

LINCOLN

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Answer

One hundred ^{and} four years ago there was dismay at New Salem, Illinois. The early settlers were moving West, the population of New Salem was shrinking so much that the postmaster general at Washington decided ~~that~~ New Salem didn't even need a Post office.

That threw ~~out of a job naturally~~ ^{out of a job, and} the postmaster ~~whose name was~~ ^{his name was} Abraham Lincoln.

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Today there was celebration at New Salem. A new post office was dedicated ~~there~~ in the same store where old Abe, then young Abe, used to sell ~~the~~ stamps. Presiding over the ceremonies, was a Democratic cabinet officer, Postmaster General Jim Farley of course. They made a good show of it by ^{displaying} ~~showing~~ the difference in the ways of carrying the mail in Lincoln's day and today. A stage coach brought one ~~batch~~ of mail bags. It had been pulled by horses from Springfield and took eight hours to cover the twenty miles. Another bunch of mail left Springfield in an airplane and ten minutes later was dropped from aloft at New Salem.

REPUBLICANS

Republican magnificoes are scattered pretty widely all over the country tonight: ex-President Hoover at Omaha; Senator Robert Taft of Ohio is to speak at Greensboro, North Carolina; Senator Vandenberg will be the toastmaster at the dinner in his home town, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The speakers there will include Governor Arthur James, favorite son of Pennsylvania. Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, a candidate for the Presidential nomination, is to be the principal speaker at Oklahoma City; and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts at Brooklyn; Governor Carr of Colorado at Toledo.

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On the West Coast the big Lincoln Day speech will be delivered by a New Yorker, District Attorney Tom Dewey.

~~From all over the country one hears that he has been arousing quite spectacular interest. It was reported from the West that the people who wanted seats to hear him in Portland, Oregon, tonight were no fewer than thirty-five thousand.~~

SUPREME COURT

The Supreme Court of the United States today handed down a decision, ~~that was highly appropriate for the anniversary of Lincoln's Birthday.~~ Unanimously, the nine justices reversed the action of the Florida courts and squashed the conviction of four negroes condemned to death on a charge of murder. The high court found ~~unanimously~~ ^{they had} ~~that those four, young ~~negroes~~ colored tenant farmers, had~~ ^{they} been convicted and sentenced on the strength of confessions which had been obtained by torture. ~~And here's one of the most dramatic features of that~~ ^{the} opinion. ~~It~~ was written by Associate Justice Hugo L. Black of Alabama, born and reared in the heart of the deep South. ~~Justice Black read his opinion in full, which was a procedure out of the ordinary.~~ In it he declaimed that "the court is a haven of refuge for those who might otherwise suffer because they are helpless, weak and outnumbered, or because they are non-conforming victims of prejudice and public excitement."

~~The Supreme Court found that those negroes had been beaten by rubber hoses, had been threatened with death, and kept for hours without sleep. Justice Black's opinion described in considerable detail all-night sessions in the county jail during~~

AIR BASES

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New army air bases in Alaska! Secretary of War Woodring made the announcement today. The chiefs of the army air force have planned to construct an airport at Fairbanks which would cost four million dollars, to be used principally for experiments in cold weather flying.

The other new Alaska air base is to be at Anchorage, at the head of Turnegat Arm. This ~~will~~^{is} be considerably larger than the one at Fairbanks, fourteen hundred acres, with ground units as well as air units. However, all this depends on whether Congress appropriates the money that has been asked for these airports.

FOOTBALL FOLLOW AIR BASES

A Republican Congressman has ~~xxx~~ pointed out that a lot of the rivalry between the Army and the Navy is harmful. Congressman Shafer of Michigan says that army airplanes are forbidden to land on navy airports and vice versa. This, he declares, is a ridiculous situation and creates a duplication of activities, which results in a waste of government funds.

Shafer has a remedy. Cut out the annual football game between Annapolis and West Point, says he. This competitive spirit, he argues, originates in the early training of army and navy officers at West Point and Annapolis, where great rivalry has existed for years in competitive sports, especially football.

PETITION

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A petition was addressed to President Roosevelt today on the subject of Japan. It was signed by educators, writers, civic leaders and other celebrities. The purpose of it was to ask the President to cut Japan off the list of most favored nations, to put an end to the help that the Japanese are getting from this side of the Pacific in the invasion of China. One detail of that petition was a request that President Roosevelt apply the penalties provided in the Tariff Act of Nineteen Thirty, under which Japan could be penalized because she had broken the Nine Power Treaty.

And among the names signed to that petition is that of Mrs. James Roosevelt, the President's own Mother.

HOOVER

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At present the United States has a surplus of most kinds of foodstuff. But the surplus is bound to be wiped out, so says Ex-President Herbert Hoover. All surpluses will be wiped out in fact, because of the overwhelming demand that will come from Europe. And, says the former President, ^{and} one-time head of Belgium Relief:- "That demand is inevitable. It may come in a month, in six months or in five years. But," he added, "eventually we will have to feed Europe." In fact, he added that no later than this coming May, at least thirty million dollars' worth of American foodstuffs will be wanted in Finland and Poland. ~~And he said that's a fair indication of what we may expect.~~ Even if the war were to end tomorrow, ^{it} ~~that~~ would make no difference - the demand is inevitable.

TREATY

There was jubilation in Berlin today over the new trade treaty between the Nazis and the Bolsheviks. Hitler's men were announcing triumphantly that it means the Germans will get much additional quantities of Russian raw materials. According to the terms of the treaty, Stalin and Hitler will exchange goods to the value of one billion Reichsmarks a year. The Russians will send oil, ore, food products and naphtha. Germany in exchange will send machinery, manufactured goods. Rubber works and refineries are to be built in Russia under the supervision of German engineers and technicians.

RUSSIA

The newspapers of Sovietland are ^{again die -} ~~not~~ pleased with the
United States. But it was not President Roosevelt upon whom the
abuse artists of the Moscow press turned their vituperation.
Their targets were Vice-President Garner and Representative Martin
Dies of Texas. PRAVDA, organ of the Communist Party, declared
that the Dies Committee was preparing public opinion for the
outlawing of the Communist Party in the United States and the
destruction of the labor unions. ISVESTIA, organ of the Government,
said the American capitalists ~~are~~ are awaiting a convenient moment
to get into the second imperialist war.

Another Red organ declared that Under-Secretary Welles
is going to be a traveling salesman representing American
imperialism and preparing the ground for Uncle Sam's getting
into the War.

COLD

Europe is digging in for a terrific cold wave. They say the prospects are that it will be the worst in more than a hundred years. The freeze comes swooping down on the wings of a blizzard from the frigid Arctic. *Most severe* ~~It's worst in the Northeast,~~ in Finland, Sweden and Norway. But the thermometer is dropping spectacularly also in Germany as far south as Roumania. For instance, the express train between Rome and Trieste today was at a standstill because of snow and ice. Further north in Copenhagen street car passengers fainted, also several motormen, because of the extreme cold.

TWEEDSMUIR

A telegram was dispatched from the White House today to Ottawa, likewise one from the State Department. President Roosevelt telegraphed to Lady Tweedsmuir, widow of the late Governor-General, condolences from himself and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Lord Tweedsmuir was one of the most popular representatives that a British king ever sent to Ottawa.

My own association with Lord Tweedsmuir throughout the years makes his going a matter of intimate personal concern. It so happened that his helpfulness, his kindness and his keen intelligence came to my assistance ^{on} more than one most important occasion. For instance, in World War days, when he was Colonel John Buchan, he played the chief part in making it possible for me to join Allenby's army in Palestine, which in turn lead to my association with Lawrence, in Arabia.

Lord Tweedsmuir was a top-ranking mind of the British Empire. At the University of Glasgow and at Oxford, he was known as the most brilliant scholar of his student years. Much tribute has been paid to his versatility, the facility with which

he wrote stirring stories of mystery, crime and adventure.

Indeed, when he was a youngster at Oxford he paid his way through the University, which is a rare thing in England, and did it by writing popular fiction.

He wrote that famous history of the World War -- seventeen volumes; also biographies of Cromwell and Sir Walter Raleigh. While he was Governor-General at Ottawa, he finished and saw through the press his "Life of Augustus Caesar."

And impartial critics have agreed that in his biography of the Scottish hero, Montrose, John Buchan touched greatness. In British history the name of John Buchan, Baron Tweedsmuir, will have an important place.

SMELL

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You will be glad you aren't in Italy today. The Fascist high command decided that it's time the fair ladies of the peninsula became more perfume-conscious. So this is National Perfume Week in Mussolini's country. Can you imagine what it would be like over here? As it is, a man stands a chance of getting asphyxiated every time he steps into an elevator in a building where women are employed.

PATRICK

Forty years ago, the country rang with the name and conduct of a New York lawyer named ~~But~~ Albert T. Patrick. He was known as one of the trickiest, shrewdest, cunningest men at the bar. But along in about Nineteen Hundred, all his cunning was of no avail to save him ^{self} from disaster. For in that year, an eighty-two year old multi-millionaire named Marsh Rice, died in peculiar circumstances. He was, incidentally, founder of the Rice Institute of Houston, Texas. It came to light that Rice had made a will leaving the bulk of his enormous estate under a deed of trust to Albert T. Patrick.

It was a most spectacular, sensational Page One case, one of the most interesting and intricate in the annals of American crime. The police ~~fastened~~ declared that Rice had been murdered and fastened it ~~in~~ onto Lawyer Albert T. Patrick. There followed a long drawn out legal battle. A jury convicted Patrick, found him guilty of murder in the first degree. In Sing Sing prison, acting as his own lawyer, he ^{fought} ~~found~~ a legal battle for four years, contriving to postpone his execution by one device and another. Finally, Governor Higgins commuted the sentence to imprisonment

for life, and in Nineteen Twelve Governor John A. Dix, gave Patrick a pardon.

All this comes into the news today because Albert T. Patrick, today lies dead in a hospital at Tulsa, Oklahoma, seventy-four years old. With his wife he had lived in Oklahoma ever since he was released from Sing Sing. And ^{so} ~~that~~ ends a

curious chapter in the history of the law. — *the strange case of the dextrous Albert T. Patrick and Multi-millionaire Rice.*

SAFETY

The National Safety Council today started some spectacular experiments; ~~The Council, in whose work my sponsors, the Sun Oil Company, are keenly interested, have already contributed a lot of valuable information to help make it safer to drive our motor cars.~~ ~~In these latest experiments they're~~ tackling the question of skidding, how to make driving safer in winter. It has already been established that out of every hundred accidents that happen on ^{winter} ~~toy~~ roads, fifty are caused by skidding.

So a group of engineers, engaged by the Council, are at work on frozen Lake Cadillac in Michigan. The head man in charge of these experiments is Ralph Mayer, Professor of Engineering at Iowa State College. Under his directions, engineers sitting at the wheels of passenger cars and trucks, are risking life and limb skidding and sliding over the ice on Lake Cadillac. ~~They want to~~

I wish them luck, because
~~find out how much longer it takes to stop a car on icy roads.~~

yesterday I was stranded on a hill
~~Also, what's the good of chains, and similar questions.~~
on a sheet of glare ice, for an hour.
Yes, I hope they find the answers.

RESCUE

One of the pluckiest persons I've ~~ever~~ heard of is a little eight year old girl who lives at Buffalo. One of her playmates, also a little eight year old girl, was gamboling on the ice over a canal and fell through. Little Patricia Shields crawled over the thin ice to her playmate and tried to pull her out. But the ice gave way with her and she fell in. The girl who had broken through the ice first was terrified and screamed. But Patricia shields was still unafraid. She pulled herself back onto the ice and then held out her leg for the first little girl to catch on to. Then she pulled both herself and her little playmate to safety. *Nice work, Patricia.*

CLOTHES

A body of erudite and fastidious gentlemen are holding a conference in New York today and decided a most weighty question. They're the Custom Tailors Guild of America. The question they've been discussing is what class of men in the United States is the best dressed? The Custom Tailors Guild decided in favor of hotel men. It is there you have to look for the modern Beau Brummels. This will be a surprise to some people who ^{may have} usually supposed that actors paid the most attention to their clothes. But the actors - that means screen players - have only third place. Second place goes to bankers. After the screen players come insurance vice-presidents. Fifth on the list are bill collectors, of all people. Radio commentators and comedians are given sixth place by the Custom Tailors of America.

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~~Radio commentators and comedians!~~
~~Lowest of all on the list are newspaper columnists, and men who~~
~~In sixth place. How the lowly have fallen.~~
~~work for advertising agencies - and that's a blow.~~

Navoo,

One month ago, Mrs. Vina Short of Alabama was in pretty hard-up, circumstances. Her husband, a miner, was out of a job. They lived in a two-room cabin on the side of a hill with five children. And Mrs. Short was expecting an addition to the five.

But it ~~ix~~ wasn't one addition, it was four, yes quadruplets. The Shorts were so ^{poor} hard-up that they had to take the four ~~tiny~~ babies to the hospital in a packing case.

But ^{the} giving birth to ~~these~~ ^{ve} quads has changed everything for Mrs. Short, also for her husband and the five elder children. The citizens of Nauvoo were delighted with the glory that Mrs. Short brought to their town. Today the Shorts live in a new comfortable frame cottage with a big yard, a nice garden, shade trees and everything. In the house are electric lights, running water, new curtains, new furniture, and a larder full of food. What's more, the town is going to build a nursery especially for ^{the} ~~those~~ quads.

Things are picking up in Navoo. Quadruply blessed.

And now Hugh what blessing from you. Tell us about Nu Blu.

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