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Service in Peace as in War

many citizens who had long felt sincere concern at the growth or machine politics and "boss rule" in the United States could not but be alarmed when, early this month, war veterans of McMinn County, Tenn., resorted to gunfire to oust a corrupt and insolent local organization. With the objective they fully agreed and in the result they rejoiced; but the violent means they simply could not condone.

Taking the law into one's own hands is circu understandable-particutarly so when that "law," as in the Tennessee case, is distant and at best uncertain. But the deliance of constituted authority can never, in a civilized nation, be very admirable. And it is ever a dangerous practice, for violence has a way of perpetuating itself.

Good and thinking citizens feared, therefore, as they read of the warlike siege with which outraged ex-servicemen wrested control of "justice" in Meanin County from a band of deputized thugs, that less justified imitators might soon bring bloodshed to to many another American county and

For a time these fears seemed much too close to realization. Veterans in several districts of Arkansas organized political states and announced that erforts of political machines to inspective areas would lead to reprisals which would make the Tennessee riot seem a "tea party." "Big Jim" Buttram, campaign manager of the victorous "GI Non-Partisans," announced that letters were pouring in to him from veterans in all parts of the country, and that "many of them want to know if they should do what we did."

The situation indeed seemed critical. Americans were being offered a choice, it seemed, between two brands of "boss rute," one scarcely more desirous than the other.

Then, with striking speed, the threat passed, and in its place stood a promise of civic reform perhaps unparalleled in American history.

Said Jim Buttram to his many correspondents: "I don't advise the same drastic action that we had to take. We tried every way in the world to avoid violence . . . I want to see a Good Government League function in McMinn County. An organization like that might be the answer for other communities which have been writing me."

A statewide convention of Tennessee war veterans was told to "go back to your counties and form organizations-not mobs-to preserve the ballot so a man can run for office in Tennessee without the blessings of Ed. Crump."

If, as seems likely, the campaign is carried into every boss-ridden section of the United States, veterans have a magnificent opportunity to serve their country in beace as in war. Whether they organize independently or inject new life into already existent reform groups, they offer hope of a new era of political decency.

Q-What is Army's "doron"? A-A new body armor made of glass-filament laminated plastic fitted into Army jackets. It can repel a .45-calibre revolver bullet.

Q-For how many years was there a LaFollette in major public office in Wisconsin?

A-61 years. The record was broken with defeat of "Young" Bob LaFollette for the Republican senatorial nomination this year.

Q-When were aircraft first used in warfare?

A-Battle of Fleurus (Belgium) in 1794. Balloons were used.

The WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

While Drew Pearson is on a brief vacation his column will be written by several distinguished guest columnists today's by Tom C. Clark, attorney general of the United States. Attorney General Clark's column takes the form of a letter to Drew Pearson.)

By Tom Clark

My Dear Drew:

The fact that I have been invited to pinchhit on the Washington Merry-Go-Round proves, without a doubt, that there is a free press in the United States.

Your offer gives me an opportunity to write a story that is close to my heart-it's just about kids-and that's no kidding.

Most of us know that teen age crime is nothing new in this country. It has been with us for so long that some calloused individuals have taken the attitude that javenile crime is similar to a bit of dust. It must be hidden un-

I'll have to admit that I, too, didn't see the scope of the problem until October of last year. At that time I visited a correctional institution near the District of Columbia. what I saw was appalling; Crowded housing conditions, first offenders mixed with repeaters and a lack of supervision in the educational, work and recreationl program.

My first thought was that the Department of Justice could do its bit to crase this blot on a strictly federal basis, I took the narrow view that the department's concern was with the lo-nundred-odd teen agers under federal jurisdiction. Closer investigation indicated that my attitude was like curing cancer with a mustard plaster.

I realized that juvenile crime-its prevention, control and correction-could not be segregated to either federal state or community levels. It's a domestic issue that cros-ses state lines and community boundaries right down to the home life of these erring young-

The scope of this problem has been ably illustrated by the federal bureau of investigation. The latest FBI sstatistics indicate that more 17-year-olds are arrested than in any other age group. Those under 21 represent 15 per cent of all murderers, 51 per cent of all burglars, 30 per cent of all rapists.

Justice Department Tackles Problem

In February of this year, we of the Department of Justice decided to tackle the problem. We invited a comparatively small group of people-28 in all-to help us. They came from Federal departments, state groups and private welfare agencis.

Their report was short and to the point. The crux of their recommendations was that teenage crime must be atatacked on the broadest essibile oasis-all the way from the child's home life to cooperation between federal, state, community and private organizations on a continuous basis.

And that's what's going on right now,

The department of justice, in collaboration with hundreds of public and private agencies, has called a national conference for the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency. The actual conference will be a three-day affair on Oct. 21, 22 and 23. But the preparatory work is already underway.

You see, this conference does not follow the usual pattern of Washington "conferitis." It will be devoid of voluminous speeches, frills and window dressing. The participants will work instead of making speeches,

Progress Being Made

At this writing, we have already accomplished the following:

1. The entire field of juvenile crime has

been divided into definite catgories. 2. Pre-conference panels are meeting right now. For the first time in this field, representatives of federal, state, community and pribalanced groups. Restrictions are placed on vate organizations are working together in the scope of an individual panel, not on its membership.

3. The goals of these panels have been set. They are to complete detailed reports, A number of these papers are now reaching comple-

Action The Key

All of this preparation will streamline and make easier the work of the full conference also divide themselves into working panels. in October. At that time, the participants will They will have t'to task of considering the reports. They may alter them, make additions, ety. Only one ground rule has been set. Prior delete sections or discard them in their entirto adjournment, each panel must bring out a final report that reflects its undictated opinion. The cumulative blueprint will be published and distributed on the widest possible bas-

It is our aim that the drive against juvenile crime will not end with the natonal conference for the prevention and control of juvenile delinquency. When the final session is over the pick-and-shovel work will really begin. Delegates will be charged with organizing similar conferences wherever they are active Specific projects may be delegated to individual organizations which play a large part in communty life. In industrial areas, labor community life. In industrial areas, labor unions may have to carry the ball. In rural areas, a great portion of the work would fall to farm groups. In all areas, the peculiarity of

local conditions would be the guide. You can understand Drew, that we have undertaken quite a job because we have recognized juvenile delinquency as a grass-roots problem. We are all aware that an issue of such magnitue cannot be solved by a single conference. But we hope that inroads can be

made. I can't solve the problem—the conference can't solve the problem-laws can't solve the prblem. I can only point the way. The ultimate solution must rest with the people.

That's the story, Drew. I personally hope that you will have time to attend a few of our conference sessions here in Washington,

Tom C. Clark, Attorney General (Copyright, 1946, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)



There's One Wide River to Cross

Mrs. Robert Phillips and daughters Roberta and Gracie, are morning. Both couples went to spending a few days with rela- the Myrl Miller home near Elmtives at Verdel and Niobrara. | wood where all enjoyed the day Supt and Mrs. Pyle moved together. to Ashland last Thursday where Mrs. Orin Lanning entertained Supt. Pyle will teach this year, the W. C. T. U. at her home Supt. Lehman and family moved last Friday afternoon. to Eagle the latter part of last

Joyce Miller of Elmwood spent several days last week with week. her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nelson.

and daughter. Ann, of Louis- Burns several months ago. ville, Ky. visited over the week- Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmidt ley since 1904 and even went to end with Mrs. Colbert's parents, and in Lincoln.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Wenzel North Platte Their son, Earl, called at the Fred Wenzel home who has spent the greater part more money with less trouble two schools of thought wind up name by which sailors have near Bethany Sunday afternoon, of the summer there, plans to re- the year around than by push-Mrs. Vernon Root and daugh- turn home with them. ter, Sandra, visited from Friday until Tuesday with relatives in

the northeast part of the state. Earl Schwendt and son, Bud likely to match.

THE STORY: I. Cecelia Hart,

was only 17 when I came to Innis-

fail that eventful summer to help

out Cousin Ellen, who was the

Pitzgeralds' housekeeper. Lovely

Charlotte Brent captured my heart immediately but autocratic old Honora Fitzgerald, who ruled the household from a sick bed, fright-ened me. I was terribly homesick until Professor Mark told me I could read any of his books that I wanted.

SNUG in bed, with a light sum-

I opened up the treasures I had

found after Mark left me alone in

the library. "Under the Lilacs,"

With that inborn capacity of the

scious of the fact that somewhere

in the house there was music,

beautiful music. It made a sooth-

mer rain pattering on the roof,

which I discovered tucked cozily him but myself,

devil's laughter

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length of time.

Morgan, and their families. She Cap'n Menke and also plans to accompany the Schwendt family on a trip to Canada where they will visit Ev- Goldenrod Keep erett Morgan and family. Mr. and Mrs. Hilbert Ander-

son of Waverly called on Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Nelson Sunday

Mrs. Helen Kennedy and fam-

Milton Rodeway and family apart. moved Saturday into the house Dr. and Mrs. Russell Colbert they purchased from Mrs. Daisy old scow that has been traipsing the show makes a profit.

Housewives are advised that ands. They also attended the Omaha yarn from old stockings makes. The skipper is a salty char-Indian Pow-Wow held annually the best threated for mending sn acter who has been on the river, boat performance is strictly a on the reservation at Macey. ags and runs in other hose. Stock- man and boy, since he first scr-Mrs. R. C. Morgan left last ing yarn is less noticeable than aped the fuzz from his chin. But Thursday for Chicago where she darning thread since it is lighter any interested troupers needn't will visiter her daughter, Mrs. in weight and its color is more fear that lack of nautical know-

ledge will be held against them.

shower roses down upon you?" "Oh, no," I said hastily. "I help Cousin Ellen in the kitchen. I'm here for the summer."

seeing more of each other, won't we?" And he came into the hall and threw down his wet coat and I went to sleep then and and threw down his wet coat and dreamed that old lady Fitzgerald his bag, and immediately the was playing the piano and Mark house seemed to sit up and take Fitzgerald was dancing on top of notice, like a big dog which has it with, of all people, Cousin Ellen. long been half asleep and suddenly rouses and becomes excited And the next day, which seemed at its beginning to be a day like at the sound of a familiar voice. any other, should have been

marked in red letters on the cal- T FELT oddly excited, myself, endar. Innisfail, house of Fitz- and somehow it seemed fitting that Colin Fitzgerald should regerald, would never be quite the same again. And never again that turn against a background of wind

that never again would I meet

"Where is everyone, Cecelia?"

(To Be Continued)

summer would it be quiet for any and thunder. I said breathlessly, "Won't you For Colin Fitzgerald came home. let me take your things?"

But he hadn't heard me. He . . . COLIN FITZGERALD arrived at had left me and gone into the living room, though after a few four times, and "The Man in thunder storm late that afternoon quick glances around the room, Lower Ten" and "Graustark," and there was no one to receive he was back, and the hall came made his olive skin look bronze Miss Charlotte and the Profes-Philosophy" and "The Lives of the Saints" on one of the lower breakfast and a little later Cousin and I saw that he had a thin line

Ellen left for market, with strict of a black mustache, "Beware of a black Irishman!" instructions to me to make myself How often had I heard my mother Irish for being at one moment in useful in her absence. I was in the library dusting say that. (All her people were the next to be riding high on a the books and, incidentally, look- sandy.) I had always tried to do

rainbow, I now completely forgot ing over "The Hound of the Bas- my mother's bidding, but today my troubles in the delightfully kervilles," when I heard the I looked up into Colin Fitzgerald's romantic adventures of a princess sound of a car door closing and dark eyes and I fell in love with in disguise. I was barely con- the ringing of the doorbell. I replaced the book quickly and and gauche I was, and young for went to answer the door. And my age, but I knew in that instant

ing background to my reading, He stood in the doorway with such a magnetic man as this black there was Colin. though I hardly realized it existed. his raincoat flung across his shoul- Irishman. Cousin Ellen, coming up to bed ders and four be-labeled bags belater, ordered me to put away my side him, and he smiled at me and he said. "How is my mother?"

And at this, old Honora herself books and say my prayers.

"Did you hear Father Burke met before, have we?" in a quick, heard his voice and screamed. playing 'the piano?" she said, charming voice and what sounded Was that her Colin, she wanted "Glory be to Heaven, how that like an English accent faintly to know. It was her Colin, she man can play! Herself asked him splashed with Killarney. "I'm that to play the 'Ave Maria' and sure vagrant, Colin Fitzgerald," he told was to come up and see her. "At

of a stone itself to hear him." "Oh, yes, sir. Of course. I'm Colin took the stairs three at a When Cousin Ellen's emotions Cecelia—Cecelia Hart," I said, and time and I heard her glad cry were aroused, her brogue was apt I think I must have blushed. when he went into the room and the become very pronounced. She "Little Saint Cecelia," he said then his voice calling her endearounded now like a greenhorn just "Well, well, and do you play the ing names over and over. organ, too? And do the angels.

Showboat Alive Boradway troupers wanting to

the big time for steady work and a lot of fun for about the same money might look up the That's J. W. Menke. He's boss

body landing a job with his show can stay on for the rest of his life or until the boat falls

up and down the Mississippi valing the Goldenrod around the in near riot. catfish circuit for one night st-

things goes

Everything, that is, except hone, some women might be able

Three of Menke's troupe of seven have been with the showboat 10 years. Charles Meloncan has been around 25 years and when he gets to old to doub'e -as all the performers have to

. EDSON'S WASHINGTON COLUMI

BY PETER EDSON

NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(NEA)—Reparation Ambassador Edw W. Pauley learned the hard way about how the Russians had take machinery out of Manchuria as war booty.

The principal items the Russians seemed to be after were elect generating equipment and electric motors Mukden city water supply operated with elect driven pumps, so it wasn't only the light syst but also the water works, that was hit by Red . seizures in this city of two million inhabitants

On arrival in Mukden after a hard train t Pauley's first act was to go to his hotel and under a shower. Just after he had gotten nicely lathered-up, the power failed and the water wen

Secretary of the Treasury John W. Snyder ha become-figuratively-a teetotaler.

At the end of his administration as director the Office of War Mobilization, Snyder was under severe and const public criticism for his policies-political and personal. One of things his critics harped on the hardest was his reported fondness

So now, to prove that he can take it, whenever Snyder is offered glass at some social function he says, with his big "Sunny Jim" g "No, thanks, I never touch anything but double bourbons and sode

WHEN Harold D. Smith left his job as director of the Bureau of the Budget to take a top position with the new International Bung his former associates in the bureau threw him a party. One of the gags was a mock Bureau of the Budget official made out like a questionnaire. Each of the officials had filled in blank spaces with name, address, telephone number, and a cla-

cation of the chores he could do on a farm-paint, carpenter, cut of drive a tractor, mend fences, and so on. It was a gentle dig at Smith's fondness for inviting guests to con and spend a week-end with him on his 300-acre farm about 80 mil south of Washington, and then working them all the time they were

SENATOR HARLEY M. KILGORE got the surprise of his life wh he went back to West Virginia for the recent primary elect and found that some of the United Mine Workers' officials were again him Kilgore has a good pro-labor record, and he couldn't help but

Investigation disclosed that some of the miners' officials had idea that John L. Lewis was a Republican and wanted his local offici to support Republican candidates. Lewis himself couldn't be reach for confirmation, since he was still taking his vacation auto-toof the country.

The Goldenrod still bears ship's cook. ome of the scars from one ev- The Goldenrod's stage dire entful jaunt to sea-from New tor, Euestes Fletcher, has h Orleans to Mobile. But aboard the job since 1936. He and i her a ladder is the stairway, top- vife, Vida, came to the show side is upstairs and the head is boat after closing up their Cha just the gent's room. The skip- aqua. Blanche Forbes also per himself calls the bow his been around, mostly playing h

"front porch." Old-Time Melodramas

The showboat's performers dotrade the tinsel and glamor of not have to worry about poor of the parts of the troupe's plays, attendance or audience stricted epertory. The floozi reaction. Its stock in trade is old-time melodrama-the stink- be "Little 'nell' next week, eroos of the '90s.

The Goldenrod's auditorium of the last of the showboats on holds about 500 customers, comweek. They have rented the house ity of Omaha were the guests the inland waterways and anyof the audience don't mind han ing from the overhead stancin- Back in the days of sailing ions. At least two nights a week ships, when hats first were in Menke displays the "sold out" The Goldenrod is a beaten-up sign and even on its worst nights

As for audience reaction, there heavily tarred to add stiffness is plenty of it. Menke figures These hafs, says Ships magaare vacationing with Mrs. Sch- sea once. But for the past nine that about 2 per cent of the cus-Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gerhard, midt's son-in-law and daughter, years she's been tied up on the tomers still take the "melodra- term which also was applied to Mr. and Mrs. Borgman, near St. Louis riverfromt, simply be-North Platte Their son, Earl, cause "Cap'n" Menke can make come to his, and sometimes the this was shortened to "tar" come to his, and sometimes the this was shortened to 'tar'

Most of the Goldenrod's troupers say they wouldn't trade their jobs for anything less than top billing on Broadway. A showgive-and-take affair between actors and audience, and every-

Ripe Vegetables Barred

ripe vegetables. The crew keeps an eagle eye out for customers bearing suspicious parcels. Even the scent of overripe tomatoes from commission row upriver is "Ah, that's good. Then we'll be enough to send the troupe in

do-he took over the job as

roine roles, for some length

All the players can play a "Ten Nights in a Barroom" 'he "Drunkard" of one perf mance is the fair-haired hero the black-hearted villian of

been known ever since.

BARBS

BY HAL COCHRAN

| HUNDRED million words a minute by telegraph is a preneted possibility of a new device With the same thing for the teleo hang up in three minutes.

Success is usually the luck your friends think you have

The price of lollypops tripled New York-but the kids will kee ight on being suckers. It's tough to pay so much for

steak these days-but tougher when you pay less.

As far as the gals are concerned "nebody loves a flat man."

THIS CURIOUS WORLD



NEXT: Do pigs make hogs of themselves"

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OR SOME OTHER OBJECT, T

GIVE THEM SUPPORT.

By William Ferguson