

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"The Color of Death"

HELLO EVERYBODY: You know, if Death can be said to have a color, most people would say that color was black.

There's a doggone good reason behind Elizabeth's way of thinking, and that reason goes back to the days when she was a girl in Ireland, living with her mother and dad.

Maybe you'll remember, too, that that was a pretty tough revolution. The Irish fought a guerrilla warfare, and the English sent some pretty tough customers over to keep order.

"Tans" Start Drinking in Murphy Barroom. "We lived in the rooms upstairs over the bar," says Elizabeth, "and each member of the family, from mother and father on down, did his or her bit behind the bar."



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surly fellow was wearing a pair of brand new khaki pants and in order to get his mind on something beside threats and violence she said, "You've got on a fine new pair of pants. That material would make a lovely skirt."

The fellow turned suddenly to Elizabeth. "Would you like a skirt made out of this stuff?" he demanded. And without thinking, Elizabeth said, "No, I wouldn't care for it!"

"At the time I said it," she says, "I had no idea of casting any aspersion on the king's khaki, but this brave bucko flew into a rage. 'So you don't like the color, eh?' he shouted. 'Well, I'll make you like it!'"

And the next thing Elizabeth knew, he had her by the throat!

Crazed Soldier Terrorizes Daughter of Inn Keeper. "He grabbed me with his right hand," she says, "and he kept choking and choking, and at the same time shouting over and over again, 'Do you like it?—Do you like it?'"

It would have done him no good if he had, for by that time my Irish temper was up and I'd prefer to choke rather than make a sign that I had given in to him."

But all of a sudden Elizabeth heard something that cooled off that temper of hers. A revolver shot! At the same moment, the second "Tan" leaped up from the table where he had been sitting quietly all the time, caught hold of his partner and made him let go of Elizabeth's throat.

It was in the hand of her attacker. While he had choked her with his right hand he had fired that shot with his left. He had missed. The bullet had flattened against the hinge of the door.

But now Elizabeth knew she was dealing with a man in a mood to commit actual murder—and she was scared to death.

The second "Tan" was remonstrating with the first. "Would you shoot the girl?" he was saying. The first "Tan" roared, "Yes, I'll shoot her. I don't care who she is!"

Then the battle started in earnest. The second "Tan" grabbed his arm and tried to wrest the gun from him, and at the same time he shouted to Elizabeth to run. "And boy," says Elizabeth, "I did run."

Elizabeth Escapes Clutches of Tormentor. She dashed out of the bar and into the house next door. The neighbors there had heard the shot and wanted to know what was the matter.

There were three of them in that neighbor family. Elizabeth climbed the fence into the next yard, and they followed. That next yard led to a carpenter's workshop, and the carpenter, and his workmen, when they saw four people dash through his place without even a word of explanation, decided they'd better run, too.

"There was quite a little bunch of us, all on the run together," says Elizabeth, "by the time things quieted down and somebody shouted to us that the 'Tans' had left the locality and we would have no more to fear from them."

Elizabeth says that now she looks back on it, she can see a certain amount of humor in the situation of half a town running because one drunken "Tan" had fired a revolver, but doggone if she could see it then. "I have always believed," she says, "that I owe my life to that 'Tan' who interfered with the other one. And wouldn't it have been awful to have died all because of a pair of khaki pants?"

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Tom Thumb Presented to Royal Family in 1854

Tom Thumb (Charles Sherwood Stratton) was born at Bridgeport, Conn., on January 4, 1838. His parents were of normal size and he showed no peculiarity until he reached the age of seven months, when he ceased to grow.

The federal government has lent support to Australia's "Keep Fit" campaign by establishing \$5,000 annual subsidies for lectureships in physical education at the six Australian universities. The universities will be required to grant diplomas in physical education.

NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Reviewed by CARTER FIELD

Laymen offset economists' gloom with war order prospects... Importance of embargo votes in presidential campaign... Washington hears that German army officers plotted Soviet tie-up.

WASHINGTON.—Most of the New Deal economists have not been optimistic about business and employment prospects for the coming spring. They have heavily discounted prosperity from war orders, insisting that these will not be so great as expected.

These arguments are pretty nearly the whole case of those left wingers who have been screaming lately for a new spending orgy by the federal government. It is only fair to say at this point that this desire for federal spending, so essential in the eyes of most left wingers, is neither the chicken nor the egg in this case.

But to the layman, so ignorant of statistics that he might have difficulty understanding one of the elaborate charts so dear to the economists, there is much skepticism about these gloomy prophecies. The war orders are very tangible. They are tremendous. They promise to grow bigger.

For example, if a situation should arise under which every other cargo exported to Europe were destroyed, and continuation of this condition clearly faced the British and French, they would still be compelled to keep on buying, and to buy twice as much as though the seas were clear!

May Fly Planes to Europe To Avoid U-Boat Menace

Already there is talk about flying the planes to Europe—from Newfoundland—to circumvent the submarine menace. But it is obvious that the more serious the submarine menace becomes, and the more serious the menace of German bombing planes becomes, the more air-planes Britain and France will need—both to fight Nazi planes and to spot Nazi subs.

Starting from that, and looking at the whole situation with a cold economic eye, it is obvious that American factories producing planes, munitions and other supplies for the allies are going to be kept pretty busy. It is just as obvious that the people working in those plants will have money to spend, and hence will buy things calculated to keep other lines of production occupied.

Embargo Votes May Figure In Presidential Campaign

The Republicans are headed for a lot of grief in the presidential campaign so soon to open if the old maxim of history, that one must judge the future by the past, holds good. The point is that an overwhelming majority of the Republicans in the house and senate voted against lifting the arms embargo, while the Democrats, also in overwhelming majority, voted to lift it.

The number of Republicans in the house voting against accepting the conference report—actually the final vote on the embargo—was 141. To these must be added four Republican members not voting but paired against it, which brings the total to 145.

their leadership on the ballot. Now all this might readily become unimportant if certain things happened. But the chances seem at least 100 to 1 that these things will not happen before the nominating conventions next June.

Let us consider what these things could be. First, there might be peace before that time. But the chances for peace seem mighty slim, and growing thinner every passing day.

How Shrewd Political Observers Dope It Out

The logic of those betting on peace was that, having conquered Poland and obtained all the objectives over which the war started, Hitler would make a reasonable peace offer, and that France and Britain, hopeless of liberating Poland, would accept Hitler's offer.

The shrewdest political observers here believe that if the war is still going on next June and next November, politicians running for office will benefit by having cast a vote calculated to help Britain and France, and suffer by the reverse, except in a number of congressional districts so small as not to have much national significance.

Hear German Army Officers Plotted Soviet Tie-Up

One of the reasons being given in well-informed diplomatic circles here in Washington for the Soviet-Nazi pact is the utter distrust by the high German army officers of Italy. Not that they distrusted Mussolini's intentions. What they lacked confidence in was the fighting ability of the Italian army and navy.

According to these reports, based on excellent authority, the high German officers had been plotting for the tie-up with the Soviet for many years. Some of the authorities place the conception of the notion in German army circles as far back as 1923.

The two theories, coming from such widely separated sources, fit together very nicely. Especially as the reports about the objectives, now accomplished, of the high German officers are that they did not convince Hitler of the soundness of their plans until just prior to the outbreak of the war.

"The process was very much like water wearing away rock," said one of this writer's informants. "Hitler did not accept the idea readily at all. When it was finally put to him, after a long process of letting him hear this or that report that the Italian army would be of no value, and this and that discussion of how vulnerable Italy would be to British and French attacks, Hitler almost had a brainstorm."

"What!" he shouted to the officers at this particular conference. "Tie up Germany with the Communists? Absurd." But he had been sent thinking about it, and pretty soon it became obvious that no other course could be followed.

High Army Officers Kept Pegging Away at Hitler

Every now and then, according to this version, some high army officer would be able to see Hitler for some reason or other. Always something would be said by the army representative to Hitler which would be calculated to make him see the inevitability of the tie-up with the Soviet, no matter what its cost.

An entirely new twist on the whole story has been brought back from Berlin by well-informed Americans with excellent connections since the outbreak of the war. This theory, not soundly substantiated but interesting, is that Hitler did not intend to keep faith with Stalin when he finally agreed to give his high army officers their way as to the tie-up with the Soviet.

It really amounts to this, that the Democrats voted to follow their leader, President Roosevelt, while the Republicans voted to follow their leaders, with almost an equal proportion of each party bolting



WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—Rudolf Friml, maker of melodies for 25 years, finally gives credit to his collaborators. With the ouiji board, he's always talking shop with great composers, and every once in a while they help him round out a score.

Noted Composer Credits Ethereal Collaborators

His career, from the start on down to his present fifty-ninth year, is a testimonial to occult guidance, in planting him always in the highway of Lady Luck. In Prague, his birthplace, his father worked in a bakery.

At the age of 10, he had published a barcarolle. In the musical conservatory of Prague, where he studied under Antonin Dvorak, he teamed up with Jan Kubelik. They were playing at a concert which Daniel Frohman happened opportunely to attend.

Whether or not Mr. Friml was just an amanuensis for spirits, his compositions streamed along rapidly—"Gloriana," "The Firefly," "Kalinka," "High Jinks," "Music Hath Charms," "The Vagabond King," and a whole album of others, none of them seeming to be of ghostly inspiration. Hollywood still keeps him busy and successful.

H. GORDON SELFRIDGE, the Anglo-American merchant prince, visiting this country, makes it a tossup between communism and ruinous taxation. Queried about communism overrunning Europe after the war, he asks, "What of it? What is the difference between communism and a society where a tax takes half of the income and a surtax the other half?"

He says the day of initiative and enterprise is past. He is an authority on that subject. Sixty-two years ago, he swept out a store in Ripon, Wis. Two years later, he was an errand boy for Marshall Field & Co. in Chicago, and a partner when he quit, in 1904.

Albert Sarraut Tough One Day, Pacific the Next

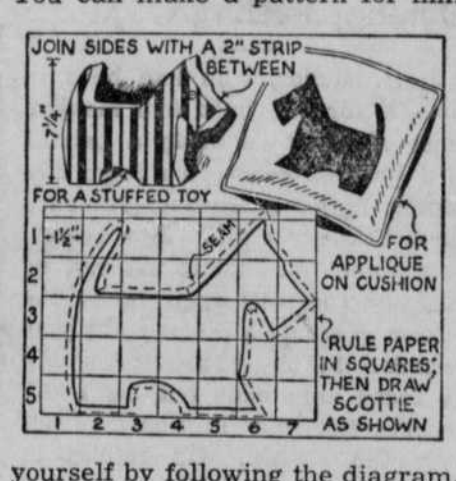
ALBERT SARRAUT, French minister of interior, swings on the French Reds with a spiked club. He links them with the Germans and promises to sweep them from all "villages, municipalities, cities and towns." And he means to do just that.

"I find now that I have no desire to smite hip and thigh those who do not think as I do. You gentlemen take over the job and see what you can do with it." He again became minister of the interior, but offered his resignation when King Alexander was assassinated in Marseilles. But, taking the premiership, he again swung his war club, hotly denouncing obstructionists and meddlers.

Gay Scottie Pattern For Pillow or Toy

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

BY FAR the most admired toy in a gay and modern nursery was a red and black striped Scottie with a gleam in his button eye. This pattern was used for an applique for Sonny's pillow which met with enthusiastic approval.



FOR A STUFFED TOY... FOR APPLIQUE ON CUSHION... RULE PAPER IN SQUARES, THEN DRAW SCOTTIE AS SHOWN

NOTE: Readers who are now using Sewing Books No. 1, 2, and 3 will be happy to learn that No. 4 is ready for mailing; as well as the 10-cent editions of No. 1, 2 and 3. Mrs. Spears has just made quilt block patterns for three designs selected from her favorite Early American quilts.

youself by following the diagram. By ruling the paper in either larger or smaller squares, you may make a dog any size desired. A tiny applique is amusing for a bathrobe or jacket pocket.

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WINTER DOUBLES DRIVING ACCIDENTS



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