

L.T. Sunoco - Tues. May 8 '34

Good Evening Everybody:

All over the country newspaper men ~~are~~^{are} talking about the pulitzer prizes - - a big annual event in the lives of ~~the~~ journalists. You know, the prizes founded by the late Joseph Pulitzer, the great newspaper man who built those two national journalistic monuments, the New York World and the St Louis Post - ~~Dispatch~~. This year's prizes were announced today. And they range from various phases of newspaper work to history, novels, plays and poems.

Let's look at the news of the world today from the slant of the men who have won the prizes for their proficiency in bringing to us the day-by-day news of ^{the} world. In the first place we find some curious phenomena of nature. For example a submarine volcano off the coast of Chile. They say it is the cause of the ^{present} strange earthquake condition on the South American shore. There's one section where they count an average of two hundred and sixty four shocks a year.

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The scientists in trying to explain all those earth tremors are checking up on a lot of strange things observed on the nearby Pacific ocean. Thousand of dead fish have been observed floating on the water. Ship captains report that flames have been seen on the sea at night and clouds of gas by day. A party of lobster fisherman tell how their schooner was suddenly surrounded by boiling water, and great shoals of dead lobster^s were thrown to the surface. All of which sound like a submarine volcano. A crater on the floor of the Pacific Ocean which belches giant flames up into the great green depths of the water.

But any way, it was a miracle in Chicago. Although Chicago usually has its mirages in the form of real estate booms and speculative stocks and that has been going on for thirty years. And I suppose you'd call it a phenomenon of nature when a Parisian newspaper advertises paradise for sale. A Frenchman has become lord and master of a tiny island off Tahiti. He describes it as a paradise of birds, fish and crabs "where one has only to stick one's toes in the ocean to catch crabs."

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And next a mirage. Not the fabulus mirage that beguiles the wanderer, ~~of~~ the camel rider of the Arabian desert. This one ~~was~~ in Chicago.

Men at work on the buildings of the loop looked out over the waters of Lake Michigan and in the distance saw a shore, a coast line, that was never there before, long lines of sand dunes. And these were just an illusion. Experts explain that it was caused by the bending of the light rays and that the sand dunes were really fifty or sixty miles away and out of normal sight, way below the line of the horizon.

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So it's paradise, where you can catch crabs with your toes. This Frenchman planned to end his days there, but the depression has forced him to sell. The price of paradise-?

Thirty - three thousand dollars. *Going, going, gone! Sold to the gentleman from Brooklyn. Maybe!*

And now from elemental nature let's go on to the doings of mankind.

Royce Brier.

May 8, 1934.

INTRO. TO BRIER

We see man at his worst in that kidnapping case in Arizona. The little Robles girl is still missing, the family tortured with anxiety. The American authorities are hot in pursuit again. They've pushed the hunt across the border. A suspicious house in the Mexican state of Sonora was searched in a spectacular raid, and the occupant of that house is being questioned, suspected, believed to know something.

This sinister theme of kidnapping takes us to a man at a microphone in the NBC studios in New York. He's at Radio City, at Rockefeller Center in New York, and I am out here in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He is the newspaperman who won the Pulitzer prize for the best individual piece of reporting. And his big prize-winning story told the grim tale of the lynching of those kidnappers last november at San Jose, California.

He is Royce Brier of the San Francisco Chronicle. In addition to being a news hawk he's the author of several books. When those fearful and spectacular events broke out at San Jose he was the star reporter sent to cover the story.

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So let's switch to New York and have Royce Brier, the Pulitzer Prize winner, give us an inside slant of a reporter on the job - - his biggest job.

The Chronicle knew two days in advance that there was going to be a lynching. We learned that a vigilante committee was forming in San Jose. I informed my city editor, Mr. Lynn Fox, who the leaders were. We knew twelve hours in advance that the lynching was scheduled for midnight.

I had confidential information - - and that is what I did not include in my story. Later on they brought me before the Santa Clara grand jury and tried to get me to give this information. But I wouldn't do it.

The reason is simply this: The ethics of the newspaper game. I had got the information in confidence, and a newspaperman has to keep a confidence, like a lawyer, or a doctor.

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women broke down and wept.

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There was one surprising thing. All through the four - hour assault on the jail the traffic cop stood at the corner tooting his whistle at the stream of passing cars. We newspaper men noticed him with amazement. With the terrific action of mob violence going on just beside him, he merely kept on directing the traffic. Several traffic violators who ran past a red light or made a wrong turn got a severe bawling out from that cop, while one hundred feet away a squad of his fellow policemen were hurling tear gas bombs into the mob.

That was the biggest news day I ever saw.

Insull Follow Brier.

Well
Yes, Mr. Brier, ~~and~~ today is a big day for you
too -- ~~as a Pulitzer prize winner.~~ *winning that award. Via the radio I am reaching*
my hand across the Alleghenies to congratulate you.
And it's also a big day for Chicago, with

Samuel Insull returning to the scene of his former triumphs.

He comes back as a prisoner to the place in which he was
once almost the uncrowned king. And he comes to face what
will undoubtedly be a long, bitter fight for his liberty
and, as he puts it for his vindication.

On the train out to Chicago he seemed to be
confident, even cheerful. He dined and joked with the
newspaper men and gladly posed for his photograph.

Meanwhile his friends were scurrying around
vainly trying to raise two hundred thousand dollars bail
for the man whose wealth was once reckoned at two hundred
millions. When he reached Chicago and learned that they
had failed, that he had to go to prison, the aged ex-
millionaire almost collapsed. With tears in his eyes he was
taken to prison declaring that he probably would not emerge
alive.

Airmail Follow Insull.

And it was a big day for the air mail. The army has turned back to the civilian fliers the job of being Uncle Sam's sky piloting mail man. And the army did it in style. Remember that raw day last February when Uncle Sam's fliers took over the mails from the private lines? Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, ^{and a couple of T.W.A. pilots} flying the last civilian air mail plane, ^{their} ripped ~~his~~ load of mail along the skyways from Los Angeles to Newark in thirteen hours and five minutes, for a record.

Well, today the Army duplicated that gesture. An army flyer set out from Los Angeles with a load of mail in a Martin bomber with Wright Cyclone engines in it. With throttle wide open the plane flashed from coast to coast. The time: Thirteen hours and fifty three minutes. ~~That is a~~ little longer than it took ^{Eddie} Rickenbacker. But ~~it is a~~ record just the same, because the army plane flew two hundred and seventy nine miles ^{farther} ~~more~~ and made three more stops. The last stage of the record flight was made by Lieutenant Elwood Quesada. And he also flew the army plane that carried

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the first load of mail after those contracts were cancelled.

~~Squadron~~ And now that the Army has finished its job as air mailman, let's take a retrospective look. In spite of the unfortunate mishaps, the Army fliers have done a noble job.

{ We are told that the mailman's job has been more valuable experience for the Army fliers than anything since the World War. And curiously enough, the cancellation of the air mail contracts seems to have increased passenger traffic in airplanes. The big controversy has made people more air conscious than they were before.

Anyway it's all over now and we can give three cheers for the Army fliers and for their Commander General

{ Foullois. Col. Hank Arnold, Major Jones - and the lieutenants who did the job. Gen. Foullois, by the way is one of the few men in the United States Army to rise from a private to a general. He was the first Army man ever to fly in an airplane, back in nineteen hundred and nine with Orville Wright, as an army observer in the days of those box kites.

He also led the American air attack during the

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troubles in Mexico and in France commanded the First Aero Squadron. He is a short, stocky wind-tanned soldier. He's always smoking a pipe - and he can make an airplane talk.

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So now the August Supreme Court of the United-States has to take a hand in the troublesome affairs of Senator Huey Long. It is all over that five hundred thousand dollar libel suit brought against the Kingfish by General Ansell.

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"Public service" - - For its activity in preventing a bitter political fight in Oregon from breaking out into open violence.

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Coatesville,
Pa.

May 8, 1934

COATESVILLE

Good news from Coatesville, steel town -- home of Lukens, the world's largest steel plate mill. The giant Lukens plant is now running to sixty percent of its capacity. That's not peak, but it's encouraging because steel is a basic industry.

How would you like to spend your life in the midst of an old time Fourth of July celebration, cannon crackers going off all around you, the whole time? Well, that's what life is like to the steel workers in the giant Lukens plant mill.

Ingots of steel five feet wide, two feet thick and fifteen feet high, weighing as much as eighty thousand pounds, red hot all the way through, are sent between the most powerful rollers ever built. Back and forth this steel ingot passes, each time getting wider and thinner, until it's only an inch thick. And each time it goes through the rollers chemicals are thrown on it to keep scale from forming on the surface. And those chemicals explode with a shattering roar like the crash of artillery.

Coatesville, by the way, is the home of the most successful industrial city Y. M. C. A. in America.

An inspired man, J. O. Hoffman, has found the way to interest

^{the} young men of that steel city. He knows how to interest

them in things that are really a lot more fun than drinking

and a lot more fun than prowling the street in gangs. Every

Y. M. C. A. secretary ought to serve an apprenticeship in

that Coatesville "Y", and every industrialist should visit

it.

Ministers Follow Long.

In New York two hundred ministers of the gospel talked peace and good will, as you might expect them to. Some of the best is that six of the first seven presidents They denounced war. Five of them were former chaplains of the army. They black-listed war by an overwhelming vote.

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Dr. Emerson Fosdick, of New York's famous Riverside Church, expressed the general feeling when he vowed he'd never support another war. "I'll see you in prison first," He announced dramatically.

Yes it's all peace and good will, but suppose the country really did have a war of life and death? we can't help thinking of Peter the Hermit who preached the first crusade, and the other militan^t churchmen throughout the ages.

Roosevelt Follow Ministers.

The Pulitzer prize ^{this year} for the best history ~~was~~ ^{goes to}
~~won by~~ Herbert Agar, for his book "The People's Choice." The
theme of the book is that six of the first seven presidents
were first - rate men. All of their successors he describes
as "A feeble and meritless tribe," that is, all except
Lincoln, Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt and Wilson. The book
stops with Harding. Would he have included Franklin D.
Roosevelt among the great?

56 { The English certainly do. The reception given
to the British edition of President Roosevelt's book
"On Our Way" is one chorus of cheers. In fact the English
critics are far more unanimously enthusiastic about Mr.
Roosevelt than his own country - men. ^{staid old} Even the London
Morning Post, usually so anti-american, declares that many
European statesmen, including Hitler, should read Mr.
Roosevelt's book "to learn how it's done."

Birchall.

The five-hundred dollar prize won by Frederick T. Birchall of the NewYork Times comes at appropriate moment, just in time to make up for the extraordinary treatment he received from a German government official in Cologne. Mr Birchall, who won the prize for the best work as a foreign correspondent, is head of the Times foreign service. He was on his way out of Germany. If you try to leave Germany you musn't take more than fifty Marks with you. Mr Birchall had even less than that so they suspected him of a concealed wad. They searched not only his overcoat and his valise, but they made him take off his shoes, his socks and stripped him down to his underwear.

And presumably he's now on his way to London, fully clothed once more to cover the ^{developments in that} trade war between John Bull and the Mikado.

In Tokyo they are talking about retaliation against Great Britain's imposing import quotas against all Japanese good entering British Dominions.

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In Osaka, Japan, manufacturers are saying "Japan must fight back". The Tokyo government pretends not to be disturbed by England's action. But the Japanese newspapers are loudly calling for reprisals.

Be that as it may, England and Japan are definitely committed to that dangerous thing - a trade war.

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War Debts.

We are all familiar with the fact that of the European nations that owe us money Finland is the only one that has been paying up in full. That seems to entitle Finland to the honor of being the international guinea pig for war debt experimentation. ^{to see how it works when you pay up what you owe.} And it may be profitable for the little land away up north. The dope is that President Roosevelt will try to reach a debt agreement with Finland, and agreement to reduce the debt. And this may go on record as a precedent for dealing with the other nations.

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It was awarded to E.P.Chase, Editor of the News-Telegraph of Atlantic, Iowa, for his editorial entitled:- "Where is our money?"

Yes, where is it? A lot of it went over to Europe for a vacation and doesn't seem in any hurry to return home.

South America.

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Among the various storm signals from South-America such as a scrap brewing between the Fascists and the Reds in Chile, we find an unusual duel in South America. Somebody was hurt, badly hurt.

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And we observe one of the duelists is a brother of that interesting figure Sanchez Cerro, who rose from military obscurity to become President of Peru and after fantastic ups and downs was assassinated. The brother of Sanchez Cerro fought with a newspaper editor - - and not for any Pulitzer prize. They battled fiercely with sabres and both were cut and gashed about the face and arms. The editor was dangerously hurt. Yes, dueling can be a serious business in the shadows of the Andes.

ENDING

And now the old newspaper cry - - forms closed.

Editions gone to press.

And, - SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.