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## Fragments of Fact and Fancy

The story of the lemmings in Norway which periodically move in hordes down the mountain sides and plunge into the sea, only to drown when exhausted, has always been a most fascinating phenomenon of nature. A writer in a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post ascribes this mass suicide to a Vitamin-rich green alga on lichens of the far north which furnishes the food for the small rat-like lemming. Over-stimulated by this too powerful food, the meek little animals become bold and prolific, crowd their home territory until they burst forth, losing all their instinct of self-preservation.

If it is something the lemmings eat which robs them of their normal instinct, we wonder if there is a recurrent natural food of some kind growing in Germany which over-stimulates its inhabitants, causing them to crush other peoples with unreasoning but fanatical armed forces.

Of course, such a suggestion, puts mankind on the par with the animals (which is too high a rating for many of the Nazi butchers). Instead, it must not be forgotten that man does not live by bread alone and, in spite of the dark abyss into which the peoples of this twentieth century have been plunged, there is a path upward which future generations will climb and that in some distant time if not in our generation war will be learned no more.

A few years ago the American people thought the draft age, which started at twenty-one years was too young and it was with difficulty that the registering of eighteen, nineteen and twenty year olds was written into the law.

But in spite of the fact we have seen almost all the boys just out of high school enrolled in the armed services, it was with a shock that we read an advertisement a day or so ago with this heading: "Attention 17-Year Old Men! The Army Air Corps Wants You Now!" Boys are men now even as they were in the pioneer days of our country. And the beardless youth can do the job for which a man of thirty is too old.

The same week the threat came of a monster robot bomb capable of being fired in Germany-held territory to land in New York City and destroy the largest metropolis in the world, there was also announced the discovery of a new medical treatment for one of the scourges of childhood, and this promises in time to save more victims than any bombs from Germany may kill.

Infantile paralysis is a disease that strikes terror in any mother's heart if her child is exposed to it and many researchers have worked to conquer it. From Chicago comes the news that scientists there have developed a vaccine which prevents polio in mice. By perfecting an ultra-violet ray lamp, they were able to kill the polio germs but it did not destroy the germs' ability to immunize a mouse when injections were made into the rodent's body.

This new method of immunization promises relief from not one disease but from scores of other ills, which afflict the human body, such as boils, sleepings sickness, rabies, etc.

The cause of the explosion of the two munition ships in San Francisco Bay Monday evening may never be established because there are no immediate witnesses nor evidence left. Just as mysterious as the time was the Black Tom dock explosion and fire in Jersey City on July 30, 1916, though later it was proved due to enemy action. Only two persons were killed in that disaster but the property loss amounted to \$22,000,000. The Halifax disaster of Dec. 6, 1917, is more comparable to the one this week. The explosion of a munition ship in that Canadian harbor, due to collision, caused a fire that destroyed one-third of the city, killed 1,226 with an additional 400 missing, burned 3,000 houses and resulted in twenty million dollars damage.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO

(Taken from The Sentinel of Friday, July 18, 1924)

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Krantz this week sold the confectionery and news stand they have conducted on Front street, opposite the Busy Corner, to Aaron Wilson. His daughter, Miss Irma, who will conduct the place, took charge Wednesday.

The funeral of Mrs. Roy Gudmundson (nee Vesta R. Boyrie), and infant son, Robert, is being held at the Ellingson Chapel this afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. H. V. Moore and under the auspices of Mamie Rebekah Lodge.

The following officers of Coquille Lodge, No. 53, I. O. O. F., will be installed this evening: H. C. Getz, W. E. Bosserman, W. W. Rhule, J. L. Stevens, E. A. Wimer, W. F. Oerding, W. E. Buell, Fred Wimer, Lester Clinton, M. A. Pankey, Stanley Phillips, E. V. Leach and Geo. Oerding.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Perrott left yesterday afternoon in their sedan for a two weeks' trip to California.

Mrs. Tex Robison, (nee Priscilla Medlock) died at the home of her daughter at Fishtrap July 11, 1924, being past 76 years of age at the time of her death.

### Timely Topics

By R. T. Moore

The leading topic of the week was the statement by the President that he would accept the Democratic nomination and would serve a fourth time, if re-elected. The only prominent person who expressed surprise over this announcement was Mrs. Roosevelt. There now remains only the question of who is to be the running mate and this has split the party wide open with the leftists supporting Mr. Wallace and the conservatives bitterly opposing him.

The obvious strategy of F. D. R. will be to dump the entire problem into the lap of the Democratic Convention. The maneuver will be successful if the Convention can reach agreement on any single candidate. But F. D. R. has hinted strongly that he doesn't care who is nominated as Vice-President as long as it is Mr. Wallace. Unless he withdraws from this position he will alienate a large section of conservative democracy. If he does withdraw he will alienate some of the leftist northern democratic support as well as concede that the Republican demand for a change in domestic policy is justified. Truly, he is in a dilemma from which even his superlative political skill may not be able to extricate him. A good guess, at this point, is that he will force Wallace on the Convention and run the risk of losing some conservative support as the lesser of two evils.

Both candidates for the presidency are peculiarly symbolic of the system of government which each advocates.

On the one hand is the wealthy Mr. Roosevelt, graduate of Groton and Harvard, expensively educated in theories of social reform, believer in class social legislation that freezes the rich as rich and the poor as poor, advocate of centralized government and deficit financing, lacking in organizing ability, yet possessed of one of the most charming personalities in history, a good starter but a poor finisher, one of the most expert politicians that ever sidestepped an issue and still immensely popular after 11 years.

On the other hand is the relatively poor Mr. Dewey educated in the common public schools and the State University largely by his own efforts, strong believer in government economy and the private enterprise system through which he rose to be Governor of the Empire State, advocate of state and local primary government, strong-willed and resolute, the relentless and highly respected prosecutor of public wrong-doing, a slow starter but a good finisher, rather cold personality and a very good organizer.

It is F. D. R., the scion of wealth and position, to whom money is merely the means to an end, versus Dewey, the self-made man to whom money represents somebody's hard labor and is to be carefully cherished. It is the popular glamour boy versus the plain, serious-minded, un-spectacular opponent of humble origin.

Mr. Roosevelt, being vulnerable on domestic policy, is determined upon bringing in war issues and exploiting his prestige as Commander-in-Chief. Mr. Dewey is equally determined to keep the war out of it and to free the command of our armed forces from any suggestion of political influence.

Mr. Roosevelt enters the campaign with the backing of the most gi-

H. C. Getz has been appointed postmaster of the Coquille office, according to a report furnished by the associated press last Friday, by the postal department at Washington, and this morning he received his commission.

A California car narrowly missed going into the river at the bridge here Wednesday afternoon. The draw was standing wide open but the wind had blown the gate up so high that it proved no obstruction to traffic. . . . The driver of the car jammed on the brakes and all occupants jumped out but even then the front wheels went over and the car was saved only by the case which encloses the fly wheel catching on the edge. The front wheels continued to spin in mid-air.

The efficiency of the air mail service from New York to San Francisco is reported to have been 96.45 per cent during the first thirteen days it was in operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Tuttle arrived last night in their car from Coalinga, Calif., for a visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Graham and children, Stanley and Mary, returned Wednesday from a two weeks' motor trip. They accompanied Will Summers and wife.

gantic political machine ever put together. He has the militant support of millions of federal job-holders, most of the large metropolitan political machines, and most of organized labor. Mr. Dewey faces this huge political tank armed with only the bitzooks of his own personal ability plus the loyal efforts of his unsubsidized party workers scattered over the nation. It is another David versus Goliath contest. There are many who hope it will end the same way.

A vexing problem facing the Democratic Party on the eve of its National Convention is the subject of post-war tax policy. This subject appears to have split the party on about the same lines as the Wallace controversy.

The issue cannot be successfully avoided because lower tax policy is a Republican Party plank which promises to be very popular as well as workable.

Pursuant to the general trend of New Deal thought the Treasury Department opposes a lower tax policy on the grounds that an active participation in, and universal regulation of business by bureaucracy will be more healthful to private enterprise than to leave it to its own devices. The leftist elements of the Democratic Party support this view. But a considerable section of the conservative elements actively oppose it under the leadership of such notables as the purge-proof Senators George and Reynolds. The latter have views closely paralleling the Republican proposals to minimize the bureaus and reduce the public payroll.

The leftists wish bureaucracy and the huge pay-roll to be kept. The conservatives wish to replace bureaucracy with a strong cabinet and to make a large reduction in federal pay-roll. They charge that the Democratic Party has fallen into the hands of the nation's radicals and should be rescued therefrom by the prompt and vigorous action of old-line Democrats who remain loyal to the party's real principles.

If Mr. Wallace is nominated and the conservative tax-saving plan rejected, we may indeed presume that the radicals have captured the party leadership. But if Mr. Wallace is defeated and a tax-saving plank adopted, we may presume that the Democrats have regained control of their party. It will be interesting to watch this phase of the convention.

### 1944 Traffic Death Rate Eight Per 100,000,000 Miles Of Travel

Oregon's traffic death rate for the first five months of 1944 was eight persons killed per one hundred million miles of travel, exactly the same as for the same period of 1943, according to Secretary of State Bob Farrell.

The traffic death rate is the unit of measurement used in determining the relative safety of traffic in relation to the exposure to accident.

Travel in Oregon, as shown by gasoline consumption, was slightly higher for the first five months of this year than in the comparative period of 1943. Mileage this year totaled 981,619,509 miles, an increase of four per cent over the total of 938,005,705 miles for the first five months of 1943.

The death rate for the month of May this year was eight persons killed per one hundred million miles of travel, the same as for the five months period. The month with the

### PEACE

How good it is to have sweet peace at heart  
And know that you are heir and holy part  
Of God and Love Divine, with spirits soar  
Above the earthly things, forevermore.  
Though all the world about you boils in strife,  
And greed, and hate, yet you, your soul and life,  
Dreams on, lives on to shine a sun of peace  
That warms the hearts of men, can never cease.  
The tongue can find no words that can express  
A joyful heart, this holy loveliness  
That only comes from God, blessing the days  
Of one who lives his life—sings God his praise.

—Velorous Call, Coquille

lowest rate so far this year was April with a rate of five.

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