

It Seems to Me by HEYWOOD BROWN

THE drama and the news interest of the Hauptmann trial in Flemington Courthouse can hardly be denied...

It is my impression that during all the time I have been reading metropolitan papers...

He's Had Enough

I AM well aware of the fact that in a rough and ready way all good editors have a responsibility in satisfying the curiosity and the desires of the reading public...

And the rewrite men, who do the painting and the other to knock him on the head when he's done...

There Have Been Other Stories

LOUIS WEITZKORN'S story of the funeral of Kid Dropper was a couple of columns. Dudley Nichols took about four in describing a rescue at sea by Captain Fried...

Artists have a saying that it takes two men to paint a picture—one to do the painting and the other to knock him on the head when he's done...

It may be that the association of those who would like to see a good deal less printed about the Hauptmann trial is only a minority party...

Today's Science by DAVID DIETZ

VENUS, most beautiful of all planets, returns to the evening sky this month for the first time since last February...

Look for Venus low in the western sky at the time of sunset. As the months go on, Venus will climb higher in the sky and become brighter...

Venus, twin-sister of the earth, is the one planet most likely to be inhabited in addition to the earth. The planet is about the same size as the earth and closer to the sun...

Mercury also becomes visible in the night sky during January. Look for Mercury about the last week of January...

Little Mercury is the smallest of all the planets. Only a little larger than our moon, it would fit comfortably into the Atlantic Ocean...

The planet Saturn, which has been visible in the night sky during most of 1934 has now disappeared. As a matter of fact, it disappeared in December...

ASTRONOMERS this month are most interested in the new star or nova that appeared in the constellation of Hercules in December...

Nova Hercules flared forth into new brilliance on Dec. 14. More exactly, it was first noted to have done so on that date...

Actually, what Mr. Printice observed on Dec. 14, had taken place 1500 years earlier. Nova Hercules is 1500 light years away...

SINCE the discovery of Nova Hercules astronomers have been examining old photographic plates to find the past history of the star...

However, photographs on Nov. 14, 1934, show it to have increased to a magnitude of 13.8. It may be said, therefore, that the star was already beginning to flare up at that time...

By Dec. 9, as already mentioned, the star reached a magnitude of 19. This means that between Oct. 4 and Dec. 9, the brightness of the star increased 100,000 times.

It is now known that the increase in brightness of a nova is due to some tremendous heating in the outer regions of the star...

Spectroscopic measurements indicate the speed with which the outer envelope of the star expands. In the case of Nova Hercules, the measurements indicate a velocity of 100 miles a second.

FRANCE'S AUTO KING DEPOSED Lavish But Ill-Timed Spending Writes Failure for Citroen

BY MORRIS GILBERT NEA Service Staff Correspondent

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The Eiffel Tower once more is just the Eiffel Tower, and no longer a blazing sky-sign by night. As the unique advertisement of France's most famous automobile, it has ceased to exist...

The extinction of the big Citroen advertisement that recently turned the famous old tower into a garish Christmas tree is symbolic of the apparent collapse of the Citroen enterprise...

The whole Citroen layout was lavish. The famous "croisieres," those motor explorations through Persia, down through Africa, across Asia, were stupendous stunts.

The factories on the Quai de Javel were sumptuous. So were the Paris and Brussels "exposition palaces." So was the brave gesture, not many months ago, when Citroen scrapped his recent models and began building a new series of ultra-modern stock cars...

So indeed, was the man himself. Lavish in all ways—a famous figure at the races, the beaches, the casinos of France.

TODAY, the 20,000 Citroen employees in the Javel shops are laid off. "Temporarily," it is stated. "Judicial liquidation" of the enterprise may put them back to work again in some part, some time...

Picture the "judicial liquidation"—which means receivership—of one of America's biggest plants for making popular-priced cars. The answer, translated in French, shows the scope here of the Citroen calamity.

There is talk of the men going back to work this month. There is talk of continuing production under the receivership.

There is talk of preserving the big factory in western Paris on the Seine as an important industrial unit for French war purposes.

Questions facing the Citroen liquidators and creditors are: How many men can actually count on new and continuous employment? How many cars can be put out a month, how much will their price rise or fall?

He sent his cars through desert and jungle, over the Himalayas, across China, in big propaganda tours. There was something very American in his ideas of spending money to make money.



CITROEN, as an industrialist, was like a great athlete who lacked—in the pinch—one vital quality. The quality was timing.

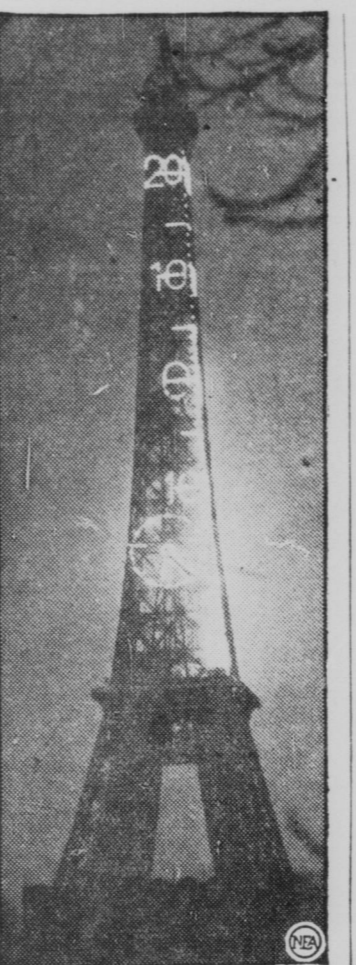
He knew how to swing on the ball like a Babe Ruth in his prime. The trouble was, he swung too late—or too early.

In boom times, the Citroen plant was turning out the tidy number of 700 cars a day.

With a humming plant, his tendency toward prodigality expressed itself in big effort. He tried to compete in America, in England, in other lands outside France.

He sent his cars through desert and jungle, over the Himalayas, across China, in big propaganda tours.

There was something very American in his ideas of spending money to make money.



CITROEN (above) ... and (right) the lofty thermometer that failed him—the Eiffel Tower.

Only—it was the wrong country and the wrong moment. Two years ago, despite the world crisis which was beginning to affect France so that his production had dropped to 400 cars a day, the big magnate made his greatest gesture.

He junked his Quai de Javel factory and built a much more splendid one, capable of doubling his output. Citroen guessed wrong.

If the famous "up-turn" had been at hand and if his big plant development had happened to catch the trend, he would be a Napoleon of finance today. Instead, a year ago, he had to look for 800 million francs to keep running.

EVEN that didn't dampen Citroen's enthusiasm, and he put out his famous new "T." Judging by appearances and judgment, the "T" was a sweet and stylish little car. Its front wheels were powered, it braked on four wheels, had "knee" springs, and snappy air-streamed lines.

Its clutch was a neat little lever on the dashboard and the hand brake was tucked away almost out of sight. The dashboard itself had enough trick indicators on it to fit a prima donna's Rolls.

It had no running board, the spare tire was housed as neatly as a watch crystal, it was supplied in the colors of the spectrum, and it pulled.

It pulled—but it couldn't pull the Eiffel Tower, or the "palais d'exposition," or the Citroen "croisieres" all the way from Senegal to the Gobi Desert, or the plunging Monsieur Citroen, himself.

All those things, these days in France, were just too much for a little light car—even if it did have a chromium cigarette lighter on the dash and a three-way horn.

THE DAILY WASHINGTON MERRY-GO-ROUND

By Drew Pearson and Robert S. Allen

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Members of the President's official family are clustering around the patronage prospects of the new farm census like honey bees around a molasses pot.

First it was Presidential Secretary Louey who tried to get a relative placed on the census rolls. Now it is Uncle Dan Roper, Secretary of Commerce. Hugh McCall, brother-in-law of Uncle Dan, operates a farm near Clio, S. C.

Roper decided to put him on the payroll as a district supervisor and asked William L. Austin, director of the Census Bureau, to appoint him. This put Austin in a dilemma.

Although Roper is his immediate superior, jobs for the farm census are the special prerogative of Democratic House members.

Austin explained the situation to Roper. The latter told him to leave it to him.

He sent an emissary to Allard H. Gasque, representative from McCall's district, with a trading offer—Gasque to offer a job of his own to the appointment of Roper's brother-in-law, and in exchange to receive appointments to two jobs in the Commerce Department.

Gasque is still considering the dicker, but it is a sure bet he will accept. Two plums for one is not a bad trade.

PENNSYLVANIA'S Governor-elect George Earle was present at the opening ceremonies of Congress.

As the first Democratic governor of the Keystone state in many decades he was the object of much flattering attention. But one unknown took a fall out of him.

Gov. Earle was surrounded by an admiring group when the stranger walked up and asked, "Are you Gov. Earle?"

"Yes." "The Gov. Earle?" "Yes." "So what?" the stranger remarked, and calmly walked away leaving Earle blinking.

CATCHING a six-pound trout with a "plover line" may sound like the product of an elastic imagination, but that's the story of Speaker Joe Byrns, and he sticks to it.

At a lake in Glacier National Park where he was vacationing, a guide took Byrns and another guest fishing for pickerel. After trolling all day neither got a strike.

The tackle, Joe explains, was cord heavy enough to use for a plow line, and a triple-gang hook with a huge hunk of meat on it.

The guide, abashed at the empty fish coffers of his charges, decided the tackle was too heavy, and stopped at a saw mill to borrow lighter equipment. Only one pole and line were available, and Byrns generously resigned in favor of his fishing mate.

While the guide and mate departed for another effort, Byrns located a nearby dam, at the bottom of which was a deep pool. He whirled the heavy meat-laden hook around several times, and let go with a hammer-throwing gesture that he now uses for calling the House to order.

No sooner had it struck the water than an immense fish gobbled it and started off. After minutes of intense fighting, Byrns managed to land it—a six-pound salmon trout, largest caught in years.

And— At dark, when his fishing mate returned with the guide he still had caught nothing.

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YORK CRITICAL OF M'NUTT'S ADDRESS

By William Philip Simms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Under the watchful eyes of an international army, the first ever placed at the disposition of the League of Nations, the people of the Saar will decide tomorrow, by plebiscite, whether they remain German, become French or stay under the League.

The outcome is vital to Europe and the world. At the worst, it can lead to another war. At best, it will fit snugly into the series of moves now in full swing to bolster up the peace of Europe for the next generation.

The plebiscite comes on the heels of the new understanding between France and Italy, engineered by Premier Mussolini and French Foreign Minister Laval. Simultaneously, too, forces are in play at London, Paris and Rome to bring about an entente between France and Germany.

Complete success means the re-entry of Germany into the League and the Arms Conference. Once back in the fold, Britain and Italy particularly feel Germany's re-armament can be watched and perhaps regulated.

At present only the sky, or her pocketbook, is the limit. What happens tomorrow in the Saar will have a bearing on all this. Disorders would bring intervention by the international army. If this army is unable to cope with the situation, the League might have to call on the French troops. And that would almost surely lead to a Franco-German armed clash.

THERE seems good reason, however, to expect that tomorrow will pass off without an explosion. Six weeks ago this could not have been said. A startling chance for the better has taken place, for which the French government and the League of Nations share chief credit.

Just when the clouds over the Saar seemed blackest, M. Laval, one of Europe's most determined men of peace since Aristide Briand, got busy at Rome and Geneva.

To forestall the probability of bloodshed resulting from the use of French troops by the League, an international army was brought into being. Britain, genuinely frightened by the fast growing specter of war, quickly agreed to supply 1500 troops. Italy complied with 3000 more, and Holland and Sweden with 250 each.

These neutrals will watch over the voting tomorrow, assisted by the regular police. As the Saar is approximately 95 per cent German, the outcome is hardly in doubt, despite a small but bitter opposition.

THERE still remain, however, grave financial difficulties. The treaty put the Saar under League mandate for 15 years, but gave the mines outright to the French to make up for those Germany destroyed in Northern France. These mines were to be bought back by Germany, provided the Saarlanders voted that way, but the price was payable in gold. And Germany lacks the gold.

Instead of sticking to the letter of the bond, France on Dec. 3 voluntarily agreed to accept 900 million francs (about \$60,000,000), 95 per cent of it in paper francs, now legal tender in the Saar. The rest, she would take in coal.

M. Laval, astute, reserved, simple, met the bellicose German fuhrer more than half way. If Herr Hitler will now go the rest of the distance, admittedly there is an excellent chance that France and Germany may shortly bury the hatchet.

REPORT IS CORRECTED

Phone Company Increase Not Confined Solely to City Area.

The Indiana Bell Telephone Co. reported a gain of 4700 telephones for 1934 as against a loss of 13,500 phones in 1933. The Indianapolis Times erroneously stated yesterday that the gain was shown in the Indianapolis area, whereas the gain was for the company's entire area.

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M'KINNEY TO HEAD FIDELITY TRUST CO.

Group Led by Treasurer-Elect Acquires Control.

Control of the Fidelity Trust Co. has been acquired by a group of local business men headed by Frank McKinney, Marion County treasurer-elect, it was learned today.

The banking institution, which has transacted business in Indianapolis for the last 25 years, had total assets of \$1,850,982 at the close of last year.

According to present plans, formal transfer of control will take place Monday morning, prior to the annual stockholders' meeting. It is believed Mr. McKinney will ascend Timothy Sexton, who succeeded with the organization since its creation, will be retained in an executive capacity, it is believed.

Mr. McKinney, prominent in Democratic politics, will assume his duties as treasurer of Marion County in January, 1935.

NIGHT SIGHT LENS TO AID POLICE MARKSMEN

New Invention Maps Bullet Path in Darkness.

By United Press LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Peace officers may soon be equipped with an attachment for their service pistols which will make each officer a deadly marksman in the dark.

The device, known as the automatic night sight, the invention of A. B. Scott, Los Angeles engineer, soon will be in quantity production, although offered for sale only to city, county and state peace officers.

The invention, which fits securely on the muzzle of a regulation police pistol, consists of a small flash bulb, a clover-leaf shaped aperture and a system of lenses. In operation it throws a clover-leaf shaped beam of light along the path of the bullet, with the bullet striking the point where the inner points of the four beams of light meet. The secret of the device is in the lenses, which enable the light to illuminate the object aimed at, although a person in front of the pistol can not see the rays.

Each set of the equipment will bear a serial number and will be registered just as the sale of pistols is now recorded.

6 PARK RANGERS ARE SNOWBOUND IN OREGON

All Entrances to National Reserve Are Closed by Storm.

By United Press CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, Ore., Jan. 12.—Snow has closed the four entrances to the park and made prisoners for the winter of six men. The rangers of the park service will watch the lodge during the winter, maintain telephone communication with Klamath Falls and Medford and take pictures of nature's spectacle of winter in the mountains.

SEXTON CLUB LEADER

Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Group Installs New Head.

Joseph F. Sexton was installed as president of Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Club last night at the parish auditorium, 5317 E. Washington-st. Past presidents were guests of honor.

SIDE GLANCES By George Clark



"I can't work by the hour, lady. I'm so fast that if you paid me twice as much as my time is worth, I'd still lose money."

Fair Enough by WESTBROOK PEGLER

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—Another Mahatma comes out of Los Angeles where Upton Sinclair has temporarily drawn his pants on over his breech-cloth and turned again to the composition of plain literature. This one claims a following of 25 million citizens, basing his estimate on the signatures which have been appended to his petition.

The figures may be too high because there is likely to be some shrinkage when the repeaters, aliens, non-existent and other ineligible have been struck out. But even at the most conservative estimate, old Dr. F. K. Townsend would appear to have at least 20 million adherents, all qualified to vote. In his campaign to retire and pension off at the rate of \$200 a month all citizens over the age of 60 years who are not habitual criminals.

"If there were an election tomorrow," Dr. Townsend says, "we could dictate the result. And if we do not get what we want from this Congress we will elect our own Congress and our own President, too, next time."

Like Mahatma Sinclair who would have set the people of California to trading parsnips for piccolo lessons and actually knew of an artist who sculpted a bust of a farmer for a basket of peaches, Mahatma Townsend is tall and spare and earnest and has a certain look in his eyes, which are dark and sometimes actually swimmy from the contemplation of the ghastly mess which man has made of the simple job of dividing up nature's bounty.

An Old-Time Doctor

LIKE Sinclair, he loves people, believes them much more good than bad, aches in his soul for the poor and hopeless and trusts his fellow-man so implicitly that the thought of any one's running out on him at election time does not enter his calculations at all. Come election time, thinks he, his 25 million (or make it 20, if you insist), will ignore the other side and vote in one mass for the candidates who pledge themselves to pay \$200 a month to every citizen of 60 years who is not an habitual criminal.

He is 68 years old, himself, a log-cabin case from a town in the northern part of Illinois called Fairbury and an old-time horse-and-buggy doctor. Practicing for many years in Deadwood, S. D., and the surrounding country, he saw nothing in people to confirm his faith in their innate goodness except to confirm it day by day. At first his territory was limited to the cruising radius of a horse, always subject, of course, to the restrictions imposed by blizzard and flood. Later he drove an automobile and sometimes traveled 60 miles to deliver a baby on a kitchen table or take out an appendix or a bullet with only a cowboy for an assistant and a greasy wash-basin, scoured on the stove, for a vessel.

With all his humility, he is reasonably proud as he recalls that he never had a case of child-bed fever although one baby was born in his buggy and another on a spring mattress as the mother was being carried to high ground to escape a flood.

In 1919 he went to California to die, as he says, from the effects of peritonitis but put it off and put it off as dying people do in the southern part of the state and presently resumed practice. But now he has quit medicine again to work for the realization of "an old dream of that wonderful society which Edward Bellamy predicts."

"Rascality and chicanery are the result of the fear of the future," Dr. Townsend says. "Eliminate that fear and we abolish cupidity and the desire to cheat and lie."

They Wouldn't Do That!

FRUGALITY is the opposite of what we need now, but we are afraid to stop hoarding and saving because we have never had any experience with it. Now we need abundant purchasing ability to match our abundant production, but frugality is ingrained in us. We are not squirrels that we must hide nuts or dogs that we must bury bones any more. At first we will need a corps of vigilantes or supervisors to check up on the old people and force them into the habit of spending their \$200 every month, within the month. It will not come easy, but as first in people who have always been afraid of the future. But convince them that they will always get \$200 on the first of the month and the time will come when they will be broke on the 29th."

The Mahatma Townsend, like Mahatma Sinclair, is not sure of certain points in his scheme. Economic conditions, it but he condemns their opinions on the ground that they follow precedent, whereas there is no precedent for the Townsend plan. The children of the pensioners might permanently retire from work to live themselves and support their own children on their parents' pensions until they, too, reached 60, and acquired pensions of their own, but the new mahatmas, loving people as he does, can not believe that they would do this. He trusts their honor and self-respect.

He is so innocent, with his faith in the goodness of men, that a ruthless reporter could pick up some of his innocent remarks to fashion weapons which would tear the meat off his bones in print.

It will be a rotten job, having to stop Dr. Townsend because that will hurt him horribly and he is a benign idealist who has put in his life trying to alleviate hurt. But if he has 25 million votes (or make it 20, then there is bound to come a time when the Roosevelt Administration will have to quit gentling the new mahatma and let him have it."

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OFFICERS ARE NAMED BY DAIRY WORKERS

Irving P. Resslering Heads Milk Wagon Union.

The National Brotherhood of Dairy Workers, composed of 200 milk wagon drivers in Indianapolis, today announced its list of elected in its final organization meeting at Odd Fellow's Hall, 10th and Rural-sts.

Irving D. Resslering was named president; Fred B. Hite, secretary and Ward Raloff, treasurer. The Brotherhood will cause to be introduced into the next meeting of the City Council a proposed ordinance to eliminate night delivery of milk in the city.

COL. SHERBURNE TO ATTEND AIR PARLEY

Fort Chief Accepts Bid to Notre Dame Conference.

Col. T. L. Sherburne, Indianapolis, Chief of Ft. Benjamin Harrison, has accepted the invitation to present Tuesday for a conference at the University of Notre Dame of fliers and leaders in the aircraft industry.

The conference was called by the Rev. John F. O'Hara, C. S. C., president of the school. Nearly a dozen leading figures in the air industry already have signified they will attend.

COOPER UNION LEADER ON FORUM PROGRAM

Dr. Everett Dean Martin to Speak at Kirshbaum.

"What Has Happened to Liberalism?" will be the topic of Dr. Everett Dean Martin, celebrated director of People's Institute of Cooper Union, New York, when he addresses the Indianapolis Open Forum at 8:15 to 10:00 p.m. at Kirshbaum Center, Meridian 23-sts.

Dr. Martin was on the Indianapolis Forum program last year and is returning by request of many Forum patrons.

CENSUS WORK STARTED

Federal Agriculture Censuss is Under Way in County.

Enumeration in the Federal Agricultural Census will begin in Marion County today with James T. Tandy as District Supervisor. There will be one enumerator in each of the nine townships, Mr. Tandy said.

Dean in Private Practice

Russell J. Dean, former deputy prosecutor attached to Juvenile Court, has resumed private practice at his offices, 807 Meyer-Kiser Building.

USES SEISMOGRAPH IN STUDYING GROUND TILT

Canisius College Professor Tells of Work at Parley.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 12.—Seismographs, instruments whose normal function is the measurement of distant shakings of the earth's crust, also can be used to detect local tiltings so slight as to escape the most precise measurements by surveying methods. At the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here, Prof. John P. Delaney of Canisius College told of using one of his exceedingly sensitive seismographs for the purpose of studying ground tilt toward the southwest in the region around Buffalo, N. Y.

CRAFT CLUB OFFICERS TAKE POSTS TONIGHT

Dinner Dance to Follow Ceremony of Installation.

Newly elected officers of Calvin Frater Lodge Craft Club will be installed in ceremonies tonight at the Prather Masonic Temple, 42nd-st. and College-av.