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May Be The Straw

Differences that have arisen between President Truman and Interior Secretary Lister over the President's nomination of Edwin Parley as under secretary of the navy may provide the straw that will break the camel's back over the question of whether Lister remains in the cabinet. He is one of the few of the Roosevelt entourage remaining in the official family, and there has been no little guessing as to how long he will stick.

Lister pushed his neck out in opposing Parley after Mr. Truman had sent up the nomination. That was a bold move for any cabinet member, and irritation would seem to have been increased by the President's reiteration that he was backing his nominee and refused to withdraw him, and by his remark that "Lister can very well be mistaken as well as the rest of us," as the news item ran.

The cabinet turnover since Mr. Truman assumed office last April has been considerable. In several instances, not far removed from the cabinet there have been repeated transfers in the same office. Resignations in the cabinet are customary with the change of chief executives, and it is rather significant that this time there has been almost a clean sweep. The interior post has been occupied by Lister since early in the Roosevelt era. Mr. Harold has plugged along doggedly and may absorb a lot of differences of viewpoint even now. But it is exceedingly rare for one in his position to challenge his chief openly and not away with it.

Public Should Know

For our part we never had any other idea but that the Roanoke river development would come, in spite of all the opposition that developed. But we have had and still have our doubts about the cheap power so much talked of and the flood control so definitely promised. Every user of electric current—which means virtually every one—would like to buy it more cheaply, as is true of everything that has to be bought. But we have an idea there will be a lot of disillusionment about that when the time comes. As for flood control, that will be more or less a side issue, as witness the fact that the first construction project will be not flood control but power development. In other words, the government is bent upon going into the power business, and damming up the devastating waters in secondary concern yet that has been the basis of the strongest appeal to many people up and down the stream.

The public should know what is in the cards. In connection with the Roanoke project much has been said about TVA in Tennessee. Now, it so happens that a few weeks ago there was a considerable flood around Chattanooga, hub of the TVA development. At the time it was at its worst, two visitors were in Chattanooga to select a site for a new veterans' hospital to be built there. They were introduced at a Kiwanis luncheon by a former president of the chamber of commerce, who remarked: "We had 35 sites under consideration. During the past two days the flood has eliminated eight of them." In addition, the Chattanooga News-Free Press said, "These eight sites mentioned by Mr. Brown are part of a general picture of hundreds of fine factory sites under water today and unsalable

without flood works to protect the city." And flood control has been made much of as part of the value of TVA.

All we know about how profitable TVA has been is what we have read. And it leads us to believe that the Roanoke project won't be any more profitable, without elimination of taxes, than TVA has been. The Columbia (S.C.) State recently carried an editorial on this subject, and about the various "authorities" proposed all over the country of a similar character. The editorial might be of interest to those whose minds are not already closed on the subject. It was entitled, "Into The Hole," and follows:

In discussion of the plan for the great array of "authorities" to take over control of the works of the entire country, it might be well to look into the "authorities" for some enterprise—the Tennessee Valley Authority. Has the TVA proved solvent? Has it come out financially? Or has it been a drain on the government—i. e., the taxpayer?

Its promoters, we believe, have not ventured to claim that it is a money-making proposition. But possibly the extent of its failure to meet expenses is not widely known. The figures might therefore be pertinent, if interesting.

Every year for 11 years the TVA has shown a deficit. It has failed to cover its depreciation, amortization and outlay expenses by nearly \$20,000,000. In addition, the taxpayers have paid out in interest on the money advanced by the United States treasury some \$20,000,000 in 11 years the deficit of the TVA has exceeded \$41,000,000.

If the country is saddled with eight other projects of a similar nature the total losses will run far up into the billions.

The arguments offered the public for government enterprises are varied, ranging from one extreme to another. It may be that a boom is threatening runaway inflation that must be curbed. Again it is unemployment a depression. Normal conditions are never admitted by the advocates of bureaucratic government spending.

The only way to stop such ideologies, which are common to the individual initiative, self-reliance, independence, thrift and work which have gone into the building of this country, is for the people themselves, through their representatives in Congress, to repudiate them. It is vain to expect that we could get by with continually pouring billions of dollars into the hole.

If practice makes perfect the Chinese soldier should be the world's champion fighting man. At 200 lbs weight.

What They Did In War



4TH ARMORED DIVISION

The division which hammered through the German ring of steel to rescue the beleaguered 101st Airborne at Bastogne. With the 3rd Army, crossed the Rhine near Worms. Seized intact a bridge across the Main river. Drove to Hamau, to seize east of Frankfurt-am-Main. Six months after entering campaign, men of the 4th had earned 1,269 decorations. Record bag of prisoners for one day totaled 3,000.

ANSWERS TO DAILY QUIZ

- Below are the correct answers to the quiz questions printed on page 4. 1. On March 1, the maximum temperature in Henderson will be 2. 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100.

DISCHARGED

Samuel Bonnie Tillotson. Pfc Samuel Bonnie Tillotson has been honorably discharged from the United States Army after 23 months of duty. He spent 18 months overseas in France, Belgium, and Germany. Tillotson entered the army in October, 1943, and received training at New Orleans, La., and Camp William Reich, Clovis, New Mexico. He has been awarded the good conduct medal, ETO ribbon with four bronze stars. On Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Tillotson, in Middleburg, he met his three other brothers for the first time in 30 months.

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GRAB BAG

One-Minute Test 1. What German princess became a great Russian empress? 2. What is the Ru-Veda? 3. Under what circumstances are these titles used: Queen consort, queen dowager, queen mother? Words of Wisdom Without constancy there is neither love, friendship, nor virtue in the world.—Aldous.

Today's Horoscope Both the strongest and the weakest physically are born in the month of February. All have great possibilities, however, which in some cases may be realized only by study, self-control and firm resolutions. Then practice and apply yourself to them faithfully. You are loyal to your friends and constant in your love. Defer appointments of a social or emotional nature only this morning, and pay no attention to tips or hunches this early. Later intensive efforts will bring good results. The moon enters Gemini at 1:40 p. m. Overcome the impulse to be defiant, and go around obstacles; don't push them.

Hints on Etiquette While you may resent a person looking over your shoulder while you are reading, don't be disagreeable about it. That also would be ill-mannered.

Home-lore for Sunday Practice self-reliance and concentration and you will be successful, prosperous and happy. You make any work assignments easily, if they interfere with your conscience. Yet you are energetic, kind, affectionate, and your love will be constant. Follow up a psychic impression this morning. Deceit may be involved in a romantic manner, so act cautiously. Avoid excessive excitement and extravagance early this afternoon. Hasty actions will only provide revenue. Guard your words and acts.

One Minute Test Answers 1. Catherine the Great. 2. A collection of hymns sacred to the Hindus. 3. Queen consort is the wife of the reigning king; queen dowager is the widow of a deceased king, and queen mother is the queen whose son is the reigning monarch.

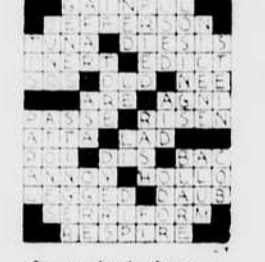
A Lift For Today

Let us not therefore judge one another anymore; but judge this rather, that no man put a stumbling block or any occasion to fall in his brother's way.—Romans 14:13. Our Father, may our thoughts of others be tolerant and gracious.

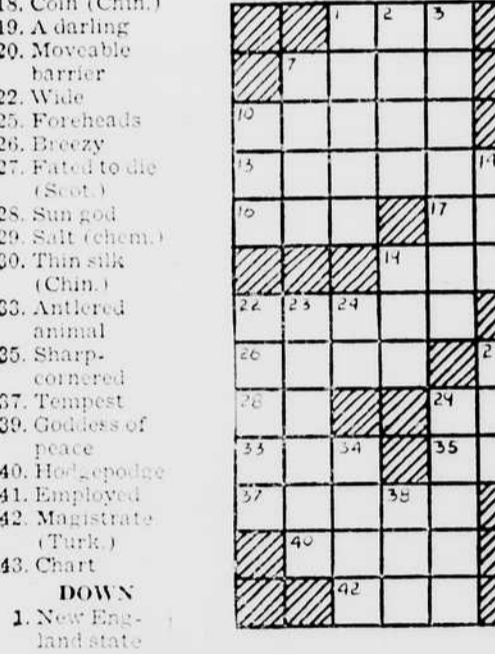


DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS 1. Denoting the middle part 4. Sack 7. Lose freshness 8. Absent 10. Bay window 11. Take great delight in 13. Country N. Europe 15. Guido's highest note 16. River (Eng.) 17. Affirmative reply 18. Coin (China) 19. A darling 20. Movable barrier 22. Wide 25. Foreheads 26. Breezy 27. Fated to die (Scott) 28. Sun god 29. Salt (chem.) 30. Thin silk (China) 33. Antlered animal 35. Sharp, cornered 37. Tempest 39. Goddess of peace 40. Ho-Lopodize 41. Employed 42. Magistrate (Turk) 43. Chart DOWN 1. New England state



Yesterday's Answer 32 Part of 'to be' 34 Kind of nut 36 Either one of the bears 38 Furnish with gear



CRYPTOQUOTE—A cryptogram quotation QJ PQCP KZREVXJU CWCXFUP QXU ONVV, XU ZL QXU ZOF ZEXFXS P UPXVV—INPVJE. Yesterday's Cryptogram: ALL SLANG IS METAPHOR, AND ALL METAPHOR IS POETRY—CHESTERTON. Distributed by King Features Syndicate, Inc.

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