

Byrd's Ship Boasts Remarkable Record

Service and Adventure Written Large in Log

Washington.—The Bear of Oakland, sturdy steamship which brought Rear Admiral Byrd and members of his expedition safely back from their year long vigil in Antarctica, has a name that stirs the hearts of sea dogs," says the National Geographic society.

"Gales and high seas of three-score years have whipped over the broad decks of the barkentine, but like punches bouncing off the unyielding shoulders of a heavyweight champion, all have been turned aside," continues the bulletin.

"Adventure and service to mankind are written large in the pages of the Bear log-book. No polar explorer lives who is not familiar with her stout career, and several there are who have paced her staunch oak decks—Byrd, Greely, Stefansson, Amundsen, and Capt. 'Bob' Bartlett, to name a few. She was the first to meet Lieutenant Greely marooned on the Arctic ice in 1884.

"Her crew maintained law and order in the frozen outposts of America during the Alaskan gold rush, long before radio had come into general use. Her commanding officers were often called upon to conduct funeral rites and marriage ceremonies during the long period of her service in the U. S. Coast Guard, from 1886-1923.

Built in Scotland.

"Whaling men knew and loved her for the occasions on which she went to their rescue in the icy fastnesses of the North. When the bark Napoleon was wrecked in the ice near Cape Navarin, Siberia, the Bear put out to sea immediately, following a route described on a piece of board passed from one native village to another.

"She has schooled many salty seamen in the uncharitable ways of ice, wind, and ocean. A dozen of them reside in the City of Washington today. Rear Admiral H. G. Hamlet, present commandant of the U. S. Coast Guard, served three assignments aboard 'the old Bear' as he affectionately recalls her. His assistant, Capt. L. C. Covell, was the skipper of the Bear in 1925 and 1926.

"A barkentine with auxiliary steam power, the Bear was built at Greenock, Scotland, in 1874, for service in the whaling trade. Constructed of solid oak, she is strongly braced to cushion the shock of ice. She is 200 feet long, weighs 708 tons, and has a depth of 18 feet, and a beam of 32 feet. When the United States government wanted a real boat to bring Greely out of the Arctic, the Bear seemed a logical purchase.

"Reinforced with additional beams, iron straps, and Australian iron bark, the Bear, commanded by Lieut. W. H. Emory, U. S. N., and a volunteer crew of navy men, set out with a relief expedition under Commander Winfield Scott Schley. Schley was the commodore who later led the famous Flying Squadron against Cervera during the Spanish-American war. The Thetis and the Alert went out after Greely with the Bear.

Rescued Greely. "Speed and ruggedness made it possible for the Bear to reach the Greely party first. Her arrival was none too soon. Only seven of the

25 men who set out with the explorer were alive when the Bear crew reached them in the summer of 1884. There are few more thrilling tales than the story of this gallant rescue in the frozen Arctic. Greely was brought back to Fort-mouth, N. H., in August on Commodore Schley's boat.

"The Revenue Cutter service, which is today U. S. Coast Guard, received the Bear for service in Alaskan waters and the Arctic ocean. Here began its long career of rescue and patrol work, after which it was donated to the City of Oakland, Calif.

"Admiral Byrd bought the Bear, now the Bear of Oakland, in May, 1932. Refitted at Boston, it sailed with the Byrd Antarctic Expedition II."

Connecticut Cuts Out Old Blue Laws

Severe Penalties Dropped for Many Offenses.

Hartford, Conn.—One by one, during the 300 years that Connecticut has outgrown its original settlement founded by a small band of pioneers from the Massachusetts bay colony, the "blue laws" which ruled with an iron hand have been erased from the statute books.

The tercentenary celebration of the state sent many poring over the pages of history. They found in early days that the death penalty could be inflicted for:

Stealing an ear of corn from a neighbor's garden.
Blaspheming God.
A youth sixteen years or more to strike or curse his parents.

NON-CRUSH HAT

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



Here it is, just what every woman covets—a versatile and non-crushable hat that can be rolled in tissue and packed in a bag instead of having to carry a troublesome hatbox on your week-end trips this summer. Choose this "rounder" hat (it goes the rounds the whole day through) in black or white or any of the pastel or smart dark shades. It is made of narrow grosgrain ribbon stitched row upon row. It proves its versatility in that today it has a drooped brim, tomorrow with a deft touch of its wearer it can be a Breton sailor, or perhaps a youthful, off-face type or some other style tuned to time and occasion. With the tailored ensemble below in the picture you see a new and decidedly chic feature—harrel initials on the leather bag.

Gander Is Constant Companion of Man

Royalton, Wis.—Senile gander of doubtful ancestry, believed to be old enough to vote, is the unusual pet and constant companion of Charles Frey, retired farmer and former village president of Royalton. Frey's gander embodies all the characteristics of a dog. He waddles at his master's heels all about the barnyard, does sentry duty in front of the house, heralds the approach of intruders with shrill cackling and hissing, and displays dog-like devotion.

Red Tape Is Fatal

to 14-Foot Python
San Diego.—Red-tape, which annoys people, killed a 14-foot python. With five other pythons the snakes arrived from Singapore for the Pacific International exposition. The bills of lading were sent in error to Chicago and customs officials would not let the snakes off the boat. By the time the bills of lading arrived the 14-foot python was dead. The others were sluggish and thin, but will live.

Mouse Broadcasts Howls; Police Operator Frets

Wichita, Kan.—A mouse broadcast for two days over Wichita's police station, practically driving Dispatcher "Bing" Crosby nuts. No one knew the cause of the distortion that made the radio howl until Sergt. Ray Mitchell got to looking about. He found the dead mouse in the transmitter.

To be a stubborn or rebellious son.

Return to the colony after being banished as a Quaker or a Roman Catholic priest.

Witchcraft, treason or adultery. The Sabbath was strictly observed. One was not permitted to saunter about in the garden, kiss his wife, or a mother kiss her child; all household duties were abandoned, except eating.

The general court dealt severely with scandal mongers. Early offenses were punishable by fines. Repeaters went to the stocks and chronic offenders faced a magistrate's court after a public whipping. The magistrate's court invoked the death penalty.

Before the laws were reduced to writing, the town crier announced them in a public place at regular intervals.

In case it was found a law had not been made for some specific offense, the violator was judged under this concluding clause in the fundamental law of the colony:

"For want of a law in any particular case he shall be judged by the word of God."

There is no record of such judgments.

Cattle Brand by Shaw for Texan's Collection

Plainview, Texas.—Two years of patience have been rewarded and Marion Peters, Plainview's collector of cattle brands, is in possession of a brand drawn by George Bernard Shaw, stormy English author.

Peters' first request met with a reply that branding was cruel. Then how would Mr. Shaw do it?

"Paint it on, you idiot. You can put your name on your handkerchief without using a red-hot poker, can't you?"

Finally Shaw capitulated and drew the brand. Further, he even drew a cow for the brand.

Peters' collection now contains brands drawn by President Roosevelt, Will Rogers and Postmaster General James Farley.

These Pigeons Jump to Maturity in Four Days

Santa Barbara, Calif.—Pigeons jumped from babyhood to maturity in four days under pituitary gland treatments in an experiment at a hospital here.

Under normal growth pigeons do not develop lacteal glands, the sign of maturity, until they are several months old. Birds six weeks old, just leaving their nests, developed the lacteals in four days when treated with the pituitary hormones.

Guinea pigs are next in line for speedy development.

Makes "Face" at Sister and Disjoins His Neck

Nelson, Calif.—Small Curtis Terrell, to frighten his young sister Albertine, "made a face at her." So perfect was small Curtis Terrell's pantomime that he not only sent his sister screaming but he also threw a neck vertebra out of joint, and had to be taken to the hospital.

OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin
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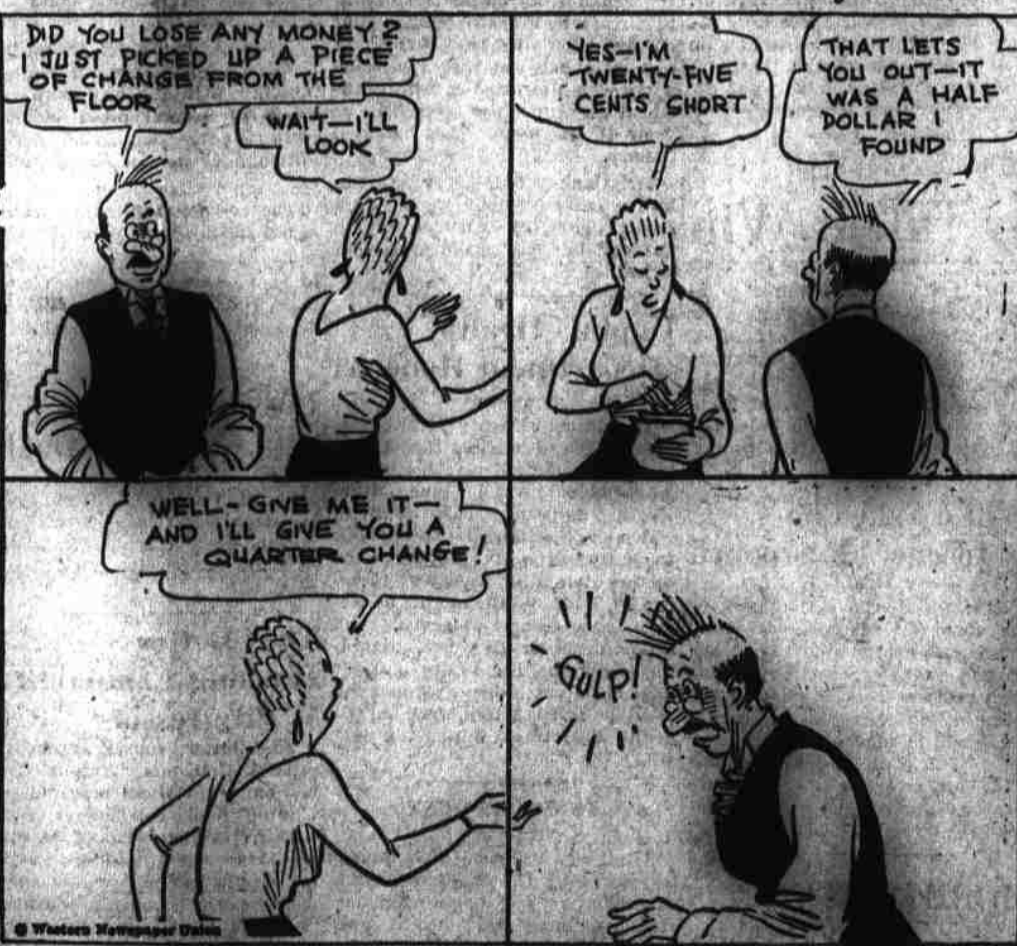
Accommodating



THE FEATHERHEADS

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Money Madness



Lazy Worker

F. W. A. Foreman—See here, buddy, that other fellow is carrying two sticks of timber where you're carrying only one. What have you got to say?
Buddy—That fellow's too lazy to go twice.—Punch Magazine.

Value of Steam

Father—Now, I want to put a little scientific question to you, my son. When the kettle boils, what does the steam come out of the spout for?
Son—So that mother can open your letters before you get them!

Having His Fling

"I wish to goodness we could go home, mother; but dad wants to stop for three more dances."
"Yes, dear, your father is a trial, isn't he? But, after all, one can be old only once."—Punch Magazine.

Army Lands First Planes on Boulder Lake



This is one of the group of first planes to land on Boulder lake, a fleet of Douglas amphibian planes of the 15th squadron, 19th bombardment group, from the United States army general headquarters air force at Rockwell field, San Diego.

John Mackberry Medal
The John Mackberry medal is a children's literature award. The prize is awarded for the most distinguished juvenile book written by a citizen or resident of the United States and published during the preceding year.

Records Columbus' Birth Date
Calvi, Coraica, has for centuries maintained on one of its banners a tablet stating that Columbus was born there in 1441. Yet historians know that the date and place of the nativity of this great man never were revealed and recorded.—Collier's Weekly.

Power of Lithium Chloride
Lithium chloride looks and tastes like ordinary table salt. But to a far greater degree than table salt it has the power of drying all that is passed through it. For decades chemists have been using it in the laboratory to dry gases.

Women's Garters
Women's garters were common in the Twelfth century and mentioned by Wycliff as early as 1382. Before the discovery of elastic a strip of woolen material was often used as a garter.

Early Siam
Prior to the rule of King Prajadhipok, who abdicated in favor of King Ananda, Siam was known to most of the world as the home of white elephants and Siamese twins.

First Admission to Ball Game
Admission was first charged at a baseball game July 20, 1850. The teams were Brooklyn and New York. Fifteen hundred paid a fee of 50 cents to witness the game.

Many Hearts Not in Place
Jud Tunkins says a man whose heart is in the right place is more to be relied on than one with a superabundance of brains that won't stay anchored.

Destructive
Nothing could be more subtly destructive to the integrity of individual and social life than the attempt to educate primarily in the interests either of nation or of class.

The Machine Age
"Much machinery," said Hi Ho the sage of Chinatown, "makes work easier to perform and its compensations more difficult to manage."

Dog and Cat Luck
If a strange dog or cat comes to you and makes its home with you it will bring you good luck, and a black cat brings the owner good luck.

Growth of Cacao Pods
Cacao pods, from which cocoa is obtained, do not grow in the ordinary way from tips of branches, but from the main trunk of the tree.



COMPLAINT

"Are you complaining of the cost of living?"
"I am," answered Farmer Corn-tassel. "When I go to town it costs me all out of reason to have my pants pressed."

Treasure Gallons
Mrs. Pester—Mrs. Nurox was showing me her diamonds.
Her Husband—Quartz, aren't they?
Mrs. Pester—Mercy, no! They can't be a bit more than flats.

Spring Thoughts
First Blade—What are you looking for?
Second Blade—Keep off the grass sign.

Just Try It
Dotis—What's the matter in here?
Johnny—Grandpa's showing dad how to do my homework.

