

Daily News Letter

Gossip of Staff Correspondents at World Centers of Population

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Moscow, Sept. 3.—Beards are precious articles in Russia still. The spirit of the thousands of bushy bearded martyrs who allowed themselves to be burned at stake by Peter the Great rather than give up their whiskers has not yet died completely out.

Down in the city of Erivan in Southern Armenia excitement has not yet subsided over the outrage which the recently deposed mayor of the city committed upon the newly elected town council.

Irritated at his defeat in the last city election, Mayor Galust Tzatzikyan determined to get even with the victors. Before the new council was inducted into office, the Mayor called them to him and declared he had just received orders from the district authorities that all municipal officers from the date of the last election on must be clean shaven.

Saddened, but loyal to their new offices, the neophyte councillors submitted to the barber and appeared for the inauguration with faces as bare as baby's arm.

Mayor Tzatzikyan made the mistake of laughing as he handed over the keys of office. The new councilors looked up the records, discovered the deception, and halted the ex-mayor before their own court.

"Can't you take a joke?" asked the ex-mayor of his befuddled judge. "Yes," said his Honor, "but this one is on you. Two months for malicious mischief."

The ex-mayor stroked his whiskers defiantly as the bailiff led him out.

Beards form a major point of discussion between the two largest sects in the Russian Orthodox Church. In the ranks of the so-called "Iconites," or adherents of the old church, beards and long hair are obligatory for the priests. The theory is that God made man in his own image, and to alter of God is sacrilege.

The members of the priesthood in the new churches, such as the so-called "Synodical" or "Renewed Church," on the other hand, dismiss this creed as nonsense. They bob their hair in a "boyish bob" and do with or without beards as suits their style of beauty. For this heresy the Iconite authorities have branded the new priests as sinners and declared they will suffer in flames hereafter.

Russians are nothing if not good actors. The theatres of Moscow are the one feature of the city which, by common consent, outrank their counterparts in Western Europe. Nicholas Ribakoff, assistant superintendent of the Commercial Trust of Tver, has acquired this commonplace bit of information at the cost of wounds which almost proved fatal.

Nicholas, like many Russian business men, was a bit short in his accounts. He fell back on the time-worn dodge of submitting to a fake robbery.

He hired two men to set upon him as he came from work, inflicted a few light injuries and stole his portfolio in which were ostensibly 450 rubles. He cautioned his accomplices to beat him up good, so they won't

suspect me." Policemen found Ribakoff two hours after the attack, lying unconscious, with a fractured skull and bruised from head to foot. He remained unconscious twenty-four hours, then woke up in a delirium and gave the whole story away. He faces trial when he is released from the hospital.

A GREAT EPIDEMIC OF CHOLERA IN SHANGHAI

Hundreds of Cases and Many Deaths, Missionary Writes.

Madisonville, Tenn., Sept. 2.—"Shanghai is having the worst epidemic of cholera in years—hundreds of cases and many deaths and if you could only see Shanghai as well as any other place in China, with all the dirt and flies, you would not wonder."

Thus, in part, reads a letter received here from Miss Maggie Dixon, a nurse at the Kiangyin Christian Hospital in China, telling of the terrible cholera epidemic.

The letter was written to her aunt, Miss Vira Everett, of Madisonville. "You can't get it into their heads that the disease is carried by flies. A Chinaman will buy a slice of watermelon which has been carried up and down the street for hours black with flies, and eat it. An hour later he is dying with cholera. But if he should get well, he would do the same thing tomorrow. So there you are."

Miss Dixon's letter went on to describe the unusually hot weather China is having.

The nights are too hot to sleep and the days are worse, she says.

Miss Dixon has a large circle of friends in this section. "She has been in China for six years."

Miss Dixon will get a furlough of the first of next year and will sail for America, she said in the letter.

Local church workers will entertain her while she is here.

Trained psychologists will hereafter examine undergraduates at Brown University as to their worries, doubts, despairs, love, and hates.

Have You Heard This One?

Good Stories That Are Going the Rounds

Methusalem's Boy. "Pa," said Mrs. Methusalem to the oldest of the race, "I wish you'd speak to Abimelech. He's been pulling Biddie's hair again."

"Lemme see," quoth the patriarch, "How old is Bim now?" "He's 247 next birthday."

"Well, you must make allowances for the boy, ma. He's young yet."

His Name Was Jiggs. They found him wandering around in a dazed condition, bearing the signs of a vigorous quarrel, a blackened eye and a gap in his front teeth.

Filled with pity, they seized him by the arms. "Come along, old chap. Let us take you home to your wife."

He groaned piteously. "Don't you understand?" he murmured, feebly, "that's where I got it!"

Two Scotchmen visited a town during a big cattle sale, and as the hotel where they stayed over night was crowded, they were put in the same room. They tossed and turned for some time, but at last both began to doze.

"Are you sleepin', Jack?" he asked. "Nae," replied Jack. "Will you lend me \$10 to buy a cow?" coaxed Sandy.

"I'm sleepin' now," said Jack.

The widow of a farmer had some difficulty with her hens, and wrote the following letter to the board of agriculture: "Something is wrong with my chickens. Every morning I find two or three lying on the ground cold and stiff, with their feet in the air. Can you tell me what is the matter?"

After a little while she received the following reply: "Dear Madam—Your chickens are dead."

BIG FOX HUNT

About 150 Men and 200 Dogs Will Participate October 4-7.

(By International News Service) Mobile, Ala., Sept. 2.—Approximately 150 men and at least 200 dogs will participate in what is planned to be the largest and most successful fox hunt ever staged in the South, to be held under the auspices of the Alabama fox hunters' association October 4, 5, 6 and 7.

Grand Bay has been selected as the camp site for the big hunt for the third consecutive year.

The camp site committee investigated several sections and reported Grand Bay to have more foxes in the vicinity than any other place in the state.

Baroque arrangements are under way and two cottages are being constructed to house the hunters. Participants will bring their dogs from a number of southern states, including Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Florida and North Carolina.

Judges for the event have been named and a purse of \$300 decided upon, to be posted by the association. Rules and regulations of the national fox hunters' association are to be strictly adhered to, under which there is no limit to the number of dogs each may bring.

Other arrangements for the hunt are being completed by L. G. Adams, president of the state association.

PETTING PARTIES ARE BEING BROKEN UP

By White-Robed Bands That Are Patrolling the Highways.

Birmingham, Ala., Sept. 2.—"Petting parties" on the highway around Birmingham are being broken up by white-robed bands of men in automobiles, who are patrolling the highways, it became known here the first of the week.

The unofficial "petting party officers" have been patrolling highways for some time. "Dear Madam—Your chickens are dead."

occupied by four socially prominent young people the other night.

"We had been parked only a few minutes," explained the driver of the car later, "when four men in bed-sheets came up and demanded to know what we were doing."

"I feared trouble so I disconnected an ignition wire on my car and told them we couldn't start the auto. One of them tried to start it himself and failed."

"What would you girls' parents say if they knew you were out here?" asked one of the men. The girls ignored the question.

"You are getting insulting," the boy in the rear seat informed the "night rider," "this is a perfectly respectable party and if you didn't have a gun under that bedsheet, I would make you apologize."

The "night rider" continued the lecture after he had been kept from attacking the youth by other members of the band. They then boarded their auto and drove away.

Tennessee Leads in Number of Telephones.

(By International News Service) Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 2.—Tennessee leads the nine southern states served by the Southern Bell Telephone Company in the number of telephones in use. Although having the largest number of telephones of any of the states, Tennessee ranks fifth in population.

Statistics released by the company September 1st:

State	Population	Phones
Tennessee	2,407,679	133,689
Kentucky	2,524,421	105,887
North Carolina	2,857,846	85,180
South Carolina	1,826,721	39,925
Louisiana	1,918,501	118,793
Mississippi	1,790,618	56,956
Alabama	2,526,001	81,314
Georgia	3,138,962	122,200
Florida	1,317,160	86,824

Judge Doesn't Permit Drinking in Court.

Goldsboro, Sept. 3.—Don't try to drink a dope in Judge Cramer's court.

Harold Grady, charged with second degree murder in connection with the death of Dossie P. Traylor in an automobile accident several weeks ago, left the court room yesterday afternoon soon after the case against him was called.

When he came back he had several Coca-Colas for his friends and marched debonairly into the court room.

Judge Cramer—who when court adjourned Saturday afternoon had given prison sentences totaling 20 years and three months to 16 defendants—shot the young man a smoking glance, and these devastating words followed:

"Take that stuff out of here, and don't you leave the court room any more without special permission," was in effect what he told young Grady.

R. P. Harris Returns to Duke University.

Durham, Sept. 3.—R. P. Harris, of Fayetteville, a member of the Class of 1926 at Duke University, and formerly connected with the Duke University News Service, will return to Duke University this week to take over the publicity-end of the University's affairs.

Harris will succeed A. A. Wilkinson, of Asheville, who also has been in the Duke News Service for over two years. Wilkinson will join the editorial staff of the Duke University Alumni Register.

For the past several months Harris has been on the reportorial staff of The Virginian-Pilot, in Norfolk, Va.

Will Begin Revival.

Thomasville, Sept. 3.—Dr. Luther Bridges, of Gainesville, Ga., a regular evangelist of the Southern Methodist church, will begin revival meetings with the pastor, Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Main Street Methodist church, next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. It is expected the meetings will continue for several weeks. The hours of service will be at 7:30 in the evening and at some hour in the morning to be decided on later.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Friday, September 3, 1926

One hundred years ago today saw the coronation of Czar Nicholas I at Moscow.

One year ago today the big news was the wreck of the United States navy airship Shenandoah, with the loss of fourteen of her crew.

Sir George E. Foster, veteran Canadian statesman and one-time acting premier of the Dominion, today enters upon his 80th year.

As a feature of a big regatta in Toronto today a monument will be unveiled to Edward Hanlan, the Canadian sculler who at one time held the world's championship.

Six hundred and fifteen degrees will be conferred today at the 143rd convocation of the University of Chicago. The convocation orator will be Prof. Augustus R. Hatton, of Western Reserve University.

Staten Island, N. Y., today will begin its own sesquicentennial celebration, culminating a week hence in a pageant depicting the historic conference held there September 11, 1774, between the British officers and representatives of the thirteen colonies to discuss the possibilities of peace.

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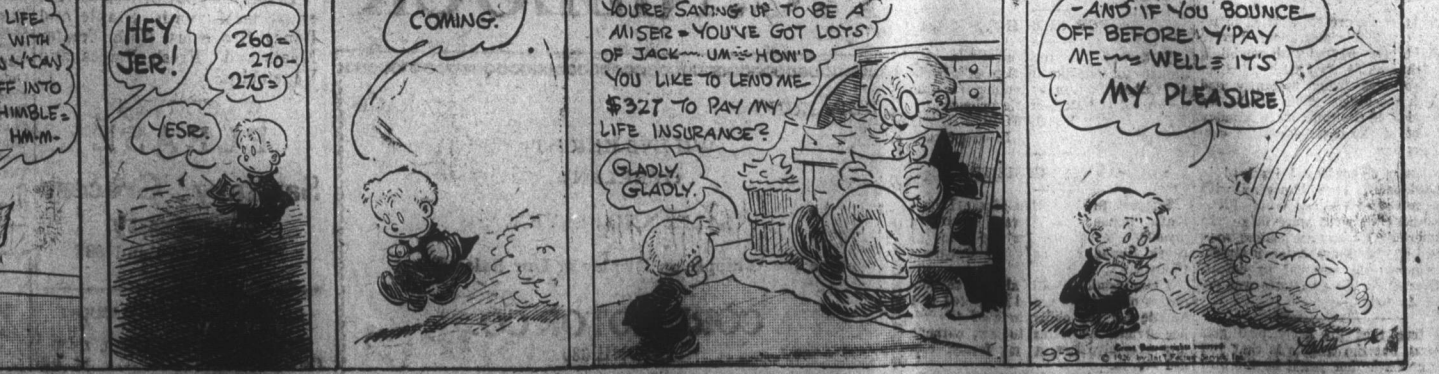
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