

RAMBLING ROUND NEW YORK with HUGH KENNY

A group of publishers assembled recently to hear a discussion and demonstration of "sound books," phonograph records that will play an hour and twenty minutes to each side of the twelve inch disk. It's made possible by crowding the grooves to 500 to the inch and slowing the speed of the turntable. . . . The possibility is regarded as a boon to the blind, the ill and the lazy.

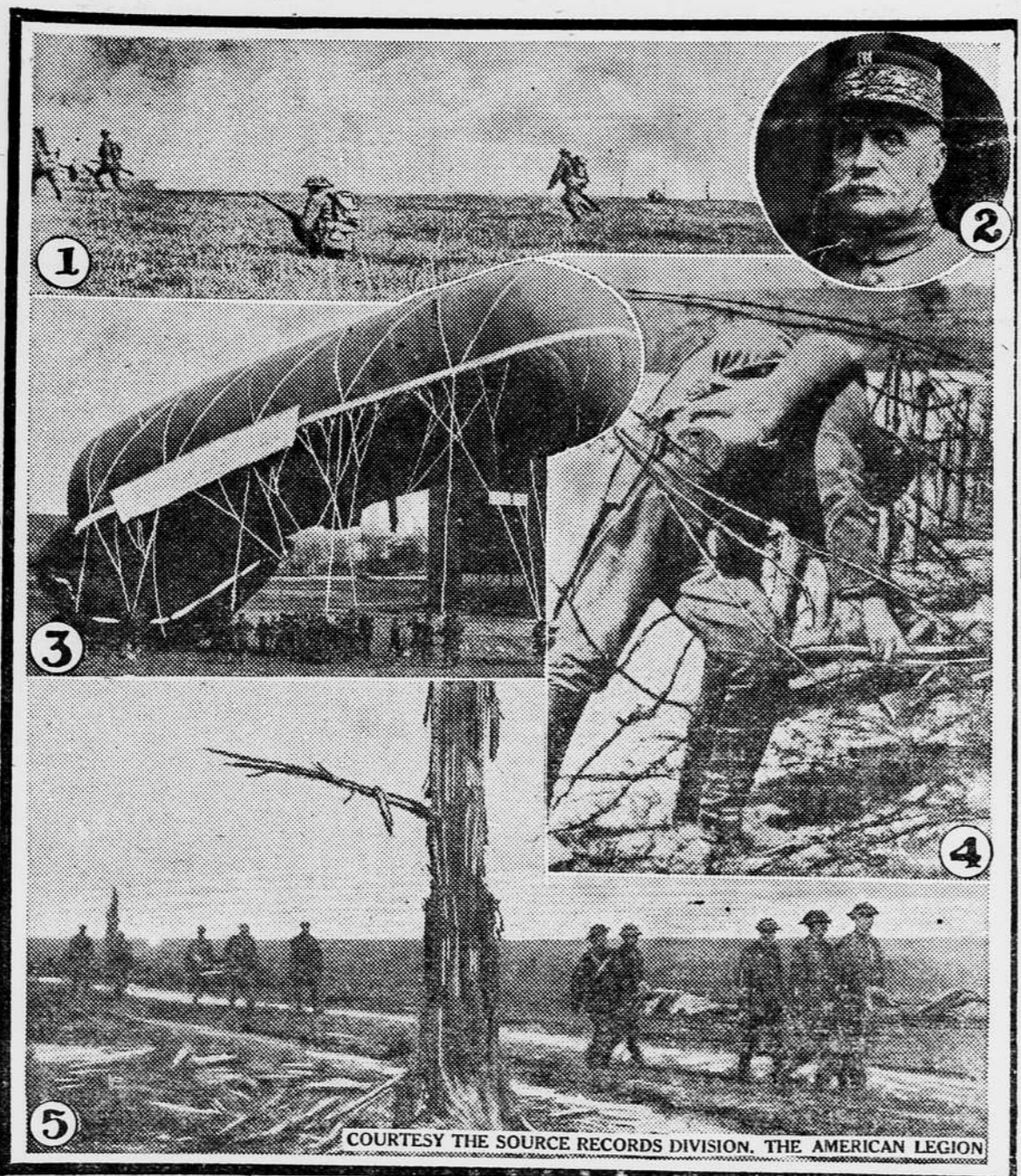
Bartenders of old, reinstated after the unlamented death of the late 18th amendment, report a vast difference in drinking habits. . . . Customers with hangovers used to crowd the bars at 9 a. m. Now it's rare for a customer to appear before luncheon time. . . . Young men during prohibition consumed quantities of gin. Now they have a cocktail or two and call it quits. . . . During the great draught women commenced to drink, hard liquor. Now they're calling for the milder, more innocent mixtures.

Mabel Wolf, 40, of Brooklyn, had vague pains in her back. X-rays, followed by a stomach operation, showed the following contents: 584 fine upholstery tacks, 144 carpet tacks, two chair tacks, one round-head thumb tack, 3 thumb tacks, 46 small screws, 6 medium screws, 80 large screw, 1 hook-hape screw, 30 small bolts, 47 large bolts, 3 picture frame hooks, 3 nuts, 3 safety pins, 1 head of a nail, 3 brass nails, 83 straight pins, 59 assorted beads, 4 pieces of wire, 89 pieces of glass, 1 piece of a tea cup handle. . . . She worked in a hardware store five years ago, and began swallowing things. She swallowed them for a week and hadn't swallowed any since. "I haven't had a square meal in five years," she said. "I don't know why I did it. Don't ask me any more. I want to forget it all and put it out of my life," she said "and go home."

The sweepstakes stories remind me of something read moons ago about striking oil in one of the Southwestern states. They offered a fabulous sum to a laundry driver for his house and his land. He accepted. "What'll you do with the money?" he was asked. "Hum. . . . I think," he replied, "I'll get somebody to take my route on Saturdays."

The colors in Fifth Avenue windows at this time of year tend to

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No. 1 going into action. No. 2 General Foch, the Generalissimo of the Allied Forces. No. 3 one of the many observation balloons used on all fronts. No. 4 the body of a soldier in a barbed wire entanglement. He was killed during an infantry charge. No. 5 stretcher bearers at work on the Amiens-St. Quentin Road. The picture was made when the French and British recaptured the place in 1917.

make you believe you can shed your overcoat. They're misleading that way, but the merchants are forever trying to steal a march on the weather.

Do snatches of overheard conversation leave you guessing? Here's a choice bit I've thought of for days. . . . Two well dressed women, getting off a bus. Said one, "Queer, I grant you. But mad, I will not say." And the bus went on.

There are twenty-eight Shetland ponies at the Bronx Zoo the only domestic animals in the whole park. And they're the only ones that earn a penny—ten cents a ride for children. . . . Taffy is the smartest of the lot, and the only pony that can stand on his hind legs. Taffy loves to pose for cameras, and to

top it all off, he'll pick a handkerchief neatly off the ground. . . . Soon they'll all be carrying delighted youngsters around the same track that's been used for the purpose for thirty-four years.

Rudolph Bell filled his trays with butterfish for the aquatic birds and a bucket with moss bunkers for the polar bears and then explained that he had the only job of the kind in the United States. He's the butcher-chef who caters to the plates of 4000 mouths of the Bronx Zoo. It's a very special menu that he prepares and the fine condition of the animals testifies to the expert knowledge that has gone into its making.

Improvement In Rail Territory

Roanoke, Va.—More than \$19,000,000, an increase of nearly 31 per cent over 1932, and 161 per cent over 1931, was invested last year in the establishment of new industries and additions to existing plants in the territory served by the Norfolk and Western railway, it was announced here by Gilbert T. Wood, Norfolk and Western agricultural and industrial agent.

Commenting on prospects for continued improvement of business conditions in the territory, Mr. Wood said that more active projects are under consideration at this time than perhaps at any time since 1929, in practically every line of industry production has been increased.

"There seems to be an underlying current of confidence among the majority of the leading manufacturers which did not exist during the first part of last year," he asserted.

DO LIKEWISE

The orator, mounted upon the usual little platform, was trying to convince a small and unenthusiastic audience of many amazing facts.

"What would you say," he demanded, if I told you that the rivers of the world were drying up?"

From the back of the crowd, came a voice: "Go thou, and do likewise."

Two married men were conversing. One had been married for several years, the other for only a few months. The older married man remarked that before marriage his wife's favorite book was "The Three Musketeers," and they had triplets now. The other said, "my goodness, my wife's favorite book is "The Birth of a Nation."

The boys say they like a peppy girl, but if they get married to the peppy girl, they will have to do some real work.

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No. 1 artillery preparation on the Western front. British gunners hard at work pounding the German trenches with big howitzers. No. 2 General Kitchener, commander of the British forces. No. 3 British with wounded German prisoners. No. 4 the "Big Parade," British troops moving to the front in motor lorries.

The motorist who asks why they don't do something to stop automobile stealing, would do something for that cause if he would lock his own car when he leaves it on the street.

May be all right for the politicians to "feel the pulse of the people," but they should have looked at the people's tongue more when they were getting the sick on undigested securities.

WHAT MOTHER SAID

A certain young girl cried piteously after her young man had proposed.

"Why are you crying, dear?" asked the young man solicitously. "Have I offended you?"

"No, dear," answered the girl, "that's not it. I am crying for pure joy. Mother always said I was such an idiot that not even a donkey would propose to me, and now he has."

She: "I think that new step is crazy but perfectly adorable. Where in the world did you run across it?"

He: "Crazy step, hell, garter is slipping, slipping, gone."

At the dog-show Willie's poodle pup was on display. Fearing that folks handling the pup might dirty his beautiful hair, Willie placed this sign above the doggie's cage: "Don't handle, he leaks."

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