

Vagabond

FROM INDIANA

By ERNIE PYLE

DENVER, Sept. 30.—Looking back, over the little things. Funny how you don't think about them at the time, but later on when you're lying in bed or driving silently along and thinking, they come snapping into your head, and make you chuckle, or want to cry. Just little things...

In Rapid City, S. D., the other day, we happened to run smack into President Roosevelt's drought party, week-end there. We were in the same hotel, and our fourth-floor room looked right down upon the hotel entrance. Sort of a grand stand seat for the President's speeches and deportments.

It was Sunday, and the street had been roped off, and a large crowd of Rapid Cityans had gathered by 11 o'clock to see the President leave for church. They were held back by ropes, on the opposite sidewalk. They cheered him as he drove away.

Mr. Pyle Then I lay down for a nap, and was presently awakened by clapping in the street. It was the President returning from church. An hour had gone by. The crowd was still there. I watched from my grand stand window.

Now there have been, out of what I have always felt to be a fine sense of consideration, few mentions in print or in picture of the President's partial paralysis. But it seems to me there can be no violation of good taste in relating anything as beautiful as what happened at Rapid City that day.

The crowd stopped clapping, and stood silently watching, as the car stopped at the hotel entrance. It was a seven-passenger touring car, with the top down. The President's two sons and his daughter-in-law got out ahead of him.

Reaches for Seat
THEN, while everybody waited, the President reached for the spare seat, and pulled it down in front of him. Then he reached to the robe rail, and with his powerful arms slid himself forward on to the spare seat. Then he turned a little, and put his legs out the door, and over the running board, with his feet almost to the curb.

Gus Gennerich, the President's bodyguard and personal assistant, stood ready to help. But he was not needed. You could almost have heard a pin drop. The President put both hands on one leg, and pushed downward, locking the jointed steel brace at his knee. He slowly did the same with the other leg.

Then he put his hands on the side of the car, and with his arms lifted his body out and up and on to his legs. He straightened up. And I have never seen a man so straight.

Crowd Applauds
AT that moment the tenseness broke, and the crowd applauded. The President's back was to the crowd, and he did not look around. It was brief and restrained applause.

I don't know, but I doubt that that has ever happened to the President before. It was the tenderest, most admiring tribute to courage I have ever seen. It was such a poignant thing, so surprising, so spontaneous. It was as though they were saying with their hands "We know we shouldn't, but we've got to."

When I turned from the window there was a lump in my throat, and there would have been in yours, too.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Day

BY ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

NEW YORK, Tuesday.—I came to New York late Monday afternoon in order to attend the opening of Todhunter School Tuesday morning. Since my first association with the school I have never missed the opening day, and I was particularly anxious not to miss it this year on my small granddaughter's account. If children know that you have an obligation, I think they are very quick to sense whether you make an effort to carry it out or not.

Since I first became a part of the management of the school there have been one or two amusing incidents in connection with my being there on the opening day.

For instance, in 1928 I was at the state convention at Rochester, N. Y. At that time I was supervising work for the Democratic National Committee, women's division, under Nellie Taylor Ross. Gov. Alfred E. Smith was running for the presidency. At the state convention it seemed to be a deadlock on the nomination for Governor.

If I was to be at school for the opening I would have to leave on the midnight train. All that afternoon and evening Mr. Raskob and Gov. Smith had tried unsuccessfully to reach my husband by telephone in Warm Springs, Ga. Finally they put it up to me to get him. I felt they really had a right to talk to him, regardless of what his final decision might be.

Fifteen minutes before my train was leaving for New York City, I reached my husband and turned the wire over to Mr. Raskob. I made my plans and never knew the decision which had been made until I got off the train in the morning in New York City and bought a newspaper which reported that my husband had agreed to run for Governor.

It is interesting to see a group, ranging from little girls up to young girls in their last year in school, starting out on a new school year. Some of them come back reluctantly, regretting losing the freedom of summer; some of them get a certain excitement out of starting something new.

As one looks at them, one hopes that the next year will bring them the realization that the benefit of whatever we do lies in the effort we put into it, and that all achievement is really measured by our effort.

Now I am starting for Syracuse. I am too late to join my husband's train in Poughkeepsie, but will be in Syracuse by 5:41, where I will join him on his car and be at the evening session of the convention.

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Daily New Books

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS—

The dead end of a river-front street within whose narrow confines you can almost see the whole pattern of New York life is the scene for Sidney Kingsley's play, *DEAD END* (Random House; \$2). There is a white iron gate leading to a green terrace and the back of a towering garden apartment; a tall red tenement falling to decay, but swarming with people; and across the wharf, in imagination, hundreds of severs emptying their refuse into East River.

This setting forms the background for the action of the gang of boys who swim in the sewage-strewn river and terrorize the passersby with speech that is a shocking jargon. The play is simple, direct, and rather heartbreaking, giving a realistic picture of the environment out of which emerges the gangster.

THE book, *MURDER ISN'T EASY* (Putnam; \$2) is the new opus by Richard Hull Sampson, that mystery story writer whose first work, "Murder of My Aunt," was characterized by Christopher Morley as "the most viciously humorous detective story of recent years."

The same might be said of Mr. Sampson's latest, which relates the great trouble each of three partners in an advertising agency takes to plan and carry out the murder of his two associates. Naturally each must have a perfect alibi; and each seems convinced that he and he alone is the brilliant member of the firm and the only person needed to carry it on, making the doing away of his partners an absolute necessity.

During the course of the planning and execution of the murders, there is much ironical comment on advertising methods and advertisers in general, as well as sly and scathing characterizations.

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POLLUTION DRIVE FINDS AN ALLY

Plant Improvements to End Dumping of Sewage Into White River



3. Part of the agitating mechanism in one of the new settling basins.

4. On the left are air lines which force sewage to rotate in the aeration tanks. Air is forced through apertures in the floor and through the sewage which is treated in four similar tanks at the plant.

5. Final settling basins now in use. These basins have been taking care of 65 per cent of the disposal. Additional basins being completed will make the plant 100 per cent effective.

6. Putting final touches on the settling basins which are to be in service soon.

Social Ills Need Scientific Approach, Says Prof. Millikan

BY SCIENCE SERVICE

LEVELAND, Sept. 30.—The future of mankind depends on man's learning to use the method the scientist uses in solving his problems.

This was the message of physics to medical X-ray science as conveyed by Prof. Robert A. Millikan, California Institute of Technology head and noted cosmic ray investigator, at the meeting of the American Roentgen Ray Society here last night.

"Man must learn the scientific mode of approach before he will ever solve the worst of his social or governmental ills," Prof. Millikan declared.

Prof. MILLIKAN surveyed the field of radiation and described the ranges of particular interest to medical men. Among these is the whole range of X-ray and gamma ray frequency, the main use of which is "combating mankind's most terrible scourge, cancer." This runs from a frequency in electron volts of about 12,000 up to 1,200,000 electron volts, which is the highest frequency which has been generated by an X-ray tube and used conveniently for cancer treatment.

THESE high potential X-rays are particularly appropriate for deep-seated cancers, Prof. Millikan reminded the doctors, the low potential tubes being successfully used to treat superficial cancers.

"With the range of about 2,000,000 electron volts we end the highest frequency of radiation being regularly applied to the human body or other useful purposes, but Dr. Lauer at the California Institute of Technology has recently discovered the existence of nuclear disintegration gamma rays which carry a frequency of artificially produced radiations up to 17,500,000 electron volts and this figure begins to overlap the enormous energies which we find in cosmic radiation, which, however, is completely unknown from any terrestrial sources.

These observations can not be made until similar flights and readings have been made nearer the equator, Prof. Millikan said, adding that he and his colleagues are now trying to obtain such flights.

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