

Your WASHINGTON and Mine

By James E. Pope

Washington, Oct. 18.—Gala in-ventor medals... was branded with God's curse and driven from the face of the earth—a fugitive criminal.

In our day comes murderer, Vi-torino Mussolini, proud son of an arch murderer... And beautiful American women vie with high officialdom in feting and cooing this "hero" who, in his own words, "enjoyed as a beautiful sport" his dropping of bombs on defenseless and unoffending Abyssinians.

In one of my columns I made unethical references to some "gentlemen of the press." I here and now offer my sincere apology to all editors and editorial writers.

What in print appeared to be an uncomplicated dig intentionally directed toward all columnists and editorial writers in general was in truth, merely an effort on my part, foolish in conception and crude in execution, to slap the wrists of only one or two columnists. I regard with reverence that army of fine men and women who, by and through the printed word, earn their livings at making up the world's mind for it.

In making this plea for forgiveness I solemnly promise that hereafter I will graciously permit the public to formulate its own opinions of political writers, and I shall humbly strive to merit even faint recognition from those true ladies and gentlemen of the press who by unselfish service and hero-

ic achievement have attained heights I sorely dare hope to reach.

With the coming of Congress it is my solemn determination to bring to you through this column many interesting side-lights on the session, about the White House, and the ins and outs of official Washington. Always, whenever possible, I hope to stay clear of purely partisan subjects. Where and when I am forced to comment on such burning issues, I shall do so without bias. And it is safe to predict that there will be plenty of burning issues and lots of inflammable fat thrown into the political fire, which is bound to flare up even at the very beginning of the special session.

The President in his radio address calling a special session of Congress for November 15, hurled several controversial and highly explosive issues back into the political hopper. For one thing the Nation delivers a sigh of grateful relief. Mr. Roosevelt seemingly has at last abandoned his fight for enlarging the Supreme Court. At least he avoided the subject, and this fact alone brings comfort, hope, even to many of his staunch supporters. The reverberations and political delirium tremens ensuing the appointment of Mr. Black seems to have finally resulted in calls for the coroner and undertaker to take charge of the corpse of what was once the President's court enlargement plan.

No reference was made concerning any plan for liberalizing old-age pension payments under the Social Security act. However, this can, and perhaps will come later.

A hard fight is expected to develop in the House against the maximum hours and minimum wage bill which has already passed the Senate. The South does not want

it. This places Southern Congressmen on the spot—and that spot is not a cool one. At press conferences since his western trip, President Roosevelt, still spontaneously radiating good cheer and—fine humor, seems literally to step out from his role as the man upon whom the trials and burdens of the nation must and do rest. Nonchalance is not the exact label, unless it could be used to mark his reaction toward political hoo-nannies. His evident sangfroid, his coolness and composure in the midst of harangue and harassment is amazing, especially so when you sense with absolute conviction that all this is not simply a pose, that this un-ruffled attitude of Roosevelt's cannot, by any stretch, or warp of the imagination, be characterized as flippant indifference.

LOOK AND LEARN

By A. C. Gordon

1. What is the most used letter in the English language?
2. Which of the states border on the Pacific Ocean?
3. How many feet are there in a mile?
4. What are the five most common American surnames?
5. Why were the inhabitants of America called "Indians"?
6. Which of the Great Lakes is entirely within the United States?
7. What are the five vital organs of the body?
8. What is the smallest state in area in the United States?
9. How fast do radio waves travel?
10. What has been estimated as the minimum cost of producing a man of twenty-one?
11. What is the derivation of the word "alphabet"?
12. What is the most popular beverage in the world?
13. How many red and how many white stripes has the U. S. flag?
14. What is the most costly metal?
15. What is the meaning of "E Pluribus Unum"?
16. What animal can see in all four directions at the same time?
17. In common law, what is the age of a child capable of committing a crime?
18. Who has been the oldest President of the United States, and who the youngest?
19. What have been called the

"Seven Deadly Sins"?

20. How did the superstition concerning the number thirteen originate?

ANSWERS

1. The letter "e".
2. California, Oregon, and Washington.
3. 5,280.
4. Smith, Johnson, Brown, Williams, and Jones.
5. Because Columbus thought he had encircled the globe and discovered India.
6. Lake Michigan.
7. Heart, brain, lungs, stomach, and kidneys.
8. Rhode Island.
9. 188,800 miles a second, or more than seven times around the world.
10. \$2,500.
11. The first two letters of the Greek alphabet, alpha and beta.
12. Tea.
13. Seven red, six white.
14. Radium, costing approximately \$70,000 a gram.
15. "One out of many."
16. The giraffe, on account of its prominent eyes.
17. Seven years.
18. Oldest, William Henry Harrison, inaugurated at age of 68; youngest, Theodore Roosevelt age 43.
19. Pride, anger, lust, envy, greed, gluttony, and sloth.
20. From the fact that there were thirteen present at the Lord's last supper.

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