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HOSPITALS AGAIN

THE AGE in its issue of February 10 made some comment on the lack of any official emergency hospital to which injured persons may be taken. We were not criticizing the privately owned hospitals. Quite the contrary. We were criticizing a condition which leaves officials, officers and the public generally in doubt as to where emergency cases should be taken and which compels the private hospitals to perform services and use surgical supplies and medicine and provide rooms and bedding for persons who have no means of paying and for which the hospital in many cases gets no compensation whatever.

There is a mistaken idea in the minds of many people that the county hospital should take the place of or perform the functions of an emergency hospital. This, apparently, is quite impossible. There are none of the necessary appliances, instruments or equipment at the county hospital for surgical cases. It has no surgeon at hand at all times and besides the location of the county hospital makes it impractical to use it as an emergency hospital.

It is the thought of The Age that some official arrangement should be made with one of the private hospitals whereby it shall be designated and known as the Emergency hospital. There are several ways this is sometimes handled in other small cities. The expense, or part of the expense, might be borne by some harmonious agreement between the city and county. Part of the expense might be borne through various civic organizations endowing one or more beds. Or individuals desiring to leave some permanent aid to distressed humanity would occasionally bequeath funds for that purpose.

The Age believes that an unfortunate situation, one almost intolerable, exists. Private hospitals are constantly compelled to throw their doors and their entire personnel and equipment open to public service without any compensation whatever. And in cases where an injured person brought to the hospital is able to pay and a charge is made for services there is often the feeling that emergency treatment should be provided by city or county appropriations and that no charge should be made by the hospital. It is an embarrassing situation which leads not only to direct loss to the hospital, but to misunderstandings on the part of the public.

And the most important feature of the whole matter is that there shall be some officially designated emergency hospital, known as such by all officers and citizens generally, to which injured persons may be hurried with the least possible loss of time.

HOOVER THE LEADER

PRESIDENT Hoover again has shown great qualities of leadership in devising and carrying out plans for further financial support for the federal reserve system.

Calling in Carter Glass, a Democrat, outstanding financier of the Wilson administration, and other Democratic and Republican financiers, Hoover has secured their support to further details of his plans for rehabilitation of the economic condition of the country.

We heard the President bitterly criticized the other day because he "put his policies over" by securing the pledge and support of congress in advance.

It seems to The Age quite the wise, sane

WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By KIRKE SIMPSON
WASHINGTON—The career of "Uncle Andy" Mellon of Pennsylvania could not be cited in proof of the theory often attributed to Dr. Osler that men are of so little use to the world after the age of 60 that they should be eliminated painlessly on their sixtieth birthday.

At 76, the master of the Mellon millions is to set off on a new and strange adventure in public service. He is to be American ambassador at the court of St. James. And to the titles heretofore given him, such as that of "the greatest treasury secretary since Alexander Hamilton," which regular republican brethren have voiced so frequently in the last 11 years, or the counter brand of "the secretary who stayed too long" created by the anti-Mellonites, a new description is added.

For President Hoover proclaims him "one of our wisest and most experienced public servants." And this, take note, when Mellon has passed by many years the so-called Osler span.

CHEER FOR FOES
Little as they may like to contribute to new honors for Mr. Mellon, it is reasonable to expect that his arch foes in the senate, Couzens of Michigan and McKellar of Tennessee, will gladly see him translated to the diplomatic sphere.

Their thundering blasts at Mellon have all had to do with his acts as treasury head. President Hoover attached more significance to the Mellon diplomatic assignment than he has to any other he has made.

He pictured a world so eged with economic and other crises as to demand "experience and judgment of the highest order" at the London post. And it is for the shy, gentle-mannered little Pennsylvanian to fill that bill.

There could be no more utter negation of the popular conception of how a field marshal of finance and a great captain of industry should look and act than Andrew W. Mellon.

He might be almost anything else, a retiring, bashful student, an informed art critic, as he is—even a poet, perhaps, with the constant twinkle in his deep-set eyes and the lurking humorous quirk about the drooping corners of his mouth beneath his snowy mustache.

But a high-power driving force in finance and commerce—never. He just does not look it at all.

REMOTE CONTROL?
Mellon's departure for London might have some bearing on Pennsylvania politics, state or national. What is to become of the much-discussed "Mellon machine"? Will it be seized by remote control over the transatlantic telephone?

There have been some intimations of a more troubled condition in Pennsylvania's neck-ribbed Republicanism this year than it has often known.

It may well be that party strategists deplore the necessity that will make "Uncle Andy" Ambassador Mellon, black silk short pants and all.

RAIL SPLINTERS
BY JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT
The U. P. shop safety meeting will be held today at 9 o'clock at the storeroom assembly room, Chairman J. H. Sinner presiding. The men's minds will be freshened up on safety methods and practices.

Engineer Pope just thought the job he wanted was held by Engineer Jehl, and by a due process of "seniority" Jehl was displaced.

Fireman Harry Stewart has been assigned the "Boilder" local run—a darned good combination for a run—Pfeifer and Stewart.

Our old friend Jack Gorham, formerly located at this point as construction foreman and lately with the Caliente tunnel crew, has been given a B & B supervision assignment out of Kansas City.

Brakeman Geo. Rice, who has been in Los Angeles for some months returned to Las Vegas Thursday morning and signed up to go to work. Next to riding that old train, George likes the old tennis game.

EVERYDAY MOVIES



MOPEY DICK AND THE DUKE
"You shouldn't be so careless, Mopey—the wind's blowin' away more of your cigarette than you're smokin'."

THURSDAY IN CONGRESS

By United Press
HOUSE
Ways and means committee appointed subcommittee to study the proposed sales tax.

Bill authorizing appropriation of \$125,000,000 for federal highway construction, designed as an unemployment relief bill, was introduced by Rep. Lindsay Warren, Dem., N. C.

Voted \$5,000 to Selma Virkula, widow of Henry Virkula, who was shot and killed by a federal prohibitive agent at International Falls, Minn., in June, 1929.

Rep. John J. McSwain, Dem., S. C., was named chairman of the military affairs committee succeeding Rep. Percy Quinn, who died recently.

Judiciary committee voted to undertake comprehensive survey of a proposal for modification of anti-trust laws.

Rep. Welch, Repn., Calif., presented petition from 4,000 California farmers demanding modification of Volstead act.

SENATE
Adopted amendment of Senator Norris, Repn., Neb., broadening scope of Costigan-LaFollette relief bill to provide for road building at federal expense.

Commerce committee reported favorably a bill curbing activities of the gambling ships outside the three-mile limit.

Senator Johnson, Repn., Calif., introduced a bill calling for drastic regulation of intercoastal shipping.

Secretary of War Hurley assailed Hawes-Cutting bill giving Philippine independence as "cowardly."

General U. P. Passenger Agent Wm. Lincoln, of Los Angeles, was in the city Thursday, looking over the field. Lincoln has a long record of service with the U. P., telling your correspondent, who has 22 years. "Why, you are only a kid in that service stuff." Just two kids.

SALVATION ARMY PLANS DEVIL'S ISLAND RELIEF



French criminals, sentenced to Devil's Island, embark at a French port for the long voyage to the penal colony off the coast of South America, as shown in the map.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, Feb. 11. (UP)—Word that the Salvation Army is to send workers to Devil's Island, the French penal colony for life-term convicts off the South American coast, reached here while a controversy was raging over whether the place is a hell hole or a prisoner's paradise.

General Edward J. Higgins, commander of the Salvationists, told the Rotary club in Manchester, England, that conditions could not possibly be described.

Major M. B. Blake, another Englishman who recently visited the isle, came back with exactly opposite impressions and gave his views freely to the newspapers.

Trinidad is interested because fugitives from the islands frequently row open boats through shark-infested waters to find haven on these shores. So local residents wonder why, if there is no hell on Devil's island, so many risk death to escape from it.

"I should say the prisoners in French Guiana (of which Devil's Island is a part) have a better time than anywhere else in the world," the major was quoted as saying.

He was told by a German prisoner awaiting a promised pardon, he said, that the convicts were not forced to work, but those who wished to work received a pint of wine for every two hours' labor.

MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By United Press
NEW YORK, Feb. 11. (UP)—Magistrate Michael A. Ford's nickname on the informal circles of the Washington Heights Democratic club is "Mike the Fiddler." He came by it honestly.

Three young men came before him on minor offenses. "Bail set at \$10," said the magistrate. "We haven't the \$10, but we have a violin that's worth \$200," they protested.

"If I thought it was worth that, I'd put up the bail myself," said their attorney. "Hand it over," said the judge. "I'll tell you."

So Magistrate Ford regaled the court with "Turkey in the Straw," and "Where the River Shannon Flows," and handed back the violin.

"It's worth about \$300," he said briefly. "Next case."

Columbia broadcasting system tabulates all letters received, to check the popularity of its artists. If you were permitted to scan their score cards, you would see something like this:

"Kate Smith, 40,000; Morten Downey, 30,000," etc.

The last entry on the list, this month, was: "Time announcer, 1." This note of praise came from a liter at Sing Sing.

Gaudy, pompous funerals for gangsters seem to be a thing of the past, at least in New York. The last two events of this nature have left the public cold.

Legs Diamond went to the grave on a gloomy day, with a small group of still faithful friends, and unmarked by the "mourning" that has thrown glamor around gunmen's funerals in the past.

The only service for Vincent Coll, last major racketeer to drop in a hail of machine-gun fire, was a hastily mumbled prayer by a flinty undertaker's assistant. There was one ostentatious floral piece—an immense heart of roses, with an inscription, "from the boys."

That remarkable journal which for eighty years was the chief item of literature to be found in the nation's barber shops, the Police Gazette, may cash in its checks according to its owners.

Founded in 1846 "to combat vice, crime, and luxury," the Police Gazette popularized lurid reading. Its "sex appeal" brought many readers who carefully went behind the old barn to peruse it, and also some, like Anthony Comstock, who campaigned against its pictures of chorus girls in tight, bathing beauties, and its stories of "high life" in New York's tenderloin.

Today its tepid sex has become passe, the sports it once covered so well are all found in daily papers, and its appeal is gone.

"The future is uncertain," said Albert S. Kochman, president of the publishing company.

SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAVY
HOLLYWOOD—Harold Lloyd has discovered it is cheaper to make pictures than not.

He has, for the last eight years, produced on the average of one comedy a year.

But the cost of maintaining an organization such as his and of renting studio and office space is so great a burden that Harold is going to do something about it. He will produce pictures no longer than these starring himself.

In hiring Eddie Quillan to star in three or four comedies a year Lloyd, by pro-rating his studio overhead, will not only considerably reduce the cost of his pictures, but add greatly to his income as well.

The idea is somewhat similar to one Charlie Chaplin has in mind—at least he had it in his mind.

Lloyd's plan will be advantageous to Quillan too. He will have the support and benefit by the experience of Lloyd's writers and "gag-men," many of whom have, like Lloyd, been comedy story constructors for 15 years or more.

Moreover, he will have Harold's advice and counsel, with which most any young man who is the least bit funny should be able to get ahead.

Quillan, who has been a featured comedian for less than five years, is in the fortunate position of being able to point to any of his 14 pictures as money-makers.

Yet, strangely indeed, he was contractless when Lloyd got his name on a contract.

With the exception of a year on the Sennett lot, Quillan has worked exclusively for Pathe. In the merger of that studio with Radio,

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