

Travel maps, brochures, etc. from trip Lutie Neal  
and her cousin, Norene Kunth, took in summer of 1945  
to work at office at San Francisco docks in warehouse.  
During their time there in August <sup>1945</sup> there was celebration  
when it was announced Japan would surrender. Lutie Neal Capps  
once told us it was a wild time, people went crazy.  
Evidently from the brochures they did some travelling  
when off work. They travelled there and back to Indiana  
by train

H.R. Capps  
5/2020

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## Chester Rowell

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when the chief news is that we  
don't get the news, together with  
the probable speculations and  
complaints of correspondents as to  
why they don't get it. For, quite  
automatically, the chief personal  
interest of the news correspondent  
is in his correspondence, and the  
news or lack of it.

That there is plenty of news  
coming, we know. In fact, we  
have been officially assured of it.  
President Truman wishes we  
knew more, he has told us  
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Stalin do, and when, regarding putting Russia into the Far Eastern war?" As to this, one guess is as good as another, and all of them are based on things which none of us know yet. We merely know what we want. And that, for nearly all Americans, is that Russia shall get in, full force, as soon as possible.

For the European end, the crisis in France, centering at the moment on the trial of Petain and the possible defeat or withdrawal of de Gaulle, bringing out all sorts of history, or the conflicting claims of it, regarding the prewar political, military, journalistic and economic chaos of the France of the time.

That situation differs so radically from our American traditions of what we think ought to be that

# SAFETY VALVE

## Sailor's Family

Editor—Is there any way a sailor's wife with a little boy of 3 can stop the landlady from evicting them? They have lived there for four years, always paying the rent promptly. The building has been sold and instead of moving into the apartment vacated by the former owner, she rented that to a friend and had an eviction notice served on this young mother. All the neighbors feel very much put out. MRS. M. SEGER.

San Francisco.

## Food

Editor—"Food is as essential as bullets." I know a man in Oregon who had to let go of several thousand acres of grain land and his wife quit raising thousands of turkeys because their son was called into the Army. The old folks could not get any reliable help, so were unable to handle more than half the work.

The question is, are these young men doing more for our country with a gun than they could do at home on the ranch?

Martinez. BESSIE F. WOODS.

## Rights

Editor—To condone or be indifferent to the refusal of a Geary Boulevard Merchants' Association to let a Chinese-American veteran purchase a business on that street is to condone the same attitude that the Nazis showed and acted upon in recent years when they forbid "non-Aryans" the rights of citizens.

San Francisco. I. FRIEDMAN.

## British Navy

Editor—How splendid of the English to send a few ships to the Pacific to show how much they intend doing in the ensuing months! What of the main British fleet, which has spent its time avoiding action, or, when caught up with by the enemy, usually manages to lose the majority of their force? Our splendid Navy, on the other hand, beat the U-boat menace, so that Englishmen might eat; we invaded Europe, with little or no help from the once-powerful English navy; we have crushed the Jap fleet into a nonentity, and, after all the dirty work has been done, up saunter a few British ships to try to horn in on the glory that is rightfully ours.

HENRY KOSSMAN.

San Francisco.

## Idea

Editor—Suppose an idea had been struggling to take shape in your mind for quite some time, suppose you lacked the ability to put such idea into words, suppose you saw no evidence of this idea in the mind of any other person, either through the printed page or through personal contact, how would you feel if, all of a sudden,

attacked at Pearl Harbor, anyway—the Russians or the British? . . . So, if it is true, as dispatches have implied, that President Truman has been 'urging' Stalin to enter the Pacific war, then he is bartering away America's position in the Pacific."

Oakland.

A. M. WELLS.

## Seamen

Editor—I am another who is extremely tired of hearing about seamen's high wages. My husband is a merchant seaman who contracted tuberculosis on a tanker in the South Pacific in January of 1944. He was disabled for six months, during which time we received no compensation of any kind and were forced into debt \$1200.

Seamen are subject to all the risks of servicemen overseas, but none of the benefits for themselves or their families.

Sunnyvale. MRS. T. OLLIS.

## Communists

Editor—In a letter in the Safety Valve July 27, A. E. Brettaur seems to be worried about God abandoning us to Stalin and the Communists. Well, I thank God that we were not abandoned to Hitler and his Nazis. And if Stalin and the Communists would follow the rules of the old Eugene B. Debs Socialists—and I think they would—A. E. Brettaur need not worry.

D. W. BEACH.

Oakland.

## Presumption

Editor—Will it ever be possible to correct the popular misconception that, according to French law, the accused is presumed to be guilty? The Declaration of the Rights of Man expressly states the reverse. In practice, French political trials have a good record. Even with a hand-picked court, Petain could not dictate the verdict at Riom: he had to give the accused a fair chance; and he certainly has a fair hearing at present. The Dreyfus case ended with a clear-cut victory for justice: Dreyfus was completely cleared by the Cour de Cassation.

ALBERT GUERARD.

Stanford University.

## Churchill

Editor—Royce Brier's column on Winston Churchill was inspired and Sweigert's "The Sands of Time" is as poignantly beautiful a tribute to a valiant soul as any artist could ever conceive.

Winston Churchill is not sad nor is he disillusioned. He knows he was a man of destiny, that his purpose was fulfilled, and so he can walk sturdily alone through the valley, puffing vigorously his arrogant cigar, flaunting his smoke to the high heavens and leaving his footprints on the sands of time.

MAE E. CROSS.

Oakland.

# SAN FRANCISCO *By Robert O'Brien*

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Pity the poor gripman (James Buskirk) on a day like this . . . in a crowd like this

## Romantic---but Work Is Hard And Pay Poor

Despite the best intentions of the Utilities Commission, which is in there pitching for them every minute, it looks as though San Francisco's beloved cable cars are nearing their last mile.

It's a question now of time. Not the question, How long before they will give way to a more modern method of transportation? But the question, How long will gripmen and conductors stay on the job at the wages it pays?

Personally, we think it will be a sorry day when you no longer hear the cables rattling through the slot at Powell and Geary, when you can no longer hear them singing under California street on a foggy night, when you can no longer hear the thumping of a car as it hits the turntable at Powell and Market, when you can no longer take that roller-coaster ride down the Powell street hill with the bells jangling and the gripmen waving to passing friends.

But it looks as though the end is coming, and as though no letter you might write to Mr. Cahill or Mr. Dill or the editor will postpone it. When a man has a choice between a hard, tiring job and a comparatively easy, comfortable job at the same wages, it's human nature for him to take the one that's comparatively easy and comfortable.

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Recaptured by Army and prison officials as he stepped off the Army launch General Frank M. Cox, Giles is now being held in detention where, said the warden, the convict is meditating.

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### Processed Foods

Book Four blue stamps Y-2, Z-2 and A-1 through C-1 good through August 31; D-1 through H-1 good through September 30; J-1 through N-1 good through October 31; P-1

## Living Costs in June Highest In 24 Years

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (U.P.)—Living costs in June were the highest since 1921, the Labor Department said today.

The department's bureau of labor statistics gave no comparative figures for 1945 and 1921, but said a survey showed prices of living essentials went up 30.2 per cent from

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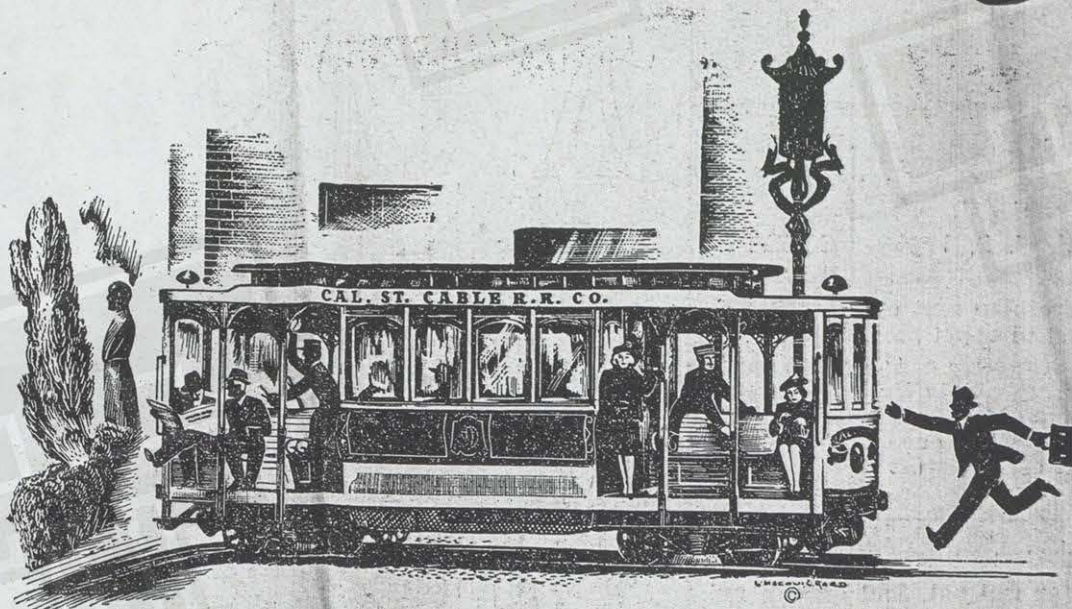
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# Cable Cars' Clang...S



Romantic . . . and a part of San Francisco's art

(Drawing by L. Macouillard)

president of the commission, has declared that the last thing he wants to do is to deprive San Francisco of its world famous cable cars.

"Then, a week or so ago, a three-paragraph story in the paper said: 'Drastic curtailment of Municipal cable car operations was predicted yesterday by Utilities Manager Cahill, reporting a shortage of cable car gripmen.'"

Checking this out last Monday to see what was going on, we learned two things: (1) Any curtailment of cable car operations on a drastic scale would leave the Municipal Railway with no cable cars at all, and (2) Cahill's statement of a week or so ago is glittering optimism compared to the way he now feels about the cable car situation.

"The personnel problem will kill the struggle-buggies," he said. "The

Commission or I won't have to do a thing."

The current wage setup is this: Top pay for cable car gripmen and conductors is 97½ cents an hour. Top pay for regular street car motormen and conductors is 97½ cents an hour. Top pay for bus drivers is \$1.02½ an hour.

The difference is the work. It is hard, physical labor to operate a cable car grip and cable car brakes, much harder than it is to operate the controls of an electric car.

### Uniforms Wear

One gripman we talked to said that when the sign-up comes next month and he can apply for transfer to another division; he is going to waste no time getting off the cable cars.

"I'm going to get on one of the

electric lines, like the F or the H," he said. "If I want to keep on working this hard, I'll go down and work on the water front. We ought to be paid \$1.50 an hour, and so should the bus drivers."

Furthermore, uniforms and shoes wear out quickly because of the added wear and tear, and must be replaced. As for the cable car conductors, who have to make a hand-to-hand collection of every fare, they generally go home after a day's work feeling as though they had been struck by a steam-roller.

This disparity in working conditions is beginning to have results. Before the war, peak hour traffic on the Powell street line was handled by 20 cars. Now, in spite of a great increase in peak hour traffic, it is being handled by fewer cars than before the war, there

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Pieper said the facts of Giles' escape are now being investigated and a file will be presented to U. S. Attorney Frank Henness, who will determine what legal steps will be taken against the 50-year-old felon.

Giles, Warden Johnston said, is in a "philosophic frame of mind."

"He told me," the warden said, "that time means nothing to him—that he had everything to gain by trying to escape and nothing to lose. And he also said he had been planning a 'getaway' since his imprisonment here in 1935."

## Animal Crackers

By WARREN GOODRICH



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