

Strong Man Reveals How Tricks are Done

Seattle, Aug. 13 (AP)—In the words of Demetrius Tofalos of New York, even for a weakling it is nothing in tearing one of those thick big-city telephone books in half.

And to Tofalos it's a laugh in letting automobiles run over your stomach or in watching or doing some of those spectacular strength stunts.

Here to attend the national convention of the Fraternal Order of O'Hopa, Tofalos gave reporters the lowdown today on some of the old gags used in some professional strong man acts.

"The telephone book can be held so that even a child can tear it," he demonstrated.

Hold the book sidewise, stagger the pages toward you while the front cover faces the audience and hides the work you are doing behind it. Then, while the pages are staggered, grip the book with both hands and tear one or two or three pages at a time. To the audience it looks Herculean.

Tofalos was one of the most noted professional strong men of the last generation. In 1906 he won the Olympic weight-lifting championship at Athens. He won the international wrestling tourney 23 years ago at New York. Until recent years he was a professional wrestler and promoter. Currently he is a wine importer.

The automobile stunt required no more than a normally-developed stomach and a private understanding with the automobile driver that he won't dally too long.

"You have two platforms, one up to the stomach and one down from the stomach. So put maybe 12 persons in the automobile, and it looks terrible. So you take a deep breath, they drive the automobile over you, the wheel isn't on your stomach long and most of the weight is on the other wheels anyway. It's a laugh," he said.

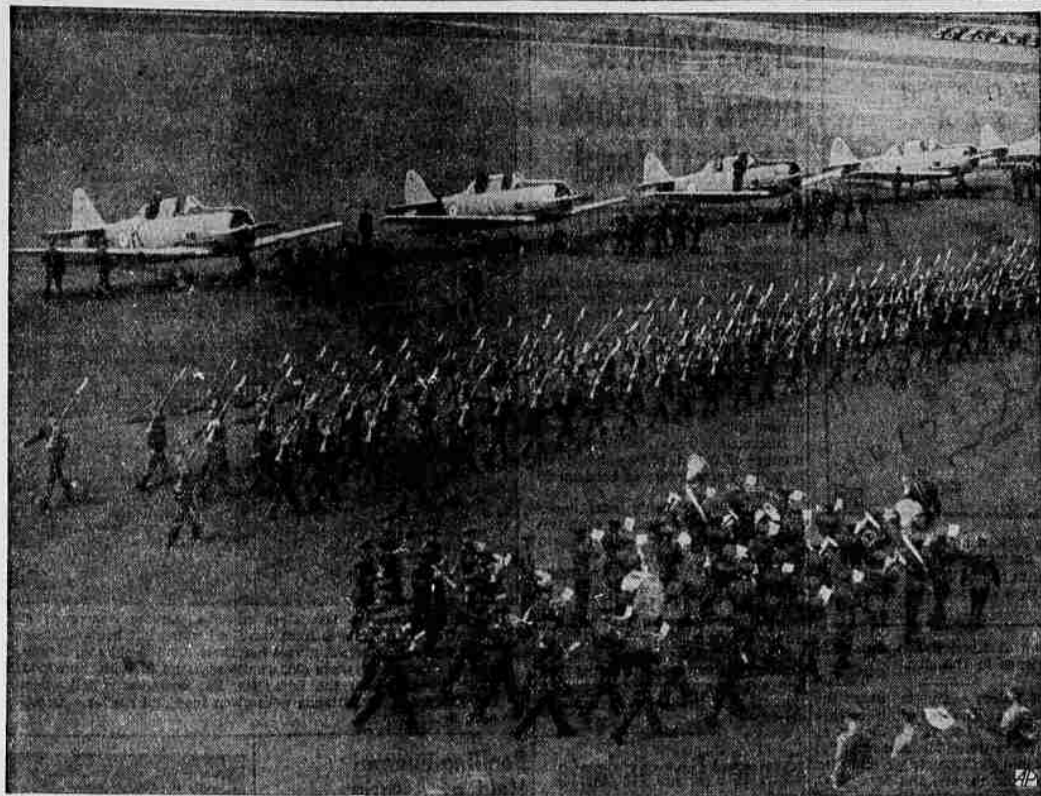
Secret Clubs All Doomed

Vichy, France, Aug. 13 (AP)—A government decree abolishing all secret societies, including the Masons, will be published shortly in the official journal. It was learned Monday. Masonry will then be prohibited in all of western Europe.

Marshal Henri Philippe Petain, chief of state, and his council of ministers have discussed the decree in detail.

Since the term of Emile Loubet, 1899-1906, every French president has been a Free Mason. The greatest single political development in France in recent years was the separation of church and state during Loubet's term of office. Eleven out of 12 cabinet ministers were Free Masons and numerous government leaders in succeeding cabinets belonged to the order.

Non-Masons have contended that the Masons in the highest posts in the cabinet, army and parliament have been out of proportion with Masonic numerical strength.



CANADA OPENS A NEW FLYING SCHOOL.—First of 16 such schools to be established, coast to coast, is this new pilot training school of the Royal Canadian air force at Uplands airport, Ottawa. Above was ceremony at school's dedication.

Sprague States Training Views

Governor Charles A. Sprague of Oregon has stated his views on selective compulsory military training in a telegram to the National Emergency Committee of the Military Training Camps Association.

"The governor's message follows: 'I recognize need of adequate and trained force available for war purpose. I also believe that if the army is to be sharply expanded that some form of compulsory selective service is required. I must leave to federal authorities including the congress the decision as to whether the present emergency makes immediate compulsory training necessary.'

Governor Sprague's sentiments were expressed in a poll conducted by the National Emergency Committee. Preliminary returns show that only one governor in 18 has declared direct opposition to compulsory training.

In a survey of editorials in the nation's daily newspapers, the committee has found that 90.5 per cent favor selective compulsory training, while the percentage for the mid-west states is almost as high—87.5 per cent.

Reds Blocked
Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 13 (AP)—Circuit Judge Julian F. Bouchelle today granted the American Legion a temporary injunction restraining Secretary of State W. S. O'Brien from placing the communist party ticket on the state's November 5 election ballot.



GERMAN CULTURE.—"Girl Gasne" is the title of this figure by Fritz Kilmisch, seen in a German art exhibition recently opened at Munich. Goebbels, in opening the exhibit, said that "art, even in wartime, is part of Nazi totalitarianism."

Marriage May Be No Security

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—Young men who take their best girls' hands and rush to the marriage license bureau to become husbands before Uncle Sam can draft them for military duty, have no assurance they won't be called for a year's active training under terms of the Burke-Wadsworth conscription bill now before the senate.

The measure contains no specific exemption for married men. They will be required to register for service, just as any other male citizen from 21 through 30 years of age if it becomes law.

The president is authorized, however, to defer the training "of those men in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their deferment advisable." The measure contains no definition of "dependents."

Interim Group to Meet Monday

Portland, Aug. 13 (AP)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague's interim committee to study the Oregon workmen's compensation law will hold a public hearing at the Central Library here next Monday, Chairman Victor P. Morris of Eugene announced Monday.

Morris said all interested persons, including workers, employers, lawyers and doctors, are welcome to attend and express their views on proposed amendments or additions to the law. Members of the committee in addition to Morris are C. W. Boardman, Roscoe Craycraft, G. O. Hunter, E. E. Lage, O. R. Miller and Carl G. Washburne.

Visitors in Brooks
Brooks—Miss Catherine Lyons of Portland and her brother, Howard Lyons of Lebanon, were week-end guests of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bosch, Miss Marie Bosch and Jack Bosch.

Uniforms to Be Different

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 13 (AP)—Uniforms worn by northern and southern armies in their war games later this week will be different if not dressy, it was revealed Monday.

The southern army in Centralia area will be garbed in the common blue denim or fatigue uniforms ordinarily worn for rough work around camp. Regular army men will wear both pants and coats while guardsmen of the "blue" army will wear only the blue jackets over khaki pants.

The northern or "red" army around Fort Lewis will wear regular khaki uniforms with hats and a red armband.

Defense to Take Lot of Lumber

Portland, Ore., Aug. 13 (AP)—National defense needs as soon as congress approves legislation will include 5,000,000 board feet of lumber, Dr. Wilson M. Compton said Monday.

Dr. Compton, secretary-manager of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, said the total was 20 per cent of the nation's annual lumber output and more than Oregon mills cut in a year.

"There is plenty of timber in the United States, with Oregon and Washington leading in the largest of stands, for any and all purposes of the nation in defense, come what will," the lumberman continued, "and the producers have ample milling facilities to produce, so there will be no bottleneck so far as that end of the huge program for Uncle Sam is concerned."

Washington, Aug. 13 (AP)—The federal bureau of narcotics reported Monday that drug addiction in the United States in 1939 was at the lowest point since enactment of the Harrison narcotic law in 1914.

There were not more than 50,000 addicts in the United States last year, the bureau said.

Union Files Charge Against Lumber Firm

Baker, Aug. 13 (AP)—Charges have been placed against the Stoddard Lumber company of Baker with the national labor relations board by the American Federation of Labor on the grounds that the company officials have failed to bargain in good faith with the union relative to the settlement of a strike called last week.

Charles Paddock, AFL representative, stated that a telegram has been sent to the NLRB, requesting that a field examiner be sent to Baker as soon as possible, and that he has telephoned state officials asking that a state labor conciliator be sent to Baker immediately.

Paddock said an agreement was virtually reached last week when the union submitted a plan to collect dues from members by the check-off system. He added that the company agreed to bargain on that basis if the NLRB would agree to the legality of the method. Later, Paddock said, a letter was received from a representative of the NLRB to the effect that the board would probably not pass on the legality of the question, but that no case had ever been ruled illegal, unless it involved an illegal union, in which case the check-off system was used.

Loggers are also still requesting that an adjustment be made in wages among the laborers in the skilled brackets. The company offered a blanket wage increase of two and a half cents per hour shortly after the union had asked for an increase of 10 cents per hour. The company's figure was accepted by the workers in Baker.

California Hop Growers Report

Santa Rosa, Cal., Aug. 13 (AP)—Thirty California hop growers reported on crop conditions and the saleability of their 1940 crops Monday at a federal department of agriculture hearing here.

The hearing was the third of a series. The others were held in Yakima, Wash., and Salem, Ore., last week.

secretary of agriculture will determine the amount of hops to be handled under a federal marketing program for interstate and foreign commerce this season.

The consensus here was that this would be a good hops year despite trouble with mildew earlier in the year. The growers represented Sonoma, Mendocino and Sacramento valley counties.

Woman Aged 101 Dies at Stella, Wash.

Longview, Aug. 13 (AP)—Mrs. Charlotte McAdam, who observed her 101st birthday anniversary last

November 21, died this morning at her home at nearby Stella. Her husband died in 1889. She is survived by a son, Fred, and a daughter, Mrs. Salena Brock, both of Stella. Mrs. McAdam was born in Canada and came here in 1880. The funeral will be Thursday.

Guests Noble Home
Independence — Chief of Police William Noble and wife have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. George B. Harris of Klamath Falls. They are long time friends of the Noble family having known them when they lived in the Salmon river valley in Idaho several years ago.

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