

Verbundkatalog Kalliope

Curiosities of the Week.

Mann, Klaus

1943-11-04

Nutzungsbedingungen

Bei zahlreichen Dokumenten auf monacensia-digital.de sind die Urheberrechte bereits abgelaufen. Sie sind gemeinfrei und dürfen ohne weitere Rücksprache mit der Monacensia weiterverwendet werden.

Bei den Dokumenten, bei denen noch Urheberrechte bestehen, müssen für eine Weiterverwendung stets die Rechteinhaber*innen angefragt werden sowie eine Publikationsgenehmigung der Monacensia eingeholt werden. Das Zitatrecht bleibt hiervon unberührt.

Zur Erteilung einer Publikationserlaubnis wenden Sie sich bitte an:

Monacensia im Hildebrandhaus

Literaturarchiv

Adresse: Maria-Theresia-Straße 23, 81675 München

E-Mail: monacensia.literaturarchiv@muenchen.de

Terms of use

The copyrights for numerous documents on monacensia-digital.de have already expired. They are in the public domain and may be reused without further consultation with Monacensia. In the case of documents for which copyrights still exist, the copyright holders must always be contacted for further use and publication permission must be obtained from the Monacensia. The right to quote under copyright law remains unaffected by this. To obtain permission for publication, please contact:

Monacensia im Hildebrandhaus:

Literaturarchiv

Address: Maria-Theresia-Straße 23, 81675 München

E-Mail: monacensia.literaturarchiv@muenchen.de

800th Sport Directors Plan Soccer Tournament

Plans for the first soccer tournament in the 800th Signal Training Regt., to determine the regimental champion, were made at a meeting last week of sport directors of all the companies. Cpl. William E. Martin, regimental athletic director, will release a memorandum with full details to all companies within a few days.

Plans for the basketball season also were discussed at the meeting, and schedules will be released to the companies as soon as six-man football championships are decided.

A practice game with the 804th Signal Training Regt. has been arranged to provide Martin a chance to see his material in action. Martin said he has contacted teams in neighboring towns for games.

CURIOSITIES Of the Week

Eighty-year-old Lloyd George, British First-World-War prime minister, married the former Miss Frances L. Stevenson, 55, who had been his secretary for 30 years. The lady who is now Mrs. Lloyd George was once called the "blonde bewilderment of Versailles" by those who wondered, in 1919, that so beautiful a woman was a secretary to a politician.

In Knoxville, Tenn., the clerks of a drug store were somewhat surprised when a soldier dashed into the shop and started looking for a girl to marry him. He explained that he had obtained a six-day furlough on this pretense and must go through with it to avoid the guardhouse.

Sgt. Irving Engelman, of the all-army show, "The Army Play by Play," told interviewers in Chicago that he is entrusted with a most interesting "special duty"—namely, that of kissing a different glamour girl every night—and twice on Wednesdays and Saturdays. "I never know who'll be next," said the sergeant. "Carole Landis, Adrienne Ames, Myrna Loy, Julie Haydon, Ilona Massey—they never tell me until a few hours before time . . ."

Ex-King Carol of Rumania, now in Mexico, hired a Los Angeles publicity agent to reveal to the American public the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, about his friendship with red-haired Madame Lupescu, the monarch's companion in exile.

In England died John Theodore Tussaud, 86, great-grandson and successor to Madame Marie Tussaud, who brought the famed Tus-

saud waxworks from Paris to England in 1802. "Mr. John" ran the establishment as efficiently as did his illustrious ancestress; four hours after Rudolf Hess dropped into Scotland, his correctly costumed effigy was on display at Tussaud's. Mr. John leaves the museum to his son, Bernard Tussaud, and the waxworks will go on.

According to the London "Daily Mail," most of the 1,060 boys of the world-famous, fashionable Eton college are today wearing second-hand clothes, second-hand boots, and second-hand top hats. Hundreds are even making their own white ties of paper.

No. 11

CURIOSITIES Of the Week

A wave of "selling orders" swept the New York Stock Exchange on unconfirmed rumors that German army officers were prepared to ask for peace. Efforts to trace the origin of the rumors led only to the information that they had come from "brokers' offices."

Japanese members of the House of Representatives conscripted for army service were told by Premier Hideki Tojo that he does not expect many of them to "return alive."

Travelers arriving in Stockholm, Sweden, from Berlin and other German cities reported that plans are under way there to organize a secret underground Nazi movement in event Germany is forced to capitulate under military defeat.

Italian Premier Marshal Pietro Badoglio was quoted as suggesting that Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler "should both be put in the same cage and taken around Europe as a sideshow exhibit." (Editor's note: Americans, too, would like to have a look at them.)

A German corporal from the Afrika Korps, now a war prisoner at Camp Polk, La., was married by long distance to his German sweetheart. The ceremony, first of its kind in the United States, took place in the prisoner-of-war stockade, with the bridegroom present but the bride in Insterburg, Germany.

When Halloween pranksters, in Denver, Colo., pulled the trolley off the wire, a street car loaded with soldiers from Lowry and Buckley fields suddenly stopped and was pitched into darkness. After the lights went back on, an embarrassed girl told the conductor she

had been kissed 15 times. "If it weren't Halloween I'd be angry," she said.

In Chicago, Mrs. Josephine Skrodenis won a divorce when she complained that her husband, a murder-story fan, took up most of her evenings making her lie on the floor as the "corpse" while he tried to reconstruct the crime.

In Pocatello, Idaho, the sole survivor of a plane crash was Pvt. John J. Lucky.

NOVEMBER 18, 1943.

CURIOSITIES Of the Week

Discovery of the first underground American Legion post in history was made when American troops entered Monte Albano in Sicily. There the commander of the post, a 1918 American doughboy, introduced himself to Maj. George M. Riser, an artillery observer, and showed him a Legion membership card for 1940 in a San Francisco post. He disclosed that the underground post had been organized just before Italy declared war on the United States. It had a membership of six—all of them American war veterans. The post met once a month, in the utmost secrecy, at the home of a member. Plans were made and many projects were carried out to help the Allied cause by undermining local morale. Only when American troops entered the city did the members of the post dare to come out in the open.

Father Bernard J. Hubbard, the "glacier priest," went recently to Attu Island with a battalion of Navy Seabees. There he met what he later described as the "gloomiest character I've ever seen"—namely, a Japanese soldier who had just been brought to a U. S. prisoner of war camp. The Jap, who spoke a little English, looked around sadly, then shook his head as if profoundly discouraged, and finally remarked: "Too many ships. Too many tanks. Too many planes. America got too many everything."

Winston Churchill stood firm against a piece of U. S. slang in the House of Commons. When a member who was questioning him referred to "a stooge," an indignant murmur came from the assembly. The Prime Minister expressed the general feeling of disapproval when he snapped: "I am not prepared to answer a question couched in such very unseemly terms."

The manager of the Rialto theater in San Francisco tried out an original method of catching public attention when he adorned the portal of his establishment with the following announcement—presented in huge, illuminated letters: "Same Old Stuff! 2 Features! One Pipereroo! One Stinkeroo!"

John Atkinson, 23, of Chicago, was at liberty under bond while federal authorities investigated his story which they admitted is a good one, true or not. John was arrested for failure to possess a draft card. He explained: "I'm a trap-

per, and things took a bad turn. I trapped a skunk. The skunk turned on me. I had to burn my clothes, and my draft card was in my pants."

In Tampa, Fla., died a 14-year-old part Collie dog named Bozo, widely famed for his "mind-reading" performances. Bozo was credited with the ability to count by barking the number of coins in a man's pocket and to respond to mental orders from his owner and trainer, Capt. E. C. Lower. For these feats and others the extraordinary dog received eight "honorary" degrees from American universities and made over \$100,000 for his master.

The great Moctecuma, 235-pound half-breed Aztec Indian wrestler, challenged a peculiar partner to a wrestling match—namely, the notorious "ghost" of Sterling, Ill. The weird phenomenon has been pestering a native family—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Johnson and their four children—by making noises like heavy footsteps and appearing in sections—sometimes a torso and sometimes a pair of arms and legs. A reporter of a Chicago newspaper claimed that he, too, heard the footsteps and saw a ghostly hand write something on the wall that later could be deciphered only as sinister gibberish. The Johnsons have moved in with a neighbor, abandoning their haunted home. It is to be hoped that the irritating spook will be intimidated, if not altogether exorcised, by Moctecuma's formidable challenge.

CURIOSITIES Of the Week

The English newspaper, "Manchester Guardian," discloses that—according to a new hypothesis accepted by some historians—Napoleon was not born in Corsica but in St. Malo, Brittany (France), where his mother lived for a few years.

Germans were told by astronomers in the Berlin observatory not to worry too much about the war because a new planet which has been discovered by them may shortly collide with the sun, in which case the earth may also come to its end.

According to an amazing story printed in Swiss newspapers, Adolf Hitler—once he has recognized the inevitability of defeat—will neither surrender nor kill himself. Instead, he will gather a picked staff of Nazi chieftains, army generals and technical experts, and lead them in a giant submarine flotilla to Japan. There he intends to establish his German Government in Exile, boost Nipponese production to undreamed-of levels, and string out the war a few more years. In due time—Hitler thinks—the Allies will fall to fighting among themselves, their power will disintegrate and he will return for the triumphant reconquest of Europe.

Washington, D. C., has had an epidemic of mad-dog cases recently. Every day now three or four persons are bitten. Chief reason for this situation is that any number of persons are turning their pets out on the street because of insufficient meat points.

Chips, a GI battle dog, has won a Purple Heart medal and has been recommended for a Silver Star for heroism displayed in saving the life of his trainer, Pvt. John P. Rowell. When members of the company were attacking a pillbox, Chips went in himself and dragged out the gunner by the seat of his pants. He was wounded in the

scalp and also suffered powder burns in the action. "When we go on patrol," Rowell said, "Chips warns us of snipers and ambushes."

Lt. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., has told his friends that the Navy will be his career after the war, and that he is finished with show business. Fairbanks, incidentally, has written a book of poetry, inspired by all the action he saw.

Columnist Ernie Pyle, author of the book "Here Is Your War," had tea with Mrs. Roosevelt and reported subsequently, in an article, the following incident: "Finally we got off onto column writing, and how long it takes each of us. Ordinarily Mrs. Roosevelt dictates hers at the end of the day, in about half an hour. I told her it took me half a day to write a column, and she said, 'Yes, but you write a much better column than I do.' Since it is bad taste to dispute the opinion of the First Lady, I just spluttered into my tea."

December 9