

Editorial

Free Press Holds Great Responsibilities

It has been the history of the American free press that the nation has looked to it for guidance. Not always has that leadership been followed...

Sometimes it is possible to examine the community and appraise the value of a newspaper, for usually the one is no better than the other. An aggressive paper in a backward place has trouble in surviving...

Washington Daybook

Archives of Nation Get Fine Storage Place

WASHINGTON—This is the story of what is probably the greatest cleaning and pressing establishment in the world. It can handle 40,000 pieces of a day—pieces of paper, not coats, pants nor dresses.

when the most accurate survey was made, they figured that without records of the legislative (which would go to the Library of Congress) and judicial branches of government, 3,700,000 cubic feet of filing space was needed...

On that score, the bow must go to a young fellow named Arthur E. Kimberly, whose title at Archives is chief of repair and preservation. Kimberly knew that in order to flatten the creases in old paper (or new, for that matter) it is necessary to dampen it.

USE BIG FIGURES

The Archivists measure filing in hundreds of thousands of cubic feet and bother with nothing in between. Thus, in 1930,

To get back to the cleaning and pressing: Some time ago, it was discovered that the old system of legal and public record filing (folding sheets bound with a red ribbon and placed upright in oblong cardboard boxes) infringed on space limitations more than Scarlett O'Hara's hoop skirts would crowd a modern kitchenette-apartment.

INSPIRED BY A FLOOD

So Connor and his boys figured that all records must be filed flat in fireproof steel drawers. That reduced cubic feet to

pressed four times. Now, in the basement of Archives is a machine that carries old records down 30 feet of 95-degree humidity atmosphere and then presses them four times between mangles. It's far more delicate and finely adjusted than laundry machines, but the idea is the same.

The machine can turn out about 40,000 pieces of letter-size paper a day.

Man About Manhattan

Hearst's Art Treasures Are Many And Varied

NEW YORK — The plan to liquidate the bulk of William Randolph Hearst's art treasures across the bargain counters of two of Manhattan's largest department stores—Gimbel Bros. and Saks Fifth Ave.—is probably the most astonishing, yet logical solution that could have been devised.

there, every stick and stone, waiting to be reassembled and set up as some gigantic jig-saw or block puzzle. No definite value has been placed on this item as yet, but it is said that \$50,000 would come close to closing the deal.

I do not know whether Collada would be interested in parting with this treasure or not; probably he wouldn't. But if you are there and would like to see it, he will be glad to show it to you and, perhaps, even permit you to serve as the starter for that particular show.

Hollywood Sights and Sounds

Taking A Pleasurable Look At ZaSu Pitts

HOLLYWOOD—Here's looking at ZaSu Pitts, which is a pleasure. You may be seeing her now as the maid in "No, No, Nanette," a role she first declined.

reared in Santa Cruz, Calif., she was lanky, slow-speaking, and looked vaguely wistful even as (in most of her roles if not in real life) she looks today. She was burning to be dramatic—and all these years in comedy haven't soothed the burn.

ZaSu was delighted. But at the sneak preview in Long Beach, the audience spotted her the minute she flashed on the screen—and it howled in anticipation of laughs. ZaSu left the theatre in tears, the scene was re-shot with Beryl Mercer, and ZaSu was stamped comedienne from there on in.

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After 5 Close Calls, Man Laughs At Death

AP Feature Service

SPRINGFIELD, N. J.—Harry Speicher has learned to grin at death. He had to learn the hard way.

A short time later, hunting in the tropical interior, he and four native guides contracted black water fever. Two guides died. Speicher's bride was told that his chances of survival were one in a thousand. But his luck held.

Oil Wealth Fails To Change Habits

LUBBOCK, Jan. 24 (UP)—There's an oil well on his property valued at \$7,500,000 but L. G. Robbins will continue to work at a compress here for 30 cents an hour.

Robbins was a rural mail carrier 30 years ago, working out of Hawkins to Redland and Stagner. He later served as postmaster. Since then he has lived in Arkansas and at McCamey and Lubbock, Texas.

ing against Speicher's head. His skull was fractured, but the worst was still in store.

When he was 13 a trolley and a truck collided near his home in Jersey City. Speicher, who been leaning on a fire hydrant, lost three fingers from his right hand and his left was paralyzed for life.

Experience No. 2 came while he was a Panama Canal blasting inspector. He was leading 35 men through a narrow passage when "it seemed that all the noise on earth had been concentrated right around us," Speicher regained consciousness to find the man just behind him had been killed by the shock from an explosion.

Back in this country, he became chief electrician at the former Hoboken navy yard. Thirteen hundred gallons of oil exploded in the hold of a ship, sent a three-ton steel door crashing

Herald Serial Story

MAGIC SPRING

Chapter Six

TELLING POLLY "All right, Peter," David said, patting the boy's arm. "We'll discuss that tomorrow. Come along now, and I'll take you to your room."

"It's never toppled over on anyone yet." He crossed the room, and turned back the bedclothes. "You get undressed and into bed. I'll get your suitcase for you."

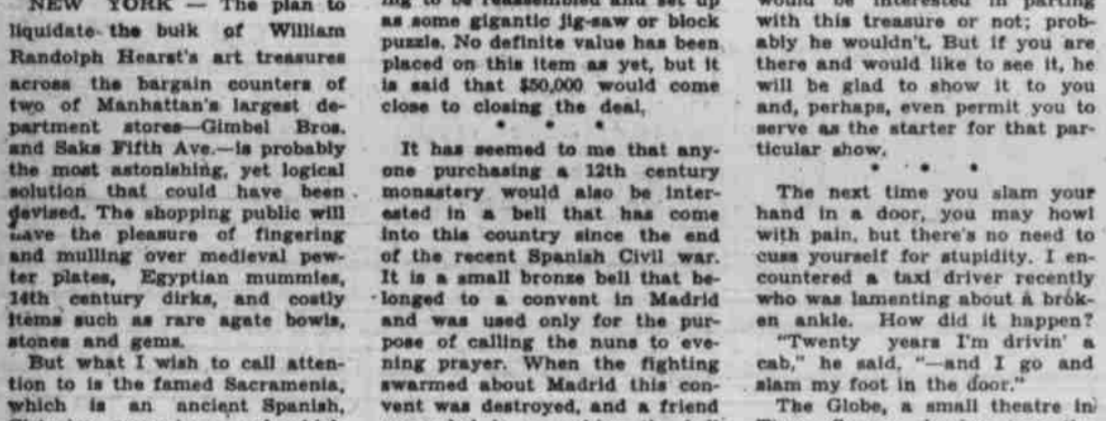
Polly said, when he had finished. "No, you mustn't say that!" he said. "Peter wouldn't like it. He doesn't want folks feeling sorry for him. He's a swell kid."



Defense regulations forbid the ringing of church bells in England except to signal the end of the war or a German landing.

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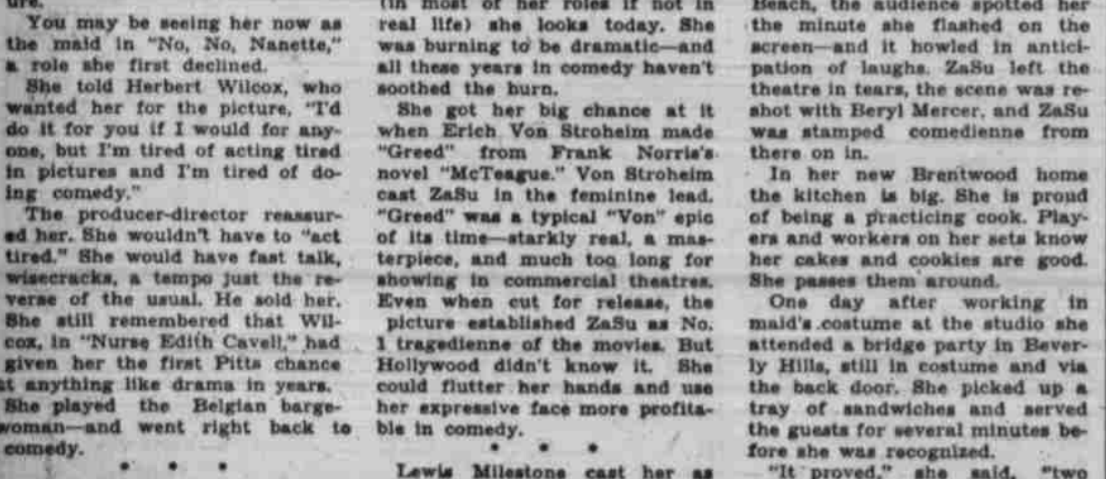
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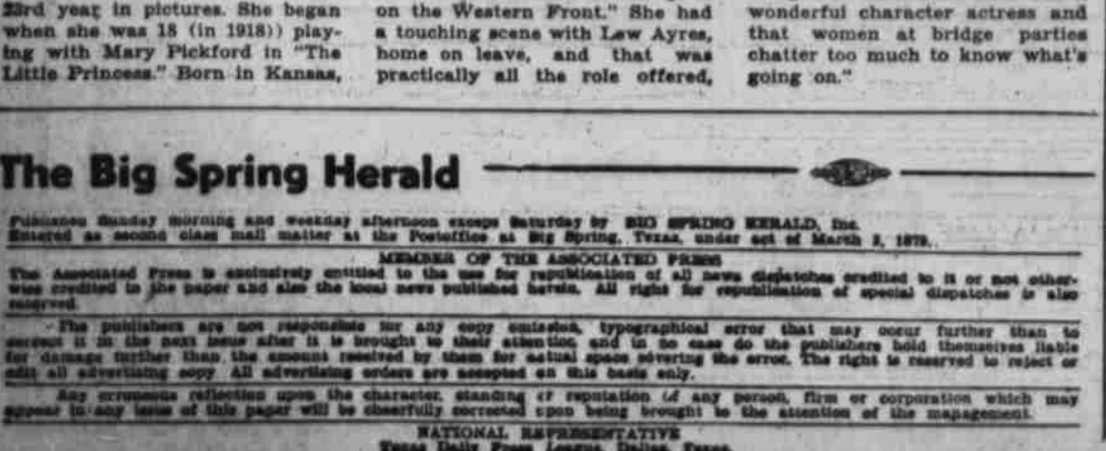
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