

### Human Phase in News Game Is Unchanged

Noted English Editor Tells of His Sixty Years Experience in the "Game."

London, July 25.—Methods have changed, but men have not. The mechanical element in newspaper production has been marvelously transformed in 60 years. The human element—the men who "get out the paper"—is much the same today as it was three score years ago.

These epigrammatic sentences summarize the conclusions of Sir John Merry Lesage, who for 60 years has lived the romance of journalism in Fleet street, that narrow, shabby thoroughfare where London's newspaper activities center. Sir John now is 86, has retired from the managing editorship of the Daily Telegraph, after 60 years of continuous service with that paper.

"Looking back," he said, "over a period of years in newspaper life, I do not see that there has been much difference in the men, their qualifications and their ability; whereas there has been an extraordinary and marvelous change in the mechanism of newspaper production. The modern young man shows great energy and enterprise, but I do not know that his ability is any greater than that of the men before him. The actual brain-power expended on the production of newspapers remains very much what it was, but the men who did duty in the earlier days had much fewer advantages."

Sixty Years on One Paper.

Sixty years in journalism. Sixty years on the staff of a single paper. That constitutes a record probably unequalled heretofore and hardly likely to be duplicated in the journalistic history of the future. It conjures up a vision of a period when continents were explored and developed; kings and empires crumbled into dust; statesmen flashed for a moment on the political horizon and faded, leaving a record of achievement or of failure; when science, leaping forward with prodigious strides, gave mankind new wonders for his aid and comfort.

It was through such a period that Sir John labored as a reporter first and later as an editor who never lost his reportorial instincts. He knew and talked with Dickens and with Stanley. He witnessed the entry of the Germans into Paris and lived in Paris during the period of the Commune. He was with the British armies when England was conquering Egypt in 1882. He interviewed the Kaiser and was intimate for a period with Abdul Ahmed, sultan of Turkey. He had a hand in organizing Stanley's famous expedition for the exploration of what was then "Darkest Africa."

Gets Interview With Kaiser.

Sir John was not averse to talking about a few of the varied experiences that entered into his long career. He spoke of his interview with the Kaiser.

"The Kaiser's interview created a good deal of interest at the time and, indeed, since," he said. "When the interview was put into writing it fell to me to secure that, if it were published, it would not be challenged. I knew quite enough of German politics and German ministers to realize that it was very likely to be challenged and possibly denied. So we had a document prepared to be submitted to the Emperor William for his verification and signature. The document came back direct from Berlin carrying the personal authority of the Kaiser and with his signature attached to it. Without that safeguard the interview would not have been published."

The difficulties of news transmission in earlier days were vividly pictured by Sir John when he told of his "covering" the German entry into Paris—a story on which the Daily Telegraph "scooped" all other London papers.

"There was extraordinary excitement about the German entry," he said, "for it was rumored that the Germans would be fired upon. We had been sending messages by balloon to Calais and telegraphing from there. But there was no balloon until about 12 o'clock at night, and the train left at 12 and took 12 hours to get through."

"I learned a contemporary had arranged for a special train from Paris to Calais. It was impossible for me to get a duplicate train, but I found that I could telegraph directly from Lille to London, and I procured a special train from Paris to Lille. I marched with the Germans from the Avenue de la Grande Armee down to the Place de la Concorde. They were not interfered with. During the journey from Paris to Lille I wrote the account of the day. I had previously stationed a courier at Lille, with instructions to be waiting with a telegrapher to transmit what I handed in. That was how the first news of the entry of the Germans into Paris reached London."

How Stanley's African Trip Started.

How Stanley came to undertake his expedition to Africa was related by Sir John. He had become acquainted with Stanley in Paris after he had returned from the Gordon Bennett expedition to rescue Livingstone. Stanley came to Sir John's office in London, and the subject of the discoveries yet to be made in Africa was discussed. Lord Burnham, then owner of the Telegraph, was consulted and was willing to co-operate, but Stanley was under contract with Bennett. A telegram was sent Bennett asking him to join with the Telegraph in promoting the expedition. Bennett accepted, and the plans were drafted.

"That," said Sir John, with the nonchalance of the true reporter, "is how Stanley's great expedition across Africa was conceived and decided upon. It was merely a morning's work."

Brooklyn Daily Eagle Party to Pass Through

Seventy members of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle party which has made a trip to Alaska, will pass through Omaha July 28, according to information received by the bureau of publicity of the Chamber of Commerce.

### Central Graduate Wins Scholarship



Agnes Dunaway, 17, Central High school graduate, has been awarded a \$225 scholarship to the University of Chicago, in recognition of her high scholarship record in high school. The scholarship covers the first year's tuition charge.

Miss Dunaway was recommended for the scholarship by Principal J. G. Masters of the high school. There is no examination or competition for the scholarship, which is awarded merely on recommendation and past scholarship.

Agnes is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Dunaway, 4702 Wakeley street, and is now employed in the society department of The Omaha Bee. She received her journalistic training while in high school.

### High School Head Held for Statutory Offense

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Geneva, Neb., July 25.—W. E. Sawyer, 49, wanted for a statutory crime against a high school girl in Wauchula, Fla., was arrested here by Deputy Sheriff Severns Wednesday, two hours after information had been received from the sheriff of Hardee county, Florida.

Deputy Severns nabbed Sawyer at the postoffice, where he was inquiring for mail. He admitted his identity and was lodged in jail.

The Florida officer said Sawyer had been principal of the high school at Wauchula, Fla. He has a wife and five children.

### Girl Wife Admits Blackmail Plot

Gertrude Folsom, Who Attempted Suicide After Her Arrest, Signs Confession.

Mrs. Gertrude Folsom, 18, Neville hotel, who attempted suicide by flinging herself down a stairway at the city jail Tuesday night, signed a confession admitting an attempt to blackmail an Omaha real estate man with offices in Peters Trust building.

She went riding with the man and later appeared at his office and demanded a payment of \$500, threatening to tell his wife.

In her confession she exonerated the man from accusing her. She states that he did not ask her to get into the car but that he held the door open for her. She said he told her he was married and gave her carfare to return to town, claiming his automobile was out of gasoline.

Her husband, J. A. Folsom, also arrested, is alleged to have admitted a blackmail plot and accuses his wife of bungling it.

### Four Men Caught With Stolen Car Arrested

J. W. MacFarland, Des Moines, Ia.; Jack Sergeant, 3428 V street; Jack Usher, 5127 South Twenty-third street, and James Swearingin, 3611 South Twenty-third street, were arrested Tuesday night while in possession of a car stolen from John Anderson, rural route No. 2, Council Bluffs.

The men stopped at a garage to buy a tire. While three of them talked to garage attendants the fourth rifled the cash register. Their arrest followed. They will be turned over to Council Bluffs authorities for prosecution.

### Legion to Give Baby Away at Its Outing Tomorrow at Krug Park

Someone who attends the American Legion's picnic for service men at Krug park Friday is going to receive a baby.

Officials of Douglas County post have decided to place a youngster in the hands of some willing foster parent, in connection with the legion's baby show for the children of service men.

Parents desiring to enter their children are requested to register at the Krug park ballroom at 2 Friday afternoon.

### Indian Killed Roping Steer in Cheyenne Frontier Days Show

Cheyenne, Wyo., July 25.—Injuries received by Eddie Burgess, full-blooded Indian of Schuler, Okl., in the Cheyenne frontier days' contest yesterday afternoon proved fatal early today. The victim, with a fractured skull and other injuries, did not regain consciousness.

At the time of the accident he was attempting to rope a steer. His horse fell and rolled completely over him.

It was the first fatality in the 27 years' history of the show.

### "Shoot to Kill!" Speed Cops Told

Deputies Armed on Orders of Sheriff Following Accident to Konecky.

"Shoot to kill!" That's the order deputies of Sheriff Mike Endres are working under in their effort to stop speeding on public highways in the country.

An order became effective last night arming every deputy with high-powered rifles.

Endres' resolve to use rifles comes after an unidentified autoist ran down and seriously injured Isaac Konecky, deputy.

Konecky, Endres and other deputies were stopping motorists along Center street for bright lights and other traffic infractions when they hulled a speeding car going 50 miles an hour. Instead of stopping the autoist speeded on, running Konecky down.

Konecky suffered internal injuries. A soiled clothesline can was wrapped around the washboard and thoroughly scrubbed with a brush and hot soap suds.

### Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Don't make up your mind in a hurry! 'Twill save you full many a worry.—NANNY MEADOW MOUSE.

Danny Meadow Mouse Makes a Great Find.

As soon as they were sure that Peter Rabbit was no longer about to interfere, Danny and Nanny Meadow Mouse resumed their journey to look for a place for a new home.

"I don't know where we're going, but we're on our way," said Danny, trying to be cheerful.

"It's a good thing we haven't a family," replied Nanny. "We have only our two selves to worry about, and that is something to be thankful for. Oh, dear, I know we'd never again find such a good home as the one we have just left!"

They didn't find a place to suit them that day, so the next day they continued their journey. Nanny was very hard to please. Danny found several places that he thought would be very fine. But each time Nanny found fault. If it wasn't one thing it was another that was wrong. Each time Danny cheerfully said, "All right, my dear, we will look somewhere else."

So at last they came to the edge of Farmer Brown's cornfield. For a while they followed along the fence. Nanny became tired and stopped to rest and to eat a big grasshopper which she had caught. Danny kept

on. He had gone only a short distance when just at the foot of a post he found something that was new and strange to him. It was an empty square can lying on one side. In one end was a smooth, round hole.



"Hurry up, Nanny! Hurry up," he cried, "I've made a wonderful find!"

That hole was just about big enough for Danny to slip through easily. The can was old and rusty. Of course, Danny didn't know it was a can. He didn't know anything about cans. He tried his teeth on it and found he couldn't gnaw it at all. At first he was afraid to go inside, but after a while he gained courage. The can was empty.

Danny came out again and went all around that old can. It was quite hidden in the tall grass that grew long the fence. Danny's little black eyes snapped joyously. He felt that he had made a great find. This thing would make a wonderful home. They would be snug and cozy and

safe. Even if Reddy Fox should find it he wouldn't be able to get at them in there. No one but Mr. Blacksnake could possibly get at them in there, and Mr. Blacksnake could get at them wherever they might be at.

Back scampered Danny as fast as his short legs could take him. He was so excited that he could hardly talk straight. "Hurry up, Nanny! Hurry up!" he cried. "I've made a wonderful find. It will be the safest home we have ever had. You've never seen anything like it. Hurry up, Nanny!"

But Nanny refused to get excited. She had had too many disappointments to get excited over a thing like this. So she took her time about following Danny. But when she reached that old rusty can her face brightened. It really was all that Danny had said of it. She went in and out of it a dozen times. Danny watched her anxiously. "What do you think of it, my dear?" he ventured at last.

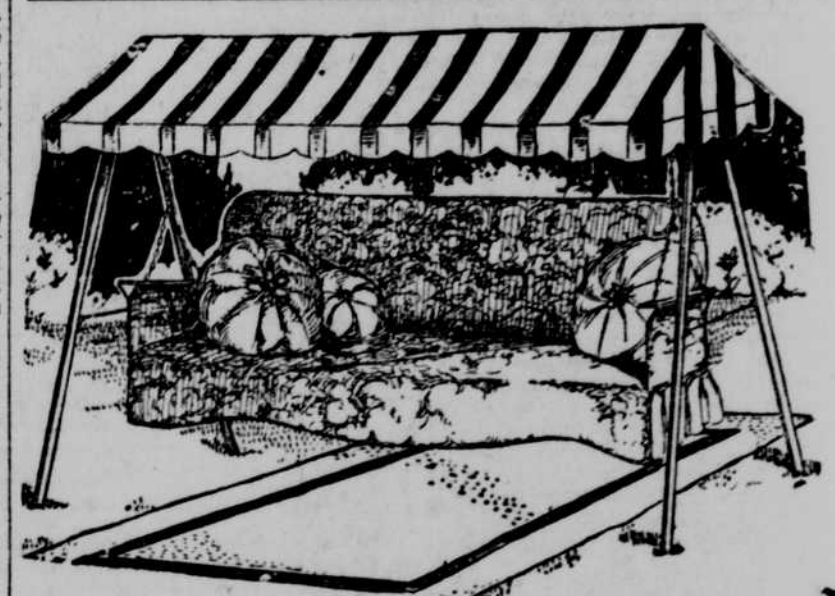
"I think it will do if we can't find anything better," replied Nanny. "We'll stay here a while, anyway, and look around."

And with this Danny had to be satisfied. (Copyright, 1923.)

The next story: "Nanny Makes a Find of her Own."

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