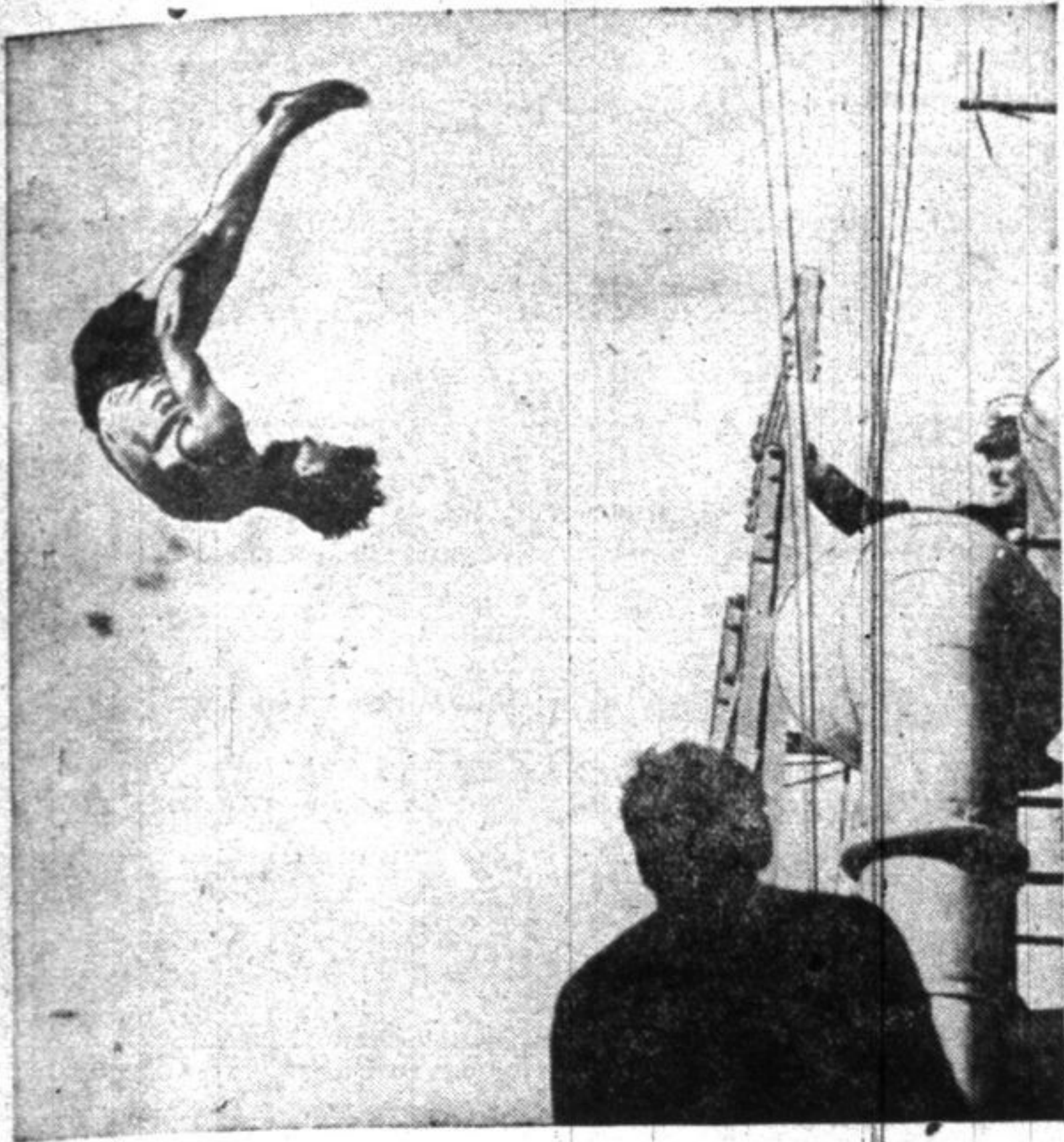


NAVY FANCY DIVERS



Did you ever try to turn a "Back flip" from a perch forty feet above the surface of the water? No? Well take a look at this bluejacket doing one of his fancy high dives for the edification of the boys on board ship. The officer standing by is evidently flinching in an effort to help the

sailorman "go over" and right himself before he hits the water. No fear for this fellow need be offered for he always hits right side up with care and when he is not doing stunts for the benefit of the crew he is only too willing to help the beginner learn to swim.

THE RECORD CORN CROP

The Agricultural department counts on a yield of 3,216,292,000 bushels of corn this year, which beats all records by more than 90,000,000 bushels. Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri have the bumper crops that swell the big total. And while quantity looks fine in print the farmers are disappointed by the fact that the price of corn which in the middle of June was \$1.80 per bushel has fallen for December delivery to less than \$1.00 a bushel. It is the first time since February, 1917, that corn in Chicago has sold under \$1.00 per bushel. The high point was \$2.36 in August, 1917. Production figures on agricultural crops of the world, assembled by the

International Agricultural institute at Rome, show greatly increased yields in most every country. The nation whose people suffered from lack of food during the war are about to be fed up, and Mother Earth has provided bountifully of food stuff for all her children.

Orators are not as popular as formerly, as what the voters demand is less silver tongues and more brass tacks. Up to date it does not seem likely that anyone can get elected merely by putting his lithographed picture in every store window.

The crooks in baseball would be highly useful in organizing a ball team in state prison.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Do you know there is a Library in your town? Where is it located? What does it contain? How may it be used? The Highland Park Public Library is located one half block east of the south end of the railroad station, one block south of the Community Center. It is open every morning from 9 to 12, every afternoon from 1 to 5, and every evening from 7 to 9. The library is closed on Sundays.

Walk right up to the loan desk and sign an application, if you wish to get a card entitling you to draw books. There is no red tape, no delay. Ten thousand volumes are here for your use. Use them.

Magazines are here for your use, and newspapers. Sit in the reading rooms and take a fire-side nap to Europe.

The attendants in charge are glad to help you. The card catalog is for your guidance. Come and browse around among the books these shut-in days and evenings.

The fourth annual Children's Book week will be held at the Public Library in Highland Park on November 15th to 20th. Everyone who has come to the previous Book weeks will want to come this year. Plan your Christmas book buying, look over our exhibits at leisure, come to hear our talks and story hours. Mrs. Leo, the charming southerner, who told stories in our story hour last year, is to return to us soon. Tell your "friends and your friends' friends" not to let the children miss it this year.

It is perhaps not accidental that Count von Bernstorff's book of his diplomatic efforts should be named so nearly like Ambassador Gerard's "My Four Years in Germany." That book was thirstily read, widely discussed and reviewed. You may have seen it dramatized in the "movies," too, for it ran at the Pearl theatre. Bernstorff's "My Three Years in America" will have no interest for the large crowd now intent upon other matters and forgetful of all war books, best sellers or not. But those who like to know his personal comments on men and affairs will not be indifferent to this revelation of letters, notes and secret interviews, and the cold-blooded admissions of intriguing Germany against the United States while this country was still friendly and neutral. The frank con-

tradition of himself in various parts of the book may escape the notice of some readers, for he is an able and clever diplomat, choosing his words to soothe the German people and explain away any criticism against himself and his inability to "put it over" and dictate to the United States what Germany wished, (and wishes?) done.

Three special exhibits of books—to be taken home if you wish—are on the tables of the Children's room and the Fiction room. The thrift books are in the fiction room and include books on money and banking, personal and family budgets, family accounts, installing business efficiency methods, how to use what you have always wasted, business economics, etc. Look them over the next time you come in. You may find them surprisingly interesting.

Hallow'een books include stories, party suggestions, costumes, ghost stories and books on the old customs. These are in the Children's room.

Books on the pilgrims and colonial times and Indians are also on a table in the Children's room. The pilgrims landed in December, 1620. In 1635 they had not only built homes and planted fields and organized their community life, but they established a university. That was the beginning of Harvard college. Have you that spirit of work, of vision? Does it seem so foreign that it is almost unbelievable. Read of those splendid and vigorous people. The books at the Public Library are for you.

The annual meeting of the librarians of the state of Illinois was held October 12 to 14 at the state capitol, Springfield. Highland Park was represented by Miss Ridlon. The President and Treasurer of the American Library Association were present. Among those who addressed the meeting were Mr. Bostwick, librarian of the St. Louis Public Library, Prof. Sherman of the University of Illinois, Miss Rachel Baldwin of the Deerfield-Shields High school, and Mr. Melcher of the National Association of Book Publishers. Many people are just beginning the Children's Book week, which Highland Park has held for the past three years.

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THE GREAT LAKES PROJECT

For more than 25 years people along the Great Lakes have been agitating a waterways through the St. Lawrence to the ocean.

Canada is thoroughly in accord with the project and has made extensive developments of the river to permit its use by vessels drawing 25 feet or more of water. The project has not been very active in late years though it is the subject of pending legislation in Congress.

If opposition is the life of endeavor there may be something doing that will put the waterways project in the foreground. A plan has been worked out for a series of canals to make the lakes-to-ocean route an exclusively American project. It appears in some quarters that New York state regards the St. Lawrence river route as inimical to the Erie canal. Other broad-minded people say that eventually the St. Lawrence route and the waterway through United States territory will both be developed. From an engineering standpoint neither scheme is difficult as was the building of the Panama canal. From the head of the Lakes there are coming stories at this time showing how easy it would be to transport the grain crops of the Northwest by water, if the routes were open to the Atlantic seaboard. Inasmuch as there is an admitted lack of transportation facilities, this argument is doubtless having its effect, and may influence Congress in bringing the lakes-to-ocean project to the front at the coming session of Congress.

COUNTERFEIT MONEY

The Federal Reserve bank has issued a warning that new counterfeit \$20 notes are abroad, issued on the Federal Reserve bank of Philadelphia; check letter F; plate number indistinct, looks like 55; portrait of Cleveland. Also a \$100 note, Federal Reserve bank of New York; check letter B; plate number 10; portrait of Franklin.

Six months ago the consumers were standing in line to get sugar. Now the sugar speculators are standing in line at the banks to borrow money.

This campaign is nip and tuck, with a nipping frost due for some candidates that could be named, and many political workers tucking the goods away in their inside pockets. They aren't giving away any cider apples in the rural districts now.

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