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CANADIAN SCIENTIST SAYS ESKIMOS CAME FROM FRANCE

Karl Eyre who spent some years with the Mounted Police in the Far North and had opportunity to see much of the Eskimo people, in an address to the Kiwanis Club described them as a most lovable people and their modes of life and kindly disposition as most attractive when they were understood. Others who have had occasion to meet and study the Eskimos have been equally flattering in their opinions of the Eskimos. Indeed, there seems to be general agreement on the kindly disposition and the hospitable character of the Eskimos. There has been no such agreement, however, as to their origin. The origin of the Eskimos has for long been the subject of controversy among anthropologists. Dr. H. M. Ami, a well-known Canadian scientist, in the Dominion service at Ottawa, has recently expressed the belief that the Eskimos originally came from what is now known as France. Their residence in France, according to theory, goes back to prehistoric times. Dr. Ami says that during the operations of the Canadian School of Pre-History, which he has been directing in France during the past eight years, many thousand specimens of art, pottery, and instruments of warfare have been discovered, which show the same characteristics as mark the work of the Canadian Eskimo. A skull that was discovered, too, shows identically the same characteristics as the Eskimo skull. Dr. Ami's theory is that as weather and climate conditions changed, the animals which formed the food, and provided the clothing and weapons of pre-historic man were forced from France, across Europe, and finally into Northern Canada, and many of the human inhabitants followed the trail. According to statistics published by the Ottawa authorities there are only about 7,000 Eskimos now living in Canada. Tuberculosis has taken a heavy toll from the Eskimos in the cases where they have encountered present-day civilization, so-called.

Toronto Mail and Empire—A Windsor resident, veteran of five wars and aged 103, has been honored on his birthday. We do not wish this fine old citizen anything but the best of luck, though we trust that he will not live to see another war.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS ARBUS Chapter, No. 123, O.E.S.

Arbus Chapter, No. 123, O.E.S., held its annual installation of officers on Tuesday, Jan. 14th. A very large number of members witnessed the ceremonies which were conducted by Sister Barbara Watt, Sr. Kathleen King, P.M., acted as chaplain; Sr. Rose Anderson, as conductor; and Sr. Fern Roberts as pianist.

The officers installed were as follows: Worthy Matron—Sr. Catharine Pritchard. Worthy Patron—Bro. W. H. Pritchard. Associate Patron—Sr. Violet Day. Associate Matron—Bro. J. L. Kerr. Secretary—Sr. Inez Carruthers. Treasurer—Sr. Rose McCarthy. Conductress—Sr. Mary Ralph. Assoc. Conductress—Sr. Nevada Rutherford.

Chaplain—Sr. Kathleen King. Marshal—Sr. Maude Boyd. Organist—Sr. Margaret Richards. Adah—Sr. Alberta Black. Ruth—Sr. Isobel Cotcher. Esther—Sr. Chrissie Parnell. Martha—Sr. Annie Lee. Electa—Sr. Minnie Blodgett. Warder—Sr. Annie Goodman. Sentinel—Bro. W. W. White.

The Past Matron's jewel was presented to Sr. Rose Anderson by Sister Barbara Watt, P.M., and the Past Patron's jewel was presented to Bro. Kerr by Bro. White.

Sr. Rose Anderson and Sr. Barbara Watt were each presented with a bouquet of roses from Sr. Catharine Pritchard, and repiled in their usual pleasing way.

Sr. Catharine Pritchard, the newly installed Worthy Matron, was the recipient of gifts and flowers from friends and well-wishers.

In a neat reply she expressed the wish that the Chapter would show her the kindness and give her the same whole-hearted support as had been given her predecessor, and that 1930 would be as equally successful as the previous year had been.

Exchange—"John," called his friend from the bedroom. "I heard that clock strike two as you came in." "Yes, dear. It was beginning to strike ten, but I stopped it for fear it would wake you."

HOLLY RECS LEADING IN SECOND HALF OF LEAGUE

Y.P.L. Wins All Four Points. I.O.O.F. Takes Three Points from Moose B Team in Games on Monday.

In the Fraternal League bowling at King's Amusement Parlours last Monday night the Holly Rees jumped out in front by taking three points from the big Moose team. The game was a very exciting one not only to the players but to the spectators as well. Holly Rees just nosing out their opponents by the small margin of 76 pins in the total pinfall.

The I.O.O.F. won three points from the Moose B. team, G. Campbell's gladiators rolling their usual good game. The Y.P.L. kalsomined the A.S.D. team. The Y.P.L. have a very good team and ought to finish in a good position in the second half of the League. Capt. S. C. Platus was the star of his team with a nice total of 634 pins.

The standing of the teams is as follows:—Holly Rees, 7 points; Moose A, 5 points; Moose B, 5 points; Y.P.L., 4 points; I.O.O.F., 3 points; A.S.D., 0 points.

Honour roll:—D. Reid, 698; A. Sauve, 689; M. Angelo, 650; R. S. Webb, 634; S. Platus, 634; M. E. Shinehoff, 622; C. Brown, 613; C. Studor, 611; H. Daher, 600.

The following are the scores for Monday evening:—

HOLLY RECS			
A. Sauve	219	236	689
C. Studor	189	265	611
L. A. Cohen	169	238	407
E. L. Reid	186	170	356
R. S. Webb	249	176	209
J. Roberts	226	172	398
Totals	1012	1073	3095
Handicap	18	9	21
Totals	1030	1082	3143
MOOSE "A"			
H. Daher	218	177	205
M. Angelo	228	226	196
W. McDougall	179	168	345
E. G. Dickson	182	203	196
A. Tomkinson	144	214	358
K. Eyre	150	150	150
A. Brennan	290	290	290
Totals	951	922	1101
Handicap	17	35	41
Totals	968	957	1142
Holly Rees. win 3 points.			
I.O.O.F.			
G. Campbell	173	176	128
R. Fournier	185	196	191
J. Skelly	141	241	198
W. Tonkin	120	201	175
D. Reid	223	169	306
Totals	842	983	998
Handicap	29	29	29
Totals	871	1012	1027
MOOSE "B"			
J. Walker	133	117	185
M. Lauzon	200	173	206
McLeod	163	146	125
J. Clemens	134	134	134
Cole	170	171	191
A. Burrough	181	146	327
Totals	800	788	853
Handicap	128	132	132
Totals	928	920	985
I.O.O.F. win 3 points.			
A.S.D.			
F. Dufoe	144	237	168
A. Saint	207	161	202
W. L. Booth	172	128	138
C. Brown	251	192	170
J. Doe	160	152	163
Totals	934	870	841
Handicap	61	70	49
Totals	995	940	890
Y.P.L.			
J. Cohen	181	184	226
M. Shinehoff	160	223	239
O. Yamen	210	187	182
S. Goldstein	181	152	333
S. C. Platus	241	197	196
E. Abrams	163	163	163
Totals	973	943	1006
Handicap	65	65	72
Totals	1038	1008	1078
Y.P.L. win 4 points.			

SWITCHMAN KILLED IN THE COCHRANE RAILWAY YARDS

F. E. Dunn, Whose Home was in North Bay, Fell Under a Switching Engine and Lost His Life Last Week at Cochrane.

On Wednesday evening of last week at the T. & N. O. yards at Cochrane, Frank E. Dunn, T. & N. O. brakeman, was instantly killed when he slipped or fell before a switching engine. The wheels of a Pullman car and the tender of the locomotive passed over his body. While no one saw the accident and accordingly it is difficult to surmise just what did happen, it is thought that Dunn was either mounting the steps of the Pullman when he slipped and fell between the wheels, or that in passing across the track he misjudged the position of the approaching train. The night is said to have been foggy and this might account for the unfortunate man making a misjudgment in regard either to the position of the train or in mounting the steps of the coach. A Johnston, conductor, and S. Bedard, engineer, of Engine 154, were in charge of operations at the time. They were busy in switching the Pullman from Transcontinental No. 1. Dunn had apparently thrown the switch to let the engine and Pullman down to shop track and it was immediately after this that the accident appeared to occur. When Dunn fell beneath the car he called out and his cries were heard by the men in the engine but before the locomotive could be stopped the poor fellow was badly mangled under the wheels. Death appeared to be practically instantaneous.

The late Frank E. Dunn was a son of Mrs. Margaret Dunn, 321 Main street east, North Bay. For a dozen years he was a citizen of North Bay, residing with his mother. For eleven of the twelve years he was in the employ of the T. & N. O. Railway. Two years ago he was transferred to Cochrane and had made many friends in that town. He was a native of Markdale, Ont., and at the time of death was only 29 years of age. A particularly sad part of the accident was the fact that he leaves a bride of only a few weeks to mourn his untimely death. It is only three weeks ago that the late Mr. Dunn was married to Miss Jessie Foster, of Cochrane, a sister of little Monica Foster, the little girl who was so brutally murdered by a man who was never apprehended for the fiendish crime. Besides the bereaved widow and his mother, the near relatives surviving are two brothers, Russell, of Toronto, and Ettridge, of Iroquois Falls, and three sisters, Mrs. J. W. Brady, of Toronto, and Mrs. Donald Martin and Mrs. A. H. Wall, of North Bay.

The body was taken on Friday to North Bay under the escort of A. H. Wall, a brother-in-law of the deceased, and members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, and the funeral took place on Saturday afternoon from the home of his sister, Mrs. Donald Martin. There was a funeral service at the house and then at the First Presbyterian church, interment being made at the Terrace Lawn cemetery at North Bay, the funeral being under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Pleasant Social Time Enjoyed by Eaton Staff

On Wednesday evening, Feb. 5th, the staff of the Eaton Groceria enjoyed a jolly sleigh-ride party, and are unanimous in declaring it a huge success. Despite the extremely cold weather, a crowd of twenty-five assembled at the store at 7.30, and proceeded to the Hayden Mines, returning about ten o'clock to the home of the manager, Mr. Elvin L. Urquhart, at 113 Maple street, where a bean supper was served. The remainder of the evening was spent at cards, music and dancing, and while news of the serious fire in the Elles building, beside the Groceria, interrupted the merriment for a time, the event generally was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

Moose Charity Ball to Aid Boys' Village Plan

There are very special reasons why there should be a big attendance at the Mooseheart Charity Ball to be held in the McIntyre hall, Schumacher, on Friday evening of this week, Feb. 14th, commencing at 9 o'clock. In the first place the event is under the auspices of the Timmins Moose Lodge and it will certainly be a very pleasant evening for all enjoying. The event will be well worth while for itself alone, and in addition the purpose for which the funds are to be applied is equally appealing to most people. The proceeds from the event are to go to the proposed new boys' village to be erected at Mooseheart at a cost of some \$750,000. It may be explained that Mooseheart is a town established and maintained by the Loyal Order of Moose for the special care of dependents of the members of the Order who may have passed away. There are now some two thousand children at Mooseheart. They are receiving the finest of care and affection and their education includes a high school course. The directors feel that better training of the children and better administration of the child city of Mooseheart may be secured by building a special boys' village where lads of 8 to 12 years will be lodged. The Order has taken up the plan and the lodges throughout Canada and the United States are providing the funds. The Timmins Moose are doing their part as usual, the Charity Ball on Friday being one of the methods adopted for raising the quota for Timmins lodge.

Kirkland Lake Failed to Lift Englehart Cup

Two rinks of curlers from Kirkland Lake visited Timmins on Saturday in an effort to lift the Englehart cup, but they were not successful, and so the Englehart cup remains here still—until such time as some other curling club in the district can successfully contest Timmins' claim to this valued trophy.

In the curling games on Saturday evening for the Englehart cup the following were the rinks and the scores:—

Kirkland Lake—Brower, Holley, Dogget, Elliott, skip—17.
Timmins—Stokes, Jackson, Todd, Caldwell, skip—9.
Kirkland Lake—Chisholm, Ryan, Hastie, Deveney, skip—5.
Timmins—King, McCoy, Hunt, Drew, skip—23.

S. Bucovetsky's Store at Kapuskasing Burned

Word was received here on Thursday that S. Bucovetsky's store at Kapuskasing had been destroyed by fire early that morning. Mr. Bucovetsky has a chain of stores in the North, including stores at Timmins, Kapuskasing, Cobalt, Schumacher and South Porcupine. In referring to the fire at Kapuskasing, The Northern Tribune issued last Thursday said:—

"Fire broke out in the early hours this morning in Sam Bucovetsky's store on the Circle, and was only brought under control when the premises were completely gutted. The stock, which estimates rate as high as \$60,000, was completely destroyed—although the usual industrious crowd of youngsters are delving into the ice-coated charred ruins today, seeking what they can find.

"It was just after 3 a.m. when the fire whistle blew. Jack Elliott turned in the alarm. The flames had already made headway.

"Chief Bernard was soon on the job, with his brigade, and no time was lost in playing on the blaze, which apparently started in the rear of the store. Even at the early hour, a crowd of on-lookers quickly appeared, and stayed until the last flicker of flame was conquered. Today only the shell of walls remains, and ice is in all directions.

"The store was heavily stocked with goods, in preparation for another sale which was to commence tomorrow morning. Mr. Bucovetsky started this branch of his large Timmins business several years ago. He now has six stores in all in the North, handling men's and women's clothing.

"Mr. Sam Prud of Kapuskasing owned the building, which was insured for \$6,000. It is understood that the goods were also well covered by fire insurance.

"There is a basement in the premises, used for storing some classes of merchandise, but no heating apparatus. Ordinary box stoves were used, and it is thought that the fire originated from the one in the rear of the store.

MANY OLD-TIMERS FROM TIMMINS NOW IN SUDBURY

The Timmins curlers who were at Sudbury last week for the Northern Ontario Curling Association bonspiel were pleased to meet a number of former residents of the Porcupine camp now living in Sudbury. There are a large number of old-timers of Timmins and district living in Sudbury now and many of these were warmly greeted by the Timmins curlers. Among those who were noted by the Timmins curlers during their stay in Sudbury were the following:—Ralph Parker, formerly of the McIntyre; Harry Webb, formerly of the Hollinger and the Hollinger Stores; J. P. Taillon, for many years manager of the Bank of Commerce here; Dr. R. H. Brown; Mrs. M. J. Lawlor, Art Lawlor; W. McIlwain; Art Sauve; Mr. and Mrs. A. Stevenson; F. E. Loney, and others.

MINES ACT BILL SET OVER FOR STUDY BY LEGISLATURE

The bill to amend the mining act was presented to the Legislature on Friday last. This bill is a voluminous one and was introduced into the House last year to rectify conditions in the mines of the province in certain respects. It was based on the report of the royal commission investigating the Hollinger disaster of 1928. At last session of the Legislature it was laid over for further study and consideration as some of its provisions were felt to be far reaching in their probable effect and might have other result than that desired. The bill is a lengthy one and is understood to have been introduced last week simply with purpose of having it before the House early in the session for study and consideration. It is the plan to have the bill printed and ready for the second reading and for general discussion in the course of the next week or so when Hon. Chas. McCrea, Minister of Mines for Ontario, will be back in the House and will be ready to explain the various provisions of the bill and the objects it is planned to achieve through this legislation.

Moncton Transcript—Statistics show that nearly two million people in the United States cannot speak English; and a New York critic remarks caustically that of the remainder nine out of ten do not even try.



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At the annual meeting of the Mutual Life Assurance Co. of Canada, the president, Mr. R. O. McCulloch, in moving the adoption of the directors' report, said in part:—

The Directors' Report just read covers the operations for the past year, and shows that 1929 was another year of satisfactory growth and progress. The amount of new paid-for business was \$67,359,410, and was again the largest in the history of the company, being an increase of \$10,286,620 over 1928. The business in force is now \$461,310,653 and there is every prospect that the half billion mark in Assurances in force will be reached during 1930, which by happy coincidence is the Diamond Jubilee Year of the Company. The net earnings of the year have again shown a substantial increase, amounting to \$5,043,035.40, representing \$46.95 per \$1,000 of total assets, which now aggregate \$107,408,986.43, and the special reserves and surplus funds have increased to \$12,311,529, which amply provides for possible adverse contingencies. The expense rate continues low, which is especially commendable in view of the relatively large increase in production.

In view of the current discussion as to wisdom of life insurance companies investing policyholders' funds in common stocks, I deem it advisable to inform our policyholders respecting the principles which govern our Board of Directors in the investment of our funds. We still adhere to our motto—"Safety First"—and the invested assets of the Company, which now amount to \$102,807,468, are distributed as follows: 40.5 per cent. in Bonds and Debentures, 39.1 per cent. in First Mortgages on improved real estate, and 18.2 per cent. in policy loans, which offer undoubted security. Thus, 97.8 per cent. of our invested assets has been placed in securities of the strongest type, and strictly non-speculative. The remainder, 2.2 per cent., represents an investment of 1.8 per cent. in Real Estate, which includes our Head Office premises, and only 2-5 of 1 per cent in Stocks.

This item of stocks is made up of an investment in preferred stocks, and in some common shares of two of our leading Public Utilities—The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, and the Consumers' Gas Company of Toronto, neither of these companies having any preferred stock outstanding, and in the case of the latter, the common shares being the only obligation in the hands of the public. Our aggregate investment in stocks, both preferred and common, amounts to \$433,482.00, and it is the conviction of your Board of Directors that, as our funds are trust funds, the interests of the policyholders will best be served as in the past by investing in the safest securities of the highest grade and by largely omitting common stocks from our investment policy. I am sure that our policyholders will approve of our conservative policy and also that the public will be glad to know that life insurance generally was not seriously affected by the violent disturbance of speculative security values which occurred last fall.

Either a serious mistake was made last week or else someone in Sudbury has a very perverted sense of humour. Last week some person unknown called up one of the undertaking firms in Sudbury and ordered a casket sent to 121 Bloor street, the residence of Mayor Fenton, of Sudbury. "I'm far from being dead yet as you fellows will learn before the year is out," was the comment of Mayor Fenton on this gruesome type of alleged humour. The last thing on earth that the mayor of Sudbury will need is a coffin, according to The Star.

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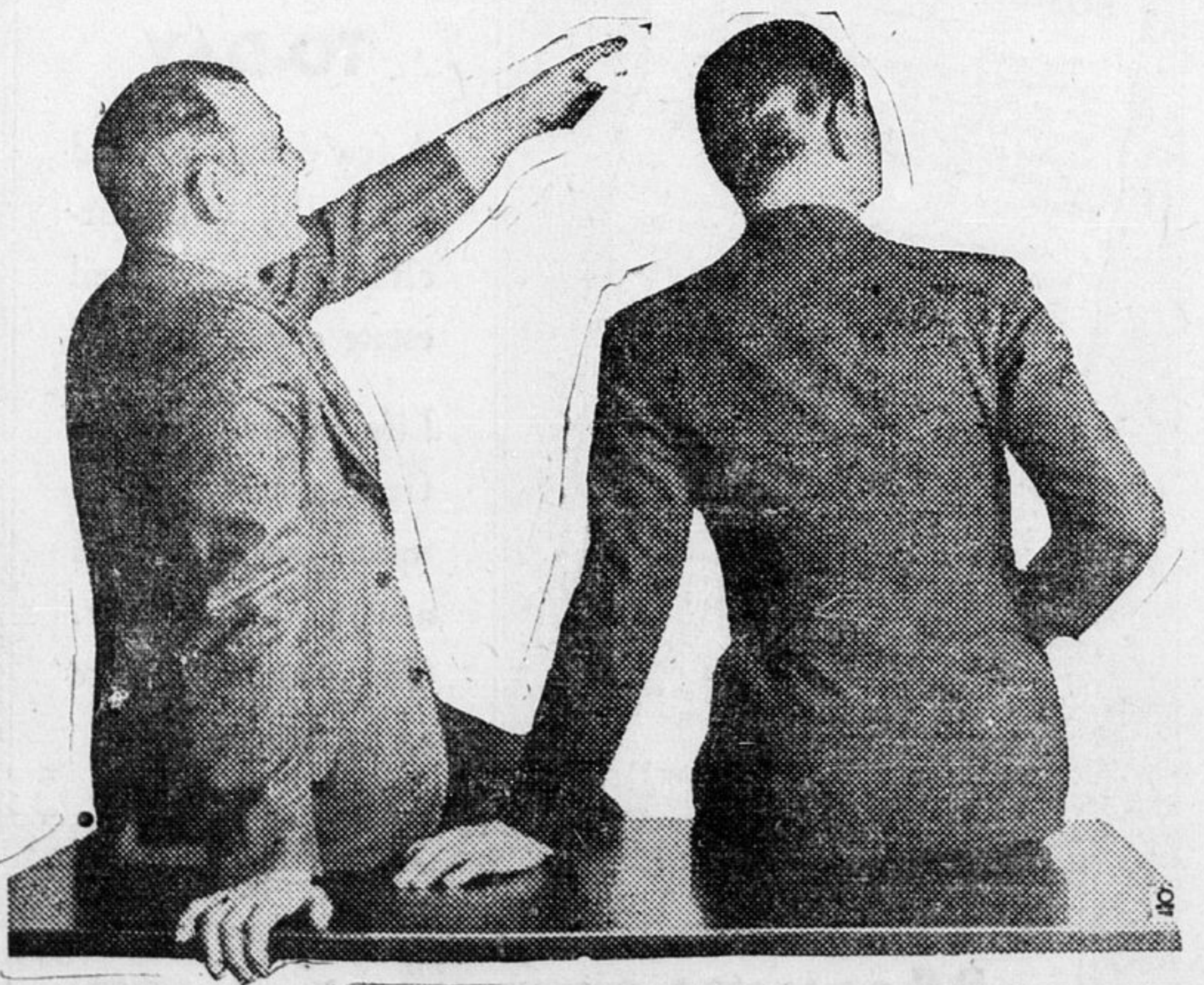
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