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Ecclesiastes in Baltimore

There is a lot of sorrow in Baltimore just now.

For instance there's Mr. Ray Sweezy, alias Mr. Ray Harwood, of Greenburg, Indiana...

But the saddest person in Baltimore are not Mr. Sweezy-Harwood but the wise guys. They looked at Mr. Heedy-Swarwood's amiable face, and sneered.

Note on Statistics

Preachers who come to town to hold protracted meetings produce some of the most startling statistics imaginable.

Hermann Wins—Or Does He?

Can a country which didn't have bread enough to go around last winter's winter have more grain this year?

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Why manipulation of the German currency and his dizzying system of bartering had been and the German economy work after one fashion in the teeth of the opinion of most of the world's economic experts...

Fingerprints and the New Deal

Here's a pretty kettle of fish. In New York City, Thomas E. Dewey, Mayor of the City, has been made the Fuston ticket charges that the political allies of Albert Marinelli, Tammany leader of the Second Assembly District, are "thieves and big-shot racketeers."

It is all entirely explicable, surely, on the basis of the well-known facts that politics makes the strangest sort of logic mates, that a politician, whether for local or national government, is not, primarily a person out to win elections, and that elections are won only if lodge brothers stick together for better or worse.

Unfair to Labor

When Grace Episcopal Church at Whitestone, Borough of Queens, New York City, decided to build a new parish hall, it did not unaturally give the contract to the lowest bidder.

There is no sense in this sort of thing. It violates elementary rights and elementary decency. And by the same token it is about the most unfair thing to the rational case for union labor that can be imagined.

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It is an astounding admission, and one that in most countries would automatically bring on a trial for treason. But not in France.

PORTRAIT OF A QUANTITY

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Economists say that the recent slump in business is due to a cessation of government spending and that the stock market crash was due to that slump.

ONE OF THESE THREE What does all that add up to mean? That private money must get busy and invest itself in the kind of work on which employment is so heavily depends, or that public spending by billions must go on, or that we are reaching the brink of another depression.

TAXES FREEZE MONEY It is Hobson's choice. Private money must go to work. It isn't working when it is tied up in government bonds.

WON'T TAKE RISKS The income tax does the same thing on another front. Money is only risked in industry in the hope of gain.

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Mrs. Goodwin Has Fun With Rice Changes

These Other Speakers Might Be Red, Too, She Warns—So Better Investigate.

Dear Sir: The next meeting of the Central High School P.-T. A. will be held November 17 at 3:30 o'clock.

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MR. HESTER SAYS HE FOUND RICE, NOT RED BUT AN ICONCLAST

Dear Sir: I was greatly surprised to read in your paper of October 25 that I held a similar opinion with Mr. Vernon Patterson in regard to Dr. John A. Rice's talk at Central High School.

Did you not err in journalism in using my name in this connection without getting in touch with me first?

I am truly sorry that so many "fell for" Dr. Rice's experiment in "shocking," for judging from what I myself have read, he is a man of high character.

WIDOWS SHERIFF IS NOT A SENSIBLE ONE

Dear Sir: The sheriff of Burke County recently died, and I notice that the Burke County board promptly appointed his widow to fill out his unexpired term.

Such appointments as this are never made in private industry. When an executive of a large corporation dies, the board of directors does not feel it necessary to appoint his widow to his position.

Fifty-Fifty

(Fayetteville Virginian-Pilot) An intra-Republican party fight seems to be in progress between Landon and Hoover.

Who Said There Was?

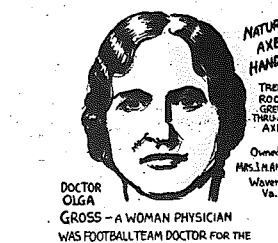
(Spartanburg Herald) Those of us who have seen the few moth-eaten camels in zoos and circus menageries could never have dreamed that there were enough of those animals in all the world to supply material for half the "camel hair" overcoats for men the manufacturers are advertising.

BELIEVE IT OR NOT By Ripley

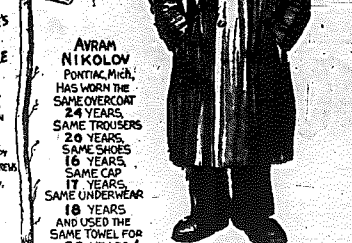
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DOCTOR OLGA GROSS - A WOMAN PHYSICIAN WAS FOOTBALL TEAM DOCTOR FOR THE MAINE CENTER INSTITUTE FOR 10 YEARS



AVRAM N. NIKOLOV, PONTIAC, MICH., HAS WORN THE SAME OVERCOAT 24 YEARS, SAME TROUSERS 20 YEARS, SAME CAP 16 YEARS, SAME PAJAMAS 10 YEARS, SAME UNDERWEAR 18 YEARS AND USED THE SAME TOWEL FOR 23 YEARS.

ON THE RECORD

By Dorothy Thompson Goering and the Prodigal Son

MODERN Germany has officially repudiated Judaeo-Christianity, but it is difficult completely to purge the mind of habits of thought, and the Jewish-Christian Bible is still a part of German speech.

That's a lot easier to say than to do, so we are not going to get unduly excited. Recently I talked about the Stuttgart meeting in a radio broadcast, and got many unhappy letters from German-Americans, furious that the German government should have put them in such an oblique light, pleading for consistency in their loyalty to the country of their adoption.

But General Goering's official organ has put an ingenious spin upon the Parable of the Prodigal Son. The Prodigal Son, you remember, left his father's house and went into a far country, where he wasted his substance in riotous living. Then his adopted country had a famine, and he went back to his father, who received him with a welcoming party.

And the rebel also became frightened, hearing the howling protests of the family. So he began to make guns and bombs, and the more frightened both of them got, the more frightened they became.

And all the time the family missed him. They missed him because he was strong, intelligent, and a marvelous worker. And sometimes when he had been writing a poem, or working on an invention, or building a city, or studying the stars, they had said to themselves: (not very loudly): "Watch that boy! He's the most promising human of us all."

Well, that's where one version of the parable stops. But not the hope that it will have the Biblical ending: Of the chastened son, returning to a chastened family, who go out along the road to welcome him.

And now the family, left behind, become frightened and they knew that these things, though they often seemed pretenses, were really all that made them human, and not altogether hogs.

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Earlier Days

News of 75 and 100 Years Ago From Files in the State Library at Raleigh

FRIGHTFUL ACCIDENT

A frightful accident occurred on the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad yesterday, resulting in the instantaneous death of 3 persons and the wounding of some 15 others, and in the destruction of two engines and several cars.

From what we can learn it appears that after the morning mail train had left, an engine and two gravel cars started out from Raleigh. On reaching Huntville the engineers resolved to run through to Forestville, intending to make that the point at which to pass the accommodation train coming south, and dashed on at a rapid rate.

The collision was frightful. The force was such that, as we are informed, the engine and gravel train was forced over the engine and tender of the accommodation, dashing the passengers violently to the back of the car and through its shattered sides and windows.

De McKee and Hill of this city, on hearing of the accident, immediately departed to the scene of destruction with a special train.

Wounded: Col. Robt. Moxman and son, Newberry; S. C. W. D. Kirtin, Bertie County; William G. Templeton, Iredell County; Mrs. Jones, Haywood; Davidson County; Mrs. Eva C. Rowland, Stanly County; Mrs. Rosco Barras, Jones County; Alexander S. Barras, five years old.

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