

Hoover Likes Chicago's Schoolboy Patrol



The "schoolboy patrol" in vogue in Chicago, the operation of which is shown in the photograph, is so successful in saving the lives of children in traffic-crowded streets that Secretary Hoover urges its adoption by public school superintendents all over the country.

Demand More National Holidays

Would Make America Lead in Days of Rest.

Washington.—From several quarters come an increasing number of suggestions that new public holidays be added to the already fairly long list. Wilson followers, Hamilton admirers, friends of Roosevelt and many others, actuated by motives of hero-worship, have advocated that one day of each year be set aside to commemorate the memory of three American leaders.

If all these intended subjects were thus honored America would lead as a nation of holidays. Considering its size it already leads. For such countries as England, France, Italy and Germany are much older and have many more heroes to honor, many more excuses for a day of rest.

In a strict sense of the word, the United States has no national legal holidays. Thanksgiving might be counted an exception to this rule, as the President's proclamation virtually makes it so. In a legal sense, however, only the District of Columbia is duty-bound to observe it.

By Common Consent. The same procedure holds in regard to all of the so-called national holidays. By common consent, certain of them are set aside by all of the state legislatures and observed.

Since legal and public holidays are to all practical purposes inseparable, no endeavor is made in the tabulation of holidays by states which follows, to distinguish among them: Alabama, 14; Arizona, 13; Arkansas, 14; California, 14; Colorado, 13; District of Columbia, 7; Connecticut, 11; Delaware, 11; Florida, 14; Georgia, 10; Idaho, 11; Illinois, 11; Indiana, 11; Iowa, 8; Kansas, 11; Kentucky, 11; Massachusetts, 13; Louisiana, 11; Maine, 12; Maryland, 13; Michigan, 10; Minnesota, 11; Mississippi, 10; Missouri, 13; Montana, 13; Nebraska, 13; Nevada, 12; New Hampshire, 11; New Jersey, 13; New Mexico, 9; New York, 12 (inclusive of Spring and Fall primary, not legal); North Carolina, 13; North Dakota, 13; Ohio, 11; Oklahoma, 10; Oregon, 12; Pennsylvania, 12; South Carolina, 11; South Dakota, 11; Texas, 11; Utah, 12; Vermont, 12; Virginia, 11; Washington, 11; West Virginia, 10; Wisconsin, 10; Wyoming, 11.

From this total, one may draw an average of twelve national holidays for the country at large. What the northern, eastern and western states consider a national holiday is not always considered so by the South.

Blame on Gourmands for Torture of Birds

New York.—Thousands of song birds are tortured every year in southern France, Italy and Belgium to satisfy the appetites of gourmands, according to T. Gilbert Pearson, who returned from an international convention for the protection of birds at Luxembourg. He is head of the National Association of Audubon Societies.

Girl, Fresh From School, Runs Big Food Business

New York.—How a girl, fresh from high school, assumed the management of an international corporation with business running into millions was revealed before Oscar W. Ehrhorn, referee in the bankruptcy of the American Foreign Products company.

Suit Over Idol Lasts Seven Years

British Tribunal Sends It Back to Indian Court

London.—A seven-year lawsuit over the guardianship of a Hindu idol was among the curious suits brought before the judicial committee of the privy council (the final Supreme Court of Appeal of the British empire) and the committee, after weighing the evidence with due regard to Indian susceptibilities and the innate love of the Oriental for lengthy and involved judgments, succeeded in "passing the buck" rather neatly.

In a word, the tribunal ordered that the idol be legally represented by a disinterested next friend, appointed by the Indian court, who should endeavor to set forth the viewpoint of the idol itself.

Cop Thinks Dog Is Cat; Shoots It Nine Times

Pittsburgh.—Policeman John J. Joyce is in difficulties.

Humanity society officials declare he is disgracefully cruel. They are up in arms. Authorities on firearms denounce him as a "rotten marksman" and city efficiency experts declare him guilty of shameful waste of the municipality's powder and lead.

Joyce was called to the home of Fance Strella, 217 Renova street, Hazelwood, to kill Strella's pet poodle. The dog had suffered a broken leg. Joyce took a stance six feet away and fired five shots into the animal. It squirmed and yelped. Four more shots ended its life.

Joyce's comrades in the police department explained that Joyce never had seen any small fancy poodles and supposed the animal was a cat.

He gave it a bullet for each of its nine lives, they explained. But that doesn't satisfy the Human society folk. They have supplied the police with a book on how to kill painlessly.

Lord Shaw, of Dunfermline, famous Scottish jurist, delivering judgment on behalf of the privy council, said that it would be better in the interests of all concerned that the members of the family should be joined and a scheme formulated to regulate the worship of the idol.

The decision will doubtless be hailed as ineffectual proof of the wisdom and justice of the privy council by millions of Hindus, who have been following the progress of the suit with the utmost anxiety, as affecting their rights in the matter of idol worship.

Snake-Bite Toll Heavy

New York.—In the last three years more than 400 people have died in the United States from the effects of snake bites, according to estimates compiled from a survey by Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of reptiles at the New York Zoological park in the Bronx. Of these the greater number have been bitten in our Southern states.

Black hair worn like a madonna, and clothes the height of good taste, Paula answered the questions of eight lawyers with brilliance.

Miss Greenberg loyally defended the rich Greek importer against charges that he neglected several New York banks of some \$430,000.

Phylades hired the girl, fresh from Washington Irving high school in 1917, at \$9 a week.

Nothing succeeds like the success of some people's failures.

IT WAS A PRIVATE QUARREL

By WILLIAM T. DAVANT

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DEVIL ANSE CANFIELD gazed quietly at the man before him. His thumb fumbled the hammer of a brown rifle, a nervous trick which had worn the steel smooth, presently.

"Yes, I do." The man to whom he spoke was clad in overalls. His smooth-shaven face was tanned darkly. His upper lip had the peculiar puffy effect which betrayed the fact that a mustache had been sacrificed.

"What're ye from? What kinda work kin ye do?" The stranger met the searching gray eyes for the first time. "Stranger," he said, frankly, "to be square with you, I ain't going to tell you where I come from. I'll say this much: I ain't always worn these kind of clothes and a look at my hands will show you that I ain't a laboring man, although I'm willing to do anything that will pay my board and keep for a month or two."

The case was not unusual. The country is well suited to the needs of men who have come under the displeasure of the law. On one side of Tug river is West Virginia, on the other lies the state of Kentucky. Hills, valleys, valleys and more hills; the landscape presents a monotonous ruggedness which discourages pursuit.

Once across the river, the fugitive is safe until the slow process of extradition is gone through with. Anse fumbled the hammer of his rifle, always keeping the muzzle directed toward the other.

"I'll take ye, furriner," he pronounced, after giving him due consideration. "Whenever ull ye be ready to go to work?" "I'm ready now." He picked up a bundle of clothes and prepared to follow his employer.

The old man wheeled like a cat. "No ye don't," he snarled, his eyes red suspicion. "Ye go fast." Without a word the younger obeyed.

"At a clearing," he announced, an embitterment of somber menace. With his head sunk into his bowed shoulders he was never at rest. His keen gray eyes under shaggy brows darted now this way, now that; his beaked nose seemed to sniff the air suspiciously.

The meal finished, the host escorted the laborer into the living room. A certain look of constraint seemed to leave him as he picked up his rifle and fumbled the hammer.

He caught his guest's eye and chuckled: "Somehow I don't never seem right unless I'm totin' ole Betsy." "I reckon there are some pretty tough men in these hills," the other responded, looking with concern at his blistered palms.

"They's five thousand dollars reward fer me in Kaintuck an' I hafter be keefin' I hain't one uh th' McBees. My men knows 'em all an' they hain't one uh 'em could cross Tug river alone. What I'm nerras about is these here smart, Jack detectives. They hain't nothin' to hinder 'em from comin' to me, like ye done, fer a job, an' waitin' fer a chanst to capture me when I hain't on my guard."

"That's why you carry the rifle with you all the time," exclaimed the hired man, in sudden enlightenment.

Credit for "Discovery" of Pacific Is Balboa's

One of the finest sonnets in the English language is that which Keats wrote after reading Chapman's translation of "Homer." The poet compares his delight with that which "stout Cortez" must have felt when he gazed at the Pacific from "a peak in Darien," and knew that in all probability he was the first white man who had seen that ocean.

Probably Keats has done more than anyone else to impress upon people's minds that Cortez, the conqueror of Mexico, was also the discoverer of the Pacific.

Legal Phrase

Doctor Vitzelly says of the word "personality": "It is sometimes considered to mean articles of personal adornment. It does not. It is a legal term now in contradiction to realty and includes all movables as money, personal property of any kind whatever, as household goods; chattels, real and personal; things movable as distinguished from realty or immoveable property."

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LACKING IN FAITH

The prisoner came before the court on a charge of murder. Many distinguished legal lights had assembled to hear the case.

The charge was read out, and the Judge, as is usual, asked the man in the dock if he would like to be defended by an attorney.

"No, my lord," came the reply. "This is too serious a matter."

Good as a Scarecrow

Said a woman to her neighbor over the suburban garden wall, "I hope my daughter's singing does not annoy you."

"On the contrary," came the sweet reply, "my husband and I appreciate it very much. It keeps the birds away from our berry bushes."

Rather Curious

One of those pests known to every one met Florence Finn hastening from rehearsal.

"You didn't know who I was when I called you up yesterday, did you?" he inquired.

"No," Miss Finn answered, absently. "Who were you?"

Fond of Fishes

A negro was offered a job feeding sharks.

"Naw, sah, boss, me and sharks ain't friends."

"Why, boy, sharks don't eat black meat?"

"Ah know, but it's just mah luck to meet wid one dat's blind."

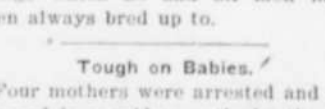
Water Called Soup

"Another helping of soup, please." "Water? You appear to like our soup, sir."

"Well, you see, my doctor ordered me to take the hot water cure for indigestion, so I'm obeying his orders."

—Gaulth Evening Mercury.

TOO REALISTIC



"Did you enjoy the amateur dramatic show last night?"

"Well, I thought it was too realistic."

"Really?"

"Yes, it added to the program, 'One hour is supposed to elapse between the first and second acts,' and it actually did."—Windsor Magazine.

Language on the Loose

Good diction is of little use in work, however skilled; but when profanity turns loose, the audience is thrilled.

And It's a Good One.

Looking pleasant can become a habit as well as anything else.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Authority's Strength.

Authority is by nothing so much strengthened and confirmed as by custom, for no man easily distrusts the things which he and all men have been always bred up to.

Tough on Babies.

Four mothers were arrested and six escaped in a raid recently by the police of Cardiff, England, to stop the wheeling of baby carriages on the pavements.

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Fresh Air and Sunshine. No matter how well fed the child may be, it will never bring roses and a healthy color to his cheeks if he is not given plenty of fresh air and sunlight. Mothers, let some of the work go and get out those lovely days with your kiddies. It will benefit the whole family and prove more important in the long run than "a spotless house at all times."—Exchange.

Pillows Not of Pine. The forest service says that pine needles are not generally used in making pillows. While the pillows are called "pine pillows," the needles are generally those of the balsam fir, or spruce — either red, white or black spruce. No special time of the year is specified for gathering these needles, since they are evergreens.

The Perfume Bearers. And because the breath of flowers is far sweeter in the air (where it comes and goes, like the warbling of music) than in the hand, therefore nothing is more fit for that delicate touch than to know what be the flowers and plants that do best perfume the air.—Francis Bacon.

Find Relief in Books. To divert at any time a troublesome fancy, run to thy books; they presently fix thee to them, and drive the other out of thy thoughts. They always receive thee with the same kindness.—Fuller.

Keep Watch on Tongue. If your foot slip you may recover your balance, but if your tongue slip you cannot recall your words.—Telugu Proverb.

Ordinary Matches a Menace. Don't allow employees to use any but safety matches. As an inducement, furnish them at wholesale prices, yourself. The presence of ordinary or parent matches in their pockets is a constant menace.

Rub With Oil. After you have washed the tiles on your grate or floor give them an extra rub with an old silk handkerchief moistened with linseed oil.

Advancement. To cure is the voice of the past; to prevent is the divine whisper of today.—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

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