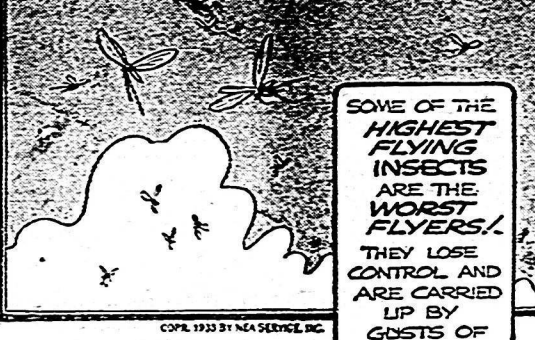


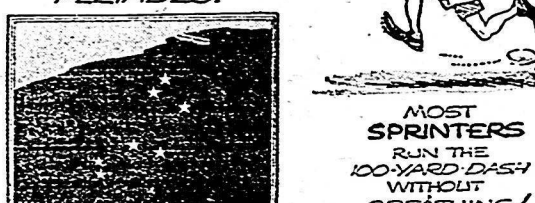
THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



SOME OF THE HIGHEST FLYING INSECTS ARE THE WORST FLYERS! THEY LOSE CONTROL AND ARE CARRIED UP BY GUSTS OF AIR.

MAIA, TAYGETA, ELECTRA, MEROPE, ATLAS, PHOENIX, ALCYONE ARE THE FAMOUS "SEVEN SISTERS" IN THE STAR GROUP, "PLEIADES."



MOST SPIRITERS RUN THE DOODY DASH WITHOUT BREATHING!

ONE of the best known groups of stars in the Pleiades, which frequently is erroneously called the "Seven Sisters" figured prominently in ancient celebrations. These "Seven Sisters" since they came marked the sun's place in the heavens as it crossed the equator traveling north.

NEXT: When red hail fell.

THE WAR - WEEK — Commentary on Current Events

Eisenhower To Direct Western Assault Into Heart of Germany

A three-front land offensive to be launched simultaneously against Germany from Russia, from Italy and from Britain across the Channel, with Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower in supreme command of the Anglo-American task force, was disclosed by President Roosevelt in his Christmas Day radio cast to the nation and to the armed forces in every theater of the globe, writes a correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor.

The Cairo and Tehran, Iran, conferences with Marshal Joseph Stalin, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and Prime Minister Winston Churchill brought the President announced agreement "on every point concerned with the launching of a gigantic attack upon Germany."

Mr. Roosevelt revealed the broad pattern of the climatic operations now in the making.

Campaign High Lights He evidently felt it would be

to help to the enemy to make known that the Russian Army will continue its stern offensives on Germany's Eastern Front.

That the Allied armies in Italy and Africa will bring relentless pressure on Germany from the south.

And that the encirclement will be complete as great American and British forces attack from other points of the compass.

The President explained that General Eisenhower was selected to lead the combined attack from these other points because "his performance in Africa, Sicily and Italy have been brilliant and because he knows by practical and successful experience the way to coordinate air, sea, and land power."

Shifts in Commanders London revealed that General Eisenhower's assistant will be Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery, the British commander of Britain's Eighth Army, that Gen. Sir Henry Maitland Wilson will succeed Gen. Eisenhower in the Mediterranean with the American general leading him, and that Gen. Sir Harold Alexander will command the Allied forces in Italy.

A British officer, to be announced by Prime Minister Churchill will succeed General Eisenhower in the Mediterranean and both the new commanders will have American and British subordinate commanders.

The choice of an American for the Channel operation was dictated by the proportion of the land to be borne there by American forces. The Mediterranean is to become largely a British undertaking. British troops have been the beginning carried most of the load and now provide nearly three fourths of the troops operating in Italy.

American forces entered that area originally on the assumption that the French in Africa would resist American less tenaciously than the British. The British, French Africa now being in the war as an ally, that factor no longer governs America's hand in the Mediterranean.

What the British therefore shifts back to England as a base and an American commander becomes logical for that area.

Magnitude of Problem Imminent is the gathering striking force now available in Britain and the powerful reserves which will be ready to follow up the coming cross-Channel invasion, as well as other operations. Mr. Roosevelt said "there are now 3,500,000 men in the American armed forces serving overseas and the number will rise to over 5,000,000."

But with the setting upon General Eisenhower for the invasion command comes new indications of the magnitude of his problem. The time cannot be very far in the distance. To take the fullest advantage of the Russian winter offensive it must come in the very early spring—before the spring thaws in Russia, or not much after the beginning of the thaw. The German must not be allowed time to move forces from the Eastern to the Western Fronts.

That is an element of urgent haste into the pre-invasion bombing schedule. Not only must maximum damage be done to German war industry during the next two or three months, but the invasion coast itself must be softened and the primary coast defenses must be reduced to the minimum possible effectiveness.

The President frankly warned that the biggest and costliest battles are still to be fought, and he said of the planned invasion, though its success was certain, its cost would be high and the time might be long.

Poor Fido Britain has saved 460 thousand tons of shipping space in a year by stopping the release of cats. This is neat from which all bones have been removed.

Forges of Freedom By Franklin Davey McDowell

Like a tapestry come to life this novel of fourteenth century England presents a vivid panorama of life in that romantic and turbulent age when the roads of England were the meeting-places of knights and minstrels, merchants and pedlars, outlaws and conspirators.

Mr. McDowell recreates brilliantly the medieval scene and the pattern of life in England when, after three hundred years of Norman occupation, Englishmen from every walk of life drew their swords or forged them to fight for freedom.

There are many dramatic meetings in this novel, pictured in all the pageantry of the period: the meeting of John of Gaunt and the merchant, the march on London, the meeting of Wat Tyler and the King and his followers with Sir John de Redevare, Lord William de Rose and their partisans.

Forges of Freedom tells the story of that critical period of



David Franklin McDowell

Anglo-Saxon political development when the English first appeared as a nation.

Mr. McDowell is the author of The Champlain Road, an historical romance of Ancient Huronia, in Ontario's Georgian Bay District, which won the Governor-General's Award for Fiction in 1929.

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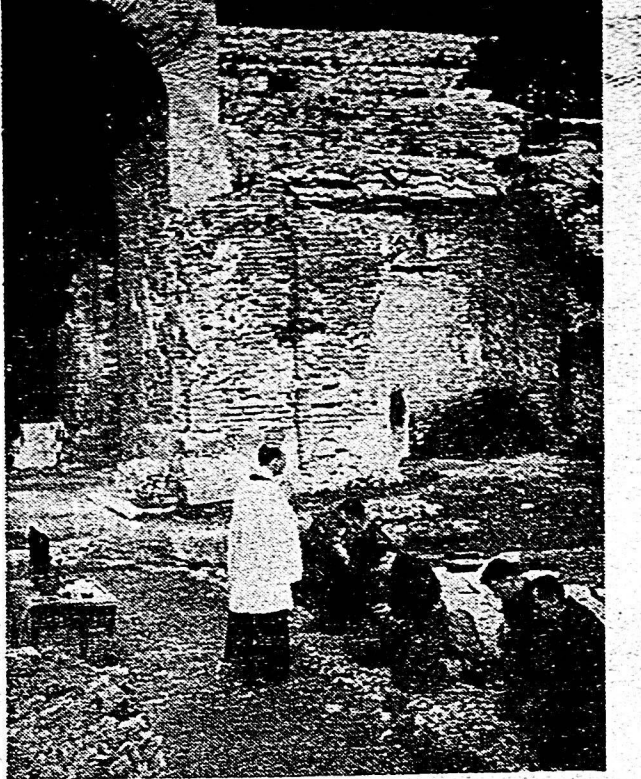
Each got his desert A Canadian soldier paid £1 for a bottle of whisky in an Edinburgh pub. The Canadian got cold instead of whisky, and the pub owner got 30 days. Neither got what he wanted, but what each got was good for him. —Ottawa Journal.

Far below canine level Detroit police arrested a group of professional dog fight fans. A dog fight promoter is a man several degrees below a dog. —Detroit Free Press.

A nigger in that woodpile Ask some consumers about coal, and they shout: "For peat's sake don't mention it!" —Hamilton Spectator.

What's again? Newspapers, like ladies, have to be careful. When there's a lewd item in the paper, it's not their business. —Ottawa Citizen.

CANADIANS IN SICILY



These ancient ruins in Sicily, crumbling evidence of a former civilization, was the setting for this Church of England communion being given here to a group of Canadians by Major Serson Clarke, of Ottawa, after a recent church service. (Canadian Air Overseas Photo).

Some Kind Words For Lowly Skunk

The lowly skunk has been given a lot of most undeserved publicity, according to a man who claims to know much about these little animals, says The Trenton Courier Advocate. This man, who is a skunk expert, says that the skunk is a very placid animal, when asked whether her rooms had been damaged by bombing, answered with a beaming smile, "Oh, no, we were ever so lucky. We had only blast and my husband fixed the window frames again."

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Still Gets Around On High-Wheeler

From Regina comes a picture of a man in his seventies riding a high-wheeler bicycle, relates the Woodstock Sentinel-Review. This machine, more than half a century old, is used today just as the ordinary bicycle or automobile is used for the purpose of "getting around." What a difference in mechanism and in time and events between that high-wheeler and the latest tank.

The owner of the high-wheeler is R. J. King, a Regina contractor. He says he "learned to get on the thing (quite a chore) back in Wingham, Ontario, 50 years ago." Mr. King said that he "used to go to work on it back in Ontario—Went a courtin' on it, too."

Not without interest, in the light of the story and background of this high-wheeler, is the fact that it was built in Coventry, England. The firm which built it was still making bicycles when the war broke out. Probably the firm's building was blown to bits in the infamous Coventry blitz.

The machine's front wheel is about 4 1/2 feet high. Tires are solid rubber. "Sometimes," says Mr. King, "if you lose your balance, she'll throw you like a bucking broncho." With no attempt at lightness, it should be said that such news as this helps all to keep their balance in a troubling world.

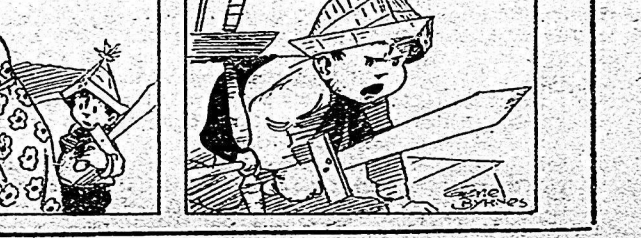
Newfoundlanders Doing Full Share

Out of a male population in Newfoundland of 40,000 between the ages of 20 and 40, more than 10,000 have volunteered to serve abroad. Numbers of these men are with Newfoundland Artillery Regiments of the United Kingdom; with the Royal Navy, the Royal Air Force, the Merchant Marine and the Forestry Corps. Many have enlisted in the Canadian armed forces. In this war as in the former world struggle, the Newfoundlanders are doing their full share of the fighting.

IF BACK ACHES HELPS KIDNEYS

Do you feel older than you are or suffer from Getting Up Nights, Backache, Nervousness, Leg Pains, Rheumatism, Burning, scanty or frequent passages? If so, remember that your kidneys are vital to your health and that these symptoms may be due to kidney and bladder troubles—in such cases Cystex usually gives prompt and joyous relief by helping the kidneys clear out naturally. Cystex is a refund of your money on return of empty packets. Don't delay. Get Cystex from your nearest drug store today.

REG'LAR FELLERS—The Human Transport



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Grouse and Quail Scarce In Ontario

Sportsmen who have visited Northern Ontario this fall report that the ranks of the partridge (the American ruffed grouse) are becoming pretty well depleted, according to The Chatham News. Some years ago sportsmen did game birds, after a period of protection, increased in numbers and afforded some good hunting. Here in this section of Ontario, however, the severe weather and heavy snowfall experienced last winter, which covered their food supply, destroyed some of them. Probably a good many others fell victim to the gunners. If the ruffed grouse are again to become plentiful in the swamps and on the wooded ridges they must be left undisturbed another year or two.

As for the quail or bobwhite, it is very questionable whether there should again be an open season for this handsome game bird whose habitat in Ontario is practically confined to the southern corner. The quail falls easy prey to the gunner, and is but ill-equipped to make much of fight for existence. The hunters could well leave the bobwhites unmolested, and confine their hunting to the partridge and the pheasant, which are better adapted to look out for themselves.

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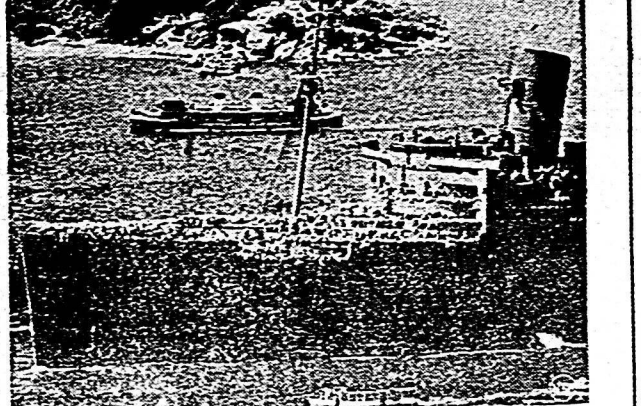
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There's No Short Cut to Victory

For nearly two years we have been bombing German cities many times more heavily than London was ever bombed. The Nazis haven't yet shown one definite sign of cracking, warns the Financial Post.

Three months ago we landed on the mainland of Italy. At no time have we registered a sustained advance of more than a few miles. Along the whole coast of Western Europe the country is mined and studded with guns of all calibres to a depth of a hundred miles. To these formidable defences has now been added auster.

These facts do not point to any short cut to victory. As Prime Minister Churchill warned in London the other day, there is no indication that we can win this war without a staggering bill in blood and treasure.

It is possible that Germany might collapse before the armies of the Western democracies are called upon to face an armistice in Eastern Europe. But we would be blind fools to count on such an outcome; to ease in our war effort, to weaken our national capacity to withstand horror and disaster by assuming that we are now pretty well out of the woods.

Air Travel Speedy To Airman's Home

Here is an example of speedy air travel. Squadron Leader D. S. Florence, D.F.C., now serving as a navigator in the Atlantic Service operated by Trans-Canada Air Lines for the Canadian Government, not long ago reached his home in Edmonton just 52 hours after leaving a North British airport—and only 37 hours more spent in travelling, times down at Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, North Bay, Winnipeg, Lethbridge and Calgary making enroute stops. The air distance covered in the trans-Atlantic crossing and Trans-Canada Air Lines flights represented approximately 5,000 miles.

long with Black Dawn leading, a fighting, tearing, kicking, crunching fury.

"I hate him," he said to herself. "You're bad medicine, Mr. Curran. I'm glad that you got beaten in prison."

(Continued Next Week)

QUAKER OATS

Early this year Canadian airmen were posted to a spot near the village of Yorkshire, a village with old-world green, Maypole, duck pond and homey inn, says The Leeds Yorkshire Post. They found their way to the inn, where the landlady was interested to hear them talking wistfully of corn-thresh and other memories of their home towns. She bought some maize seeds, planted them in the garden behind the inn, and eventually gathered and cooked the golden cobs for the delighted Canadians.

This is just one of the many stories the Canadian airman tell about the inn where they found their way to the inn, where the landlady was interested to hear them talking wistfully of corn-thresh and other memories of their home towns. She bought some maize seeds, planted them in the garden behind the inn, and eventually gathered and cooked the golden cobs for the delighted Canadians.

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Send twenty cents in coin back to where he had left his horse, climbed into the saddle, swung his leg into the stirrup, and thumped with united in the resolve to overcome here, to break her, as Dave Bruce had broken Black Dawn.

He seized her in his arms and tried to press his lips to hers. A resounding slap rebounded the woman's cheek. Lois broke away, confronting him with fists clenched and heaving breast.

"You try that trick again, Mr. Curran, and I'll set the herd on you."

Lois nodded. Curran looked at her curiously at first; then, as his eyes took in the lines of her slender body, his face flushed. He took another step toward her and stood looking down at her. She hardly reached to his shoulder.

"What you aimin' to do now yore dad's dead?" he asked, as the sheriff had done.

"I haven't made my plans," Lois answered. "I reckon I know how to mind my business, Mr. Curran."

Curran flushed. "Why the mischief?" he asked. "And how come you call yore dad Hooker?"

"Maybe you can tell as well as I can," answered Lois.

"That was Curran's first intimation that she knew Hooker had not been her father. He had sensed enough to pursue the subject, but it acted like a fuse on a stick of dynamite, clinking his resolution.

"You never acted very warm toward me, did you?" he asked.

"I don't know why I should,"

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