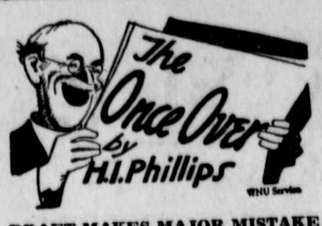


**DRAFT MAKES MAJOR MISTAKE**

The draft army turned down a New York taxicab driver the other day. This must show that it doesn't think there is any immediate need for fighting men in the army.

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In this case the taxi driver was turned down because he didn't pass a 100 per cent eye test. Imagine that! Why, everybody knows from experience that a New York taxi man is dangerous under all conditions and twice as much of a threat to friend or foe if he can't see.

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For that matter, imagine a taxi driver being turned down by the army for any reason!

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A taxi driver, particularly a big city one, is the country's best bet in any war. He could even be America's "mystery weapon," if given any encouragement.

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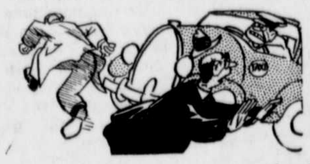
"If I was with an enemy army," declared Elmer Twitchell today, "and I had to choose between a



mess with an average regiment and one New York taxi driver, I would dodge the cabbie and take on the regiment."

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"Every time I think of the medical experts turning down these cabbies it makes me sore," continued Elmer. "Taxi drivers are the only group in American life who need no training to put up a fight. They are in constant training.

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"I read in the papers that Uncle Sam is short of tanks. Tanks are an urgent need in modern war. Okay, but what can a tank do that a modern big city taxi pilot and his cab can't do, if it's necessary?

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"What is the chief advantage of a tank? It is its ability to get across any kind of terrain, regardless of obstacles, and act as if it didn't know they were there. Am I right? Of course I am. And ain't that where a New York taxicab fills the bill 100 per cent?"

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Elmer was quite agitated. "The army not only should've welcomed this driver, regardless of the fact he wore glasses, but should have admitted his CAB!" he insisted, pounding the table.

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"If I was of draft age and had to get into a war, nothing would make me feel safer than if I knew a flock of taxis were advancing ahead of me. They would scare the hell out of any foe on earth, and that goes for Hitler, Goering and Goebbels. A mere announcement that America was recruiting a division of cab drivers would bring a peace movement at once, and I don't see why Roosevelt don't appreciate it.

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"Please, Mr. Roosevelt, rescind that ban on that nearsighted New York taxi pilot, throw down the gates to all taxi drivers, and then let Europe get the information that they are to be our first line of attack and defense, and you will get peace in no time."

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**TO THE GREEKS**

My bonnet is off to the Greeks—
They scorned big machines or a "plan,"
And showed to a badly scared world
There still can be fights, man to man;
One terrible stiff kick in the pants
They give to the law "Might makes right,"
And flashed to a darkening world
A steadying, rallying light.

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**'DUCHESS' TOOTH WEEK'**

Miami and Miami Beach have had many curious backgrounds for the formal opening of the winter season, but this is the first time it's all been done around an infected tooth.

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The bathing beauties and Miss Americas upon whom Miami Beach has so long depended for publicity via press and newsreels are in a state of high indignation. The artist's models have become the Forgotten Mannikins. A shapely leg, a dimpled knee and the public strip have for the first time gone into the discard, believe it or not. The tooth is the thing!

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No leg ever did as much for Miami and Miami Beach as Wally's jaw is doing this season.

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**HERO FOR 1940**

Here's to Billy Friesell,
A wonderman so strong
That he can make an error
And frankly say "I'm wrong."

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Police Commissioner Valentine of New York is completing plans to mobilize 18,500 policemen for emergency defense. Everything will be okay up to the time some defense general asks a cop how to reach a certain destination.

**But we would hate to be in a war and have to look for a policeman.**

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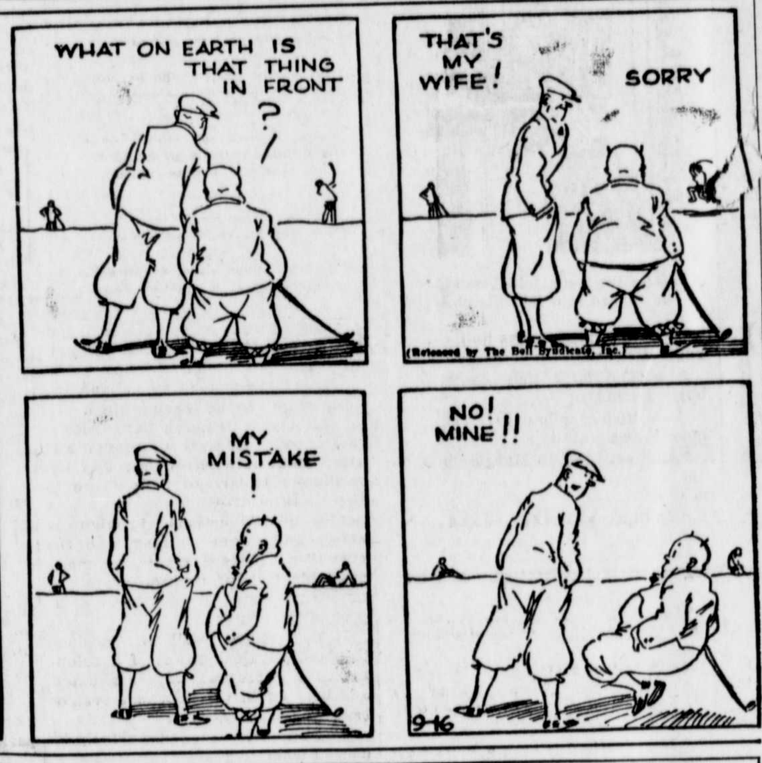
## Along the Concrete

## POP

By J. Millar Watt




## S'MATTER POP

By C. M. Payne

**NOT KIDDING**

Father — What are the young man's business prospects?

Daughter—I don't know that pa. All I know is that he means business.

**Freak**

Jimmy (very excited)—Mummy, I've just seen the present David's mummy has bought him—a new baby.

Mother (who has heard rumors of twins)—How lovely! Was there just one, dear?

"Yes, there was only one. I've just seen it lying in the crib, but it's an extra special sort I've never seen before. It's got a head at each end."

**PLAYING SAFE**

"Diggs is intimate with many of the city officials."

"Yes, but not so closely allied as to place him under suspicion."

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

**A FARM PLAN TO PAY FOR WHAT'S GROWN**

DURING THE PROGRESS of the presidential campaign, Wheeler McMillen, editor in chief of "Farm Journal," sent to all candidates for congress an outline of a new farm plan, which he calls the "incentive payment plan."

American agricultural imports amount to about one and one-half billion dollars a year. Practically all of that could be raised in this country if the farmers were encouraged to do so.

Mr. McMillen's idea is to pay farmers for raising the things we now import, instead of paying them for not raising products of which we have a surplus. For example, we import large quantities of castor beans and castor bean oil. Castor beans can be raised in practically all sections of the United States. Mr. McMillen would offer farmers an incentive by paying them for each acre of castor beans they plant and assure them the American market for their product. He knows such a positive program would appeal to farmers more than the present negative one of paying for not doing things.

Our agricultural imports cover a wide range, including such items as vegetable oils, flax, hemp, coarse wools, wood pulp, sugar, etc. With the incentive payments, Mr. McMillen also proposes to pay farmers for farm and soil improvements.

Such incentive payments, while greatly reducing the cost to the government, would add materially to the present farm income and would appeal to farmers. It would remove all semblance of farm regimentation.

Wheeler McMillen knows farming—dirt farming. He has spread manure and guided the plow over his own acres in Indiana, Ohio and New Jersey. He knows farm people. He knew them as the editor of an Indiana country weekly newspaper, and as editor of "Farm Journal," numbers his farmer friends by the thousands. As organizer and president of the American Chemurgic conference, he knows the application of farm products to industry. It would be well for any political party to listen to this man when he talks of farms and farming. He can give them pointers on castor beans and other possible farm crops, and on what the farmer thinks about.

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**MACHINES COME FIRST IN PREPAREDNESS**

MACHINES AND MEN, not men and machines, are the component parts of the army of today.

Machines come first, they are the first essential. Without machines—guns, tanks, motorized transport, planes—men are helpless and defenseless.

Man all the Atlantic seacoast with men only and they could not prevent the landing of an invading force prepared with both machines and men.

We will not stop enemy airplane raids with pieces of stovepipe as anti-aircraft guns. Our infantry will be worthless if equipped with pieces of gas pipe, instead of rifles. Our artillery cannot prevent the enemy's advance with logs mounted on wheels, instead of modern cannon. Walls without modern guns behind them are not worth much as fortifications.

To be effective, the soldier of today needs accurate and complete knowledge of the mechanized equipment with which he is to fight, more than to execute four's right or four's left. He must know how to aim a rifle. He will not learn that with a piece of gas pipe. He must know the mechanism and operation of an anti-aircraft gun. He will not learn that with a piece of stovepipe.

To assemble an army of a million or more men into whose hands we cannot place the modern equipment that is needed in today's warfare, is putting the cart before the horse.

To put an army of a million men into camp and maintain it for a year will cost at least a billion dollars. Why not put that billion dollars into equipment and when we have it, then call that million or more men into camp to teach them how to use it? Our first job is to provide the machines of war for our men to use.

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**GOOD VISION**

FRANK EDGECOMB, blind editor of the Geneva, Neb., Signal, sees ahead only a better and brighter future for America. He gets a truer view through his mind than many of us get through our eyes.

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**SEES PERIL IN GIVING UP THE PHILIPPINES**

CAPT. JOHN CRAIG, of underwater movie fame, has just returned to this country from a photographic expedition through the Philippine islands. He is strongly urging that America hold onto the island of Mindanao in that group.

The Moro natives insist they will never submit to being ruled by the Tagalogs of Luzon; that the American government promised to retain the island, and they submitted to American rule on that basis.

## *Blouse-Jumper for Schoolgirl Is Smart*

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