

Keep 'Em, Uncle



Take My Word For It! By FRANK COLBY

HOW DID IT START?

Q.—Who was "Davy Jones" and what is meant by his "locker"? A.—In nautical lore, Davy Jones has long been spoken of as the evil spirit of the sea. The name is supposed to be a corruption of Duppy Jonah. Duppy, a word used among Negroes of the West Indies, designates a malevolent haunting spirit. And Jonah, of course, refers to the Jonah of the New Testament; his name has become a synonym for a person or thing that causes bad luck. Davy Jones's locker is the bottom of the sea. Of lost ships or drowned seamen, it is said that they have gone to Davy Jones's locker.

Q.—How did the Mardi Gras carnival of New Orleans get its name? A.—Mardi gras is French for "fat Tuesday." It refers to Shrove Tuesday, which is the day before the beginning of Lent, therefore, the last day of feasting. In France a fat (gras) ox was ceremoniously paraded through the streets. In New Orleans the carnival of Mardi Gras ends on Shrove Tuesday. "King Rex," accompanied by his "Mystick Krewe of Comus," appears in the spectacular parade of floats, and is later unmasked at the Mardi Gras ball. In Roman Catholic countries the carnival is a period of festivals and merry-making preceding Lent. The carnival takes its name from the Latin phrase carne vale, meaning, "O flesh, farewell!" an illusion to the putting aside of carnal things during the Lenten season. (Carnal is from the Latin carnis, which meant originally "a piece of meat.") Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS By PAUL MALLON

ATOMIC BOMB CREATES SUPER-SPY SYSTEM NEED

WASHINGTON—Major General Wild Bill Donovan bowed out of the first real American intelligence service (OSS) with a somewhat cool-sounding response from President Truman to his idea of developing his line of effort further for peace. Mr. Truman cut up OSS, sending part to the War Department, but most to State. The Donovan notion of hiring someone like Sumner Welles, the ex-diplomat, to keep intimate and independent watch on the inner international world, was left hanging in air—somewhat foggy air. General Donovan has never been a glamour boy. He is a rather crusty soldier-lawyer. Those who know what he did in the confidential special agent part of the war say his work in the Balkans particularly was excellent and could have been done by no one else as well. Into his organization, however, crept a number of persons who did not fit the best nature of the endeavor and gave it distaste with Congress. I think this fairly sums up OSS. It did great work, but was not popular. (I can never learn what accomplishes popularity in this era when a bank robber can possibly attain it by merely being for the 30-hour week or some such social innovation.)

In the wake of this peculiar condition, congressmen are arising to shout "There will be no American Gestapo," and I assume also they mean no OGPU or NKVD. Indeed there will not. But there is a grave danger that the first vital necessity for a secure postwar world will be ignored and shunted aside by muddleheaded political thinking about it. If you thought Pearl Harbor a surprise and blitz warfare sudden as lightning, you are already old-fashioned and obsolete in your thinking. The next war will start like a flash—the brilliant blinding flash of the atomic bomb. If our defenses were archaic last time, they will be pitiful next time unless our officials know everything going on in this world. Advance knowledge is more essential to defense in a future world than a superior air force, an army or fleet. Not the Fascists or the Communist nations, but the British, a democratic nation, have the best world intelligence. It was built up through generations. Their survival depended upon it, because their little islands had absolutely nothing to justify their superior position in the world, except an awareness of the facts of national existences and a superior shrewdness in using them. That is what we need—only a better one. It cannot be an army enterprise because the army covers only one phase of world facts influencing peace and security. It cannot be navy, marine corps, or merely all three together, because diplomacy must be founded upon such information. (The British even move commercially from such realistic ground news.) It cannot be split, or you will have each department performing again the coordination they showed about Pearl Harbor—namely none.

INDEPENDENT BUREAU NEEDED Consequently it must be an independent bureau covering at least these government elements and probably more (Justice Department and FBI.) Furthermore, the head must be a man whose character and personality guarantee full pursuit of the business to be done, and a complete disavowal of any political implications in the work. He must not be a leftist or right or even a professional Democrat or Republican. That service must lean over backwards to keep itself politically inviolable, and beyond even the faintest suspicion of political use. (The British know how to do it.) The only limit on its appropriations should be our need of information—get it. If the spenders want to let Treasury money loose, here is one place where they could get something out of it. Some interested parties wish to limit the scope of activity to foreign information. It should be limited only by need. If it is found counterespionage in this country it requires action, no political stoppeling considerations should be allowed to stand in the way of getting it.

Advice Is Where You Get It

By RICHARD A. MCGIVERN McClure Newspaper Syndicate. WNU Features.

"AND SO we can't get married?" "Now, Jane, don't be like that. We can and will, but not now." "Why not now?" "I've told you a dozen times. We'll have to struggle along and perhaps never get on our feet. If we wait until I'm started everything will be easy."

"We are on our feet now. You have some of your musing out of pay and I've saved a few dollars. How much have we?" "In cash, all together, about two hundred dollars."

"That's a lot of money to me. Plenty to get married. We don't need much. I've been thinking of this for two years. If we had any confidence in ourselves we would do it. Ma left me those two acres on the turnpike. We can fix up the shack there. I can keep working for a while."

"That sounds all right, and all through those months in the Army while the other guys were talking of going back to the bank, the store, or the post office, I kept thinking of the day I could begin an egg route. It's my dream." She gripped his arm. "If that is what you want, go after it. It may not sound like much, nothing does at first. Just think, Pete, how lucky we are. There are so few egg men in this town, it ought to be easy. I bet I can get fifty regular customers in a couple of days."

Slowly they sauntered toward town. Pete sighed and grinned. "Gee, Jane, I can hardly wait! I can peddle butter and oranges and..."

"And I've learned to make swell jelly..."

"By fall we should be all set." Though his voice was casual, it broke the spell.

"There are a lot of folks with hens around here. I'm sure they'd be glad to sell you eggs. And with a cart you could take them into town. It would be tough on your feet but you'd soon harden up. The doctors told you to walk a lot. You're not afraid of hard work?" The question was lightly put.

"No," he said. "It's us I'm afraid of. I don't want to look forward to hard times later. It's not my pride, I'll pull a cart if that's the test, but I'll not take a chance on two hundred dollars."

They neared the main street. Finally she spoke. "Let's ask a few people what they'd do. There must be a lot who have had the same problem."

Pete laughed. "Who'll be the first victim?" Jane pointed at a couple. The man rested his hand on the door knob of a long shiny motor car. "Yep," said Pete, "they look likely. One of them probably inherited so much dough from a tightwad uncle that he never had to work a day. Try it if you like."

Flashing her best smile — which was very nice indeed — Jane said, "Pardon me, I wonder if you would do us a favor?"

The man opened the door of the car, looked at the dashboard clock and answered, "We're in a bit of a hurry but we'll be glad to help if we can."

"Will you answer just one question? How much money do you think a couple should have before marrying?"

The woman was about to speak. But the man answered again. He nodded toward his companion. "Ma and I got married on her dowry, eighty dollars in American money. That paid our passage from Dublin to New York. In 1899 it cost thirty dollars for each. We landed with twenty-five dollars. Twenty of it was Ma's and five I earned on the way over. Twenty-five dollars was enough, young lady. That and Ma's faith in me." He smiled and patted the auto. "The rest came with hard work."

Pete cut off all further talk by saying, "That does it. Let's go home and tell our families that we're going to take the big jump." They rushed off hand in hand.

The woman turned to the man. "Were you ever in Dublin?" He was grinning. "No, lady," he replied. "I've never been out of this state. But if I owned this auto I'd soon fix that." He looked up the street. "You say this is my bus? Do you take it too?"

"No, I live on the other side of town." "Then good day to you, madam. Don't worry. Those youngsters will be all right."

"Let us hope so. Good day to you, sir." She watched the bus disappear, muttering, "And I was just going to tell them what a time me and the ol' man had in Cork borrowing the money for our marriage license and passage over. Well, he'll laugh when I tell him." She opened the door of the car. "I'm glad he left the machine unlocked so I can wait in it."

Preventing Covered Smut Loss Good insurance against reduced grain yields caused by covered smut is to treat winter barley or wheat seed before planting in the fall with an organic mercury dust. The cost of treating the seed amounts to about three or four cents an acre, a small price, compared with the loss of several bushels of grain per acre.

Avoid Stickness Before melting chocolate in a dish over hot water, rub inside of dish with melted butter or olive oil to prevent sticking. Measuring cups may be greased in the same manner before measuring molasses or syrup.

Lifts Bed An electrically-operated hospital bed has been invented. It raises and lowers with the flick of a switch. The use of a nurse or hospital aide is eliminated.

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Washing Egg-Beater Avoid putting the cogs of the egg beater in water. Rinse the spokes under cold water first, then wash only the spokes with your dishes.

Advertisement for Kellogg's Rice Krispies, featuring the slogan 'So Crisp—So Tasty' and an image of a box of the cereal.

Better Than Walking



A native of Guam takes great pride and delight in his water buffalo, and spends most of his spare time riding him. Combat artist Herman Vestal, U. S. coast guard, painted this picture in water colors.

"GAY GADGETS"

Associated Newspapers—WNU Features

By NANCY PEPPER MEDAL MANIA

Let's see how quickly you gals can move in on a High Fashion. Seems the smart fashion leaders in New York and in Hollywood are wearing costly antique medals for decoration on all kinds of clothes. Well, who says they have to be antique? See if your father has some old medals (wasn't he wading champion or something in his youth?); see if your O.A.O. will part with the medal he won for track. Pin them to bits of colored ribbon and wear them instead of your trickier lapel gadgets. If you have a lot of medals, you can pin them to a broad ribbon worn diagonally from one shoulder and tucked into your skirt belt. It's a fad!

SCHOOL DAZE

Pupil—Should you be blamed for things you haven't done? Teacher—No, that wouldn't be fair. Pupil—Thanks, I didn't do my homework for today.

Teacher—What happens when the human body is immersed in water? Pupil—The phone rings.

Teacher—Order, please. Pupil—Double chocolate malted.

564 Questions Why are Boy Scouts Dizzy? Because they do so many Good Turns.

Why did the Little Moron hit his gal friend in the eye? So he could go out on a Blind Date.

Why should you take a frog and a porcupine shopping with you? Because frogs have greenbacks and porcupines have points.

Sad Sonnets Early to bed, Early to rise, And your gal will go out With six other guys.

'Texas Moon' Color



This coat for fall, made of hollow-cut cotton velveteen in a cedar rose shade called "Texas Moon," combines style and beauty with complete comfort. The deep armholes allow for a suit underneath; sleeves buttoned tightly at the wrist keep out cold air. The self tie in front can be as loose or as snug as the wearer wishes. Pockets grace either side of the skirt and silver buttons add bright chic.

Minute Make-Ups By GABRIELLE



Try to manage a visit to the chiropodist for the removal of callous spots on your toes and soles and for nail trimming. Even if your feet are free of blemishes you will find a professional foot massage wonderfully refreshing. It is a good idea, too, to massage your feet yourself before putting on your shoes. Ledger Syndicate.—WNU Features.

PETER B. PEEVE "FIRST IMPRESSIONS LAST LONGEST" (WNU Service)



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