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June 5, 1928 And again He entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that He was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and He preached the word unto them. Mark 2:1-2.

OUR NEIGHBORS, THE FIJIAN

The flight of the Southern Cross, 3138 miles over the Pacific, from Honolulu to Suva, in 34 hours and 33 minutes, ending early last evening, Pacific time, as told about in the Associated Press report, did several things—

It broke the world's record for a flight over the waves in point of distance, for one thing—

For another, it made the Fijians our neighbors; and it made these interesting people the neighbors of all the rest of the enlightened world.

There are about 140,000 of them. Suva, where the Southern Cross landed, is the capital of the Fiji Islands. It is a seaport on the island of Viti Levu, the largest of the group, with 4112 square miles of territory. The whole group has 7740 square miles of territory—say about four times as large as Marion county.

The people are all Christians; they have been converted and educated by missionaries; American missionaries, mostly. The majority can read and write. They were cannibals when our missionaries first went among them.

They are cleanly, intelligent, tall and muscular, and they are skillful navigators and good agriculturists.

The Fiji Islands are a British colony.

The rest of the world will take a greater interest in these people since they have become neighbors through the flight of the Southern Cross over the Pacific—

Blazing a sea trail, marking an air route, between the North American continent and the island continent of Australia. The pioneer air craft for this historic journey is well named the Southern Cross, the four bright stars of the southern hemisphere that make the imagery in the heavens that give them the designation.

WHAT DOPE DOES

(The Portland Telegram)

This is the story of a tragedy that may now be told without offense since all of its leading characters are dead.

In one of the pleasant towns of Oregon, where home-loving Good-fearing folk placidly passed their decent lives, there was a physician of unusual skill in his profession, a lover of music and good books, a kindly, courteous, gallant gentleman, proud of his name and the home in which his gracious wife dispensed the generous hospitality that was their common pleasure.

Sometimes the stern demands of his calling overtaxed his energies; sometimes the tension of overwrought nerves brought pain that he was not strong enough to bear, and such times he found relief in cautious doses of narcotics he had at hand and which he felt his superior knowledge enabled him to use with safety.

From that point, the tragedy begins, a long slow, bitter thing, trailing its fearful way through years of agony and disgrace. The proud and patient wife did all that honor could fight this subtle, gruesome enemy, but there came a time when the wretched victim turned against her and found a more pliant and complaisant companion whose eyes held no reproach for the shaken, broken thing he had become. After far too long a time—too long for his tortured body, too long for his old-time friends, too long for his heartbroken family, the man died.

SUGAR ITEMS INTEREST US

There are two news articles in the current issue of "Facts About Sugar," New York, the leading newspaper devoted to the sugar industry, that interest us—

One to the effect that the Canadian tariff advisory board is having hearings on a petition of the beet sugar people for an increase on the import duty on refined sugar, as a measure for the protection of the Canadian beet sugar industry. The beet sugar producers in that country are protected to the extent of \$1.89 a hundred pounds on refined sugar. That is not as high as the American rate for refined sugar; but that does not amount to anything in this country, because the differential in favor of Cuban raw sugar gives the producers of the United States only \$1.76 a hundred pounds protection.

The rate should be higher, both for Canada and the United States. The arguments of the Canadian beet sugar people are like this: The beet sugar industry "is essential because of the need of farmers on irrigated land for a higher acreage return, a cultivated rotation crop, balanced farm operations, winter employment and cheap fodder for their stock, all of which the beet crop provides."

The same arguments are applicable to the United States—To the Willamette valley.

The other item is to the effect that the Louisiana cane sugar people are expecting an output of 170,000 tons this year, against 70,000 tons last year, and they expect to have new variety canes sufficient for a 300,000 ton crop in 1929.

That is very encouraging for Louisiana; a great comeback for the industry, due to the increase in acreage of the disease resisting canes. The beet sugar tonnage of the United States is about a million tons a year.

With the differential on Cuban raw sugar taken off, and a rate half as high as the combined English duty and subsidy, which amount to about five cents a pound—

That is, with two and a half cents a pound duty on sugar in the United States, this country would very soon become self contained in sugar, and that would conserve for use in the commerce of this country around a half billion dollars a year; with more than that much additional values in indirect bene-

fits; yes, several times that much value, in building up the dairying and kindred industries, and in large tonnages of other crops following sugar beets in rotation.

And this would mean major irrigation development in the Willamette valley, and beet sugar factories here.

So this Canadian demand for higher protective rates is interesting here; so is the boom in the cane sugar industry in Louisiana, for that gives strength to the backing the whole industry will have in this country in demanding decent and business like, and statesman like, treatment.

If the farmers of the United States will get behind this idea, as they have lined up behind the McNary-Haugen idea, they will put over a campaign for a self contained country in sugar—

And such a campaign, crowned with success, would help to hurry the time when there will be no need for the McNary idea being applied at all.

The beautiful house had long since gone and the wife who had once made it a home was left ashamed and penniless, to live as she could on the poor wages of her untaught hands or the tear-salted bread of charity until at last kind death gave her release.

It is a tragedy far too common and one of the actors never dies, the evil meance of the treacherous dope that is the motif and cause of these heartbreaking dramas.

"The world is on wheels." That is a common expression. The world is growing wings. "The world is on wings," it will be ere long.

W. B. D. Dodson, manager of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, in his address to the Salem Chamber of Commerce at the noon luncheon yesterday, gave some good hints to our people. A number of them. One, for instance, to the effect that we ought to take more interest in developing our farming sections. He said every farm worker is equal to an industrial worker in giving business to the city. We have room for a hundred workers on our farm lands where we have one now. And the hundred will be on the average and more prosperous than the one.

4 AIRMAN COMPLETE FLIGHT TO ISLANDS

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an aviation field of 450 yards long, trees being sacrificed to the axes, wires removed and other obstructions removed. Upon a park lawn like a bowling green the huge bird of the air came to rest after breasting the thousands of miles of storm wind that fought against it.

Communication Interrupted

With the islands in sight, there was a period of waiting for the word that was to inform the world of the triumphant landing at Suva. This was due to the radio antenna being reeled in to permit the landing to be made.

This act was made known in the last message from James Warner, radio operator, before cutting communication. That message contained a friendly greeting to fellow operators. It said:

"Southern Cross is in sight of Fiji Islands now. Seventy-three (best regards) to all operators. I guess I'll reel in now. 73."

Disaster threatened throughout the flight. In the long sweep of 3,132 miles of water there were only two landing places at which it was thought possible to alight without smashing plane and killing crew; and having landed, they could not have taken flight again.

Landing Spots Scarce

These two possible landing places were the coral atolls of Canton and Enderbury in the Phoenix group, 1,868 miles from the starting point at the Barking Sands of Kauai Island. Protruding twenty to thirty feet above the waves, the rings of sand offered virtually the only hope for life of the aviators should their land plane be forced to the water and fall to float.

The Southern Cross began its great air journey from Oakland, Cal., at 8:51 a. m. Thursday after a preparation of many months, including many endurance flights.

In arriving, Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith and three companions put behind them 5538 miles of their overocean flight of 7800 miles from Oakland, Cal., to Sydney, Australia, but they lost twenty hours in crossing the international time meridian.

The flight from Hawaii required 34 hours and 33 minutes.

SUVA DESCRIBED AS LARGE PIECE OF LAND

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ise any powers or privileges which might be interpreted as do-

ing a banking business, and, therefore, subjecting them to the supervision of the state banking department?

"Is there any infringement or conflict, or any implication indicating that their business is the business of a bank due to the use of the letters 'ban' in their corporate name?"

"Since the holding corporations in actual practice are acquiring control of banks through stock ownership and controlling stock interest, would this be interpreted that they are in any way doing a banking business as defined by the statutes of this state, inasmuch as the management and control is held by the bancorporation?"

"Branch banking is prohibited in this state as set forth in section 113, and are the bancorporations violating this section, or conducting branch banking, since they control more than one institution engaged in the banking business?"

"Section 2, Article XI, of the state constitution imposes a double liability upon the stockholders of corporations or joint stock companies conducting the business of banking, and an opinion is requested as to whether or not the stockholders of the bancorporations are subject to double stock liability, or if the double stock liability merely rests with the bancorporation. In other words is the bancorporation conducting the business of banking so that its stockholders are subject to the double stock liability?"

The articles of the new bancorporations were filed in the state corporation department, and not with the state superintendent of banks. The questions were sub-

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mitted to the attorney general following receipt of a letter from Elton Watkins, Portland attorney, in which he indicated that a suit would be filed in the courts to determine whether the bancorporations are legal.

RUSSIANS PLANNING NOBILE EXPEDITION

MOSCOW, Russia, June 4.—(AP).—Russian preparations for an expedition to seek the missing dirigible Italia took a turn today when the Nobile relief commission decided to send searchers by ship and airplanes to Franz Josef land, a desolate archipelago east of Spitzbergen.

The decision to survey Franz Josef land grew out of the receipt of a message by the relief commission from a radio amateur at Zovesensk in North Dvinsk province bordering Archangel that he had picked up what appeared to be an appeal for help directly from the Italia.

The message, as transmitted to the relief commission was as follows: "Italia Nobile Franz Josef SOS, SOS, SOS, Terri teno ehn." (No explanation was given on the last three words of the message which may have been garbled in receipt.)

The radio amateur said that he received the message on a 33.35 meter wave corresponding to the Italia's radio station.

While there was no further message to support belief that this may have been the Italia broadcasting directly, the commission was convinced of the possibility that General Nobile had come down at Franz Josef land since all wind conditions at the time of the Italia's disappearance ten days ago would support the theory that the dirigible easily might have been blown toward the uninhabited archipelago.

The exact time that the message was supposed to have been heard by the amateur was not stated, but the commission first heard of it last night.

The Russian plans for the Franz Josef land expedition call for an expedition consisting of ice breakers and airships.

FINAL ATTENDANCE SCHOOLS REPORTED

Report of attendance in the Salem schools for the last month of the year, ending June 1, was announced yesterday from the city superintendent's office, and showed a total enrollment for the year of 5,465 as against 5,130 of June 3, 1927.

Enrollment in each school this year and last at the end of the year:

Englewood, 357, 376; Garfield, 411, 414; Grant, 324, 348; Highland, 372, 367; Lincoln, 186 (only four grades taught there this year) 447 (first six grades last year); McKinley 271, 256 (first six grades this year; junior high last year); Park, 361, 333; Richmond, 312, 342; Washington, 220, idle last year; Parrish, 955, 1042; high school, 1203, 1204; Leslie, 505, new this year.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

June 4, 1908

The annual commencement of the college of oratory of Williamette university was held at the First Methodist church last night. Miss Mabel L. Carter is director of the college. Misses May Chapler, Edna Parrish and Elma Byrne were the graduates.

A force of carpenters will begin construction of a grandstand at C. A. A. C. park this morning.

The county commissioners today opened bids for grading Simmons hill on the Monitor-Mt. Angel road.

Prof. W. D. Yoder, who was for 10 years principal of the Salem schools, has returned from Sumpter, where he has been teaching, and will spend his summer vacation here.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The first conference of the state and national boards of health under the act of June 1, 1902, began here today.

BOISE, Idaho—Two children were drowned yesterday afternoon in the Boise river.

20 TO ATTEND CAMP

FULL PROGRAM PLANNED FOR BOYS' SUMMER OUTING

Twenty boys have completed arrangements to attend the Salem and Marion county YMCA boys' camp at Netarts from July 24 to August 6.

The program this year will be

THE MORNING ARGUMENT

AUNT HET By Robert Quillen



"I know vanity is wicked, but I can't help bein' proud of my pie crust an' the way I can put on his patch."

POOR PA By Claude Callan



"My rich brother never really visits us. He just stops by for a few minutes occasionally on his way to more prosperity."

as interesting as ever. The schedule of activities includes nature study, athletics, fishing, swimming, devotionals, hiking and good eats. The last activity, generally considered as a major activity, will be under the able supervision of Burton Crary, well known as dietician and camp chef.

Dwight Adams, northwest conference basketball star, will be in charge of sports and hikes. Chief George Bent, disciplinarian of Chemawa Indian school and ex-Chicago football star will direct nature study and Indian craft. Associated with him will be Leo Simmons, Portland Mazama who will also give instruction in photography. These are only a few of the expert workers who will direct the activities of this year's camp.

Boys who have attended the camp in other seasons declare it an

ideal vacation and tell that they have learned about God through nature, and have made fine new friends who have meant much to them.

Any boy in Marion county over 12 years of age who wants the camp training and will cooperate with the rules of the camp may go. This year's camp will be limited to a total of 60. In former years boys have come from Silverton, Woodburn, Stayton, Salem and other parts of the county.

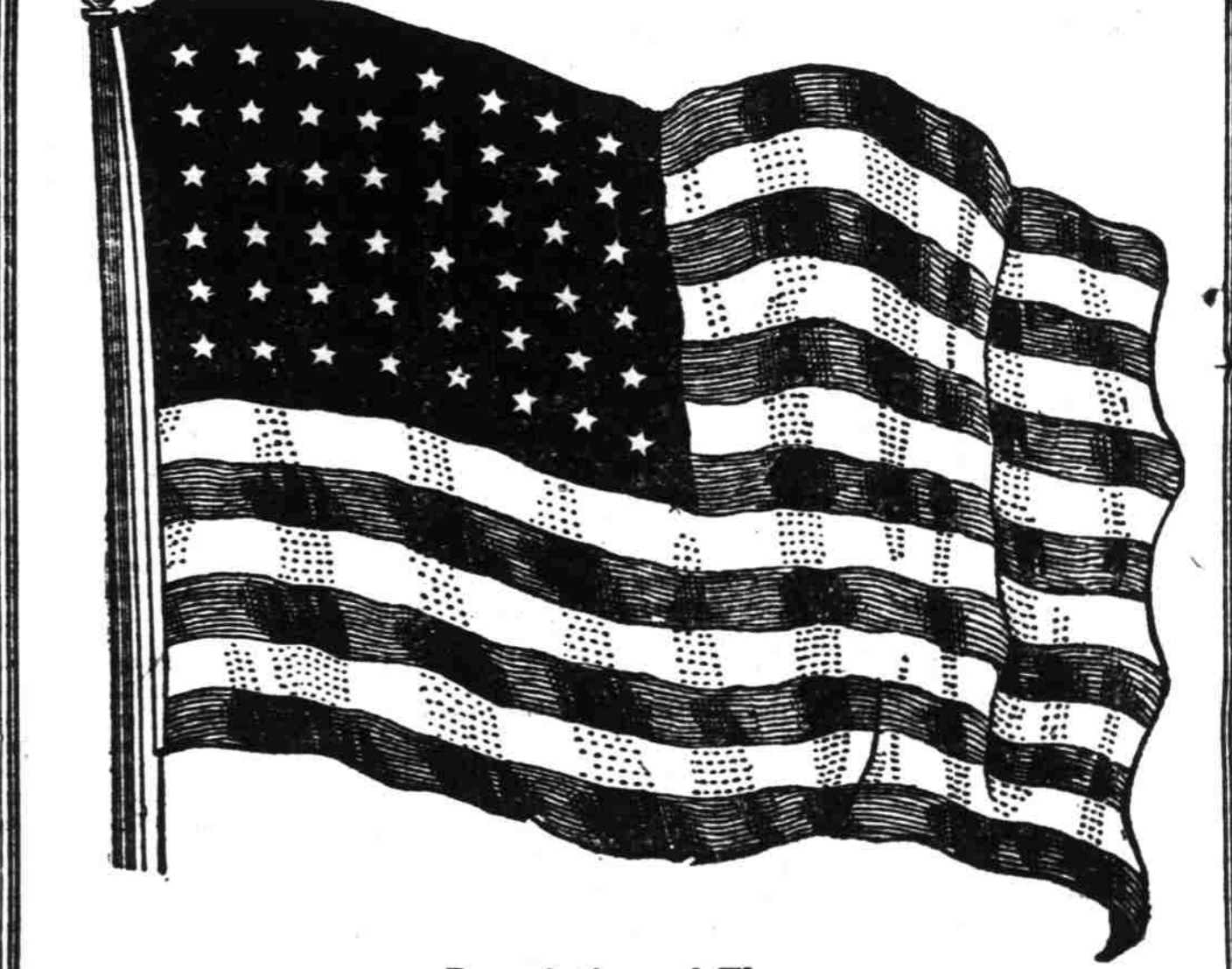
Sympathy For Motorists

PARIS—So many towns are taxing every visiting automobile that the council of state is asked to abolish the privilege. First tax was for parking but now no body escapes.

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