

But It's True



Robert Clark was sent out to serve the summons on Abigail Adams, the two-year-old child. He actually stuck the paper in the child's hand. The action grew out of a bill in equity to set aside the deed of a cottage to Abigail by the child's grandparents.

what **Irvin S. Cobb** thinks about:

Western Hostilities. **SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.**

—They have mighty fine hotels in this town. I've stayed at several of them and friends of mine have been put out of some of the others.

And once I enjoyed a fire scare here when the alarm, at 3:30 a. m., brought to the lobby a swarm of moving picture actors without any makeup on and not much else. This was in the era of the silent films, but you wouldn't have dreamed it to hear the remarks of an hysterical lady star when she discovered that her chow had been forgotten. The current husband also was temporarily missing but she was comparatively calm about that. She probably figured a husband could be picked up almost any time whereas darling little Ming Poo had a long pedigree and represented quite a financial investment and anyhow was a permanent fixture in her life.

Through the strike here, the traveling public seemed to make out. Maybe visitors followed the old southern custom—stop with kinfolks. Think, though, how great would have been the suffering had the strike occurred during prohibition days when transient guests might have perished of thirst without bright uniformed lads to bring them first-aid packages in the handy hip-pocket sizes! Bellhops qualified as lifesavers those times.

Humans in the Raw. AS I behold vast numbers of fellow beings strolling the beaches, yes, and the public thoroughfares too, while wearing as few clothes as possible—and it seems to be possible to wear very few indeed—I don't know whether to admire them for their courage or sympathize with them in their suffering or deplore their inability to realize that they'd be easier on the eye if they'd quit trying to emulate the raw oyster—which never has been pretty to look upon and, generally speaking, is an acquired taste anyhow.

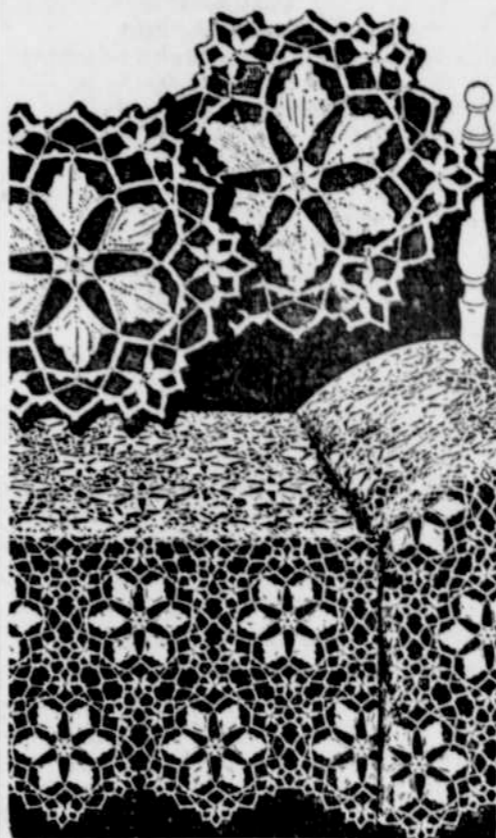
For a gentleman who ordinarily bundles himself in heavy garments clear up to his Adam's apple, this warm weather strip-act entails a lot of preliminary torture. At first our gallant exhibitionist resembles a forked stalk of celery bleached out in the cellar. Soon he is one large red blot on the landscape, with fat water blisters spangling his brow until he looks as if he were wearing a chaplet of Malaga grapes. In the next stage he peels like the wallpaper on an Ohio valley parlor after flood time.

The Reaping Season. CERTAIN crops may not have done so well, due to weather conditions, or, as some die-hard Republicans would probably contend, because of New Deal control. But, on the other hand, hasn't it been a splendid ripening season for sit-downs, walk-outs, shut-ups, lock-outs and picket lines? It makes me think of the little story the late Myra Kelly used to tell of the time when she was a public school teacher on New York's East Side. She was questioning her class of primary-grade pupils, touching on the callings of their respective parents. She came to one tiny sad-eyed little girl, shabby and thin and shy.

"Rosie," she asked, "at what does your father work?"
"Mein poppa he don't never work, Teacher," said Rosie.
"Doesn't he do anything at all?"
"Oh, yessum."
"Well, what does he do?"
"He strikes."

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17th Century Funeral

At elaborate funerals in Seventeenth century America, a mourning brooch, containing a lock of hair of the deceased, was usually presented to every woman mourner. When a late lamented gentleman was bald or had an insufficient quantity of hair to fill several hundred brooches, men relatives and friends were called upon to meet the emergency.—Collier's Weekly.

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK...
By Lemuel F. Parton

"Spiritual Salesman" Aids the Oxford Movement.

NEW YORK.—Word keeps drifting into this office that the Oxford movement is gaining momentum in the trouble zones of labor, diplomacy and incipient war and carnage. The story persists that its emissaries, having converted powerful Chinese, brought about the rescue of Chiang Kai-Shek when he was kidnaped and prevented civil war; that their followers now include high officials of Japan and that they are working zealously, and with hopes of success, to calm the quarrel between China and Japan. No verification as to specific accomplishment can be obtained, but this writer is reliably informed that they have enlisted powerful political and business leaders in Europe and the Orient and that they are concentrating on certain dangerous situations.

Frankly, they are evangelists to the rich and powerful, as they say the hope of the world lies in inducing a spiritual change in those who own and operate it. That possibly may go into the files of history as something new.

In the news this week is the Rev. Samuel Moor Shoemaker, who has been taking over in America as Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman, founder of the movement, is busy with the world organization. In London, he is prominent in the proceedings of the convocation of 400 Oxford movement leaders in thirty-five countries. From the conference come stories of employers and labor leaders making concessions under the leadership of the "Christian revolutionaries" and averting strikes.

Dr. Shoemaker is pastor of Calvary Protestant Episcopal church of New York. For the last few years he has been preaching that the old evangelism had failed and that a new dynamic creed was necessary. He became active in the Oxford movement in 1932, since then a vigorous expounder of its faith.

He insists that only by an enlightened and aggressive mobilization of spiritual forces can civilization be saved. He is a good looking, highly urbanized cleric, usually wearing a modish gray business suit. He calls himself a "spiritual salesman." This might convey the erroneous idea that he is an "Elmer Gantry." He is quite the contrary, never seeking personal publicity, and building a reputation as one of the church's leading scholars, with his authorship of nine books in the field of religious research and polemics.

He was born and reared in Baltimore, attended Princeton university, later taking his doctorate in theology. In his earlier years he was a teacher and evangelist in China and it is understood that this experience has made him particularly effective in the peace and regeneration activities in China.

Soviet Liquidator.

IN ONE way, at least, Soviet Russia is like traditional America. The postmaster is the patronage dealer. Nikolai Ivanovich Yezhov, receiving the order of Lenin after his management of the recent "liquidations," has a three-fold office which includes control of posts and telegraphs, the selection of personnel for important posts and command of the secret political police.

He is regarded as second only to Stalin in power and the prevailing conjecture among many observers is that he may be Stalin's successor. His predecessors in office were grim, scowling men. He was elevated in September, 1936, with national acclaim as "a man who knows how to smile." Forty-two years old, he has been tagged by the correspondents as a "mystery man," just now unveiled by the newspapers as a handsome, personable citizen who looks as if he had just been picking daisies, rather than doing a rush job of "liquidating."

He is a certified proletarian, a factory worker at fourteen and military commissioner with various Bolshevik units in the revolution. In 1929 and 1930 he was vice-commissioner of agriculture, and in 1934 became a member of the central committee of the Communist party and of the powerful party control commission.

But, for the most part, he has worked quietly behind the scenes, rarely seen, saying little, adroitly gathering strands of power. His control of posts and telegraphs dates from 1928, his other offices having been added later. He is one of the party's five secretaries and a candidate for membership in the Politburo, the high peak of power in the party organization.

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Language, Tongue

Language is a term that is applicable to any mode of conveying ideas, whether by speech, writing, hieroglyphics or a system of gestures or pantomime. Even the deaf have several languages, but cannot be properly said to have "tongues." Tongue is an English term for the spoken language of a particular people, as the French tongue, the German tongue, and so on. Meillet and Cohn in "The Languages of the World," index 6,760 named tongues and systems of writing. That work classifies speech as of (1) country, (2) town, (3) village, (4) island, (5) river, (6) tribe. Dialects are included. The actual number of languages computed by officers of the French academy is put at 2,796.



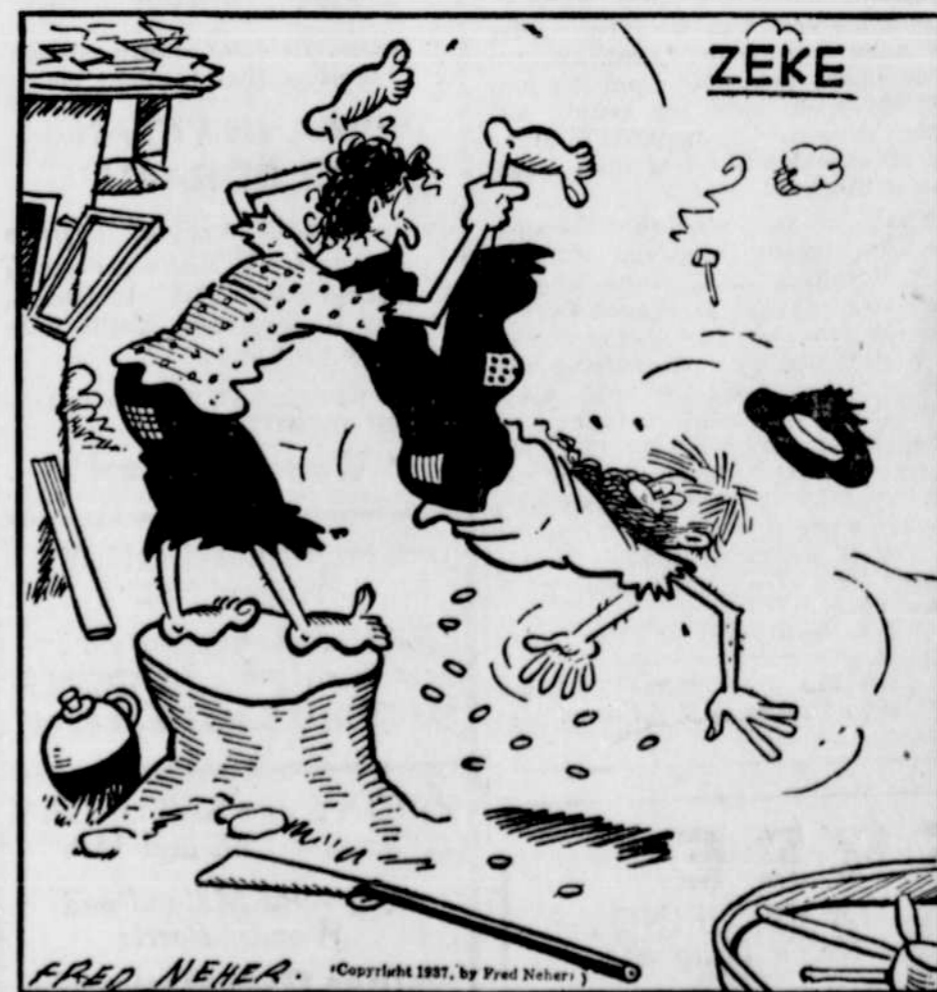
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