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## THE POLITICAL ARENA

While all is apparently quiet in the front line political trenches in and around Kent county this quietness is generally looked upon as that which always precedes the firing of the heavy guns. Something big is going to happen and even now there are those who claim they can hear the distant rumble.

The rumble, however, is probably that of the opening guns of the Ritchie-McIntosh encounter. It begins to appear that these once friendly gentlemen are really in earnest and that blood, with a goodly portion of mud mixed in, is going to spurt. The Ritchie forces claim that the McIntosh balloon has burst. The McIntosh forces claim that they are still going and gathering speed and that all reports to the contrary are merely propaganda from their enemies.

Certainly Galen Tait, Republican leader, fired a nice volley for McIntosh when he unloaded his attack on the political practices of Governor Ritchie. So far the Governor has made no answer to the charges and this is largely because they are unanswerable.

To return to the quiet banks of the Chester it begins to appear that we must go to journals published elsewhere than Kent for our information on conditions existing here. Outside of the one plea for harmony among the Democrats in the Kent News that paper and the Transcript have been quiet, very quiet on party doings.

The Marylander, a non-partisan weekly, published in Baltimore and devoted largely to politics, says in its latest issue:

"As far as The Marylander can learn, harmonizing efforts of the political faction leaders in Kent county, have not been cemented, and there is a possibility that former State Senator William B. Copper will announce for that post within a short time. The present incumbent, S. Scott Beck, it is known would like to return to his seat at Annapolis without a contest.

"It has been said that Col. E. Brooke Lee upon his visit to the Shore had straightened this matter up. Apparently that idea has worn out, and the inspiration to again represent his county in the Maryland Assembly, is burning within Mr. Copper, who has a strong following.

"Things politically have been wrong over in Kent for some time, certainly since the placing of the road funds in favorite banks, and in addition to that it is pointed out, the 'Lees' are under obligation to Mr. Copper, rather than he owing them any favors. However, Col. Lee has asked Copper as a personal favor to avoid a fight this time. It seems that Col. Lee will now have to return to Kent County and make his request on the other side of the yard."

## NEGRO HEALTH WEEK

Kent county is in the midst of National Negro Health Week. And if the parade staged by the colored population of Kent is any criterion the county is in the observation of this special program with both feet.

Negro Health Week, which is being generally observed by the colored population, is an attempt to make that population health-conscious; an attempt to make the colored people take the fullest advantage of health facilities which the state and county offer them, and to educate them further in facts which can contribute to their health.

Everyone should know that the health of the colored people is an important factor. Not only because they are citizens, entitled to equal privilege, but also because the white and colored races are so closely in contact that nothing which affects one can help but affect the other.

## THE PRESIDENT ON THE JOB

THE ENTERPRISE is pleased to present today the first of a series of five articles on "THE PRESIDENT ON THE JOB." These articles are non-partisan and non-political and are written by Frank Parker Stockbridge. Mr. Stockbridge went to the White House by appointment and talked to President Hoover in person. He has written these articles as an American citizen and a newspaper man. They are about the President of the United States, whose administration is exactly as important to Democrats as it is to Republicans.

## GROUND FOR ENCOURAGEMENT

The first detailed report of the National Business Survey Conference appointed last Fall by President Hoover is encouraging to everybody except chronic pessimists and those who for personal or political reasons would like to make conditions appear worse than they are.

In many lines of industry, Chairman Barnes reports, conditions are actually better than they were a year ago. In the few where they are not so good, the difference between this period of 1930 and the corresponding period of 1929 is very small, and is diminishing.

Credit is getting easier everywhere. A third more long-term bonds have been marketed this Winter than last year. Bank rates are steadily declining. Saving bank deposits are increasing in the East. Life insurance companies wrote 3 percent more business in February than one year earlier, thus justifying the estimate of increased investment reserves in their hands. Building and loan associations report increased deposits. More farm loans are being made, but there is a marked falling off in foreclosures and delinquencies. Instalment sales are up to last year's and payments are being kept up. Public utilities have begun a program of new construction which will run about \$400,000,000 more than 1929. Construction work, except in residential building, is much ahead of last year. Road building contracts let in January and February are 82 percent over 1929. New building contracts in the second week in March were the highest in eight weeks, and are expected to increase as mortgage money becomes more freely available. Railroads have orders out for more rails, more locomotives and almost as many new cars as last year, and railroad payrolls for February were higher than in February 1929. The commitments of the railroads call for spending \$140,000,000 more in the first six months of this year than in the first half of last year. Electric railways are spending \$44,000,000 more for the year. Shipyards are active, employing 28 percent more men in February than in February a year ago and 10 percent more than in November.

These are not generalizations or guesses. They are specific facts. They are something to show to the grumbler who declares that things are getting worse instead of better. As a matter of cold fact, this country has never before experienced so wide-spread a depression from which recovery began so quickly. It started in the East, and recovery is coming first in the East, but the reestablishment of the high level of industrial and commercial activity and general prosperity which we were enjoying a year ago is bound to overtake the wave of depression everywhere before the Summer is over, unless all signs fail.

# The Lancer

Harry S. Russell

SAMUEL PEPYS 1930  
Wednesday, March 26

By times up, and to the office, and all day there hard at work, for Wednesday is our day of press and the papers do pour from the cylinder. Albeit on Wednesdays, methinks our circulation too great it seems quite small when compared with the daily journals of neighboring cities. And despite all efforts and strainings on my part I could not prevent the interruptions which made us late to our finish and prevented my attendance at Dove's meeting of golfers from all peninsula points. And so home and there Bill Burk and friend did call and we discussed our abilities at solving cross words in puzzles. It seems that this ancient pastime is on the revival. And so to bed after reading of the life of Roosevelt from the pen of Owen Winter.

Thursday, March 27

Lay long, and thence to the apothecary shop of D. Stam and very much interested in the tales there told of the doings of the night before at Dover. It does seem that the representatives of the local club were over-weighted with good fortune and brought home various sums which had previously homed in Salisbury, Rehoboth and Dover. Did receive this morning a jacket which fit well into my scheme for becoming a fop and albeit the wind was more than strong did decide to try out the jacket on the golf field. Played at syndicate with Bud Clark, the mortician, and the Metcalfe boys. Fortune was mine and I did thank the boys for so well representing me at Dover. Chief Beatty and young Mr. Alexander paid me a visit and among the three of us we discussed much of interest. Floyd Gibbons was hinting that Mr. Coolidge would like to run again in 1932. Mr. Coolidge is reported to have said to a friend that there are only two possible candidates for the Presidency next time, Herbert Hoover and "some Democrat." The Republicans have always renominated their Presidents and must do so in Hoover's case, whether they like it or not. So the only point worth discussing is who will be the "some Democrat."

Friday, March 28

Up, and read the papers, and struck with the things Galen Tait said about Albert Ritchie, our Governor. Little there for the ruler to answer. As for me I have already refused to bend to royalty. And in the afternoon to the golf field. Played there with Art Fertel who oversees the driving of the pile for the new bridge. He was at the evening when he could see the puffs of steam from out his big driver of piles coming forth. Later teamed with my old partner R. Corey and we did soundly thrash our enemies of former seasons J. Stenger and D. Stam. And so to the contest for the State championship at tossing baskets. Did marvel at the fine showing of Alleghany but marveled more at the weakness of Cambridge. So home and found there my wife in a discussion of modes with other ladies and hid myself again out into the night.

Saturday, March 29

Hard at my stint all morning and in the afternoon again to the golf field. At night banqueted with the Washington College basketball team and listened over long to the making of many words. Gathered relief from the fact that I was not summoned to speak. Suffered from the richness of the food and was in those pangs when the fire siren did sound and was unable to attend the conflagration. Later recovered enough to attend a dance although my legs were wobbly and my dancing took on the form of the "shimmy." Home and over the air heard Rudy Vale. Care but little for his nasal tones but must admit their soothing power for despite much effort did fall asleep.

Sunday, March 30

Lay over long and arose just in time to slightly lurch before visiting the golf field with T. Kibler, W. Beatty and P. Wilmer. Paired with the latter and did offer the others much opposition albeit my health was none so good. At evening time heard W. Rogers speak over the radio. Struck by the fewness and lack of wisdom in his words which brought him in some \$12,500 for the fourth of an hour's utterings. And to a family gathering at my father's house and discussed there the mystery of many neighbors. So to bed.

Monday, March 31

Very betimes up at the sounding of the fire signal and partly clad to the scene of the blaze which was not after all. Back to my couch for a moment's rest and lay long before arising for my office. Did suffer all day with tired feelings from my interrupted slumbers. Was prevented from meeting with the Rotary and sorry for that. Marveled at the appearance of Tom Brown, colored, in the health parade of the negro race. His attire was the envy of all. And so to the cinema and saw there a trite play with the ending as sweet as could be desired.

Tuesday, April 1

Very, very betimes up at the sounding of the fire signal albeit I thought it might be the doings of an All Fools celebration. The alarm was not false and the house and store of P. Hendrickson in Po-mona made much blaze and smoke as it was destroyed. And I thought of the splendid spirit of the volunteer fire fighters who are ever subject to call. And so to my stint and was wary all the day of joke makers.

## The Real Discoverer Seldom Gets Credit

By Albert T. Reid



## TODAY and TOMORROW

By Frank P. Stockbridge

### POLITICS

Presidential politics always become a topic of conversation in any President's second year. Some people are hinting that Mr. Coolidge would like to run again in 1932. Mr. Coolidge is reported to have said to a friend that there are only two possible candidates for the Presidency next time, Herbert Hoover and "some Democrat."

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### REDUCING

We can blame a good deal of the trouble of the wheat growers on the world-wide effort to avoid surplus food, according to Professor James L. Boyle of Cornell University. Bread consumption in the United States has

declined 20 per cent, Professor Boyle says, because women—and men, too—are afraid that eating bread will make them fat.

The taste of the ultimate consumer is the controlling factor in every line of industry. Short skirts injured the textile manufacturers but made fortunes for the silk stockings-weavers. Makers of dress goods the world over combined to establish a new fashion with longer skirts, which is beginning to make headway. It will be harder for wheat-growers, millers and bakers to convince women that a reasonable amount of fat makes them more attractive.

### KINGS

There are a few kings left, but they are mainly figure-heads. Mussolini rules Italy; Primo de Rivera, up to a few weeks before his rectry death, ruled Spain; Admiral Horthy rules Hungary; King Alexander of Jugo-Slavia, King Christian of Denmark, Albert of Belgium, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and Queen Marie of Roumania hold their thrones only because they do not attempt to run their nations.

The Countess of Warwick, a descendant of King Charles II of England and of Oliver Cromwell, who has been an intimate of royalty from girlhood and a power in British politics, predicts that the present king, George V., will be the last king of England, and that the prince of Wales will be the first President of the British Republic under the name of David Windsor. If that proves true, and stranger things have happened, he will have more real power than his father has ever dared to exercise.

## THE WAY OF LIFE

By Bruce Barton

### THE FIDDLERS

It was at a concert in New York where a celebrated teacher of the violin was exhibiting his pupils. A boy of eighteen stepped on the stage and began to play. A hush fell over the room. His face, his fingers, every move and look proclaimed an embryo artist.

With easy assurance, in which was no trace of effort, he played one number after another, the audience urging him on with enthusiastic applause. Each of us felt the thrill of personally discovering this new star in the musical heavens. The concert over, a gentleman rused forward to congratulate the teacher. "You must be wonderfully proud of that brilliant boy!" he exclaimed.

The teacher was responsive. "Not very proud," he said. "But surely he will be a master." "No. He will probably be a fiddler.

der in a restaurant." The man was a bit indignant. Was this coolness born of professional jealousy—the envy of an older man for the brilliant youth? The teacher did not leave him long in doubt.

"The boy could be a master," he explained, "but he never will. Some of the others who performed less well today you will hear from later. But he—no. He will be a fiddler. It comes too easy; he will not work."

If you have read much of biography you know that the teacher was right. Nothing is more impressive than the infinite pains which great men have taken, not merely to achieve, but to keep it.

Emerson tells of a letter from an artist friend describing Michelangelo's huge mural painting of the Last Judgment, which the friend "had the opportunity of seeing very near, and was astonished at the minute finish

of muscles and nerves, finished like a miniature." No detail was too small for the artist whose shoulders were bent by the long effort of finishing his immortal pictures under the dome of St. Peter's.

Both, the great actor, was never satisfied. One night, after a performance in which he seemed to the audience to have surpassed himself, a friend went to congratulate him.

He "found Booth with his head in his hands in the deepest dejection, from which not even the praise of an old friend could arouse him, disgusted at having given so miserable a performance."

Whether great success is worth what it costs or whether mediocrity is a happier state are debatable questions. But there is no secret about the formula. Eternal work is the difference between the artist—and the fiddler.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO IN THE ENTERPRISE

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1910

The following were named census enumerators for Kent county in 1910 by Supervisor Issac H. White: Irving L. Dempsey, Fred C. Numbers, William A. Smith, Harry A. Ricards, Harry S. Rasin, William H. Lambert, Jr., Foster Cannan, John H. Mullen, E. P. Kendall, Richard A. Smyth and George E. Wrightson.

It is reported upon reliable authority that Associate Judge William H. Adkins is a candidate for the chief judgeship to succeed Judge James Alfred Pearce upon the expiration of the latter's term in 1912.

County Surveyor Taylor surveyed the lines for the extension of Cross street through the water works ravine to Philosopher's Terrace last Monday.

Secretary of the School Board, Professor Milton Melvin, was the victim of a run-away accident one day last week. His horse took fright at an automobile standing near Court Square, shyed and upset the carriage. Mr. Melvin was severely shaken up and shocked but sustained no serious injury.

State's Attorney W. W. Beck was taken to a Baltimore hospital for treatment on Sunday. Mr. Beck was operated upon some weeks ago for appendicitis and has not fully recovered. We are glad to state that he was reported better yesterday and that physicians decided that no further operations were necessary at this time.

The automobile service to Tolchester has caught on like wild fire. Mr.

Bollinger was compelled yesterday morning to make two trips, carrying about 25 passengers. Mr. Thompson has a full load every trip and is unable to accommodate all who apply to him.

About 60 members of the Chester Lodge A. F. & A. M. attended divine services at Emmanuel P. E. Church, the evening of Good Friday and heard a sermon by Dr. H. B. Martin, rector and chaplain of the Chester Lodge.

Chester, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Maslin, of Rock Hall, was run into and knocked down by a colored man on a bicycle last Monday and sustained serious bruises and was unconscious for several hours.

The Ladies' Improvement Society



An out-of-town fan of the Frying Pan and Floyd Gibbons sent the following on Prohibition:

"Whatever else may happen  
Although the Country's dry  
The sailor still will have his port  
The farmer have his rye.  
The cotton still has got its gin  
The seacoast has its bar  
And each of us will have a beer  
No matter where we are."

And another contribution is "I thought and did not, I did and thought not." The contrib. adds, "Covers all our shortcomings, doesn't it?"

This is National Negro Health Week. Statistics show Kent County has a very high infant mortality rate. First thought is that it is perhaps due to the negro part of our population but statistics don't show it that way. One out of every ten infants born in Kent County die under one year of age. That is something to think about.

Here's one from the Christian Science MONITOR evidently dedicated to stenographers: "Not everyone knows how to make a typewriter type-write type right."

There is one wish the Chestertown Manuscript men have taboored even for birthdays and that is the old and faithful "Many happy returns." We are getting them—those many returns—from editors but we stick to it and send out again. We'll die trying.

What goes before was written Monday. This is Tuesday the day after the night before of the parade of the National Negro Health Week which was a most splendid demonstration of cooperation on the part of the Firemen's Band and the ambulance corps with the Kent County Public Health Association. They also had the support of Washington College and the Chamber of Commerce in connection with the parade. To the colored group much credit should be given for the way they turned out with floats and decorated cars featuring some matter of health work or clean-up work.

Many outlying district schools were presented. This week is bound to have a lasting influence for the betterment of the colored group in this community. The talk on Oral Hygiene by Dr. Butler was excellent and ended with the following couplet:

"To your teeth be true  
Else they will be false to you!"

And today is April Fool's Day! No foolin'!

Was it not something like \$1,000 per minute that Will Rogers got for his fifteen minute talk on Enna Jettie Shoes? A columnist's heaven would be where payment per word was made at the same rate. That must be the highest paid "talkie" ever given up to date. Wonder what would happen if some poor little stenog who had to help support her mother and younger children asked the Enna Jettie management for a raise in salary? It must take a tremendous sale of shoes to pay for advertising on such a scale—but at that—it must pay else it wouldn't be done. The ways of advertising are past finding out to the ordinary innocent bystander.

One of Floyd Gibbons fans always arms himself with a glass of water before Gibbons turns on the talk at 6:45 each evening. He says when he hears Gibbons swallow after an especially long and speedy sentence he just has to take a drink for him. Gibbons would no doubt appreciate that but would probably appreciate it still more if it were something stronger than water.

I was glad to see the little tail-piece of this line of talk appear at the foot of the column flourish. I like the little departing flourish. It gives and hope it keeps its place hereafter.

Morning naps in the Custom House are now suspended until the road program of Kent is completed for this season. The county wharf is a busy and noisy place these days but one must rub his eyes and remember with a yawn that it's for the good of the county and having lived some years in the mud far be it from me, as much as I love that morning nap, to bewail its loss so long as someone is getting permanently out of the mud.

of Chestertown are arranging to give three nights of splendid entertainment in Stam's Hall April 12, 13, 14. "Butterflies" is the title of the play.

The dust on Chestertown's busy streets is "perfectly awful!" Won't the town council please grant the sprinkler service just for a day?