

The Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Washington, D. C. MISS PERKINS ON THE COAL
Inner circle clamor for replacement of Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins is an old story, but it's hotter now than ever before.

Actually, Roosevelt did move last year to get a new labor secretary, offering the post to Mayor LaGuardia. But he declined, insisting on the war department or nothing.

But with labor a key problem, White House advisers had been urging that the President renew the offer to LaGuardia.

Miss Perkins was criticized sharply for the delay in certifying the protracted Allis-Chalmers strike to the National Defense Mediation board until rioting broke out, also the coal negotiations before they deadlocked and John L. Lewis shut down the mines. Both the President and other cabinet members bluntly called Miss Perkins' attention to the fact that the purpose of the board was not only to settle strikes but to avert them.

With some feeling it was demanded of her why the board, set up expressly to handle "hot potatoes," was not used in these two major cases.

HITLER HOLDING OFF U. S.

Those who are steering U. S. foreign policy on its present difficult course privately offer four important reasons for not anticipating a break in diplomatic relations with Germany for some time.

One is the memory of the German people regarding American entrance into the last war. For years Germans have contended that they won the last war—until the United States entered; so the psychological effect of American entrance now is the last thing Hitler wants.

Two is the effect upon American morale. At present, U. S. draftees can't get enthusiastic about their service while industry and labor could be much more patriotic about production. But once Hitler precipitated a declaration of war, sentiment here would be far different—and he knows it.

Three is the large amount of German property in the United States which would be seized in case of war.

Four is the fact that Germany is now about to receive a certain amount of goods from the U. S. A., sent via Russia and Japan, which she could not get in case of war.

Therefore, U. S. diplomatic experts are convinced that Hitler will do nothing rash toward the United States until after June or July, by which time he should pretty much know whether he is going to take England or not.

Nazi policy after that will be guided by intervening events.

FARM BUREAU FEDERATION

Moguls of the powerful American Farm Bureau federation are ready to say "uncle" and make peace with the administration.

Up to a year ago the farm bureau was the fair-haired boy on farm policy, largely due to the suave astuteness of Ed O'Neal, federation president, and his personal friendship with Roosevelt.

But at heart most of the federation's generalissimos never were very hot about the New Deal, and last year they began demanding greater local control aimed at running the program themselves. And in a showdown over domination of the Federal Land Banks, Wallace rapped them over the knuckles and the battle was on.

Soon it spilled over into the political arena when cornbelt Farm bureau leaders, led by ambitious Earl Smith of Illinois, dumped the Roosevelt-Wallace ticket and put in some heavy licks for W. W. Wilkie.

Willkie's defeat knocked the props from under the boys.

So, reverting to the old realistic axiom, "If you can't lick 'em, join 'em," the boys have propositioned Clifford Townsend, defense agricultural advisor and former New Deal Governor of Indiana, on being their peacemaker.

Townsend was one of the organizers and first leaders of the farm bureau in the Midwest. Yet when he stumped that area for Roosevelt and Wallace last fall he bumped up against the bitter opposition of many of his old associates.

SI-A-YEAR PROBE

Sen. Harry Truman is a friendly, mild-mannered Missourian, but to certain defense brasshats and One Dollar Men he's an ogre with horns.

Truman is author and chairman of the special senate committee to probe defense contracts, and he is determined that what happened in France won't happen here. He already has some interesting data.

Spotlight

of GRANTLAND RICE

WHEN anyone mentions "gamble" in connection with the various Joe Louis ring enterprises, the responding answer is likely to be in the nature of a hoarse guffaw. The Bomber is usually a 1-10 shot, or even shorter, which leans more in the sure thing direction than any gamble.

Yet the gamble is still there in this uncertain world.

The Louis crown is worth around \$3,000,000—as long as Louis wears it. In his last start against Abe Simon in the Detroit show the champion raked in a trifle under \$20,000. So he was gambling a \$3,000,000 title against a \$20,000 collection, with the odds at 1-150, a price few would care to offer in any form of competition.

No one rated Simon with a chance to whip Louis. But in taking numerous whacks and smashes at Abe's granite chin, suppose Louis had cracked one or both paws?

This can happen to any puncher at any given moment. Both Dempsey and Louis carried iron fists into action, where more than a few good fighters have been harried or wrecked by brittle hands.

When you are leveling against a Simon jaw, hooked to 255 pounds of human flesh and bone, only a pair of tough hands can stand the test.

Fighting Hands

Jim Corbett once told me that in his earlier days he was a good puncher.

"I decided to go out for boxing," he said, "for two reasons. One was the speed I had in my legs. The other was to save my hands."

Gene Tunney had early hand trouble, one of the reasons he concentrated on boxing in place of the knock-out wallop.

In his second start against Jim Jeffries, Bob Fitzsimmons might have won if he hadn't smashed both hands on the Jeffries jawbone. They were shattered down to the lower knuckles.

More than a few rather important fights have been lost by broken hands.

Louis is one of the few fighters on record who can punch equally hard with both hands. This explains more than 80 per cent of his effectiveness. If either fin should crack up his assaulting powers would be cut down heavily.

Both Tom Gibbons and Gene Tunney knew the way to keep on guard against Dempsey's blasting left hook. Jack's right was nothing like the Louis right.

So when Louis is swinging away with any two-handed attack he is always taking a double risk against a concrete head or cement chin. He confessed to a pair of sore hands after the Simon party.

Another Angle

It is also a matter of judgment as to how long anyone can keep at razoredge working as often as the Bomber does. No other heavyweight champion ever took any such gamble.

Fortunately for Louis, he hasn't the type of imagination that keeps him keyed up.

But long training periods can remove a big part of the keenness that follows long resting spans. There is a touch of drudgery to training that most fighters either dread or dislike intensely. Mickey Walker and Benny Leonard, two of the best, were always below par in their training.

The wonder is that Louis, with all the cash he has piled up, is still willing to face the grind. He will have practically no recess from now until late September—this campaign on top of 15 defensive stands.

It is easy to understand Mike Jacobs' big rush. The answer is the draft.

Both Louis and Billy Conn are not so many strides away, and the odds against their going to an army camp will be considerably lower before the summer is over. Draft numbers that were once in the tree-tops have now fallen to the lower limbs. And there are falling faster every week.



Grantland Rice



Gene Tunney



Joe Louis

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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USING WITNESSING POWER

LESSON TEXT—Acts 2:1-4; 4:8-20.
GOLDEN TEXT—They were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.—Acts 4:31.

I. The Holy Spirit Poured Out (2:1-4).

"We are not to imagine that at this Pentecost He first came into the world. In all ages He had been imparting life and guidance and strength and holiness to the people of God; but He was now to work with a new instrument, namely, the truth concerning a crucified, risen, ascended, divine Saviour. For the proclamation of this truth the Church was the appointed agent. The story of Pentecost, therefore, is the first chapter in the history of the Church as it witnesses for Christ, and it embodies the impressive lesson that in all successful witnessing the power is that of the Spirit and the instrument is the message of the gospel."

The outpouring of the Spirit on the day of Pentecost was accompanied by signs of great power, and a special endowment which enabled all the strangers in Jerusalem to hear the gospel in their own tongue. "This ability to speak in foreign languages not previously learned was merely a temporary endowment granted for a special purpose. It was one of those miraculous spiritual gifts which marked the age of the apostles. In modern times the claim to possess this power has never been established on credible evidence, nor is the dominance of the Spirit in the life of a believer to be tested by the presence of any special gift" (Charles R. Erdman).

II. Mighty Works Performed (4: 9).

Reference is made here to the healing of the lame man—a miracle which resulted in the imprisonment of Peter and John. It was a work of power, but only the first of many which the disciples were to perform.

An even greater work was that of the Spirit-filled preaching of the gospel which brought 3,000 souls into the church (2:41). As we marvel at that event, we need also to keep before us the recurring day-by-day miracle of the regeneration of individuals (2:47). This was, and is, accomplished through the teaching of the Word (2:42).

III. True Witness Presented (4: 8-12).

The rulers and leaders (especially the skeptical aristocrats of that day—the Sadducees) were angered by the proclamation of the resurrection of the One they had crucified. They also feared that their rich revenues from the temple might be cut off if the people were to follow Christ (4:4), so they took the disciples into custody and brought them before the Sanhedrin.

Humanly speaking, one might have expected these men to stand in fear and awe before that august body, and either become dumb with terror or brazenly defiant. But such is not the operation of the Holy Spirit in a man. They spoke tactfully, but boldly, of the death and resurrection of the only One in whom there is any salvation.

IV. Faithful Though Persecuted (4:13-20).

Not being able to make any real charge against the disciples, the rulers let them go, but only after threatening them and forbidding them to speak any more of Christ. They, like so many religious leaders of today, were quite willing that the disciples should preach, if they would only leave out the name of Christ.

Note the answer in verse 19. There is only one message (v. 12). "Neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved"; thus Peter asserts not only that the miracle has been wrought in the name of Jesus Christ, but that he and his judges can have eternal salvation in no other name. His words are at once a rebuke, a challenge, and an invitation. They need to be reviewed and weighed today by certain benevolent but superficial talkers who are asserting that Christianity is only one among many religions, and that it is only necessary for one to be sincere in his own belief. Such teachers must reconcile their statements with those of Peter and John, who were "filled with the Holy Spirit" when they declared that there is but one name wherein we must be saved."

AROUND THE HOUSE

New potatoes contain less starch than older ones and for this reason do not bake so well.

Add a tablespoon of flour to creamed butter and sugar before adding milk, when making a cake. This coats the fat particles and keeps the mixture from curdling.

Jerusalem cherry trees require twice as much water as other plants. Set pot with tree in it into water that comes up just over top of pot and let stand until water bubbles up.

Always marinate (which means to let stand in french dressing) for at least an hour, fish, meats and vegetables, except greens, when preparing salads.

Chopped onions and celery, browned in chopped salt pork, improve the flavor of green beans, stewed tomatoes or carrots.

Word of caution: If you are not going to wear your new hose promptly, rinse them carefully in warm water. This will prolong their wearing qualities.

TIPS to Gardeners

BULB SUBSTITUTES

WITH the supply of many popular spring-flowering bulbs cut off because of the war in Europe, gardeners are seeking certain substitutes.

The color and form of many annual flowers makes them excellent choices for replacing the bulb favorites. As in the case of bulbs, the seed of these annuals may be planted in the early fall, for blossoming early the following summer.

The fresh yellow color of Daffodils, for instance, may be captured nearly as well in the petals of Sunshine Calendula, or in the rich hues of California Poppy (Extra Golden). The shape of the California Poppy and the Shirley Poppy closely approaches the typical Tulip shape.

The soft colors associated with the Tulip may be replaced best by Larkspur, with its tints of white, blue, pink, rose, lilac, and carmine. The newer, tall-growing Super Majestic Larkspurs are most desirable.

The blossom-crowded spikes of Snapdragons are likened by many to the Hyacinth. It is best to grow the dwarf rust-resistant strains of Snapdragon, with attractive varieties such as Compact Bedding Bronze, and Salmon Pink adaptable also because of their suitability for massed bedding, as Tulips are so often used.

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