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News Makers of 1933

It is interesting to the average citizen to speculate upon the priority of personalities prominently mentioned in the news of the day. Opinions may differ but the annual news index of The New York Times, containing the record of 1933, shows 3,240 references to President Roosevelt, about four times the publicity accorded anyone else.

Eliminating individuals mainly of local interest in the State of New York we find 360 references to former President Hoover, 280 to ex-Governor Smith, 240 to Postmaster-General Farley, the same number to Henry Ford, Secretary Hull and Samuel Insull, and 200 to Prime Minister MacDonald, of England.

The five leading topics of 1933, as determined by the space required for indexing, ranked as follows: United States, 7,780 references; currency, 3,160; banks and banking, 2,840; NIRA, 2,440; and Germany, 2,280.

The greatest proportionate advance in publicity came to Chancellor Hitler, of Germany, who in 1932, rated a half-column, but in 1933 required four columns in the index. General Johnson, of the NRA, moved from nowhere to three and one-half columns, where he caught up with President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia University. Mussolini, however, topped them with a total of four and one-half columns.

Other men, in order, were Einstein, J. P. Morgan, Admiral Byrd, Stalin, Alphonso and the Mikado. Ahead of all women was Mrs. Roosevelt, the first lady of the land.

Abolishing Counties

A Worthwhile Editorial Reprinted from the Washington Herald

One of the heartening signs of the times is the swiftly rising tide of popular revolt against the obsolete system of county government which has come down from the days of the ox-cart.

A survey just completed reveals convincing proof that the pressure of an outraged public sentiment against fleeing of the people to pay the cost of county governments no longer needed is making itself felt in State capitals all over the country.

According to this survey, Virginia and Nebraska have recently enacted laws making easy the consolidation of counties having the same general characteristics.

Petitions are circulating in Michigan for a constitutional amendment to be voted on next November, which will permit county consolidations in the interest of economy and efficiency.

At a special session of the New Mexico Legislature, to be held later in this month, legislation will be urged to reduce the number of counties by fixing tax valuation standards too high for some of them to reach.

Pending before their Legislatures within the last two years have been county merger proposals that would reduce the cost and raise the standards of government in the States of Alabama, Mississippi, Minnesota, Kansas and Washington.

The Oklahoma Corporation Commission is sponsoring a proposal that the seventy-five counties of that State be reformed to coincide with the boundaries of the thirty-five senatorial districts.

Unlimited authority has been given to a State Commission to report next November upon county mergers in Indiana.

The Montana Taxpayers Association has served notice that it will renew at the next session of the Montana Legislature its effort to get a county merger bill enacted into law.

Public sentiment is far ahead of political action in this vital business of modernizing county government to meet the needs of a new day.

In State after State, the demand for this change is coming direct from the people and the opposition is coming from the politicians.

To modernize the obsolete system of county government, against which a popular revolt is spreading north, east, south and west, two fundamental changes in the system must be made:

FIRST—County government must be abolished in metropolitan areas, where it duplicates local government and is, therefore, wholly superfluous.

SECOND—Outside of metropolitan areas, there must be consolidation of counties that will reduce their number to the minimum required to meet the needs of local government throughout these areas.

Soon after his election to the Presidency, Mr. Roosevelt, speaking as the Governor of the State of New York, put the case convincingly for modernizing our system of county government when he said:

"We have a system of county government whose general form and structure is no more fit for its purpose than an ox-cart would be for the task of supplying modern transportation between New York and Chicago."

Nearly every state in the Union is suffering from the same "archaic, expensive and wasteful form" of county government against which Mr. Roosevelt protested and against which the American people are organizing a public sentiment that no State Legislature can long resist.

Fishermen are beginning to feel like life is worth hanging on to for a few more months, at least.

You can accomplish much in this world by looking wise and keeping your mouth shut.

Business, according to all reports, is doing better and making progress. That's good. Even the farmers will make some money this year.

If all the talk about hard work could be changed into real labor the output of mankind would be doubled in three weeks.

THE BOOK

the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

by BRUCE BARTON

A BRAVE MAN SPEAKS

The Book of Job is a grand book. It does not furnish any answer to the perplexing problem of suffering. It does not explain why a good man, Job or any other, should have sorrow visited upon him in a world which is supposed to be under the control of a loving God. What it does proclaim is that God has staked His reputation on His ability to produce human beings who can stand anything that fate or fortune may bring; men who will be good without a bribe. It insists that in this trial of creative strength and moral goodness God is winning out.

"Every man has his price," says the cynic; but Job did not have his price. He was stripped of his possessions, he lost his health, he had a fool for a wife, and his friends were no comfort to him. But his head though bloody was unbowed. "Even if God does not reward me, and treats me like a wicked man; even if He has made a mistake about me, or forgotten me, or just naturally has it in for me, nevertheless I stand on my record. I am glad I fed the hungry and helped people when I could. I have nothing to repent, and I refuse to lie and say that I have. The words of Job are ended."

It is a brave speech of a brave man, and small wonder that God responded to it, restored him his property, blessed his sons and daughters, and allowed him to

live in prosperity for a hundred and forty years.

So Job died, being old and full of days.

So much for the poetry of the Old Testament, and the drama.

To pick up our historical outline where we left it at the end of the last chapter, we must go back to King Solomon, who has built his temple and palaces, written his Proverbs, and grown old; his heart being "turned away" by his harem. With a thousand mothers to look after them the children of a king ought to be properly brought up, but the net results in the Solomon household were not so good. His heir, Rehoboam, was a typical rich man's son, soft, conceited, sure of his own opinion and contemptuous of advice. As soon as it was shown that "Solomon slept with his fathers," a rough and ready soldier named Jeroboam organized an insurrection, demanding that King Rehoboam lower the taxes and conduct himself in a less arbitrary fashion than had his father.

The old men who had been Solomon's counselors urged Rehoboam to compromise, but the hot-headed young courtiers were all for the Big Stick, and Rehoboam sided with them.

This made it all very easy for Jeroboam, who promptly persuaded the ten northern tribes to separate and elect him their king. Rehoboam kept only Judah and the little tribe of Benjamin.

Louisa's Letter

LIFE IS BETTER WHEN WE DO OUR PART

Dear Girls:— Many of us, as we review our days or lives, for that matter, come to the realization that our gravest faults lie not in the doing of mean and wicked acts, but in neglecting to do those things which should be done.

We intend to go to see the invalid who lives around the corner and when we do finally get there we make a mental vow to repeat our visit every day. But other matters claim our attention and one day we read in the papers that she is no more.

We make brave plans to call on the newcomers in our town and show them some attention. Perhaps a relative or friend has written us about the new Mrs. Smith who is a homesick bride. But somehow, the days pass and

finally we hear that the Smiths have moved away or that their loneliness has caused them to join the fast crowd and Mr. Smith is drinking more than is good for him.

We probably know some fairly good friends who are not so well off and we make a mental note to send them some of Junior's clothing which is perfectly good, but outgrown by him. Before we can get up the energy necessary, their children have outgrown the clothes and these once needed garments lie in the bottom drawer, growing yellow every day.

We hear of charity cases and intend to investigate them, but they slip our minds and one morning we read in the paper where a mother of six children has committed suicide, or a lonely sick girl has closed the doors and turned on the gas.

It is amazing what a few dollars or even a little neighborliness can mean to someone who really needs them. We cannot gauge the result of a smile and a few friendly words. It sounds a little absurd, but who knows how many heartaches or even deaths might be prevented by attending to these seemingly small matters.

I believe it was Margaret Sangster who wrote "It isn't the thing we do, dear, But the things we've left undone, That causes a bit of heartache At the setting of the sun."

And not only heartache to ourselves, remember, but to others.

Yours, LOUISA.



WILL YOU SMILE

Was She—Is that a popular song that crooner is singing?

He—It was popular—until he sang it.

— "What is a detour?"

—"The roughest distance between two points."

— Fine Poet—I just tore up that poem I wrote last week.

Editor—That was the best thing you ever did.

— The Meaning Boy—Dad, What is meant when they say "beastly weather?"

Dad—It means it's raining cats and dogs.

— Rufus—What sort of a fellow is Bosco?

Goofus—He's one of those people who will pat you on your back before your face and hit you in the face behind your back.

The Family Doctor

by John Joseph Gaines, M. D.

TOO FAT?

If you are too fat—and some are—don't forget the two outstanding causes of excess weight; they are:

- (1) Not enough exercise.
- (2) Eating more than you need.

These are first to be thought of. To correct either, or both, is a matter wholly your own. Nobody can take exercise for you, or cut down eating for you—you must do that for yourself. Do it under the counsel and advice of your best friend—your family doctor.

I talked this very morning with a stout healthy country miss, who has literally made an invalid of herself, trying to take off weight; she is afraid to take quantity or kind of food that she really needs. She is unable to work, and her nervous system torn to pieces.

It is quite possible for a state of confirmed invalidism to be acquired from constant dread of taking the necessary nourishment for the proper functioning of the body. I would rather be a trifle overweight—and happy—than to starve myself into a confirmed neurotic.

The normal human being must have a variety of food. We are not herbivorous, no more than we are carnivorous; we are altogether different from the lower animals; and it takes fuel if we would build a fire. We need, in proper quantity, meats, starches, vegetables, fruits, and "greens"; some things raw, some well cooked, all clean. But not an over-supply.

I have a fat lady under my care—weighs 190. I try to diet her correctly. I happened into her hotel at dinnertime the other day; she had a platterful and a dozen side-dishes! Enough for two or three meals! No, I didn't chide her then, but I'm laying for her. When I catch her away from the table. Well, she employs me.

Mt. Zion

Piney Creek P. O., April 16.— Robert Landreth, who has been in Colorado for some time, returned home recently.

Mrs. Frank Perry, of Peden, visited Mrs. George F. Smith Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Pugh and Mrs. W. F. Pugh made a business trip to Galax, Va., Wednesday.

Zenna Crouse, of Independence, Va., spent Thursday night with Mrs. H. Clay Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cox made a business trip to West Jefferson Thursday.

Ray Hampton, Stratford, was in this community last week.

June, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Cox, is sick.

Fielden Boone is ill with measles.

Those visiting at the home of

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—By POP MOMAND



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THE FEASIBILITY OF SENDING ROCKETS TO THE MOON IS ENHANCED BY THE FACT THAT TELESCOPES COULD DETECT AN EXPLODING ROCKET CHARGE AS SMALL AS 5 LBS. OF FLASHLIGHT POWDER.

BREATHING SOOT—

IN A TYPICAL INDUSTRIAL CITY, ALONG WITH HIS NORMAL 45 LBS. OF AIR, A MAN BREATHES 2 1/2 LBS. OF POISON-LOADED SOOT DAILY.

PIGEON SWARMS!

PASSENGER PIGEONS WERE FORMERLY SO NUMEROUS IN AMERICA THAT A SCIENTIST ONCE MEASURED A SWARM OVER A MILE WIDE AND OVER 200 MILES LONG.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith last week were: Mrs. Cox Douglas and small daughter, of Clemmons; Mrs. Maggie Smith and son, Page, of Nathans Creek; W. R. Jones and H. Clay Smith and son, Howard.

H. Clay Smith and children, George F. Smith, Oscar Moxley, A. L. Mabe, Frank Perry, Thurmond Fitzgerald and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cox made a business trip to Sparta Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Smith and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Edwards near New Hope, Saturday night and Sunday.

Ray Black returned home recently from Maryland.

Claude J. Smith visited friends near Scottville and New Hope Sunday.

Mrs. S. E. Smith and son, Thomas, visited friends near Scottville Sunday.

Mrs. George F. Smith and Mrs. J. F. Shepherd visited Mrs. John F. Cox Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Cox is improving from a broken arm sustained some time ago.

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