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The influence of weekly newspapers on public opinion exceeds that of all other publications in the country.—Arthur Brisbane.

POPULATION DATA (1930 Census)

Table with 2 columns: City Name and Population. Includes Salisbury (16,951), Spencer (3,128), E. Spencer (2,098), China Grove (1,258), Landis (1,388), Rockwell (696), Granite Quarry (507), Cleveland (435), Faith (431), Gold Hill (156).

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THE EUROPEAN WAR OUTLOOK

The whole world was shocked when the news came out that France and Great Britain had drawn up a "peace" agreement between Ethiopia and Italy which would if carried out, give more than half of Ethiopia to Italy as a reward for its unprovoked attack upon a peaceful and almost defenseless nation.

It is to the credit of the peoples and the statesmen of most of the other nations of Europe that they denounced the proposal with one voice. The people of England were stirred to indignation against this government. The outcome of this fiasco may easily be a far more serious international situation than has so far developed.

Ever since the Great War, the position of Great Britain has been that of guardian of the peace of Europe. She has held that position because, in spite of everything, the rest of the world believed in England's good faith. Now, of a sudden, that confidence has been dispelled by the present British government's own act.

It will take a lot of explaining, years of time, to rebuild the world's confidence in Britain's national honor. Doubtless the explanation will be that to give Mussolini what he wanted was the only way to avert the actual outbreak of war on the Continent of Europe. But all the present indications are that the inevitable conflict has been hastened, rather than retarded.

Coming on top of the failure of the League of Nations to settle the quarrel between two of its members, and the breakdown of the London Naval Conference, the failure of England to stand up for the rights of Ethiopia against Italy's aggressions has thrown all Europe into a fresh frenzy of nationalism. And that, the keenest observers of European affairs believe, can end only to war, and that not long delayed.

Germany alone, of all the European powers, is happy over the

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BLACK-DRAUGHT

present situation. The United States of America is lucky to be so clear of "entangling alliances" that we can look on with a fair degree of unconcern—for the present.

FINGERPRINTING EVERYBODY

The movement for the recording of everybody's fingerprints seems to be gaining momentum. In several communities voluntary organizations have been formed to encourage parents to have their children's fingerprints recorded—and, incidentally, their own. Many municipalities now require the fingerprinting of every applicant for a public job. Sometimes when these fingerprints are sent to Washington for comparison with those of persons of known criminal records, strange discoveries are made. Crooks of varying degrees have thus been detected in their efforts to get on the public payroll in positions of trust.

The largest collection of fingerprints anywhere in the world is in the Department of Justice in Washington. An even larger file may soon have to be established, to identify persons claiming benefits under the new Social Security Act. There does not seem to be any good argument against keeping a fingerprint record for identification purposes. Criminals and their lawyers are about the only serious objectors.

Recently several "missing" men were located by means of their fingerprint records, and the identity of several persons killed in accidents was established by the same means. The Department of Justice has opened its files to those who wish to place their own fingerprints on record, and the number availing themselves of this privilege is steadily growing.

TODAY AND TOMORROW

—BY— FRANK PARKER STOCKBRIDGE

STANDARDS . . . elevated

My venerable friend, Elihu Root, now past 90, is still an optimist. He said the other day that in his own long lifetime he had seen such a progressive elevation of moral standards, especially in international relations, as to furnish proof that the world is growing better. He pointed particularly to the world-wide indignation over Italy's attempt to seize Ethiopia.

I think that is broadly true in all human relations. I am not as old as Mr. Root, but I am old enough to remember when no voices were raised in protest against any of the injustices perpetrated by the strong upon the weak in almost every field of human action. We have come a long way out of the age of brutality in my time.

Sometimes I think, however, that we have come into an age of sentimentality. What the world needs is neither brutality nor overtenderness, but even-handed justice.

FISH . . . and war

One of the things we are learning is that nothing can happen anywhere in the world without in some measure affecting everybody else in the world. Who would have guessed that Italy's military expedition against Ethiopia would have brought distress to the fishermen of Labrador? Yet that is just what has happened, according to Dr. Grenfell, the famous Labrador medical missionary.

The other nations of the world have shut off Italy's credit. Italy has been the chief market for the fish caught off the Labrador Coast. Fishing boats from the Mediterranean were catching fish off Labrador for the Italian market before Columbus discovered America. Now that market is closed to them because Italy can't pay for the fish.

One of the reasons why people are more concerned now than ever before over wars and other dislocations of international relations is that we understand more clearly how interdependent we all are.

NEWS . . . liberty

If I had to express in one word the most powerful influence working toward world understanding and human justice, I would say "news." In my newspaper work in the past 45 years, I have watched the growth of knowledge and

understanding through the wider and speedier distribution of news from all the world to all the world. Nothing approaching the great network of newsgathering machinery and news distribution which exists today was even imaginable in my journalistic apprentice days.

America is away ahead of all the rest of the world in the freedom of its news channels. Most of the politicians and governments who seek to impose their wills upon their peoples begin by trying to suppress or distort the news. I often wonder if Americans realize that we owe our individual liberties, which are greater than those of any other people, to the freedom which our Constitution guarantees to the press.

MURDER . . . editor

They killed Walter Liggett in Minneapolis the other day. Liggett had a newspaper in which he was printing the truth, as he saw it, about crime and politics. He was making it too clear to the people of the North-West that organized crime cannot flourish without the protection of politicians.

Politicians in Minnesota attempted to clamp a censorship on the press some years ago. They passed a law authorizing the suppression of news which some official might regard as dangerous to the politicians. The Supreme Court of the United States declared the law invalid. That left the politicians and their criminal allies no means of suppressing the news except by killing the editor. Liggett is the second editor killed in Minneapolis in a little over a year.

It is a safe assumption that anybody who tries to suppress news has something disgraceful to conceal.

SKIJORING . . . thrill

Up our way, in the Berkshires, we are hoping for snow. We haven't had enough of it yet to utilize our ski slides. The ski trains, which all the railroads are running into the New England mountains, are not doing the business they did last year.

All over the East the Scandinavian sport of "skijoring" has taken possession of the young people of both sexes who crave outdoor sport even in mid-winter. I haven't tried it myself. Like other accomplishments calling for physical skill, one has to start young at skijoring. But even an oldster can get a kick over watching the youngsters come down the side of Bear Mountain at a mile a minute—and sometimes take a header into the snow. Come up and try it sometime!

PICAYUNES

SPEED THE DEPARTING!

Customer: "Can you help me select a gift for a wealthy old aunt who is weak and can hardly walk?" Clerk: "How about some floor wax?"

GOSSIPTOWN

Stranger: "Ah, Mrs. Mudge, one-half of the world is ignorant of how the other half lives." "Not in this village, Miss."

ENVY HIS NERVE

"I envy the man who sang the tenor solo." "Really I thought he had a very poor voice." "So do I, but think of his nerve."

RUDE QUESTION

First Doctor: "Why so sad?" Second Doctor: "I have lost a patient with typhoid." First Doctor: "And what were you treating him for?"

MAYBE

Mother: "You acted wrongly in disobeying me. I am punishing you to impress it on your mind." Sonny: "Aren't you proceeding under a slight misapprehension as to the location of the mind?"

HIS GUESS

Mr. Softy: "You know, I am very fond of birds. Yesterday one sweet little thing actually settled on my head." Mr. Tuffguy: "It must have been a woodpecker."

JUST A MISTAKE

Judge: "Do you mean to tell me that man strangled a woman in a ballroom with more than 20 people present?" Witness: "Yes, your honor. Everybody thought they were dancing."

Mr. Gnaggs: "I tell you, once for all, that I am no fool!" Mrs. Gnaggs: "I admit that. The saying is that a fool and his money are soon parted—but I'm never able



WE ARE not going to say where

THIS HAPPENED, because you

MIGHT FIGURE out just who it

WAS, BUT you can do your own

GUESSING, FOR there is no law

AGAINST IT. "You must

WITHDRAW MY suit for divorce

AT ONCE," said the woman to

THE LAWYER. "Why so? I've

GOT IT all prepared." was his

REPLY. "WELL," said she.

"MY HUSBAND was just run

OVER BY a car and I want to

COLLECT HIS life insurance."

I THANK YOU.

to get a dollar out of you."

THE PROOF

Ole: "Do you believe that people

can be talked to death?"

Moley: "The census figures prove

that they can, and are. The femi-

nine population average nearly two

years older than the masculine. So

that proves that the women must

out-stay the men.

FAIR ENOUGH

Delinquent Customer: "I 'spose

you'll trust me till next week if I

leave security equal to the value of

what I take away?"

Merchant: "That'll be OK with

me." Delinquent: "That's a bargain.

You can sell me these two hams,

and I'll let you keep one till I come

again."

STUMBLING-BLOCK

Prisoner: "Judge, I don't know

what to do." Judge: "Why, how's that?"

Prisoner: "I swore to tell the

truth but every time I try some

lawyer objects."

WORKED BOTH WAYS

An Irish witness was being ex-

amined as to his knowledge of a

shooting affair. "Did you see the

shot fired?" asked the magistrate.

"No sorry, I only heard it," was

the evasive reply.

"The evidence is not satisfac-

tory," replied the magistrate

sternly. "Stand down!"

The witness turned around to

leave the box and directly his back

was turned he laughed derisively.

The magistrate indignant at this

contempt of court called him back

and asked him how he dared laugh

in court.

"Did you see me laugh, your

honor?" queried the offender.

"No sir, but I heard you," was

the irate reply.

"That evidence is not satisfac-

tory," said Pat, and this time every-

body laughed.

A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE

The Customer—Isn't it rather

unusual to see a barber with long

hair and whiskers like yours?

The Barber—Yes; but it's good

business. Every man that sees how

awful they look on me will fall for

a haircut and shave.

DRUG STORE, FIRST CLASS

"You say he's opened a first-class

drug store?"

"Yes—has the finest soda foun-

tain in town."

MARRIED THEM ALL

John—I understand your wife

came from a fine old family.

Henry—I wouldn't say came.

She brought it with her.—Capper's

Weekly.

FAMILY MENAGERIE

Mrs. Ballard—How does your

cat like your dog?

Mrs. Seaton—Oh, fur-straight.

—Pathfinder Magazine.

JUST AIN'T

"What are diplomatic relations,

dad?"

"There are no such people, my

boy."

RFC RENEWS DRIVE

Washington—The Reconstruc-

tion Corporation renewed its drive

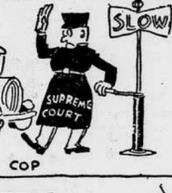
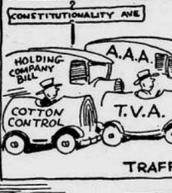
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REVIEWING 1935

by A. B. Chapin



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

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that Senator Borah would be a satisfactory candidate to Dr. Townsend and his followers. But that fact, on the face of it, provides another reason why the Republicans are not likely to nominate him.

Republican strategists would welcome a strong third party movement of this kind, for the general assumption is that it would draw many more votes away from Mr. Roosevelt and the Democratic Party than from the Republicans. That assumption, however, is somewhat debatable. There is no evidence that Republicans are any less desirous than Democrats of getting Old Age Pensions.

PRESIDENT REFUSES TO RESTORE DIRECT RELIEF (Continued from page one)

did not believe it did. Then reviewing the history of the work-relief fund, the President said he had made his estimate for relief last January when a survey showed there were 3,500,000 employables who were needy and unemployed.

On that basis, he said, he estimated \$4,000,000 would be required and Congress appropriated it. That was a simple mathematical statement, the President said, adding that if there were less than 3,500,000, the money would not be spent, but if there were more, it would not be enough.

Then the President was asked directly where the responsibility would rest if the 3,500,000 jobs did not care for all the employables. He replied it would rest with the States, counties, municipalities, and private charity.

Asked if the States had any responsibility beyond the 1,500,000 estimated needy unemployed, the Chief Executive asserted they had complete responsibility for all needy individuals beyond the 3,500,000 unemployed.

TO ARRaign SUSPECT Minneapolis—Isadore (Kid Cann) Blumenthal, accused of killing Walter Liggett, newspaper publisher, will be arraigned in district court this week. Peter S. Neilson, assistant county attorney, said the prosecution would resist any effort to gain the temporary release of the man.

Lady Took Cardui When Weak, Nervous "I can't say enough for Cardui if I talked all day," enthusiastically writes Mrs. L. H. Caldwell, of Statesville, N. C. "I have used Cardui at intervals for twenty-five years," she adds. "My trouble in the beginning was weakness and nervousness. I read of Cardui in a newspaper and decided right then to try it. It seemed before I had taken half a bottle of Cardui I was stronger and was soon up and around."

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There are 22,371 movie theatres in the United States, 12,000 are already equipped for sound.

Farmer—"An' how's Lawyer Jones doin', doctor?" Doctor—"Poor fellow, he's lying at death's door."

Farmer—"That's grit for ye; at death's door an' still lying."

Extension Workers Study New Program

Agricultural authorities agree that the complexity of modern civilization has given rise to farm problems unlike any that have been encountered before.

To aid in the solution of these problems have been called the philosopher and the sociologist, as well as the scientific research worker and the farmer in the field.

The broader social and economic aspects of rural life must be considered in the development of an adequate long-time farm program, said Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College agricultural extension service.

With this in view, North Carolina's extension workers made a special study of the deeper implications of present conditions while holding their annual conference at State College last week.

In working out a sound program, the dean said, they must encourage farmers to cooperate in balancing their farming schedules so as to maintain their own self-sufficiency while producing the commodities needed by society.

"Not only must we promote better cultural practices," he declared, "but we must also study the markets to determine the best production schedules.

"We need to give careful consideration to the welfare of the farmer and his family, to the development of better living standards and a more vital, wholesome community life.

"In fact, there is hardly a phase of rural life that does not come within the scope of the long-time agricultural program now being set in motion by the extension service."

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