

Loss Of Hat Is Cause Of Anger

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my hat away, and not have noticed the difference? he asked. To my untrained eyes, it looked like a perfectly good hat, just about the same color and quality of the one he had. He donned the hat, but it was quite evident that it did not have the right set, or setting, on his head and, with his already crest-fallen appearance, he was really an object of pity.

Was Sensitive

Call up Mr. X, he commanded, and ask him if he got my hat. In a moment I had Mr. X on the wire and blurted out the object of my call, not realizing then how sensitive a man is about his hat. Mr. X rose up in rebellion and informed me that he had no other hat than his own. While I was looking in the directory for the number of the attorney for the occasion, Mr. X called back saying, "Tell Clyde I wasn't given polite enough to take my hat off while I was there. I remember I started to, but didn't see any place to hang it, so I just kept it on my head." A random shot, but it went home, for it has always been a source of embarrassment to me that a reputable firm like Ryburn & Hoey has never had about the office such a thing as a hat-rack, hook, nail or peg for the hats of clients and callers, and they are usually laid on the floor, on the desk, in the window-ledge, and sometimes deposited over the pictures on the wall.

Humorous

But to get back to the episode of the ill-fated hat, my next attempt proved less serious and took a more humorous trend, for Mr. X laughed and laughed; in fact, he laughed so heartily I began to realize that it was not a case of life or death. He knew nothing of the hat, did not have it himself, but extended his good wishes to my undertaking. That gave me inspiration and courage in my further pursuit of the matter.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hoey was walking frantically up and down the room, peering out each window in his promenade, and, with glancing eyes, he proceeded to relate a similar experience he had had a short time before at the court house in Gastonia. He had hung his hat on a hat-rack with several other hats. When he came out from the clerk's office only one hat was left on the rack—an old slouch hat—and his own hat was nowhere to be seen. Of course he had to meet his speaking appointment, hence it became necessary for him to buy a new hat. I listened sympathetically, much amused, and also deeply thankful that I had not been called upon to trace the misplaced hat in Gastonia, for this was proving an unpleasant experience to me.

Calls Mr. Z.

My telephone calls continued with several fruitless attempts. Then a light broke in on Mr. Hoey's countenance. "Call Mr. Z," he commanded. "I believe he got my hat." "How I dreaded calling the respectable Mr. Z. He is a fine citizen—one of our best clients and best friends, and I knew if he were not the guilty party, I would have some choice language fired at me. I longed to say to Mr. Hoey, 'Call him yourself,' but I didn't want to lose my job, so I obeyed orders, but how I did measure words and weigh sentences! As I proceeded with my statement of the case, Mr. Z. shouted, 'Wait a minute.' I was glad to wait, but I didn't have to wait long. 'By golly, I hadn't noticed it,' his voice rang back over the wire. 'I'll send it right up.' 'Oh, no,' I remonstrated, 'don't hurry, just any time.'

"Just a few moments later footsteps bounded up our iron stairway as if the building were on fire. There stood the bookkeeper of Mr. Z., gasping for breath, bearing the precious trophy in his hands. The mix-up was evidently rather distasteful to Mr. Z., after he became aware of the situation, and he was just as anxious to feel the touch of his own hat as was Mr. Hoey. The exchange was made and Mr. Hoey gave his iron locks a shake, shake, shake; turned his hat about, and soon regained his natural expression. "Since that time I have often watched the Hoey hat out of the corner of my eye when other hats were in the office; for, while I have never seen Mr. Hoey exactly mad, but I have noticed that he is inclined to be just a little particular about his hat."

Ellenboro Man Is Up On Liquor Charge

GAFFNEY, S. C., Dec. 10.—Mack Lowery, Ellenboro man was sentenced Saturday to pay a fine of \$15.00 or serve 30 days on the chain gang after pleading guilty in city court to a charge of violating the state liquor laws. Lowery and two companions were arrested by city police about 2 o'clock Saturday morning on Grand street. The driver of the car was not drunk, officers said. A small quantity of illegal liquor was found in the machine. The tooth of an Elephas Columbianus, a prehistoric monster who roamed Pacific shores 250,000 years ago, was dredged up recently in San Francisco bay and identified by scientists.

King's Chief Supporter In No. 1 Cabinet Choice

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

NEW YORK, Dec. 10. — (AP) — Should Winston Churchill become British prime minister in place of Stanley Baldwin as the result of the crisis revolving about King Edward and Mrs. Wallis Simpson—a possibility that has been discussed in political circles in London—it would bring to that high post one of the most brilliant and versatile men in English history. The 62-year-old conservative, a member of the house of commons, belongs to the same party as Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin but has been a severe critic of the government. As grandson of the great Duke of Marlborough he has one of the bluest bloods in Britain, and long has been the friend of the royal family. He is an amazing jack-of-all trades, but he is not a dilettante—he does supremely well everything he touches.

Man Of Many Facets

As statesman he has held most of the big cabinet positions, though he never has been prime minister. He has fought in many wars, big and little, and has many military decorations. "Titles? Oh, no. He is the Great Churchill and grandson of a Duke. He doesn't need anything more. Mere knights tip their hats to him. Partly because of his first-hand knowledge of war, he has been minister of munitions as well. But he also is a naval expert, and was the big chief of the King's navy in the early part of the World war. He delved into aviation and became good enough at it to be minister for air.

He is an astute financier and has held the very important post of chancellor of the exchequer. A Well Known Writer During the World war he was one of the dominant figures in the

British cabinet. He achieved fame as a war-correspondent and journalist. He is the author of many historical works, and literary critics place him among the greatest English writers of all time. He is second to none in Britain as an orator; he holds the house of commons spell-bound. His wit is scintillating; he is one of the most popular after-dinner speakers. He is a capable landscape painter—an art which he took up rather late in life and mastered. And Lay Bricks Brick-laying is one of his passions. He builds walls and houses, and does it so well that the brick layers' union accorded him membership in their organization. He has personality that commands immediate attention in any gathering. He is far from handsome but he has a striking appearance and a bearing slightly reminiscent of the accomplished actor. Commonplace remarks rarely pass his lips. He would be tall if his expansive shoulders were not hunched forward. He has a puckish face which mirrors a puckish mentality. Vitriolic In Attack He talks fluently but with restraint—no waving of the arms, no shouting. Every word is carefully chosen, and there is no statesman, barring David Lloyd-George, who can match him in vitriolic sarcasm. The writer has seen Churchill more than once punish the cabinet until they slumped in their seats. Churchill is famous for his hats, many of which are well-nigh unique and said to be designed by himself. One other Churchill fixture is a big, long cigar in the side of his puckish mouth.

Head Of White House Guard Kept On The Go By President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—(AP) — President Roosevelt's South American peace trip presented new problems for Col. E. W. Starling, his far-traveling and careful-planning protector-in-chief. Colonel Starling's job as head of the White House secret service involves traveling ahead of the President wherever he goes to make arrangements for the Chief Executive's protection. During the recent election campaign he traveled thousands of miles perfecting details in scores of cities for guarding the President and arranging for the transportation of his party—a job he did so well there was not a hitch. Then he was in Buenos Aires performing the same service. But there he was dealing with foreign authorities. In America his word is law with local police and civil authorities. Mr. Roosevelt is setting a record as the most widely traveled President. But Colonel Starling, moving along the route in advance, then traversing some or all of it with the President later, has gone even farther. Probably it would take the Colonel—the title is of the Kentucky kind—considerable time with an adding machine to figure out just how far he has traveled officially, for he has been at it since 1913, with five Presidents. Colonel Starling has been advance man on presidential trips since the Wilson Administration. Necessarily he is a diplomat of sorts. He must see to it that no single detail that might risk the life or welfare of the President is overlooked. At the same time he must say "no" tactfully to everyone. In a city the President has arranged to visit Colonel Starling usually shows up at least a week ahead of time and goes over every inch of the route the Chief Executive will take. He arranges for police, national guardsmen, troops and even Boy Scouts to hold crowds in check. He sees to it that tops of buildings are patrolled, that a minimum of overhead bridges and viaducts are along the way. If the President plans to spend a night at a hotel, Colonel Starling reviews the hotel staff and maps out plans to give the President seclusion. Traffic usually is detoured away from the street outside. Colonel Starling is the one man who has a veto power over presidential actions. He can look over a crowd, shake his head, and refuse to let the President enter it. In Colonel Starling's background is seven years' service as a deputy sheriff, starting at Hopkinsville, Ky., when he was a 17 year old farm boy. Later he became a railroad detective and special agent for an express company. President Theodore Roosevelt "borrowed" him once, then in 1913 he became a permanent member of the White House secret service detail. Last year he was named its chief. Luther Burbank succeeded in breeding dahlias to eliminate their somewhat offensive odor and give them a sweet fragrance.

Edward Has More At Stake Than Choosing Wife

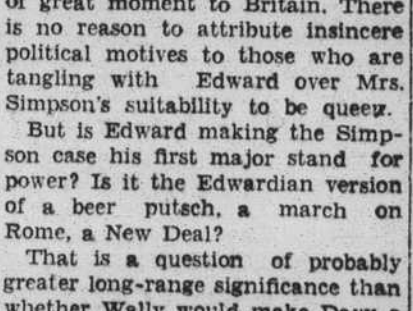
Edward VIII has more at stake in the Mrs. Simpson tilt than the hand of a Baltimore divorcee. He has held out against the cabinet and against powerful conservative elements in his refusal to be a good boy and say goodbye to Mrs. Simpson. His predecessors were not in the habit of fighting openly with "the government."

In other matters Edward has shown a disposition to set a new style in British monarchy; to be king in fact as well as in name. If the cabinet should back down, or if Edward should gain the people's support in a showdown, England would have the makings of a king instead of a figurehead. No one denies that this is a day of strong personal leadership in governments. Franklin D. Roosevelt's re-election statistics revealed a wide-spread personal following. There is Hitler in Germany, Mussolini in Italy, Stalin in Russia, Atatürk in Turkey. Whether Edward should marry Mrs. Simpson is in itself a question of great moment to Britain. There is no reason to attribute insincere political motives to those who are tangling with Edward over Mrs. Simpson's suitability to be queen. But is Edward making the Simpson case his first major stand for power? Is it the Edwardian version of a beer putsch, a march on Rome, a New Deal? That is a question of probably greater long-range significance than whether Wally would make Davy a good wife or the emperre a good queen.

Lions Consider New Year Plans

A weekly meeting of the Lions club was held Tuesday night. Discussions were held about the Lion's Ladies Night which is to be held in the Community building on Dec. 15th, and on the New Year's benefit dance to be given by the club, New Year's Eve night. New members welcomed into the club were P. L. Shouse, Shelby Motor Co. and Roy C. Eller, Suttle Drug Store.

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Grocers Favor Law To Stop Sales At Less Than Cost

NEW YORK—Enthusiastic support among food manufacturers, distributors and retailers for the intent of the Robinson-Patman fair trade practices act, is reported here by Paul S. Willis, president of the Associated Grocery Manufacturers of America, Inc. A survey reveals 75 per cent of these three trade groups favoring the objectives of the act, according to Mr. Willis.

In reporting to members of the association at their annual convention, Mr. Willis said that 80 percent of the organizations canvassed by the survey favored legislation to prohibit the sale of grocery products at less than replacement cost, and that 98 per cent of the manufacturers were opposed to secret rebates.

Selling To Lose

Legislation to prohibit deceptive merchandising and eliminate unfair competition was recommended to the food trades by the National Food and Grocery conference committee, of which Mr. Willis is chairman. The proposal contemplates uniform laws in each of the 48 states and a tentative draft written by the committee was thought aimed to "destroy the practice of offering 'loss leaders' to stimulate sales.

Reich Denies Sending Men To Help In War In Spain

BERLIN, Dec. 10.—Germany officially denies reports appearing abroad to effect that 5,000 German "volunteers" have landed at Cadiz and were proceeding to help the insurgents before Madrid. The story also of their having been embarked at the quiet harbor of Sassnitz on the Baltic island of Ruegen is described as "fantastic."

German Justification

Regarding the question of the rights of the situation, however, it is maintained in generally well-informed circles here that deplorable as the sending of Germans would be owing to dangers of the international reaction, nevertheless Germany has legal justification to act thus, seeing that its early proposal to the non-intervention committee for banning all volunteer was rejected. Since Soviet Russia has done so much intervention in Spain why cannot Germany play its part on the side which it has already recognized as the legal Spanish government. It is asked in unofficial circles here.

Another Landing Reported

The press here today, while not mentioning "German volunteers," repeats reports of the recent alleged landing in Spain of a Siberian regiment of 15,000, fully equipped. Today's comment in the National Socialistic Korrespondenz, the official party agency, concerns itself with an alleged secret treaty between Soviet Russia and the Spanish government, through Moses Rospo, Russian ambassador in Spain, and Premier Francisco Largo

Under the proposed legislative program, sales at retail and wholesale below cost prices would be illegal, and violators would become subject to a fine of not more than \$500. Definition of the term "cost price" occupies a large proportion of the language of the proposed bill.

Government and Business

From United States Senator Alben W. Barkley (D) of Kentucky, the association members heard a plea for confidence in government by business and for mutual trust on the part of both government and business. "In my opinion, neither the people themselves nor business itself would tolerate such an abdication of the right to exercise supervision and regulation in the interests of the people and in the interest of honest and legitimate business."

Increasing effectiveness of newspapers in public affairs was seen by Frederick E. Murphy, publisher of the Minneapolis Tribune, in an address before the convention. Mr. Murphy denied that the press had lost influence in the face of radio services, and he called upon business to support rationally constructive newspapers as assurance of sane public opinion.

PROPOSES MEDICAL SCHOOL FOR STATE

WINSTON-SALEM, Dec. 10.—(AP) —Forsyth county physicians today pondered the recommendation of Dr. Fred Zaaep of Chicago that a medical school be established in Wake Forest and University of North Carolina two-year schools. The Chicago physician, secretary of the association of American medical colleges, told the county medical society last night that the city "has everything needed for the last two years of a medical college [if a suitable endowment can be obtained]."

METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE TO MEET FRIDAY NIGHT

Methodist Young People's meeting, Friday night, Dec. 11, 7:30 at Central Church, Shelby. Special musical program will be given and important business matters to be discussed. Young people of the county are invited to this Christmas meeting.

Memorial Begun In Forest City

FOREST CITY, Dec. 10. — The memory of more than 1,600 veterans of the War Between the States and of more than 1,000 Rutherford county World war veterans will be kept forever green in the new memorial park, which has been started by the Forest City Woman's club.

The memorial park will be located on the south side of state highway No. 20 at the western entrance to Forest City, and near the entrance to the new municipal park. Permission was extended some time ago to the Woman's club by the Southern Railway company and the North Carolina highway commission to construct a park parallel with the right-of-way of these properties.

Ground for the memorial garden has already been broken, and the club expects to go forward at an early date with the planting of flowers and shrubbery and landscaping. Shrubbery, flower bulbs and other material for the garden have been donated by a number of Forest City citizens. The Willis Towers post, American legion, expects to donate one piece of shrubbery for each of Rutherford county's 35 World war dead.

Burr Portrait Is Shown Convention

RALEIGH, Dec. 10.—(AP)—Robert Macbeth, owner of Macbeth Galleries, New York City, last night exhibited a portrait of Theodosia Burr, daughter of Aaron Burr, which reached North Carolina shores 100 years ago on a "ghost ship."

The portrait was exhibited at the night session of the North Carolina Art association's annual convention. Macbeth said Theodosia Burr was taking the portrait from Georgetown, S. C., to New York when she was lost at sea or captured by pirates. The portrait was in the cabin of a small pilot boat which went ashore at Kitty Hawk in 1813 after a January storm. For 57 years the picture hung in a rude cabin near Kitty Hawk. In 1869 it passed into the possession of Dr. William G. Pool, who discovered its worth.

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