

WOMAN LEAPS FROM SPEEDING TRAIN

MEDITERRANEAN NATIONS ARE STRICKEN BY EARTHQUAKE

RANGER YARDS DEATH FOLLOWS EARLY MONDAY

Victim Was Enroute To The Pacific Coast To Regain Her Health

Mrs. Emma Elrod, 58 years old, who jumped from the Sunshine Special near Ranger at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, died early this morning at the St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Worth, where she had been conveyed following the affair, by the Killingsworth ambulance.

J. I. Killingsworth said this morning that he was called to the train by railway officials, where he took the woman to the City-County Hospital, where such assistance as could be rendered was given by Dr. Logsdon.

Later in the evening he left for Fort Worth with Mrs. Elrod and her daughter, Mrs. Malone, arriving at that city about midnight. Mr. Killingsworth said that Mrs. Elrod was suffering from a broken shoulder and a fractured skull while her hands and feet were also lacerated and cut.

Daughter Alone

Mrs. Malone, young married daughter of the dead woman said her mother had been sick at Tulsa since early in April, and she had gone to Tulsa to nurse her until she was fit to travel to her home in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Malone said that she was utterly at a loss to tell how her mother came to commit suicide and said that she lay awake in her berth watching her and must have dozed for a moment when the woman took the leap.

An examination of the train showed that Mrs. Elrod tore the screen from the window with her hands and forced it away before she hurled herself through. Mrs. Malone heard the impact of her mother's body which awakened her from the doze and immediately she rang the emergency bell on the train which was fast speeding away and was at least five miles from the place where Mrs. Elrod fell before it was pulled up.

Train Backed

The train backed to the spot and the dying woman picked up after emergency aid was given by the conductor. At the City-County Hospital no hope was held out for the victim and in a mad effort to save her life Mr. Killingsworth was called to take her on to Fort Worth, where it was thought that an operation might avail.

Mr. Killingsworth said that he was lucky to reach Fort Worth with the woman alive and also said that during this time she was conscious and talked for some minutes with her daughter.

ANOTHER PRODUCER, EASTLAND

Another producing well was added to the Eastland field Sunday when the Texas Company brought in their No. 1 J. L. Nobles, four miles southwest of Eastland on section 21, block 3, H. & T. C. Railway Company survey, for a 200 barrel producer. It is also making around 5,000,000 cubic feet of gas. The pay was found in the Marble Falls sand at a depth of 3,300 feet. It has not been drilled in.

Other wells in this immediate section have produced from the Lake Eastland sand, but in the Nobles this sand was practically dry. The Nobles is the first well to get the pay in the Marble Falls sand, and, it is said, operators will encourage other tests, or the pay in this sand.

Interest in the new shallow pool east of Eastland, which is known as the Parsons' pool, continues to increase, there being a number of wells now nearing the pay in that section. Half mile extensions have already been made to this well to the east and southwest.

Good Rather Take Chance To Win Pardon

By United Press.

FORT WORTH, June 28.—Milt Goode had rather take a chance on being pardoned from the Texas state penitentiary than to have to dodge the law all over the entire world.

In the Tarrant county jail Monday, Goode told how he traveled over 20,000 miles since his escape from the Huntsville penitentiary last November, to be caught near Antlers, Okla., while returning to give up. He indicated that he thought he would be pardoned.

Returned Evangelist



First picture of Timee Semple McPherson, noted Los Angeles evangelist, taken after her arrival in Douglas, Arizona. Mrs. McPherson, who says she escaped after being held captive by kidnapers, was too weak to sit up and pose for the photographer. She is shown here in her bed in the Douglas hospital.

NEA Service, Los Angeles Bureau

MEDIATION BOARD GETS SENATE O. K.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—President Coolidge's appointees to the new Board of Mediation today were favorably reported to the senate for confirmation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The committee decided to turn over the Western Maryland Railroad dispute involving a report of a lock-out and strike of engineers to the new board.

The nominees are: Samuel E. Winslow, Mass. (five-year term); Edwin P. Morrow, Kentucky, (four-year term); Carl Williams, Okla., (three-year term); G. Wallace W. Hanger, Washington, (two-year term); and Hymel Davies, Calif., (one-year term).

Peace In Sight Between Russia And America

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—After eight years of striving, at opposite ends of the earth in hostility, the United States and Russia, are being drawn together by a force of circumstances, according to observation, here.

The rapid increase of American export to Russia, and re-organization of the Russia-American Chamber of Commerce by leading American bankers and business men have created favorable indications that the diplomatic recognition is a matter of months.

A change in the administration policy is a matter of general attitude rather than the exact time.

REINSTATE INSURANCE

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—The senate voted 43 to 29 to permit the World War veterans the right to reinstate back insurance without having to make back payments.

Mrs. McPherson Launches Plans, World Revival

By United Press.

LOS ANGELES, June 28.—Plans for a "world-wide revival" were launched here today, by Mrs. Aimee Sempel McPherson.

"I propose to tour the globe with my message of the four-square gospel," the evangelist told a United Press correspondent today. This announcement confirms the report that Mrs. McPherson might capitalize on the publicity that she has received as a result of her "mysterious disappearance," on May 18, followed by a spectacular reappearance at Douglas, Ariz., five weeks later.

Leahy May Make Bond On Several Serious Charges

By United Press.

BEEVILLE, June 28.—Harry J. Leahy, 39, held in connection with the disappearance, May 20 of Dr. J. A. Ramsey, Mathis physician, 55 years old, will attempt to show this afternoon his ability to make bond on charges of murder, conspiracy to murder and conspiracy to swindle, filed after Dr. Ramsey finished.

Announcement was made at noon today, after Judge Cox over-ruled a motion of the defense to dismiss the murder charge.

The motion to dismiss the murder charge was denied Friday. In overruling the motion, Judge Cox indicated that Leahy's bond, totaling \$65,000 might be reduced.

Reduction has already been asked by Leahy.

TAKES HIS CHOICE AND PAYS WITH LIFE

By United Press.

KANSAS CITY, June 28.—Faced with the choice of wrecking his own car or striking another, Auburn Carson, 30, swerved his car, avoiding the other car, crashing into a telephone pole, and paying with his wife, here today.

DYNAMITERS WRECK NEGRO INSTITUTION

By United Press.

MIAMI, Fla., June 28.—Dynamiters blew up the Washington negro school here after 3 o'clock this morning, while workmen were finishing morning, while workmen were finishing construction on the new building.

Three workmen were reported to be buried in the debris; and three have already been taken from the ruins.

Repeated threats have been made against the school authorities for placing the negro school at the edge of a white residential district.

12 Missing Members Of Crew Are Safe

By United Press.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 28.—The 12 missing members of the crew of the Gloucester missing schooner Falmouth are safe, a dispatch from Lachave said today.

The searching schooner, Lucille Smith, the dispatch said, arrived there today with the 12 men aboard.

They had been picked up after their vessel burned last Wednesday.

Soaked Shirts In Gasoline To Attract Help

By United Press.

HURON, Ohio, June 28.—Four persons were recovered from the floundering motor boat, a lake steamer, today, after drifting helplessly on Lake Erie for more than 10 hours.

The manner in which they attracted the attention of the steamer was by soaking their shirts in gasoline, and using them as torches.

MAY APPREHEND KIDNAPERS OF MRS. M'PHERSON

To Stay in Los Angeles To Aid Authorities In Solution Of Mystery

By United Press.

LOS ANGELES, June 28.—Mrs. Aimee Sempel McPherson believes that her alleged kidnapers will be run down soon and arrested.

After a conference today with Assistant Chief of Police Joe Taylor, the evangelist declared, "It now looks probable that the abductors will be apprehended."

Mrs. McPherson also announced that she would remain in Los Angeles for some time before leaving on a round-the-world evangelistic tour to aid the authorities in solving the mystery of her abduction.

'AX SLAYER' KILLS FOUR AT TAMPA

By United Press.

TAMPA, Fla., June 28.—An "ax slayer" battered four persons to death here early today. The slain are: E. E. Rowell, 45, a carpenter; his mother, Mrs. Rowell; his nephew, Ira Rowell, 30; and his niece, Lena Rowell, 16; all victims of the "ax slayer."

Miss Rowell was still breathing when she was found, but died shortly after being rushed to a hospital. She was unable to make any statement that would help to clear up the mystery.

The heads of the others were crushed beyond recognition. After examination, the coroner's jury adjourned until Wednesday. Police late today stated that they had no clue to the slaying.

RADICALS FIGHT DEBT AGREEMENT

By United Press.

PARIS, France, June 28.—Radicals of the chamber of deputies, which is the Briand government's strongest support in the lower house, decided they could not approve the Mellon-Berenson debt funding agreement in its present form.

During today's cabinet session, a delegation representing the radical deputies called on Finance Minister Caillaux to inform him of the decision.

OKLAHOMA GOVERNOR LOSES FIGHT

By United Press.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., June 28.—The state supreme court today ruled that M. E. Trapp was ineligible to become a candidate for governor to succeed himself.

The ruling was announced following a conference of the nine justices of the supreme court which lasted throughout the forenoon. Trapp became actual governor of Oklahoma when he succeeded to the office following the impeachment of J. C. Walton, the high court ruling said.

The state constitution strictly declares that no governor shall immediately succeed himself in office.

The supreme court ruling came unexpectedly following rumors that Trapp would withdraw rather than be forced out.

AVIATION APPROPRIATION MEASURE IS SAFE

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Consideration and final amendment of the \$144,000,000 army aviation appropriation bill, was practically assured today when the house rules committee reported a ruling for consideration of a conference committee report, despite Speaker Longworth's action in ruling that that part of the program constituting new legislation was out of order.

The bill and other extensive aviation equipment and personal increases have been passed in different forms by both houses.

There He Is



Mrs. R. E. Byrd, Jr., wife of the polar hero, here is standing on the dock in New York, awaiting her husband's arrival.

LOSS OF LIFE AND DAMAGES NOT ESTIMATED

Over 2,000 Homes on Island of Rhodes Are Reported Demolished

By United Press.

Earthquakes jarred South Italy, and North Africa, and the Eastern Mediterranean states during the week-end.

The shock was first reported from Cairo, Malta, and Rome Saturday night. The extent of damage or possible loss of life, is not estimated, but it appears that the disturbance is unusually wide spread, although not severe.

Rome reported no damage in Italy, or Tripoli; while damage in Cairo was believed to have been slight.

According to information received from London, most of the islands in the Aegean and Mediterranean Seas seem to have suffered the greatest loss. The shock was particularly severe in Crete and Rhodes, where numerous villages are said to have collapsed.

At Candia, on the Island of Crete, a Grecian province, a number of ancient houses crumbled.

The earth shocks were felt strongly throughout Crete and in the Cyclades, a group of islands of the Aegean Sea, as well as the Ionian Islands, and many other places.

Cairo was shaken by the most violent earthquake of recent years Saturday evening toward 10 o'clock. The disturbance lasted ten minutes. The Helwan government observatory states this morning that the seismograph was put out of action after the first minute of the quake.

It was a terrifying experience, even for those outdoors, for the ground swayed like the deck of a ship, and indoors ceilings and balconies collapsed. It is reported that a number of the houses of El-Asal and Alexandria were destroyed. The full extent of the damage is not yet known, but it is relatively insignificant.

First Baptists Soon To Begin Big Meetings

Rev. W. H. Johnson, pastor of the Ranger First Baptist Church, will begin a series of evangelistic services in three different sections of Ranger, beginning July 7. One series will follow the other in a different section each time. He will be assisted by T. E. Vaughn, his assistant, who also is a vocalist and will lead the singing. A number of leading ministers in Texas will at different times assist in the services.

The object of the series is to aid all churches, although they will be conducted under the auspices. The sermons will be along tolerant lines, the pastor announced, and special stress will be laid on the fact that the great Baptist Church stands for religious liberty.

It was the seed sown by Roger Williams in the Rhode Island colony that has brought forth the fruit, the Baptist Church in the United States today.

Ranger Youths Narrowly Miss Call of Death

Jack Speegle and Tom Ballard, Ranger youths, had miraculous escapes from death last night when the big car they were driving hit the dip in the road on the Strawn Highway.

The car, which it is admitted, was traveling at a fast rate was flung high into the air and turned a complete somersault landing on its side. It then rolled over three times before pulling up a mass of wreckage in the ditch.

The men were thrown clear of the car by the impact and after spinning in space fell on the concrete where they picked up and rushed to the City-County Hospital.

Fortunately the men fell on their sides and except for extensive bruises and a few lacerations they were unhurt. Ballard was able to go home after treatment for superficial wounds but Speegle was kept at hospital until noon today when he was discharged.

TWO WILL NOT SWIM CHANNEL BEFORE AUGUST

By United Press.

CAPE GRIS NEZ, France, June 28.—Cold water and late summer weather probably will prevent neither Dyerle or Lillian Cannon from attempting to swim the English channel next month.

BATHHOUSE TO BE BUILT IN EASTLAND

Radium Springs To Be Exploited; Work to Begin on Structure Soon.

Plans for the erection of a bathhouse to exploit the radium waters recently discovered at Eastland have been adopted and the construction of the building will be commenced within the next few weeks, according to Dr. R. C. Ferguson, well known Eastland physician.

It also was stated that the erection of a bottling plant would be started Tuesday and that active bottling and distributing of the water at once put on a commercial basis.

Dr. Ferguson stated that during the next few days there would also be plans made for the interesting of northern capital in the project and that a company would be formed.

Charter Sought.
The charter of the new company has already been applied for and some stock sold but in view of the enormous possibilities of the undertaking it was felt that the undertaking should be put over in a big way and that at least half a million dollars of capital be subscribed.

The project, according to experts, calls for handling in a big way since according to reports from all over the state the water at Eastland is far superior to that in any other part of the country and comes nearer to the famous Carlsbad water than any other water known.

Dr. Ferguson said that the radio proportion of the water was very large and that it contained properties that was a perfect reducer of body fat.

This element has been noticed on Eastland folk who have taken the water, many of whom have lost several pounds.

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Women Trades Unionists Open Their Meeting

By United Press.

KANSAS CITY, June 28.—Nearly every trade union in the country was represented here today by delegates to the bi-ennial convention of the national woman's trade union league of America, which will devote its sessions to the discussion of ways and means of organizing more men workers.

Mrs. Maude Swartz of New York, a printer, will preside.

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SOCIETY
 AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

J. A. BARKER AND FAMILY MOVE TO DESDEMONA.

J. A. Barker of 410 Pine street, who has been employed as train dispatcher for the Wichita Falls, Ranger & Fort Worth Railroad company, for the past five years is being transferred to Desdemona. These good citizens will be missed in Ranger, especially Mrs. Barker and talented little daughters, who are so active in church and especially Sunday school work.

Mrs. J. A. Martin will entertain with a party for the Twentieth Century Club, in her home Friday evening at 2 o'clock, 824 Blackwell road.

Style Show Will Feature Eastland Fair in September

Secretary George Briggs and R. H. Bush, Eastland county agent, were busy this morning listing up the events that will feature the county fair which will take place at Eastland the last week in September.

Practically the most important item will be the style show, which according to reports made such a favorable impression last year. There will also be sports of all kinds including foot races for boys and girls and other events.

Another feature will be art displays and a flower show which will be presided over by Mrs. Jackson, it was stated. The various committees to deal with the events will be made known tonight, after a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce and fair committee.

SAFE AND SANE FOURTH OF JULY.

Celebrate the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the declaration of independence in a safe and sane way. It can be celebrated in a safe and sane way so that the next day will be one of rejoicing in every household instead of sadness. It can be celebrated in a manner that the angels of joy will be hovering over the home instead of the angel of sorrow.

Eliminate the fireworks and take the money that ordinarily would be spent in fireworks and sent up in smoke and give it to some charitable organization like the Buckner orphanage, the Methodist orphanage, the Masonic and Odd Fellows' homes, or some hospital that makes a specialty of caring for the needy such as the National Home for Consumptives in Denver.

The youth can celebrate by holding picnics, engaging in athletic tournaments, baseball and other games. The dollar that father usually gives son with which to buy fireworks could be donated to some charitable cause or institution like the Buckner orphanage. The thousands of children that are being educated and trained in such institutions as the Buckner and other orphanages would appreciate the gift, and at the same time would make the donor feel happier because he or she had made some one else happy.

This plan of celebrating festivals is as old as time, almost. It's an ancient Jewish custom. The religious Jew of today carries out that custom and always on feast days, holy days and days of rejoicing such as the Fourth of July, he sends a donation to some charitable institution. Usually when he has been blessed with an increase in the family or some one of his family has recovered from a sick spell, he sends a donation to some institution, and quite often to a Christian one.

Patriotic programs could be rendered at picnics and in public places along with the athletic events and these would be far better than fireworks. There are thousands of children and adults today blinded and otherwise maimed because of fireworks on the Fourth of July.

We want it understood that we are not opposed to the sane and temperate use of fireworks in a celebration, especially when those fireworks do not consist of cannon crackers, and other such dangerous things.

Rodeo contests could be held. There are various and sundry ways of celebrating in a safe and sane way, and even though the celebrations are held, don't forget that a dollar sent to such institutions as the Buckner orphanage takes joy with it. Make the Fourth of July a second Christmas and let your heart go out to the needy.

Funeral Service For Ernest Smith This Afternoon

Funeral services for Ernest Smith, 33, who died Saturday at Burk Burnett, were conducted at Plattwoods this afternoon by the Eastland Masonic lodge of which order the deceased was a member.

Smith, a son of D. Smith who lives on the Massengeale farm south of Eastland, is a married man and was living at Burk Burnett at the time of his death. The body arrived in Eastland at 2:30 o'clock this morning and was taken in charge by the Barrow Undertaking company.

Move Is Started For Removal Of Capital of Brazil

By United Press.

RIO DE JANEIRO.—President Arthur Bernardes, after three and a half years at the head of the Brazilian government, is convinced of the necessity of removing the capital of Brazil from Rio De Janeiro to a district in the center of the State of Goyaz, which is geographically more centrally located.

In his last message to congress he again called the attention of the legislators to the provision of the federal constitution for removal of the capital to Goyaz, where a strip was marked off by the makers of the constitution for the future capital of the republic.

What the nation pays for the upkeep and development of natural beauties of Rio De Janeiro alone would be more than sufficient to meet all expenses connected with removing the capital to Goyaz, President Bernardes declared.

Eastland Child Badly Cut While Playing at Church

Frank, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rotramble, 217 East Sadosa street, Eastland, fell and cut a gash in his head that required three stitches to sew up later Sunday evening. The accident occurred after church services.

The services had just closed and the child was running and playing in the building when the accident happened. The child was taken to the Eastland Sanitarium, where his wound was sutured.

Hot Check Game Rather Costly In New Mexico

Giving "hot" checks in New Mexico is not very profitable if the experience of certain young lady living near Ranger means anything. Some months ago, while in New Mexico, she is alleged to have given a check for \$21.25 on an account in which she did not have that amount of money. Charges were filed against her and she has just paid for the offense in the sum of \$56.15.

Prince Of Wales Soon Must Move To Marlboro House

LONDON.—The Prince of Wales is prospectively home sick as the time draws near for him to leave his club by bachelor apartments in York House for the enormous and much less homelike Marlborough House.

The move is a short one, just the street, but associates of H. R. H. say that he is very reluctant to give up the familiar atmosphere of his present home for the somewhat bleak palace over the way. Incidentally, being four times as big, Marlborough House will cost a lot more to run. This former residence of the late Queen Alexandra is now being reconditioned against them when the Prince will bring his duffel-bag across.

All England is hoping that he will at a not too distant date share it with a bride, but even the most resolute match-makers have found little encouragement lately.

4,000 Singers To Harmonize at Big Musical Festival

CLEVELAND, O., June 26.—Huge, single choruses of 4,000 singers will be a treat in store for visitors at the musical festival at the public auditorium here, when the German Saengerfest is held on June 22, 23, and 24, 1927.

Plans are being formulated now to have all German singing societies in North America take part in the gigantic festival.

3000 Osteopaths In Convention In Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Ky., June 28.—Three thousand osteopathic physicians were here today to attend the thirtieth annual convention of the American Osteopathic association.

Conventions of affiliated societies have occupied the past four days. Conferences and committee meetings were being held today, and there was a public mass meeting at Brown theatre, addressed by Dr. C. J. Gaddis of Chicago, secretary-editor of the American Osteopathic association.

The little things count. In Paris, Ill., a bee stung an auto driver and caused a serious wreck.

Induct Twenty New Members In I. O. O. F. Saturday

Ranger Encampment No. 36, I. O. O. F., met in special session at Eastland I. O. O. F. hall Saturday night, June 26, where a class of around 20 was inducted into the mysteries of all three degrees. The following degree staffs assisted in the work, Breckenridge, Abilene and Ranger.

A banquet of fried chicken was served to over 250 Encampment members and families. During the evening the women and children were furnished tickets to the theatre.

The work was under the supervision of Chief Patriarch John Ussery of Ranger with Past Chief Patriarch H. A. Collins of Eastland and Chief Patriarch C. M. Rhodes of Breckenridge filling the patriarch station in the ritualistic work.

Representatives from the following places were present: Desdemona, Rising Star, Putnam, Abilene, Ranger, Cisco. Incoming Chief Patriarch W. G. Cotton of Eastland and his wife of Eastland Rebekah lodge, was extended a rising vote of thanks for their faithful and efficient service in arranging the banquet.

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Bath House to Be Built in Eastland

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 eral pounds in weight since they started drinking.

Many cures of different ailments have also been reported while many persons suffering from skin trouble have also been cured.

Dr. Ferguson also stated that he intended to establish a clinic at the bathhouse and that he would call together outside doctors to further this part of the institution.

It was also planned to have headquarters in some large city where the distribution of the water could be facilitated and where buyers from all over the country could be approached. The actual bottling and other work in connection with the marketing of the product would be done in Eastland.

West Virginia Coal Miners to Walk Out Monday

FAIRMONT, W. Va., June 28.—A general walk-out of northern West Virginia coal miners was called by Van A. Tichner, chief of the United Mine Workers of America, in this district, after Monday, July 5. This call, Tichner announced, was issued in the behalf of union miners who have launched a campaign designed to force non-union operators to arbitrate the existing wage agreement, and adopt the Jacksonville union wage scale.

Could Not Sleep On Left Side

"I had pains through my stomach (due to gas) and could not sleep well, especially on left side. Thanks to Adlerika I am well again." (Signed) Samuel S. Payne. Adlerika removes GAS in ten minutes and brings out old waste matter you never thought was in your system. It is wonderful for constipation and stomach trouble. No matter what you have tried, the REAL Adlerika will surprise you. Murray's Pharmacy, Ranger.

AMERICAN ROMANCE OF RUBBER LIKE TALE OF ARABIAN NIGHTS

When Columbus landed in the West Indies he set his men to work chopping trees—our forefathers liked doing nothing quite so well as chopping trees. From some of the trees that were cut oozed a milky substance was rubber in the raw state.

In 1825, another party of Spaniards from the Mother Country crossed the Caribbean Sea from Jamaica and landed in the wilderness of the Amazon River. Here they observed Indians playing with a crude sort of ball, which, upon examination, seemed quite unlike anything these Spanish pioneers had ever found. By watching the Indians they saw that the same milky substance which Columbus had discovered in some of the trees of the West Indies was being used by the natives to make these balls.

The press was to dip a stick in the milk and hold it over a smoky fire, repeating the process in a fashion similar to the way our grandmothers dipped candies, letting the accumulated build up until it resembled the shape of a ball.

This is the historical beginning of the rubber industry, which today ranks fifth in importance and business volume among all the world's industries.

Rubber History in U. S. A.

But let us jump from the days of Columbus to the present. Rubber started to become a part of our every day lives. Let us forget the years that meant nothing to this vast industry in the way of development and progress, but start at the beginning of rubber history in America, which had its inception under the directing genius of that great discoverer, Charles Goodyear. The year 1839 saw the vulcanizing principle of rubber developed. This principle was discovered by Charles Goodyear. At that time the impoverished and hard-working inventor had hope that the strange vegetable milk produced by the tropical rubber trees would some day have a big commercial value. But even he could not dream of all the multitude of uses to which this product would be put, and the tremendous part it was destined to play in the development of civilization through the various agencies of domestic and commercial application.

Just in the last thirty years intense development in the rubber industry has obtained to the extent that the negro has grown from a point of favorably with the world's greatest virtual obscurity to where it ranks industry—steel.

In 1898 the total business of all the rubber companies in America aggregated only thirty or forty million dollars—today the aggregate volume of the American rubber industry approaches the staggering total of two billion dollars annually.

From the time when rubber first excited the imaginations of business men, some fifty years ago, an Ohio City has been importantly associated with its growth. That city is Akron. Akron has become identified with rubber to the extent that it is known and referred to throughout the world as the "Rubber City."

Produces Half Rubber Output

Today more than half of all the rubber products manufactured are turned out of Akron factories. More than one hundred thousand of Akron's population is employed in one way or other directly bearing on the development of the rubber business.

Of the total amount of crude rubber consumed by American rubber manufacturers, practically 70 per cent of it goes into production turned out by Akron factories. This consumption of crude and reclaimed rubber reaches a total of three-hundred million pounds annually.

When one considers that the raw materials required in rubber manufacture must first be shipped into Akron from tropical countries thousands of miles away, or from cotton and mineral producing sections scattered throughout the world, it is not hard to realize what a vast amount of shipping and communication is necessary to maintain production in our American rubber factories.

In all the rubber development that has taken place since Goodyear's discovery, no chemical element has ever been found to take the place of sulphur in vulcanization with as efficient and economical results. However, in rubber's evolutions many pigments and chemicals have been found to hasten vulcanization and bring about the desired degree of toughness and elasticity, or cushioning necessary for the many different demands.

In the Goodrich factory alone more than 500 materials known as "pigments" or "accelerators" are used in rubber manufacture. In the last 25 years, study and experimentation have enabled the rubber chemists to find combinations of minerals and chemicals that when mixed with rubber and vulcanized, will give the final product the particular properties it needs.

The rubber in the rubber band, the heel that you wear on your shoe, the tread in your automobile tire, the insulation on the telephone wires you handle, or the receiver and mouthpiece you hear through and talk through are not simple mechanical mixtures, though they all contain rubber and sulphur in combination.

Passing from the development stage of rubber, let us take up a specific product. The product we have all "cussed" and discussed at some time or other, but lack of which would set us back at least 25 years, and would limit our present activities both in a business and social way to 25 per cent of what they are today—that product is the automobile tire.

This product is now the "giant" of the rubber industry. It is the one product to which the automobile industry owes its growth.

Without the pneumatic tire the automobile would be little more than a mechanical curiosity. The thousands of miles of paved highways and inter-city communication would be only a dream, and our national earning power and wealth would be barely half of what it is today.

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One company that has been definitely associated with the progress of the rubber industry and the development of rubber for countless specific uses is the B. F. Goodrich company, founded in Akron, Ohio, in 1868.

This company, organized by a civil war doctor, was advanced by the faith

Lincoln Used Watermelon To Christen Town

LINCOLN, Ill., June 28.—How Abraham Lincoln used the core of a watermelon which he squeezed in his hand until the water trickled through his fingers to christen the town of Lincoln, Ill., during the sale of the first town lots in 1833, is related by John L. Stofis, of St. Louis, former resident of Middletown, and a great admirer of the martyred president, who he knew intimately when he was but 13 years old.

Stevens said the unique christening took place before Lincoln became famous, and that it was with reluctance that the men in charge asked Lincoln for the right to name the new town after him.

Swat That Fly Uncle Sam Warns All Housewives

WASHINGTON.—Start swatting the fly now, Uncle Sam warns housewives through the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"Careful screening of windows and doors during the summer months, with supplementary use of sticky fly papers is one of the best protective measures known against house flies," he advises.

"Fly poisons are also helpful in eliminating the pests but arsenic preparations should be carefully handled and placed out of reach of children. A very effective fly poison is made by adding three teaspoonfuls of commercial formalin to a pint of sweet milk or water sweetened with a little brown sugar."

"Flies breed in filth, housewives are told by the government. Refuse and garbage should be burned when possible or put in cans with tight lids."

German Republic Plans Restoration Of Decorations

BERLIN.—Bestowal of medals, titles, ribbons and other insignia of distinction in Germany, abolished by the revolution of 1918, is soon to be restored. The revival of this custom, practiced lavishly by the ex-kaiser, will now require an amendment of the German republican constitution.

In resuscitating the distribution of medals for heroic deeds and public service, the German government is motivated less by a wish to return to customs of the defunct monarchy than by a desire to save money, since decorations are regarded as the cheapest and most valuable gifts that the government can bestow.

In the near future, therefore, the government intends to submit such a bill to the reichstag and the former custom of handing impressive titles and insignia to prominent public persons is due for a swift revival.

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Gardens On City Home and Vacant Lots Profitable

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, June 28.—Production of vegetables at home relieves transportation difficulties and solves the marketing problem, Uncle Sam tells the man who has a backyard or a vacant lot next to his house.

He points out through the Agriculture Department that, in addition to producing food the man can get exercise and recreation too by working a little while each day on the garden.

Free the soil from debris, then spade it up to a depth of 8 or 10 inches, then rake the ground over. Sometimes it is necessary to use manure on garden land, but usually the back yard offers choice soil.

As a rule not more than 10 or 12 different kinds of vegetables should be grown in the city home garden. These should be chosen from the standpoint of securing the greatest food value from such a limited area.

Beans stand at the head of the list in importance for the small garden, root crops, including beets, carrots, parsnips, salsify, turnips and radishes are next. Then comes tomatoes, sweet peppers, egg plants, okra or gumbo, onions, cabbage, Swiss chard, lettuce, spinach, celery, peas, potatoes, sweet corn and sweet potatoes.

Uncle Sam warns beginners not to experiment with novelties but confine themselves to a few standard sorts. Potatoes, peas and sweet corn should not be planted unless the garden has plenty of space.

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All members of Ranger Chapter, Order of De Molay, and visiting De Molays invited to attend a stag swimming party to Cisco Lake on Tuesday evening...

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WANTED—General housekeeper; prefer middle aged lady. Apply Mrs. Davis, 501 Elm street, Ranger.

6—BUSINESS CHANCES

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FOR SALE—Fresh milch cows. Call 177 after 5 p. m. or 709 McCleskey ave., Ranger.

FOR SALE—Beautiful 6 room modern home. Just repapered and painted. Good garage. Blundell st., just off Strawn road. Phone 47, Ranger, for appointment.

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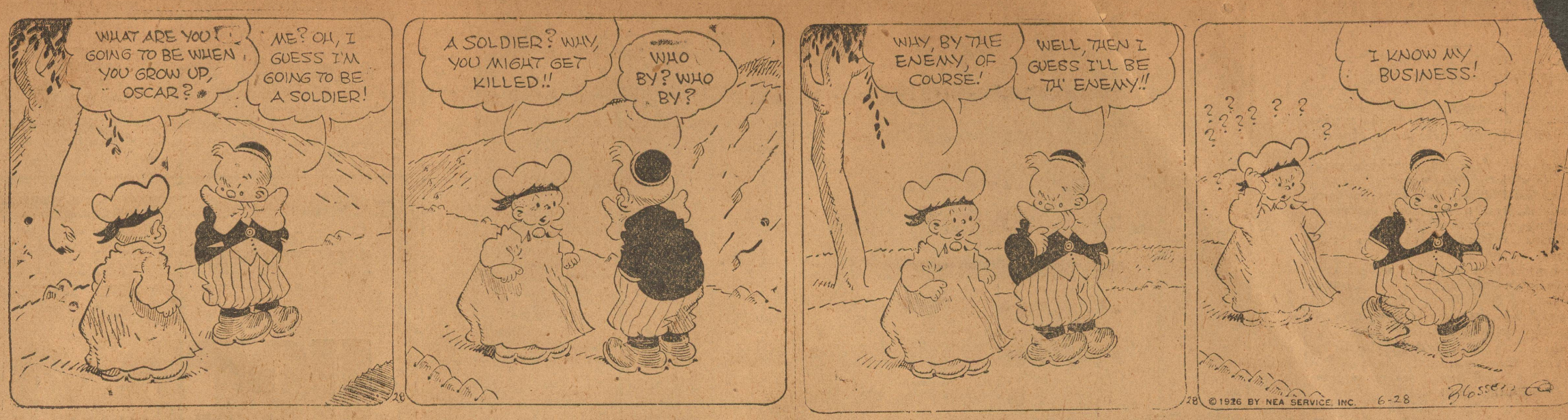
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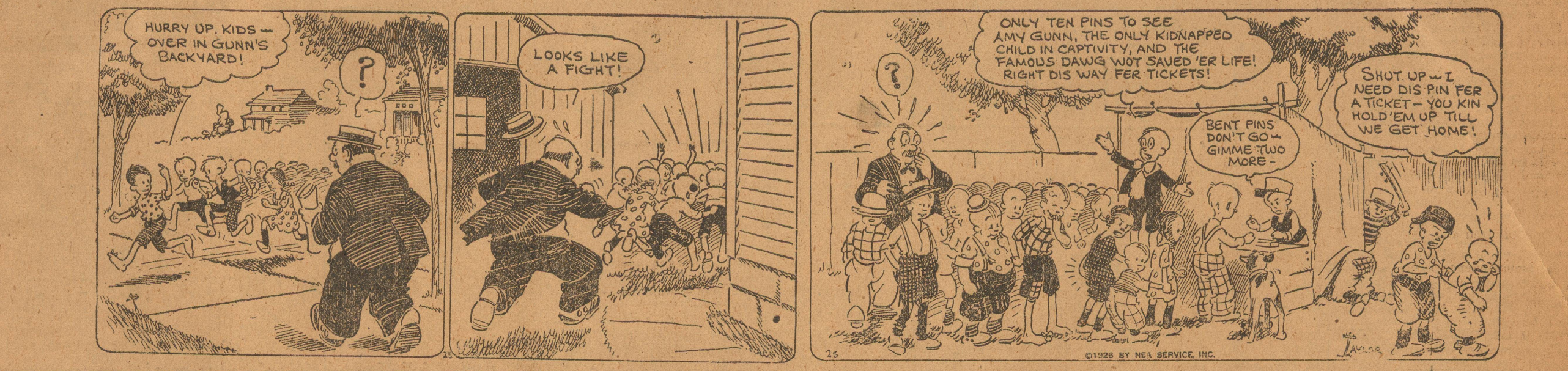
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Mon'n Pop

By Taylor



BASEBALL

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Ranger, Breckenridge, Thurber, Eastland.

Where They Play Next Sunday. Thurber at Ranger. Breckenridge at Eastland.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Dallas, Beaumont, San Antonio, Fort Worth, Houston, Shreveport, Wichita Falls, Waco.

Yesterday's Results. Houston 6, Dallas 4. Beaumont 4, Shreveport 0. Waco 6, Fort Worth 2.

Today's Schedule. Fort Worth at Waco. Dallas at Houston. Wichita Falls at San Antonio. Shreveport at Beaumont.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include Cincinnati, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Brooklyn, Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston.

Yesterday's Results. Cincinnati 16, Pittsburgh 0. St. Louis 3-0, Chicago 2-5. Philadelphia 2, Brooklyn 1.

Today's Schedule. Chicago at St. Louis. Pittsburgh at Cincinnati. Philadelphia at Brooklyn. Boston at New York.

Table with columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows include New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, Washington, Cleveland, St. Louis, Boston.

Yesterday's Results. Washington 6, Philadelphia 2. Chicago 6, St. Louis 3. New York 7, Boston 1.

Today's Schedule. St. Louis at Chicago. Cleveland at Detroit. Washington at Boston. New York at Philadelphia.

Mr. Wilbur C. Whitehead, a famous bridge expert, gave a lecture in Detroit on bridge, and escaped.

When Ford says, "Nothing permanent in the world except change," he doesn't mean pocket change.

22—POULTRY AND PET STOCK BUY and sell all kinds of cattle. Henry Woods, 402 Bozeman ave., Lackland addition, Ranger.

23—MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES BISHOP MACHINE WORKS—We do general machine and repair work on gas engines, steam engines, and pumps.

23—MACHINERY AND SUPPLIES WIMBLEDON, England, June 28. Mile. Suzanne Denglen, world champion woman tennis player, today retired from the single competition in the all-England tennis tournament.

Death Called 3 Athletic Leaders During Past Year

By BERT M. DEMBY, United Press Staff Correspondent. CHICAGO, June 28.—Three of the most prominent men of the athletic world have passed on during the last year.

Camp's contributions to the athletic world were invaluable. Under his direction—Camp at all times was consulted on everything regarding the game—football grew from nothing to the greatest collegiate game in the world.

For over 25 years Delaney was actively connected with the development of track and field athletics while he was physical director of the Chicago Athletic association.

Tom Eck, for 11 years coach of the long distance runners of the University of Chicago, is the other one of the trio.

Eck was one of the greatest bicycle riders this country has ever seen. A native Canadian, he gave to that country its first thrills in the riding game.

Perhaps Eck's greatest work was in ascertaining a man's condition. It has been said of Tom Eck that no athlete of his ever went into competition over-trained.

The passing of the three leaves open three places that unquestionably will be hard to fill—especially in the case of Camp. One of Camp's yearly duties was the selection of an all-American football team that was recognized as official.

Miners Defeat Magnolias In A Fast Game The Thurber Miners wreaked sweet revenge on the Magnolias in a Thurber park Sunday afternoon when the score resulted in a victory of 6 to 4 for the coal diggers.

The victory did not dislodge the Magnolias from top sold, only weakened it. However, the Magnolias promise to get back at the Miners next Sunday when they meet in the Nitr opark, Ranger.

French Woman Tennis Champ Stricken, Retires

By United Press. WIMBLEDON, England, June 28. Mile. Suzanne Denglen, world champion woman tennis player, today retired from the single competition in the all-England tennis tournament.

It was announced that the French tennis star became ill on her way to the court from the hotel.

Errors Cost Tigers Fast Ball Game At Breckenridge

Breckenridge won the ball game Sunday in the first two innings when they pounded the Eastland pitcher hard for a bunch of runs. Hunt could not get started and before he could get set the Dynamos had pounded him to all corners of the lot.

Manager Dick Andrews got a couple of good hits and by the way managed to break out of his batting slump, while the Eastland first and second basemen also played their usual sterling game.

George Guwdis hit well for a home run and a single, his batting being the best of the afternoon, while the fielding was loose and at times easy chances were allowed to slip by.

Batteries: Eastland, Hunt and Bryant; Breckenridge, Purvis and Hensley.

2000 Bankers Will Be at The Dallas Meeting

DALLAS, June 28.—Approximately 2,000 young bankers from all parts of the United States will gather here July 12 for the twenty-fourth annual convention of the American Institute of Banking.

The Dallas chapter of the organization together with the Dallas Chamber of Commerce and Dallas Clearing House association have arranged a varied and complete program of entertainment for the visitors.

Subjects for the departmental conferences during the convention are: "The Unprofitable Customer"; "Newspaper Advertising—Does It Pay?"; "The Advantages and Disadvantages of Federal Reserve Banks as Agents for the Collection of Checks"; "Credit Insurance"; "Trust Publicity"; and "Installment buying and Its Effect on Savings Banks."

Reduced rates have been granted on all railroad lines for delegates and visitors to the convention.

Mexican Bull Fighters Form Loan Association

MEXICO CITY.—Juan Silveti, a matador known as the "Tiger of Guanajuato," has been elected president of the bull fighters' pawn shop, recently organized here.

The members of the board of directors include many prominent members of the bull fighting profession. The institution was organized for the purpose of assisting fighters out of work or financially embarrassed.

POLITICAL Announcements For State representative: M. H. HAGAMAN

For County Tax Assessor: GEORGE L. DAVENPORT

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For County Commissioner, Precinct No. 1: V. V. COOPER. T. E. CASTLEBERRY

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SPENDING HONEYMOON IN SCOTCH HIGHLANDS

LONDON, England, June 28.—Viscount and Lady Furness, the latter who was Mrs. Thelma Morgan before her marriage to the shipbuilding magnate yesterday, are believed to be spending their honeymoon somewhere in Scotland.

Lord Furness, one of the wealthiest men in England, is chairman of the board of the Furness Ship company.

Sometimes, when we have a headache the next morning, we think we'll have it operated on by a tree surgeon.

A big fish may have pulled a man out of a boat in Rhineland, Wis. Anyway, he claims it did.

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Neighbors Wives

BEGIN HERE TODAY
John and Fay Millburn buy a home when their baby girl is born and the advertising agency in which John is partner and copy writer lands a new contract. Among their acquaintances are:

Noel and Vera Boyd, whose marriage is strictly "modern."
Pat and Marian Forbes, who have three children and whose marriage is unhappy because of Pat's roving tendencies. Previous chapters told how:

John, in love with his wife but a romantic individual, was fascinated on meeting Nell Orme, of whom Pat Forbes hints that she is having trouble with her husband.

When Fay took Judith, the baby, to visit her parents, John "ran around" a good deal, mostly in company with Pat Forbes.

When Fay returned, John told her of some of his actions, but she is so hurt at his recital of a little reunion with Dorothy Francis, an old flame, now a stage star, that he is silent about some of his wilder escapades.

It is left to Mrs. Bixby, a gossip, to tell her of John's going out with Eleanor Mason, whom Fay dislikes and suspects of trying to captivate her husband.

A bitter quarrel follows, and John's attempts to bring about a reconciliation fail; Fay is silent and cold. Dr. Dick Menefee and his wife, Margaret, Lane, Margaret's sister. Clara are dinner guests, along with Clara Lane, Margaret's sister. Clara announces she is getting a divorce from her husband, Clifton Lane.

Dick Menefee is getting prosperous, and John jokingly tells him he is getting reactionary. Dick returns that medical ethics don't stand for much radicalism and he has to be careful, even, about taking a drink. Fay significantly remarks that this might apply to the advertising profession, a statement that is made for John's benefit.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY
(The names and situations in this story are fictitious.)

CHAPTER XXXVII
"I suppose," John laughed, "that remark was made for my benefit? Well, I admit, I take a little drink once in a while. Whoever saw an advertising man that didn't?"

"There's Nat Graham," Fay reminded him, "your own partner."
"Are you holding Nat up as a model?" John asked, a little combatively. "I thought you didn't care much for Nat Graham."
"Oh, I don't especially."

"There you are," John said, addressing the others, "they point out faultless models for us, and yet they'd get sick of us if we possessed all their virtues."

"I'd certainly get sick of you if you were like Nat Graham," Clara volunteered.

"There, Fay," said John. "See? You own hubby isn't so bad after all."
"I'm not saying I admire Nat Graham," Fay went on, "but you might do well to copy at least a few of his virtues, as you call them."

Menefee, sensing that something was wrong here, changed the subject, suggesting that they play bridge, "if you don't mind, Fay. I haven't played in a long time. One of us can fiddle with the radio for a rubber."

Weeks, busy and uneventful passed; and Fay's coolness somewhat moderated. Judith, now fifteen months old, was a source of great amusement to John, and nearly the whole world to Fay.

She was a beautiful child; her little teeth were like pearls, and her head a mass of auburn ringlets. She was rather less chubby than the average child of her age and at the same time a little taller. Although a sturdy enough youngster, she lacked the robustness of many children, and there was about her a sort of ethereal beauty that at times deeply touched John. On such occasions he would speculate, with stammering lips, on what he and Fay would do if anything should happen to Judith—he could not bring himself to think of the word, death.

Fay's greatest extravagance was on the matter of Judith's clothes; she dressed her like some marvelous little doll. Her little frocks were dainty white things, edged in lace, and her bonnets were sometimes of a blue that matched her eyes and sometimes delicate, fragile things of white.

Judith favored John rather than Fay; she had his hair and there was a slight resemblance in other features. The thing that tickled John more than anything else was that she frowned exactly as he did, lifting one eyebrow and depressing the other. She had lately picked up the trick of repeating little phrases that had been voiced by John or Fay. Her favorite was "Hear me?" a saying which John often employed when he wanted to impress something on Judith.

"What would you do without Lee, Fay?" John asked one morning at breakfast as he was assisting Judith with a cup of milk.

Fay shook her head and smiled wistfully. "I don't know, John, I don't know."

There was something pathetic about her, he thought—something lone. "Look here," he said sturdily, "you need company—somebody to cheer you up. You sound homesick. Why don't you throw a party or something?"

"I was just thinking. We've neglected the Boyds something awful. We really should have Noel and Vera out."

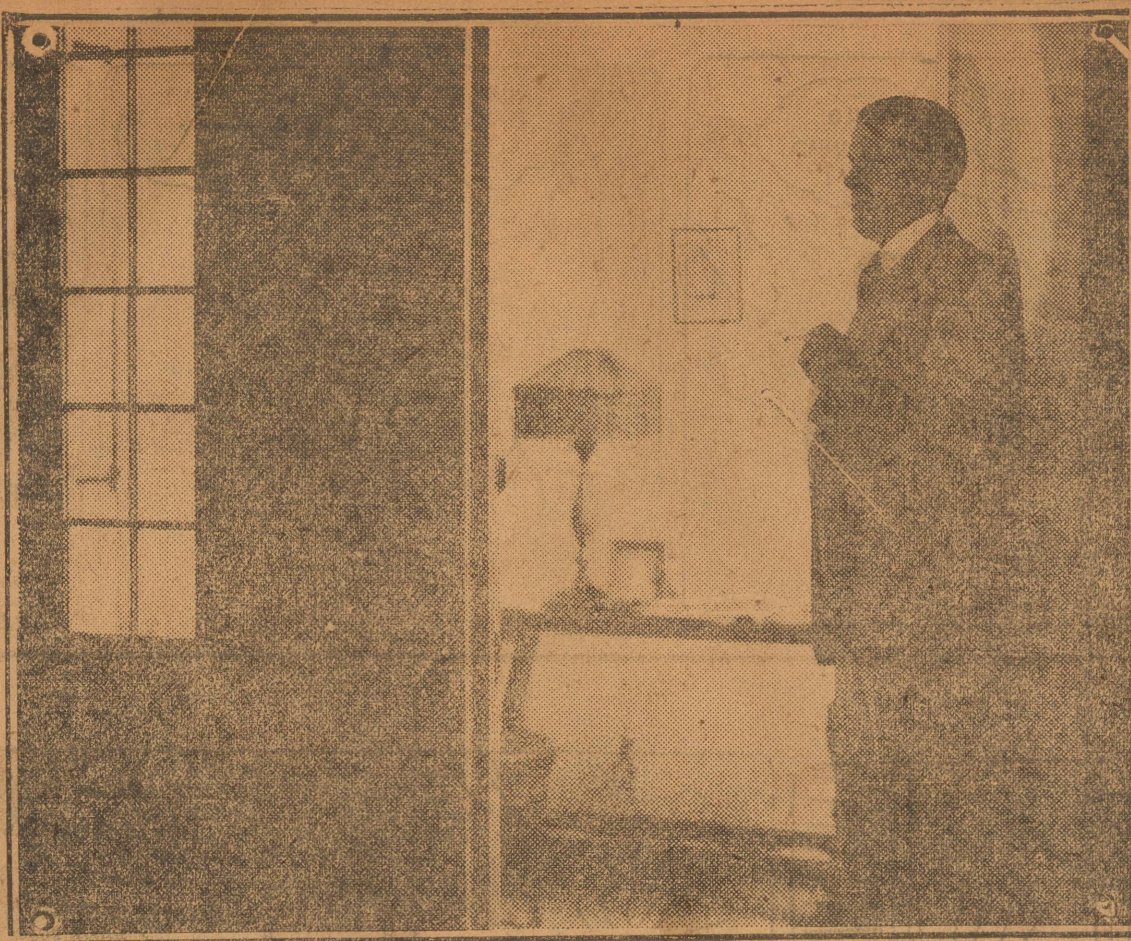
John groaned. "Lord! Do we HAVE to?"

"Well, we've only had them out here once since we've been living here. I'm not enthusiastic about it, but what are we going to do?"

He sighed. "Grin and bear it, I suppose."

John held out against a dinner for them, and finally convinced Fay that a bridge invitation would be enough. Fay called Vera up that evening.

There would have to be cocktails for the Boyds, of course. With any other couple, John grumbled, the matter of drinks would be unimportant.



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reminded him.
"Sure—and they'll expect it here. I like to have it in the house, of course—personally, I like a drink now and then. But serving the stuff just because it's considered smart and the thing to do gets my goat. I'm getting tired of paying high prices to bootleggers in order to mix highballs that only half our guests really enjoy and that the other half drink just because it's expected of them."

"Take yourself, for instance. You don't like it, and you always take a little sip and set your glass down."

Fay laughed. "Vera will drink my share tonight."

The Boyds arrived at nine-thirty, and when John laughingly chided Noel for being late—"as always"—the latter flashed his cynical, sneering smile and said lightly, "Oh, don't be provincial all your life," which did not contribute in any way to John's good humor.

Bridge was for half a cent a point—with anyone else but the Boyds it would have been a quarter of a cent—and Noel, although he drank many of them, was frankly critical of the cocktails. Vera said nothing one way or the other, and it annoyed John a little that she did not take the trouble to reprove Noel for his rudeness.

"It's become so habitual with him. I suppose, that she doesn't notice it," he concluded.

There was something baffling to him about Vera Boyd. Silent, mysterious, a half smile ever playing over her lips, she had a strange dark beauty about her and yet she was more like a man in certain ways than any woman John knew. She had none of the feminine fondness for small talk, but she could be cruelly, bluntly "catty" when mutual acquaintances were discussed.

"I understand," she said presently, when the cocktails had begun to loosen her tongue, "that Clara Lane is contemplating a divorce. What was the matter?" Was she spending money too fast to suit her hubby?"

"I think," said John, "the trouble was she didn't get hold of any to spend."

"Why, I thought she had married a big butter-and-egg man," Noel remarked.

Fay laughed. "Without any butter and eggs, I guess."

"It serves her right," Vera declared positively. "Clara needed a lesson or two. I'm inclined to feel sorry for her husband."

John flew to Clara's defense. "You don't know what you're talking about Vera. Have you met Clifton Lane?"

"No."

"Well, I wish you had. It would serve you right."

Vera smiled. "Are you always so hotly protective of the absent ladies, John?" she asked, "or is Clara one of the favored few? I wish I had such a champion."

John knew that this was said to make Fay suffer. "You're not making a hit with my wife, talking like that, Vera. What's the matter with you? Why do you always have the hammer out for the women? Did you never find a man you disliked?"

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She colored a little in annoyance. "Only you," she answered, and Noel caught her up. "Come, now, Vera, you told me he was one of the interesting ones."

Noel's wife shrugged. "Very well, if you're all against me." She picked up her glass.

"Heard about Pat Forbes' latest?" inquired Noel.

Fay said she hadn't. "Well," Noel went on, "I understand Marian has served notice on him. He's had his last chance. The next time, Marian leaves him."

"You mean," Fay asked, "that he has been carrying on another flirtation?"

"Yep. Silly of Marian, isn't it?" Fay's face went red. "Silly?" she demanded hotly. "Why silly?"

Noel waved his hand, the sneering grin again distorting his mouth. "Well, what is it if it isn't silly? Can you imagine Vera caring a red cent whether I find something interesting about a good-looking girl?"

John was growing uncomfortable. "You forget," he reminded Noel, "that there are still some old-fashioned marriages. I know Pat Forbes. I know he doesn't mean any harm especially, but he's just a plain darn fool."

A peculiar look was in Vera's eyes. "This from you, John?"

John flushed. Fay, he saw, was looking at him keenly. Hang it all, what was Vera driving at now? What did she know? Had Eleanor Mason told her about that—He said, covering up quickly, "I think Pat Forbes is a peach of a fellow, but he's as irresponsible as a kid. He should never have married. He had no more right getting married than Paul Davidson has."

Instantly he saw his error. He hesitated, and Vera said quickly, "By the way, didn't I see you with Paul Davidson one night not so very long ago?"

"Yes," put in Noel, "who were the ladies, John?"

Something in John's face told Vera and Noel they had made a mistake. He said, with a feeble attempt at lightness, "Oh, friends of Paul's," and relapsed into silence.

Vera shot a quick look at Fay, who was frowning slightly, and then rose. At the door she managed to say to John, without Fay hearing, "I'm sorry, John, really. I guess I had a drink too many, or I'd have known better."

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"That's all right," he assured her a trifle testily. "I haven't committed any crime."

Vera turned away. She seemed a little hurt. "You must come over soon to see us," she said to Fay, who promised that they would.

"Nice time," Noel said nonchalantly. "Your cocktails weren't so bad, after all, John."

John forced a smile. "That's praise indeed—from you, Noel."

They disappeared down the walk. John saw them climb into their car, heard the whir of the starter and gazed in helpless fashion after the automobile as it sped down the street.

Fay had gone back in the house. He would have given a great deal to be able to go to bed without facing her. Actual fear laid hold of him as he stood irresolutely on the doorstep, trying to postpone the inevitable.

And then he stepped inside and closed the door gently behind him. Fay was in the living room, standing, and utter weariness was in her face.

"Well," she said.

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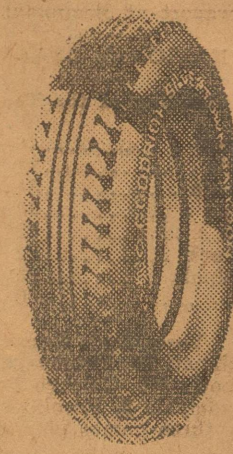
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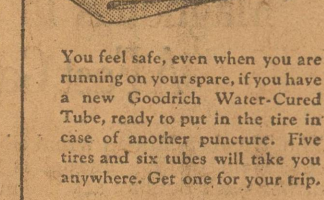
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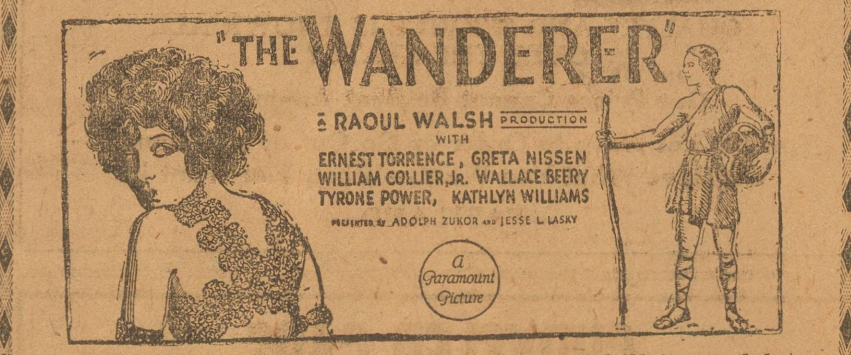
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