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An Able Public Servant Retires

THE retirement of James A. Farley today as Postmaster General passes as a routine procedure since Mr. Farley's resignation was announced some weeks earlier, to become effective August 31.

But since Mr. Farley today ceases to be a public servant, a full realization is possible of the loss occasioned by his retirement. The people admittedly lose a most capable Postmaster General who has given the best possible service for the last eight years; and the Postoffice Department loses an administrative head who was able to inspire both the respect and regard of the entire force with whom he has served.

The Postoffice Department will go on as usual, and it is testimony to Mr. Farley's efficient administration that the varied work of that department will continue without dislocation.

The Postoffice Department under Mr. Farley's direction has become one of the best run large-scale enterprises in the entire country. During the unprecedented years of the present Administration the department has handled its ordinary tasks well and has assumed extraordinary duties without interfering with the speed and efficiency of the mail service.

But no doubt Mr. Farley, and his legion of friends, take the most pride in the regular work of the Postoffice Department. The principal functions of handling mail and parcel post are now performed so well by the Postoffice Department that the public is able to take them for granted.

Mr. Farley leaves a working personnel in the Postoffice Department which is both efficient and loyal. At many times in the past those workers have given public testimony of their high regard for "the boss," who was friend as well.

It is somewhat difficult to think of Jim Farley solely as the retiring Postmaster General without recalling his immense value to his own party as its national chairman. The first Roosevelt nomination in 1932 was due primarily to Jim Farley's organizing genius, and that same ability, coupled with such other capacities as executive direction, figured largely in subsequent successes of the Democratic party.

Mr. Farley will be sorely missed by these fellow Democrats, the rank and file of his party and of the Postoffice Department. His absence from Cabinet meetings and at the councils of his party

likewise will be felt. Jim Farley's genial personality, his poise, his cool judgment and his friendliness have been invaluable assets to the Administration and, in fact, to the whole country. Jim Farley always keeps his head; he knows the virtue of silence; he is a leader of men because he first is a master of self.

Jim Farley's success at his new tasks is certain because his varied capacities, his energy, loyalty and other qualities have been well demonstrated in the nearly eight years of his dual role of Postmaster General and national party chairman.

Safety Achievement.

IN THE fact that Tyler had no traffic fatalities in a year and 15 other cities none during the first seven months of 1940, there is reason to hope that the time is not far distant when the public will become fully alive to the perils of recklessness and highway travel will become safe.

Certainly, the motorists, pedestrians, law enforcement agencies and safety advocates of those 16 cities deserve the highest praise for the traffic records they have set for the rest of the State to emulate.

By comparison, Fort Worth's traffic fatalities occurred at the rate of 11.23 per 100,000 population in the seven-month period. The difference in population between Fort Worth and the 16 cities having no traffic deaths by no means extenuates the lack of safety precautions in this city.

Criticism of Guardsmen.

QUALIFIED criticisms which Regular Army commanders administered to National Guardsmen, even Regulars, for shortcomings in the recent Louisiana maneuvers were thoroughly familiar music to veterans of the last World War.

Soldiers participating in the maneuvers had an abundance of both the willingness to learn and the spirit which is best known among service men as morale.

The Generals were actually aiming their criticisms not at the soldiers participating in the maneuvers but at the system of training which provides only a few weeks each year when at least a year is required to turn out a trained soldier.

The point was offered in support of the year's training period for the National Guard which soon will go into effect. But it should have still greater application to the hundreds of thousands who would be called under a selective service plan.

Campaign Time

Here it is upon us all And the radio will blare! There'll be pictures on the wall And in windows everywhere. There'll be words in hot debate, Fathers arguing with sons, But we'll run our ship of state Without armored tanks and guns.

McNary: A Party Man

BY CLARENCE OUSLEY.

Senator McNary's speech of acceptance as Republican vice presidential nominee was true to his character as a man of fair ability, sincere patriotism and more than ordinary understanding of agricultural problems, but, as always, an intense partisan.

For example, he began by saying that the Nation has long neglected its defenses, "both spiritual and material," for which he bravely declared: "No party is solely responsible."

He quite ignores the repeated warnings of the President and the partisan rebukes of representative Republicans for his "war mongering" before all men of even ordinary intelligence perceived the perils which a conquering Germany, Italy, Russia and Japan have brought upon us.

The Senator's partisanship is emphasized in his mind by an incident which I happened to witness. He was presiding at a hearing by a Senate committee on a bill to regulate futures dealings in cottonseed oil.

While it is well known that the Senator, with many other Republican partisans and a few representatives of agricultural and livestock interests, have opposed Secretary Hull's reciprocal trade agreements.

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Today's Hal Coffman Cartoon



Hal Coffman's cartoons appear exclusively in The Star-Telegram.

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THE ANGEL OF AVA. The ability of human beings to display that mysterious quality which can only be termed divine has no greater example in works of charity.

Japan has dominated the Far East since 1913. She seized her opportunity while the nations of Europe were daddled in the trenches of Flanders, Champagne, and Poland to pounce upon the possessions of Germany in China and her islands in the Pacific.

During the Bolshevik revolution in Russia, she grabbed a foothold in Siberia. After the peace conference which closed the World War, the nations realized the dangers arising from Japan's imperialism, and observed her eagerness for further preparedness.

A Disarmament Conference was called to convene in Washington, D. C., in 1921. To forestall any limitations that the conference might make as to fortifications in the Pacific, Japan secretly dispatched thousands of her skilled workmen to fortify her islands before her representatives departed for the conference.

In the conference Great Britain and the United States promised not to fortify their islands in the Pacific. Today only the influence of the presence of the United States fleet in the Pacific is holding at bay this nation Japan is ready to begin snatching on any sign of weakness manifested by the United States.

It may be possible that a victorious Germany may extend to us the hand of friendship as "the spider to the fly."

We who desire adequate preparation in the democratic way in order to keep at peace, haven't the jitters about the coming of Germany at once. But any delay in our preparedness program is offering the hand of appeasement to Hitler.

Gen. George C. Marshall told his press conference a few days ago: "Time is the dominant factor and time is fleeting." MRS. J. S. BOWLES, 252 McKinley, Fort Worth.

20 Years Ago (From the files of The Star-Telegram, Aug. 26-Sept. 2, 1920.)

Pat M. Neff of Waco was elected Governor of Texas, decisively defeating former United States Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey in a bitterly fought runoff election.

Fort Worth advanced into the ranks of cities of the 100,000 class as the decennial census placed its population at 106,682, a gain of 45.2 per cent in the 10-year period. The population figure placed Fort Worth in sixty-fourth place among cities of the Nation.

Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik minister of war and marine, took personal command of the Russian army after relieving General Tuchatschewski, 28-year-old "Soviet Napoleon," because of his failure to take Warsaw.

Terence McSwiney, hunger striking lord mayor of Cork, Ireland, grew so weak he could no longer talk and barely could raise his head, but firmly refused to break his fast except upon unconditional release from jail.

Tarrant County Commissioners Court began an investigation of a jail delivery in which nine prisoners escaped from the county jail by overpowering three guards.

Accounts published by two British investigators confirmed reports of the assassination of former Czar Nicholas and his family at Ekaterinburg on July 16, 1918.

The value of Fort Worth property subject to municipal taxes was placed at \$128,203,419, a rise from \$85,102,918 the previous year.

Views of the Nation's Press

BULLITT'S WAR REMARKS SUBJECT OF HOT DEBATE.

Public criticism of Ambassador William C. Bullitt, warning that the United States is in danger of attack by totalitarian military forces, has aroused editors on both sides of the question. Some defend and others attack the envoy. The discussion also extends to his indorsement of General Pershing's advice that this country should furnish destroyers for Great Britain.

Quoting Mr. Bullitt's statement that this country "is in as great peril as was France a year ago," the Toledo Blade declares: "Words like this have been spoken before and by many people. Their unusual significance lies in the fact that today they are spoken by a man who, perhaps above all others in America, has been in a position to find out and who is now in a position to know. He knows the whole story of French unpreparedness and the inside story of the French break-down."

"What Mr. Bullitt did," it is pointed out by the Holyoke (Mass.) Transcript, "was to assert that France had gone soft, that the men of France had refused to work, that the political leaders of France had failed their people by assuming to make it easy for them. Mr. Bullitt had said the day before that during softening, money-borrowing ways this Nation was in danger of going the Blum way. Mr. Bullitt said the same thing with all the force he could bring forth. He hit the American softening as hard as he could."

"Some Senators wanted to question the envoy," recalls the Chicago Tribune, "when he was in Washington last Spring. He took the first Clipper ship he could board for France and the Senate did not pursue him to the plane. He's back again. Even now it might do a great deal of good to inquire into the secret diplomacy of the American Government. It will come out some time, but when it is too late, when it is just something to shake the head over."

"Surely Secretary of State Hull," contends the Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch, "can not and will not make much longer for Mr. Bullitt's indiscretions." The speech is described by the New Haven Journal-Courier as "an official pronouncement," and that paper adds: "Why is not the lead in such a significant shift of foreign policy taken by the President?"

"If it be close to treason," suggests the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "to inform one's country that the enemy is at the gates, Bullitt can reply with Patrick Henry, 'Make the most of it!'"