

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1930

RESCUE AT SEA

The Maurentania was the dark horse in a thrilling rescue at sea today. A disabled Swedish steamer, the Ovidia was sinking 1000 miles out at sea. Her seams had burst during the recent storm. Water was rushing in. Her pumps were disabled. Distress signals went crackling out over the ocean, and every ship that picked them up turned off its course to rush to her aid.

The Associated Press says the Ovidia was due east of Boston on her way to France, and her captain knew he couldn't keep afloat much longer. Four ships answered her calls for help. One of them was the America, and the skipper of the America is the famous Captain Fried who has two thrilling rescues to his credit. Well, four ships were rushing to the side of the Ovidia. And then came the news that the Ovidia had been reached -- not by one of those four -- but by another, a dark horse. That Atlantic greyhound, the famous Cunarder Mauretania, got to the scene before any of the others. The crew of the Ovidia had already taken to their lifeboats, and

the Mauretania picked them up.

Another ship was wrecked on the European side of the Atlantic. The British passenger steamer Highland Hope went on the rocks in a fog off Portugal. There were 550 passengers and crew on board. According to the International News Service they were all taken off in lifeboats.

STORM

1 From down in Oklahoma comes news
2 of a terrific cyclone. The United Press
3 wires that a storm cut a 300 foot swath
4 through the village of Bethany which is
5 only a few miles from Oklahoma City.
6 Sixty homes were destroyed. The Associated
7 Press ^{in telling about} ~~story on~~ the twister ^{adds} ~~reports~~ that
8 17 people were killed and nearly 100
9 injured. Four companies of the Oklahoma
10 National Guard ^{were rushed} ~~had been ordered to~~
11 Bethany, as well as fire fighting organiza-
12 tions from surrounding towns, ^{along with} ambulances
13 and police.

14 Out in Colorado the ^{whole} state seems
15 to be buried in snow. The International
16 News Service wires that many of the passes
17 are blocked. Hundreds of motorists are
18 stranded in snowdrifts three feet deep.
19 Arizona has been hit by a sleet storm,
20 and in Montana the thermometer dropped
21 ~~down~~ to twelve below, ~~which is just~~
22 ~~about~~ the lowest temperature recorded
23 anywhere this season. The New York
24 Evening World tells us that up in
25 Massachusetts some of the residents can't

tell whether the season is autumn, spring or summer, because roses are in bloom on Cane Cod; and out in Wisconsin a weather prophet insists that he can prognosticate the approaching changes in weather by studying the lowly onion. And he insists that he is one man who knows his onions.

And the weather has been bothering that big German seaplane.

DO-X

From Portugal comes an announcement that the DO-X will not hop the Atlantic this year. The present plan seems to be for her to fly only as far as the Azores, and then hop back to the continent.

The Do-X will not be with us, but here's somebody who is, and the story comes as ~~x~~ quite a surprise.

(Late U.P. for Lowell Thomas)

LEBEC, CALIF.

The wreck of a Pacific Air transport mail plane with the mangled bodies of its three occupants, including one woman passenger, was found late today in a snow pile on a mountainside.

BOB

Charles V. Bob, the aviation enthusiast and promotor who disappeared so mysteriously a few weeks ago, turned up in New York today and surrendered to the authorities. Two of his associates also surrendered at the District attorney's office. According to the New York Sun, Bob has been hiding right here in New York City all the time and simply keeping away from busy corners where he might be recognized.

HAYTI

Down in Haiti they have a new President, and what's more he's a bitter enemy of America and Americans. Our marines have been down there now for fourteen years. Today, the National Assembly chose Senator Stenio Vincent, and one of the planks of his presidential platform was a demand that our Marines clear out.

CAROL

Now comes a story about a grand reformation. The playboy of Rumanis is an entirely different young man since he has returned to the throne. No more parties for King Carol. He has buckled down to work. A fascinating account of this appears in the new Literary Digest that will be out tomorrow. The Digest article tells how even while he was in exile and supposedly busy enjoying himself, he really was keeping in close touch with Rumanian affairs.

When you walk up to your news stand tomorrow morning to get your copy of the Literary Digest to read that story you will get a glimpse of three majestic mountains. And if you are a Canadian the new Digest cover will give you a bit of a homelike feeling. The three peaks are the famous Three Sisters out near Banff in the glorious Canadian Rockies. Just look at them and you'll want to go to Canada next summer. The Canadian Rockies is a grand place to go in winter too, ideal for winter sports.

And talking about sports

1 Fate seems to be evening things up
2 between those two crack football teams
3 from Notre Dame and West Point. When
4 they clash on the gridiron each team will
5 be minus its star fullback. Notre Dame
6 lost Jumping Joe Savoldi a few days ago
7 because he had been secretly married.
8 Now news comes from West Point that Cy
9 Letzelter, Army's plunging, driving
10 fullback will be out of the game for the
11 rest of the season simply because he
12 didn't know when he was born.

13 According to the North American
14 Newspaper Alliance it has just been dis-
15 covered that fullback Cy was twenty-three
16 years old when he entered the Academy,
17 but ^{he} gave his age as twenty-two. The
18 story goes on to say that apparently it
19 was not Cy's fault. His mother died
20 when he was nine years old and he never
21 knew much about his age. The trouble
22 evidently arises because some Ohio
23 neighbor of Cy's wrote in to the Academy
24 and told ^{them} that the plunging Army fullback
25 was born on December 8, 1906, instead of

August 8, as he thought. It is all very complicated but the cadets are decidedly fed-up over losing their crack fullback. So plunging Cy and Jumping Joe will not face each other in that big Army-Notre Dame Game.

Well, well, here's Charley Paddock making a 100 yard dash into matrimony.

1 Do you remember when Charlie
2 ~~Paddock of California~~ was smashing track
3 records and when he was called the
4 "World's fastest human"? Well, news
5 comes from California today that Charlie
6 Paddock is to be married shortly to the
7 daughter of a California publisher.

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CAPONE

Out in Chicago, too, an interesting wedding is announced. It's not exactly a society match, nor yet a royal romance -- although it has angles which do demand one of royal match-making. Well, the Chicago Tribune says that Scarface Al Capone's sister is going to marry the brother of a gang leader known as Frank Diamond.

The interesting thing is that Capone and Diamond are leaders of different and not always friendly factions in Chicago gangdom. The alliance between the Capone and Diamond families will insure peace and harmony so the story goes. The sister of one king marries the brother of a rival king, and there we have a treaty between two modern kingdoms, kingdoms of the Underworld.

The new Literary Digest, the one that will be out tomorrow, has a story on Al Capone. It's about an amazing proposal that the overlord of gangdom made to the Chicago authorities. It tells how Al offered to be a good boy if allowed to run his Chicago racket in peace. The Digest explains

just how that cool proposition was received. It's a picturesque story. And here's another of the same sort.

GOLD

It looks as though they're going to have a gold rush over in Wales. That country used to produce quite a lot of the yellow metal, but after awhile the miners thought the pay-streaks had played out, and mining was gradually abandoned a generation or so ago. Now, says the Associated Press, prospectors have discovered there's still gold in them thar Welsh hills, and everybody is talking of making fortunes over night.

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Down in South Africa, it isn't a gold rush they're having -- it's a diamond rush. A prospector found some diamonds along the coast of Namaqualand below the low tide mark. And some time before this, according to the United Press, a magistrate had ruled that such territory was free-for all, first come, first served. So now they've had to mobilize the police to keep order among the prospectors who are rushing in.

And the police are being mobilized in Shanghai too.

RICKSHAW

The rickshaw coolies of Shenghai are going on a strike, and the report is that, as a result, traffic may be tied up worse than during that taxi strike in Pittsburgh a year ago.

Most Chinese streets are too narrow for automobiles. So the rickshaw is about the only answer to their transportation problem. Now the Associated Press tells us that John Chinamen is throwing down his shafts and saying:

"No catchee more money, no pullee rickshaw."

HUSSEIN

A news dispatch from the main European office of the United Press over in London states that Hussein Ibn Ali, former king of the Hedjaz, has not died, as yesterday's dispatches indicated. The cable explains that King Hussein is ~~EX~~ seriously ill at his home on the island of Cyprus where he has been living in exile. It adds that his son, King Feisal of Iraq, is flying from Bagdad to be with his father.

FARM

There are many items from the farm in the news today. Well, I happen to be a farmer of sorts myself although I can't give you any secret tip on how to make the farm pay; but I am interested in farming, so I'm going to get out the old cracker box now, seat myself on it for a moment and give you some of the farm news that has been coming in.

Let's take them there Pinto beans down on Neighbor McDaniels' place near College Station, Texas. Neighbor McDaniel says he has some rows of pinto beans that are 180 miles long. Now match that one if you can. Them there beans, I reckon, must be planted in a spiral.

But here's another one, Hiram. Have you heard about those two chaps down in Louisiana with funny names? Farmer Nick Tedesco and Farmer Angelo Centineo are their names. Well, down they went to a nearby swamp and there they ketched themselves a turtle, and that turtle sure was a whopper. He weighed nigh onto fifty pounds. And these two farmers intended to have some fine turtle soup. But Mr. Turtle is still alive.

When they were hauling him to town in a truck, he sneaked up and bit Farmer Angelo, who let out a howl that could be heard all over Louisiana. Then the turtle started after Nick, who made a dive off the truck, with Mr. turtle right out on top of him. Well, Nick jumped up and started to run, but he was so excited that he stumbled and broke his leg, while the turtle rambled back to his home in the swamp.

Maybe some of you farmers are interested in mules. I am a sorter mule fancier myself, and here's a mule story that comes from out there in Colorado Springs just a few miles from where I used to work on a ranch.

I've known some gol-darn fool mules too, but this Colorado Springs critter has them all beat. The Associated Press says that this mule worked down in a mine for twelve years. They fed him hay down there in the darkness. His job was pulling cars from the stopes out to the shaft. For twelve years that mule never saw any daylight and when they brought him up the other day they turned him out on some green pasture, and he had actually forgotten how to eat grass. He just looked at it and didn't know what it was for.

Ten thousand spectators cheered a slender youth from Lambertville, New Jersey, when he was announced as the outstanding student among 30,000 American boys who are preparing themselves to be expert farmers. The Governor of Missouri presented the boy with a \$1,000 check out at Kansas City. The lad's name is David Johnson. He is seventeen years old, runs his own ninety acre New Jersey farm, supports his mother and sister, and represents the fifth generation of a family of farmers.

And then here's one for you chicken farmers.

Out in Kankakee, Illinois, Farmer Rucker's hens won the big egg laying contest. Farmer Rucker had five hens and their egg laying race lasted for 365 days. Each one of his five hens laid 320 eggs. In other words, they only went on a strike forty-five days out of the whole year. And the Associated Press says, that By Cracky, that beats the record. Each one of those five hens exceeded the previous world's record by eighteen eggs. But it's no wonder Farmer Rucker's

hens turned out to be champions when we hear what swell names he gave them. One was called Flaming Mamie, another Big Bertha, and the others were Theda Bara, Julia Marlowe, and Clara Bow.

Well, those are our evening's farm bulletins.

And now here's

1 ~~How would you like to spend a~~
2 ~~vacation with a tribe of cannibals?~~

3 ~~Well~~, Bill Seabrook, an American writer,
4 ~~has~~ just ~~come~~ back from Central Africa
5 with a lot of late bulletins on cannibals.
6 According to the New York Telegram,
7 ~~misstated~~ Mr. Seabrook says that cannibals
8 are the most hospitable people he ever
9 encountered.

10 Maybe you're right, Bill. But we
11 wonder what testimony a lot of missionaries
12 would give on that subject, if they were
13 still alive to testify.

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DOGS

In Roselle, New Jersey, two police dogs were on a rampage. According to the New York Evening Post a street cleaner named Joseph was sent to capture them. The dogs, however, decided to capture Joseph. He was running as fast as he could when he spied a pole. He made a jump for it, and started climbing. Then he discovered that on the pole was a police box, so he telephoned the police and then hung on until the cops came.

Well, that was a good jump, Joseph. And your news item brings us to the moment when I must jump too, so, goodnight until tomorrow.