, Willard Robeson, Vincent Lopez, Roxy, Billie Dove, Lilyan Tashman, and Ona Munson.

Suicides are numerous in New York City. Half a dozen men killed themselves today. Among these were:
An unidentified man stood on the forward deck of the ferryboat Scranton, halfway across the Hudson. He took off his coat, tossed it on the deck, then reached in his trousers pocket. "Here's a coat for the poor," he said to another passenger, and here's six cents for some poor guy to get a cup of coffee."
With that he jumped.
William Ashmore, unemployed,

sat down in his room to die. He decided to let the world know how it feels. When they found him in the gas-filled room a piece of paper lay at his elbow. On it were these words:
"I have not got this tube in my mouth."
"I have it alongside of me."
"I am getting sleepy."
"I think I shall go to sleep."
The last sentence was a weak scrawl, fading off into nothingness.

Mollie Galligan was walking up Broadway. A man accosted her. "Hello, baby—want to take in a show with me?"
Mollie thought first of slapping him, but she thought he looked familiar.
"Sure," she answered, winking. "Let's go."
They walked along the street until they came to a policeman. Mollie called him over and had the masher arrested.
"A year ago," she said, "he came to my house to rent a room. While I was showing him the house he stole my pocketbook, with \$47 in it."
So Joseph Maloney, 30, was held for petit larceny.

Mme. Lucille Chevalier sang "The Last Rose of Summer" over television station W2XCR tonight. Mme. Chevalier was singing for a dog.
The dog is Pierre, her pet Pekingese. Pierre disappeared a week ago. His favorite song is "The Last Rose of Summer" and the opera singer hoped he would hear it somewhere and come home.

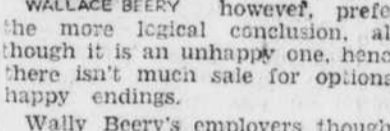
SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

HOLLYWOOD — Part of Hollywood's futile attempt to please all the people all the time includes the filming of happy endings whenever possible for pictures that end tragically.
Both versions of such pictures are offered to exhibitors. If a theater owner or manager believes his audience prefers a happy ending, that's what he gives them.
Most persons, however, prefer the more logical conclusion, although it is an unhappy one, hence there isn't much sale for optional happy endings.
Wally Beery's employers thought that because of his wide popularity some of his admirers would rather not see him killed in "Hell Divers."
As originally filmed, Beery gives up his life saving those of Clark Gable and Conrad Nagel. The new optional version has him only badly injured in the airplane accident.

Speaking of bliss and the like, I've just heard the details of a 1932 welcoming party that was a dud.
One hundred movie people decided to be club-like, and rented an entire cafe. Each was assessed \$10, which also was to pay for food, entertainment, ginger ale and so on. All wanted to make an entrance, and so all came late. The food wasn't so hot, literally and otherwise. The quantity of "sand so on" was small. The entertainment was deemed as below par.

The party broke up an hour or so after it began when a female impersonator was hissed off the stage.
The "horror cycle" brings to the screen one called "Breaks," in which legless and armless men, "pin heads," a bearded woman, pygmies and other carnival attractions play some of the important roles.
A report on the first preview says women screamed, some fainted and not a few men and women sought

the nearest exits when the gruesomeness began in earnest.
More anon, if you can sit through it.
KEEPING TWO JOBS
Fredric March is playing another dual role in "The Black Robe," his first being in the fantastic thriller, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."
Says he: "I've had no complaints yet, but I expect to be censured for keeping two actors out of work."
The first post-depression story, titled "After The Rain," will be made soon, with Sally Eilers and Spencer Tracy teamed.
The offer made Bebe Daniels by the Metropolitan Opera company some time ago still holds good, her friends say.



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