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ARMY OF YOUTHS, BUMMING

A great swarm of young men and boys, who have renounced such homes as they had, goes tramping around the country, baffling the railroad police, presenting a problem to hundreds of communities and throwing the national social agencies into increasing dismay.

It is estimated that upwards of 200,000 fellows under 21 years of age are "on the road" this year, following a survey by the U. S. Children's Bureau, which has taken the lead toward seeing if something can't be done about it.

Many of these boys, receiving their first practical training for life in the school-of-the-hobo, are kept constantly on the move. Some small towns send their entire police force to meet each incoming freight to repel invasions of the transient unemployed. In many others the penniless visitors stay limited to 24 hours. The old practice of sending boys home has been abandoned because communities now have no money for that.

Florida, the gulf states, the southwest and California are flooded by the migratory army-of-men and boys in autumn, winter and spring—the Children's Bureau found. They "swarm on every freight in such numbers that the railroad police would be helpless to keep them off." Many small towns reported daily passage of about 200 men and boys during winter and spring.

In eight months the Southern Pacific, along 9,130 miles of track, ejected 416,915 trespassers and overlooked many others. Railroad men in Kansas City estimated in May that about 1,500 men and boys were riding the freights through that city every day. From 20 to 25 per cent of the freight riders were under 21.

Other large numbers hitch-hike over the roads. Solo kitchens throughout the southwest report feeding thousands of boys.

The Community Boys' Lodge in Los Angeles, reporting on 623 boys who applied there for shelter last winter, found that they represented 45 states and the District of Columbia. The largest states generally contributed the most wandering boys—New York 76, Illinois 48, Pennsylvania 38, Texas 38, Oklahoma 36, Michigan 34, Ohio 28 and so on.

A study of 5,500 transient boys by the Salvation Army in Atlanta showed that 194 had been in college and 1,641 had attended high school. The Children's Bureau says:

"Social workers, police and railroad men, who are in constant touch with these boys," assert, "that the overwhelming majority are on the road because there is nothing else to do. Sometimes because sheer pride will not permit them to sit idle at home—sometimes because support for the whole family came from a relief agency and was wholly inadequate to feed the younger children."

Standards of living on-the-road are very low and the hazards are various. Last winter in one western city 35 young men and boys were removed from boxcars seriously ill, some in an advanced stage of pneumonia.

Because railroad freight yards are policed, trains must be boarded outside the yard, while in motion. One railroad reported 50 young men and boys killed and 100 crippled in that manner last winter.

Communities reserve even their small odd jobs for residents, so food for the boys at large becomes mostly a matter of begging or stealing, with older men always at hand to teach the youngsters vicious habits.

The Children's Bureau has asked thousands of social agencies to tackle the problem by inducing boys to remain at home, maintaining their morale and providing activities to interest them, seeing that their families get enough food and providing the best possible care and advice when they arrive in strange places after once leaving the family roof.

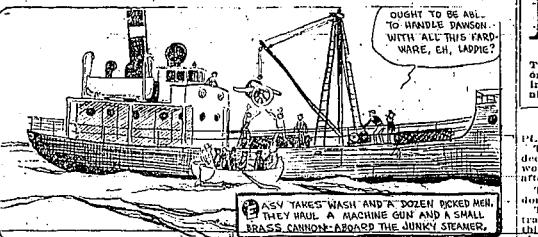
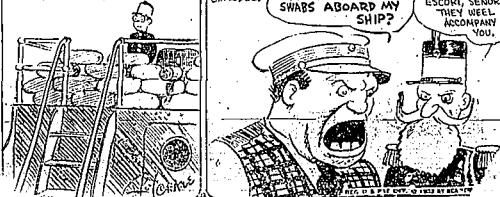
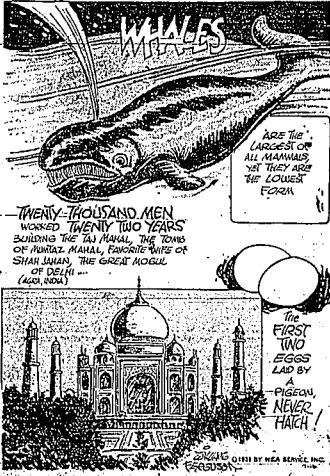
THE SPANISH REVOLT

There is something just a little bit comic about the complaint, "Everybody abandoned me," which was voiced by Jos San Jurje after the revolt which he tried to lead in Spain collapsed and landed him in prison.

The leader of any revolt has to take his chances; because, in most cases, he has no very definite idea how much popular support his movement is going to command. It may sweep the country like wildfire, in which case he becomes a great popular hero and rises to the height of fame and power; but it may just as well fizzle out like a wet firecracker, leaving its leader in a very pronounced jamb.

That seems to have happened in Spain, and the cry, "Everybody abandoned me," rings out as the general wail of the revolutionist who misjudged the popular appeal of his cause.

Oregon farm hands are being paid in hay. They have the consolation of knowing in advance just how much their pay will be.

WASH TUBES**END FORTY THEMSELVES ON THE FOREPEAK.****THIS CURIOUS WORLD**

OUT BY SEA BENEATH THE EARTH

Church Group Has Automobile Party

JEROME, (Special)—An "automobile party" was given at the Presbyterian church Wednesday.

Evening when 11 Juvenile Endeavor boys and girls took part, and Mr. Hartman told the thrilling story of his experience in the far north country, at the end of the evening, cake and tea

Canadian River**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

I Encountered.

1. Officer.

2. Canadian.

3. River flowing through.

4. Aspects.

5. Stockings.

6. Wine yeast.

7. Needy.

8. Clewlow.

9. Follow.

10. Pop's triple crown.

11. Right allowance for waste.

12. Inlet of the sea.

13. Your and mine.

14. Devout.

15. Greedy.

16. Derby.

17. Antimite.

18. Apprehended.

19. Attic.

20. Increased price.

21. Material of courtesy.

for measuring time.

12. United States.

13. Native to Canada.

14. To make.

15. 2nd, 2nd, 2nd,

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18. Data.

19. Proper to apply.

20. Properly.

21. Timber tree.

22. Master from.

23. More.

24. Embroidery.

25. Properly.

26. Polyester.

27. Toward.

28. Piece out.

29. Artistic dance.

30. Group.

31. Gold in.

32. House cat.

33. Chestnut.

34. Prose.

35. Tree.

36. Woman.

37. Retired monk.

38. Immortal.

39. To see.

40. Horn.

41. To see.

42. Chestnut.

43. Town.

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