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Girl, 18, Badly Cut As Car Overturns

Stella Othen, 18 years old, of 637 Hudson street, Royal Oak, received deep cuts about the throat and left arm when an automobile in which she was riding near Woodward avenue and Thirteenth Mile road late Wednesday night of last week left the road, hit a culvert and overturned.

POLICE DESTROY BEER AFTER RAID ON HOME

Beer contained in 50 quart jugs and 72 pint bottles was destroyed by police following a raid Saturday night on the home of William Riley at 276 Ruffner street. No arrests were made.

WHAT ABOUT FRANK FITZGERALD? (FOR GOVERNOR)

Fitting and grooming a man for the governorship of Michigan is a highly interesting and entertaining process. If you wish to observe "Who's Who" among Republican possibilities to either break or succeed present Governor Brucker, then follow these indications as they last week fell from the pointed political pen of Mr. DeFoe, the chief editor of the "Eccentric." Mr. DeFoe was secretary to former Gov. Chase S. Osborn, and has represented his own Eastern municipality as a state senator. His comments, therefore, are worth studying. Writeth editor DeFoe: "At the close of each legislative session follows the open season for political prophecies and boasts. It is not expensive, makes newspaper copy in a normally dull time and letter yet is all quickly forgotten. At this season of the year the governor is usually at his lowest point in public esteem. It is the only time in the year that it is possible to arouse any public interest on the subject of candidates and taxes. After 48 hours of this discussion, the cost of government is dismissed and the taxes are paid after the November elections. This is the smartest one thing the politician does—collecting taxes after election instead of before. Governor Warner, for example, would not have been beaten for the third term if the public had known 48 hours before what the knacker was in for at election—about the condition of state finances.

"Political meetings held since the adjournment of the legislature at Atlanta and Mio in the northeastern part of the state have linked the name of Frank D. Fitzgerald, secretary of state, with the governorship. There is little question but that Fitzgerald is the most popular politician developed in this state since Governor Warner who stepped into the office chamber via the same office now held by Fitzgerald. In his time Warner had nothing like the political opportunities to his friends as Fitzgerald who even now has potential friends in every county in Michigan. It is therefore not surprising that his name gets first consideration at all these anti-Brucker festivals.

"At the liberal Mio meeting which was attended by Governor Brucker, who, according to all reports, gave a good account of himself, the name of Fitzgerald was proposed for the governorship. Mr. McKelighan admitted to the newspaper men that he is a candidate unless his associates believe a man can be found to make the race. The qualifying sentence is the real news in the McKelighan announcement. They will find some one. There is nothing about McKelighan that suggests the quality that people associate with the governorship. He is being 'shoved out' at this time to show how far public opinion is off Brucker. It would have to be desperate to accept McKelighan. His friends know that. In other words, his threatened candidacy at this time is serving as a barometer, the readings of which will determine, for the anti-Bruckerites, just what to do next.

"Fitzgerald can muster the full strength of the Brucker opposition. McKelighan would have a battle in every precinct in Michigan. In the first place the rural press wouldn't support him. We can think of a number of leading weekly editors who would loyally support Fitzgerald even in 1932 but couldn't be dragged into supporting McKelighan if he were nominated. The Brucker opposition up to now is made up of disciplined politicians but they are too smart to try and beat Brucker with McKelighan. We can't think of anything more helpless and hopeless.

"There is little use denying that Brucker has succeeded in picking up a load of opposition dating back to his cruel and unfair attack on John Gillespie in Detroit. His appointment of Mr. Rubiner, the legislative critic, to an 880000 judicial plum is a red flag to a majority of the legislature; he has weakened rather than strengthened himself politically in his Utilities Commission appointments and when all of this discontent is pyramided it develops quite a back wash. On the other hand, Brucker is a corking good campaigner and what he says is always first page copy. His recent tour through the upper peninsula sustains this claim.

"This writer does not pretend to know what Mr. Fitzgerald has in mind. There is no secret but that he has his eyes on the governorship. The two term rule is well established in Michigan politics. Chase Osborn is the only Michigan governor in 50 years who did not get the customary second term, but he announced before he left the Soo for the inauguration that he would only serve one term. It was Mr. Osborn's biggest mistake. The politicians were looking about for his successor before the Sen. man kissed the holy writ to climax his out of office ceremonial.

"Mr. Brucker is going to have opposition. No question about that. He would be satisfied with the candid but very very much disturbed—and with good reason—if his opponents voted on Fitzgerald, which would be the case if he decided to go. There are several strong men in the anti-Brucker camp than McKelighan. Gillespie himself would do better in (Genesee county (Flint) than McKelighan, who does this most effective work for some one else. In every other county, notably Wayne, Gillespie would be much stronger than the Flint mayor. And Gillespie is a bear cat to work and he knows that he knows what it is all about. It is kept in mind that this is all in the hands of McKelighan who is now to draw the fire. He knows that.

2 ROYAL OAK WOMEN HURT

One Still in Hospital Following Crash Early Saturday

Mrs. Vera Reynolds, 31 years old, 1217 South Washington road, Royal Oak, is still a patient in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital at Pontiac today as the result of an automobile accident early Saturday morning at the corner of West Maple and Fitzgerald roads.

Mrs. Reynolds, who received serious cuts on the scalp, arm and hands, was the driver of a large sedan traveling east on West Maple when it crashed into a coupe driven by Oscar R. Pohl, 3212 Leslie avenue, Detroit.

Miss Peggy Dunbar, 28 years old, 322 South Laurel street, Royal Oak, a passenger with Mrs. Reynolds, received scalp wounds and bruises about the chest and knees. Both women were in a bad state of shock, and Mrs. Reynolds remained in a semi-conscious state for several days.

Miss Dunbar was discharged from the hospital Tuesday, while Mrs. Reynolds will be confined until at least the end of the week, according to Dr. C. F. Lawler of Birmingham, who gave first aid following the collision.

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"I don't rightly know," answered the farmer who owned her, "but she's a good-natured critter, and she'll give all she can." —Fusion Facts.

Germany's blind on the streets are identified by a brassard, or arm stripe, of yellow cloth stamped with three large black discs.

Doubtless the Germans and Italians who patronize toy stores do not appreciate the toys we have seen several places—metal clockwork replicas of the Amos 'n' Andy every American knows so well.

The more-than-willing courtesy of the German people in showing the way was exemplified in our entrance to Berlin. Just before we should have entered the massive Brandenburg Tor, the gate to the highway from the west, we were asked a taxi-driver for the route to Unter den Linden, the famous avenue whereon we had chosen to settle for our three-night stay in the capital, and were surprised to find that he had him lead the way, in his cab, all the way to the center of the avenue and then, without turning around to wave good-bye, vanish without seeking a tip without which no Latin would have been content to depart.

"Fifty percent extra charged for breakfast served after 4 p. m." is the notice on a menu of a restaurant on Unter den Linden (which here is called merely "the Linden"). Breakfast, which is really a luncheon, is served at all hours of the day or night, and includes all the things we would have at home for breakfast plus several more of which we would not think.

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from our hotel, President von Hindenburg addressed the assembly at the scene of the event.

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Europaragraphs

By W. Stoddard White

(Another installment of jottings from the note-book kept by the author on a 12,000 mile motor tour of Europe.)

Far from discouraging feeding the monkeys at the Berlin Zoo, the officials of the park have provided excellent means for feeding the animals. In the bars on the front of each cage has been set a revolving tray on which the visitor can put peanuts, bananas, grapes, or oranges, all of which are sold on the grounds and of which the monkeys eat avidly. When the animals see a visitor they rush to the boxes they hurry to them, revolve them in their direction, and scoop up the donation.

Training of animals to put on circuses is another feature of the large zoo in the German capital which we do not see. A large number of animals are put on every afternoon before feeding time, in which the animals ride bicycles, play with the keeper, do stunts, and chase each other about the cage with the whip stick, surreptitiously from behind the keeper's back. Feeding the impudent oxen and pigs is another event in which the beasts perform all sorts of tricks, including hitching—the customary fish as their reward.

Not only does a large Cologne restaurant sell you food at the table from the regular menus, but a large number of waiters and girls circulate among the tables with trays of all sorts of objects for sale. In less than an hour we were offered besides the regular food and drinks, cigars, cigarettes, toys, playing cards, postals cards, candy, Row, newspapers, magazines and writing paper.

An ingenious invention which is in common use in Germany is the ordinary box of cigarettes with a small toothpick like match with each. The match is fastened between layers of igniting paper and when removed it already lights. In connection with this it might be mentioned that where in France, Spain or Italy the match is in Switzerland or Germany are matches given free with cigarettes as they are at home.

English is the first foreign language the German student (who are required to study either English or French and take the former usually, by preference) hears in the streets and in the waters, bellhops, and others go to night schools and make a study of the language. In two months five countries of Europe we have so far stopped in only 17 large cities or tourist centers, yet in few places have we been unable to make ourselves understood in English and nowhere in any of the five countries was there a hotel where someone did not speak English or French.

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