

The Old Man

THE reflected rays of the noonday sun flash from the panes of the great factory. A siren sounds. The whirl of machinery stops. It is the lunch hour.

From his office window the "Old Man" looks out at the smoking chimneys—across the tarred roofs of the far-flung plant whose products are shipped by rail and sea to every nation.

A boy brings a tray with a raw apple, a bottle of milk and some crackers. The "Old Man" is lunching at his desk.

As he watches the workers swarming out of the factory, he sees a crowd collecting at the gate.

Presently a man who is standing on a packing case begins to wave his arms. He is a swarthy little man with a black mustache. The "Old Man" can't hear what he is saying—but he can guess. The "Old Man's" salary was published in yesterday's newspaper. His income runs into six figures—more than the salary of the President of the United States.

The man speaking from the packing case is a professional agitator. It is his job to make the workers discontented with their lot.

"Soak the rich," he cries. He doesn't care how much the "Old Man" pays out in taxes. "Down with capital!" he is shouting. "Down with the 'Old Man'!"

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At the fringe of the crowd a young man is eating a sandwich from his dinner pail. The "Old Man" recognizes the young man. He is the son of Charlie Pedersen, a foreman in the tool room. He has been studying mechanical engineering at night school.

Young Pedersen is not paying much attention to the man on the packing case. As he munches his sandwich he is thinking excitedly—"A salary like that is something to work for! The 'Old Man' started at the bottom just like me. It's ability that counts. I have ability. Some day my pay check will be as big as that!"

The "Old Man" did start at the bottom, and he is proud of it. Five thousand men and women work for the great company and he holds the helm. Their trust, their hopes are in his hands.

The "Old Man" never went to college, yet his laboratories are filled with graduates from the best schools in the land. His alma mater was a backwoods schoolhouse where he trudged through the snow in copper-toed leather boots, McGuffey's Reader in his hand.

With most of the men and women who work for the company, "Old Man" is a term of genuine affection. They are puzzled when they hear the agitator on the packing case describe him as an octopus.

There are white-haired men on the pay roll who can remember way back when the plant was a little one-story building and the "Old Man" was a tow-headed boy who carried water for the foundry.

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As the "Old Man" looks out the window he is not worried about the man on the packing case or what he is saying. He has met his kind many times before.

He is worried more about what is happening in America today and about the eager, bright-eyed son of Charlie Pedersen. He is worried lest the sickness that has seized upon the rest of the world spread its infection through America; worried lest all the isms and insidious doctrines of alien places destroy our greatest heritage.

Land of the free, and home of the brave!

He thinks of Washington and Patrick Henry, of Jefferson and Lincoln.

He thinks of the thousands of brave Americans who have faced the wilderness, who have laid down young lives on Freedom's altar.

He thinks of his own father walking beside his creaking wagon, crossing the Alleghenies, with a rifle in his hand.

He thinks of his birthplace, an humble cabin on an Ohio farm chopped out of the hardwood.

He reviews his own life, from its lowly beginning to his present proud position in industrial America.

"Isn't the essential difference," he asks, "between this America of ours and all the polyglot nations of the earth, that this has always been a free land where men of ambition may scale the dizzy heights?" The social register of American business is filled with the names of men who came into the world with empty hands.

Is the man on the packing case right? What does he offer in exchange?

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There must be bosses under any system. Isn't the better boss a man who has worked his way from the bottom to the top, a man who is a good boss because he understands the problem? It would be too bad, the "Old Man" thinks, if the son of Charlie Pedersen should miss the opportunity that is his by heritage. It would be too bad if America should become like other countries, so regimented and politician-ruled that it would no longer be possible for a man to toil and climb and pluck the prime fruits of reward.

For then this country would cease to be—America, sweet land of Liberty.

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WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—Among his companions in barnstorming, Glenn L. Martin was known as "The Dude," although his carefully tailored flying suits were always black, including their elaborate braid trimmings.

His somewhat mortuary get-up and behavior gave an impression of great conservatism, and it is not surprising that he got backing from the bankers when other aviators failed.

A few months ago, he said his Glenn L. Martin company, of Baltimore, making planes, had a backlog of \$15,500,000.

He told the house naval affairs committee there should be a 100 per cent increase in air armaments, that foreign nations are spending ten times as much as the United States. He would build a 250,000-pound bomber, carrying 30 men and a 4,000-pound bomb load 11,000 miles.

In 1912, this writer saw him put an inflated inner tube around his neck, strap a compass on his leg and take off to sea, at Avalon bay, Los Angeles, in a flying laundry wagon on which he had rigged a single wooden pontoon. He was bound for Catalina island, 20 miles away. It looked like suicide.

He not only made it, but picked up again at Catalina and finished the round trip, blanketing Blieriot, whose flight over the British channel was a one-way excursion. He had made the plane in an abandoned church.

The flight got him world attention. Then he staged a plane coyote hunt, dropped a ball into a catcher's mitt and a bouquet into the arms of a beauty contest queen.

This air extravaganza did not last long. In 1913, he built and sold two model T war planes to the army, and has been building fighting craft ever since, with the exception of trans-Pacific Clippers.

He grew up in Mackburg, Iowa, built a pusher plane in his backyard and flew it in 1908. He is fifty-two.

WILLIAM JENNINGS BRYAN, in his seersucker suit and his rumpled hat, frequently looked as if he had been sleeping under a bridge, especially in the midst of a hard campaign.

His son, William Jennings Bryan, Jr., is fussy about his dress, severely and fastidiously groomed, with a jaunty little moustache and a nice collection of malacca sticks, sports clothes, and varied haberdashery.

He is in the news now as he becomes collector of customs at the port of Los Angeles, his first recognition by the California Democracy, in whose vineyard he has labored for years.

When his father laid down his staff and scrip at Dayton, Tenn., he picked from the legacy only two things—free silver and anti-evolution. He is quite unmoved by oratory, speaking with calm, legalistic precision, with no gift for the resounding or oracular.

He has made spirited forays against this or that, notably Upton Sinclair's "Epic" heresy of 1934, but with no such impassioned fervor as that which inspired his father. But, when occasion offers, he puts in a word for silver, or against evolution.

After the Dayton trial and his father's death, he made a knightly vow that his lance always should be leveled against this ignoble theory of man's origin. But nobody seems to be bringing that up now. The argument is shifting to where man is going.

He attended the University of Nebraska three years, studied law at Georgetown university, went to Arizona on account of his wife's health, and practiced law, first in Arizona and then in Los Angeles. He is fifty years old.

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Fish With Rainbow Hues
A rainbow fish, one of the most beautiful fishes in the world, was recently captured off the coast of Portland, in southern Victoria. Only two specimens of this rare fish have been caught in sixty years, both off the same coast. The rainbow fish deserves its name, at least when alive. It soon loses its brilliant coloring after death. Rainbow hues—red, crimson, purple, bright yellow and brown-green—seem to glow on the body, head and fins. Closely related to the parrot-fishes, the rainbow fish is a wrasse, and frequents reefs. The male, more gaily colored than his mate, is further distinguished by tall frontal spines.

News Review of Current Events

LITHS YIELD TO POLES

One War Threat Removed . . . Mexico Seizes Foreign Oil Concerns . . . Hull Says We Arm for Peace



Here in confidential conversation are Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana (left), chairman of the senate committee investigating lobbying, and Senator Lewis B. Schwellenbach of Washington. The committee's inquiry at present is directed particularly to a campaign against the government reorganization bill and its activities aroused Publisher Frank Gannett to demand its abolition.

Edward W. Pickard
SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK
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Victory for Poland

ONE immediate threat of European war seemed to be dissolved when Lithuania yielded to the demands of Poland for resumption of normal diplomatic and trade relations and virtually gave up its claim to Vilna, former capital of the country, which the Poles seized 18 years ago.



General Smigly-Rydz, chief of the Polish army, had mobilized his troops on the Lithuanian border, and Polish warships were cruising off Memel. So there was nothing for the Liths to do except give in.

Polish troops that had been concentrated in Vilna paraded in celebration of the bloodless victory, but in Warsaw the celebration was distorted into a "pogrom" in which riotous throngs attacked all the Jews they could find, killing several and wounding scores. Hundreds of Jewish-owned shops were smashed before the police could restore order.

The mobs were made up largely of National Democrats, opposed to the government, who protested that the settlement with Lithuania was too lenient. They demanded that Poland invade and annex Lithuania.

Col. Joseph Beck, Polish foreign minister, declared that Poland would guarantee Lithuania's independence. The Liths, however, were extremely bitter over the concessions they had been forced to make to their more powerful neighbor.

Mexican Oil Seizures

PRESIDENT CARDENAS of Mexico announced the expropriation of oil properties belonging to American and British companies and valued at some \$400,000,000. Wells, refineries and tankers were seized and workers took control of all company offices in the republic. The American and British employees and their families fled. For the present the oil industry in Mexico was paralyzed.

The companies concerned began legal action attacking the constitutionality of Cardenas' decree, and it was said would carry the case to the highest court. Both the United States and Great Britain were expected to challenge the seizures and similar action threatened in the case of mines as violation of treaty obligations.

The action of the Mexican government was not entirely unexpected for it was the culmination of a long and bitter controversy between the oil companies and Mexico's board of labor conciliation and arbitration over a \$7,300,000 wage increase ordered by the board.

Armed Peace: No Alliances

AMERICA must pursue its quest for world peace, but must follow a policy of arming for protection of its rights against "international lawlessness."

So declared Secretary of State Cordell Hull in an exposition of America's foreign policy and a discussion of all aspects of the world situation. He spoke at the National Press club in Washington and his address was broadcast over the radio and to other nations by radio.

In brief, he set forth a policy of peace, no alliances, collaboration

with peaceful nations, military preparedness, and opposition to the "seclusionist" viewpoint.

"It is my considered judgment that, in the present state of world affairs, to do less than is now proposed would lay our country open to unpredictable hazards," he said, referring to the naval expansion program.

"The momentous question," he said, "is whether the doctrine of force shall become enthroned once more and bring in its wake, inexorably, international anarchy and a relapse into barbarism."

He did not refer to any nation by name, but his implication with regard to legal recognition of Austria's absorption by Germany and Japan's expansion in China was clear when he said:

"The catastrophic developments of recent years, the startling events of the past weeks, offer a tragic demonstration of how quickly the contagious scourge of treaty-breaking and armed violence spreads from one region to another."

He disclaimed "the slightest intention to entertain any such notion as the use of American armed forces for 'policing the world.'"

He specifically opposed the proposal the United States retire from the Far East.

In the Far East crisis, Hull said, the United States has "consistently collaborated with other peace-seeking nations."

The triumph of the "seclusionist viewpoint," he said, "would inescapably carry the whole world back to the conditions of medieval chaos, conditions toward which some parts of both the eastern and the western worlds are already moving."

House Passes Navy Bill

WITH only a few votes in opposition, the house passed the administration's billion dollar navy bill. The measure authorizes construction of the largest battle fleet in American history by adding 46 combat ships, 22 auxiliaries and 950 airplanes.

The War department announced that army and navy officers were about to study plans for an enlistment program that would put more than two million men under arms within four months of a declaration of war. For this the army would require 1,250,000 recruits and the navy 500,000.

The first 300,000, under existing plans, would be sought as volunteers in the first month, before selective draft machinery like that of 1917-18 was put into operation. Already prepared for quick submission to congress is a draft of a selective service law.

Morgan Defies F. D. R.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT ordered Chairman Arthur E. Morgan of the Tennessee Valley Authority to recant charges against his colleagues or face suspension or ouster, but Mr. Morgan challenged the President's powers to remove him and said flatly that he would not resign.

The chairman asserted: "I challenge this action by the President and deny his right to remove or suspend me. I stand on that. If I sum up my attitude I can say that I do not choose to run away."

He then took a train for Yellow Springs, Ohio, for a visit with friends.

Morgan told newspaper men he has obtained legal advice on his conflict with the President. At the same time it was learned Mr. Roosevelt uncovered a law under which, advisers assured him, he is empowered to oust the chairman.

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LESSON

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Lesson for April 3

SERVING OTHER RACES

LESSON TEXT—Mark 7:24-37.
GOLDEN TEXT—God is no respecter of persons. Acts 10:34.
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Lord of All.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Lord of All.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Showing Good Will to Other Races.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Practicing Christian Brotherhood Toward All Races.

"God is no respecter of persons" (Acts 10:34). He who by reason of His infinite knowledge might well draw lines of distinction between them is loving and gracious toward all, not willing that any should perish, extending His mercy to men of all conditions and all races. But men, whose knowledge is so limited that they cannot even rightly judge the thoughts of their own hearts, are quick to discriminate against their fellow man because he is of a different race, color, or social position.

A leader in the Southern Baptist church recently pointed out that the number of heathen in the world has increased about two and a half times as rapidly as the number of Christians, which means that at the rate of progress of missions during the last generation the world has become more heathen at the rate of six million a year, and now we are retarding the process still further. Because of financial depression we are recalling missionaries. When the world is ablaze with sin and God-denying political theories we withhold the gospel it needs. It has well been said that such strategy is like closing the hospital because an epidemic is in progress.

Jesus had gone into Syrophenicia and the region of Decapolis (look them up on the map) to rest. But the need of the Gentile people (to whom He was not at that time called to minister) impelled Him to help them also. Note how they were stimulated to believe, how their faith was tried, but triumphant.

I. Faith Encouraged.

The Greek woman and the man of Decapolis were led to believe in Christ in two different ways.

1. By hearing about Jesus. The woman "heard of him" (v. 25). Paul says, "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). Are we diligent in season and out of season, telling the story of Jesus and His love? If so, men and women of our acquaintance will hear of Him and be ready to call on Him in the day of their trouble.

2. By a personal meeting with Jesus. The man was deaf; he could not hear about Jesus, but he could see Him. To him the Lord came in person, and by the sign language, related in verse 33, He stirred his heart to believe. There are some of our friends and neighbors to whom we cannot speak, but we can live Christ before them, and we can bring them to Him so that they may meet Him personally.

II. Faith Tested.

1. By obstacles. The woman met what seemed to be a sharp rebuke (v. 27), although it was no doubt much tempered by the tender voice of Jesus, and by the fact that He did not use the word "dogs" as the Jews did in speaking of the Gentiles. He spoke kindly, and He talked of the "little dogs" which were the pets of the household. But her faith was greatly tried, just as ours often is, not that it should fail, but that its strength might be demonstrated. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ" (I Pet. 1:7).

2. By natural handicaps. Jesus put no impediment in the way of the man, for he was already hindered by nature. How often do we not feel that in our very personalities and bodies are those things which hinder our full apprehension of the grace of God. Shall we then give up in discouragement? No. The man believed right through the barrier of unhearing ears and a speechless tongue. We can do likewise by the grace of God.

III. Faith Rewarded.

1. By deliverance from the devil. The woman's daughter was set free because of her faith. Men and women around us need to be delivered from the devil. Perhaps you who read these lines are in need of such deliverance. "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house" (Acts 16:31).

2. By deliverance from personal limitations. The man's "ears were opened . . . and he spake plain" (v. 35). What is the unfortunate trait of personality, the handicap of body or mind that holds you back from accepting Christ as Saviour, or, having done so, from the full and free development of your spiritual life? Faith in Christ cuts right through the hindering inability. He said to Paul, "My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Shall we not say with Paul, "Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." (II Cor. 12:3, 9.)

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Uncle Phil Says:

The Slaughter Goes On

Always the same ends are accomplished though by different methods. Indians and wild animals killed the pioneers. Now 40,000 a year perish by automobiles.

It is a happy land where the people can find something to celebrate every few weeks.

If every event is a sequence, there can be no such thing as an accident.

That's Conservatism

Age cannot always make you wise, but it can make you cautious.

Treat women like women, not pals. They like it better and it is more gentlemanly.

Can young men be taught HOW to think? Well, it seems Socrates made a pretty good stagger at it.

MEN LOVE GIRLS WITH PEP

If you are peppy and full of fun, men will invite you to dances and parties. BUT, if you are cross, lifeless and tired, men won't be interested. Men don't like "quiet" girls.

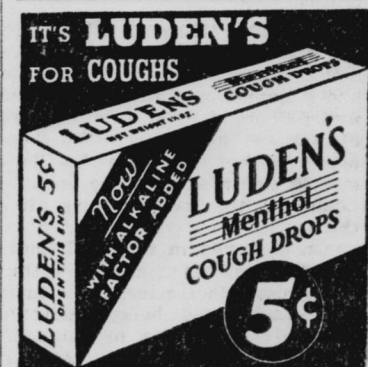
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