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Death Of A Patriot

Even in translation, the novels of Thomas Mann rank among the greatest of their century. The death of this outstanding literary figure at Zurich, Switzerland, recalls that he was a great patriot as well.

Life was pleasant for Thomas Mann in post-World War One days. He was a Nobel Prize winner and his novels had already brought him international fame.

Mann's career was a striking example of an artist accepting the challenge of his times to emerge from his ivory tower. He was by nature a romantic, and his earlier work was strongly influenced by the facade of German "kultur."

Book Reading

Apparently, atomic development for industrial purposes is not the only field in which Britain is surpassing her good friend and ally, the United States.

As a matter of fact, Americans read less than any other people covered by the report. In Denmark, for instance, there are half as many bookstores as there are in the United States.

vat, Gulliver's Travels, Leaves of Grass, Utopia, the Wealth of Nations, The Origin of Species. 39% could not name more than three.

We seem to recall that a few years back statistics showed that residents of this Province were quite high up on the list of book readers, as determined by reports from public libraries in this country and the United States.

Heavy Penalties

In contrast with the penalties imposed in Canada for drunk driving and kindred offences, European countries deal quite drastically with such offenders.

In Oslo, Norway, 21 days penalty is usually meted out to the drunk driver; and decidedly extenuating circumstances must exist for the alternative of a fine to be imposed.

Scandinavian countries take the attitude that, in driving a car, a little alcohol is a dangerous thing. The belief that a glass or two of beer does not affect driving skill seems to have been pretty well demolished by elaborate tests of expert drivers at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm.

At the peak of each ascent one of the men will jump. Warm clothing and a pressure suit will protect him against the thin subzero atmosphere. His parachute will open in the safe lower layers of air.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Panama Canal opened this date, 1915.

One bout we didn't want a ring-side seat for was the tangle between Connie and Diane.

Although the official opening does not take place until tonight, Old Home Week has already started and the big competitive events will be in full swing today at the Exhibition grounds and race track.

Mr. Chou En-lai is still talking about "liberating" Formosa; but it is to be noted that in a recent speech he referred to Chiang Kai Shek and his associates as "Formosa authorities".

A college professor is of the opinion that atom scientists were on the go many thousands of years ago and that they were, in fact, the destroyers of ancient civilizations.

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An Ottawa dispatch says that four federal by-elections to be held next month will "provide a sample of public reaction to such parliamentary issues as emergency powers and the sale of wheat and butter to iron curtain countries."



Booster Shot

Daring Balloon Jumps

National Geographic Society

Two Air Force officers are planning to test aircraft escape equipment soon in one of the most daring research projects in aviation history.

Scientists are now trying to develop a stabilized seat that can be ejected from high-flying jet planes. To do this they need to know the answer to a vital question: How far can man safely drop through rarefied air before he opens his parachute?

To help get the answer Capt. Edward G. Sperry and 1st Lt. Henry P. Nielsen are preparing jumps from perhaps record heights.

In an article entitled "Aviation Medicine on the Threshold of Space," Mr. Fisher writes that the officers are getting set for six balloon flights ranging up to 50,000 feet—the highest altitude yet attained by man—or possibly even farther.

Meanwhile the other partner, cutting the balloon adrift, will ride the gondola, guided by a small stabilizing parachute, down to an altitude of about 20,000 feet. Then he, too, will bail out. A special parachute will ease gondola and instruments to earth.

The gondola has been named Explorer III in honor of the balloon Explorer II which set a 72,395-foot record in 1935 during an ascent sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the Army Air Corps.

Japan's Momentous Decade

By Jim Cary Associated Press, Tokyo

A vast wilderness of rubble and debris stretched as far as the eye could see.

A few people, faces blank with shock, wandered through smoking ruins left by the nightly armada of giant planes.

Today, 10 years after the surrender, Japan has raised shining new communities from the ashes. Asia's finest trains flash between cities throbbing with commerce.

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Rebuilding began almost with arrival of the first occupation troops. They helped Japan put brick on brick, restore water, sewage and electrical systems, erect new homes and lift up again the factories that had made her a great power.

Foreigners had brought food and medicine instead of expected pillage and rape. The Japanese treated them as if they could do no wrong.

Sperry and Nielsen intend to take off at Holloman Air Force Base, N. Mex. They already jointly hold the world's altitude record for ejection, 45,200 feet.

Service doctors face other problems: the effect of cosmic rays upon tissue, high-intensity noise, design of oxygen equipment and pressure suits, and the phenomenon of weightlessness that shows up when gravity balances centrifugal force as a pilot flies a high-speed arc.

Riding a rocket-powered sled along the ground at more than 500 miles an hour, he braked it to a stop in little more than a second.

"I felt like a fly riding the nose of a .45-caliber bullet," he says. "And the wind blast was like having my head caught in a vise."

When the sled started, I was watching the ditch between the rails. Almost instantly the ditch was nothing but a blur, and then I blacked out after two and a half to three seconds.

Black changed to yellow, then a salmon tint. He pushed his eyelids up with his fingers. Gradually vision returned.

The government denies these moves are anti-American, or anti any other foreign group. But there are officials who quietly admit Japan wants some foreigners out, particularly night club and cabaret operators and others who came to make their fortune.

The new constitution has general public approval although Conservatives want to revise its armaments-renouncing clause to permit a bigger defence build-up, and to enhance powers of the emperor, demoted from a godlike-inviolable monarch to a mere symbol of state.

Until 1947 Canada was a big user but a small producer of crude oil.

This city's some 4,000 stately trees are in danger of destruction by hordes of the beetle, a study showed Saturday. At least 61 elms in city parks fell victims to D-tch elm disease last year, and 250 have died in the last 10 years.

Madeline Werner, 18, of ninth ward, S. ... is entering the Canadian National Exhibition 2-mile across-the-lake marathon scheduled Sept. 5.

Miss Werner finished the second week's spin in the 1954 Atlantic City marathon behind Marilyn B. of Toronto.

Van-dals toppled over the Laura Secord monument in the Drummond Hill Presbyterian cemetery and attempted to pry off the bronze bust at the top of the granite column, police said Saturday.

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Atomic Power Plants

(Montreal Gazette)

Southern Ontario, which is already running out of hydro power for its expanding industries, is seen as the first area which would require the addition of atomic power.

Specialized industries in the Maritimes may also require them. And smaller plants could be of special value in the Far North, where no power or fuel sources are present.

These plans, which will place Canada in the forefront of industrial progress, have been built on solid foundations. Of several major projects now under way at Chalk River, Canada's atomic energy centre, one is for NPD a reactor now being designed, which will begin feeding, from 10,000 to 20,000 kilowatts into the Ontario Hydro system in 1958.

Studies already begun by both Government and private power company experts, will use NPD for practical experiments which are to result in the design of the first 100,000 kilowatt reactor for industrial use (N.R.U., a research reactor already under construction, will produce the equivalent of 200,000 "lowatts" beginning next year, but not for industrial use).

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Medically Speaking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D. HOW TO BEAT THE HEAT

You can beat the heat and you don't have to carry an air conditioner around with you to do it. While an air-conditioned home or office is fine, all of us do not have them. Besides, you can't remain indoors all summer. So here are a few tips that should help you remain cool and healthy, even on the hottest days.

Above all, don't get excited or lose your temper. Keep your blood pressure down. Relax as much as possible, but don't just sit and think about the heat. Do something to get your mind off the weather.

Eat light, well-balanced meals. Don't eliminate useful foods simply because it is hot. Remember, milk, vegetables, fruits, potatoes, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, bread, cereals, dried peas or beans, nuts, butter and peanut butter are all basic foods.

Drink cool water or fruit juices often. Avoid ice cold drinks and alcohol.

If you perspire a lot, take salt tablets or drink a salt water mixture. You can make such a mixture by stirring one teaspoon of salt in a pitcher of water.

Chew gumdrops to help replace sugar lost through perspiration. Dress sensibly, not vainly. Your clothing should be light and as loose and porous as possible.

Wear light-colored, broad-brimmed hats when you go out into the sun. Stay in the shade as much as possible.

At the beach, alternate your sunbathing between dips in the cool water. Tepid tub bath. Bathing at home is also a good way to cool off. Spend 20 to 30 minutes in a bath of cool or tepid (not cold) water, and you should remain comfortably cool for another five or six hours.

A five minute shower will refresh you but you'll lose most of the benefits when you dry yourself. If you can, jump under the shower in your bathing suit and then go about your household chores letting the drops fall where they may. Evaporation of the water on your skin will help keep you cool.

QUESTION AND ANSWER Mrs. E. M. R.: I have a diaphragmatic hernia which does not cause me any annoyance. Should this be taken care of?

ANSWER: In general, it is advisable that a diaphragmatic hernia be repaired surgically. However, your physician will advise you as to how this may be treated.

The Age Old Story

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee. I will praise thy name: for thou hast done wonderful things thy counsels of old are faithful and true.

HARD TO CHANGE The total amount of \$10,000 bills in circulation in the United States has dropped to \$9,000,000 from \$60,000,000 in 1940.

SCOUT DROWNS HAWKESBURY, Ont. (CP)—Jean Louis Landry, 13-year-old Hawkesbury boy scout, was drowned Friday while swimming in Lake Ontario.

Or curl a crystal tongue about his feet. And curl him into dreams. A brook is not an overwhelming thing. I think that water is never quite so human as in brooks. —Silence Buck Bellows.

MAIN INDUSTRY About four-fifths of the 90,000 population of Grimsby, in England, live off the fishing industry.

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NOTES BY THE WAY

For the camel to go through the eye of a needle would be scarcely more amazing than the way many a lawyer squeezes through an infinitesimal loophole in the law. —Kitchener-Waterloo Record.

Frustration can kill a man or a rat—just about as surely as a bullet. This was reported to the National Academy of Sciences at Washington by Dr. Curt Richter of Johns Hopkins University who told of experiments with rats whose hearts stopped beating under experimental conditions. Sudden death without discernible physical cause often has been reported among primitive people. In voodoo rites, as well as among primitive Africans and New Zealanders, men told by cult leaders to die are said to obey promptly. What killed the primitives, the late Dr. Walter B. Curran of Harvard University had previously told the academy, was the effect on the adrenal glands of excessive fear and rage about which the person could not possibly do anything. Adrenalin was secreted excessively raising heart and blood pressure to the lethal point. —Galt Reporter.

A report on electric power in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon that was presented in the House of Commons indicates one to speculate on the future of that vast area. Dealing first with electric power, it is shown that production of this vital commodity in the Northwest Territories and the Yukon in the 1954-55 fiscal year, increased by more than six per cent over the output of the previous 12-month period. The annual output of the Northwest Territories Power Commission points out that the three power stations operated by the commission generated 38,254,300 kilowatts of electric energy in the 1954-55 fiscal period. Sale of primary power rose more than 18 per cent, but the sale of secondary power declined 22 per cent.

Power plants are operated by the commission at Snare River, 90 miles northwest of Yellowknife, and at Fort Smith, both in the Territories, and at Mayo River, near Mayo Landing in the Yukon. —Evening Tribune.

Providing necessary munitions for Canada's armed forces is no small business. The annual report of Canadian Arsenal Limited, a crown company charged with the task of manufacturing material and equipment for the Armed Services, shows it is an \$80,000,000-a-year business, requiring a staff of more than 6,000 employees. —Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

More than 3,500 youngsters aged 8 to 10 play their baseball in South Carolina's Little Leagues. At the end of each season the teams leading the league play in a state tournament and the winner represents South Carolina nationally. This year, for the first time, there was Negro Little League in South Carolina. The leading Negro team won the state championship—by default. Rather than play against a Negro team, the fifty-five white teams, claiming the state championship, withdrew. The Negro team will not be able to compete in the national championship. Little League headquarters ruled "with extreme reluctance and heartfelt regret" that South Carolina could not be represented because it had failed to "arrive at a (state) winner through competition." —New York Times.

Prince Charles was somewhat chagrined when on entering a train in London, bound for Portsmouth, he found that "there is no engine." It was an electric train. His Royal Highness protested that engines "ought to puff." We agree. The trains we traveled when we were his age puffed. Progress and science will no doubt dictate, but for the sake of sentiment and the children they should all be fitted with puffers, bells and old-time whistles. —London Free Press.

Even with the enormous hold that radio and television have taken on the public mind, the power of the printed word has not lost its impact. There is something about seeing a statement in print that makes it more credible. More people are buying more papers every year despite the competition from other media, simply because people believe in and trust them. —London Free Press.

Are you the rightful owner of any part of the \$60 million the federal government and the Bank of Canada are holding in trust, and which will be gladly paid out to legitimate claimants, probably you are not. The money belongs to individuals scattered all across Canada, or some to the ends of the earth. Many of the original owners are long since dead; but if so, the money will be paid their heirs, if they can be traced. The Bank of Canada, it is stated, has some \$35 million awaiting holders of unredeemed bonds and war certificates dating back to 1919, as well as some \$7 million to hand over to holders of "stashed" war savings certificates of the Second World War. —Chatham Daily News.

USEFUL SKUNK The skunk aids man by eating hordes of outworn, beetles, and grubs.

HONORARY MIEF FORT WILLIAM (CP)—Edwin J. Cosford of Montreal, president and manager, director of the Canadian Car and Foundry Co., became an honorary chieftain of the Chippewagon of the Ojibwa Indians in a colorful ceremony Friday night. "Kitchi Abiwa," meaning "Big Paddle," was the title awarded to Mr. Cosford.

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