

Officially Dead, But Enjoying Life, Is Seeing World

Officially dead, and yet alive, is Joseph Bibeau, who in 1917, in the Meuse-Argonne offensive, was killed in action. His body was never recovered, and he was listed as dead. However, he was seen in France in 1920, and he has since been seen in various parts of the world. He is now living in France, and he is enjoying life. He has seen the world, and he is happy. He is now 20 years old, and he is a soldier in the French army. He is a hero, and he is a patriot. He is a man of courage, and he is a man of faith. He is a man who has seen the world, and he is a man who is enjoying life.

FOREST FIRES DOING BIG DAMAGE IN IDAHO

All able bodied men in the mining village of Warren, Idaho, were fighting a forest fire this week that was burning over an area of 1,000 acres, in the form of a large triangle. The forest service rushed more than 650 men recruited from miles around into the fire lines. The women, old men and children packed their belongings and waited to abandon their homes at a moment's notice. No danger of life was feared as the good roads leading out of the village, with sufficient means of transportation, insured safety for all.

Injury restored his memory and he recalled his family and friends.

His family were so certain that he was dead that they had been drawing on his war risk insurance and in another year and a half would have collected all of the \$10,000.

Pillars of Hercules

In ancient geography the two prominent Cape Gibraltar in Europe and Africa in Africa, situated at the eastern extremity of the Strait of Gibraltar were called the Pillars of Hercules. They are sentinels, as it were, at the outlet from the Mediterranean into the unknown Atlantic.

FACTS FROM WASHINGTON

(Compiled by The United States News)

About three million school children in the United States—one-eighth of the entire school population—are handicapped by defective eyesight, according to Lewis H. Carris, managing director of the National Society for Prevention of Blindness. Foresightedness is the common visual defect.

Railroads in the United States operate the most extensive car ferry system in the world. They move million of tons of freight annually on the ferries, and some ferries are in the passenger service. The railroads have more than 2,000 units of floating travel, employing an army of marine workers.

More than one hundred babies have been born in the Federal Government's experimental farm colony at Matanuska, Alaska, since that project was launched in May, 1935. The colony is composed largely of families moving from submarginal lands in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan.

Twenty-five States, under mandatory laws, provide free text-books to all children in the elementary grades of public schools this month. Twenty other States leave to the discretion of county commissioners or district boards of education whether pupils shall be supplied with free text-books. Three States—Indiana, South Carolina and Tennessee—neither require nor authorize the general distribution of text-books at public expense.

Tenants are beginning to move into the "Harlem River Houses," PWA's \$4,219,000 first low-rent housing project in New York City. The project, not yet completed, will have 574 living units, for which 11,000 families have filed applications. The management of the development has been turned over to the New York City Housing Authority under a one-year experimental lease the first lease of the kind ever entered into by the Federal Government and a municipality.

Twenty-six multiple unit streamlined passenger trains are now in operation on railroads in the United States and orders have been placed to build nine more.

More than 250,000 celebrations were held throughout the country to signalize the 150th birthday of the Constitution, according to the estimate of Representative Sol Bloom (Dem.) of New York, director of the Constitution Sesquicentennial.

August living costs were a tenth of a per cent higher than in July this year, the National Industrial Conference Board's monthly survey indicates. This was 4 per cent higher than in August a year ago and 24 per cent higher than the lowest depression level of 1933—but still 12 per cent lower than the boom month of August, 1929. All living cost items except food rose last month.

The amusement industry in the United States, now constituting a billion-dollar business, promises to expand still further because of returned prosperity and shorter working hours that afford more leisure, according to "The Index" of the New York Trust Company. Internal Revenue receipts on theater and other admissions showed, for the 1936 fiscal year, an increase of 11 per cent over the previous year, and radio sales were up 40 per cent.

To combat a "growing prejudice" against employment of persons more than 40 years old, the Foundation for Americans of Mature Age, Inc., announces the inauguration of a campaign against "the tremendous and tragic waste" resulting from "discarding the experience and training of maturity." Mrs. Agatha D. Ward, of Washington, D. C., as spokesman for the Foundation in a statement announcing its program voices belief that increasing reluctance of employers to hire workers past 40 has resulted partly from "such well-intentioned legislation as workmen's compensation and social security measures."

Executive budget-balancing efforts are made more difficult by the fact, revealed by a Treasury check-up, that the last session of Congress authorized about a quarter billion more of expenditures that were contemplated in the January and April budget forecasts.

Returning prosperity is being reflected in a pick-up in the volume of new life insurance policies issued. The amount of new insurance written during the first eight months of this year was 7.2 per cent greater than for the similar 1936 period, according to a report to the Department of Commerce by the Association of Life Insurance Presidents. The August gain over August, 1936, was 5.2 per cent.

Annually the Bureau of Fisheries turns loose thousands of fish with metal tags attached reading "Reward"—Return to the Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C. To enable the bureau to learn more about fish habits, Government pays 25 cents for return of the tag, and from 50 cents to \$1

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Goes Nude To Write About Other Nudists

James M. MacFarland, assigned by the New York Times to cover the convention of the American Sunbathing Association at Mays Landing, N. J., tells in Editor and Publisher how he hung all his clothes on a pine tree and became one of the nudists. The Times gave no orders or advice as to whether he should be clothed or nude when reporting the convention. He made his own choice.

He writes that he was embarrassed at first but soon became used to his own and other people's nudity.

MacFarland had persuaded Rev. Hsley Boone, head of the Sunbathing Association, to admit him as the only reporter at the convention, with the understanding that he would pass on information to other reporters. These others hung around the camp entrance and waited for him to come out every now and then and tell them what was going on.

Later the nudist chief was persuaded to let all the reporters in. They were supposed to go in the nude, but since they had to have some place to put their pencils and paper, a compromise was reached and they stripped to the waist. A woman reporter refused to shed her garments and an exception was made in her case.

"A visitor at a nudist camp," writes MacFarland, "whether he be clothed or not, does not know quite what to make of it all. For the first time in his life finds himself in a so-called Paradise where naked men, women and children come and go as they please, chat with each other, eat with each other and act just as they would in a conventional city home. When I am asked what I think of the idea, I shrug my shoulders and reply 'I don't know.' Somehow it doesn't seem possible, but yet I can see that it is."

"It is no uncommon sight to see a husband and wife walking through the pine-studded colony with two or three little children tagging along behind them. To an outsider it is an almost incredible sight to behold an elderly woman chatting with her 18-year-old son who is basking himself right besides her. But at nudist camps the people seem to regard this as nothing at all."

"The delegates at the convention included men and women from all walks of life—lawyers, ministers, doctors, educators and business men—all of whom say they are definitely 'sold' on the movement. They say that fat bodies, ugly scars and hairy chests are not repulsive to the true nudist, for the true nudist does not think aesthetically."

According to Dr. Elton R. Shaw of Washington, retiring president of the American Sunbathing Association and former dean at Kansas Wesleyan University, the nudist membership in the United States has grown in the past ten years from a mere handful to well over the 100,000 mark. And, he adds, there are over two million people who sympathize with the nudist movement.

"The United States, to my mind, is not ready for nudism. But the United States was not ready for abbreviated women's bathing suits 15 years ago. Has nudism reached its highest peak? My answer, 'I haven't the slightest idea.'"

Spider Big Eater

The world's biggest eater is the ordinary house spider, according to South German entomologists. It eats four times its own weight for breakfast, nine times its weight for lunch and 13 times its weight for dinner. It thus consumes a minimum of 25 times its own weight every day in insect meals. To equal this ration the average man would have to eat some 1 1/2 tons of food a day!

for additional information regarding whereabouts and condition of the tagged fish when caught. Discouraging results in non-return of a large proportion of the tags has led to discovery that many fishermen, instead of claiming the modest rewards offered, are preferring to convert the tags into cuff links, which in form they resemble.

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