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This is National Hearing Week, we hear. Same here! First time we heard of it, too!

Righteous indignation shivers upstate Democrats, due to the administration importing "Harvard carpet-baggers" to assume the fattest jobs, and the juiciest hunks of political pie at Bonnevill Dam.

According to London dispatches, it will be next spring before inhabitants of an Arctic province of Russia, engaged in raising reindeers, will know a European war has started.

HOW LIKE THE LADIES! (Titusville, N. Y., Herald) "The Girls' Sewing club met with Mrs. Paul Dishes last evening, but the attendance was small.

Gloria Meadow-lark was singing like a church choir soprano yesterday, and perched on a fence-post, besides.

Commentators predict Col. Lindbergh, due to the storm of criticism directed towards his recent speech, may never make another broadcast.

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SO SORRY! (Kenosha, Wis., News) "A woman who was alleged to have been the victim of a hit-and-run auto was not a woman, but a man, and he had not been hit by an auto but had fallen at the side of the road in the village after partaking too heavily of spirituous libations."

A seven-year old boy hunter, roaming the Idaho terrain in search of deer meat, in one shot wounded his Grandpa, killed a cow, and set fire to a can of kerosene. For this triple play, he was spanked, instead of praised. The law did nothing about it. He seems to be a trifle young for the totting of firearms, and might better have been in school.

BOEING SEEKS LOAN OF WORKING CAPITAL

Seattle, Oct. 26.—(UP)—The Boeing Aircraft company today announced it was completing arrangements for a five-year loan of \$5,500,000 through a group of banks, most of them located in Seattle.

Company officials said the loan would provide "working capital for production on a backlog of unfilled orders that has more than doubled since September 1."

Editorial Correspondence

Bennington, Vt., Oct. 23.—Our first visit to Vermont,—but not our last, if opportunity again offers. Strange one hears so little about the state. It strikes us as one of the most attractive in the country. The fault no doubt lies with the Vermonters. Like their most distinguished son, Calvin Coolidge, they don't talk much.

Gee, Gosh! what California, Incorp., would do with this neat and tidy little commonwealth! These rounded hills and this peaceful rolling country; these crystal clear rivers and dashing trout streams; the early colonial farm houses with their red barns and neat colonial villages,—we don't blame "Red" Lewis selecting this state as his final "Main Street."

But to return to Vermont. It reminds one of the Scotch Highlands without the heather. The hills are the same (Vermonters call them mountains) fat and rounded, thickly wooded with bare spots sticking through,—like mange spots on a woolly dog. The bare spots are mostly jutting rock,—granite and marble. Like Scotland there are bands of sheep grazing on the hillside (though not as many) and in the meadows cows reclining in the brilliant sunshine, lazily chewing their cud.

We came up here from Boston on the old Fitchburg line which is now a part of the Boston and Maine. Never have we seen such intense and sensational color in the fall foliage, as stretched along the right-of-way all the way from Concord to Fitchburg,—so intense at times, in metallic golds and browns and carmine that with the sun shining full on the landscape, the chromatic blaze actually hurt the eyes.

The color has disappeared around here where they say the season is two weeks ahead of Boston in the fall and two weeks behind in the spring. Many of the streets in fact are bare,—the leaves that are left are largely dull golds and browns.

Bennington has been famous for its revolutionary war battle, the manufacture of the "Kiddie Kar" and the largest apple orchard the honor of halting the Burgoyne invasion on this famous Bennington college,—a very small and very new, but flourishing college for girls. The baby of the family is a freshman there, and is acting as our guide and a very good one.

And included in the breakfast were crisp golden waffles and bacon, with maple syrup direct from the family "sugar orchard!" Yummy yum!

Do you recall your early American history? "There are the Redcoats and they are ours.— Or,—this night Molly Stark sleeps a widow!"

That is engraved on the granite statue which ostensibly marks the battle of Bennington but really marks where the Green Mountain boys, under General Stark, kept their munitions and supplies, for the battle was fought and won in New York state, five or six miles away. We looked over both places, and sympathized with the skimpily clad colonialists fighting in such a climate, until we recalled the battle was in August. There was a 60-mile gale blowing at the top of the hill, with the mercury close to freezing,—so we stayed only long enough to discover that three states claim the honor of halting the Burgoyne invasion on this famous promontory,—Vermont, New Hampshire and New York!

At the "Huntington" we had the honor of sleeping in the room next to a famous hitch hiker, who looks rather like Robert Taylor when he takes off his spectacles. His name is Will Parker and he now has a job in the dramatic workshop at Bennington College.

Readers of "Life" will recall the five or six-page lay-out on him when, with a photographer and portable radio, he hitch hiked from San Francisco to New York in 12 days.

Will has no complaint about the write-up — it was great advertising. There was one slight error. The story claimed he won a little money at Reno and lost a little less,—the truth is he lost several dollars and never won a dime.

There are two other lads living at the "Huntington" and working at the college,—on the side they take male parts in the college theatricals, for the Bennington Dramatic club found making girls as men, was too much bother. Like every one else we saw they are most enthusiastic about the institution.

Mrs. Huntington, a plump, pink-cheeked matron of perhaps 55 summers, was smiling hospitality personified, with a delightful New England accent, and a motherly interest in her "boys." We ascribed her good nature to the fact she had no husband, but our cynicism was rebuffed, when, just before departing, Mr. Huntington appeared and without any preliminaries insisted that we look over his photographic studio. We tried to beg off but he practically took us by the arm and lugged us in, the studio being a room in the house made over into a sky-lighted enclosure, dark room and all.

Please don't think Mr. H. is an ordinary photographer,—he will take your photo if you insist, but he prefers and makes a specialty of what he terms photographic RETOUCHING,—people coming to him from all over the country, when they have a retouching problem.

For example, there was a Mrs. H. who suffered terribly from droopy and refused to see anyone much less have her picture taken. Her husband, knowing she wouldn't live very long and wishing to have a photograph to recall her pleasantly to mind finally flashed a "candid" snapshot of her while unawares she sat looking mournfully in her looking glass,—a rather horrifying sight as the original in Mr. H.'s possession shows.

But not the retouched product,—far from it! The likeness is unmistakable but instead of a middle-aged woman in the last stages of droopy, one sees a plump, smiling, and rather a pretty woman, daintily rearranging a curl before the mirror, for which the grateful husband (and widower) paid Mr. H. \$370.

There was another masterpiece, a Civil War photo of a young woman in rather severe coiffure and attire which was "remodelled" into a modern debutante portrait, with low neck, pencilled eyebrows and chorus girl "hair do"—this was in memory of a "dear departed mother." This brought in several more hundred dollars, according to Mr. H. Finally a millionaire nearby gave the retouching artist a collection of stray photos, snapshots included, and he proceeded to group them on the front porch of the mansion, in easy and natural poses, with the millionaire sitting impressively in the center—this was captioned "Three generations at 'Maple Manor!'"

We hated to leave the Bennington "Huntington"—someday, the Lord willing we are going back there for a week or two. Mr. H. assured us, as he shook hands in farewell, that when we came back he would "retouch" our latest photograph, putting in a heavy head of hair if we wished, any kind of mustache our daughter might desire, and either horn-rimmed spectacles, to give added dignity, eye-glasses, or no glasses AT ALL! And if we ordered two dozen the charge wouldn't be more than \$4 per! R.W.R.

Plows Fight Snow The United States army in the Mexican war numbered only 100,000 men.

Aeschylus, Greek dramatist, is considered the originator of the stage tragedy.

Personal Health Service

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received only a few can be answered. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

DID THE DOCTOR DO RIGHT?

Perhaps there is, after all, something in the idea that everyone has more or less complex personality, a dual personality, tho not necessarily an alternating one such as the Jekyll-Hyde fantasy.



Then I read in your column about changing doctors. So I did, and to my grief found that I had fibroid tumor which had become cancerous. I had an operation immediately, but it was too late, as the cancer had spread so far that nothing can be done.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Three Guesses Receiving treatment from local physician for condition diagnosed as "periatitis" (phonetic spelling). Please advise whether this can be cured and whether it would disable sufferer from working if not checked. (L.C.S.)

Answer—If you mean buritis, yes, that might disable for a time. Depends on the bursa affected. There are many such sacs or pads in the body. Inflammation of a bursa about the shoulder joint may disable a worker for a long time if it is not diagnosed and treated properly. Often it is necessary to anesthetize patient and manipulate the shoulder in order to prevent permanent stiffness from adhesions after the inflammation or buritis has passed.

iodin versus Copulency My sister writes that several of her friends have been using your iodine ration and that they all say it keeps you from getting too stout. I would like to try it, but I notice you said one, two or three drops of ordinary brown tincture of iodine in a drink of water every day. I do wish you would make up your mind about it and let us know exactly how. (Mrs. R. H.)

Answer—I've been trying to do so for 20 years. I'll let you know as soon as I do. Meanwhile I take whatever comes out of the vial or off the dropper—one, two or three drops in a good drink of water, two or three days each week. Making up your mind to do something and doing it are two different things. If the "poison" label on the tincture of iodine bottle frightens you, at least use iodized salt instead of ordinary salt in your home for cooking and table.

Saccharin Kindly inform me if the saccharin tablets used as substitute for sugar in tea or coffee are injurious to health. (T. J. P.)

Answer—Up to five grains of saccharin daily may be used by anybody without risk to health. (Protected by John F. Dille Co.)

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and marry a secretary. The case had been giving trouble to the Nazis. Von Blomberg persuaded Hitler not only to approve the marriage, but also to signify his approval by attending the wedding ceremony. Thereupon, General von Fritsch, then commander-in-chief of the army, demanded an interview with the fuhrer, bitterly protested what von Blomberg had done, and ended by making the statement that this insult to army caste snobism would demoralize his officers. Von Blomberg, feeling the pressure too great, went on a honeymoon to Italy and stayed there.

Meanwhile, however, von Fritsch and the other top-ranking generals were involved in a violent palace struggle with Heinrich Himmler, leader of the S. S. corps and chief of the Gestapo, who wished to put political agents to spy on the officers and had established four S. S. regiments of his own. Von Blomberg's disgrace created an uncertain situation, of which Himmler took prompt advantage. Following the usual Nazi pattern, he trumped up elaborate charges against von Fritsch. Von Fritsch demanded trial, was acquitted, but found himself dismissed from command.

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According to the shrewdest of our officials, the first thing to remember is the tremendous change in the German military leadership since Hitler took power. Many of the old generals and lesser officers were certainly deeply affronted at the character of their new Nazi masters, and chilled to the marrow by such incidents as the gross murder of their cronies, General von Schleicher, and Frau von Schleicher. But the old generals are gone, in a welter of intrigue.

The crucial incident of the unpleasant story was the decision of the former war minister, General von Blomberg, to ignore army caste rules

The last heard of von Fritsch was when he was killed in Poland. The authorities disagree as to whether his death came by murder by S. S. men, suicide, or simple over-daring. He had been without power since January, 1938, when he was replaced as commander-in-chief by General von Brauchitsch.

Von Brauchitsch, with the chief of staff, General Keitel, the cold, steel-minded strategist, General Halder, and the half-Jewish air technician, General Milch, are now the important army figures. All of them have been with Hitler from before the Austrian Anschluss. All except Milch, who is Goering's man, are Hitler's personal appointees. They owe much to him, are devoted to him and would support him in any but the most extraordinary circumstances.

Furthermore, these generals at the top are not unrepresentative of the army caste as a whole. The caste itself has been diluted, under the Nazis, by a tremendous recruitment of low-rank officers of non-army background. At the same time, everything possible has been done to conciliate the obstinate caste feeling.

Army pay, considering the German standard of living, is remarkably high. The army gets first choice of whatever it wants, for Germany has been a military state since 1933. Hitler shows immense personal interests in the army's needs, gratifyingly leaving strategic problems to the judgment of the generals, but constantly conferring with them on technical matters concerning equipment and the like.

The army has direct access to Hitler, not only through members of the high command, but also in such forms as reports of the German military attaches abroad, which are routed straight to the reich's chancellery without diplomatic censorship. For all these reasons, men who know them will tell you that von Brauchitsch and Halder, list, von Witzleben, Blankowitz and the others who might possibly lead a coup d'etat have now become Hitler's strongest supporters. After all, if a purely military state cannot command its army's enthusiasm, it must be doing a pretty poor job.

In The Day's News By Frank Jenkins

TUESDAY'S big news was the seizure of an American merchant ship (owned by the U. S. government) by a German sea raider.

TODAY'S BIG JOB is keeping our shirts on in the face of that news.

REMEMBER, in reading of what has happened, that a WAR IS ON. Supplies are essential for the conduct of war. Each side tries to keep essential supplies from reaching the other side.

With that going on, neutral traders are in for grief. We are a neutral trader.

(We want to stay out of the war. If we permit ourselves to become unduly excited over incidents arising out of the effort to prevent supplies from reaching the other side, we can easily GET INTO THE WAR. Hence the necessity for straight thinking.)

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based upon a long series of precedents and open to the present grave weakness that war is no longer a gentlemanly business). The Germans can sneak through the North Sea blockade from time to time with surface vessels, but they are obviously afraid to try to take a vessel seized as a prize through the blockade.

THE really BIG POINT is that Americans should refrain carefully from becoming excited or angry over the incident, which is merely a part of the risk that must be assumed by those who trade with nations at war.

Doughboys to Keep Olive Drab Uniform

Washington, Oct. 26.—(AP)—The doughboys will continue to march in olive drab. Those pretty blue uniforms some of them have been wearing on trial could be seen too easily by an enemy.

Secretary of War Woodring announced today while retaining the olive drab color the army will adopt the design of the tested uniforms to provide greater comfort for the men. Long trousers will replace breeches, and shoulders of shirts and coats will be cut to fit more loosely.

Steele Reverses Comeback Decision

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 26.—(AP) Reversing an earlier decision, Freddie Steele, former world's middleweight champion, announced today he will not attempt a comeback.

"I've reconsidered my plan to return to the ring and have decided it's not in my best interests to do so," Steele said after a lengthy conference with Eddie Miller of Tacoma, who holds a five-year contract to manage the former champion. The contract does not expire until 1943.

Have searched the white house on Valley View Drive. Two cellars and attic and all of the house. Found no alcoholic beverages. Chief of Police McCredie.

Closing time for Too Late to Classify Ads is 1:30 p. m.

Flight O' Time

Medford and Jackson County History from the files of the Mail Tribune 10 and 20 years ago.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY

October 26, 1929. (It was Friday.) Valley Boses prove best sellers on New York markets.

Over 3,100 cars of fruit have been shipped so far this season.

County Granges and Chamber of Commerce to cooperate.

Trapper fined in justice court for being cruel to coyote.

Airport to be ready for air traffic and business November 1.

Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, found guilty of accepting oil land bribe.

Move made to establish stability on Wall street, and balk threatened stock collapse. Local buyers report "confidence."

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

October 26, 1919. (It was Monday.) Bolshevik revolt plot in America unearthed, and sponsored by alien steel workers.

Lloyd-George cabinet in England near fall.

Coldest day of fall arrives, with mercury at 36 degrees.

Ohio troops called for strike duty; general strike in nation threatened.

Carnival company on Front street folds its tents and departs.

Medford police seize 25 gallons of moonshine.

Will Wrap Turks With Cellophane

SALEM, Oct. 26.—(AP)—They're even wrapping turkeys in cellophane now.

Capitol Dairies of Salem is preparing a carload of the cellophane-wrapped birds for an eastern food concern, the first time it's been done. The turkeys are all ready for the oven except for the stuffing.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

'TRIANGLE' Bar-None Egg Mash \$1.85 sk. TRIANGLE Bar-None Egg Mash is made up of: Ground Corn, Millrun, Ground Oats, Meat Meal, Fish Meal, Dried Milk, Poultry Alfalfa Greens, Minerals, Cane Molasses, Salt and Cod Liver Oil.

SPECIAL 2-lb. can Johnson's Wax, Wax Applier and weighted Polishing Brush A \$4.00 VALUE FOR \$1.69 Hansen Hardware Sixth and Bartlett Phone 35

Old Oscar Pepper More and more people are serving this grand mellow whiskey to their guests... One of these days it will be served to you... But why wait? TRY IT TODAY! Old Oscar Pepper BRAND ALSO IN RYE \$1.00 FULL PINT \$1.95 FULL QUART