

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

TOO MUCH WEALTH. SOME STARVE, SOME DON'T. TOO MANY DUCKS. —AND A LITTLE MORAL.

Certain interests connected with power companies that want to control water power carry on systematic misrepresentation as regards the value of irrigation. Demand for irrigation influences votes for Government control. Hence the attack on irrigation, destined to redeem millions of acres, the most fertile in the world, and to add tens of billions to the wealth of the nation.

Farmers know that even where it rains irrigation can improve crop values.

It is shown that in favorable localities, under irrigation, two crops of potatoes can be raised in one season, instead of one. In addition to doubling the size of the crop, a season's irrigation more than doubles its value by bringing in the first crop much earlier and getting higher prices for earlier potatoes.

This column has already described the alfalfa ranch of the Hodge Brothers on the Arizona desert, where rain rarely falls.

The land there, year in and year out, produces seven crops of alfalfa per year under irrigation, more than nine tons to the acre. The total cost of electric current for irrigating one hundred and fifty tons worth \$28 a ton is \$260. Any farmer knows the profit in that kind of farming.

Mrs. Mary Harrington, of Mahony City, Pa., had several children. Her husband, a coal miner on strike, went to look for work in another town. She gave her children what food she had and she died of hunger.

One advantage is with the mine OWNERS. No matter how long a strike lasts mine owners, their wives and children never starve. That's an advantage, yet pushed too far, it can become a DISADVANTAGE.

When told that the poor had no bread, Marie Antoinette wondered "why they did not eat cake." Later she and her husband stopped eating, via the guillotine. She was only a poor fool.

An able statesman of her time suggested that the people eat grass. The people stuffed his mouth with grass when they carried his head around on the end of a pike. It is well to remember these things, even in happy, prosperous days.

F. G. Bonfils, in his able Denver Post, tells of truck farmers in the surpassingly rich San Luis Valley asking the Government to protect them against too many wild ducks. Farmers plant miles of pea fields for canneries. Wild ducks, like a cloud, eat the peas.

The ducks will be annoyed when R. G. Parvis, Colorado Game Commissioner, carries out his plan and sends a snorting, humming airplane up and down the San Luis Valley frightening the ducks from the peas.

Can you imagine the rage of those ducks when they see that new bird, looking to them as big as a mountain, bellowing and roaring at 100 miles an hour up and down the valley?

That's better than in old days, before the French Revolution, when miserable peasants watched deer eat their crops and wild boars root up their gardens, helpless because noblemen wanted the pleasure of killing those animals and would not let the peasants touch them.

That is one of many things that brought on the French Revolution. To avoid revolutions, make the masses contented. Give them something to live for.

That is done here by manufacturers of radio apparatus, automobiles, moving pictures. The fact that a revolution might break up the movies, and disturb the broadcasting stations, would make the people hesitate.

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LINCOLN HAD GREAT POWER, SAYS DEPEW

No President, not even Washington, possessed so much power in the United States as did Abraham Lincoln, at the time of his death, according to Chauncey Depew, who has a remarkable essay on the great Civil War President in the current issue of the National Republic.

"Courts and Congresses were his servants," Mr. Depew continues, "and armies and navies the obedient ministers of his will. His death set back into the realm of passion the reconstruction of states. Had he lived, a plan would have been carried through by him which would have prevented the horrors and scandals of the period, would have established the fact that in being the best friend of the South upon the lines which he had laid out, he was also adopting the wisest policy for his country."

"The great characters of history are always dramatic. It is not because they wish to be spectacular, but because the majestic events in the drama of nations makes them unconscious actors upon this wonderful stage. Lincoln was one of the most distinguished actors of modern times. He performed his part superbly, whether in comedy, or melodrama or tragedy. The accomplished, the erudite, the able and strategic Seward, looking with distrust upon this awkward backwoodsman, sent him a program for the management of the government by more experienced minds, to receive back the message that the Springfield lawyer would run the government himself and ask such assistance from his cabinet as he might think he required."

Didn't He Know?

Passenger (as train stops): "What is the matter, conductor?"

Conductor: "Hot box."

Passenger: "The last berth at the end of the car on the left side, sir. I slept in it last night."

The Judge's Josh

THE WEATHER MAN SAYS — PARTLY CLOUDY, THE OTHER PART IS PROBABLY HAIL SLEET AND CLOUD BURST.



Then He Shot Her!

Hubby (from downstairs): "You said it would take you only a minute to get ready."

Wife (upstairs): "That's right, dear, I'm ready this minute."

Words of Wisdom

"It isn't the cost — it's the upkeep that worries me," says the amateur aviator.

The Very Same

Automobile License Clerk (formerly a railroad conductor): "And how old is your boy who wants this driving license, madam?"

Fond Mama: "He is 16 — almost 17."

Clerk: "He grows fast, doesn't he? It's the same youngster who was just under 6 — when you rode on my train summer before last."

Ain't It the Truth?

Little Child: "Father — what is a pedestrian?"

Dad: "A pedestrian, my child, is one who runs, dodges, and jumps."

ED PURDY'S PHILOS

"I saw a real 'go-getter' out on Smith's turnpike this afternoon. He was toting gasoline three miles to his stalled auto."

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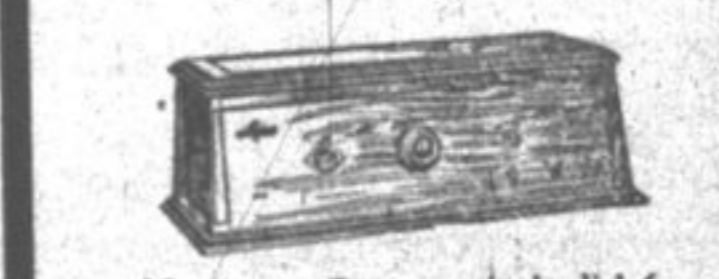
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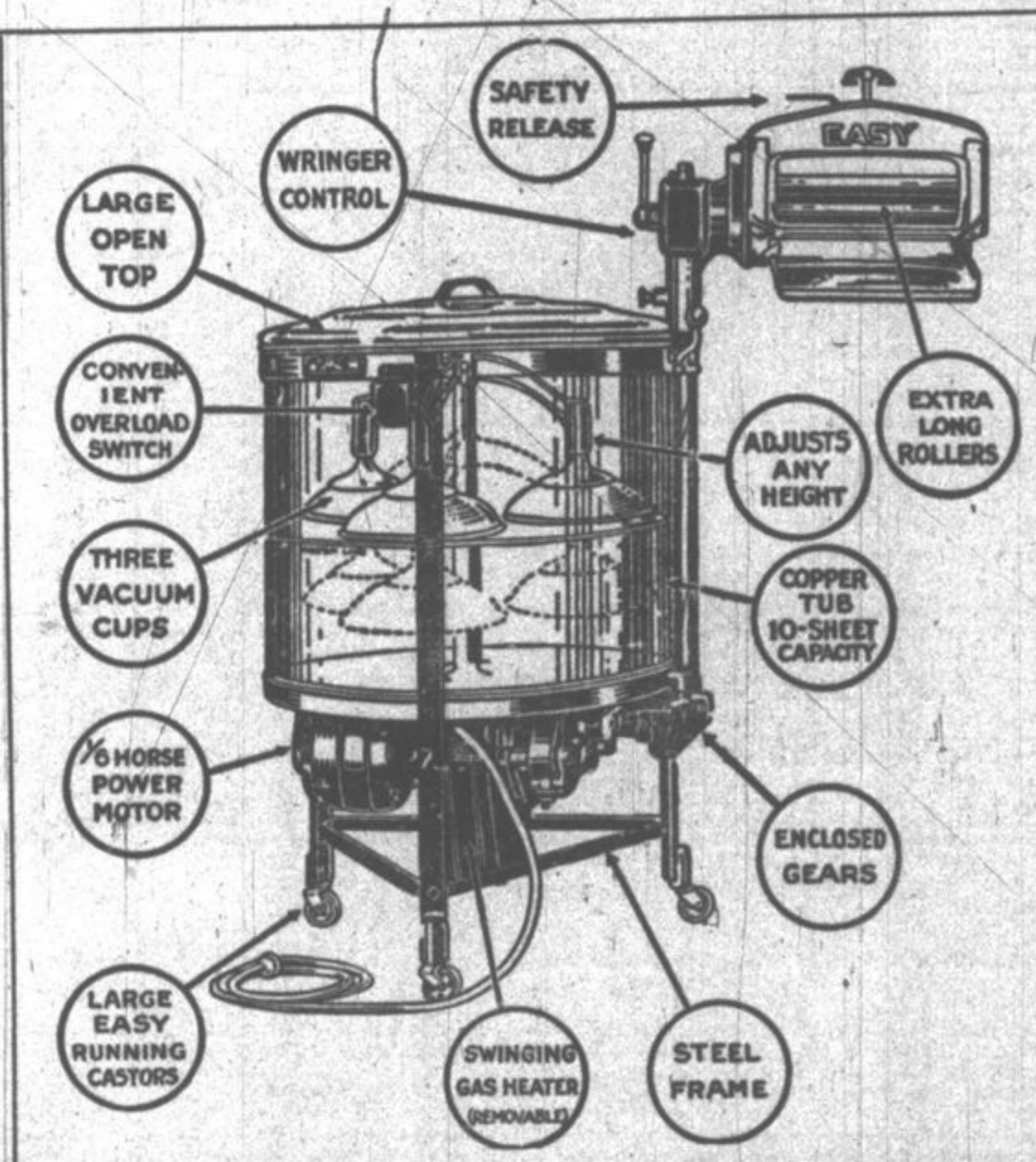
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