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SNAPSHOTS OF THE WEEK

The Police Department is going metropolitan. The cop at the corner of Eleventh and Baltimore, the other day, had one of those cheery yoo-hoo whistles they use in Chicago, the kind that make you want to whistle back. It just shows how things are going. And a day or so ago somebody was suggesting that Kansas City stage a world fair along about 1938. The home town must think it's really putting on long pants.

There's an old proverb relative to the curative properties of the hair of the dog that bit you. Perhaps the north end sharpshooters had it in mind. With all the recent testimony that the machine gun that committed the station massacre being the same that committed Lazia, it seems a pity that Lusco had to be fired at with a shotgun. Sort of spoils the dramatic unities.

This business of fingerprinting cab drivers in order to protect the public against men with criminal records calls to mind another proverb, half of which says that if the law is made by Gabriel and administered by the Devil the results will be perfectly terrible.

Mrs. William Fribley, president of the Housewives League of America, blames everything on the AAA and the government. We wish we could account for everything as easily as that.

Almost everybody has seen a robin before anyone else has, but since one alighted on the window sill a few minutes ago the matter has received official confirmation. Kites, marbles, boys, crocuses, and seed catalogues can't all be wrong. It must be Spring.

A recent dispatch tells of the activities of Charles M. Schwab in Monte Carlo. He says he finds the gambling restful. We felt all along that those stock market regulations were bad. The idea of letting all that money go out of the country just for the want of a little healthy excitement!

FINEST AIRPORT ON EARTH

An iron box in old Convention Hall contains letters written by locally prominent people of 1899 to their successors of 2001. Let's see, that ought to be along about the tail-end of the reign of Pendergast the Third.

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Why is FUTURE fighting for the name and reputation of Kansas City? Why do we bother to make the effort to redeem it from the political machine that is holding it to ransom? Because, despite what our opponents say to the contrary, we are proud of it, and from time to time we shall publish articles telling why we are proud, and why it is worth saving. There is no place better suited as a starting point than the Kansas City Airport, situated on the wide bend of the

river, and enjoying the reputation of being one of the best landing fields in the world. It is a matter of municipal pride that those arriving at this field should find an airport perfectly equipped and so convenient to the city as to be almost a miracle, compared with the ports of most large cities. And it is satisfying to know that departing guests can look back on the loveliest aspect of the city as their plane gets away under perfect conditions. In 1926 the city administration, influenced by Judge McElroy, realized that a modern and convenient airport should be immediately secured for the city.

A fork of land jutting out into the Missouri River was chosen, between North Kansas City and Kansas City proper. It was swampy, full of undergrowth and tree stumps, but drained and leveled, it was a

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FOREIGN

Balkan Complications Feared

A growing fear was manifest in several European capitals during the week that serious complications might result in the Balkans unless the Greek government was successful in quelling the revolt led by former Premier Venizelos. This anxiety was caused by reports of Bulgarian troop movements and by the suspicion that an understanding might exist between the Greek rebels and Bulgaria which, in return for military support, would give Bulgaria an outlet on the Aegean Sea. Moreover, it was thought that if the Venizelists were victorious, Greece, under Italian influence, would denounce the Balkan Entente and form a new bloc with Albania and Bulgaria. It is improbable, however, that Bulgaria will take any military action at this time because she is very poorly armed and would have to face the combined forces of Yugoslavia, Rumania, and Turkey, who as members of the Balkan Entente are pledged to protect the territorial integrity of Greece.

Bulgaria Protests to League

To further complicate the situation, Bulgaria delivered an informal note to the League of Nations protesting against the concentration of Turkish troops on her border. Turkey did not deny these charges but stated they were purely precautionary measures taken to prevent any action that might endanger the status quo in the Balkans.

New British Defense Policy

While grave concern was being expressed over the Balkan situation, the British government surprised the world by definitely abandoning all thoughts of disarmament, and announced a new defense policy for England. It was presented to the House of Commons in the form of a "White Paper" and called for a general increase in the nation's armed forces because of the present instability of world conditions, the threat of illegal German armaments, and the recent increases made by the United States, Japan, and Russia. The various treaties and agreements negotiated since the war to insure peace were dismissed as unsatisfactory and impractical, and the government therefore believed military preparedness to be necessary.

Warning to Germany Seen

The German Foreign Office immediately postponed the scheduled visit to Berlin of Sir John Simon because of the, alleged illness of Chancellor Hitler. This move was not unexpected but

caused many to wonder why the "White Paper" was given out at a time when it could only prejudice a favorable outcome of the discussions between the two powers regarding the Anglo-French security proposals. The real reason for its release cannot, of course, be determined. But many competent observers think it was for the purpose of warning Berlin before the conversations began that London was in no mood to temporize and had no intention of keeping the Germans under the illusion that the Liberals—who are friendly to Germany—represent the majority opinion in England.

However, notwithstanding the outburst of indignation in the German press, and Chancellor Hitler's obvious pique, the British have been informed that the talks will take place at an early date.

G. L. C.

FUTURISMS

Center of Authority

Cuba has let her toughest top sergeant make himself dictator. It is here predicted that she won't care for the feel of his heel, though it is Cuban. Even the dumbest son of Kansas City is an authority on heels and heelers.

Boys Will Be Kids

The other night one of the kiddies of the Kansas legislature set off a firecracker while the lower house was supposed to be in solemn session. The firecracker exploded all right, but the humor seems to have fizzled.

A Garland for Miss McElroy William M. Symon, secretary of the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra., is looking around for a suitable garland. Bill says Miss Mary McElroy outsold thirty men ticket-sellers. She brought in \$1,160; they, \$840. That's the kind of saleswomanship that will kill the orchestral deficit. "She sold bunches of tickets in places that surprised all of us," reports Secretary Symon. The next concert is March 28.

Loot? Why, Frank!

Our old fellow citizen, Frank P. Walsh, who used to make the local welkin ring, is still at it in New York where he is chief power authority. Saturday he shelled the public utility woods and hinted with a two-fisted Walshian hint that the boss public utilitarians were "public enemies" and rather good at financial legerdemain. "They are the men," Frank said, "who viewed the small investor's dollar, as well as the consumer's dollar, as nothing more than potential loot." Authority Walsh and Fiorello H. La Guardia, Gotham's mayor, who also doesn't care much for the "Utes," as organized, are said to be pretty matey. Fiorello has well-advanced plans for a municipal system something on the order of the T. V. A.

Crocodiles

As predicted before, Kansas City's permanent registration bill appears to be dying in the legislative committee. It seems too bad that T. J. Pendergast, H. F. McElroy, A1 Gossett, and others who wanted it so badly should have to weep tears of disappointment at its demise. But considering the nature of the bill presented, which tended to make permanent many of the abuses charged against our present system, perhaps it's just as well. Some day we may see presented a permanent registration bill worth fighting for.

Gun-metal Blues

We understand that one of the big shots in the police department has recently augmented his income by requiring all officers to purchase new guns from a certain stipulated company,

netting some \$2,000 profit for himself. Rather hard on the officers, many of whom highly prized their old guns, and none of whom are exactly overpaid.

Job Open

Personally, if we were one of that strange breed of men known as "Northside political leaders" we would do considerable thinking before attempting to assume the mantle fallen from the dying shoulders of John Lazia and Joe Lusco.

ONE YEAH AGO THIS WEEK

March 15, 1934

A few facts reported to the Citizens' board of inquiry on the day of its last hearing:

Mary Brown, Citizens worker, kidnaped and taken into the East Bottoms. She had testified she Was robbed of her "block book" on primary day. She was kidnaped the day after her testimony and relieved of a second one.

Harry Roberts, a precinct watcher, exhibited a bandaged head to the investigators. "They told me," he said, "if I stayed around I'd get my liead cracked. I stayed."

Eggs, "not so fresh," were hurled at C. E. Keenan on East Eighth Street, while four policemen looked on and laughed.

John Gough, first ward Citizens worker, was threatened with death at the point of a pistol by a so- called Democrat.

Walter Binford, 4107 Independence Avenue, saw 200 voters paid off in a first ward precinct during his stay there. Nickles, dimes and quarters sufficed.

NYM workers discovered nine names in the sixteenth ward w^Thich had been good for a total of 30 votes on primary day. One address was that of a water department employee. The evidence was to be forwarded along with the findings of the "board of inquiry" to Governor Park to prove to him before election day there was something rotten in Kansas City's elective system.

March 19, 1934

The Kansas City Star declared in a front page editorial:

"Under the leadership of Franklin D. Roosevelt the Democratic party called for a new deal in the nation. Kansas City needs a new deal in city government.

". . .It can get a new deal by electing the Citizens ticket next Tuesday."

Bullets crashing through glass wrecked a first ward NYM office at Admiral and Troost early in the morning. A large, dark sedan pulled away.

A number of witnesses reported the car bore an NYM sticker. To Chief of Detectives Thomas J. Higgins it was evident the NYM had wrecked its own office to discredit the forces calling themselves Democrats.

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What has made Kansas City the focal point of all these other centers is that it presents, first, an example of machine domination that is almost perfect in its extent and its corruption, and, second, an active and intelligent organization fighting for civic liberty. From all across the country letters have come in from individuals and from groups seeking affiliation, advice, and guidance in the face of a similar municipal problem. Letters have .come volunteering moral and financial support. And numerous requests have come for a speaker, Joe Fennelly for choice, to address every type of meeting from groups of girl scouts to national conventions.

It has become politically fashionable, locally, to smile a little tolerantly at a mention of the NYM. There is an old adage about prophets and the home tOAvn. But from New York and from Carrollton, from San Francisco and from Sullivan, Missouri, testimony has come in that the NYM is looked upon with respect and with growing interest. Or is Kansas City right and the eighty-five other cities all wrong?

PARTY

A former policeman who reversed himself in Reppert's favor in testifying was guest at a big party among the boys at a restaurant. The lawyers and the policeman who testified the next day were there. It is understood the government has a detailed report of what Went on at the party. About twelve attended.

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GENE AND JOHN

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power of the machine, strut before the jury and play to the courtroom crowd, composed largely of machine followers.

Whether Eugene Reppert is guilty as charged is for the jury to decide but to picture Mr. Reppert, when police director, as policing the late John Lazia is an insult to the informed citizen.

Lazia and Reppert ran together when Reppert had the title of police director. During the long hours in the home of Henry McElroy, city manager, as he waited for word in the kidnaping of his daughter, Reppert and Lazia were there.

Lazia treated Reppert like an office boy. Reppert stood back and let Lazia conduct affairs of the investigation. When the phone rang it was Lazia who listened in, then told Reppert what he wanted him to know. When Lazia had an idea he would call out to a city detective assigned the home:

“Tell Gene to come here.”

And Gene would report to Lazia for instructions.

Persons familiar with the police department know that Lazia named many officers, was protected and to many was known as the real head of the police department.

Hoodwinking the public has been so successfully accomplished here that henchmen for the machine are not afraid to be as raw as they are in the Reppert trial. It is reported Reppert’s attorneys are receiving no pay; were ordered to work by the boss.

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SAVING MERELY \$100,000 A YEAR

Gil Bourk, “sponsor” of the now practically defunct Permanent Registration bill, is reasonably frank at any rate. Concerning the charge that permanent registration would increase the burden which is placed on party workers he says: “At least so far as the Democrats are concerned, adding to the work of trench workers would be all right. The party that has the best organization is always in position to do the best work under difficulties. If we assume that permanent registration means more and better work to get people registered and to the polls on election day, then as Democrats we should be for it. . . . If we can save \$75,000 or \$100,000 a year by having permanent registration, then by all .means we should have it. I regard it as important in this respect rather than in others .”

“Others,” we assume, refers to the features hoped for by Kansas City civic organizations which aimed toward making election graft more difficult.

As for the failure of the bill, the only conclusion we have been able to reach is that the local

machine feels that it is strongly enough entrenched that this gesture toward the voters (a mere saving of approximately \$100,000 a year) was unnecessary. Such arrogance is almost unbelievable.

YOU BOUGHT A NEW CAR

What a new and shining big 8- cylinder motor car us taxpayers have just bought for our police- director!

The better that you should work for half-pay, gendarmes.

No Little Red Riding Hood fairy story is the purchase of a new and very luxurious car for Mr. Higgins. Like a fairy story though it may seem to the members of the police department, who were told when their pay was cut that the city was "busted." No different does it appear to the other employes of the city and county government who are on cut rations.

Mr. Higgins' new car is a Buick; the same kind the late John Lazia, North Side Democratic boss and "big chief" of the police department, sold through his Duke Motor company. Local gangsters used Mr. Lazia's favorite car either through choice or good judgment.

But it is a little odd that the city administration should buy these cars in a city where even your bottle of soda pop is a racket. The new car should be of great service to the police director as it now is turning spring, and his lodge at Lake Lotawana is calling. While Mr. Higgins visits his lake resort the police will have plenty of time to ponder the strange ways of machine politics.

FIRST WARD TO WARD PARKWAY

First of the \$12,000,000 triad of Pendergast Pyramids—the new Jackson county court house—is scheduled to be occupied March 25. To follow will be the \$4,500,000 municipal auditorium and the \$4,- 000,000 city hall. Few political me- chines in America have had such windfalls during the depression. While many cities and counties conserved in an attempt to keep taxes down, Ready-Mixed concrete poured merrily on.

Into the new \$4,000,000 court house will move a bankrupt county government. It ran behind more than \$1,000,000 in 1934. The employes who will move into the* ornate, 28 story skyscraper court house have had their pay cut and face additional cuts.

In 1927, when the machine's pre siding judge—the present Sen. Harry S. Truman—went into the office of the county court Jackson county had no bonded debt. In 1928, a year after Truman was sworn in, finances- became involved and today the county is running behind in its current expenses at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a year and the bonded debt of the county is \$15,993,742.

Behind the trio of political pyramids that will rise on Kansas City's skyline for the taxpayers to pay for in the years to come is a chapter in the romance of ruthless po-

HOW A CITY MANAGER CAN BE

C. A. Dykstra, city manager of Cincinnati, recently talked to a Chicago group on the city-manager plan of government. Mr. Dykstra does not hold a farcical position. Concerning the recent appointment of a chief of police, he said: "He was chosen from among three names handed to me by the Civil Service Commission. I give you my word that I did not have a telephone call or a letter concerning that choice. I am entirely free. The responsibility is mine. In five years there has been no pressure on me to make appointments, to give contracts or to make purchases in a certain place."

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(Note—No reflection is meant on excellent Buick cars. The friends of the late North Side gangster now have no Buick agency. Just looks like the “boys” at the city hall can’t get out of the habit.)

BEATTY BACKS UP

It is amazing what a right smart lawyer can do to make a man see the light. Caesar once exclaimed: “Veni, vidi, vici!” which the old professor used to say meant: “I came, I saw, I conquered.” But perhaps if brave Caesar had been confronted by William S. Hogsett, Floyd E. Jacobs, John T. Barker, T. J. Madden, and certain other gentlemen of equal distinction, his words would have been: “I wasn’t there. I ain’t seen nothing. I was gonna say something, but I just had a better idea.”

Kansas City is a place where witnesses find it expedient to change their minds. Oftentimes they change their minds before a case comes to trial. Others see the light suddenly during the middle of a trial. In a recent million-dollar condemnation suit before Judge Otis a witness lowered his damage estimate by almost \$1,000,000 from his own former testimony, leaving counsel and jury thunderstruck. He had seen the light.

Charlton A. Beatty, former city detective, comes under the same heading. He told the grand jury he was ordered to “lay off” the massacre case. But suddenly during the middle of the Reppert trial, overnight in fact, the light dawned upon him. He hadn’t been told any such thing. Of course the government attorneys were embarrassed. But Sam Blair, young Milligant assistant, is hopeful. He says subsequent examination of the witness showed him up completely. Maybe so, Mr. Blair.

Just the same, Hooey P. Long is the first politician on record to advertise his brand so candidly.

litical machine operation.

No longer is it considered mere campaign stuff to say the Pendergast machine is all-powerful in the political and business life of Kansas City. It does openly dominate the naming of all the candidates for the Democratic tickets in the city and county and largely in the state. All the employes and officers in the new Jackson county court house will be workers for the machine. One judge once was labeled under another party but his altered political affiliations today suit Mr. Pendergast.

Today business kowtows to the machine, fearful of reprisals in the form of hiked tax assessments, bad reports by inspectors and denial of impartial treatment at the city hall.

To illustrate the extent to which the machine will go to keep its enemies silent, it was openly stated by persons close to the administration heads that names of prominent persons appearing as supporters of the Fusion ticket at the last city election were "looked after." This process included a checkup of tax assessments and visits in some cases by city inspectors who demanded changes in plumbing, fire protection and other changes involving "punishment" expenditures.

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O GENTLE READERS

To FUTURE:

I have been reading your magazine for several weeks. It has been of particular interest to me because I have no political affiliations whatever.

The situation in Kansas City is a sore spot in the eyes of decent supporters of the Democratic party in other parts of the country. This town needs a publication like yours to arouse the indignation of its honorable citizens, and there are more of these than the padded election returns of the last election would seem to indicate.

The city government here is not a partisan government. It is a dictatorship. Any person who supports such a government commits an act of treason against the spirit of American institutions.

I think, however, that as far as the publication of your sheet is concerned, the task of gathering material is a very simple little duty— that is since you confine yourself to muckraking. The muck is so bounteous and odiferous that the stench from the same has become renowned in all parts of these United States.

I would be for you even if your only intent was to preserve the Democratic party's record as a party of the people and a party that stands for those things that Washington fought for and Jefferson so bravely maintained.

We in the United States have never had pure and unadulterated de-
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HURRAH FOR MOTHERS

That toothless lion of democracy, James A. Reed, once mayor of Kansas City, once prosecuting attorney of Jack- son County, and for many years United States senator from Missouri, broke out on the front page for one brief appearance when he denounced the federal child labor amendment before a meeting of the American Bar Association.

Characteristically, Mr. Reed professed himself greatly exercised over the threat to American motherhood he perceived in the amendment. The amendment, the senator thundered, was an insult to American motherhood. Should it become the law of the land, a mother could not even ask her 16-year-old daughter to wash the dishes without danger of becoming a criminal.

And so, the senator told the lawyers, this wicked, this insidious proposal to ban child labor should never be made a part of the American constitution. Senator Reed always has been able to run a temperature at a moment's notice about the mothers of America. In 1922, when he faced the greatest struggle of his political career in his primary fight for renomination, the one white rabbit he could always be depended upon to pull out of his hat when all else failed was a ringing indorsement of the mothers of Missouri. It always got cheers. It got a good many votes, too, for in those days Jim Reed was still in his heyday.

Alas, the years have run away swiftly since 1922, and the ex-senator no longer is a young man. For two years he has been professing his willingness, in season and out, to lead an army to Washington and turn out of the temple the new deal merchants whose traffic in doves seems to him to threaten the white rabbit trade. The army has not materialized, and the commander-in-chief still is waiting. Last fall, in a speech at the World's Fair in Chicago Mr. Reed put up a lightning rod about the constitution, to which he perceived great peril in the machinations of the new deal. With his weather-beaten ear to the ground, our Jim awaited the response from the grass roots to the perils which beset the constitution.

The grass roots were strangely silent. Nobody seemed to care a hoot what happened to the constitution so long as the country got |

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First Ward To Ward Parkway

From page three

But behind the three great structures is a story other than the practical one of swinging a bond election to provide a market for machine products, such as concrete by the boss and other commodities oy lesser lights.

Born in the old First ward, where liquor and women attracted gentleman and cowboy, scoundrel and adventure-seeking youth, the Pendergast machine formed a legendary alliance with the mass vote in that section. The first of the Pendergasts were saloon and hotel weepers in the old First ward. It was there in the saloon that political power started.

Out of the First ward went the present boss of the machine. He developed high-brow ideas. He moved into a Ward Parkway palace with motor cars and servants. He joined the Kansas City Club. Once a year a Christmas dinner is staged for the floaters and poor of the North End under the title of the Pendergast Christmas dinner. He cuts the pay of political jobholders.

But the boys who have to put on the affair tell you sadly "T. J. has never come down for one of the dinners." He takes trips to the East, to Florida, to the West but the latest of the Pendergast rulers has little truckle with the North End except through his help.

Perhaps his liking for the Pendergast palace on Ward Parkway, his love for horse racing and high life may have influenced the boss in deciding to move his political buildings out of the North End.

Into the new court house will go tax receipts of about \$2,000,000 a year of which 43 per cent will go to pay the employes.

Taxes, both in the city and county, must go up in total each year for many years to come to

service the debt incurred in Pendergast's desire to put Ward Parkway ideas into city buildings during the depression.

The combined city, school and county bonded debt at this time is approximately \$75,000,000.

One Year Ago This Week

From page two

Indignant, Joseph C. Fennelly called the police theory a smoke screen and berated the Laziacion- trolled department of law enforcement.

March 20, 1934

The report of the Citizens' board of inquiry concerning fraud on primary day reached Jefferson City but not the governor's desk. Police officers were charged in it with laxity and actually with attacks upon citizens, and the election commissioners were charged with acquiescence in the crooked conduct of the election.

The Pendergast party, through James P. Aylward, issued a counter-statement accusing the NYM of faking everything and bringing false testimony.

There is always rest for the weary and politically potent in our sitty hall.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH

"The health of the people is really the foundation upon which all their happiness and all their power as a state depend. ... It should be the first duty of a statesman."—Disraeli.

In 1900, in a community the size of Kansas City, we would have looked for a death toll from diphtheria of 160 persons at least. In 1930 if we had had 30 or 40 deaths from this cause we would have felt that Kansas City was slipping, but we would still have rated about average for the country at large (10 per 100,000 of population). As a matter of fact, 16 deaths occurred from diphtheria in Kansas City in each of the years 19 30 and 19 31—this despite the fact that there were 218 and 281 cases of the disease respectively in this city in these two years.

In 1932 and 1933 the number of cases dropped to 182 and 108 and the number of deaths to 14 and 11 respectively. In the country as a whole, the deaths from diphtheria have not altered materially from the 19 30 figure, however, and it behooves us, living at the cross-roads of the nation, as it were, to be ever on the alert for carriers of the disease from less fortunate areas.

During the month of April, this year, under the present plans of the Public Health Committee of the Jackson County Medical Society, an immunization campaign will be instituted similar to the one so successfully carried out in 1934. There were 7,000 child- dren immunized in last year's campaign, most of them by private doctors in their offices. Those unable to pay the very nominal charge were referred to the clinic at General Hospital so that there was actually no excuse for any parent to avoid or neglect this protection for children. Figures show that 80 per cent of the school children in Kansas City have been protected against diphtheria and there is every reason to hope that within a few years 100 per .cent will be immune to the disease. This, at least is the goal, and in a community such as this it is not at all beyond reason.

In April, if not before, the one- dose Allen precipitate, or a recognized toxoid should be administered to every child 6 months old or older THAT HAS NOT PREVIOUSLY BEEN IMMUNIZED to diphtheria. The family doctor is always ready and anxious to do this work. Citizens who have servants can render a distinct service by insisting upon the immunization of the cook's baby and the laundress's boy Amos, even if they have to pay the necessary dollar to a private medico.

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FINANCE

The announcement that the United States treasury would retire 675 million dollars in bonds carrying note circulation privilege was interpreted in most quarters as another move toward more central control over monetary mechanisms. Treasury officials described the action as for the purpose of reducing the national debt and to make for a better and more simple currency system.

While this is entirely true as far as the explanation goes, many are wondering why the treasury should take up its time with such a comparatively insignificant matter unless there was more behind it than it is letting on. The move, it was explained by treasury officials, is not inflationary and Wall Street apparently accepted the explanation. On the other hand, Senator Thomas of Oklahoma, inflation leader, was reported highly pleased and was quoted as saying the move was "along the lines of what we have been clamoring for."

It may be all in the way you look at it. We can see it as a step toward inflation. Is it not inflationary to reduce the national debt through issuance of non-interest bearing notes? That is in effect what the move amounts to in addition to its "central bank" ramifications. True, the treasury is using the so-called "profit" from the devaluation of the gold content of the dollar to retire the currency bonds. But maybe this is just a subterfuge to sound out how the method of paying off the public debt with non-interest bearing bonds (new currency) will be received.

The administration promised to reduce the public debt and to balance the budget. The promise was much easier than its fulfillment. The budget has not been balanced and the public debt has grown to terrifying proportions, despite increased and additional taxes. Until recently the rapidly mounting debt has been accepted as a necessity in view of the numerous emergencies. Now, however, there is an increasing clamor to cut this tremendous figure of 29 billion dollars or so. Unless something is done there will be a lot of fodder for opposing political parties. Maybe the latest move is a small beginning. Understand, we are only guessing.

There also is another inflationary point which we failed to mention. While some experts assert that the effects of the move will be negative as far as the money market is concerned for the reason that the debt will be retired out of profit resulting from revaluation of the dollar, the gold certificates turned over to the federal reserve banks in connection with the transaction potentially could be used as a basis for larger note circulation than the bonds retired.

As for the central bank idea the move is clear enough. After August 1, no bond issues having circulation privileges will be outstanding. That will leave the federal reserve banks and the treasury the only sources of note issue, taking it entirely out of the hands of private banks. National bank notes will be no more. Of course, under the proposed banking bill the federal reserve will lose most of its former independence of action. It appears that the treasury considers the bill in the bag.

B. O. B.

MAY WE PRESENT

ISAAC KATZ

One morning at breakfast, in 1917, young Isaac Katz of Kansas City, via Poland and St. Paul,

owner of a newly purchased cigar and confectionery store at the corner of 12th and McGee, got from the Kansas City Times confirmation of a rumor that had been troubling him for days. Herbert Hoover, the Times stated, had in his capacity as food administrator, ordered all cigar and confectionery stores closed after 6 o'clock. Drug stores were excepted.

At 6 o'clock that same evening, the doors of the Katz store were open as usual—6 o'clock was one of the profitable periods of the day, men on the way home from work bought their tobacco then for the brief leisure hours ahead. At 6:30 Herbert Hoover's representatives arrived, full of righteous wrath and doubtlessly pleased with the chance for action. They weren't on Flanders Field, but they could do their bit by shutting up this obscure little shop.

Ike Katz met the gentlemen with a twinkle in his eye, despite the weariness that lay upon him, for it had been quite a day, and explained that he couldn't shut up his shop at 6:00. He owed it to his customers to remain open; even Mr. Hoover saw the necessity of it. Medicine for a perilously sick babe might be needed any moment.

"Medicine, what the—" the law had roared, staring at cigar counters, the cheap candies, and the small soda fountain.

"Medicine, we say—we're a drug store," and Ike Katz led the baffled government man to the back of the store. There on the floor in a more or less disorderly condition, was a collection of pills, powders and patent medicines, enough to stock a small, but actual drug store. A smiling gentleman was introduced to the incredulous officers as Mr. , a credited pharmacist. Mr. Hoover's representative withdrew, and several hours later the first day of the Katz Drug Store was over. There had been actually \$5.73 worth of drugs sold from out of that heap on the floor.

Such was the characteristically expedient and downright dramatic founding of the Katz Drug Company.

Vigorous and visionary,

Ike Katz might have wandered farther West when, as a young trained butcher, he held down his first job. If he had reached the coast he certainly would have become Met- ro-Goldwyn-Mayer's biggest rival, for the man has a flair for lucrative drama.

He stopped off in Kansas City, however, to become the David Belasco of the retail drug business, to convert the mildly profitable, modest and wholly ethical corner drug store into a glittering three- ring circus, a Max Reinhardt spectacle—all without knowing, in the early days at least, the difference between aspirin and soda bicarbonate.

With his brother's sagacious help he was able to buy cheaply in impressive quantities for cash and to sell cheaply in impressive quantities for cash. A simple economic process indeed. The pay-off for Ike and Mike lay in the grandeur, the noise, the excitement with which they carried on. One of them (each gives the credit to the other) thought up that wonderfully comforting, generally meaningless slogan—"Katz pays the tax." Ike, the impresario, put on breathless Million Dollar Sales, took twelve full-page ads in the Star, gave away raincoats, eggs, and subscriptions to magazines, hired Convention Hall for Katz Jambourees, and generally managed to have his methods despised and disparaged by his competitors, while the citizens, charmed by the uproar, blocked traffic trying to

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Ike Katz is a man of much personal charm, much simplicity; proud of his family and of his beautiful home, with its perfect tennis court, imported from wherever you import tennis courts. As a citizen, he belongs decidedly to the laissez-faire school of thought. As a business man he is an extremely vivid example of the tough-minded, ruthless individualist, and an inspired showman. If his already appalling drug stores develop into more colossal, superproductions, it will be Ike Katz, the old maestro, who directs the show, lines up the dancing girls and the elephants, and keeps the crowds moving towards the big tent.

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mocracy. At times big business and the power emanating from wealth has tried to insidiously grasp the liberty from the common man, which has been his birthright as an American. The power of these gluttons has been temporarily arrested by our courageous President. But how in the name of honesty, can a local organization such as the Pendergast group stand for those same principles, when its unscrupulous control of elections is absolutely contrary to the interests and rights of the sovereign people, to express their unfettered opinion at the polls!

The answer is simple. This local group of thugs are not Democrats. They are no more than the lowest and most dangerous type of criminal, the traitor. They stoop to any alliance with murderers and the lesser backwash of the underworld, when they find this necessary to retain their power.

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The old habit of matching everything in an ensemble has fallen before the season's onslaught of companion accessories . . . Lord and Taylor's have gone English in this field with emphasis on London tan in rough crepe ascots and pigskin gloves . . . but they suggest oxford grey to offset too much tan in a menswear flannel shirt ... At Bonwit Teller's, accessory notes run the masculine to feminine scale from British reefer scarfs in polka dot tie silks to be tied in Byronic bows or ascot folds . . . through English doeskin gloves so processed that they never need washing or cleaning because the dirt never adheres but always rubs off ... to imported handkerchief linen gilets in white, shrimp, or champagne.

. . . And at Bergdorf Goodman's a Sinbad sailor in taffeta is the centrifugal point about which fascinating imports rotate . . .

But bags and purses are generally clever everywhere . . . Witness Macy's natural or white doeskin pouch trimmed with glass buttons . . . or Nat Lewis's saddle- stitched one that carries with it a tiny box of saddle soap and a diminutive sponge . . . and the hint to make use of both for increasing effects of mellowness and suppleness. . .

Rita.

The old gag about "leaving foo prints on the sands of time" (Missouri mud at this point) has taken on new allurements this season now that gingham and piques and even stolid English

tweeds have joined patent and calf in the hitherto prosaic ranks of footwear. So attractive, in fact, are the one- straps and two-straps and oxfords that Laird and Schober, Palter de Lisso and other combines are turn- in out, that walking down Petticoat Lane next week in a blue I. Miller basquette weave oxford trimmed in matching kid or a blue kid pump with a low-placed strap edged in white and accented by parallel cut-out strips from Taylor's will give you almost the same thrill that Grauman's far-famed Chinese cement promises the Hollywoodites. Which may be exaggerating a little, but not much really when you consider how science and footwear have advanced from Mother's high-buttoned bronze boots to the smart blue kid and cloth buckled oxfords sketched here from Harzfeld's!

And, as if that were not enough evolution for one generation, there is the chamois colored buck wide-strapped street shoe from the same place showing development in shoe styles within the season itself! (The points under the exclamation marks are for the bags that match.)

But speaking of chamois, either color or material or both, is not a mere matter of seasonal development in footwear; it is, in fact, the piece de resistance of the whole field of woman's fashion this season. Thus everything from jewelry (with wooden button earrings in

WANDERLUST IN THE KITCHEN

By KATIE KITCHEN

There's a tremendous moral war in progress right now, a war whose opposing fronts are bounded by the slogans "Patronize your neighborhood grocer," and "Be internationally minded." I don't intend to lead up to the geography lessons where the Chinese Tea and the Brazilian Coffee swap anecdotes for the benefit of little Willie. I mean the deeper problem involved in whether to serve hash and play safe, or to serve Hungarian goulash wondering all the time about the politics of your guests. I could tell of one dinner party that broke up with a murder and three suicides because the hostess placed a dish of chop suey before a Japanese guest of honor. Of course the orientals think nothing of a suicide, but over here it is something to be considered.

All of which leads up subtly to the conclusion that you can serve the foreign flavors under the protective coloring of American names and ingredients. In other words, while not losing a morsel of our local loyalty, we are going to raid the recipes of other countries, recipes which came over with various grandmothers and which are much fitter for citizenship than some of our more recent human acquisitions. Perhaps this preamble seems over long. Its justification is that it is the enunciation of a creed, a creed that seeks to combine the universality of food with the exigencies of local markets, the flavors of the world with the ingredients of Kansas City. In many cases we can use our own colloquial terminology, though there may be times when only the foreign word can rightly express what we mean. Will somebody give us a synonym for Schwamm dumplings?

German, French, Italian, English, Spanish, Mexican, the world, to put it in a nutshell, is at your gustatorial beck and call. A few of this and a pinch of that and a little time and trouble and you can dine for the same price at which you merely eat. Try a few and see.

For a concrete example, try out your jaded appetite on this one. Take a nice solid piece of rump steak, cover it with vinegar and let it stand overnight. In the morning take half the vinegar (save the rest for future reference) double its quantity with water, add a few peppercorns, cloves and bay leaves, an onion chopped up, a dash of allspice, half a cup of raisins, and half a cup of sweet almonds. Let the beef stew slowly in this liquid until it is tender, then take it out

and slice it. Add to the gravy one tablespoonful of brown sugar and two tablespoonsful of flour browned in butter and rubbed smooth. And here's an original touch that might be carried over to other gravies: if the gravy isn't thick enough take two or three gingersnaps, rubbed to a smooth paste in a little hot water, and add them to your mixture. Then put your sliced beef back into the gravy and simmer slowly until ready to serve. By the way, if you make this in the morning and don't intend to serve it until night, don't put it on to simmer until about thirty minutes ahead of time. Any gravy of this kind is better for standing a few hours anyway.

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DEPARTMENT

FUTURE presents a new department . . . it is our hope that, among the feminine Futurists, there will be, from time to time, inspired contributors who will send into this department any odd notions, pertinent ideas, poems, household hints or panegyrics they happen to have lying around the house. We promise merited publication.

One of the town's better home girls swears she successfully cleans the woodwork and her handsome furniture with glue . . . ground glue purchased at a paint store. One pound of it to three gallons of water, warmed to the dissolving point. Better not try this goo, we mean glue, on your upholstery.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt did her usual nice, neat job of explaining, over the air, that this is x woman's world, citing a list of eleven distinguished women to prove her point. We, too, have a weakness for compiling lists. Here is one we ran up of eleven vital Kansas Citians, probably omitting your favorite citizenettes. Mrs. Roosevelt left out a few of ours:

Mrs. George Hoxie, Consumers' League.

Mrs. Lucy Drage, interior decorator.

Dorothy Gallagher, social worker.

Miss Frances Logan, connoisseur and collector of art.

Mrs. D. V. Whitney, secretary of

stylishly roomy pouch bag from Emery Bird's and a clever laced hat from Chasnoff's are not to be overlooked. And as for gloves—

chamois tones) to gilets (tailored like a man's) have taken on a yellowish tinge that may or may not make you look either Oriental or just plain bilious. And that is taking in quite a lot of yellow, you must admit, when bags, belts, scarves, hats, gloves and even flowers are considered! But the scope of the color need not blind the eye to the limits of good taste, so what with a little choice in the matter and some slight patronizing to other colors, compromise in some of the fields of chamois can bring chic to a navy or black ensemble. Chamois Hats, Etc.

Chamois hats, for instance, are not only smart but becoming to street wear and tweeds. The ones sketched here from Shadwell's have six-section crowns and stitched brims that turn up or down away from or down over your weatherbeaten features (it seems to be more a question of "if winter goes" than "if winter comes . . . can Spring, etc.) as you desire. And Adler's and Taylor's have similar ones at varying prices with sometimes novel trims. Or if the Oriental influence of all-chamois is too much for you, a crown of it on a dark brim or perhaps just a band of it on a dark hat are effective.

And with the hats should go, of course, chamois gloves. You probably have a pair of these stuck

away somewhere from seasons past —for they’ve always been smart for Spring—but in case you haven’t there are gauntlets and one-buttons galore around town—and in case you’re Vogue and purse-minded there’s a particular stitched English doeskin pair at Harzfeld’s that is stunning!

After gloves, the rest comes easy. Perhaps it’s a stitched bag from Woolf’s that you’ll be wanting and perhaps it’s just a belt from Peck’s
From Peck's

particularly an inexpensive but grand-wearing gauntlet sketched from Peck’s—they should be included in your list of Spring accessories even if you’re not otherwise “pigskin minded.” that runs ribbon-like through silver rods. At any rate, there’s a lot to choose from—and the warning is a hint not to spoil a good effect by overdoing it.

Pig-skin

The same warnings apply, too, to the other popular “yellow” of the season, namely: pigskin. A little more sporty than chamois and therefore more limited in scope of its effect, this material nevertheless has great advantages in practicability. For where chamois cleans— and cleans often poorly—pigskin washes and washes well. Thus a
From Shadwell's

the Kansas City School of Pharmacy.

Norma Knight Jones, lecturer.

Mrs. Gertrude Lighton, patroness of the arts.

Mrs. Kirk Askew, executive secretary of Sunset Hill School.

Geneve Lichtenwalter, musician.

Mrs. A. Riess Hill, educator and publicist.

Mrs. James Reed, creator of the Nelly Don Dresses.

(Oh, I know I forgot Marion Talley.)

A little group of right thinkers ought to do something about the Scotty Toddy Shoppe on Baltimore before Alexander (buckety-bucketv) Wolcott finds out about it.

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MUSIC

The world has paid homage to Beethoven's C minor symphony the fifth as not only his greatest composition, but one of the greatest in music. Beethoven himself, however, thought that his Eroica symphony, the third, which the Philharmonic will play at the end of the season, was his best.

The first two symphonies were stamped with the mark of the past as well as with his own iconoclastic independence, but the third was the first of the Beethoven compositions which are so constantly thrilling concert audiences today. As it did mark the beginning of a new period in his work, and as it was written with- the fire of admiration for a great man burning in Beethoven, it is quite reasonable that he should have thought it his best work. The story of how it was first written for Napoleon, then the dedication to him ripped off when he betrayed what Beethoven thought a trust and a holy obligation to the people, runs through every music textbook and is in every program note where the Eroica symphony appears.

Our printers do not, unfortunately for the music notes this week, possess the equipment to print music staves and notes. There is much that is interesting about the Eroica which needs examples to make it possible to see and play the notes. We shall have to chance making it go

without the printed music.

In the Prometheus ballet, in 1801, Beethoven used the simple main motive in the Eroica which is familiar to anyone who has heard it even once. There is more than a slight possibility that the derivation of this motive goes back farther than that, even beyond Beethoven, as Mozart's operetta Bastien et Bastienne opens with the first four measures exactly the same except for the key. Through much of the gigantic Eroica symphony, Beethoven bent, stretched, inverted, slowed and speeded up that motive in one of the most astonishing feats of variations known to music. It was said that he once improvised for two hours on a simple theme from the Eroica in after years.

N. L. S.

FUN IN CHURCH

Staid Westminster Church at 36th and Walnut Streets will be the scene of some lively and unusual entertainment tomorrow night at 8 o'clock when the Beacon class of the church presents Victor Reed's "Roman Knights On the Nile."

The humor is rough and spontaneous and the history pleasantly scrambled. The author, a former Texas athlete, has spared no historical character in his endeavor to please the audience. Evans Corn as Caesar and Sally Morehead, a Kansas City University coed, as Cleopatra, have the leading roles.

Since most of the niftiest shirt colors seem to have been chosen by the Facists hither and yon and what with the nudist and economic influence, we may as well expect to see the organization of a shirtless legion.

THEATRE

"Ruggles of Red Gap" is one of the most delightful comedies ever filmed. To a cast containing Mary Boland, Zazu Pitts, Charlie Ruggles, and Roland Young, themselves comedians to a superlative degree, is added Charles Laughton. Mr. Laughton has the role of an English gentleman's gentleman who is won in a game of draw poker by Mr. Edgar Floud of Red Gap, Washington. As the time of the story is 1908, there is a grand opportunity to satirize the social pretensions of a small town haute monde of that florid period. The honors go to Mr. Laughton. His performance is restrained and sincere, and the gradual build-up of the character explains Ruggles's slow realization of America's promise of class equality. This theme is never lost in the pure comedy which makes this picture worth seeing.

"Folies Bergere," starring Monsieur Chevalier, can be dismissed with a word. The old charm turns up in spots, but neither the songs nor the story sustain it. Ann Sothern is smothered in the part of a snapping little follies performer. Merle Oberon's makeup man has pulled up her slanting eyes a little more to the northwest; not an improvement. This is not a promising American debut for the Irish beauty. You can stay away from this picture with an easy conscience.

Suburban

Don't miss "Lives of a Bengal Lancer." In it, one finds Gary Cooper, Franchot Tone, and Richard Cromwell giving their best film performances to date, ably assisted by Sir Guy Standing and C. Aubrey Smith. Built around the book of the same name, it holds plenty of thrilling action that makes "Clive of India" a mere bedtime story. It is an adventure incident to the regiment's guarding of Khyber Pas's on the northwestern frontier of India, and the heroes of the duel between a rebel border prince and the regiment are, of course, Cooper, Tone, and Cromwell.

There are grand scenic shots, and the color and picturesqueness of the Lancers fill you with an esprit of God-save-the-British-Empire.

Don't let the combination of Joan Crawford, Clark Gable, and Robert Montgomery lure you into seeing "Forsaking All Others." It is a bit of absurdity that not even these combined talents can put over. It is bright dialogue at its very worst. Gable is too noble, Montgomery is too flip, and Joan is too intense, going about with her hair masquerading as a furze-bush.

Fannie Hurst's "Imitation of Life" is around at the suburban houses for the next week or so. It tells of the rise from poverty to riches by a young woman who supplies the business acumen, and her negro maid and friend, who supplies an unbeatable pancake recipe. Once their respective daughters grow up, they start being difficult. The young white girl falls in love with her mother's fiance, and the young negro girl breaks her mother's heart by running away from home to pass over the color line. This is good, strong, movie fare, competently acted by Claudette Colbert and Louise Beavers.

M. J.

GALLERY

The current loan show of American Art, representations of the Stone City, Iowa and Santa Fe, New Mexico, groups of young thinkers, does not reach a generally creditable level. The vigor and clarity of Peter Hurd's pen drawings and the fine touch and personality in Henry Varnum Poor's "Ruth" one must not fail to except. Hurd, while one may assume his purpose to be that of the current run of Western artists ... to arrest and perpetuate human and natural fragments . . . seems to me often to make that purpose subservient to expression of his own style. Pleasant and good style though it is, it is unimportant beside the people whom Hurd makes choice to draw. It is a matter not without importance that an artist choose the picturesque because it is picturesque and not first because it is real. This, Hurd has done in a number of the heads he has in the current show.

The Grant Wood study of "Boy Milking" for an Iowa City mural got a lot of interest from the Sunday crowd in addition to some intensive study and squinting by serious students and the growing ranks of those who have been newspapered into the realization that Western art does amount to something and that there is something in the West to paint. "Boy Milking" is a static composition; what the color does to it can be, must be imagined in order to give it life. It is a remarkably accurate and scholarly study. Adrain Dornbush, Wood's colleague in the Stone City colony, is apparently leading the students into landscape perspective of a homely quality which is not displeasing in the canvases of good color. Where the color is harsh and staring, (and there are a few like that) the mechanics are so revealed as to look like roadmap lithographs. As an example, not the worst, look at Glenn Chamberlain's "Open Country."

The Santa Fe group, while using different color and not attempting the earthy in native art, is not represented in this show by work of greater stature than that of the Iowa people. What all these men and women are going to do in a few years is hard to know. If the wave of enthusiasm engendered for Western art by Wood, Benton and Curry is nothing more than a fashion, then a lot of trifling painting will have a curiosity value as being in the genre. If, on the other hand, and this should be nearer the truth, there is something springing from the soil, the temper of people and the nature of things which is worth preserving, this kind of work is not good enough to preserve it. What with the dollar, the drought and the unemployed all being so likely to change the national picture, Heaven knows but what the Middle West as it is today is

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There are at present, in the Missouri House, two bills: (1) An act to authorize any county court to create a county welfare board, and (2) an act to create a State Department of Public Welfare and to provide for a Board of Public Welfare for the government thereof. They are good bills. There is an acute need for them.

At present there is no central agency through which charity work may be organized and administered efficiently and economically. The necessity for proper relationship with the federal government in administering the various phases of the Economic Security program and the Emergency Relief program makes the need for some co-ordinated agency more important. The Emergency Relief program in Missouri is now administered by a Commission, which was appointed between sessions of the legislature. There is no legislation giving authority or defining the functions of either the state commission, or its county committees.

During 1934, approximately 25% of the state's total income was used to finance relief, eleemosynary and correctional functions. In addition federal relief funds in excess of the total state income, were disbursed in Missouri. The indications are that a much higher percentage of the 1935 state income, plus federal funds, will be used for such purposes. The large amount of money involved and the training and skill required for doing many phases of

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Both bills provide for boards of unpaid members, to be appointed by the Governor "Without regard to political affiliation or sex but on the basis of recognized interest and experience in welfare work." And it abolishes the Board of Managers of the State Eleemosynary Institutions, the Commissioners of the Department of Penal Institutions, and the Commission for the Blind.

This should undoubtedly appeal to the taxpayers—but will it find similar favor with the boys who have, or who hand out, the jobs? We may be unduly pessimistic. If the bills pass, we'll be glad to eat the well-known bird. But the Board of Eleemosynary Institutions has an annual payroll of \$22,780.00, including \$10,000 for the chairman, and the Executive Director of the Commission for the Blind gets \$7,200.00. And the Commissioners of the Department of Penal Institutions—

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There were lots of long faces among the fans here when the national tournament for 1935 went to Denver last spring. It had been held in Kansas City for so many successive years that local fans looked upon it as a permanent Kansas City affair.

If any fan came to Convention Hall last week with misgivings about getting his money's

worth, he must have left feeling rather guilty, for he witnessed some of the best basket ball ever played in the old hall.

Universals Win by One Point

The Universal Pictures' winning of the tournament was well earned by this fine team. Their margin of victory over the Stage Liners, winners of second place, was only one point. This was a splendid example of how evenly matched all participating teams were.

Hyatt the Star

The outstanding star of the tournament was "Chuck" Hyatt, a forward for the Universals. Here was a player who could make a basket from just about any angle. There was no stopping of Hyatt.

It would be a mighty fine sporting event for Kansas City to have this invitation tournament an annual affair. If the past one is a harbinger, there should be no doubt of the future ones.

Blues Start Training

Today our Kansas City Blues start their training down in Ole Alabam' at Mobile. Their drive for the American Association pennant is to be a very determined one this year, according to Manager Zwill- ling. There will be no room on the Blues' roster this year for players who do not hustle and play heads- up baseball, judging from statements of Zwilling and President Kling.

No Fights for the Garden

Poor Mr. James J. Johnston! It seems that the fighters have done Jimmie J. and his Madison Square Garden wrong. According to his statements, all champions and near champions are giving him or the Garden, maybe both, a wide berth. Matchmaker Johnston says that it is not just that the boys won't fight for him in the Garden that irks him so, but the fact they are not fighting anywhere, any place, any time. He even goes so far as to abuse the fistic champions of the lighter weights by calling them names in public.

This is very poor taste for Jimmie J. He should realize that there are far more places to stage fights than there are fighters. This old maestro of Madison Square Garden seems to think still that there is not any place west of the Hudson to hold a champion prize fight.

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Finest Airport on Earth

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perfect location. Bounded by the river it was easily seen from the air, and it had the advantage of being only five minutes by car from the heart of the business district. This is the only airport of major importance in the world that can claim the latter distinction. Its convenience impresses every seasoned air traveler who lands here.

A bond issue was floated to finance the enterprise. The land was dedicated on August 17, 1927. By 1929 the station and various hangars were erected, the ground prepared with runways and concrete landing platforms, the final- departmental details arranged, and the airport declared open. The control was placed under the Public Works Department, which employs the staff, consisting of manager, assistant manager, station master, night watchman, three janitors, two electricians, and a maid.

The four airlines using the airport as a base rent their hangars from the city. These are the TWA, United, Hanford, and Braniff Lines. The national headquarters of TWA are here, and their large separate building is rented by them from the city. The Richards Army Field is part of the airport property, the land and hangars being rented from the city by the government. The

government also operates a post office and a radio weather bureau. Private individuals also may rent hangars.

The airport proper consists of 687 acres, of which 110 acres were added last year, and improved by the city with the assistance of CWA workers. It is the third largest airport in area in the United States, Chicago and Newark being larger. There are four runways, each marked criss-cross the field by strips of cement 36 inches wide. The longest runway is northeast by southwest, and is 250 feet wide by 4,200 feet long. The approach to the airport could be improved. There are plans to build a new bridge over the railroad tracks, but this project is delayed by friction with the railroad companies. The government owns the river front property, and the squatters resist all efforts to eject them from their squalid state of disfigurement.

Traffic reached its peak at the airport in 1933. In 1934 the cancellation of government mail contracts somewhat disorganized the private airlines. However, the 1934 statistics are impressive. A total of 39,561 passengers were landed. 8,837 take-offs were made by army, transport and private planes. The transport planes did 8,835% hours of flying out of here, and carried 288,214 pounds of mail. Twelve passenger planes arrive and depart daily. More impressive is the fact that during last year there were no accidents within the precincts of the airport!

Kansas City has made an investment of over a million dollars in the airport. This approximate sum includes the continual improvement and care of the field. It has brought hundreds of thousands of dollars in business to the city. It has provoked commendation from great aviation figures like Lindbergh and Amelia Earhart, but one of the pilots put it neatly—“I’d rather land here than at any port in the country!”

Hurrah for Mothers!

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along reasonably well. The electorate, in the face of warnings by Mr. Reed and various critics in and out of office, decided to let the constitution take care of itself, and returned Mr. Roosevelt’s supporters, or those who claimed to be his supporters, to office. Just how many of these persons actually can be counted on to support Mr. Roosevelt is uncertain. Certainly Senator Harry S. Truman, Mr. Pendergast’s handy man, has demonstrated that he is not bound too slavishly to the presidential chariot wheels. He knows who gave him a political job when the country at large never had heard of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

All in all, the appeal to rally around the constitution fell flat. As Senator Borah aptly remarked following the fall congressional elections, “You cannot eat the constitution.”

So, a calloused and conscienceless electorate having given the go-by to the constitution, it remained for Senator Reed to unfurl the one milk-white banner that had never been known to fail, and indorse motherhood, grand old American motherhood, and its inalienable right to send its sons and daughters to work in 100 per cent American factories at as early an age as it chose. Whither are we drifting, Senator Reed would like to know, if a bunch of scoundrelly bureaus in Washington are to be allowed to interfere with those who have known biological pangs? From the fervor, from the flaming emotionalism of his appeal, one almost pictures the senator himself in the perils of parturition, menaced on the one hand by death in childbirth and on the other by the iron hand of a federal bureau, prepared to deny the joy of factory life to his tentative offspring.

But it is not so. This is no personal peril that has brought the silver-haired statesman once

more into the hustings, to cry a Cassandra warning to his countrymen. It is merely the great heart of the man, bleeding over the peril which he perceives for others. He has no conceivable interest in the matter except the interest of a loyal American and a 100 per cent champion of the American mother, unless you are base enough to suppose that the labor problems of the Donnelly garment factories, owned by the senator's wife, have somehow swayed him.

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An authority on feminine psychology wonders what would be the effect upon women shoppers if they were trained to consider their time as money. If you find that an hour spent hunting for a bargain cost more than you save by the bargain's price, you obviously ought to give up bargain hunting.

Every Saturday we drive far out on Brooklyn to look at the tropical fish, particularly the two angel fish occupying an exclusive tank. They are the most expensive fish in the shop (\$30.00 for the pair) for the surprising reason that they are happily and monogamously married. We stare, at them in awe, noting their dignity, their smugness, their refined air of being oblivious of each other.

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