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TO THE ORIENT WITH CONGRESS

On Board S. S. President Grant, October 16, 1935

The congressional party left Seattle at 11 o'clock this morning amid a lot of cheering and band music. The trip to Victoria was uneventful and was taken up in getting acquainted with the staterooms on the steamer. The reception in Victoria was a gay one. The party was taken ashore thru a gangway bedecked with American and British flags. After a tour of the city, the party was guest at dinner at the Canadian Pacific railroad's hotel, the Empress.

At Sea, October 17

The state department furnishes each member a set of instructions and full information about China, Japan and the Philippines. This is in form of a mimeographed book and contains valuable information about the customs, foreign exchange and what to do and when to do it, and when not to do it. So members, when they land in these countries now know what to wear, what to say and what not to say.

The propagandists and lobbyists follow the party to the other side of the world. Every senator and congressman daily by pre-arrangement gets a letter or literature about something. These letters are delivered to the staterooms. Members too seasick to eat pay no attention. Others read them and are surprised to know they are being followed by proponents of more money for the Grand Coulee, for lowering taxes or tariffs on coconut oil and thousands of other things. There's a reason for this propaganda—never before have so many powerful leaders been together on such a long trip.

Awfully cold and half the passengers are sick. About the best sailor on board is the vice president. He takes his daily walks on the deck, smokes a black cigar and watches the senators and congressmen play shuffle board or takes a hand at a game of bridge in the smoking room.

There are two brides and grooms on board and both couples have been seasick for two days.

Members of the insular affairs committee are going into a huddle and from now on will study the sugar and coconut oil situation. These have much to do with this trip. We know that.

At Sea, October 23

This ship was once the property of the United States shipping board. It was named "The Lone Pine State." It weighs 22,000 tons and was bought by the American line for a very low cost. Some hints are made that it didn't cost the company much over a dollar. The speed from last noon to this noon was 450 miles. It carries a lot of freight. Even logs which will be finished into lumber in Japan because they tariff the lumber by the piece and logs go for a cheaper rate. It carries Ford parts for the Ford assembly plant and a lot of rayon pulp made in Washington state. The Japanese will make it into rayon cloth and sell it to Americans. Members of the crew say the freight pays the bill on this ship but a visit to the post office shows that this steamship is subsidized by our government and gets thousands of dollars from us for carrying a few bags of mail. Ship subsidy is expensive to American taxpayers.

Thirty years ago a lot of Nebraska boys went to the Philippines to join the Constabulary. When they crossed the Meridian and lost a day they organized what was then known as the "Antipodes Club." Among them were Charles Hourigan, Joe McDonald, Walter Neil and others. Most of them are dead now. So crossing this myth-

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ical line again after thirty years a new club was organized and a toast was drunk to the old Nebraska boys.

Two giant eagles have been following this ship for several days. The white seagulls have disappeared and we are being followed by the dark albatross known as the North Albatross. Many whales are alongside blowing and attracting the attention of the party. Now and then a strange bird comes aboard and during the rough seas some of the giant black fish which abound in these northern waters are washed aboard.

At Sea, October 28

Since Friday this ship has been going down the coast of Japan. We are entering the Japanese waters from the north and we dock this afternoon at Yokohama. Many Japanese Junks and other craft have saluted the ship and signals that a great reception is awaiting us have come to us. There is much activity on the water and also on board. Members of the official party are getting ready for the good will functions and many of the newspaper men and people who are coming back thru Japan are making ready for the overland trip to meet us in Kobe.

The 75 Chinese and Hindu passengers who have been in the steerage are up on deck. We took these orientals on in Victoria, B. C. They are going back home after many years in America. Not one of these orientals came from a United States port. Visits with them indicate that it is mighty hard for them to get into our country. They tell us they saved many years to get the \$90.00 which it cost them to get steerage passage on this ship. Many of them tell us they would like to live in our country and hope that some day the bars will be lifted and allow more orientals to come to live in the United States. They learn, too, however, that many of these Chinese save much of the money they make in our country and bring it back to their own country. So the listeners wonder about lifting the bars.

A newspaper correspondent who waited in Yokohama a week for our boat tells us he has been followed by spies during his entire stay. His luggage has been searched and some of his notes have disappeared. The Japanese want to know all about your business here and they find it out.

Fourteen members of the house committee on insular affairs held a meeting today. They instructed their chairman that they want less of social functions and more opportunity to visit the interior of the Philippines in order to study the coconut oil, sugar, hemp and other industries. These members suddenly find out they are not on any pleasure trip. They have learned that an effort is being made on the part of the Filipinos to get more free trade into the United States after the commonwealth government starts functioning. They learn that a trade conference is called for in January. They know that legislation pertaining to the Islands must originate in the house and this committee will have to act on that legislation. Every member represents some district which is interested in butterfat,

lard, cordage, etc. So these members are holding regular meetings and telling their leaders that they want to find out about things in the Islands first hand so they can act intelligently when they come back home. Private interests are represented and there is some intrigue but so far as the insular affairs committee is concerned these members are determined that American interests must be protected first.

Members of the party are beginning to ask what to buy and what not to buy. Many of the members want to visit those places where so many novelties are made which are sold in competition to American made goods. They are told that even beer is now made in Japan and sold in Germany for less money than the German can make beer for.

Sanpans and other craft are coming toward the ship. The pilot is on board and soon we will land. After a day and night we sail for Kobe and now we are but nine days from our objective, the Philippine Islands and to attend the birth of a new nation.

KARL STEFAN.

WE WANT CHILDREN—

Every child in town is invited to our Open House Xmas Showing of Toys. The select of the New York Toy Fair. See Shirley Temple and the new life-like Sistine Winks and all the new action toys in motion. Friday Eve., Nov. 22nd.—Adv.

SCHOOL NOTES

Holt county schools are again sponsoring the Tuberculosis seal sale. This sale will be carried on until Xmas time. We hope that everyone will be interested in purchasing these seals.

Fifty per cent of the money derived from the seal sale will remain here in the county to be used in health and welfare work. Since this is the only way we have of raising money for welfare work we hope that you will be able to respond willingly. The other 50% of the proceeds will go into the National Tuberculosis clinics and hospitals.

The Red Cross Roll Call drive closes on the 29th of November. Roll Call captains should mail in the names of the people enrolled together with their membership fee of one dollar. We are getting a good response on our roll call drive and we hope to reach our quota for Holt county on or before the 29th of November.

County Superintendent.

A Union Service Sunday

The Methodist and Presbyterian churches will unite in both services next Sunday, November 24. Each church will have their own Sunday school and all will meet then in the Presbyterian church for the morning service at 11, with Rev. L. L. Enslow preaching the sermon. The two morning choirs are requested to sit together in the choir room for the song and preliminary services.

In the evening the Union service will be in the Methodist church at 7:30 with the union of the evening choirs. Rev. Enslow will preach the sermon. There will also be a meeting of the young people of both churches at 6:30 at the M. E. church with a special speaker.

Let everyone lay aside all prejudice and take the spirit of Christ and worship together in a wonderful Union Service this Sunday morning and evening.

OPEN HOUSE NIGHT!

Never have I seen such a select assortment of Toys—and they'll all be on display Friday evening, Nov. 22nd. It's Open House Night for children accompanied by parents. See the action toys in motion—Trains, Slipping Sam, Autos, Shirley Temple and hundreds of games.—Adv.

THE NEBRASKA SCENE

by James B. Lowell

At the same time while enacting a social security program for Nebraska, the majority of the members of the special legislative session demonstrated that they didn't grasp the idea by denouncing social work. Informed observers say that a social welfare program without social workers would be like a highway construction program without any engineers.

As a matter of fact the majority of Nebraskans outside of a few of the larger cities have had very little contact with social welfare work, and it is therefore not surprising that many legislators should have vague and often misconceived ideas on the subject.

To many, social work means "snooping" and they believe that assisting the needy should consist of doling out food, clothing or money, and letting it go at that.

The real social worker is a person who receives a course of training and internship comparable to that of a doctor. And like doctors, there may be good, bad and indifferent social workers.

Social welfare work regards the giving of clothing and groceries merely as a means unto an end. In times anywhere near normal, the social worker figures that when a family is in need there must be some underlying cause and it is his aim to remove that cause so that the family may get back on its feet again.

It may be that the head of the family isn't mentally equipped to support a family. In that case vocational training comes into use and the man is taught a trade. Or it may be that the wife doesn't know how to manage, in which case she must be taught how to budget, how to buy nutritious yet economical foods, and how to sew. And so on down the line. The entire idea is to help people to help themselves rather than to just help.

When the cause of dependency is unemployment, then the logical thing to do is to supply a job. If jobs aren't available, as at present, the social worker along with the rest of us is up against it.

Rep. Ed. T. Lusenski of Columbus, who has been one of the most bitter denouncers of social work, said shortly before the session closed (contending that the counties should have the whole say-so in administering the old age pension funds), "I'm not going to see the old age pensions turned over to the outfit that controlled the FERA in the state. They made a fizzle out of that, and they will make a fizzle out of the pensions, too."

Social work had nothing to do with any shortcomings of the FERA, as there were very few real social welfare workers in the crowd—most of the so-called ones being merely young men and women picked from likely prospects, given a few months of train-

ing and then thrown into the breach. Even so, it appears that when the final scores are chalked up, the FERA will be as high on the board as the WPA.

Senator Rolla VanKirk, representing so "highly enlightened" a community as Lincoln, labeled H. R. 12 as an appropriation for "high-powered snoopers in welfare work." This bill, which was one of the social security measures to become a law, merely appropriates an estimated \$46,850 of federal funds to the vocational education division for its work of fitting misfits into jobs they can handle.

Rep. Marjorie Stark of Norfolk flayed the maternal and child health bill unmercifully because, she said, it would "bring snooping welfare workers, who never had a child, into Nebraska homes to show Nebraska mothers how to raise their children."

This was a grandstand play and received considerable applause, but any reliable doctor or trained nurse will say that much information needs to be instilled in the minds of Nebraska mothers on their own pre-natal care and that of infants. The high maternal and infant mortality rate in rural Nebraska, especially, is nothing to be proud of.

The old age pension bill as far the most significant measure in the social security program laid out by the special session. With the one-cent gasoline tax law reenacted and its time extended to March 1, 1937, instead of June 30, 1936, and with the other funds apparently available, it appears that old age pensions of sorts will become an actuality within the near future.

The job of devising a permanent method of financing old age pensions remains for the unicameral session in 1937, but in the meantime in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000 from gas tax, liquor revenue and head tax, will be available.

Other social security bills passed include those to assist in caring for dependent crippled children, maternal and child health, amending the regular session law for care of the blind to bring it under the new federal social security setup, authorizing the state health department to accept and use federal funds for carrying on public health work, and appropriating federal funds to the vocational education division.

Measures not pertaining to social security but passed and signed by the governor, will prohibit licensing of automobiles unless the personal tax on the vehicle is paid, give the aeronautics bureau \$35,000 which the regular session law failed to properly appropriate, and permit cities and villages to acquire real estate for the construction of grade crossings separation

Get Hungry!

TURKEY DINNER

Tuesday, Nov. 26
Presbyterian Church
6 o'clock

MENU

- Turkey and Dressing
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- Scalloped Corn Cabbage Salad
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- Pickles
- Rolls
- Pie
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- Coffee

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projects, financed with federal funds.

The latter bill in reality applies to Fremont, North Platte and Norfolk where such projects are contemplated.

All of the new tax proposals introduced as a means of financing old age pensions went to limbo with Governor Cochran's amen.

These included proposals to tax chain stores, cigarets and other tobaccos, pari-mutual betting, and a regulation sales tax.

The spotlight in the political parade during the past week went to O. S. Spillman of Norfolk, former attorney general, who was tentatively placed in nomination as a republican candidate for governor. Petitions from 10 counties were filed in the secretary of state's office with the promise of more to come.

Prognosticators say that Spillman is really in earnest but that he has a few misgivings as to what Former State Senator Kenneth S. Wherry of Pawnee City and Dwight Griswold, republican "strong man" of Gordon, may do.

Griswold has been noncommittal to date, but according to the political guessers he will run for one of three offices—governor, congress or United States senator providing

Norris steps out.

Wherry, like Barkus of David Copperfield fame, "is willin'" but he insists that if he runs for governor he must have the united support of the republican party. He is classed with Spillman as a progressive.

It has come out in the daily press that State Representative John Havekost, of Hooper, is being urged by some of his law-making colleagues to run for congress in the third district. These hopefuls have it doped out that Havekost, a democrat, can beat out the republican incumbent, Karl Stefan, for the seat. It is generally conceded that the latter will run for reelection.

Bringing up the rear of the week's parade is Former State Treasurer T. W. Bass, who has filed as a candidate for the republican primary nomination for his old office. He lives in Lincoln and (Continued on page 5, column 4.)

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