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Lost French Colony Is a Reminder

We talk so much about rapid communications in our modern world that we often forget about the lonely, isolated spots where men live completely cut off from their fellows and where human survival is a precarious thing.

So this little story about the lost French colony on St. Paul's Island, which sounds like something from the old sailing-ship days, is a good reminder that we have not yet either conquered nature nor annihilated space.

Some 40 or 50 French fishermen went to St. Paul's to catch lobsters. St. Paul's is about as remote a place as there is on the globe; an utterly barren, rocky little island far down the south Pacific on the rim of the Antarctic ice shelf, it has no resources whatever except the lobsters which inhabit its foreshore. A worse place for people to run short of food and fuel could hardly be imagined.

That seems to be what happened to these French fishermen. They did have one of the modern worlds space-killing gadgets—a radio so they were able to send back word of their plight, and a ship sailed to their rescue at once. But somehow the thought of this little band of people, marooned on the bleak rocks down in the region of eternal storm, ice and loneliness, stays with you and sends a bit of a shiver down your spine.

For this world is not quite as safely regimented and controlled a place as we usually assume. In our urban society we may never come in contact with the elemental perils of danger, hunger and cold; but we are just lucky, and it is dangerous for us to forget that human life exists on this planet on the same terms it always did—as a constant struggle against an environment that is forever hostile.

This earth would go spinning on through space quite as serenely if it had no freight of human life at all. It spun that way for some scores of millions of years, if the scientists are to be believed, and it may do so again. Our tenure here is not so solid or so permanent that we can afford to take any chances.

And that is why the present tendency toward war, destruction and general conflict between races, nations and groups is such an ominous thing. This tendency may very easily destroy the great fabric of our civilization; and we do that only at our dire peril.

For the machinery by which we hold off these natural, elemental threats to our earthly existence is extremely complicated, and like most complicated things it is very delicate. We could smash it beyond repair if we got too brash and flip with our bombing planes, our blockades and our all-around talent for destruction; and if we do, all of us may find ourselves up against precisely the sort of thing the colonists on St. Paul's Island are up against—only we would not have any place to send radio messages.

The mere job of making the earth habitable, and of ensuring man's continued tenure upon it, demands the best effort the race can give it. If we drop that effort and go in for a generation of blood-letting, the result may be more completely disastrous than we ordinarily dream.

The music world is up in arms over Sir James Jeans' assertion that a single piano note is just as good whether struck with the finger of an expert or an umbrella. The gal upstairs must use a sledge-hammer.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



IF THE EARTH CEASED SPINNING ON ITS AXIS, IT WOULD BECOME A MORE PERFECT SPHERE

IT TAKES THREE FEET OF SUGAR CANE TO MAKE A SINGLE LUMP OF SUGAR.



WHAT DO THE FOUR H'S STAND FOR IN 4-H CLUB WORK?

ANSWER: Head, Heart, Hand, and Health. The earth, which is slightly flattened at the poles, would become spherical if it stopped spinning.

Maybe Hopkins Smells a Rat



Harry Hopkins, former relief and WPA administrator, now receives the press as secretary of commerce, but at a recent conference he appeared to be sniffing trouble.

Biography of the Fountain Pen Rivals Adventure Stories

By United Press
MILWAUKEE—This is the biography of a fountain pen and a tale that carries one through all the phases of "human emotions."

In the history are scenes which few people experience during the course of a life time. This fountain pen is the property of Henry Fuller a member of the American College of Life Underwriters.

The close association between Fuller and his pen dated back to 1909 when Fuller acquired his prize possession in a drug store at Whitewater Wis., for a penny.

No sooner had Fuller claimed ownership when the pen started on a series of wild adventures.

At the time Fuller was Whitewater's two miler and in 1910 when the young man delivered mail, the pen was the instrument with which receipts for registered letters were signed. All went well until the winter of that year when a blizzard forced the junior mail man to trek 25 miles. Both he and the pen suffered, the mail carried being severely frost bitten and the ink in the pen completely frozen. Both recovered.

This episode past, the pen next attended various schools and no doubt aided its owner in writing untold examination papers. Both came through with flying colors and then came the war.

Fuller and pen went overseas. In France all went well until one blustery morning in September, 1918, the British, the 30th division, Fuller and pen crashed the Hindenburg line.

Forty days later surgeons at the base hospital in Le Harve completed extracting shrapnel. "Pen" too had been covered with blood and glory and the two embarked on an excruciating ambulance journey from Portsmouth to London.

Fuller won his first lieutenant bars and the pen rose 100 per cent in its owner's estimation. The journeys of the two, however, were not over and after the Armistice it was discovered that Fuller had contracted tuberculosis, so the two tarried at Fort Snelling, Minn., Prescott, Ariz., and Denver. At the hospital the pen helped its master while away many idle hours.

So much for the heroic deeds of the pen and its scholastic experience. A brighter side also was its lot for it was with the same pen that Fuller wrote the love letters to the woman who later became his wife.

Then the pen joined Fuller in a business career. In lighter moments the pen too has shone for it was used by Edgar Guest, all of the boys of the R. O. T. C. and many business leaders in signing autographs.

"I bought the pen for a penny and wouldn't sell it for a million," is Fuller's comment.

Longevity Advice At 104 Is Be Moderate

By United Press
COLUMBIANVILLE, N. Y.—Charles H. Benedict has an unusual formula for longevity. It contains no rules for diet, just "enjoy yourself—with moderation."

Benedict speaks with authority—he is 104 years old. However, he predicts shorter life spans for the present generation, believing "they wear themselves out."

"There's no magic formula for living beyond the century-mark," he said. "It's simply a question of following the Golden Mean."

"Young people of today don't seem to know that. They wear themselves out, working too hard and playing too hard."

Anything Going to Be Cut Besides Expenses



Hopkins Approved by Senate Committee

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The senate commerce committee today approved the nomination of Harry L. Hopkins as secretary of commerce and sent his name to the senate floor for debate and final vote on confirmation.

MUSEUM FOR UMBRELLAS

By United Press
NOVARA, Italy—A museum for umbrellas and parasols of all periods and all nations is soon to be opened here. Novara's interest in umbrellas lies in the fact that it has long been the headquarters of the umbrella industry in Italy.

Quartet Singing Is Feature At Meeting

Singing of members, divided into quartets, was the main feature of the Lions club meeting Tuesday at the Connellee hotel in Eastland.

Breckenridge CC Gets New Secretary

Announcement has been made at Breckenridge of the acceptance by C. E. Sawyer of Huntsville of the secretary position at the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce.

Alfred Moves To Home In Houston

By United Press
HOUSTON, Jan. 18.—James V. Alfred, who will become federal district judge here, when the senate confirms his appointment by President Roosevelt, reported for work today in his new offices.

LEAPING AMPHIBIAN

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for horizontal and vertical words.

Large crossword puzzle grid with a picture of a frog in the center.

English Breeder of Herefords On Tour Of Western States

By United Press
FORT WORTH, Texas.—Lt. Col. George P. Pollitt of London, one of England's leading Hereford breeders, is touring West Texas to study the operation of several big cattle ranches.

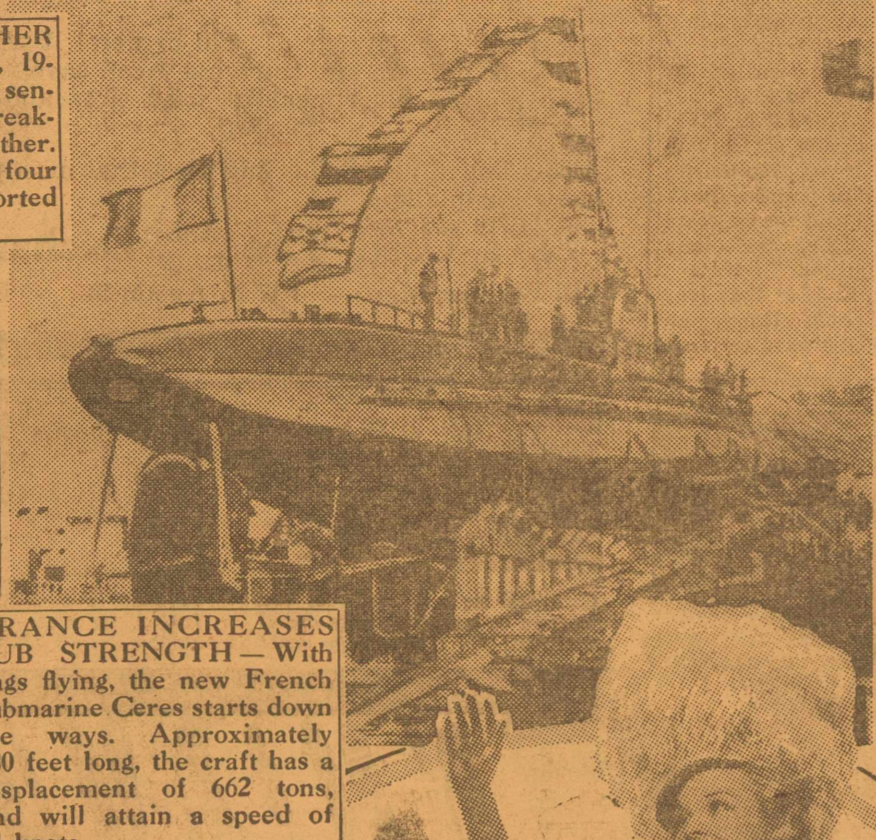
Canada Fears Leak In Defense Secrets

OTTAWA, Ont.—Canadian defense authorities are reported to be concerned over the leakage of the country's defense secrets.

TIMES PHOTO-FLASHES



TIGERS' NEW PITCHER
Freddie Hutchinson, 19-year-old Seattle pitching sensation of last season, breakfasts with his proud mother. The Detroit Tigers gave four players and a reported \$35,000 for him.



FRANCE INCREASES SUB STRENGTH—With flags flying, the new French submarine Ceres starts down the ways. Approximately 280 feet long, the craft has a displacement of 662 tons, and will attain a speed of 14 knots.



—KEEPING FIT—

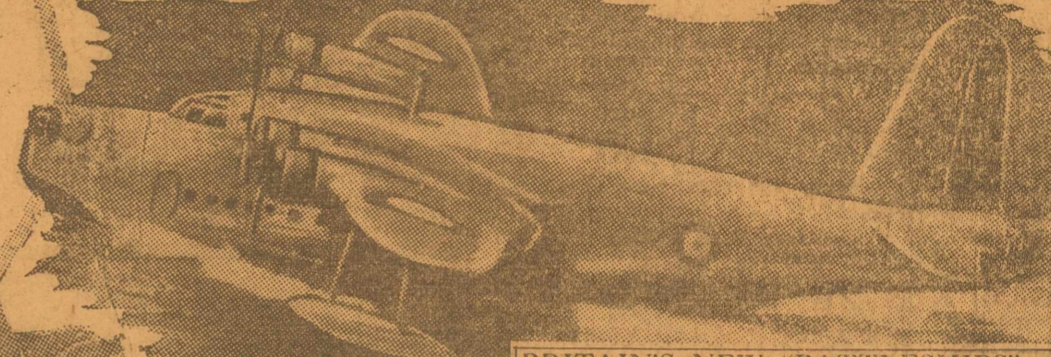
Joining the "keep fit" movement sweeping the nation, Marjorie Stanley (skier on left) and Francayne Semmons, with both also on the toboggan, are shown enjoying two of the winter sports recommended by the National Sports Council. Ice skating is also highly recommended to promote fitness and grace. "Play to keep fit" is the slogan. Eagle River, Wisconsin, is the playground pictured.



EMBARRASSES BRITISH—Jerome Beatty, left, roving reporter for The American Magazine, who reveals for the first time in the current issue how U. S. oil companies developed valuable fields on Bahrein Island, British protectorate in the Persian Gulf. At right is His Highness Sheik Sir Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifah, ruler of Bahrein. Facts concerning enterprising American deal had been guarded to spare Britain's feelings, but Beatty dug them up during secret visit to the Arab island.



"SEASON'S GREETINGS"—And the top of the year to you from Mary (Punkins) Parker, featured Hollywood starlet.



BRITAIN'S NEW "BATTLESHIPS"—The tail of the Sunderland, flagship of the British fleet of flying "battleships." These giant airboats are capable of 3000 mile ocean cruises, carrying bombs and guns. Note the revolving gun turrets, situated in the tail.



72nd COTTON CROP—Norcross, Ga.—At the age of 82 years, William (Uncle Billy) Hughes has finished selling his 72nd cotton crop, which he raised and picked himself. He raised his first crop in 1866, when he was ten years old.



UNWILLING MODELS—Not at all happy about having their picture taken are these playmates. The black and white cat plainly resents the intrusion, and the rabbit is so frightened he is trying to hide.



THEY DISAGREE—Congressman Wright Patman, who will introduce bill at coming session designed to put chain stores out of business, and Mrs. Anna Steese Richardson, director of the Consumer Division of the Crowell Publishing Company, who charges that his bill would throw 900,000 people out of work, and force farmers to find new markets for 30 percent of the foodstuffs they produce.



ART FOR ART'S SAKE—Cleon Throckmorton, stage designer, originates a novel form of art by decorating model Oliva Sceviour's anatomy, in preparation for the annual Greenwich Village Ball in New York City.



MILADY AT HOME—(1) Frou-frou for the bride is this negligee of perverche blue bagheera. Matching curled ostrich makes the sleeves and trims the curved hemline front. (2) An adorable quilted housecoat of shimmering blue and silver lame. It is padded with lamb's wool, lined with taffeta and belted with silver kid. (3) Furred effect in white rayon glorifies the old-fashioned bathrobe. For added luxury it is lined with white satin.



G-E HEAD SUPPORTS PROFIT-SHARING—Washington, D. C.—Gerard Swope, president of the General Electric Company of N. Y., as he testified before a Senate Finance sub-committee investigating profit-sharing plans. Mr. Swope said such systems should encourage worker-saving. 80

