

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

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PERSONAL

Mrs. Horace Rowland of Washington, N. C., who has been visiting relatives here, was unexpectedly called home Tuesday on account of illness in her family.

Miss Whittemore has returned to Sumter after spending the winter at Charlotte, N. C., with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis. Miss Whittemore is the sister of Mrs. Davis.

Mr. E. B. Rush, trainmaster at Charleston, was a visitor in Sumter Tuesday.

Miss Ruth Dixon is in Timmonsville for some time on professional business.

Messrs. L. L. Mason and D. Shubert, of Atlanta, traveling representatives of the Southern Pacific railroad company, are visitors in the city.

Mrs. E. C. Wheeler, of Florence, spent the week-end in Sumter with Mrs. O. V. Player.

Mr. A. M. Broughton spent Tuesday in Columbia on business.

Mr. M. V. Jervey, of Charleston, representative of the American Fruit Growers' Association, is spending several days in Sumter on business. The temporary headquarters of Mr. Jervey are in the hands of Mr. Conner.

Miss Ruth Dixon is in Timmonsville for some time on professional business.

Messrs. Mary and Susie Kirk, of Lenoir, passed through Sumter Wednesday morning while on their way to Charleston where they are to be the visitors of their aunt.

Mr. J. H. Hope, of Union, is a visitor in Sumter.

Mrs. W. B. Burns, Jr., leaves tonight for Richmond, Va., where he will be the visitor of his sister for several weeks.

Mrs. P. A. Wilcox, of Florence, is spending a few days at the home of Mrs. C. C. Hepburn on West Liberty St.

Mr. H. N. Forester returned Thursday morning from Charleston where he has been on business.

Miss Ruth Carlisle, of Columbia, is a visitor in Sumter for a few days.

Mr. E. W. Dabbs, Jr., left Thursday morning for Columbia where he will attend a meeting of the Executive Campaign Committee of the South Carolina Cotton Co-operative Marketing Association.

Mrs. Jane Strother left Thursday morning for Columbia where she will be a visitor for a short time.

Messrs. Franz Teicher, Yank Handing and Eugene Moses left Thursday morning on a fishing trip in the lower part of the state.

Messrs. Aaron Green and Ralph L. Parnsey of the University of South Carolina are in the city for a few days. These young men are making data looking towards the setting up of an economic and social survey of Sumter county.

COMMON PLEAS COURT

Trials in Edens Case. Case of Clifton Fay Now Being Tried

The case of Thelma B. Edens vs. the Sumter Motor Company was tried in the hands of the jury at 10 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at a trial which was declared in the case Thursday morning after the day had remained in deliberation during the entire night without reaching an agreement. Even after the jury came back into the jury room shortly after 9 o'clock Thursday morning, they were again sent back into the jury room to see if an agreement could not possibly be reached. The jury again returned to the court room after remaining in the room for a short time and the statement made that an agreement was possible. The trial was then declared.

Case now before the court is that of Clifton Fay vs. Atlantic Coast and Reynolds Company. L. D. Jennings, Reynolds & Reynolds. The plaintiff is suing for damages to the amount of \$1,500.

Superstitions and Customs in Belgian Congo.

London, March 13.—Strange superstitions such as belief that the appearance of a baby's first teeth on the upper jaw was an ill omen to the community and that it had, therefore, to be murdered were described by Dr. M. Horn, councillor of State for Belgium in an address here on "Belgian Colonial Administration in the Congo."

This practice, as well as others like mutilation and cannibalism, is now punishable by law.

The law also interfered, he said, with native matrimonial customs. While a man may acquire a wife either by means of a dowry paid to her family, by inheritance, purchase, exchange or force of arms, a legal bond is deemed to exist between the alleged husband and his woman acquired without her consent.

Acquisition by means of a dowry is recognized in principle but the second, third, etc., wife will be permitted to desert her husband, the wife being prepared to refund the dowry if no other man has been the cause of her desertion. No compensation will be paid when the husband has been warned in due time as to the precarious nature of his rights in regard to "his new better half."

Dr. Horn said a large proportion of the Congo population was illicitly underfed and for this state of affairs European rule was partly responsible. Cannibalism had been suppressed.

Disarmament of opposition to the treaties in the senate is the next item of the agenda.—New York Evening Post.

If that kind of people had noses like the elephant, what a jolly time they would have sticking 'em into other people's business.

Tokio, April 4.—Vladivostok dispatches report clashes between Japanese and forces of the Chata government near Spassk, following the Japanese demand to disarm. Eighty Chata soldiers are reported to have been killed.

Budapest, April 4.—Three were killed and thirty injured in a bomb explosion at a business men's banquet.

Goldboro, N. C., April 4.—Two of the eleven prisoners who escaped from the Wayne county jail last night are still at large. The others surrendered.

Washington, April 4.—The recent dismissal of officials in the bureau of engraving and printing by the president, involved no desire to respect upon the character of any government employe, said Secretary Christian.

Savannah, April 4.—Four cars of the Seaboard Air Line Florida Limited, were derailed at Ford, Ga. No one seriously hurt.

Washington, April 4.—The miners in all union districts anthracite and bituminous, is hundred per cent effective, John L. Lewis, the miners' president, declared after going over the reports of union leaders.

Sapulpa, Okla., April 4.—The fire fighters are making no appreciable headway today in the effort to control the last of the three blazing oil storage tanks of the Sapula Refining Company. The destruction of the entire refinery valued at a million dollars is momentarily expected.

Budapest, April 4.—A legitimist proclamation has been issued declaring that with the death of Charles, Otto, the second, is king of Hungary.

Baltimore, April 4.—Edward T. Mercer, husband of Mrs. Ruth Mercer, whose mutilated body was found Sunday on the beach at Ocean View, Va., was arrested here on a warrant charging him with the murder of his wife. The officers found his body at his club in Ocean View in three or four days.

New York, April 4.—Miss Rose Cochran, one of the most noted actresses of the English speaking stage, is critically ill here.

Louisville, April 4.—Honor to Henry Watterson, dean of American journalists, veteran Louisville Courier-Journalist, who died in Jacksonville, December 22nd, was rendered at the funeral services here today. A vault in Cave Hill cemetery, designed to resist the corrosion of a thousand years, received the body.

Hartford, Conn., April 5.—Richard Kinsella, Democrat, was elected mayor. Most of the Democratic ticket was carried into office.

Washington, April 5.—The resumption of work on the gigantic Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals, Ala., has been recommended by the senate agriculture committee.

Washington, April 6.—Representative Garner, Democrat, of Texas, declared in the house that if members were permitted by rules to speak what was in their minds every member except one in the house, would say that Representative Blanton of Texas was a disgrace to the house and ought to be kicked out. This statement coming after Blanton had defended himself against a newspaper article and threw the body in an uproar and the speaker's order prevented a personal clash.

Washington, April 6.—President and Mrs. Harding and members of the cabinet and high officials and arctic explorers joined in a tribute to the memory of Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary today in memorial unveiling of his grave at Arlington cemetery.

Wilmington, Del., April 6.—Flirtations between men and women prisoners in the Newcastle county workhouse have reached such a point that Warden Plummer has established a jail postoffice and censorship of love letters.

New York, April 6.—Every nine minutes a grand new indignat citizen in New York is ushered into the world, according to story statistics.

New York, April 6.—Week-end sessions of anthracite miners and operators subcommittee on wage contract negotiations were agreed upon by both parties in an endeavor to settle the hard coal strike.

San Francisco, April 6.—Defense in Fatty Arbuckle manslaughter trial announced that it has rested its case. The last witness was Arbuckle himself.

Funchal, Madeira, April 6.—Perfect weather marked the funeral of the former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary yesterday. It is expected the body will be eventually sent to Hungary.

London, April 6.—Indications that the situation in Ireland is becoming dangerous as a consequence of the antagonism of the republic toward supporters of the free state is given in newspaper dispatches.

Oklahoma City, April 6.—Various phases of the slaying of Lieutenant Colonel Paul Ward Beck at the home of Jean P. Day developed today. The county officials declaring on investigation the possible hidden angles of the tragedy. X-ray

photographs have settled the question as to whether or not Beck was shot. Fragments of bullet being disclosed in his head. Coroner McWilliams announced he found bottles and sliced oranges scattered about the room where Beck and Mrs. Day struggled. Day said nothing other than non-alcoholic apricot cordial was served at the party.

Belgrade, April 6.—King Alexander is confined to bed by illness, the nature of which is not known.

Charleston, W. Va., April 6.—Strike conditions in the southern districts are becoming gradually clearer, the claims of operators and miners being less conflicting. The former maintain, however, that the daily tonnage is being held, while the union chiefs report steady accessions to their ranks from the unorganized.

Paris, April 6.—The French delegates are going to Genoa without full powers, according to Premier Poincare's final instructions. The decision is being much discussed in political circles, where it is looked upon as likely to develop complications, in view of the Russian delegates having been given powers of negotiation.

Indianapolis, April 6.—Plans for pressing the work of organizing the non-union West Virginia miners to support the nation-wide coal strike were considered at a conference between Williams, secretary-union and Lawrence, Dwyer of Beckley, W. Va., member of the union's executive board. Financial matters and the sending of more union organizers into the fields, it is understood were discussed.

Laurens, April 5.—Virgil, three year old son of Dr. O. E. DuBose of this city, died tonight from scalds suffered when the little fellow while playing in the yard accidentally fell backward into a pot of boiling soap which was being attended by an old negro woman at the DuBose home.

Information About Your Roads.

Information on the kinds of road constructed, cost of various types of roadways, and other items incident to the developments in road construction during recent years are given by the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, for the group of states including Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, and compared with similar figures for the whole country. The figures are based on completed Federal-aid roads during the period 1916-1921.

In this group of states, 252 projects have been completed, totaling 1,232 miles at a cost of \$26,619,638 of which nearly half was Federal aid. Of the total cost, 19 per cent was paid for grading, 54 per cent for surfacing two per cent for shoulders, 22 per cent for structures, and three per cent for engineering, as compared to an average for the whole United States based on 7,840 miles at a total cost of \$112,225,392 of 21 per cent for grading, 61 per cent for surfacing, one per cent for shoulders, 14 per cent for structures, and three per cent for engineering.

This group of states spent 16.4 per cent of the total amount expended in the United States for surfacing Federal-aid roads and the area surfaced amounted to 20.1 per cent of the total.

The proportions of the total area surfaced with different types of material were as follows: Sand-clay 66.1 per cent, gravel 4.6 per cent, plain and surface treated macadam 2.8 per cent, bituminous macadam 4.8 per cent, bituminous concrete 3.3 per cent, cement concrete 17 per cent, and brick 1.5 per cent. The cost of these pavements per square yard was for sand-clay 15 cents, gravel 51 cents, plain and surface treated macadam 96 cents, bituminous macadam \$2.16, bituminous concrete \$2.88, cement concrete \$2.74 and brick \$4.50, as compared with an average cost for the whole country as follows: Sand-clay 18 cents, gravel 46 cents, plain and surface treated macadam 95 cents, bituminous macadam \$2.10, bituminous concrete \$2.50, cement concrete \$2.57, reinforced concrete \$2.74 and brick \$4.10.

The average cost of grading during the period was 61 cents per cubic yard in this group of states, compared with 56 cents for the whole country.

In interpreting these figures and in comparing those for the group with the whole United States, officials of the bureau say, it should be understood that there was considerable variation in the conditions under which the roads were constructed, such as thickness of pavement, accessibility of materials, specifications, and labor costs.

Bonus for Good Housekeepers.

London, March 2.—Women of Leyton, England will receive prizes of 5 pounds sterling for the cleanest and best kept house in that district by the will of Edward J. Davis, an educator, who has just died here. Mr. Davis bequeathed 1,000 pounds sterling, the income of which is to be divided annually in 500 pound prizes to widows, wives or sisters whose homes are the neatest.

Maybe the farmer's sons come to town to earn money for the old man to keep farming on.

Variety affords the spice of life and a motive for many divorces.

No, no, bucket shops do not deal in tinware. "Beware" is their motto.

WILLIE DuRANT KILLED BY OFFICERS

Life of Negro Desperado is Taken This Morning When He Rushes Out of House With Pistol in Hand

Acting on information received at 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning, Chief of Police J. M. Barwick, Trial Justice Deputy, R. S. Griffin and Police Officers A. D. Owens, J. P. Shockley, W. H. Strange and J. D. Chandler went, armed with rifles, to the farm of Mr. F. L. Brunson, situated some three miles from Sumter, and just off of the Bishopville road. A negro house on this place was searched and then the officers traveled a distance of about a mile and a half, going through swamps for the most part and at times wading through water waist deep. The second negro house, situated on the place of Mr. H. C. Haynsworth, was approached, at the rear, from the swamp and the house surrounded by the officers. Chief Barwick then sent a negro man into the house with the message to Willie DuRant, telling him that the house was surrounded and that if he came out with his hands up and would surrender that he would not be harmed but would be protected. Ollie White, the negro who was sent into the house, stated at the inquest that when he delivered this message Willie DuRant did not say a word, but got up from the table where he was sitting and went into the next room. From this room DuRant rushed out of the house with his pistol, which he always carried, in his right hand. When DuRant rushed out of the house with pistol in hand and showing fight, he was fired upon from all sides by the officers and instantly killed, some eight bullets taking effect in the negro's body. And so came to his death, Willie DuRant, alias Pindney DuRant, an escaped convict from Florence county where he had begun the serving of a five year sentence for the wrecking of a Seaboard train. He was a thief and housebreaker and was connected with the wrecking of the A. C. L. train near Augusta, at which time Engineer Temple, of Florence, was killed. The criminal activities of DuRant touch Sumter very closely by his shooting, on March 18th, of our own Police Officers J. M. Lawrence and J. H. DuRant. The escape of both of these officers from death at that time being nothing short of miraculous. The search of the city police department since that date has been tireless and they were rewarded Thursday morning by the finding of their man.

The verdict of the coroner's jury after the holding of the inquest by Coroner Seals at the Hurst undertaking establishment Thursday morning, was: "That Willie DuRant came to his death in Sumter county on April 6, 1922, from gun shot wounds at the hands of county and city officers in the discharge of their duties as such and so the said aforesaid, upon their oaths aforesaid, say that the aforesaid killing was justifiable."

Corroborative testimony was given before the inquest by Chief Barwick, Officer Owens and the testimony taken of Ollie White, colored, who stated that he saw Willie DuRant rush out of the house with the pistol in his hand. The statement of the physician examining the body was "That Willie DuRant came to his death from gunshot wounds upon different parts of the body."

The pistol which the negro carried was a .38 caliber Colts revolver of latest make and was found to be fully loaded. An additional supply of ammunition was carried by DuRant in a leather bag. Also found on the negro were two diamond rings, a railroad switch key, his charm to keep him from death, which was a small pouch filled with herbs, and a bunch of keys on which were several skeleton keys capable of opening ordinary door locks.

Chief Barwick pays a tribute to the men accompanying him on his mission of Thursday morning, stating that they stood their ground, never faltering, and that they fully well realized at all times the type of a man with which they were to deal. He stated that the men left Sumter Thursday morning armed with a determination to do their duty at whatever cost.

It's easier for a rich man to go through a camel's eye than for a paragon to put over one The Literary Digest will quote.—Pueblo Star-Journal.

One of the strangest things in this world is how much easier it was to get a washerwoman when there was no steam laundry to compete with her.—Dallas News.

THE STATE GASOLINE TAX

Little Revenue Derived in March, Larger Returns Expected This Month

Columbia, April 6.—The new gasoline tax has not netted the state any great amount of money as yet, but April 20 is expected to bring in results that will indicate the success of the new revenue measure. The tax is payable by the 20th of each month. March being the first month in which the tax was due, there was little tax payable except by the wholesalers on their stocks on hand, and these were small. More revenues from the new tax is expected this month, according to State Treasurer S. T. Carter.

Many Presents Duplicated in Princess's Gifts

London, March 17.—The vast number and varied assortment of wedding presents to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles displayed here caused many people to wonder what the newly-weds would do with the 66 jugs and bowls, 16 silver toast-racks and 22 clocks included in the offerings.

The late King Edward, after his marriage, found himself the possessor of 1,500 teapots of all types and descriptions and of more than 800 cruet. It is reported that some of these are still stored in London.

Only persons who had been presented at court or who could claim personal acquaintance with either Princess Mary or her husband were permitted to tender wedding gifts on the occasion of the recent royal wedding. Charitable and other public organizations and institutions were, of course, excepted.

This ruling perhaps saved Princess Mary the embarrassment of disposing of teapots and cruetts suffered by King Edward.

A classification of the gifts exhibited at St. James' palace shows only 28 tea services were presented. Other items are 153 articles of jewelry, including bracelets, necklaces, pendants, tiaras, brooches, rings, caskets, fans and watches; a trayful of flawless, unset precious stones; 893 gifts made from precious metals including 29 trays, 24 vases, 31 cups, 12 goblets, 18 inkstands, 25 statuettes, 14 card trays, nine cigarette cases, eight travelling cases, and seven workboxes; 197 books and manuscripts; 22 candelabra, 17 umbrellas, 14 lamps and shades, 17 rugs, 22 sets of cutlery, eight wall brackets, 36 dinner services, 47 breakfast table services, 18 silver balusters, 70 pairs of gloves, 10 wedding cakes and seven hunting crops.

While correspondents invited to a private view were being shown about the state rooms where the presents were on display, the 22 gift clocks all began the chiming of 6 o'clock at almost the same instant—and the newspaper party was ushered out as it had been invited to call "between 5 and 6 p. m."

And He Lied.

Rome, March 2.—The hard and fast rule of Cardinal Gasparri, inflexibly enforced by the Swiss Guards, that no photographers were to be allowed inside of Saint Peter's on the day of the Coronation of Pope Pius, the Eleventh, was broken at least once.

The staff photographer of an English newspaper, wearing a top hat and bearing a beautiful leather valise, presented himself at the Bronze Gates when the crush was at its height.

"No cameras allowed in here," the huge Swiss guard informed him, in a tone of finality.

"Camera, nothing," responded the photographer haughtily, "this is a medicine case, please let me pass that I may render aid to the injured inside."

"Pass right in, doctor," the Swiss Guard said, humbly.

Making More Money in Russia.

Moscow, Feb. 25.—The Russian State Bank is contemplating an issue of its own bank notes to meet the general shortage of currency, particularly in the provinces.

The Kosta (news agency) announces that the bank has been directed by the Finance Commissariat to work out an emission plan.

Nature is merciful, and never lets a prominent citizen know how smoothly the world moves on the day after his death.

It is customary to drop the pilot after reaching deep water, but what is more precedent in the case of Lloyd George?

The first performer was doubtless a cannibal who had chronic indigestion and therefore eschewed meat as a matter of piety.

SUICIDE IN LAURENS

S. S. Farrar Fires Bullet into Temple—Body Found in Barnyard

Laurens, April 5.—Coroner R. R. Owings was called to Mountville today to hold an inquest over S. S. Farrar, a prominent citizen who was found dead in his barnyard at an early hour this morning.

The surroundings indicated that Mr. Farrar had shot himself, a wound being found in his temple and he was holding in his grasp a pistol with which the fatal wound had been inflicted. The verdict of the coroner's jury was in accordance with these facts. It is said that Mr. Farrar had been depressed for some weeks over financial matters.

The Popular Petunias.

The revival of the popularity of the petunia, for years one of the garden standbys, has been a feature of gardening for the last two years. The introduction of the Rosy Morn bedding petunia with its wonderful wealth of bloom and its certainty to flower in almost any situation has done much to rekindle interest in this popular old-fashioned flower.

The giant frilled single types have shown remarkable development and are especially esteemed for pot plants and for window boxes as well as for bedding. The large flowered types are not as free bloomers as the bedding type of which Rosy Morn, Carmen Sylva, Howard's Star and others are familiar examples.

A strain of small, free-flowering double petunias seems destined to become great favorites, rivaling in freedom of bloom the Rosy Morn type.

A large-flowered strain especially valuable for window boxes is the "Balcony" type. Balcony White, Balcony Blue, Balcony Rose and Balcony Queen being fine varieties. These, from their long stems, which droop gracefully over the edges of window and porch boxes, furnish a charming effect.

Petunias should be started now for the summer beds, the small-flowering kinds being especially valuable to tuck in among tulips and early-flowering bulbs so that they will be ready to cover the bed and furnish a fresh sheet of dazzling bloom when the tulips have gone.

The bedding petunias may be started in a cold frame to good advantage, as they will stand considerable frost but not freeze. The seeds are so fine that care must be used in watering them so that they will not be washed out of the soil. Petunias thrive almost anywhere.

The fancy large-flowered strains need more careful culture and richer soil and more water to do their best than the small-flowered kinds.

"Night reveals us stripped of the veneer of civilization." Not, however, if we pull down the shades.

BILLY SUNDAY SIGNED UP

Noted Evangelist Will Conduct Meeting in Columbia Next March

Columbia, April 6.—Billy Sunday, noted evangelist, has signed for a series of meetings in Columbia, beginning the middle of next March. For several months negotiations have been under way and several members of the Sunday organization have been here lately. W. D. Melton, prominent business man of the capital city, is chairman of the committee in charge of plans for the meeting, which committee is responsible for the contract with Mr. Sunday.

Administration Plans Reorganization at Washington

Washington, April 4.—Gradual reorganization of government departments along the lines of effecting a maximum of efficiency was said today in official circles to be the program of the administration, already begun, which is to result in changes whenever the infusion of new blood is judged necessary.

Operation of the civil service rules will not be allowed to hinder efforts to bring the administration of the government to the highest peak of service, according to advisers close to President Harding, who believe that the president is empowered to make whatever changes in official personnel may be deemed expedient in the interest of the country at large, although, if necessary, enabling legislation may be obtained from congress.

The president was represented as holding the view that under the constitution the chief executive is charged with the duty of exercising the best judgment in the administration of the office entrusted him.

Peasant Rule in Bulgaria Losing Out.

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 11.—Alexander Stamboulsky, the former premier and the peasant party of which he is head, has suffered a severe reverse in the recent communal elections throughout Bulgaria. The other political groups combined against the premier's party and the communists and polled about 60 per cent of the village vote. The government has prohibited the newspapers and foreign correspondents from publishing the election results.

This is the first serious reverse Stamboulsky and his party have sustained since he came into power. His opponents allege that he became too dictatorial and ascribe the defeat of his party to radicalism, socialistic doctrine and class legislation. They charge that he has tried to run the country in the interest of the peasants and against the intellectuals and city dwellers.

The opposition is endeavoring to reconcile its differences and form a coalition in the hope of breaking the peasant regime which has held the country in its grip for three years.

One of Stamboulsky's methods of putting Bulgaria back on her feet after the war was to require everybody, including the women and even the king's two sisters, to give a certain amount of their time to work for the state.

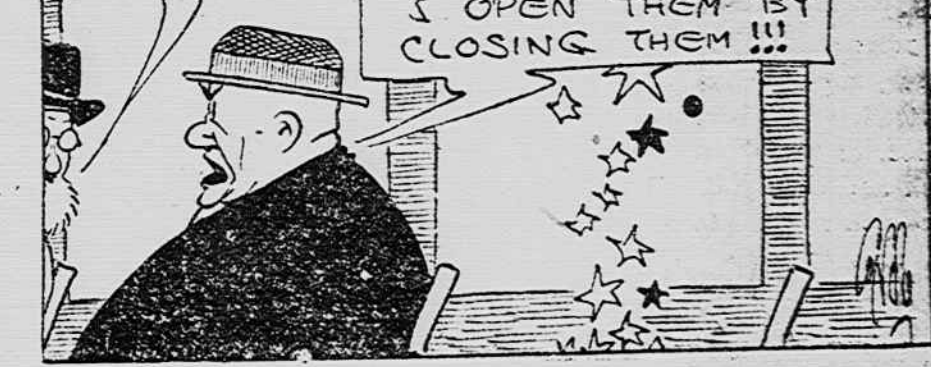
The water shortage in London is annoying, no doubt, but fortunately citizens have a very satisfactory substitute.

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By Condo

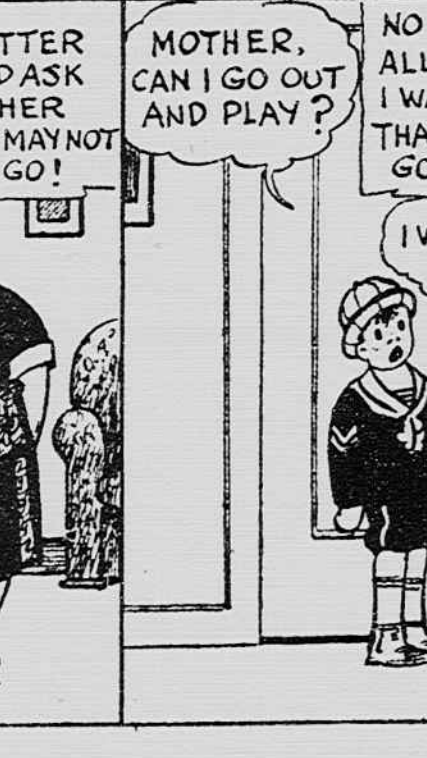


SOME PEOPLE DON'T CARE HOW MUCH INFECTION THEY SPREAD BY CARELESS SNEEZING. THEY NEED THEIR EYES OPENED TO THE DANGER OF IT.



I OPEN THEM BY CLOSING THEM!!!

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



By Allman