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Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way

SPEED KING

BACK in 1903 at this season a young fellow named Barney Oldfield stole the headlines from baseball's first world series, in which the Boston Americans were beating the Pittsburgh Nationals.

He broke all records by driving an automobile 15 miles in 14½ minutes on the old Indiana state fair grounds track.

Barney died Friday in Beverly Hills, Cal. He was 69 years old, and he had almost outlived the memory of his daredevil glory as king of the dirt tracks. But for a good many years his name stood for speed in the American vocabulary, and the chunky, cigar-chewing race driver was one of our national heroes.

Looking back at it now, his 1903 record—only a little better than a mile a minute—may not appear startling. But, like the first tiny hop of the Wright brothers' flying machine a few weeks later in the same year, it was a forecast, perhaps a warning, of what was to come.

The whole world seems to travel nowadays a great deal faster than Barney Oldfield did 43 years ago. It would be reassuring to feel that the sense of direction is as sure, the hands on the steering wheel as firm, as his used to be.

MAINTAINING PEACE

THE frank declaration by Secretary Forrestal that United States naval forces are in the Mediterranean and eastern Atlantic to support American foreign policy should discourage acts of aggression in the Russian-Turkish controversy over control of the Dardanelles, or at Trieste, where the Yugoslavs and Italians are in dispute.

In claiming the right to join with Turkey in "joint defense" measures at the Dardanelles, Russia is ignoring the existence of the United Nations security council, and in fact is demanding that Turkey surrender her sovereignty and enter the Russian orbit as another captive state. No threat exists to the Dardanelles, so why the talk of "defense measures"?

The world was presented with a not dissimilar situation when Hitler made his original demands upon Czechoslovakia. A firm attitude by the western democracies at Munich might have prevented world war II.

THE presumption is that the United States and Britain will reiterate their previous support of the Turkish position when, on Aug. 19, Moscow was informed that the Russian proposal to share control of the straits with Turkey did not meet with U. S. and British approval. Meanwhile, presence of American and British naval units in the Mediterranean should curb any disposition to resolve the issue by force.

Inability to reach an agreement at the Paris peace conference on a statute for the government of Trieste has thrown this problem back into the lap of the council of foreign ministers. Possibly that is where the statute should have been drafted in the first instance, since there was no apparent prospect of harmonizing the highly antagonistic and inflamed Yugoslav and Italian viewpoints when those nations were invited into the discussion.

Pending a decision by the Big Four ministers, however, it is essential that order be maintained in the contested area. It would be a body blow to the whole theory of the United Nations if the bullying tactics of the Yugoslavs should prevail now, while lawful processes are stalemated. Until the United Nations has a police force to enforce order in such situations, it is incumbent upon the nations supporting United Nations principles to supply the deficiency.

GEORGIA LYNCHERS STILL FREE

GEORGIA'S Governor Ellis Arnall seems to have lost interest in catching the mobsters who murdered four Negroes in that state's Walton county more than two months ago.

Edward B. Smith, a Scripps-Howard staff writer, reports from Georgia that state and local authorities apparently have suspended all efforts to solve the crime. The head of the Georgia bureau of investigation has not been in Walton county for several weeks. One of his assistants, formerly stationed in the county, has been sent elsewhere. The sheriff says frankly that he is not working on the case, and the local state prosecutor is busy with other matters.

Agents from the FBI are still on the job. But they are handicapped by the uncooperative if not hostile attitude of the county's people who, according to Mr. Smith, are "fed up" with unfavorable publicity and don't want to talk about the murders.

Just after the four Negroes were killed, on July 25, Governor Arnall professed deep concern. He promised to employ the state's full resources to capture the lynchers and offered rewards for information leading to their conviction. But this week Reporter Smith was told that the governor was too busy to talk with him about the Walton county outrage.

If Georgia's state government does nothing to find and punish the perpetrators of that brutal crime before the "liberal" Governor Arnall's term ends, there is no hope that it will do anything under the far-from-liberal demagog, Gene Talmadge, who will become governor in January.

THE AIR FORCES LEAD OFF

THE army air forces move one up on the ground forces and the navy, with announcement by Gen. Carl Spaatz that a group of B-29 Superfortresses and a squadron of P-51 Mustangs will go to Alaska for Arctic training.

The chief of the army air forces said in a recent speech that the United States was wide open to an air attack across the polar ice-cap and training for combat under arctic conditions was sound insurance against such an attack. That this training is to be carried on during the most rugged season in the Far North also reflects realistic thinking.

It has seemed to us that the two older services have been too prone in the past to do their peacetime training within easy access to the bathing beaches, polo fields and cocktail lounges, ignoring the hard facts of modern warfare. Today's threat is from across the top of the globe, not through Florida, Texas or Hawaii. Hats off to Gen. Spaatz for keeping in step with the times.

Another Displaced Person



Hoosier Forum

"When Living Cost Threatens Existence, Anything Can Happen"

By J. E. O'Brien, Franklin

Your Sept. 27 editorial, "Private Right vs. Public Wrong," bears in many respects, thoughts that I have had since Mr. Whitney's trainmen tailed up the railroads of our country. However, if you will permit, may I say that you have failed to take into consideration one very important item; mainly, the cost of living and an alternative for these men.

At present, I am thankful to say that the cost of living doesn't cause me any great degree of anxiety. Therefore, I feel that I can speak with a fair degree of authority on the subject.

I believe that the men involved in the Pittsburgh power strike, and men who have been active in other such strikes, as well, are as much, if not more, concerned with the affairs of our country as any good American should be. I believe that these men don't like to see innocent residents of a city, no less their own families, suffer from the action of any individual group, big or small. But, when a series of incidents threatening the comfortable existence of these men transpire, anxiety sets in and their actions aren't always as rational as one would expect.

Plainly stated, gentlemen, when the cost of living rises to a height which threatens this man's normal existence, then anything that labor leaders say sounds good, and maybe it should.

Elliott Roosevelt condemns the press for "freedom of irresponsibility." Certainly no one can challenge Elliott as an authority on "irresponsibility."

Everyone liked the appointment of Secretary of Commerce Harriman except Harold Ickes. His idea of an ideal cabinet official is a fellow named Ickes.

Wages have not risen proportionately, or even to point which will guarantee to these men the mode of living which they knew; not even a fair compromise.

Therefore, we agree that something should be done to limit the labor unions from abusing the privilege of collective bargaining. Are we going to do this and thus tie the hands of the individual worker without first setting an effective limit for industry as well, though?

Personally, I am opposed to the use of "limits" until all other American methods of regulation have been exhausted. Has labor and industry ever combined to work for the economic security of the country without intervention from government sources? This is the only successful solution. I'm sure that labor and industry will both agree that the end result of rising wages

VIEWS ON THE NEWS

By DANIEL M. KIDNEY

A Communist who is against a strike as hard to find as a meat packer who is for OPA.

The agriculture department announced it has discontinued its meat board. So has almost everyone else.

"LIFE AS IT GOES ON IN OUR INDIANAPOLIS"

By J. E. O'Brien, Indianapolis

Here's a letter home.

Dear Pa and Ma: Well here I am in the big city and it sure is big like you said it where. The only thing that hurts is these shoes which I gotta keep on. Like you said Pa, I got a good job right away. Make \$125 an hour. More than I made in a week at home. I'm getting plenty to eat here, all the beans and corn-bread you want. Seems like there is a fellow named OPA around that people are right mad at over meat. They are sure to be tied. Looks like feeding will start anytime now. Speaking of feeding, couple folks got kill a couple weeks back. So far the revengers haven't been able to catch 'em. I don't think they want to catch them. Seems like all they do is ride round in their big fancy automobiles.

Speaking of automobiles, you should see them here. My oh my. They do drive fast, thirty miles an hour. I bought myself one and I got right in the middle of the road and drove all of 15 miles an hour. Pa, you should see the fancy stores here. All smooth as glass. No bumps at all. Sure cost lots of money to keep them that way. Don't see why they should waste so much time on them.

Ma, I been and seen Aunt Roxie, Uncle Cal, cousins Bob, Jim, John, Cettie and Jean. They are all fine. Want you and Pa to come up and live with them.

Well, I must close and get back to work.

"TECH MAKES MISTAKE ON G. I.'S SOCIAL LIFE."

By Mrs. William Lynch, 139 N. Kealing Ave.

I am not a veteran nor do I have

daughters in high school. I think

I have just an average viewpoint

on how the veterans are being treated

at one of our local high schools.

I am an alumna of this school and

I have always been rather proud

of it until now. Why should these

boys be singled out and treated

different from other students.

Certainly if they were the type of

questionable character, they would

not be making the effort to complete

an interrupted education. It seems

to me with all the other difficulties

G. I.'s are facing—housing,

clothing, food shortages—this situa-

tion at Tech is too small a thing

to even warrant conversation. Class-

room activities of course should be

governed by the school, but isn't it

stretching a point too far by trying

to rule their social lives too!

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There's the guy to set limits for

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"DOCTORS SHOULD AID EVEN IF CAN'T PAY"

By M. E. Indianapolis

A good friend of mine was in

great pain the other day and went

to see a medical doctor. She went

to his place of residence and told

him what the trouble was and

asked if he could fix her up with

something to eliminate the pain for

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Side Glances—By Galbraith



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OUR TOWN . . . By Anton Scherer

Riley Always Liked to Fool Public

JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY was the dullest fellow to fool people. For at least 13 years—from 1870 to 1883—he used fancy pseudonyms to hide his identity.

Riley's first pen name of which there is any record was Edryn. Sounds like something that came to him by way of a dream. It didn't. Edryn was a character in Tennyson's "The Idylls of the King." Apparently, Riley liked the sound of the name well enough to appropriate it as his own; with the result that when it came time to publish "A Backward Look" in The Greenfield Commercial on Aug. 7, 1870, everybody blinked his eyes to figure out who Edryn might be. So far as anybody knows, it was Riley's first poem to appear in print.

Subsequently several more poems appeared with the same pseudonym. As a matter of fact, the Tennyson alias was good for two years. By that time people began to catch on. Either that, or Mr. Riley was tired of his assumed name. Maybe, too, he thought it time to fool people some more. Anyway, in 1872 he cracked the romantic signature in favor of Jay Whit. When in a hurry, he abbreviated it to read J. Whit. These pen names lasted six or seven years.

Used Several Pen-Names

BY THIS TIME, the situation was complicated still more by the occasional appearance of poems by J. W. Riley—sometimes right along with those of Jay Whit. This sort of fooling irritated Benjamin S. Parker no end. Mr. Parker was one of Mr. Riley's best friends and one of the very first to realize the boy's talent. Finally, in 1879, Mr. Parker's irritation took the shape of a critical piece in The Mercury.

"We wish softly, but firmly to suggest to Riley," said Mr. Parker, "that certain tricks which public is beginning to understand, by which he seeks to give himself notoriety, must now be abandoned. He has the elements of the true poet in him. He has been very

POLITICAL REPORT . . . By Thomas L. Stokes

Water Power Helps Build Northwest

SPOKANE, Oct. 7.—To put it plainly, this traveler is a sucker for dams. We all are, no doubt. It's our admiration for the builder.