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PRESIDENTIAL recognition of the fact that the American public is about nine years old mentally is contained in the McSwain incident.

These things happen just once in a while . . . officers of the Army and Navy being so foolish as to explain war plans to Congress and half-baked tabloid reporters getting goose flesh over the fact that the War College has a worked-out plan for war with England—for an invasion of Canada and an attack on Mexico.

Certainly they have. What do you think War Colleges are for? I haven't any doubt in the world that the army of San Marino—one hundred strong—has plans for the invasion of Russia and an air raid over London—providing they have an airplane at the time.

The Crown Prince of Germany was so realistic, one time, as to speak to the Prince of Wales about "your spy and my spy"—referring to their embassy military attaches.

SPIES

France and Japan, both being highly emotional countries, are always shrieking to the world that they have discovered spies in their midst.

Don't think for a moment that the United States and England haven't spies and are not guarding themselves against spies. Only we don't talk so much about it.

Brethren, I could a couple of tales unfold that would surprise, but the less the public and the Congressmen know about war plans the better for all concerned.

FINISH THE STORY

Prof. Carl Holliday of the San Jose Teachers' College knows all the answers to marriage.

He says that girls ought to marry at 17 and pattern themselves after their grandmothers, who were content with "a shuck mattress, a coffee pot and a skillet."

Yeah, and had twelve children and were old worn-out women at 30.

My advice to 17-year-old young ladies—hearing the love call—is to gather up their skirts and run for their lives—run to Never Never Land where nothing is real . . . and sail on forever in a beautiful silver ship on a beautiful perfume sea . . .

N.B. When I say "skirts" I intend merely poetic reference to a garment once used in the days of husk mattresses and skillets; but now obsolete. They could not very well gather up the clothes they wear now except with a watchmaker's tweezers.

WELCOME STRANGER

To the masthead of my royal yacht Snark—No. A-999—goes the welcome signal to Howard Hughes's new play boat, "The Southern Cross." His is 320 feet long, built at a cost of \$2,000,000; and I'll bet I have more fun than he does.

The Snark is a tubby old ex-fish boat with a bow that looks like an English bulldog. The faithful engine sounds like eight threshing machines going at once and the anchor comes in by hand.

We never know who the crew will be. A lot of nice gay young boys always show up. The chief entertainment they get out of it is tinkering with the engine. They like to take it apart and see what makes it tick. All I know about the engine is that it seems to stand up under a lot of tinkering and if you kick up the little brass handle near the steering wheel, it goes faster.

The only thing I don't like about the Snark is the name. I don't want to be reminded of Jack London or anything about him. We can't change the name because everyone knows it is jinx to change the name of a ship.

PACIFIC TIES EMPHASIZED

Amity Reigns at Sekku Banquet

Americans and Japanese in Mutual Tributes at Fete for Geographic Society

Half a dozen Japanese and American speakers last night interchanged courtesies at the banquet tendered the Board of Regents of the Pacific Geographic Society by the Japanese Chamber of Commerce.

The banquet at the Kawafuku Restaurant, 204 1/2 East First street, was yesterday's chief event in the five-day Sekku boys' festival which will conclude with special services at Christian and Buddhist temples next Sunday.

TRUE CULTURES

"Although there is great difference in the customs of Japan and America, there is no fundamental difference in the true cultures of the two countries," said Consul Tomakazu Horii. "Such troubles as there are arise not from differences of culture but the indifference of the two peoples to each other's ways."

Prof. George McBride of the University of California at Los Angeles, recalled pleasant friendships with prominent Japanese, declaring that his personal experience led him to believe there can be a close relationship without the least hostility.

COMMON HERITAGES

Harry Elliott, vice-president of the geographic society, said: "Both Japan and America have vast heritages in civility, courage, truth and steadfastness, which should serve as a lasting bond between the nations."

President Gongozo Nakamura of the Japanese Chamber of Commerce, spoke on the coming era in the Pacific.

"This great ocean is soon to be the center of the world's commerce and culture," he said. "Peace and goodwill between Japan and America will be essential to both countries."

MUTUAL TRADE BENEFITS

Dr. Hatsuji Hara was master of ceremonies and spoke of the mutual trade benefits enjoyed by the two countries.

After the dinner testimonial gifts were made by President Nakamura to Mrs. Margaret Hughes, manager of the geographic society, and Elliott.

The entire gathering then adjourned to the floral show at 239 East First street.

Earlier in the day Mrs. Hughes promised "a free trip to Japan—there and back in two hours," explaining that the window displays on East First and adjoining streets gave an insight into important aspects of Japanese culture.

SYMBOLS OF COURAGE

Love of color and harmony, of courage and of physical and mental balance are emphasized in the decorations on the streets and in the stores and other establishments. The boy dolls are images of ancient warriors, the carp, flying from a thousand bamboo poles, symbolize strength and bravery, while the music, dance and dramas and objects on display suggest that ideal of self-control, gentleness and good taste which is the spirit of the Samurai, the soul of Japan.

STREET DANCING

Street dances will be repeated this evening and tomorrow evening. Several hundred dancers, groups

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YOUTH TAKES COMMAND OF CITY'S INDUSTRIES

Signaling their way up the trail of success, hundreds of Los Angeles' high school youths yesterday forged through another day of Boys' Week.

Under the direction of Claude Nihart, assistant superintendent of vocational and practical arts in the schools, the boys took command of the city's industry and economic affairs.

Beginning early in the morning tours were arranged for the boys through factories. The afternoon was devoted principally to business. Their activities ranged from the manufacture of soap to banking and the intricacies involved in the production of a newspaper.

Eight boys interested in journalism became for the day members of The Times editorial staff. They were Ben Gutterman, Robert Schiller, William Silverman, Clarence

Mystery Malady Conquered



Cured of protracted hiccoughing, Mrs. Lucille Truesdell, shown here with her husband, was back home yesterday—on a diet.

LAST HONOR FOR JURIST

Ex-Arizona Supreme Court Justice to Be Buried in Forest Lawn

Final rites for former Judge John J. Hawkins, who died Wednesday at his home, 107 South Ardmore avenue, will be conducted at 4 p. m. tomorrow at the Little Church of the Flowers, Rev. M. K. P. Brannan of St. Matthias Episcopal Church officiating. Interment will be at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Hawkins, who was 80 years of age, and who had lived in Los Angeles sixteen years, was a native of Saline county, Missouri. He was educated at the William Jewell College and the University of Missouri. In 1885 he married Miss Olive Birch of Glasgow, Mo.



John J. Hawkins

Admitted to the Missouri bar in 1878, Judge Hawkins moved to Arizona in 1883, and was probate judge of Yavapai county, territorial auditor, and a member of the Arizona legislative assembly. From 1893 to 1897 he was associate justice of the Supreme Court.

ACTIVE IN CHURCH

He served as chairman of the Episcopal Missionary District of Arizona, and was a lay delegate to general convocations at San Francisco and Boston. Judge Hawkins was lecturer on the law of mines at the University of Oklahoma in 1915, and was a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences.

Fifty years a Mason, Mr. Hawkins was a member of the Los Angeles Lodge No. 107, and of the Grand Lodge of California.

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THREE DIE IN TRAFFIC

Newsboy Killed by P.E. Train

City and State Now Leading Nation in Fatalities; More Go to Jail

While a national survey revealed the city and State a leading nation in traffic fatalities for the first quarter of 1935, death yesterday added three more persons to its toll in the Los Angeles area.

The dead: William Johnson, 15 years of age, of 1820 Arlington street, Torrance. Curtis Casad, 73, of 2317 West Ninth street. Frederick Brooks, 62, of 420 North Coronado street.

The list of injured also mounted, while the law continued its drive on violators.

Johnson, a newsboy, was crushed to death by a Pacific Electric freight train at Arlington and Sartori streets. The front wheel of his bicycle had become engaged in the tracks and, instead of feeling before the onrushing train, he tugged frantically to free it.

TRIES TO SAVE YOUTH

D. H. Brock, brakeman, leaned far out in an effort to reach the endangered boy but was unable to grab him.

Casad died in General Hospital of injuries received a week ago when struck by an automobile at Eighth and Park streets.

Brooks's death also occurred at General Hospital. He succumbed to injuries suffered last Saturday when

Youngster Shows Talent



Only 11 years of age, Donald Carpenter has already turned to sculpturing, and has a prize-winning bust of George Washington to show for his talents.

ELEVEN-YEAR-OLD BOY HONORED AS SCULPTOR

During his Easter vacation, Donald Carpenter, 11 years of age, son of Mrs. Ann Carpenter, of 8429 De Longpre avenue, Hollywood, made a clay bust of George Washington.

"I got some clay for Christmas," he said yesterday, "and had so many things to do that I almost forgot about it."

"First I made a peasant girl, but that wasn't my best, so I made some small busts of famous people and I fired them in mother's kitchen stove."

Donald was awarded a blue ribbon and grand first prize recently for the bust of Washington. He is in the sixth grade at the Hawthorne School, where a hobby contest was conducted.

The young sculptor used no professional tools and has received no technical instruction in the art he said he is going to follow as a man. He used whittled matches for the finer touches on his works.

He spent twenty-five hours in modeling the George Washington bust, which too, was fired successfully in the kitchen oven.

After he has mastered piano playing, "which will be quite a long time yet," his mother has promised him his own study violin.

"I like working with clay the best," he said. "When you get through you have something you can see. Music's great, but it kind of floats out in the air and is lost."

HOLLYWOOD SEES NEW ROMANCE

Although her recently filed divorce action against James M. Lewis, Louisville (Ky.) socialite, has not been settled, Hollywood friends

EIGHT-STORY FALL KILLS JOB SEEKER

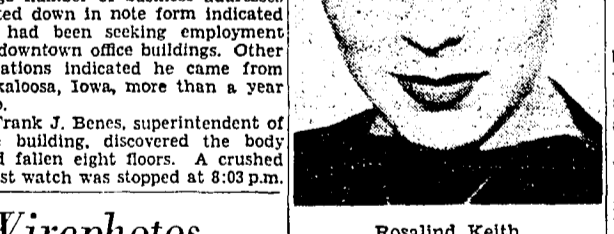
The thud of a falling body on the skylight away above the lobby of the Subway Terminal Building last night sent building workers to the scene, where they found the battered form of a man identified by police as Alfred Morse, 38 years of age, of 1646 Shatto street.

Pronounced dead when ambulance surgeons arrived, the man was taken to the County Morgue while Detective Lieutenant Filkas sought relatives. Papers in his pocket indicated he was unemployed and a large number of business addresses jotted down in note form indicated he had been seeking employment in downtown office buildings. Other notations indicated he came from Okonklosa, Iowa, more than a year ago.

Frank J. Benes, superintendent of the building, discovered the body had fallen eight floors. A crushed wrist watch was stopped at 8:03 p. m.

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Boys Learn About "Times" Wirephotos



These boys were members of The Times editorial staff yesterday. They are shown inspecting the Associated Press Wirephoto facilities. Clarence Cozby, acting as a news photographer for a day, is taking a picture of Bob Schiller, Ben Gutterman and William Silverman. The boys were greatly impressed by the miracle of pictures by wire.

JURY HEARS SHORTRIDGE

Testimony Given in Italo Case

Ex-Senator Denies He Ever Asked Craig or Mrs. Werner to Collect Funds

Neither Mrs. Helen Werner, former political worker, nor Gavin W. Craig, associate justice of Division Two of the Second Appellate District of the State Court of Appeals, was ever authorized to collect his campaign funds, former United States Senator Shortridge told a jury yesterday in United States District Court.

The former Senator's testimony, which marked the high point of yesterday's trial of Mrs. Werner, Justice Craig and Joseph Weinblatt on charges of conspiracy to obstruct and impede justice, was followed by the announcement of Federal prosecutors that they had closed their case.

DEFENSE MOTIONS

Motions for an instructed verdict were immediately made by defense counsel, who argued that no conspiracy had been shown by the government's testimony.

United States District Judge Briggie announced he will rule on the motions at the opening of today's session.

"I do not recall ever meeting Justice Craig in any of my campaigns," Mr. Shortridge testified, "and I am positive I never authorized him to use my name in any connection with the collection of campaign funds or otherwise."

M'KEOWN TESTIMONY

These answers came to questions from Asst. U. S. Atty. Carr, on testimony of John McKeown, former president of the oil corporation, that Craig had asked a \$125,000 contribution supposedly for the Shortridge campaign fund.

In answer to other questions the former Senator said his acquaintance with Mrs. Werner was limited and that his recollection of her connections with any of his campaigns were vague.

NEVER KNEW M'KEOWN

Mr. Shortridge also testified that he never knew John S. McKeown, also known as Jack.

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WATERLESS MUST WAIT ON SURVEY

Until a survey of their plight can be completed by the American States Water Company, thirty-six families, a schoolhouse, two stables and an airport must go waterless.

The Centinela Valley community between Culver City and Inglewood today enters upon the ninth day of its drought caused by a broken water pump.

Waterless and with sanitation conditions becoming worse, the group sought aid from the Centinela Water Company, which had supplied their faucets. Last Wednesday L. V. Lario, president, announced that the American States utilities concern had agreed to investigate joining the community's water mains with its permanent system.

Engineer Van Heusen of the Railroad Commission yesterday reported that at least 1500 feet of new mains must be installed.

American States officials said that an emergency crew will start work on completion of the survey. Meanwhile, the 100 Centinelaans are carting water from Inglewood and Culver City.

FAIR WEATHER FORECAST AFTER YESTERDAY'S RAIN

Fair and somewhat warmer weather today and tomorrow will follow the storm which brought showers over parts of the Southland and downpours to some mountain areas yesterday, according to the United States Weather Bureau's forecast.

In Los Angeles gentle showers yesterday amounted to .03 of an inch, bringing the storm's total to .39 of an inch and the season's rainfall to 21.66 inches, exceeding totals for any season in the last twenty-one years. Last season's total to date was 14.14 inches; normal to date is 14.75 inches. A sudden deluge at Yucalpa, in the hills near Redlands, recorded 1.10 inches of rain, bringing the season's total to 19.83 inches, compared with 9.51 inches to this date last season.

Pomona also received a sudden downpour about noon, observers estimating .12 of an inch fell in a few minutes, although the government gauge on the outskirts of the city recorded only .02 of an inch.

El Centro received a trace of rain yesterday afternoon, bringing the season's total to 2.65 inches, compared with 1.29 inches last season to date.

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