# Self-Denial Comes Hard

sented. Nor will the offering of a plan carry keep vulgarity home-grown. gressmen, as Congressmen, like.

manship prizes would be few.

these posts by sheer seniority has long been try to remember. What are they?" count, nor the question whether the chair- as our own Archie would say, forbid! man is in step with opinion in the United States or going a solitary gait. Terrible mis- Atomic Bomb Limits fits have resulted. Yet run-of-the-mine Con-

matic system. sional reform that he is writing a book about it, offering to cure this particular evil by substituting rotation, for fixed terms, for seniorlimit the term of a misfit chairman; it would not decrease the chance of getting one. But this illustrates how hard it is for Congressmen to give up what they regard as their perquisites.

High Cost of War

If Francis J. O'Doul, helmsman of the Ryuju Suzuki.

The war being over, and it being no longer his Nippon National Professional Baseball

Fire, of course, he needs calling cards. (Apparently you need these in the Nippon League to hand the umpire as preliminary to any negotiations concerning a bum decision.) So there aren't any calling cards. So he shops for uniforms. So there isn't

So he hunts for gloves. So there isn't any

for balls and shoes. league used to use in Tokyo. So it's occupied largement.

by a bunch of Yankee soldiers. So he goes out to round up the players— Cypsy Economy

and finds them set up in the haberdashery business, or too old to swing a bat. So he figures: "Well, when we get rolling,

there'll be plenty yen in it, anyhow." So he forgets that the yen, like the Japanese fleet, has taken a dive, but also that for every 100 of them the League can put in its kimono, the Government takes 200. Taxes.

So Mr. Suzuki is wistful about the whole deal. Pressed for a statement, he dons a mirthless grin and says: "All our problems are transient and can be solved." But what he's thinking is that it would have been better if they had gone right on pegging baseballs across home plate, and not bothered with pegging bombs at Pearl Harbor. Late, Suzuki, but right in the groove.

Second Sight

Men who lost their sight in war service need guide dogs to see for them. Training the dogs is a long process. The present quarters at Los Gatos can handle only 24 dogs a as Guide Dogs for the Blind, Inc., plan to establish a new training place at San Rafael, where 50 dogs a year can be taught. They \$150,000 for the enterprise. It should be forthcoming, promptly.

# Perish Forbid!

"The Chronicle" of Eton College has raised sions of Americanisms into the speech of England, but time has not staled the con-

As early as 1781, one John Witherspoon of Philadelphia wrote with nostalgic bitterness California Yarbs of the "errors, improprieties and vulgarisms" he heard and read in the American Congress, Bar, pulpit and press. But one man's poison sisting that anything that grew anywhere on Frankfurter for once find themwas another man's sawdust and still another's earth could be grown in this State, the cul- selves on the same side. meat: Noah Webster noted the changing lan- tivation of tobacco was undertaken. The weed guage imperturbably, and Whitman caroled grew but, according to old accounts, the prod- Prince Otto and his brothers lived, that "the new world, the new times, the new uct was nothing for smokers to cheer about. people, the new vistas need a new tongue." the world."

country, a sentence elegantly turned or cor- willing to buy in place of the imported. rectly pronounced from the lips of an Amer- In 1943, the Legislature gave this State However, he did break his genexcept language."

offensive" to the Eton editor not just because sent to the Governor.

they exist in America but because they are picked up in England; because of the dis-Congressional reform is one of those things closure that England has kindred souls who everybody talks about but no one does any- do not lack the vulgarity of their transatlanthing about. As has happened in the past, a tic cousins but are simply lacking in invenjoint congressional committee has been de- tiveness. This is a kind of innocence which bating the matter for many months but there can be protected only at the sacrifice of free is still no hint as to when a plan may be pre- speech, which seems a high price to pay to

any guarantee that anything will be done. We can sympathize with Englishmen who Too many of the worst features of present now, as sane America has for so long, must organization happen to be things that Con-listen to microcephalics whose adjectival range runs from "swell" to "lousy," but we For instance, in the matter of committees think it only germane to point out that the and their chairmanships: It is generally seven most unprintable words in the lanagreed that there are too many committees guage came to America via the Massachusetts with great duplication of effort not only in Bay colonizers or shortly thereafter. As to the each house but between Senate and House, above-mentioned adjectives (and if this be But every member is ambitious to be a chair- treason, etc.), we must confess to having enman; if the number of committees were re- joyed the story about the little girl whose duced to what efficiency demands the chair- aunt told her that there were two words one never uses: "One is 'swell' and one is 'lousy.'" The system by which chairmen obtain "All right, auntie," said the little girl. "I'll

under attack. If a Senator or Representative If we hold with Eton as to words that are lives long enough and can keep elected, time vulgar and witless too, we cannot agree that alone will make him head of any committee English would be better off without the earnof which he is a member. Ability does not est malapropisms of Duffy's Tayern. Perish.

What Dr. Leonard Loeb, Navy research physigressmen see their best chance, especially at cist, says about the limitations of the atomic the important chairmanships, in this auto- bomb is apparently inherent in the nature of atomic fission of Uranium 235 and Plutonium. So we find Representative Estes Kefauver He advances, in a Naval Ordnance Laboratory of Tennessee, who is so interested in congres- Bulletin, the opinion that these bounds on size will probably prevent making the bomb many times more destructive than it now is. We should not look for atomic bombs a hunity in choosing chairmen. This would only dred or so times more devastating than the penny arcade photographer and one that struck Hiroshima.

The chain reaction that causes the explosion does not occur in Uranium 235 or Plutonium unless there is a mass of the metal above a certain size, not yet revealed. Masses famous, piece of San Francisco's under this size do not go off. The tendency past. of the enormous heat generated by the fission, Dr. Loeb points out, is to throw the metal old-timer, and he's good for a Seals, thinks his outfit had a rugged time apart. The heat, he says, runs a close race gaudy days of his youth, when of it during the war, we recommend to him with the chain reaction; in a mass above a the Cliff House might have been a swift glance at the current troubles of Mr. certain size it would probably break up the a half-day's journey over the metal and scatter it in chunks too small for sand dunes, but well worth it fission to operate. The bomb can be too small when you considered what awaited illicit in Japan to say "Texas Leaguer" above or too large. We need not expect a single you at the other end—the toddies, a whisper, Suzuki has set about revitalizing bomb big enough to wipe out California or even Ohio at a crack.

> To the slight comfort in this pronounce- the popping of champagne corks ment may be added another consideration drowning out the bark of the sea brought forward by Dr. Loeb, one common to all kinds of bombs. If a bomb of given power more inconvenient than , quiet has a destructive radius of a mile, one twice drive around the block. as big does not reach out two miles, but only A note about the Cliff House

In view of the probable exaggeration in the leather. So naturally he doesn't have to hunt public mind of what the atomic bomb can San Francisco—the spin through do these checks on imagination are useful, the Park to the Beach, the won-So he looks for a park-the old one the The thing is portentous enough without en- derful dinner in front of the plate

It is not known whether Steve Uwanawich, the so-called Gypsy "King" who was buried with such pomp at Los Angeles last week, ever hangover with a leisurely lunch, cried out: "A horse, a horse, my kingdom for a chilled bottle of wine, and, out-

Among its other achievements, Detroit has raves. deprived the American Gypsies of one of their things to different people, most chief means of livelihood, horse trading. The San Franciscans and nearly every-Romany people have been thrown back on body who has been to San Franthe fortune-telling skill of their women and cisco regard the Cliff House as a on what is left of their tinkering-remember local institution, like Union Square, how the Laguna Honda Home used to save or cable cars, or Chinatown. And, up its out-of-order kitchenware for the annual visit of a tribe of coppersmith Gypsies? white structure perched serenely

At that, the Gypsy women seem to have on the edge of the continent, you been equal to the emergency. The Romany would hardly guess that it reprefolk get by; did anyone ever hear of one applying to a public agency for relief? The decline of the horse does not mean that they walk; they ride in motor cars and seem to have no lack of them, trailers, too. Nor is there any apparent lack of money for the year. The public-spirited citizens organized splendiferous weddings, funerals and other festivals they are so fond of putting on.

Truth to tell, the Gypsies are a tough and resilient people. Hitler's attempt to extermi- many people know it, but Supreme are provided free. The organization is asking nate them in the Nazi territories has had its parallels before. An English local ordinance in the seventeenth century ordered the men to be hanged and the women to be drowned; all over Europe they were subject from time to time to such persecutions. Still they per- trian edict barring the two brothsisted and kept their ancient character, hab- ers of Crown Prince Otto from an old issue in complaining about the incurits and customs. In the United States, however, where they are more prosperous than sians are blamed for inspiring anywhere else, they are increasingly becoming a settled people.

Years ago, when California pride was in-

Perhaps the experimenters tried too few made many friends. Among those and that "Americans are going to be the varieties. While tobacco will grow under many friends was the late President most fluent and melodious-voiced people in diverse conditions of soil and climate, there of the United States himself, who is usually one kind that comes out best under invited the Hapsburgs to the From the English side, there has been any given set of circumstances. At any rate, something nearer unanimity. Frances Trol- the California Polytechnic School says it has tablish an Austrian legion with lope, that tired Cincinnati businesswoman, now found a Turkish variety that turns out Otto as its leader. "seldom heard, during my whole stay in the first-rate tobacco which manufacturers are

Frederick Marryat thought it "re- school \$35,000 for experimentation with for- eral rule in the case of the Hapsmarkable how very debased the language has eign herbs largely imported for drug and condi- burgs and ordered both the State become in a short period in America," while diment purposes. With this sum the school pro- Department and the War De-Oscar Wilde epigrammed (The Eton editor moted what are now pronounced successful partment to co-operate in the eswill please note the Americanism.) that "we commercial beginnings on the cultivation of have everything in common with America tobacco, Japanese mint, Dalmatian sage, Austria, French marjoram, Spanish thyme, Italian It is true, of course, that Americanisms are lavender, and other crops in this category, the start, due to terrific political filtering into England, including some that This progress has encouraged the Legislature opposition from Croats, Slovenes are depressing enough. It would also seem to appropriate for further experiments the States who did not like the Hapstrue, however, that these are "ill-bred and sum of \$110,000 in a bill which has just been burgs. Finally it was abandoned.



Blocking the Doorway

# -By-Robert O'Brien

George K. Whitney, a former shdoting gallery operator who made good, took over the Cliff House nine years ago. When he did, he took over, lock, stock and barrel, a glamorous and world-

Mention the Cliff House to an the Hangtown fries, the bustled girls wearing gold double eagles for heel pieces on their slippers, lions on Seal Rocks. Attractions like this made the bitter trek no

in a letter to an aunt in Winnetka will set her dreaming about that chapter in her life called glass windows, the sun sinking into the sea, the fishing fleet straggling homeward at dusk.

Lucius Beebe, top-hatted bon vivant of Manhattan, probably a horse!" but he might very well have done so. side, the soothing murmur of the

> like them, it has earned its reputation. To look at it now, a trim. sents a rather violent and spectacular past.

Going into this past, the first thing you meet is an argument over who built the first Cliff House and when. Carl Nunan, Whitney's publicity man and historian, stands by the account that the Mormon fortune hunter Sam Brannan built it in 1858 with the lumber cargo of a ship that piled up on the rocks a few yards north of the present site. Others, including J. M. Wilkins, manager of the Cliff House from 1885 to 1907, vowed that Sam's only relation to the Cliff House was that of a "good and liberal patron." Their contention was that the first Cliff House was erected in 1863 for one Captain J. G. Foster.

In any event, the genial Captain did move into the Cliff House in 1863. On July 4, a year later, the detonation of 800 kegs of powder at the Beach signalized the opening of the Point Lobos avenue (now Geary boulevard) toll road, and the trip to the Cliff House became something less racks-like roadhouse catered to all types.

A favorite Foster anecdote refers to the visit of 170 Massachusetts tourists and their wives. During the day they spent there. all he served them were 200 glasses of water and three glasses of lemonade, "Hell," snorted Foster, "two miners and their girls spend more money for one dinner than the whole State of Massachusetss does in an entire day."

So they were free and easy times, but let it be said in Foster's favor that even though the boys from the mining camps drank and scuffled with their girl friends in private dining rooms upstairs, a man could take his family there in all propriety without fear of being pushed around or hit on the head with a bottle. Nevertheless, when Adolph Sutro bought the Cliff House in 1883, Foster's broadmindedness raised his eyebrows.

night of January 16, 1387, when the schooner Parallel, laden with 10 tons of powder, went on the rocks practically under the Cliff House's back porch. The blast. which was felt 100 miles inland. took off the entire north wing of the roadhouse. Put back together again, it stayed out of the news until Christmas night, 1894, when it burned to the ground.

In its place, Sutro fashioned a seven-story Victorian Gothic Cliff House which struck some as a romantic castle, others as a sensational monstrosity. This somehow survived the earthquake with less than \$300 damage, only to go up in flames September 7, 1907. After this conflagration, observers noted that the sea lions had had enough excitement over these mainland disasters, for they swam out to the Farallones and didn't true. come back for two years. By that .... San Francisco. time, another Cliff House had Time Is Money ernization, it's the one you see now

Prohibition aimed the next blow at the Cliff House. Closing in '1918, it remained dark until Shorty Roberts reopened it in 1920. But ham and eggs instead of terrapin and coffee instead of Gordon Rouge left the customers cold, and Roberts threw in the sponge when his lease expired five years later. Again they locked its doors, and it sat in gloomy loneliness until 1937 and the start of the Whitney regime. When you could write a book about the Cliff House, this is little enough to say about it. Daredevils have walked tightropes from its balcony to Scal Rocks. The great and near-great of eight decades, including four Presidents, have eaten there and gazed

Menken knelt in the sand below it and cried her poetry to the sea. To San Franciscans everywhere.

solemnly from its windows. Nor-

dica sang there. Adah Isaacs

### And when, two years later, Wilyou talk about the Cliff House kins was finally installed as manand you're talking about home, ager, things quieted down. and there's no place quite like it.

# Washington Merry-Go-Round By DREW PEARSON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 - Not Court Justice Felix Frankfurter for some time has been working. behind the scenes to restore the house of Hapsburg in Austria.

· Indirectly, that may have something to do with the recent Austhis, actually the Soviet has supported King Michael in Romania, Crown Prince Humbert in Italy, and has even tried to bring King Carol of Romania back from Mexico. So it would appear that the Soviets and Justice Felix

During most of the war Crown in the United States, conducted themselves as model citizens, White House, and at one time "ordered" the U.S. Army to es-

Despite his position as commander in chief, Roosevelt did not give many "orders" to the Army. tablishment of an Austrian legion which was to help retake

The legion was doomed from Since then it has remained a

mystery why Roosevelt should. to establish a military unit which everyone knew would be a failure. The inside story can now be told.

Justice Frankfurter, who at that time had considerable influence at the White House, was responsible. Behind this, in turn, lies another story.

When Frankfurter, born in Vienna, was a small boy, certain select schools were barred to Jews. However, Emperor Franz Josef set aside one day each week when any of his subjects could come and see him; so Frankfurter's mother led him down to the Emperor's palace. and after several weeks of waiting finally got in to see Franz Josef.

He listened attentively to the mother's story of her son, who had brilliant possibilities, but who was barred from a higher school because of his religion.

And the Emperor, making an exception, ordered the school opened to young Frankfurter. Shortly after that. Frankfurter

came to the United States, graduated from the College of the City of New York and Harvard, rose step by step from a lowly immigrant boy to the highest court in the land. But he never forgot the kindly Emperor who had permitted him to attend a better school in Austria, and he has continued to try to help the grandsons of that Emperor regain the throne.

The split within the Democratic party over Ed Pauley is nothing new to the State of California. It was one of the high lights of the stormy 10 days at the 1944 Democratic convention in Chicago, during which Pauley was elected national committeeman from the Golden State.

There was considerable publicity. have gone to such extreme lengths about the division among California delegates over the question of who should receive the Vice Presidential nomination - but schism really opened over the

> Most of the delegation arrived from the West Coast under the leadership of Pauley and California Attorney General Bob Kenny. who will be Democratic candidate for Governor this year. From Washington came Representatives George Outland, Chet Holifield, Ed Izac and delegates representing Jerry Voorhis and Tom Ford, two

Pauley question.

other California Democrats. The Washington group, joined by Helen Gahagan Douglas-since elected to Congress-"smelled oil on Pauley" then, and waged an active campaign to prevent his election as head of the California; delegation and national committeeman. They lost out in their attempt to elect Los Angeles Lawyer Ray Files, with Kenny and

most of the delegation. Pauley and Kenny retained their control throughout the convention, although the anti-Pauley minority stuck to the Henry Wallace banner to the bitter end.

Pauley keeping firm control of

This Chicago fight will probably be aired thoroughly during the California elections this year, where Democratic disunity may mean a Republican sweep. (Copyright 1946)

See Earl C. Behrens' story, Page 12, for background on the squabble between pro-Pauley and anti-Pauley forces within the Democratic Party.

# SAFETY VALVE

Editor-Once upon a time, wise men lived on the moon. They discovered and perfected the atomic bomb. Now the moon is a dead planet-no people, no air and covered with craters.

J. O. McGUM. Salinas.

### Butter

Editor-If you newspapers would Traffic Jam divert a bit of your editorial pressure to revising the tariff laws, we might get some of that New Zealand butter now barred from our tables to protect the dairy industry. As foreign butter began to reach our tables, the dairy industry would realize that it would be to its interest to butter our bread at OPA ceiling prices. But, then, the dairy industry of New Zealand is not a member or affiliated with the N. A. M.; they do not purchase full-page ads in our so-called "free press" inviting economic disaster. The public will continue to stick to jam in support of the OPA. while you, the so-called "free press." will fight for general welfare in so far as the public's interests do not conflict with the whims and desires of the N. A. M. WILLIAM M. SLOANE. San Francisco.

Promised Editor - Well, well, we were promised "life more abundant" and what we get is "strife more abun-L. PEARCE.

### Berkeley. Moral Poverty

Editor-Our moral poverty, and therefore our inability to cope with an alien ideology at work at home, was never better expressed than in the two seemingly unrelated editorials "Eniac, Ajax and Man," and "Heavy Weather Off Gibraltar." One is a feeble attempt to discount the material over the spiritual, as Ruskin did so well, and the other is the typical nationalistic exuberance of "we're better than other people." The editorials, at least inadvertently, reflect our stark helplessness as a people in London to deal with a moral clear-cut issue. In so far as expression is concerned, we still do not know, even after fighting a war against oppression, which side we mean to foster. F. L. SMITH. San Francisco.

### Housecleaning

Editor-Albert C. Bailey in his letter gave his clear view of what this country deplorably needs, a housecleaning, long overdue. Replace this gang of politicians with real able Americans. Why not Herbert Hoover to administer the food situation, in which he is an expert? And Sumner Welles, a tried and experienced international statesman. The old adage, a cobbler to his last, is still trite and ALYS SCRIBNER.

sorbed in its starry-eyed dream of repealing the law of supply and demand, San Francisco housewives go on paying for butter, when they can get it, from \$1.50 a pound up-and not in any "black market," either. The average price paid at the present time for people to do housework

If a woman stands in line waiting for a pound of butter (or less) for two hours, the butter costs her \$2 plus the money she pays for it-and I know of more than one case where people have waited in line for three hours or longer.

### Sun Francisco.

Editor-For partial solution of Market-street traffic jam: During the morning rish hours, use three of the Market-street car tracks for bringing passengers downtown, returning the faster traveling out hound cars on the fourth track. During the afternoon rush hours, reverse the above. If the fourthtrack is not sufficient to handle the empty or partly empty cars. divert them along Mission by way of Twelfth and Fremont, at the

> BASIL M. BLODGETT. HENRY NICKLAS.

Editor-No matter what a veteran suffered with in service. wounds or anything else, if he got out of the service under an honorable discharge and not a medical discharge he is rated as having no disability. The idea is to get rid of the cases, show the work is current. Every veteran who did not get any compensation should appeal his case. The Veterans' Administration will have to go over the entire record and give

RICHARD COLVIN

### Others in Trouble

Editor-We are apt to complain about small inconveniences here. My daughter in Australia writes: "Industry nearly at a standstill owing to a coal strike. Only one meal a day cooked over the gas; no bath heaters or boilers; radio for an hour at night. One light in home (60 watts) until 9 o'clock, then all out. No kerosene or mentholated spirits in shops. Food scarcer. Trams and trains only doing necessary runs and no street cars Saturday or Sunday. No gas or electricity after next week, only enough to pump the sewers. I cook other meals over bonfire outside."

### Seesaw

Editor-Has nobody noticed that the National Association of Manufacturers and the United Steel Workers are using almost the same language? "Give us higher prices (wages) and we will increase production. Inflation will disappear." Nonsense! When prices go up, you get strikes. When wages go up, industry demands higher prices. That is inflation.

Editor-We all get our three soup, steaks, vegetables, bread fruit. wash it down with coffee, tea, milk or beer, All I want. So why should I kick if I have to go without a little butter and sugar? Sugar rots the teeth, anyway.

### Bookman's Notebook

# By JOSEPH HENRY JACKSON

ings-over of the Bible, as you know. Most of these were taken into account in the King James version, published in 1611, and it is the poetic beauty of that version, the good and vigorous 16th and 17th century style of it which

# Some People

The fact is that the "enduring diction," and particularly the "rhythmic beauty" of the King James version have been almost utterly destroyed in this feeble effort to put the New Testament

of the time, is an utterly uningether to accomplish this flat-

# San Francisco.

Carmel BARBARA LARSEN.

pies and ice cream and

ED. THOMAS. South Ban Francisco,

many cooks have done with that.

Matthew V:13, in the King

"Ye are the salt of the earth:

but if the sait have lost his

savor, wherewith shall it be

salted? It is thenceforth good for

nothing but to be cast out, and to

Now, here is what the Nine

"You are the salt of the earth;

but if salt has lost its taste, how

can its saltness be restored? It

is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and

All right. What's so greatly

simplified in that? The assump-

tion of The Nine seems to be that

"the language of today" does not

recognize the word "savor," for

example, and that "cast out" just

wouldn't be understood by today's

reader. Just why "No longer good

for anything except" is better

than "thenceforth good for noth-

ing but" is more than I can ex-

plain. As for "cast out" instead of

"thrown out"-well if "cast" is no

longer a word in today's language

then why leave it in Matthew

22:13? The Noble Nine let it stand

in, "Bind him hand and foot, and

cast him into outer darkness." All

they did with that was to insert

the word "the," making it read

"into the outer darkness." Why

this is better than "into outer

There's no word for most of

darkness" is again beyond me.

this kind of thing but "tinkering."

There are some people, you know

-you often find them as editors,

I must admit-who can't keep

their fingers off somebody else's

be trodden under foot of men."

Professors have done with it:

trodden under foot by men."

James :-

In 1901, the American Standard Version was published, and now there appears, as the first part of the work of a Committee of Nine, the "Revised Standard Version of the New Testament." (Thomas Nelson; \$2.00). The "Old Testament" in this latest revision is to

The publishers note what is doubtless true, that there have been new discoveries of manuscripts to which the writers of the King James version did not have access, and therefore some revision, taking into account these

With this I do not quarrel. Scholarship and accuracy are important, and here the scholars know best.

But when the publishers also "the enduring diction simplicity

into the "language of today." What comes of it, nine-tenths spired, dull, flavorless prose, I dare say the various professors and deans of theological seminaries and the like who clubbed totening of vigorous English into a monotonous buzz may be scriptural scholars. I dare say they are among the most learned to be found anywhere when it comes to comparing ancient manuscripts and clearing up knotty points in translation. But when they set out to show the old boys of the King James version how to write English with flavor and with rhythm, noble English, AGNES B. MOSS.

Bridge Terminal or the Ferry.

# San Francisco.

### Disability -

the man something.

# San Francisco.

JESSIE B. MILFORD.

Plenty 4

### they are simply not fit. There have been various work-

Like some samples? Here's Some of The Spoiled Broth Try, for example, the Sermon on the Mount. Here's what too

most of us remember.

Like to Tinker

discoveries, was advisable.

say, as they do, that this Revised Standard New Testament retains and rhythmic beauty of the King James version." then I'll disagree with them.

Further, a great deal of what's been done here is no more and no less than plain tinkering just for the sake of tinkering—and bad

English with some sap to it, then

copy; they have to rework it. Quite evidently the Scholarly Nine were this breed of cats. Scholars in textual problems they undoubtedly are. But they'd have done vastly better-I'm sure the Tinkerers would have changed that to "much better"—to stick to their scholarship and leave the language of the King James ver sion to the millions who respect its muscular vigor and love its rhythmic magnificence. And, just by way of postscript, let's give thanks that the Nine

can't change the Christmas carols. They've made "tidings" into "news" in the Luke story of the Nativity, and you just can's go round singing about "Noo-hoos hoos of comfort and loge