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EDITORIALS

The Right To Laugh

(New York Times)

American cartoonists have done wonders with Mr. Roosevelt's chin and their Italian counterparts have no matter how much their fingers tickle, dare not distort it. Duce's massive lower maxillary. Where now are those rude artists who in former times helped to bring a sense of proportion into the political life of Germany? Even Mickey Mouse is a suspect and Donald Duck would be interned at night.

One concludes that there is no right to a democracy ought to cherish more jealously than the right to laugh at anything and anybody it thinks is funny. Mr. David Low (British cartoonist) hints that this right may not be safe in England. One would mourn its loss there, or in France, far more than its loss in Germany. Territories may be lost, spheres of influence may be contracted, the road to India may be threatened, but civilization can survive if a joke continues to be called a joke and is not disguised as a great man or a great idea. For a people, as some of the world's "great men" and "great ideas" are, they are also funny.

It is tragic laughter that would rise around the world today if it were not free to look at its predicament in its proper light. But it would be healing laughter.

Masters of Skyrays

(Christian Science Monitor)

Many vacationers watching sea gulls tireless in their flight over water, their grace and maneuverability, are asking whether men can yet really consider themselves "masters of the airways." We can outstrip the feathered folk in only one respect—speed. According to the American Wildlife Institute, aviation has won on this point since very early days.

But what about the winds? Birds seem to know more about winds than aviation experts. They don't fly into head winds for any great distance, but seem instinctively able to locate tail winds when migration time comes along. How they know when to start has long been a mystery, but tephry flights always coincide with prevailing winds.

Birds have physical equipment corresponding to flaps, wing slots, retractable landing gear, and other characteristics of a plane, and they had them long before mammalian bipeds took to the air. However, birds have their own devices for lightening their frame in the air, through body air sacs. And they can change their angle of incidence in flight while the wing area of the angle of incidence built in. They can change their wing area in flight, too, and we can't do that in a plane without trouble. Even the pilot of the most modern plane may wish for the wings of a dove.

Cataclysmic!

(Exchange)

President Roosevelt's proposal to move Thanksgiving Day forward from November 30 to November 23 probably is the most cataclysmic since Ford adopted the gear shift. Its boldness leaves the commentator flabbergasted.

What about precedent? Can't we break this too often? You have known of the college football, whose schedules were drawn up a year ago? Merely moving them up a week won't do it, you know, because on the Saturday before Green has a brutal sea monster until one gets to the hot cross buns! This may lead to a different type of sea monster altogether. At least it's the kind one likes to hear about. One might easily finish the meal picture with ears made of cream puffs, and the whole body composed of gingerbread.

Socialize business and the professions? Maybe. Take over the law-making prerogatives of Congress? Perhaps after the Supreme Court? Well... But tampering with institutions sacred to turkey and pickin' may be more than a patient people can endure.

Working The Elements

(Christian Science Monitor)

Professor Frank Debenham, the founder and director of the Scott Polar Research Institute at Cambridge in England, thinks there are great potentials in the winds that rage continually at the South Pole. "Harnessed winds," he said recently, "and you have a source of gigantic power."

It is a little tantalizing to hear so frequently of the vast amount of untapped energy that lies so close to hand—in the tides, in the lightning, and now, riding in the whirlwind. Here are gentle as Aladdin's, and, once made obedient, they could build for every man his castle-in-the-air, founded on the enjoyment of almost perpetual leisure; or so the hard-working citizen feels.

Yet experience shows that it is as difficult to harness the energy of man to leisure, as to harness that of the elements to work; and to solve the latter problem before the former, to set the Polar winds, for example, working on man's behalf before he has been educated for the change, might be to produce a certain friction 'twixt the wind and his nobility."

Safety

In facing squarely the implications of a week-end epidemic of accidents to travelers as distant from one another as Brooklyn is from Reno, as Bucharest from Rio de Janeiro—implications of neglect and even of murder intent, merely of mankind's failure to realize completely that security which is promised in the Scriptures—news readers do well to refuse to be overwhelmed by a sense of despair.

These tragic incidents seem more tragic than they might had we not already advanced so far in making travel safe. Their impact is attributable partly to their unusualness, and this is especially true of the Southern Pacific wreck in Nevada. What such occurrences show is that mankind is still working out humane security through failible methods, and that increased understanding of the spiritual bases of safety is a requisite of times in which mankind travels faster, higher and lower than in any other age.

Alcoholism Increases

(Christian Science Monitor)

Once again, the claim that repeal of prohibition in the United States has decreased heavy drinking and promoted temperance is disproved by facts obtained by impartial investigators. The New England Journal of Medicine, official organ of three State Medical Societies, recently published a survey of alcoholic cases at the Haymarket Reformatory of the Boston City Hospital between 1927 and 1936, which showed that the number of cases increased after the repeal of prohibition, and the Journal concludes that alcoholism is today a "major problem in public health."

A growing number of persons, not only physicians, but police officials, traffic safety men, and social workers are echoing this opinion from firsthand experience in congested districts and police courts. Even the average man finds little evidence of the increased temperance education and tries to follow the legitimizing of drinking, where as he is assailed on almost every hand by advertising matter by which brewers and distillers aim to increase the total consumption of intoxicants.

Why Not?

(Exchange)

A sea monster was reported at the mouth of the Columbia River that differs from the usual run of the "big beasts of the deep" in that it has a long neck and a long head like a camel, and eyes like hot cross buns. It is quite the opposite of the sea monster until one gets to the hot cross buns! This may lead to a different type of sea monster altogether. At least it's the kind one likes to hear about. One might easily finish the meal picture with ears made of cream puffs, and the whole body composed of gingerbread.

Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.—James 1:2.

CHURCHES

All notices for this column must be in the Enterprise office not later than Tuesday at noon.

Salem Evangelical Church
Rev. Carl H. Schultz, Pastor
Worship Service—10:40 A. M.
Sunday School—11:00 A. M.

Methodist Episcopal Church
Rev. Delmore Stubbs, Pastor
Morning worship at 10:30.
Church school 12 noon.
Chair practice Thursday evening.

A nursery, properly supervised is provided. Parents attending the morning worship service may leave their children in the care of competent persons.

CLARENCEVILLE M. E. CHURCH
Rev. W. J. Larkin, Pastor
Church Service, 10 a. m.
Sunday School, 11 a. m.
Evening Service, 7:30 p. m.
Thursday Evening, 7:30 p. m.

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Rev. W. J. Larkin, Pastor
Sunday masses at 7:00 a. m., 8:30 a. m., 10:30 a. m., and 12:00. Benediction after 10:30 mass. Daily masses at 7:30 a. m. and 8:00 a. m.

First Baptist Church
Gilbert A. Miles, Pastor
Morning prayer meeting 10:15.
Morning worship 10:30.

Rev. School 11:45.
B. V. P. U. 6:30 p. m., for Juniors and Seniors.
Evening Evangelistic Service at 7:30.
The mid-week Fellowship meetings are held Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

Redford Gospel Tabernacle
1900
Sunday School, 10:00 a. m.
Pentecostal prayer and praise service, 11:00 a. m.
Evangelistic service, 7:45 p. m.
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Farmington Gospel Assembly
Universalist Church
Arthur Campbell, in charge
Opening services, Sunday, Jun 4.

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Morning Worship, 11:00 a. m.
Young People's meeting, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.

Eighth Church of Christ, Scientist
Grand River Ave. at Evergreen Rd.
Detroit, Michigan

"Man" will be the subject of the Lesson-Sermon in all Christian Science Churches throughout the world on Sunday, September 3. The Golden Text (Genesis 1:7) is: "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him."

Among the Bible citations is this passage (Psalm 37:37): "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." Correlative passages to be read from the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, include the following (p. 470): "God is the creator of man, and the Principle of life, truth, and love, remains perfect, the divine idea, or reflection, man, remains perfect."

PLACE FOUR YEAR LIMIT ON SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS

Congress has placed a four year time limit on the period during which wage records of the Social Security Board may be checked and credited. This announcement was made this week by Walter B. Redman, manager of the Social Security Board field office in Pontiac.

"Workers whose records earned by the basis of their old age insurance should remember this fact," Mr. Redman said.

"The action of the Congress will prevent a worker who is covered by old age insurance from going back more than four years to get a revision of his wage record. The amended law provides that at the end of the fourth calendar year following any year in which wages were paid records of the Board shall be regarded as conclusive."

"This does not mean the Board will change its policy of giving all possible aid so that a worker's wage records may include every earned dollar that should properly be there. But it does mean a worker who suspects some of his wages have not been reported by his employer, and are not credited to the worker's account, will lose his right to an examination and adjustment of his record if he waits too long."

"Wage records for 1937 and 1938 are now available to all workers covered by the Social Security Act and may be had by the use of cards which are now available at our office," Mr. Redman said.

They're Sometimes Grateful

By WILLIAM SMITH
(Associated Newspapers)
WNU Service.

MRS. MILL was a good and rather pretty little widow. Her five children adored her, and usually obeyed her, which is significant. She had never smiled merrily since the day her husband died, finely fighting the worst blues that had ever occurred in the history of peaceful Danubius.

Dora Mill was a dressmaker and a good one, though if she hadn't been quite clever with her garden well, making it support the hungry five and supply early peas to some of the neighbors, it was hard to see how she could make ends meet.

Her attractive face and pleasant manner had called forth at least one offer of marriage, but she dreaded the effect of a stepfather on the affairs of her family. She was capable, therefore, to certain definite ends. Derrick was to be an electrical engineer. He knew, of course, that this meant immense effort on his own part, for Dora never disguised that triumph meant money. Fanny was to be a designer, Tom was to be a lawyer, and the twins were to be clerks.

Therefore when Gerard Filey, owner of the Filey Iron Works, drove up to the tiny house and asked for Dora, she was surprised and just a little frightened. Tom had thrown balls. Possibly his ball had broken a sizeable window.

But no. "Is Mrs. Mill?" asked Filey. "I am," replied Dora. "won't you come in?"

"If I may, I will," said the stranger. "I came," said Filey, coming directly to the point, "to tell you that your husband saved my life. Possibly you did not know of it."

"I think Tom did his duty—always," she said, quietly. Filey looked at her. What a lovely little face it was. How refined in expression.

"I wasn't thinking of any material expression of gratitude," he hastened to explain, "I only thought perhaps we might—might—be friends. I lost a son, you know. First house burned. Maybe you heard of it. And my wife slipped, climbing in Switzerland. I'm alone, don't you see? And I'm very old, for folks who are alone. That's all. Then, I know Dr. Bigby who judged your babies. And I am particularly interested in better babies."

It was all so simply that Dora could not take offense or suspect ulterior motives.

"If you are unhappy," said she with the same fine frankness, "I shall be glad to help you if I can. I am not very well educated. I've never been further away than St. Louis in my life. But I want the best of life for all my little ones. And I am glad they're healthy and good. Do you know," with half a smile, "I was afraid little Tom might have broken one of your windows."

Filey smiled, too. "No," he said, "it was just that I couldn't wait any longer to tell you that my thoughts were with you. Have been since I heard about it. That's all. I'll be mighty grateful if you'll let the kiddies come around some time and play. It doesn't matter if a ball or so goes astray once in a while. I'm lonely, I wonder," hesitatingly, "if you'd ever let me take you out in my car for a ride."

Dora knew Filey was rated at over half a million, but she understood his need. "If it helps you any, of course I will. And I'd enjoy the ride. I may bring the twins, of course."

"Couldn't do without 'em," said Filey. And a strange and rather beautiful friendship grew between these two simple souls. Dora never seemed to recognize the barrier of money. She was too genuinely unsophisticated. To her he was just the man her Tom had saved. Filey had met her for the first time in his time of others as it were the most natural thing to do. But he noted the drives brought a pretty color to her cheeks and that the twins grew to hug him as if he belonged, somehow, in the simple scheme of their lives.

At last he asked Dora if she thought she could ever learn to care for him a little. "Not," modestly, "as you cared for—Tom. But if you'd let me take care of you. I'm so darn fond of the kids."

For the first time the difference in social position dawned on Dora.

"I'm only a dressmaker's widow," she said.

"My father was foreman at the iron works," he said, "he was an inventor and that's how he made his money. After all, we're Americans and I don't think it matters. Can't you like me just a little?" he coaxed. "I love you, Dora."

"I can't give you what I gave Tom," whispered Dora, "but I respect you with all my heart, and I love you for your goodness to us all."

"I guess I'll have to be satisfied with that, then. Maybe, in the years to come you may grow to like me a little better." He smiled half wistfully, as he took her into his arms.

TUBERCULOSIS TAKES A LIFE EVERY 4 1/2 HOURS

"Killer takes a Michigan life every four and a half hours; Ruthless killings spread over entire state." If that headline were blazoned forth in Michigan newspapers, the whole state would be agog with wonder as to the identity of the killer and fear as to where he would strike next. The time element would be known—every four and a half hours.

This situation actually took place in 1938, when the killer, tuberculosis, claimed a total of 1,868 Michigan lives. A bit of calculating in the offices of the Michigan Tuberculosis Association revealed that if these deaths were distributed evenly over the entire year, they would occur at intervals of four hours and thirty minutes.

The startling gains that have been made in the fight against tuberculosis since 1938 when the Michigan Tuberculosis Association organized to fight the disease often let us forget that it is still a health problem of major importance. Yet the most difficult half of the battle lies ahead. The way to victory lies in the use of modern weapons of defense.

Two of the Association's chief means for fighting the spread of tuberculosis are health education and case finding. Through its many publications for adults and children the Association spreads important information regarding the disease. Its Christmas seal financed tuberculosis clinics bring into wide use the chest X-ray so that unknown cases of the White Plague may be discovered.

Each year Michigan people buy penny tuberculosis Christmas seals to help fight tuberculosis. Those pennies are the sole support of the state's campaign to stamp out the White Plague.

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WORKERS MAY NOW SECURE RECORDS OF WAGE CREDIT

Any worker who wants to know the amount of wages credited to his old age insurance account up to January 1, 1939 may have this information by inquiring at Social Security Board field offices.

Up to now only wage records for the year 1937 have been available. Posting of the 1938 wages reported for employees covered by old age making the two year record of earnings available.

"The great majority of requests for wage statements appear to have been based on the applicant's doubt that his employer has fully or accurately reported the worker's wages," declare officials. "In many cases examination of the records has shown the worker had no cause for worry. In some cases wage accounts showed a disagreement between wages as reported and those actually received. Most of these differences were due to missing or incomplete wage reports."

Representatives of the Bureau of Old Age Insurance, cooperating with the Collectors of Internal Revenue, have found a large majority of the missing wage items. These items have then been redited to the workers' accounts. Our office will supply cards which

workers may use to obtain statements of their accounts. The only cost of this service is a one cent stamp for the post card, which is to be mailed to our Records Division. The report of wages earned will be returned direct to the sender shortly after it is received."

Highway Department To Aid Hay Fever Victims

The state highway department planned to come to the assistance of hay fever sufferers this week. Orders were issued from Lansing to district foresters to report all infestations of ragweed along trunkline highways to maintenance crews. The crews will cut down the weed during periods of light traffic before the pollen has an opportunity to spread in the air. The department said that the weed was particularly prevalent along new right-of-way where the ground had recently been worked.

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