

Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

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- 1. What president of the United States married Frances Folsom?
2. Was St. George an Englishman?
3. Where was the Parthenon?
4. By what body is an indictment usually returned?
5. Of what "marquis" did "Puss in Boots" tell?
6. What is the foreground of a picture?
7. Who were the "Boxers"?
8. In what sport are foils used?
9. How many stomachs has a ruminant?
10. What is a Sybarite?
11. Was Washington a signer of the Declaration of Independence?
12. Who was Desire Joseph Mercier?

Answers

- 1. Crover Cleveland.
2. No, said to be a native of Cappadocia.
3. In Athens.
4. A grand jury.
5. The Marquis of Carabas.
6. The part apparently nearest the spectator.
7. Members of a Chinese society aiming at expelling foreigners.
8. Fencing.
9. Four.
10. A lover of luxury.
11. No.
12. A Cardinal of Belgium during the World war.

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Washington Digest National Topics Interpreted by William Bruckart

Washington.—More perhaps than ever before in our country's history, the courts of the nation, federal and state, are in a jam. They are being subjected to a greater strain than ever before and, I think, the strain is too great for them long to continue to bear it.

That sentence sounds sensational. It is meant to be. In the opinion of many sound thinkers, men and women of vision, there has never been a time when a wave or surge has attacked the courts or any other American institution with such ferocity.

One of the reasons the situation is to be regarded with so much concern is President Roosevelt's latest request of congress for a reorganization of the judiciary system. He is asking for more judges everywhere which, of itself, seems entirely proper, but the message astounded observers by proposing an increase in the membership of the Supreme court of the United States to fifteen. That is to say that if it were enacted into law, Mr. Roosevelt's own proposal would give him authority to select six additional justices of the highest tribunal. Inasmuch as the present membership of the court has refused a number of times to hold New Deal legislation valid under the Constitution, it takes no stretch of the imagination at all to figure out that Mr. Roosevelt's proposal would give him authority to select a sufficient number of new justices so that the New Deal would hold the balance of power in the highest court of the judiciary of the country.

There may be and probably is merit in the President's proposal that judges should retire at seventy years of age. It happens that the present membership of the court includes six men who are above that age and a statute compelling retirement at seventy would make six added vacancies in the court unless the present court should find that this law itself is unconstitutional in one regard. The judges are appointed for life and they cannot be removed without cause—which means they must be impeached by congress and tried.

The message respecting reorganization of the judiciary system was by far the most sensational to come from Mr. Roosevelt as President. He pointed out in it that he had proposed reorganization of the executive branch of the government so that it might function more efficiently. The next step, he said, was to reorganize the judiciary so that it could administer justice more speedily. But there are many minds throughout the country which find it difficult to believe that the necessity for speedy justice is the fundamental reason for the new proposal.

It is too early to tell, of course, how congress will act on the President's suggestion, but the more astute observers here are quite convinced that such legislation cannot go through without a bitter debate. The political implications are many. If a real struggle develops in the house or the senate, it is not outside the range of a good guess to predict that it could split the tremendous Democratic majority asunder in either house. If it did that once, undoubtedly enemies and factions would be created that would continue through the remainder of the President's new term and only the passage of time can disclose how far reaching such a thing might be.

But let us review for a moment some of the background of the conditions that have preceded the President's sensational proposal. There have been sniping and bushwhacking at the judiciary for a number of years and this was thrown into high speed by the President himself when the Supreme court threw out the NRA. On that occasion, Mr. Roosevelt made the well remembered remark that the decision had taken us back to "the horse and buggy days."

There followed an uproar by a vocal minority of radicals and persons who claimed to be liberal. They attacked the Supreme court for throwing out New Deal measures, ridiculed the justices as "the nine old men" and proceeded in general to spread poison to all and sundry about the country's judicial system. On top of that came Mr. Roosevelt's speech to congress last month in which he made a virtual demand upon the Supreme court for "a more enlightened interpretation of the Constitution." That was an unprecedented thing but it was not nearly so sensational as the present problem.

Much of the problem that is swirling around the courts of the land results from the position which congress has chosen to take. There are a goodly number of representatives and senators who, swayed by the vocal minority mentioned earlier, have voiced bitter criticisms of the judiciary and have even proposed that its freedom be curbed. They

are doing this because they see the Supreme court deciding every now and then that some ill-thought-out piece of legislation should be tossed out of the window. A good many of these congressional shouters have only a slight understanding of the babble that they put out on the floors of the house and senate, but the fact remains they are a part of the congress and hence their words are received with some consideration among those who want to believe the same way.

On the other hand, there are men like Senator Borah of Idaho, who foresee real trouble for all of us if the powers of the courts are curbed. Senator Borah thinks the question of the freedom of the judiciary is a paramount issue and lately has made a powerful appeal that if the people want to make changes in their government, the people ought to do it and not the President and the congress.

The Idaho senator makes the point that only through a judiciary unfettered by politics, free to operate as it sees the law, can the people of the country retain their freedom. If judicial independence goes, liberty goes. So, it seems to me that congress, which just now is the spearhead of the movement to change the power of the courts, ought to recognize its own responsibility.

I said earlier that the courts could not continue long to bear the present burden of attack. That burden which they carry now results largely—and this is especially true of the Supreme court of the United States—from the fact that congress has ceased to be a deliberative body. It has tossed great chunks of undigested legislation at the courts and when the courts have held these laws unconstitutional, a bunch of nitwits each time has unleashed a great howl. It would seem then that the proper conclusion is that the nine old men are not older nor any less enlightened than the members of congress or the executive branches of the government but that especially congress is failing to do its job. It is attempting to read election returns into the judiciary. It seems to me it ought to be remembered by members of congress and officials of the executive branch of the government that each and every one of them has taken an oath as an official of this government to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and in so doing they must defend the courts.

In any discussion of congress and its activities, I find time to do a little laughing. Through the last several weeks, a period when floods were raging and people were dying, when thousands upon thousands walked the streets without jobs, when other thousands walked the streets because a militant labor leader had called a strike and had permitted his strikers to violate laws of the land by seizure of property—while all of these things were happening, our congress was giving thought to a picayune proposition. It was discussing a bill providing for alterations of the Capitol building, itself.

The tragedy of this particular thing is that it has a very good chance of being enacted into law before the end of this session. It is proposed to spend four or five million dollars to extend and reconstruct the central portion of the Capitol along lines that would make the three east wings extend the same distance from the main building. It would enlarge the central portion and provide more office space when, as far as any observers can see, there is ample space for all of the offices required now or for the next half century.

I said the tragedy of the thing was that this proposal stands a fair chance of passing through congress. Sponsors of the plan declare it will improve the appearance of the central portion of the old building. It may do that but I have found more architects who disagree than agree with that thought.

As for the office space argument, it would appear that somebody in congress is quite determined simply to spend some more money. It is to be remembered that only two years ago, the house of representatives built a second office building at a cost of \$9,000,000 for its members. About the same time, the senate added a wing to the senate office building so that each senator could have three rooms whereas heretofore the average senator had only two rooms in his suite. Committee chairmen always have had three or more rooms. In addition, there are several hundred offices in the Capitol building itself and a goodly number of senators and representatives have private offices in the Capitol as well as in the office buildings. So altogether, I think there is just ground for saying, as one hears said frequently, that the congresses of the last few years much resemble boys who have received too many toys in one delivery. They don't know what to do with themselves.

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STAR DUST Movie • Radio By VIRGINIA VALE

NOBODY makes excuses about being late to parties in Hollywood these days. Guests arrive all misty-eyed and glowing with enthusiasm, and the hostess knows before they explain their tardiness that they have been to see Greta Garbo in "Camille."

Everyone has gone to see it not once but many times, and the greatest stars agree that Greta's performance is sheer magic. When you stand up in the back of the theater where "Camille" is playing, you find yourself right in the midst of an all-star cast!

Without giving her friends time to do anything in the way of farewell parties and bridal showers, Mary Pickford quietly booked passage to London for herself and her niece. Buddy Rogers took an earlier boat. If there is a lull of a few days during the production of the picture for which he is going to England, they will be married then; otherwise they will wait until he has finished the picture. Before leaving Mary signed contracts with several players and technicians. She has every intention of going back to work as a picture producer about May first when they return to Hollywood.



Mary Pickford

Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., has been homesick for Hollywood. The film colony was surprised, though, to learn that he had persuaded United Artists to grant him leave of absence from his important job as producer and star in order to take an acting role of secondary importance in Hollywood. He will play in "Prisoner of Zenda" in support of Ronald Colman and Mary Astor.

When Fred Astaire was a mere child trying out with his sister for an amateur show in St. Louis, the greatest dancing stars in the world, and the darlings of international society were Vernon and Irene Castle. Now Irene Castle McLaughlin, widow of Vernon who lost his life as an aviator in the war, has shown up at a studio with the exciting story of her life. Fred Astaire will star in it.

Any girl who can make an outstanding hit in a picture in which the smoothly expert Myrna Loy and William Powell appear is not just good, she is marvelous. That is what directors on the M. G. M. lot have been telling Dorothy McNeill ever since her appearance in "After the Thin Man" made audiences burst into spontaneous applause. In the midst of all the enthusiasm over her at the studio, everyone neglected to make sure that she had been put under contract. She didn't mention it because nobody asked her. And Paramount slyly came along and signed her up for their pictures.

Many actresses would be more than satisfied if they could sign a contract with Paramount guaranteeing them four hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year. But Carole Lombard insisted on adding clauses guaranteeing that Teddy Tetzlaff, her favorite cameraman, would always photograph her. And that Pat Drew, studio electrician who lost a leg in a plane crash, would always be employed on her pictures.

Letters have poured into the Twentieth Century-Fox studios by the thousand begging that Shirley Temple play winsome little girl parts instead of the smart-aleck, wise-beyond-her-years blues singer of recent pictures. Many of the letters came from mothers whose daughters model their behavior on Shirley's latest picture. Taking their advice to heart, the studio selected "Wee Willie Winkie" as Shirley's next picture. If she does any imitation of Alice Faye or Tony Martin singing, or of Bill Robinson dancing, it will be away from the camera.

ODDS AND ENDS—Not to be outdone by National Broadcasting company which has Minnie, the Singing Mouse, under contract, Hollywood has found a trio of singing mice and is featuring them in "The Three Legionnaires." These mice, to be different, all sing bass. Gary Cooper and George Raft are the latest camera fends. They hang around Bing Crosby's set whenever they are not working on their own, snatching candid shots of the players. Simone Simon takes all the jokes about her name with good humor. She had her birthday gift to John Suitor inscribed "To Suavo Suavo."

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Just a Little Smile JUST A SONG

"I say, conductah, could you oblige us by playing a special number?" "Certainly, sir, what is the number you have in mind?" "That jolly little thing that goes dah-de-dah-de-dah-de-dah. Let me see now, what is it called? I know: 'You will find it impossible to achieve the consummation of your desires in this vicinity.'" "Did you say a song, sir, or a recitation?" "Darn, boss," said the drummer, "he means, 'You can't do that there 'ere'."



Hubby—Don't you think you ought to keep account of your household expenses? Wifey—Why? There's never anything left at the end of the week to account for.

Trap Smoking a cigarette, the small boy advanced upon the ticket office and demanded a half-fare ticket to Binghamton. "What!" cried the booking clerk, "a kid like you smoking a cigarette?" "Kid be blowed!" was the indignant reply. "I'm fourteen." "Full fare, please."—Grit (Sidney, Australia).

Of Course Professor—I forgot my umbrella this morning. King Arthur—How did you remember to forget it? Professor—Well, I missed it when I raised my hand to close it after it had stopped raining.—Boston Transcript.

The People's Servant Mrs. Green—I want to open an account with your bank. Cashier—How much do you want to deposit? Mrs. Green—Why, nothing. I want to draw out \$30.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Controlling End Mr. A.—Our bank has just gone through a reorganization. Mr. B.—What was the matter? Mr. A.—We found we had more executives than depositors.—Automobilists.

Service Tourist—Where will I find the bus for Pumpkin Corners? Native—On top of you if you don't get out of the middle of the street.—Florida Times-Union.

MODERNISTIC BOY



"Jones doesn't strike me as literary, yet he declares that he never feels so comfortable as when he is snugly in his library." "Oh, that's not surprising. His bookcase is a folding bed."

Attaining Success Chubb—I am surprised that Parker has made such a phenomenal success as a weather forecaster. Duff—I'm not. He threw away all his scientific instruments and depends on his horns to tell him when it is going to rain.—Pathfinder Magazine.

Picking His Pieces Mrs. Jones (to handsome caller)—Come right in and have a chair. Installment Collector—No thanks, I'll take the piano instead.

Taking No Chances "Why did you refuse an offer to go into moving pictures?" "I'd rather go on," said Miss Cayenne, "imagining what a great star I might have been, rather than risk realizing what a flop I actually was."

Correct Teacher—In what battle did General Wolfe, when hearing of victory, cry, "I die happy?" Willie—I think it was his last battle.

Uncle Phil Says:

Judging Self To judge and examine one's self is a labor full of profit. The vein of gold in many a man is seldom taken for a yellow streak even by the dullest. To make better men it is necessary to begin with the children. That's what McGuffey's Readers did.

Anticipated Pleasures Why do we always wish time to hasten? Is it because our anticipated pleasures are so superior to our actual ones? When a man becomes thoroughly contented he has outlived his usefulness. When we don't like certain manners and certain manifestations of bad taste, we are not necessarily snobs.

It's Often Needed One thing about the School of Experience—you can always take a post-graduate course. Some are so easy-going that they don't take the trouble to nail a lie if it doesn't affect them. This earth owes a hen a living, too; but she has sense enough to scratch for it. A man may not be a hero to his valet, but there are multitudes of heroes who have none.

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