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COURTING DEATH

In spite of all care and caution, in spite of all science and experience can do, the airplane continues to be a dangerous vehicle and almost daily takes its toll of lives.

The air is not man's element. In it he is a stranger just as a land animal is a stranger in the water.

The birdmen are responsible for many of the accidents and fatalities. Some of them seem to actually court death by their daring exhibitions and picturesque movements intended to thrill onlookers.

Some of these spectacles seem to be nothing more than mad and desperate folly, a very courting of death.

A French birdman recently swooped down out of the blue abyss and shot his plane under and through an arch where it had barely space to pass.

In order to perfect air navigation and make of it such a war weapon as people expect it to be, spectacular stunts may be necessary, but unnecessary exposure to danger ought to be avoided.

A POOR POLICY

The American cavalry that was sent into Mexico in pursuit of bandits has given up the chase and returned to the American side. This is a poor policy.

Sending armed forces into Mexico is a breach of international comity justified only by the law of self-defense which rendered pursuit of the culprits imperative.

Neither Uncle Sam nor anyone else should begin anything that they cannot finish. It only serves to make matters worse.

SHAME ENOUGH—RESIGN!

Saturday morning the world was treated to another nauseating story of young girls lured into an automobile, driven around to two or more places in the city where liquor was purchased, and then being taken outside the city and maltreated.

The city has suffered quite enough at the hands of Mayor Monteverde, Police Commissioner Quinn and Commissioners Mason, Miller and Goodman.

FIFTY YEARS

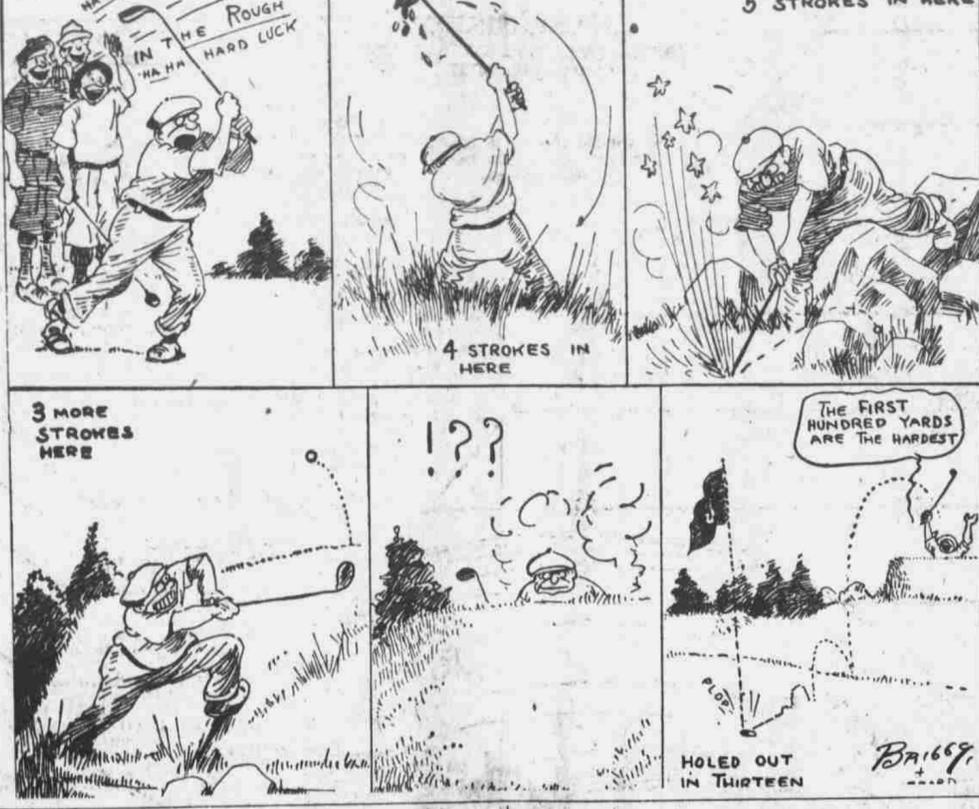
The Union and Planters Bank and Trust company celebrates its fiftieth anniversary Tuesday.

It is a strong institution, built upon conservative and progressive lines. Its greatest success has been achieved under the direction of Frank F. Hill, the president, who has surrounded himself with a corps of splendid men.

Some people worry over the high cost of living because the week's wages that they used to squander in a barroom on Saturday night will not buy enough "shorty" now to drown their troubles.

The First Hundred Yards are the Hardest—By Briggs

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Twice Told Tales

AUGUST 30, 1913. Dr. Leslie E. Kiley, the "Sage of Dwight," is in Memphis to sound the death knell of old man run. He is being highly entertained.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION

FAVORS REFERENDUM ON TELEPHONE INCREASE. The Memphis News Scimitar: I am very much in favor of your referendum plan for a vote of the people on the increase in telephone rates.

DECIDES WAR SERVICE WILL NOT REDEEM PAST

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Loyal service in the army during the recent war can not be considered as wiping out a soldier's past, the judge advocate-general has ruled.



On the Spur of the Moment

NO, WE DON'T CARE FOR ANYTHING—JUST HAD LUNCH. Dear Roy—After reading your column for the last few weeks I have finally decided that you're not bad. You certainly put over some good poems. Are they really yours?—George.

JAY SORE ON HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW? Lem Stone sold Jay Wilkins his bay horse Saturday. It is the same one that ran away and killed Mr. Stone's mother-in-law last February.—Bennville (O.) Banner.

A Perth Amboy gentleman says he took his pet cat to Pennsylvania, a distance of 99 miles, and dropped her. Later the cat arrived home with very sore feet and cried for something to eat. "I don't expect anybody to believe this," says the gentleman. "So far as we are concerned, he has his wish."

TO MY BUTCHER. The coin I've spent on thee, dear You gave me chops and steaks for heart, Oh, that it might come back to me!

One of our delightful contributors wants to know whether a Shavian drama is one that takes place in a barber shop. Will somebody have the heart to answer?

"It's a hard come-down," says Walter Pulitzer, "that the country that produced William of Orange should have to continue to harbor William the Lion."

Our idea of an optimist is the Brooklyn saloonkeeper who closed his place and hung out a sign: "CLOSED DURING DEMOBILIZATION."

Thread is selling at \$9 a spool in the Balkans. In other words, a stitch in time saves nine bucks.

"GINGER ALE, PLEASE." Many a man takes a "prohibition" drink. When by his bosom friends he is goaded. Then starts home, but his legs are on the blink. Because he didn't know it was loaded.

The Lexington News observes with a certain amount of resignation that the only city it knows of where the inhabitants find no fault with the way things are run is a cemetery.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 29.—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., son of Bro. Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt, has forsaken Newport and its social life for a job as "cub" reporter on the New York Herald at \$2 a week. It is learned that the young millionaire obtained the position on his own initiative.

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Ye Editor Nods

O-o-o-o-h! You just ought to see what Jerome Richards brought back from a fishing trip!

Man is a great kiddier. He tries to kid himself most of the time. For that reason it's a safe bet that some of the loon sharps that they've been abused when prosecution is mentioned.

ALL ABOARD FOR COPENHAGEN. In Copenhagen the police convey any person found intoxicated in a street to his home in a cab, the fare being charged to the establishment where the liquor was served.

Sandwich in a little shot of quemmel. Twist the creamy lager and the schnapps. Keep it flowing free, because, Ach, Himmel, tomorrow for our naps.

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