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West Doesn't Like Playing

SAN DIEGO, Thursday, Feb. 5.-Mr. Biddle is the attorney-general in Washington, but he could run for office in California and not even win the post of third assistant dog-catcher in charge of liver-spotted Aircdales. That's the way they feel about Mr. "Blueblood" Biddle

Squat Tag With the Japs

Now Honest Harold Desires To Be Columbia Basin Czar

ONEST HAROLD ICKES picked Groundhog Day to come out from whereever he has been and take a look around. It betrays no military secret to say he seems to have found the weather and other conditions propitions for an approach to Congress.

The secretary of the interior wants some fresh legislation. He asks Congress to pass a bill, already drafted to suit his ideas, which would authorize the government—i. e. Secretary Ickes' department—to acquire all privately-owned lands in the 1,200,000-acre Columbia Basin, at prices fixed by the government's

The bill would empower the government, through the same agency, to sell all basin lands, at its own prices, in tracts of varying size, none to be larger than

A high-light of the bill is a provision designed to prevent speculation. Private landowners disinclined to submit to confiscation, would be denied use of water for irrigation, leaving their lands as arid as ever; unfit for use and un-

Box. Choice of members of Seattle's City

Council was the question offered citizens this

week with an invitation to participate in an-

other informal poll. Ballots appeared only

The Times Ballot Box is inspired by a

desire to arouse more interest among Seattle

citizens in the issues confronting them at

forthcoming elections. Less than three weeks

remain before the primary election at which

candidates for Mayor and City Councilmen

men cannot be elected. Know your candi-

dates and get a little voting practice by par-

more interest in Seattle elections.

Let's Be Fair About It

An impartial appraisal of these proper-

ties, less than a year ago, fixed a valuation of

\$5,581,579. Port authorities estimate pres-

ent replacement cost at \$6,817,165. The out-

standing debt on the properties, an obligation

\$4,401,602, or \$254,673 more than the Navy

The Port Commission thus is brought up

marter-of-a-million dollars short of enough

must consider the earnings foregone in sur-

Should the naval authorities prove ob-

Seattle stands ready to cooperate with the

government and all its departments in every

possible way; but there is no reason why this

city and King County, which comprise the

fair compensation of those who supply what-

And it needs stirring!

\$4,146,929.

proposes to pay.

render of the facilities.

not elsewhere required.

If good men are not nominated, good

o'clock tomorrow evening.

higher than he had contracted to pay.

is no indication of when work may begin.

presents his bill as "a program to promote or dropped in the ballot boxes before 6 orderly settlement and development." Oreveryone in this part of the country would ment ownership and perpetual control over the whole basin area.

thought it would be fine to have the 1,200,-000 acres of the Columbia Basin occupied exclusively by settlers of the type depicted in John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath."

basin, financed by federal loans, would be partly a tenant and partly a ward of the government for an indefinite term of years, maybe always.

Under the guidance of Mr. Ickes, the Columbia Basin Project seems to be moving farther and farther away from the vision of an agricultural paradise which inspired its original promoters.

Can't Take the Joke

sitive to serious criticism and censure, which they can turn off as inspired by powhile emitting noises indicative of distress.

pensation or pensions for all its members.

ernment-the government of the people, by the people and for the people, by the waywould put up the bulk of the money to keep comfortable and happy for the rest of their lives all senators and representatives who voluntarily retire or fail of reelection.

It has spread over the country, waxing in hilarity, though not in heat. Perhaps for very lack of malice it has been more effective than ponderous denunciation. Congressmen begin plaintively to admit that their self-protective plan is not so good.

ought to have confidence in their govern-

confidence of the people.

Not as Many Japs in U. S. as Some Persons Say

DISCUSSION, with or without prejudice, of Japanese residents of this country, reveals a considerable lack of information. Those who assume most glibly to say how IT is the latter circumstance and not the service many Japanese there are in this country simply don't know what they are trying to talk swithout pay - or dollar-a-year - that makes us look askance at the appointment of the heads of big about. Current registration of Japanese, German and Italian aliens should give, when business or their close associates to guide the discompleted, fairly approximate figures. completed, fairly approximate figures.

The Japanese government keeps close track of its nationals in other lands. For the last few years, Tokyo has been secretive about this. But the 1937 Japanese Year Book

Our own alien registration records to this time show only 58,000 Japanese in con-of all his private holdings. He sold every salable in-terest. He invested nearly all the proceeds in Lib-erty bonds. tinental United States and 41,000 in Hawaii. The Japanese count includes all offspring of nationals born outside Japan. Our count covers only those of alien birth.

The 1937 Year Book lists about 568,000 Japanese in what are now enemy countries. This does not include China. It reports 228,000 in South and Central America; 26,000 in North America, other than the United States; Australia, 3,000; East Indies,

The Japanese program of infiltration since then has largely increased the number Instead of making any money out of the war, he had of Japanese in countries from which they were not barred by law. Due to our immigration restrictions, there can have been little increase in the number of the alien-born.

Though all the figures given, except as taken from our own registration records, come from the Japanese government, they are sufficient to show that there is much exag- a year). They were willing to lend him to the govgeration. From some of the talk going around, it might be surmised that at least a milhon alien Japanese were resident in the United States today.



By Edwin Cox - MOON MADNESS WHEN THE MOON COMES OVER THE MOUNTAIN, MR. MUSSOLINI PULLS DOWN THE SHADES

ITALY'S INTREPID DUCE SHUDDERS AT THE THOUGHT OF SLEEPING WITH MOONLIGHT ON HIS FACE. IT'S UNLUCKY.

5 LITTLE FINGERS ... BEFORE HE JOINED THE ARMED FORCES, BASEBALL'S VIRTUOSO BOBBY FELLER, USED TO DO

DAILY FINGER-EXERCISES,

TO KEEP THAT FAMOUS

PITCHING ARM

IN TRIM /

HILDEGARDE, THE NIGHTCLUB LADY WITH THE PERSUASIVE VOICE WILL REHEARSE ONLY BY CANDLELIGHT. IT HELPS TO GET THAT "JUST YOU AND I" MOOD INTO HER SONGS.

Allies May Save Singapore With Relief Forces Landed Behind Japs in Malaysia - By CONSTANTINE BROWN-

The consensus of American and British military experts appears to be that the great British base can hold out for a while but not long. Unless substantial assistance is sent immediately, it is bound to suffer the fate of Hongkong.

Singapore would have been impregnable if the

THE Navy is taking over the Port of jumple and besieged the Island from the mainland. Seattle's Smith Cove properties as a sup- sea. It could have resisted indefinitely assaults from the ply base, at a valuation, fixed by the Navy, of

AS was the case at Hongkong, the question of water supply is of paramount importance. Besides the garrison. Singapore has a population of some 650.000. The main water supply comes from the mainland, across the strait of Johore.

The Singapore river was dammed some years back and contributes a certain amount of water, but the dam could be bombed and destroyed by Japanese standing debt on the properties, an obligation planes. Should this happen, it is doubtful whether upon all taxpayers of the port district, is the defenders could hold out more than a few weeks.

Military quarters are confident that less expensive Corregidor Island will hold out longer than Singapore because the fortress at the entrance to Manila Bay is a purely military station with no civilians except a handful of refugees from the Philipagainst the problem, not only of taking a pines. It has adequate water to resist Japanese terrific cut below actual value of these prop- assaults as long as ammunition holds out.

erties, but also of being left more than a THE British government still hopes, of course, that Singapore may be saved, and this hope is based to pay off the debt. The commission also on the possibility that reinforcements rushed to the South Pacific during the last four or five weeks may be able to land in the Malay Peninsula and attack the Japanese from the rear. The Japa have not yet had time to fortify their positions sufficiently to oppose

strong landing parties.

If the United Nations should be able to send to durate in the matter, the port commission their remaining bases in The Netherlands Indies a cannot help but ask the courts for award of sufficiently strong air force backed by the necessary compensation more nearly fair to the district light naval forces, it is not impossible that transports bearing American, British and imperial forces would

ticipating in The Times Ballot Box. Your WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.—With the British withdrawn from Malaya to the Island of response may contribute to some interesting reading; more important still, it may help stire out against Japanese land assault and how long.

WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.—With the British withdrawn from Malaya to the Island of Singapore, Washington official quarters are anxiously asking whether the beleaguered fortress can hold out against Japanese land assault and how long.

Whether and what steps are now being taken for such an operation is naturally a deep military secret. clear at least a portion of the Malayan territory now occupied by the Japs.

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such an operation is naturally a deep military secret. Both Washington and London have made known that forces are being rushed to the points of greatest enemy menace. FURTHERMORE, Prime Minister Churchill has

stated emphatically on several occasions that Singapore will be saved. There is no reason to believe that the British premier merely was whistling in the dark. When he made this statement in Washing-ton and later in London, he must have had some definite military operations in mind.

Mr. Churchill knew, then, as everyone in Wash-

ington knew, that the Japs would make an extreme effort to win Singapore. He also knew what was no secret to anyone in Washington, that reinforcements would not reach the Malay Peninsula in time to means at their disposal.

United States, India and Britain may still surprise

tralia to be used as jumping-off places for an of-fensive against the dominion, once the troops operating at Singapore and in the Philippines have plished their task and are freed for other theatres of operations. Hence, if there is accuracy in various official statements that the strategy board in Wash-

The Malay Peninsula may once more figure prominently in the headlines. It all depends on what strategy the United Nations have adopted and whether a Course of the International Course of the Interna whether a German attack in force elsewhere will

strengthen the British and imperial troops who were fighting only a delaying action with the limited Many well-informed Washington quarters believe the large forces sent to the South Pacific from the

MILITARY men believe the danger to Australia has diminished since the dispatch of reinforcements from the United States and Britain.

ington is taking care of the situation ,we may look for unexpected developments in Australasia.

force a change of plans and divert United Nations forces from their present objectives.

out here. Maybe the feeling is all wrong. Maybe they have the man pegged incorrectly. I wouldn't know about that. All I know is that Californians have the feeling that he is the one in charge of the Japanese menace, and that he is handling it with all the severity of Lord Fauntleroy playing squat tag. I've been here a week now, and have traveled a few hundred miles up and down the coast, and have yet to meet a man, woman or child who dosn't think that Mr. Biddle's handling of the bow-legged sons and daughters of the Rising Sun is mighty ridiculous. and daughters of the Rising Sun is mighty ridiculous. THEY all got a laugh out of the latest action from Washington—the action that said that by February 24 Japanese in certain sections must leave their homes and move deeper into the interior. That's a

stirring bit of action, isn't it? Don't tell them to move away from defense centers now. No, oh heavens, no. Give them time to perfect their time bombs, complete their infernal machines, and generally prepare for the exodus. It would be a shame, wouldn't it, and an affront to civil liberties, to move the Japanese from defense centers without proper warning. It might even upset their plans of sabotage.

HERE'S another angle for you to figure out. There is much talk

about moving all the airplane factories out of California; take them inland for protection. Sabotage, and that sort of stuff.

Why move the plants and leave the Japs? Is it easier to move a

gigantic factory than it is to move a family of Rising Sons of-well

closer to the Rockies? THE government isn't playing fair with California. It shuts down

race meetings. It calls off the Rose Bowl. It prohibits large gatherings of citizens. It asks that the roads be kept clear. Why?
Well, the general guess is that the government wants to be able to move the Army quickly against any uprising by the Japs. But

nothing is done about the Japs.

It's like a guy standing by with a lot of first-aid equipment to help the victims of an accident which is expected to happen, but doing nothing to prevent the accident from happening.

THE government is treating the Japanese out here so nicely that a fellow is almost afraid to know them. He might wind up being accused of being a fifth columnist.

But at the risk of having the F. B. I. collar me for being unfriendly toward a national enemy, and throw me in the calaboose for inciting unfriendliness among a race that hates us, I am going to keep hammering on this typewriter until the boys in Washington realize how

California wants the Japs put away until this thing is over. California figures that the true Americans among its Jap population will be willing to undergo a bit of undeserved hardship in order to orestall any dangerous action by the ones who aren't. And that's right. have talked to enough of them to know that they are willing to be icked around if it will help this country from being kicked around. I'd better quit right here. One more paragraph and I'll be getting nad—not as a Californian, mind you, but as an American.

Waiters Closely Watched In Hunt for Enemy Spies

NEW YORK, Thursday, Feb. 5.—It has been remarked, upon how

NEW YORK, Thursday, Feb. 5.—It has been remarked, upon how good authority it is difficult to say, that the greatest place for espionage in New York is in the dining rooms, lounges and bars of the hotels. The spies, say these sources of information, are either the waiters or eavesdroppers from nearby tables.

In the first World War this was true, and doubtless is true to some extent in this. This correspondent has been advised that the life of every employe of one East Side hotel has been carefully and quietly scrutinized, and that a constant check is kept upon the activities of all of them about whom there is the slightest doubt.

The F. B. I. knows, for example, that one head waiter shares living quarters with a member of the German Bund. It knows that certain

quarters with a member of the German Bund. It knows that certain other waiters associate from time to time with persons whose pre-war

THIS drive against the spies within is excellent news. It means that

THIS drive against the spies within is excellent news. It means that one of the biggest leaks of valuable information to the enemy is one of the biggest leaks of valuable information to the enemy is being promptly plugged; that the barn door is being locked before the horse can get a chance to run away.

We are a loquacious folk. With the blood of freedom flowing full in our veins, we are inclined to be more talkative at times than we should, and it does not always occur to us that what we say may be worken the United States and Britain.

The Japanese have taken some islands near Ausalia to he used as imming-off places for an of-

A HOTEL bar or dining room will hear more talk about what is going

on in the country than any other place. Business men meet at lunch and talk over important matters, not realizing that words they speak to each other may be overheard by the waiter who serves them or by the sleepy-looking fellow or the beautiful woman within earshot

at an adjoining table.

Washington keeps urging us not to be lulled by over-confidence, but the more I see of the men in the several armed services and of the splendid manner in which they conduct themselves, the more convinced I am that this is another war the United States cannot lose, because the men who bear its arms simply aren't the losing kind.

MOVIE actresses have died before, but somehow the passing of Carole Lombard in an airplane crash last month was a genuine shock and bereavement to many people. Carole was so gay, so happy; there was a brightness, an Americanistic happiness about her which stepped from the screen and shook hands with us who sat down front

She wasn't the greatest actress of the screen, and would have been the last to have claimed to be; but she was surely one of the pleasantest and loveliest.

On the day she was killed—almost at the moment the news was

being flashed across the wires—I was idly thumbing a newspaper, and I came upon a story in which an astrologist was predicting what the stars foretold during 1942 for the movie colony. For Carole Lombard the prediction was:

THE NEIGHBORS -:- By George Clark

"There will be a temporary marital separation."
There is nothing temporary about death.

Dollar-a-Year Men or \$10,000 a Year, They Must Keep Their Records Clean - By BRIG.-GEN. HUGH S. JOHNSON-

Congress is providing ample money for WASHINGTON, Thursday, Feb. 5.—The first recorded dollar-a-year man in our history was ever is needed for war. The government is George Washington. As is usual in such political not asking that battleships, hombers and capers, the hullabaloo about dollar-a-year men in Mr. tanks be built and delivered at less than cost. Donald Nelson's war-production top-side crew is due

Why should income-yielding property, public or private, be made an exception to the rule? Washington accepted from Congress his command of all our armed forces (and that included Navy), he A visiting professor predicts automobiles stipulated that while he expected reimbursement for his out-of-pocket expenses, he would accept no comwithout axles. What we need more acutely pensation. So he served for seven years, and it was

considered a brilliant example.

Going even back of that in our pre-Revolutionary history, most of the great British explorers and colonizers were operating at their own expense. There was this difference—the latter had some peculiar personal financial interest in the outcome.

lealing directly or indirectly with themselves?

Mr. B. M. Baruch set the precedent for that. He was associated with the management of no business, but as soon as he was appointed, he filed a statement

His friends thought this was quixotic or going pay-off came.

When Senator Nye's committee started its witch-hunt for 1918 dollar-a-year men, great disclosures were expected from this woolly lamb. His books were

DONALD NELSON'S problem was slightly different. He is not a wealthy man. But he had a whopping salary from Sears, Roebuck & Co. (\$70,000

But in the all-embracing activities of his new job and of that company, it was improbable that he

would not some day be "dealing with himself." So very bravely and unselfishly, and to keep the status of Caesar's wife, he made what in some respects was a greater (if different) sacrifice than Baruch. He resigned his salary and his position.

Thus Nelson is in the clear (as was Baruch) himself. But in his organization (as in Baruch's) are many jobs that absolutely require the best industrial and managerial talent in the country. That exists mostly in big business. A question remains about these of Nelson's associates. Let us rid it of one aspect that is foolishly imma-

terial—it makes no difference whether they get one dollar or ten thousand dollars. The real question is directly or indirectly, are they dealing with them-The circumstances of various individuals vary so

much that hardly two are the same. Just as Baruch's personal problem demanded one kind of solution and Nelson's a very different one, so there is no set rule about what each should do.

It is a curious thing that nobody mentions the

fact that Mr. Sidney Hillman, the labor czar opposite Mr. Nelson, is drawing a considerable sum from or-ganized labor and that he does deal directly with

He is not an impartial administrator working first and solely for the interest of the government. He is a pressure advocate for the interest of organized labor.

Sentence Sermons

EVERY MAN MUST SURRENDER--Some prejudices if he ever hopes to live

great results.

Some grudges if he is ever to have any friends.

Some liberties if he is ever to win great liberties. -Some rights if he is to be granted the

greater rights. Some privileges if he is to live in an

organized society. -Some vanities if he does not want to be a laughing stock. -Some fears if he ever hopes to achieve

"Oh, daddy's just so proud that he's going to register for the draft that he has to stop and talk to every soldier he sees. He expects them to call him Buddy or something!"

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-i. e. Honest Harold's-own appraisers.

160 acres, to settlers selected by the Interior Department.

salable. Water would also be withheld from any land a settler might wish to sell at a price Polls Still Open TUST a reminder to Times readers that they J still have time to vote in The Times Ballot

Grand Coulee Dam, originally projected for the sole purpose of irrigating basin lands, is complete, and abundant water is in storage. Some surveys have been made, but no work has been done on an irrigation system. There

Secretary Ickes looks well ahead. He in yesterday's Times and must be postmarked derly settlement and development are what like to see. But what most of them see in the Ickes Bill is an attempt to extend govern-

Some time ago, Mrs. Roosevelt said she

Under the Ickes plan, every settler in the

MEMBERS of Congress are not always senlitical enmity. Ridicule makes them squirm. Just now they are squirming en masse, the

All this Congress has brought upon itself in passing the act providing retirement com-Some senators and representatives who voted for this measure now try to explain that all prospective beneficiaries must contribute to

This does not alter the fact that the gov-

and its people. Raillery of Congress started in Spokane. port district, should be subject to sacrifices

Representative Ramspeck of Georgia, author of the pension hill, unconsciously contributes an extra laugh. "I don't think it serves any good purpose," says he, "to make sport of Congress at a time when the people

Congress really should be grateful for the sportive mood. This is also a time when Congress should be most careful to deserve the is a world without an Axis.

located 115,000 Japanese in continental United States and 150,000 in Hawaii.

6,500; Philippines, 25,000, and Oceania 155,000.