

# Dale Carnegie

## 5-Minute Biographies

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### CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

#### His Sailors Were Afraid of Falling Off the Edge of the Earth

On every 12th of October, we celebrate one of the most important events in our history, the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

As a boy in school, Columbus had studied a book by Pythagoras, who taught that the world was round. So Columbus got an idea. He figured out that, if it was round, he could find a short

cut to India; and that would make him a fortune.

But the learned professors and philosophers in the universities laughed at his silly idea.

They told him that the earth was not round, but flat; and they warned him that he would be committing suicide; that his ships would sail to the edge of the world and then tumble off into unending space.

For seventeen years, Columbus tried to get someone to finance his adventure. Finally, he was ready to give up in despair; and he retired to a monastery in Spain to end his days. He wasn't quite fifty years old then, but he had had so much trouble and so much heart-break that his red

hair had become snow white. Finally, the Pope in Rome urged Queen Isabella of Spain to help Columbus. So the Queen sent him sixty-five dollars and Columbus, being in rags, bought a new suit of clothes and a donkey and set out to see the Queen. He was so poor, he had to beg for his food on the way.

The Queen gave him the ships that he needed, but he found it almost impossible to get a crew. Everyone was afraid to go. So he went down to the waterfront and boldly seized some sailors and forced them to go. He begged and bribed and threatened others. He even took criminals out of jails, and offered them their freedom if they would go.

Finally, everything was in readiness; and one-half hour before sunrise on Friday, August 3, 1492, Columbus with his three ships and eighty-eight men, set out on one of the most important and epoch-making journeys in the history of the world.

The colonies that Columbus founded in the new world met with nothing but disappointment and disaster. All the people in the first colony were murdered by the Indians. The Governor of the second colony was so jealous of Columbus that he accused him of all sorts of crimes, had him arrested and sent back to Spain in chains. To be sure, he was turned loose as soon as he reached Spain, but the chagrin and

disappointment of it all broke his heart.

Columbus had accomplished one of the most amazing and courageous feats in history. And yet what did he get out of it? He had expected to make a fortune, and he died a pauper. He had been promised the title of "Admiral of the Ocean and Viceroy of India."

Yet he got no title whatever. The continent that he discovered was not even named for him. It was named for the maker of maps, Amerigo Vespucci.

However, Columbus has received one "break." He is given credit for being the first man to discover America, when he wasn't at all.

A thousand years before Columbus was born, Ho-Shin, a Buddhist monk from China, discovered America; and then, 500 years before Columbus was born, a Norseman by the name of Lief Ericson, discovered it again, and you can still see what historians believe are the ruins of the houses that Lief Ericson built on the banks of the Charles River in Massachusetts.

#### Social Duty

Jimmy was pushing his baby sister's perambulator down the street. "Hey, Jimmy," called his buddy from across the street, "do you get paid for that?" "Naw," replied Jimmy disgusted, "this is a free wheeling job."

### Nazi Troops Prepare To March into Memel; Rumania Calls Troops

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Lithuanian garrison in Memel, Gallus said that certain equipment already had been moved, but that orders were being awaited from Kaunas before evacuation of troops took place.

He said Lithuania's answer to the virtual ultimatum would be delivered to Berlin Wednesday.

Previously military circles had denied emphatically that Lithuanian troops already had left the territory, a 1,099 square mile strip detached from east Prussia by the treaty of Versailles and later placed under Lithuanian rule.

Informed sources said arrangements had been made between Lithuania and Germany for Lithuania to receive a guarantee of the German-Lithuanian frontier and certain facilities for the use of the Memel port, which is Lithuania's only outlet to the sea, in return for surrender of the territory.

It was reported here, without confirmation, that an entire German army corps had been moved to East Prussia in the past few days.

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### COOL SPRINGS

There were 138 present at Sunday school. Among our visitors were Miss Nell Pettyjohn, of Winston-Salem, and Mr. Worth Tullbert, of Elkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Holbrook and Miss Dessere Newman visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holbrook at their home at Traphill Friday.

Mr. George Nicks, of Wythville, Va., was a guest of Mr. Leroy Darnell and Mr. Click Darnell recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Isenhour spent Sunday in Taylorsville the guests of friends.

Mr. John Stout and children, of near Elkin, were visitors with us Sunday evening.

The children sang four numbers at the Young People's service.

The choir, the Young People's choir and the two quartets are all humming new songs, perhaps will be singing them soon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Newman and children visited Mrs. Sallie Benge of Yadkinville, Sunday afternoon.

There are many cases of flu in the community now. Among the sick are Mr. G. R. West's family, Mrs. W. W. Darnell, Mrs. Jay Myers, Mrs. Ada Newman and the entire family of Mr. and Mrs. Will Smoot.

We are busy carting away last

year's debris of weeds and dead grasses, making room for the coming of spring flowers, green lawns and bird songs. Here's to more of them, and better ones.

Prayer service will be held at the home of Glenn Powers Friday night.

### AT JONESVILLE THREE DAYS OF EACH WEEK

Dr. Crutchfield, chiropractor, said Wednesday that during the immediate future he will be at his Jonesville office each week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Within the near future he will be located at Jonesville at all times, he said.

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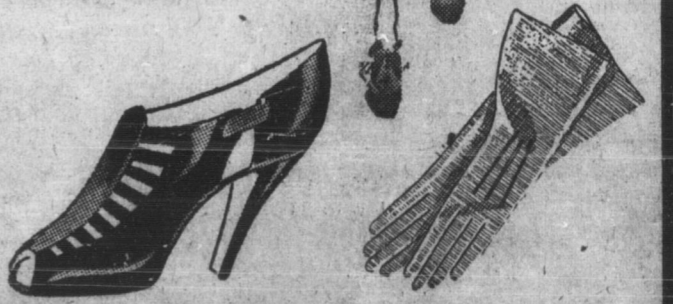
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