

Esther Gould Book Corner

JUST PARAGRAPHS

Louis Bromfield, most talked of author at the moment because of the Pulitzer prize award and the opening of his play in New York, made three appearances in Chicago last week and was most cordially received. At one of these appearances he spoke of "Things We Live Too Fast to See." Apropos of which Mr. Bromfield made a plea—it seemed—for living in the suburbs, something which most of us discovered some time ago. He decried our hurrying moneyed civilization and charged us to realize that the world is looking to us for leadership in the arts as well as in finance. "Germany fought England for world supremacy and woke up to find it America's." We must take with due seriousness our responsibility.

"Selected Papers of Bertrand Russell" selected and with an introduction by Mr. Russell himself, is the latest addition to the Modern Library list. It includes some of his most famous essays such as "A Free Man's Worship," and "Mysticism and Logic."

MEDIOCRE

"THE MAD CAREWS"
By Martha Ostenso
Dodd Mead & Co.

Martha Ostenso hasn't really "hit the ball" since she wrote "Wild Geese" two years ago and met with such wide-spread acclaim. In "The Dark Dawn" she stopped to melodrama, and in "The Mad Carews" her latest book, she simply fails to hold one's interest.

It is odd how with the same outer characteristics which she exhibited in her first book Miss Ostenso can have lost the inner fire. But you have stood beside a picture and watched a copyist at work and seen how with all the seeming fidelity to detail the spirit just wasn't there. So it is with "The Mad Carews." It is one of those books which as you read it you wonder why you are doing so.

It is the story of Elsa Bowers who lives in "The Hollow," one of a poor struggling little settlement of farmers, and Bayliss Carew whose family, almost legendary for its wealth and power, lives in the great white mansion not far away. Elsa had always loved Bayliss but because of the difference in their station and the jealousy which it engendered the love was turned inward upon itself and seemed to her to be hate.

Nevertheless when Bayliss asked her to marry him she consented and did so at once, that very evening, she thought to escape another suitor but realized afterward it was because of this driving hidden love.

Then follows one of those painful periods during which a silent war goes on between husband and wife, the wife in this case feeling that if she sought to escape another suitor come helpless as are all the Carew women before the charm and fascination of their men. But in the end love conquers and a general Carew catastrophe leaves them free to build up their own life on the ruins.

CONRAD, GENTLEMAN

"JOSEPH CONRAD, LIFE AND LETTERS"

By G. Jean-Aubry
Doubleday Page & Co.

Those who loved Conrad, who looked upon him reverently as one of the great spirits of our time, have waited anxiously for this book. It is "Joseph Conrad, Life and Letters," by G. Jean-Aubry. I think those that have waited for it thus will not be disappointed. The author has done a big job conscientiously and well.

It was not his idea to write the story of Joseph Conrad in the popular semi-fictional biographical form. In his own words "It would have been

easy for me who have lived in some intimacy both with Conrad and his books to introduce my own sentiments and opinions in the course of it, but I have carefully, even regretfully abstained." He has instead set down the facts exact and complete as he could make them, and with them given our imaginations free play. He has not done even as much of the imaginative constructive work as could be done in perfectly consistency with truth.

It is a fascinating thing, this wandering in among the circumstances of Conrad's life, circumstances which have for the most part been shrouded in mystery. To learn of his strange shadowed childhood with his patriot parents in exile from Poland, of his uneventful boyhood and his startling desire to make his career on the sea, Mr. Jean-Aubry has in the chapters devoted to his travels on the sea kept a very skillful parallel between the sources from which Conrad drew the material for his novels and the way he later used that material. The detailed information is an added reason for wanting to keep the book beside one as a work of reference.

The last half of the first volume and a large part of the second is given over to Conrad's letters. It is not necessary to dilate upon the charm of those. Letters to friends, literary and business and social, all bear the stamp of the great master of style. As his life—that life which came to an end so much too early bore always the stamp of the generous spirit, the artist, the gentleman.

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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS FROM LAKE COUNTY

NEIGHBORHOOD JOTTINGS

Interesting Happenings About This Part of North Shore and Vicinity; County Seat Doings

John Cousins, 74 years old, passed away Tuesday evening at his home in Libertyville following a long illness. Death was due to heart failure.

Charges of manslaughter that were to have been heard against Raymond Ullestad, 18, Chicago, by Justice Hervey Coulson, last week, brought a continuance as the prosecution was not ready for trial. Attorney Max Pryzborski is representing the boy who was also charged with driving while drunk after his car hit and killed James Shiel, aged Chicagoan.

Excavation work on the site of the proposed million dollar hospital to be erected by Sisters of the Holy Ghost on Washington street west of Keller avenue, will start within a week, according to a statement made before the meeting of the Lake County Medical society, at Victory Memorial hospital last week.

The Bar association of Will county will be hosts to the Probate of County Judges association which meets in Joliet this week, Judge P. L. Persons has been informed. A banquet is to be served at the Joliet Country club. Judge Persons and Judge Martin C. Decker are both to attend. At the same time the Illinois Welfare association will hold its conference. Supervisor Fred Funk and Mrs. Mary Polmeteer Funk, county court probation officer, will attend this convention, which runs the full week.

The Rev. Father Mac Veigh Harrison, of the Order of the Holy Cross is to hold a two weeks' Mission at St. Lawrence's Episcopal church, Libertyville, beginning October 23 and ending Sunday, Nov. 6.

The Order of the Holy Cross is one of the leading orders in the Episcopal church in America, whose members are devoted to the religious life. The order has its headquarters at West Park, N. Y.

LATE PROCEEDINGS IN PROBATE COURT

Recent proceedings in Probate court of interest in this part of the county are reported as follows:

Ruth M. Keller, et al minors, Highland Park. Guardian authorized to expend \$50 a month for support of wards.

Mary Winchester Carver, Highland Park. Inventory filed. Appraisers appointed. Sale of stocks authorized.

Thomas B. Marston, Lake Forest. Will admitted to probate. Estate valued at \$125,000 personal and \$40,000 real given to wife, Julia Ewart Marston. Letters testamentary issued to Julia Ewart Marston. Bond of \$250,000.

Appraisers appointed. Heirship taken.

Gustave Greuel, Highland Park. Will admitted to probate. Estate valued at \$3000 personal and \$8,000 real given to wife, Ulricka Greuel.

Mary E. Brand, Highland Park. Renunciation of dower and election to take under the Statute of William E. Brand. Appearance of E. S. Gail for Wm. E. Brand filed.

John E. Conrad, Highland Park. Inventory and appraisal bill approved. Sale of personal property authorized.

Annie Johnson, Highwood. Bond of G. A. O. Engstrom, executor approved and letters issued. (Will heretofore admitted to record on August 1, 1927.)

HUNTERS NOT GIVING MUCH TROUBLE SO FAR

Contrary to the general belief that hunters already have begun to overrun the county in spite of numerous arrests in past years, the true facts are just the reverse, according to Chief Deputy Fred Brown, who states that there have been no complaints lodged in a number of days.

While Chicagoans flocked into the lake regions for the opening of duck hunting two weeks ago and have come in fair numbers since then there have been few reports of misconduct reported and not many arrested.

The deputies feel that there are troublesome times ahead, however, as the pheasant and rabbit season open November 10. This, they feel, will be the real test as it has always brought hundreds from Chicago into Lake county fields whether the farmers protested or not.

The sheriff has laid plans long ago to cope with this situation and he plans to arrest and fine the trespassers as fast as he can get them in order to serve a warning that will be heeded.

As France only takes one per cent of America's exports while the United States takes ten per cent of France's total exports it is easy to see which nation is to be hurt most by any serious misunderstanding over tariff treaties.

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