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connection with Gov. Herbert H. Lehman's attack on President in annoying the security holders of Roosevelt's Supreme court enlargement bill was the fact that the President has turned, one by one, against so many of his former close forced by competition to reduce advisers and lieutenants.

The recent fight for leadership of the senate Democrats, to fill the place made vacant by the death of Senator Joseph T. Robinson, demonstrated this in a striking way. For all the four years of his first administration, Roosevelt's closest confidant among senators was very generally regarded as Senator James F. Byrnes of South Carolina.

In fact, if Senator Robinson had died a year ago there would have been little doubt on Capitol Hill that selection of Senator Byrnes as leader would be the thing the White House wanted.

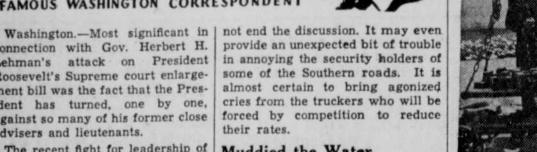
Actually Senator Byrnes discovered, shortly after the recent battle began, that all the White House wires were being pulled for Senator Alben W. Barkley of Kentucky. Senator Byrnes found he had no chance at all. He was caught between two millstones. So he retired from the race, and Barkley was chosen.

The most effective supporter the President has had on Capitol Hill has been the very non-talkative Vice President, John Nance Garner. The Vice President was really ousted as one of the President's advisers months ago, when he became very vociferous, in the privacy of the President's office, in insisting that the government should take a strong stand on the sit-down strikes. Senator Byrnes lost his popularity at 1600 Pennsylvania avenue for the same reason.

## **Favored Barkley**

Neither Garner nor Byrnes had ever liked the court bill, but they were following the President on it, just as Joe Robinson and Pat Harrison were.

But the President knew their hearts were not with him on this issue-to him the most important of all. That is why he was for Barkley for leader, instead of Harrison. He has always known he could depend on Barkley. Back in 1932 he



Muddied the Water

Meanwhile, of course, everybody knows that the freight rate argument was just thrown in to muddy the water-that nobody was really weighing these freight rates seriously as an argument for the differential in favor of the South on wages and hours regulation.

rates is going to change the situation with respect to the colored workers on whom the South depends for such a large proportion of its labor. The fact that a farmer may be able to send his crops to market at a little lower charge for freight is not going to make him willing to get out of it. And he is going to be just as sore on his representative and senators if they vote to do that

ever. going to modify the course of those fighting for a differential favoring the South. It is merely going to ential of a sideline argument, and deprive them of it just about the time they are tired of talking anyhow

All of which makes it just a little clearer why so many senators and representatives would like to put this bill, and a good many others, over until next session. It may be just as ticklish then, but they would like to stop worrying now!

## **Very Few Left**

Once there were plenty of Republicans in high public office, notably in the senate and house of representatives, who had the same general ideas about their party that Joseph T. Robinson had about his. There are mighty few, if any, left, and those who even come within striking distance of Robinson's batwas so anxious to get Barkley for | ting average are without exception temporary chairman of the national so branded as "reactionaries" and "Tories" that in presidential campaigns they are regarded by candi- Zealand, China, India, Africa and dates and national chairmen as liabilities rather than assets.



Weighing a Shipment of Eleph ant Tusks on a London Wharf.

For of course no change in freight From Every Corner of the Earth **Come Ships That Ply This River** 

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London the world's foremost river port. Since Ropay his workers more-not if he can man galley days-when Britons traded grain, slaves, and dogskin for European salt to him as if there had been no and horse collars - comcharge in the freight rates what merce has flowed between London and the continental So no decision by the I. C. C. is countries along the Schelde,

the Rhine and the Elbe. After Drake nerved England to deprive those advocating the differ- smash the Spanish Armada, London ships gained in time the lion's share of ocean-

borne trade. Names immortal in discovery and conquest are linked with this water front. From here Frobisher went seeking the Northwest passage, and Hawkins to Puerto Rico and Vera Cruz; from here Lancaster made his voyages to the East, before the downfall of Portugal and the rise of the British East India company. Raleigh sailed from here to explore the Orinoco, to popularize tobacco and, tradition says, to start the Irish planting potatoes.

It was London's daring money which sent Sebastian Cabot to found the Russia company, opening trade with that land. London merchants and skippers promoted the Turkey, African, Virginia and Hudson's Bay companies.

the rich islands of the sea.

English Spread From Here.

London emigra

for the zoo to a shipload of molasses from which to distill fuel alcohol. cent, his mortality or death rating It weighs goods, reports on their as influenced by overweight is given quality and condition; it opens bales in percentages. Thus a person 5 and boxes for customs inspection. feet tall whose standard weight is furnishes samples for buyers, and 129 pounds, but who weighs 50 per looks after repacking and loading cent in excess, or 193 pounds, has a for those who ship from London to mortality or death rate of 170 per other ports. cent, or 70 per cent above normal."

On the north bank of the Thames. scattered for miles downstream from the Tower, stand these great PLA docks: London, St. Katharine, East and West India, Millwall, Victoria and Albert, King George V, and the Tilbury.

On the south bank, near London's heart, are ancient Surrey Commercial docks, with a lumberyard that covers 150 acres!

cess body tissue. His heart is re-Besides the railways and truck quired to pump blood to 20 per lines that the these docks to the outcent increased tissues by weight, lying kingdom, some 9,000 Thames the kidneys must get rid of waste barges handle goods to and from matter from 20 per cent increased ships' sides. tissue, the liver and pancreas must

Each dock has its own character. St. Katharine docks are built on the site of the old Church of St. Katharine by the Tower, founded by Queen Matilda in 1148. What heterogeneous goods they store: wool. skins, wines, spices, sugar, rubber, balata, tallow, ivory, barks, gums, drugs, coffee, iodine, hemp, quicksilver, canned fruits and fish, coir yarn, coconuts, and brandy!

Navy at One Dock.

West India and Millwall docks lie over a number of years must rein a river peninsula known as the sult in a breaking down before it Isle of Dogs. Here the passer-by otherwise would occur. may smell 12,000 puncheons of rum,



# "When Clocks Stopped" By FLOYD GIBBONS **Famous Headline Hunter**

HELLO, everybody: Bryan Carlock of Bloomington, Ill., is one man who knows exactly when his adventure started. Other folks may be a little vague about the exact hour and minute of their life's biggest thrill.

When death is staring you in the face, you don't stop to look at your watches and say, "Ho hum, if I don't get out of this mess pretty, ing the life expecquick I'll be late for dinner." Neither did Bryan, for that matter. But tancy of individuals of definite height, he knows the time. age and weight, it is

He knows it because, when the blow struck, all the clocks and watches stopped. It was the end of time. The end of the world! The end of everything! The day was March 10, 1933, and Bryan had arrived in Long Beach, Calif., just that morning, to visit his sister, who was married to an army officer, Lieut. Chester Linton. She and Bryan had gone down town in the afternoon and returned home at 5 o'clock. The clocks and watches stopped at exactly 5:55!

It Was Just Before Dinner, When-

In the meantime, they were busy getting dinner ready. Chester Linton had come home. Sis was in the kitchen making salad and biscuits. Potatoes were boiling on the stove and the roast was in the oven. The rest of the family was in the living room. Bryan was reading and the children-a girl and three boys-were playing on the floor.

Sis came in and said, "Are you all hungry? Dinner will be ready in a few minutes." And then-

And then-terror! The words were hardly out of his sister's mouth when the building began to sway and rock. There was a roar that sounded like thousands of firecrackers exploding all at once. Tables and floor lamps fell over. Plaster crashed down from the ceiling and the floor bulged upward and burst open. Says Bryan: "I thought the world was coming to an end. . The whole house was rocking like a boat. I couldn't get my voice for a moment, and when I did, I cried out, 'What is it?' Then I heard Chester say, 'Earthquake! Get out!' As he said it, the wall beside him crumbled and fell out into the street."

### The More He Struggled, the Worse His Fix.

The apartment was on the second floor of a brick building at the corner of Broadway and Linden. They started for the stairway, and Bryan says when he reached it it was moving like an escalator. Sis



Democratic convention that he agreed to let Jouett Shouse be permanent chairman if Shouse and his friends would not oppose Barkley for temporary chairman.

This agreement was made with Robert Jackson, then secretary of the Democratic national committee (the New Hampshire Jackson, not the Robert H. Jackson of New York who is now assistant attorney general). Listening in on an extension telephone was Harry F. Byrd, now a senator from Virginia.

The importance of a vigorous temporary chairman at a political national convention is extraordinary in any close contest. On him depends the job of overseeing the selection of the permanent list of delegates!

Senators Sherman Minton of Indiana and Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Washington were called in with Senator Barkley and Senator Key Pittman of Nevada after the death of Robinson. This gave a clue to the present situation. They are among the most radical men in the upper house.

# Wages and Hours Bill

The average senator and representative, in trying to figure out just what he should do to play safe on the bill regulating wages and hours, is like a golfer about to drive. He must remember to get his stance right for direction, his grip as the pro told him to keep it, also to keep his left arm straight, just which part of his anatomy to move first in pivoting, and above all to keep his eye on the ball.

The only trouble with this illustration is that in worrying about the wages and hours bill there are considerably more things to remember, forgetting any one of which may prove far more disastrous than when a golfer tops, hooks, slices or whiffs.

Who could have foreseen, for instance, that freight rates would be important?

It started when some Southern congressmen, insisting that the South must have a differential to permit its employers to work their labor longer hours and pay them less than their competitors in the same line in the North, gave as one reason for the necessity of this "advantage" that the South pays higher freight rates.

It so happens that the interstate commerce commission is now digging into that question, under active prodding of certain commercial interests in the South.

Insiders predict-though predicting what the I. C. C. will do is almost as dangerous as forecasting court decisions-that there will be orders from the high court of commerce adjusting freight rates in the South. This would have the effect of depriving the Southern congressmen of one of their arguments in favor of the differential, if the decision of the L.C.C. is as predicted. But it will

Robinson believed that the most important thing to determine about any official act of his was whether only a few millions spoke it. Now it would help or hurt the Demo- it is a world tongue. Of all letters, cratic party. Absolutely consistent | telegrams, books and papers printon this, he never allowed any pered now, it is estimated that 70 per sonal view or prejudice to influence cent are in English. London alone him in the slightest if it seemed to uses enough newsprint every day him to run counter to the chances to cover a ranch of 9,350 acresfor electing a Democratic President or nearly 15 square miles of paper. at the next election.

came just as fanatical about that.

win an election must be dry.

What few Northerners and West-

erners understand is the cause for

this extreme party of loyalty. It is

sound politics in the South because

of the generation-old-feeling-ever

of the Democratic party is the most

thing else sinks into insignificance

It has been just about 45 years

since there has been any compara-

ble feeling about the Republic party.

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when compared to it.

Loyal to Party

gathering.

shouted.

wet again!

"The smell from that big paper mill at Bayswater is one of the The best illustration is prohibition. marks I steer by on foggy nights," There may live a man who can say a Thames pilot will tell you. flatly that if Joe Robinson had not

Exploration of London's crowded been in politics he would have been docks reveals not only what amaza dry, or a wet. But most of his ing piles of food a great city can friends around Washington and Litnormally eat, but also what odd tle Rock doubt it. Robinson was items, from live bats to rhino horns. never one of those politicians who make public speeches one way and are mixed in the life stream of

world commerce. talk privately the other. When Rob-Imponderable, in variety and inson embraced an issue, whatever magnitude, are these fruits of man's may have been the original reason barter. Here, too, his work ranges for his taking that side, he went all from rat catching and opium samthe way. He made speeches for it. pling to dredging the Thames and Then with extraordinary speed he handling annual cargo enough to fill changed to the new position, and bea road with loaded trucks from the Yukon to Patagonia.

To say that every day some 500 craft, big and little, pass through Prohibition was mentioned bethe Thames mouth tells only half cause it is one of the most easily the story. More significant is what demonstrated cases. Robinson was happens on the docks. born bone dry under the party leadership of William Jennings Bryan.

**Commission Ends Confusion.** 

He became wet when the party Even London people themselves turned in that direction at the 1928 don't dream what incredible activity Democratic national convention. is here. Few ever see it. Confusion Like many others, Robinson was on this crowded river, in days gone, convinced by the 1928 landslide that grew so intense that waiting boats the country was overwhelmingly dry often lay unloaded for weeks; goods and hence that any national party to were piled in disorder on river banks, and pilfering was enormous. So at a national committee meet- One river bandit stole almost a whole shipload of sugar! To coming the following year, held at a bat this chaos the West India mer-Washington hotel, when John J. chants built their own fortlike docks. Raskob proposed a new plan open-With more trade came more ing the door to repeal, Robinson docks, and more toll-rate wars and made one of the most stinging other confusion. This ended in 1909 speeches ever delivered at such a when the Port of London authority. a Royal commission, took full con-

"You shall not nail the skull and trol under act of parliament. crossbones of an outlawed trade to It paid 23,000,000 pounds for prithe masthead of Democracy!" he vately owned London docks, spent millions more to make the lower But three years later, when the Thames the world's longest deep-Democratic national convention water channel and to enlarge and went all the way wet in its platre-equip cargo-handling facilities. form and then nominated Franklin It has dredged mud enough out of D. Roosevelt, who accepted the platthe Thames to build a Chinese Wall, form, Robinson became an ardent

and has constructed the world's most extensive dock system. One of its cranes, the "London Mammoth." lifts 150 tons! Finally, with characteristic British financial genius, it sold its debentures on the stock exchange, and

since reconstruction-that success now its operations usually pay all costs and interest and leave a profit vital issue in the world-that everywhich is used for more improvements Giant Docks and Yard.

that may range from wild animals

a million tons of sugar and shipin the Americas, in Australia, New loads of dates.

Victoria and Albert and King George V docks form one huge From this water front went the structure, the world's largest sheet English language. In Drake's day of enclosed dock water. Often 40 or Joslin, Boston, the outstanding au-50 ships-equal to a good-sized navy -tie up here at one time.

Tilbury is the first dock one sees long landing stage forms a homeland gateway for people from Australia, New Zealand, India, China land or embark here. Fast trains of the London, Midland and Scottish of the kingdom.

In the city, PLA has still more warehouses. At its Butler street building are 70 rooms full of oriental carpets-enough to cover a farm of 120 acres!

People buy most carpets in June, for wedding presents, you are told. There are electric ovens, too, for conditioning raw silk, a mountain of Havana cigars and leaf tobacco enough to last one man, say, 500,-000 years!

Here is a furtive horde of lean black cats, to help out the official human rat catchers. Musty wine vaults use 28 miles of underground track on which to roll barrels that hold the 12,000,000 gallons of wine brought to London each year.

This is the world's ivory and tooth market. It takes 16,000,000 artificial teeth from the United States every year—and some 2,000 elephant tusks from Africa and Asia.

Not many tusks are from newly slain elephants. Most of them come from mudholes, left by animals.

### Tea for Londoners.

Wool was England's chief export in the Middle ages. Today it is one of London's main imports. It takes the fleeces from about fifty million sheep to meet London's annual demands!

Tea trade has centered here for 300 years. In Mincing Lane you can see brokers bidding on lots which have been expertly sampled by PLA's own teatasters.

When they "bulk" tea, or mix it, on some warehouse floors you may see it heaped up in mounds higher then men's heads.

Think of all the "liquid history" that has been packed into this ancient water front since Roman galleys traded here; since Danes and Vikings came to plunder: since the great companies of merchant adventurers launched their tiny ships for daring trade and colonizing far over then little-known seas.

Think of the 60,000 ships a year that now form smoke lanes from London to every nook of the world where goods can be bought or sold and you begin to see why this 70-The PLA is not in trade. It is mile stretch of "London River" is, merely custodian of merchandise incomparably, the world's busiest water front.

Tendency to Diabetes.

the large insurance companies with

the records of thousands of

"healthy" individuals accepted for

life insurance, gave out their

figures to physicians that the true

These facts are that overweight

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The table states:

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that exists.

In commenting upon this fact that

the death rate is increased in pro-

portion to the percentage or amount

of overweight, Dr. Harry Gauss,

University of Colorado, in his book

"Clinical Dietetics" says: "There

is nothing amazing in these statis-

tics. A person whose normal weight

is 150 pounds and who weighs 180

pounds is carrying 20 per cent ex-

do the work for the same increase

in tissue, and so all the organs in

the abdomen (and also in the

chest) are taxed by the increased

Now we know that Nature is very

generous, that the limit or margin

of safety in these organs is much

beyond the everyday needs of the

body (we could live with one kid-

ney, one half or less of the stomach,

of the liver, and of the intestine),

but the extra strain of overweight

burden."

facts became known.

Dr. Barton

"And the reducing of the span of ward diabetes is another. Dr. E. P. thority on diabetes, has shown that diabetes is from ten to twenty times more common among fat persons when sailing up the Thames. Its than in normal or undernourished persons." Dr. W. E. Preble, Boston, who made observations on 1,000 cases of obesity (overweight). and other eastern countries who found that 432 of the patients showed evidence of organic heart disease, 230 showed functional diseases of railway touch the dock's edge and the heart (disturbances such as inwhisk passengers away to all parts | creased rate or irregularity), while

463 showed evidences of interference with the work of the kidneys. That overweight persons are poor

surgical risks is a common observation of the surgeons, and that they offer less resistance to such infections as pneumonia is a common observation also."

Now the above facts should not make those of normal weight think they would feel better, be more free of ailments, and live longer if they were to reduce their weight. To be of normal weight, with just the right amount of fat (15 to 20 per cent of the total body weight) is an asset.

#### Cut Down on Bread.

Nor should those who are slightly overweight give the above figures much thought: a matter of 5 to 8 pounds over the average weight should cause no concern. Perhaps cutting down slightly on bread, butter and potatoes-nothing morewould reduce the weight to normal over a period of two to three months.

It is of course fortunate up to a certain point that the fashion for slimness has passed its height; stage directors no longer demand that members of the chorus shall be "skinny" and women in general are not ashamed of curves any more. This will prove helpful if women, and men also, will not let the pendulum swing too far the other way, and allow themselves to become overweight, because there is no getting away from the facts presented in insurance tables.

Insurance companies do not refuse applicants for insurance if they can help it. Their business is to insure all that they "safely" can. The fact that they refuse applicants with excessive overweight, and charge a higher premium for those who are even moderately overweight is the strongest possible argument that overweight is not only a menace to health but definitely shortens the life span.

#### Agouti, a Rodent

The agouti is a rodent allied to the guinea pig and common in the jungles of eastern South Africa. It is about the size of a rabbit, has a rudimentary tail and ranges in color from yellow to brown.

The stairway was moving like an escalator.

life is not the only penalty of over- and the kids were safely at the bottom. The lieutenant was behind him. weight. The increased tendency to- Bryan was half way down that tottering stairway when his foot went through a broken step and caught there.

He struggled to extricate himself, but the harder he tried, the tighter he seemed to be wedging himself in. Now, the lieutenant was at his side, trying to get him out. Plaster was still falling from the walls and ceiling. At last the lieutenant got him loose, and they ran out into the street.

On the other side of the street, a neighbor was lying dead on the lawn-a great chunk of cornice beside him. He had run out of his home at the first shock of the quake, just as the cornice fell, and it killed him. The whole neighborhood was in confusion. Some men were carrying a woman into the bungalow next door, her leg torn and bleeding.

## **Tidal Wave Threatens Destruction and Hunger.**

And then, another terrible cry was passed from mouth to mouth through the stricken area. "Tidal wave coming!" "We were only three blocks from the ocean," says Bryan, "and we took the kids and began running inland. We had had nothing to eat. The roast and potatoes and other food back home had been blown against the north wall of the kitchen.

"When we couldn't run any more, we walked. We went on that way for two or three hours, through streets filled with debris and ruin and desolation. Before long, the city was under martial law. About 8:00 or 9:00 o'clock we struck a place that hadn't suffered quite as badly as other sections of the town. They were serving soup, sandwiches, coffee, etc., so we stopped and had something to eat."

#### He Didn't Even Feel Nail in His Leg.

They were all exhausted by this time. There was still no sign of a tidal wave and, tidal wave or no tidal wave, Bryan wasn't going to go a step farther. They held a council of war and decided to return to the neighborhood of home.

They wandered back toward the ocean and, within a block of the Lintons' wrecked house they found an apartment building which was still in pretty good shape, and managed to get shelter for the night.

### For the first time, then, Bryan noticed that his right foot was damp. He pulled up his trouser leg and found the foot covered with blood. There was a nail in the calf of his leg. Evidently it had been thrust there when he got caught in the broken stairway. "There was a doctor in the house," he says, "and he dressed the

wound. I was walking like a drunken man, and the doctor told me I was 'earth shocked.' "

# Calls Quake's Effects Worse Than War.

The tremors continued all through the night. They stayed in the apartment house, but in the morning they had to move on, for the city's mains had been broken and there was no gas or water. They went to City Hall park, where relief work was getting under way, and there they were put into a truck and sent to Lennox, about twelve miles from Los Angeles where a women's club had been turned into a dormitory.

### "They gave us medical attention there," says Bryan, "and a lot of us needed it. A lot of the women were hysterical. One of the nurses there had been in hospitals in France during the war and had been bombarded by the Germans, but she said it didn't affect her nearly as badly as the quake did.

"Our little group got off easily. My sister and her little girl had been hit by plaster and the three boys had their legs skinned. The lieutenant had had the presence of mind to hold a chair over his head, and he escaped without a scratch. But the thing that saved us all from death was our delay in getting out of the house. If we had gone out while the debris was still falling we would have met the same fate as our neighbor across the street."

### C-WNU Service.

# **Most Slowly Written Works**

The "Acta Sanctorum," the great collection of the lives and legends of the Roman Catholic saints, is one of the most slowly written works on Lee university, at Lexington-the record, says Collier's Weekly. Except for two interruptions, which leges for which the valley is fastopped the compilation for 48 years, Belgian Jesuits have worked the valley soon after the outbreak on it steadily since about 1600 and hope to complete its some 35,000 of 10,000 men, drove back 60,000 inbiographies by approximately 1975. vaders.

Lee, Jackson in Shenandoah Valley Gen. Robert E. Lee, after the Civil war, went to the Shenandoah valley as president of Washington and oldest of the many schools and colmous. Stonewall Jackson entered of the Civil war and, with an army

