WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

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NEW YORK.—Adam Smith described economics as a science and then added, "Science is an antidote to the poison of enthusiasm."

FDR's Economist An Antidote to 'Poison of Zeal'

It is possible that President Roosevelt's personal economist, rarely heard or seen, serves as such an antidote when impulsive action is indicated. He is the somewhat dimly outlined Dr. Lauchlin Currie, graying at 37, clothed in gray, as though in protective coloring, a shadow-shape in the Washington fogs of doubt and uncertainty.

Dr. Currie not only delves into mountains of detail, as did Hay and Nicolay for Lincoln, in another critical hour in March, 1860, but he is a deep fount of economic doctrine. He has not been credited with the inspiration for the lease-lend bill for aid to Britain, but it is interesting to note that in April, 1938, he put forward a plan to solve railroad troubles by a leasing-lending procedure in which the roads would get equipment much in the manner in which Britain would get war goods under the new bill.

As the "last of the brain-trusters," he is an advocate of the full utilization of technical resources by clearing them of financial entanglements and commitments, so far as possible. The late Thorstein Veblen foreshadowed these techniques.

Dr. Currie is a native of Nova Scotia who became an American citizen in 1934. He joined the New Deal in that year, three years after taking his doctorate at Harvard, as an assistant economist under Jacob Viner of the treasury department. Later he was taken over by Marriner Eccles of the Federal Reserve board as an assistant in the division of research.

He is not only the President's personal economist, but his liaison man in economic matters, appointed as one of those six White House assistants, "with a passion for anonymity," which passion seems fairly authentic in his case. He was a teacher at Harvard and an industrial consultant in Boston before going to Washington.

All of which is a reminder that the average man's wife is his personal economist and that she frequently is an "antidote to the poison of enthusiasm."

IF ADAM SMITH were alive, he would note that Mlle. Eve Curie's scientific antecedents had not dimmed any of her enthusiasms.

Science Has Not Curbed Emotion Of Mlle. Curie

The daughter of Marie Curie arrives on the S. S. Excambion boiling with enthusiasm for free France and for democracy and civilization in general, science or no science. Her previous trips over here had made her a favorite in this country and her charm, intelligence and beauty have been eloquently extolled.

Her burning black eyes might be called "an antidote to the poison of indifference." She qualified in science, at the Sorbonne, but turned to music in 1926, a gifted pianist, praised by her friend Paderewski. With all her other gifts, she is an athlete and a first-rate bowler.

And with all that, women rave about her clothes. Writing has supplanted music as her chief interest and she has been highly praised for her biography of her mother, published in 1938. Her proficiency in higher mathematics rounds out a perfect score for one of the most highly esteemed of our gang-plank celebrities.

ERICA MORINI, whose recent concert drew an overflow crowd to the Town Hall, frequently has been called "The greatest woman violinist." She doesn't like it. While she notes that there have been, in nearly three centuries, only 73 distinguished women violinists, as against thousands of men, she insists that the lag is due only to the fact that women have been too busy with homes and children to bring through their talents. She thinks the above accolade is patronizing to her sex.

When Adolf Hitler's tanks rolled into her native Vienna, the comely young violinist moved out, with her $45,000 Stradivarius. It was in 1921 that she first came to New York, a child prodigy in pig-tails, making her American debut with the New York Philharmonic in a recital which one critic termed "the greatest violin sensation since Kreisler." Her father was Italian, one of a long line of musicians, but none so gifted as she. She defies snobs and highbrows by playing Victor Herbert and Stephen Foster along with the violin classics.

• OUR COMIC SECTION •

Events in the Lives of Little Men

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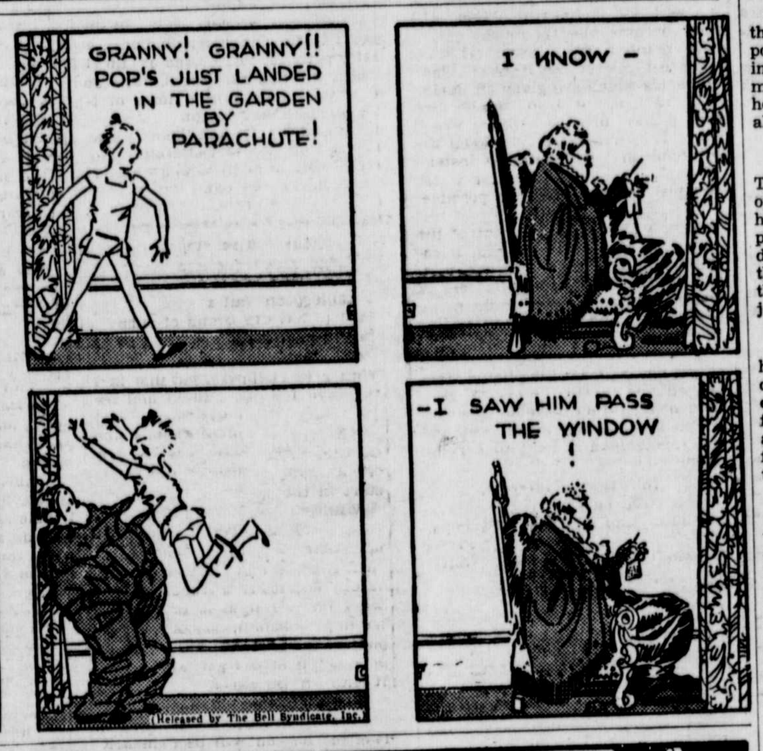
By J. Millar Watt



S'MATTER POP

By C. M. Payne

Too Much Water

After their much-talked-of trip abroad, the Greenings told their experience to their envious friends.

"And what did you think of Venice?" asked a neighbor.

"Venice? Venice?" murmured Mrs. Greening. Then she turned to her husband. "Did we go to Venice, George?"

"Don't you remember that we stopped there, but there was a flood on, so we didn't leave the station?"

LUCKY DOG

Mrs. Highup—Mrs. Swell has a little baby.

Mrs. Smarte—How lovely. Now her dog will have someone to play with.

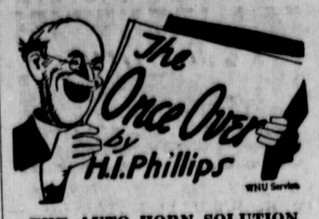
Cause for Anger

Jameson—Why the anger?

Jimson—I met a woman sitting along the road with all her furniture and belongings, thought she was an evicted share-cropper or something, and gave her five dollars.

"Well?"

"She thanked me kindly, and told me her husband was just papering the first floor of the house before they moved in the new piano."



THE AUTO HORN SOLUTION

Mayor LaGuardia of New York is in another campaign against automobile horns, but hizzoner makes the same mistake others make when he thinks anything can be done about auto horns except abolishing the darned things. Campaigns to soften the notes, decrease the volume and dilute the pitch are silly. An auto horn is an auto horn anyway you take it, the human thumb being what it is today.

Caricature of Mayor LaGuardia by Jack Rosen which won first prize recently in Waldorf-Astoria employees exhibition in arts and crafts.

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The mere presence of a horn on an automobile transforms a driver into a speed maniac, a pig, and a fathead with the manners of a dictator and the ethics of a gangster.

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He can own a revolver without the slightest yen to use it; he can possess a shotgun without the least impulse to use it, but put an automobile horn under his control and he becomes a potential assassin with all the instincts of a hungry hyena.

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"It is the horn," said Elmer Twitchell today, "that gives an auto owner the Nero complex, shucks him of all remnants of civilized impulses and makes him a plain damned fool, filled with the idea that all he has to do is to press the button to make the whole world jump.

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"I don't care whether it is a loud horn or a soft horn, a bass horn or a canary, a blaster or a boop-a-dooper, nothing can prevent the owner from making a nuisance out of it, and Mayor LaGuardia is suffering from drooping intelligence if he thinks otherwise.

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"All the reckless driving, all the violations of automobile laws, all the disrespect for the rights of other highway users, and most of the auto accidents are due to the horn, and to nothing else. Take that horn off the car and the driver would be forced to depend on common sense.

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"Back in the horse and buggy days you didn't see teams crashing into one another at every crossroad or wobbling all over the road at breakneck speed, did you? And why not? Because they never had horns on horses!

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"Yes sir, this world started going savage the day the first horn was clamped to a gasoline vehicle. It started swelling up with inconsiderateness, self-importance and the to-hell-with-everybody-else spirit the first time an auto designer put a button under a car owner's calloused thumb. It converted a nation of tolerant, easy-going, kindly folks into a country of bad-mannered, jittery, wild-riding, mean and homicidal dogs. It made bigger and better hospitals the never-ceasing need of America.

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"And there will be no change until the horn is removed, made unconstitutional and plowed under for all time. Man won't be so reckless, so selfish and so pigheaded once he has to depend on brakes instead of breach of the peace!"

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CHILBLAINS?

"Don't rush the season!" says the man
Who claims he likes winter sports;
But yesterday I caught him with
A folder on Southern resorts!
—Doris Irving.

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SHORT STORY

A motor car,
A little horn,
A human thumb . . .
And peace is "gorn."

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Women's hats for spring and summer are being taken from the old family album. Instead of out of old numbers of "Puck" and "Judge."

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A New Jersey court holds that anybody walking on a moving escalator does so at his or her own risk. Not only that, but it looks so darned silly.

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Elmer Twitchell, in our opinion, always had the right idea on escalators and energy conservation. He always sits down on them.

Things to do

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