

THE OUTFALL SEWER MUDDLE

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all the waste from the canning factories has been bypassed.

In the past ten years no revolutionary discovery in the activated sludge process of sewage treatment has been made. Sanitary engineers have learned more of its intricacies but practically nothing of its complications. For that reason, it is logical to believe that the statement by opponents of the outfall sewer that "The cost of treatment by the improved activated sludge method has been very materially reduced" must not be founded on a substantial premise. Where no new ways of treatment have been found, it is logical to suppose that costs of treatment must remain unchanged also.

"All modern up-to-date cities now look to treatment, thus reclaiming the valuable fertilizer and the MUCH MORE VALUABLE WATER," but opponents fail to show how this much more valuable water will be utilized, without additional cost for handling. Their proposal that the water be used for irrigation purposes, provided the state board of health would permit it to be used to grow salad vegetables which are eaten raw, does not mention the cost of an irrigation system through which this water could be made to flow back to the land. Neither do they mention the cost of a pipeline which would be required to carry the reclaimed water back from the Poggi ranch over a number of miles to the Tujunga wash, in case it was decided to return the water by the spreader system to the underground channels to mingle with the supply that is now utilized by some communities for everyday normal use. Where would the money to build such an irrigation system, or such a pipeline, be found, asks the taxpayer of the sanitation districts, who would have to pay for them. Perhaps another BOND ISSUE would take care of the expense, perhaps the opponents of the outfall sewer have another resource to call upon.

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Suggest Woman's Police Force PARIS.—U.P.—A woman police force has been suggested for the City of Paris for the protection of girls and children. The suggestion

was made by Armand Massard when the municipal council voted on the police budget. No definite decision has been made with reference to the project.

Relief Group In Shoestring Strip Is Functioning

Officers and Executive Board Named at Recent Meeting

Operations at the new co-operative relief center recently established in the Shoestring strip are working out to the satisfaction of the officers in charge of the organization, and relief has been provided for a large number of families residing in this district.

At a recent meeting, held to choose the heads of organization, the following officers were named: Harold Fitzpatrick, manager; Byron L. Bedwell, assistant manager; Phil C. Brooks, secretary and treasurer; Wm. T. Justice, Joseph Conkel, James J. Grant, George H. Licht, members of the executive board; Homer H. Brown, solicitor and purchasing agent; T. C. Farmer, warehouse clerk; George Billings, foreman.

Already more than 75 men have signed up for work out of the relief headquarters, with their dependents representing probably 250 persons.

The relief group is supplied with vegetables and fish, and are making arrangements to obtain a supply of staple goods.

The new group will function along the same lines as those which have been established in Torrance and other communities in Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray C. Young and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faour spent the week-end at Mexico.

Miss Mildred Neelands was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Roelofs at Los Angeles.

Gas Tax for Roads Only, Says Club



"Use road funds for road purposes only—where they will most directly benefit taxpayers" is the battle cry of the Automobile Club of Southern California, California State Automobile Association and hundreds of local and regional organizations united with them in opposing diversion of gas tax revenue from the highway fund to the state general fund.

Notes From Washington

By Charles J. Colden
Congressman-elect, 17th District

Colden's story of the carpenter and the whale turns out to be a Jonah for the teller . . . his career in Congress all but ruined at the outset . . . Garner meets his match . . . Congressmen resent newspaper razzing . . . Few members are proficient in all of the three important duties of a Congressman . . . Washington all "het up" over inauguration.

I wish Al Drew, Lew Johnson and a committee of my friends would interview C. P. Roberts of the Wilmington Press and find out just why he is trying to wreck my career in Washington before I get fairly started. I'll admit that Roberts caught me unawares. He has always been so genial I never mistook him. The next time he was telling stories in the hotel lobby one evening. I had just read one in the Wilmington Press and just blurted over and couldn't control myself. It was a real respectable story about the carpenter who lassoed a whale and tied it to a dock. I got a good laugh—telling it, but I laughed alone. I looked around and every eye was focused on me with skepticism and doubt. Since then I have been looked upon with suspicion and distrust. It is compelling me to leave this hotel, and find new fields where I can start all over again. The next time I repeat a story from the Press it will have to be verified by Col. Buckley, Boss Ed Lucas and some critical Republican like Harry Carr or Ben Hill. If this committee can agree then perhaps I'll be safe.



CHARLES J. COLDEN

Speaker Garner is a good razzler. He is frequently picking on the members who gather in the lobby for an hour's chat. Jere Cooper of Tennessee was a recent victim. "Jerry" is about the best looking member in the House. He is almost as good looking as Bob Sampson and Bob Bailey of San Pedro, or Bob Ferguson of South Broadway. He compares favorably with Ill. Hanes or Luther Meigs, Gahan or Fred Mayhew of Vermont avenue. "Jerry" complained that when the last extra session of congress was called by President Hoover, the only notice he received was through the newspapers. He "opined" that he should have had an official notice. (I got "opined" from a crossword puzzle. Protect me, official spellers.)

Speaker Garner ventured the opinion that newspaper publicity was sufficient, but proceeded to observe that down in the back-woods of Tennessee where newspapers were rare and seldom read that there might be cause of complaint. He continued his banter for several minutes with gusto. But friend Cooper drawled out, "Well, Mr. Speaker, supposin' you were gone for a week on one of your famous fishin' trips where you hide yourself from telephone calls, telegrams and newspapers and when you returned hope some neighbor remarked, 'I see by the papers that an extra session of congress has been called.' The laugh was on the Speaker this time.

Many congressmen criticize the action of their colleagues on the floor and some denounce the action or inaction of the body as a whole. But many congressmen resent the continual criticism and razzing by the newspapers. Since the mother-in-law joke has passed out for a time the travelling men pick on the Stench and the newspapers on the frailties of congress. And of course it must be conceded that members of congress do make mistakes. But members prefer to have this criticism confined to the official family and they don't like outside interference. My Missouri friend, Joseph

do not engage in the daily scramble of scolding and fault-finding and verbose criticism that occupies too much time of the House. The ablest members of the House are either modest or have the discretion of refraining from involving themselves in the trivial controversies. When these do participate in a discussion they carry far more influence than those who are continually injecting themselves in matters in which they are frequently poorly informed, but are unable to resist the temptation to get themselves in print in the Congressional Record.

There's the business man in congress who dislikes public speaking. He has been accustomed to an office and a desk as a result of his business training. He sits at his office desk studiously and carefully answers every letter as a matter of habit and duty. He comes to the floor of the House when important matters are to be considered or when the bell rings for a quorum or a roll-call. He is the kind of a man who can not be tied in the House to listen to idle and haphazard verbiage. But the needs of his constituency are carefully looked after, particularly pensions, claims and a thousand other details that come to his attention. And one of the surprises I have experienced already is the volume of detail that rolls in on a member of congress. And I won't be a full-fledged member until the fourth of March.

Committee work is probably the most important work of the average congressman. And there is little that is spectacular in a committee, but just a daily grind with plenty of work attached. Only a few of the committees like Ways and Means, and Appropriations, are under the lime light. By far the larger number of committees go through volumes of bills and documents and spend days and nights on hearings devoting themselves to hard study and arduous labors. "Unwept, unhonored and unsung" the character of their work is drudgery and little or nothing they say or do ever drags them into the headlines of a newspaper. But these are the members who do their bit.

In a memorial address to the House, Congressman Davenport of New York said:

"The life of a conscientious member of congress is a life of exacting service to a degree which is totally unappreciated by large numbers of the population in the times in which we live. There is no more dangerous symptom in the American democracy than the tendency on every hand to point the finger of scorn at the congress of the United States. I do not say that the congress is without blame. We are capable of doing foolish things. . . . On fundamental questions of right and wrong for America, if you give this House time and give it the facts, there is no power on earth that can buy it or cajole it or deceive it."

"It is a true cross-section of the American people. Its very faults and blunders are the faults and blunders of the American people. Its inspirations and ideals, its yearnings for a better economic and social order are the yearnings of the American people. . . . The American people have elected 435 men and women to this House, most of them trained in the school of practical reality, to face this time in which we live, and so far as government can do it, to point the way out of the mazes in which the world has fallen, to do battle with the forces of disintegration which have attacked us, and to shape the destiny of 129,000,000. In this crisis the American people ought to give their representatives the same backing

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EDITORIAL

THE "BUY IN YOUR COMMUNITY" IDEA

A perfect illustration of what happens when residents of this district fail to practice the "Buy In Your Community" theory can be had by a straight fact report of the past week-end.

Los Angeles merchants advertised special bargains for what they called "Down Town Day" last Saturday. They held out many money saving inducements to draw the housewives into downtown Los Angeles from all neighboring towns.

Shoppers by the thousands forsook their own neighborhood merchants and fought the jammed store crowds and bargain snatchers to buy the advertised bargains.

They endured the discomforts of crowded street cars, and buses, or worried their way along car-filled streets in their automobiles. They fought for parking spaces or paid for parking privileges in corner lots.

They tramped through the thronged sidewalks, jammed themselves into already filled stores; fought and pushed elbows with frenzied buyers at the counters. They snatched parcels and went through the same inconveniences and discomforts of getting home.

In many cases examination of their purchases in the quiet and peace of their homes resulted in disappointment. The merchandise was not just what they thought it was, perhaps. The quality was comparable with the bargain price and no better, in many instances. It was impossible to carefully examine the goods in the stores, because of the jostling, hurrying buyers who were constantly grabbing at what they sought on the display racks.

In the meantime the steady, reliable, patient, friendly neighborhood merchant in hundreds of communities adjacent to Los Angeles sat regretfully in his store, watching the well filled street cars and automobiles wend their hurried way into the downtown district.

His shelves and display counters were filled with the very same merchandise these housewives went to such discomfort and annoyance to obtain at their downtown destination.

The quality of the neighborhood merchants goods was of the best, his prices the lowest. There was ample parking space in front of his store or in a special free parking lot close by.

His customers are never hurried into decisions as to sizes or styles, quality or colors. They trade in comfort with their friend, a man of the neighborhood, a man known to those dealing with him for his fairness and dependability.

Merchandise purchased in the community stores is guaranteed by the seller. He puts the stamp of his reputation on each sale with return privileges, if satisfaction is not 100 per cent with each package which leaves his store.

But despite the fact that he has this merchandise on his shelves and these fair price tags on his goods, his customers, in thoughtless fashion, flocked into downtown Los Angeles, going right past his door.

"Distant fields look greener" and far away bargains look more enticing. The great American weakness for "something for nothing" attracts the masses to trade amid the hustle and bustle of the crowd while the long suffering and patient neighborhood merchant sits by waiting for the public to learn the lesson of what he has to offer.

Conditions of this sort have led the Torrance Herald to repeatedly urge residents of this district to "Buy in Your Community." The advantages of such a policy are so self-evident, it is hard to understand why they are not automatically sought.

that they would give their armies in war." And this is but an excerpt of a masterly address delivered by an experienced member who has not before appeared on the floor of the House during this session so far as my observation goes.

Here and there—Washington is all "het" up over inauguration. Grand stands are being erected along the route of the parade and seats are all sold out from seven to two dollars each. One of the hotels is reported to have sold its double windows for \$25 and its single windows at \$15 each. It's a big day for top hats a la Mayor Klusman of Torrance. I see myself with a lot of others standing up and doing neck athletics. Anyhow, as a city councilman, I once rode in the Lusitania parade, the most beautiful pageant the world has ever beheld. . . . The most popular place on Pennsylvania is the Volunteers of America. It is always packed about the doors. One morning it had a competitor when a theatre offered tickets for sale for "Of This I Sing." The line was two blocks long. The show was a burlesque on the House, Senate, the Supreme Court and particularly the Vice-President. The wags framed Speaker Garner and took him. It is said he enjoyed it thoroughly. He's a good sport.

Contractors To Proceed On San Gabriel Tunnel

With an injunction suit out of the way, contractors on the county's largest flood control project of all time, the \$8,600,000 San Gabriel dam No. 1, today began calling for additional workmen to put the first phase of the project at full speed.

First operation will be the boring of the 30-foot outlet and diversion tunnel through the canyon wall, an operation which makes the project comparable to the Boulder dam, which has 50-foot diversion tunnels. Contract for the tunnel was sub-let to the Morrison-Knudson Company of Los Angeles, with approval of the board of supervisors last Friday at a special session of the board. The county officials leave their approval upon the declaration that the contracting firm would draw all its men through the county employment stabilization bureau with the exception of the key men.

Visitors Had Odd Theme Song GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore.—(U.P.)—Singing in the Rain" was the theme song here recently as hundreds of visitors cavorted in heavy snow as an unusual rain turned to ice on toboggan slides and ski jumps.

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