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Tips Are Smaller As Prices Increase

Postwar Public Is Tighter With Handouts.

NEW YORK. — Waiters, bellhops, bootblacks, hack drivers and other service workers who rely largely on tips for income say the postwar public is tighter fist with its handouts.

The warborn spending spree turned up two-bit gratuities for a job which now nets only a dime.

Officials of hotel and restaurant employees unions said persons who pay more for meals than during the war are taking out their resentment on waiters by tipping less. One union official estimated a 20 per cent decline in tipping in middle-class restaurants.

Barkeepers who jovially give you a drink "on the house" are merely encouraging tips, said a spokesman for the bartenders union. To discourage the free drink practice, the bartenders have been granted wage increases.

In many midtown hotels bellhops lamented the passing of the wartime high tip. One characterized today's tippers as a parade of dimes.

The passing of the peak in tipping also grieves the bootblacks. Typical was the case of a Grand Central bootblack who said tips which averaged \$3 to \$4 daily in wartime had declined to \$1 to \$2.

And the barbers are taking it on the chin while taking it off the top. "Prices go up, tips go down," said a union official.

But things aren't rough all over. In many high-class hostilities the patrons keep laying it on the line at wartime rates.

Night club tipping maintains its general level, although an employee at Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe estimated that the ante is down there from the war peak of 22 per cent of the bill to 18 per cent.

Aunt Lizzie Dies at 115; Had 9 Husbands

SAPULPA, OKLA.—Aunt Lizzie Devers, who celebrated her 115th birthday anniversary two months ago without making her usual birthday statement that "I ain't never going to die," was found dead in her home here recently.

Aunt Lizzie had been dead for several hours when found on the floor near her bed by a neighbor.

Mrs. Devers was born in Rome, Ga., on May 1, 1831, and while still a child was brought across the dread "Trail of Tears" to Arkansas. She always described herself as of Irish and Seminole Indian descent. The last of her nine husbands died shortly before she moved to Sapulpa in 1914 or 1915.

Foreign Relief Cost 536 Millions in Three Months

WASHINGTON. — The United States provided 536 million dollars in relief aid to other countries during the first three months of this year.

The commerce department reported that 454 million dollars was in the form of civilian relief supplies, 2 million in relief services and 80 millions in cash.

Europe got more than three-fourths of the total.

Of the supplies furnished, food constituted 62 per cent and clothing, textiles and footwear 15 per cent.

The U. S. government's over-all expenditures on foreign relief and rehabilitation from July 1, 1940, through March 31 this year totaled \$2,305,000,000, of which \$2,125,000,000, was in supplies.

Italy drew the greatest amount of relief-aid, getting since July 1, 1940, supplies valued at 570 million dollars.

The Balkans got 430 million, France 225 million, Belgium and the Netherlands 140 million each, Czechoslovakia 85 million, Russia 60 million and Germany and Austria together got 100 million, the department estimated.

Russian Zone in Reich To Boost Food Rations

BERLIN.—Russian military government announced an increase in food rations in the Russian occupation zone in Germany for persons regarded as non-essential to industry.

Children, non-workers and white collar workers receive an additional 1.76 ounces of bread daily and 53 ounces of potatoes monthly. Laborers and children also will receive an increase of about 10 ounces monthly in other foodstuffs and the remainder of the population five ounces.

The present calory levels in the Russian zone were not announced.

Gasoline Ration Hike Is Ordered in Britain

LONDON. — Emanuel Shinwell, minister of fuel and power, told commons that the basic gasoline ration would be increased 50 per cent because of purchases enabled by the loan from the United States. This will allow pleasure cars to be driven about 270 miles a month instead of the present 180 miles. He said a "rather more generous allowance" would be made for industrial users.

Treason Trials Not New in War

Connecticut Native Hanged In 1777 for Joining Enemy Forces.

HARTFORD, CONN. — Treason trials and the judgment that the one convicted shall die by hanging are not new in wartime in this country.

Connecticut had a treason trial in Revolutionary war days and it resulted in the sentencing of a man to be hanged in Hartford. The man was Moses Dunbar of Waterbury, caught by patriot leaders as a Tory and used, according to "Anderson's History of Waterbury," as an object lesson to others who might have too strong a leaning toward Great Britain's German king, George III.

Dunbar joined the Church of England as a young man despite objections by his father and held to that faith until his death, says the Hartford Courant. In the war he found he could not, without violating his principles, fight against England. He went to Long Island, was offered a commission in Gen. Sir William Howe's army and accepted. When he returned to Waterbury to arrange for transfer of his wife and family to Long Island he was arrested, tried and ordered to be hanged.

Document Found in 1880.

In 1880, in an old house in Harwinton, Conn., a document was found bearing the signature of Moses Dunbar and believed to be his last written words before he went to the scaffold. The first part of the document was addressed to his children, exhorting them to remember their Creator, hold fast to their religion and "Love the Savior wherever you may be."

Proceeding with his statement to the world at large, Dunbar's document says he was born in Wallingford, Conn., and married in Farmington, Conn., to Phebe Jearman.

"From the time that the present unhappy misunderstanding between Great Britain and the colonies began, I freely confess," the document relates, "I could never reconcile my opinion to the necessity or lawfulness of taking up arms against Great Britain.

"Having spoken somewhat freely on the subject, I was attacked by a mob of about 40 men, very much abused, my life threatened and very nearly taken away, by which I was obliged to sign a paper containing falsehoods. May 20, 1776, my wife deceased, in full hope of future happiness.

"The winter preceding this trial has been a time of distress with us. I had now concluded to entering into a voluntary confinement within the limits of my farm, and making proposals of that nature, when I was carried before the committee and by them ordered to suffer imprisonment during their pleasure, not exceeding five months.

Found Guilty of Treason.

"When I had remained there about 14 days, the authority of New Haven dismissed me. Finding my life uneasy and as I had reason to apprehend, in great danger, I thought it my safest method to flee to Long Island, which I accordingly did.

"But having a desire to see my friends and children and being under engagement of marriage with her who is my wife, I returned and was married. Having a mind to remove my wife and family to Long Island as a place of safety, I went there a second time, to prepare matters accordingly. When there I accepted a captain's warrant for the king's service in Colonel Fanning's regiment.

"I was tried in Hartford on Thursday, January 23, 1777, for high treason against the State of Connecticut. I was adjudged guilty, and on the Saturday following was brought to the bar of the court and received sentence of death.

"The time of my suffering was afterwards fixed to be the 19th day of March, 1777—which tremendous and awful day now draws near."

Jet-Propelled Fighter Passes Dogfight Tests

LONDON.—British air sources in London said their new jet-propelled fighter, a guinea pig plane with swept-back wings resembling those of a swallow, had passed its mock dogfight tests with a Mosquito impressively.

Named by the De Havilland company, its manufacturers, as the D.H. 108, "The Swallow" is equipped with a De Havilland goblin turbo-jet engine, developing 12,000 horsepower.

It has neither tail plane nor elevators. Company officials said the ailerons at the wing tip performed the functions of elevators and were known as elevons.

Plans for Two Luxury Liners Are Abandoned

WASHINGTON. — The maritime commission abandoned, at President Truman's request, immediate plans to spend \$34,800,000 for construction of two luxury liners to operate between this country and South America.

Reconversion Director Steelman advised the commission the President wanted the construction awards held up for at least a year.

See Cancer Help In Powerful Beam

New Tool That Science Has Long Waited.

URBANA, ILL. — A 22,000-volt free electron beam which can be used to "penetrate the core of an atom and study the nucleus in a way never before possible," has been produced at the University of Illinois.

The beam is described by the scientists as a "new tool for which atomic and medical scientists have long waited."

It comes from the university's 22,000,000-volt betatron which had been used previously only to produce high voltage X-rays.

Entirely new ways, the scientists added, to study the inside of the atom; study the behavior of electrons; create artificially radioactive substances and attack deep-seated cancer.

Theoretical calculations indicate that the beam might disclose important advantages over X-rays in the treatment of deep-seated cancer.

The scientists said, however, that three to five years of further study might be required before such a powerful force can be turned on a living human being for tests on patients.

The scientists point out that artificial radioactivity is not new but that its creation by electrons with such a powerful energy is.

Whether the two are different is another question they now hope to answer.

Fourth of Animals In Atom Test Killed

BIKINI LAGOON.—Nearly 25 per cent of the animals placed aboard ships in the first atomic bomb test were killed outright or died later from exposure to lethal rays, a member of Vice Admiral Blandy's staff revealed.

In addition, many of the animals still living are critically ill. Capt. R. H. Dreager said it would be months before the full story of what happened to the animals could be told. He said the animals suffered "no real pain."

Studies have disclosed, he continued, that if the ships had been manned by crews, most of the seamen would have survived and would have been handling ships ready for action.

Button-Stealing Butler Forgiven, Buttles Again

LONDON. — Through the chill, stately halls of ancient Warwick castle, Thomas George Cook went about his butting duties with a clear conscience. Police had written him the mystery of who stole the jeweled buttons off the Earl of Warwick's vest.

Cook is an excellent butler, but a poor judge of horseflesh. He had "borrowed" the platinum and diamond buttons to defray the costs of a disastrous day at the track.

But the earl, whose ancestors made and unmade kings of England, is a man who values a good butler above a set of waistcoat buttons.

Despite the earl's forgiveness, however, a magistrate's court said the fine and costs would total \$76.40.

When the buttons were stolen, the earl was in Africa shooting lions.

He said he hadn't worn that particular vest for 10 or 12 years. "I'm afraid this is not the first time Cook has had racing trouble," the earl confided. "I've always stumped up and he has always paid back."

Test New Type Radar in Flight Over the Pole

EDMONTON, ALTA.—A B-29 Superfortress with a pressurized cabin recently made a flight of more than 5,000 miles from Edmonton over the north geographic pole and back, first such flight in history originating on Canadian soil, it was learned.

No details were released officially by United States army air force headquarters here, but it was believed the flight by way of Fairbanks, Alaska, was made for instrument testing purposes, particularly the Loran device, which is similar to radar, and to gather data on weather conditions in the polar regions.

The B-29 was one of three Loran monitoring aircraft which have been based in Edmonton for some time. Carrying a crew of 12, the plane stopped at Fairbanks for refueling and then went over the pole and returned to Fairbanks in approximately 23 hours. Later the B-29 returned to its base here.

Rhapsody Orchestration Now in Congress' Library

WASHINGTON. — Ferde Grofe, composer and orchestra leader, presented the original manuscript of his piano-orchestra version of the "Rhapsody in Blue" to the Library of Congress.

The orchestration of the famous composition by George Gershwin was written by Composer Grofe in New York in 1924.

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