

Indian Salvation Army Man Here



—NEA San Francisco Bureau
Lt. Col. Yesu Dasen, chief secretary of the Salvation Army in India, was a Pacific coast visitor recently. His headquarters is Trevanore. This picture shows him wearing his native turban and jacket at the western territorial conference of the Salvation Army, at San Francisco.

"I Am Little Mozart," Says Boy Prodigy, and His Skill Shows He's Not Boasting

"I AM little Mozart!" The words came from the mouth of a four-year-old child, Morton Suttan, of Detroit. The boy was not boasting; he spoke with all the frank enthusiasm of youth. And he has furnished proof by his playing that the words are not empty vanity.

Little Morton astounded leading musicians of Detroit recently by his extraordinary playing from memory. He was "discovered" in a piano playing contest held in Detroit, in which scores of children took part.

The ease with which Morton won his way through the elimination tests has made him a choice for the final honors which will be decided in August.



Morton Suttan

Skill Wins Applause
In the trials, the boy rambled through children's pieces triumphantly and brought applause for the skill that he showed in the easier pieces of the great masters. His victory was climaxed when he sat and executed Beethoven's "Minuet" and "Pagano's Magic Melody" by Mozart with the technique of an artist. He sang and played a Japanese Doll for the assembled musicians. Now he is learning to play from memory Bach's "Minuet." His teacher, Mrs. Rose Rutanstein, revealed during the recital that the boy can master a piece within two weeks. He practices for one hour, each morning and is given lessons for an hour five days a week.

Little Morton's start at the piano parallels that of the great master the boy admires. Mozart, when an infant, absorbed music by listening to the lessons given to his sister, Maria Anna.

When Morton was barely two, he would sit at his sister's side while she practiced, quietly listening to the music. When she had finished he begged her to show him how to play, and actually cried when she at first refused.

Goes to Recitals
His sister was surprised at the ease with which Morton learned the elementary facts of the piano. He was taken to recitals by his mother, and sister, and at all times gave the closest attention.

Neither of Morton's parents ever played an instrument, and neither is a vocalist. But the boy's two older brothers and his sister are all musical. Henry, 12, playing the saxophone, Aaron, 9, the cornet, and Louis, 17, the piano.

Morton has no regard for jazz music. Among the masters he prefers Mozart and Beethoven. When his parents took him to hear Paderewski play the boy was enraptured, and has never quit talking about the skill the artist showed.

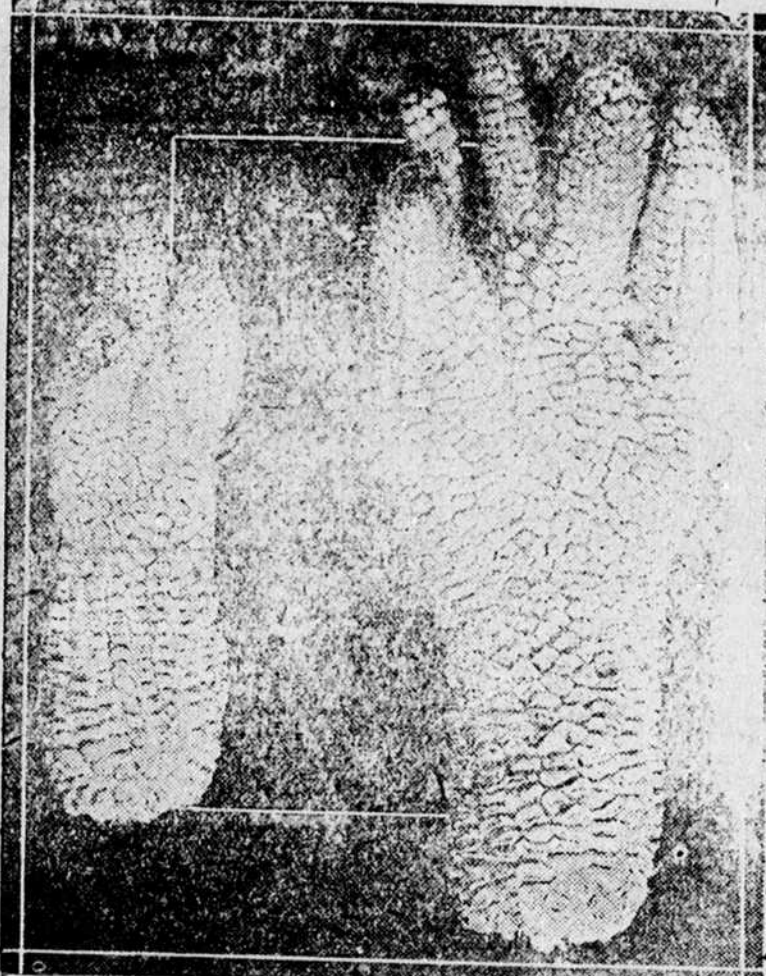
And, oh, yes, Morton likes baseball.

One of America's Great Trees



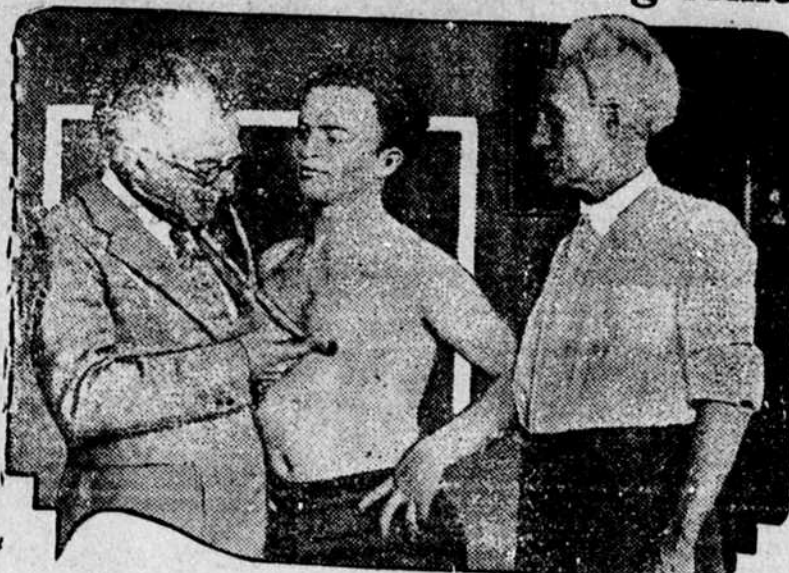
—NEA Chicago Bureau
This giant sycamore near Wortham, Ind., is the largest tree in Indiana and one of the largest in America. It is almost 45 feet in circumference at the base, and its topmost branches are approximately 125 feet above the ground. How old the tree is a matter of conjecture.

Cornstalk Gives Farmer a Hand



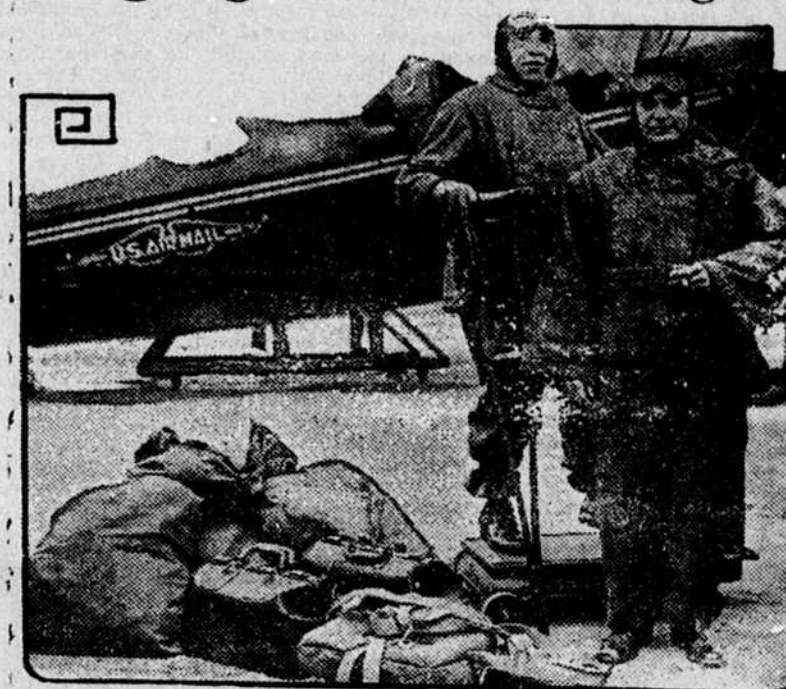
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The farmers who have been trying to get some relief from Congress might write to Plant City, Fla., to find out how they "got a hand" down there. These are two samples of frank corn from the flower state.

Ready to Start Non-Eating Hike



—NEA Chicago Bureau
George Hasler Johnston was examined just before the start of his attempted hike from Chicago to New York on which he was to take no food whatever. James Hocking, famous long-distance walker who was to accompany him, is shown at the right.

Weighing In the Air Passengers



—NEA Los Angeles Bureau
When the first passengers were weighed in at Los Angeles, the contract air mail route between Los Angeles and Salt Lake City, eastward, started its "human transportation service." Charles Kerr is shown with the scales, and A. B. DeNault, pilot.

Wins America's Turf Classic



—NEA Chicago Bureau
Here is Bubbling Over, as he returned to the judge's stand after winning the Kentucky Derby, America's racing classic. The winning jockey is A. Johnson.

Wins Prize



—NEA Los Angeles Bureau
Herbert Wenig is a Hollywood, Calif., boy, but the silent drama is not his line. He is the winner in the national oratorical contest in which three million high school children participated. He recently was presented a loving cup by Vice President, Dawes at Washington.

16 Pigs, 180 Days, 4789 Pounds



—NEA Chicago Bureau
The world's record in pork production is claimed by the Rawleigh Ideal Farms, at Freeport, Ill. This litter of 16 purebred Poland China pigs tipped the scales at 4789 pounds when it came off feed at the end of 180 days allotted in a contest conducted by the University of Illinois. More than six tons of feed, calculated on a dry basis, were consumed by the litter. The diet included ground corn, bran, linseed meal, beef scraps middlings and gluten feed, with a quantity of salt and charcoal.

How 10,000 Acres of Alfalfa Change Community Life

THIRTY acres of alfalfa on every farm would change American rural life as much as the coming of the automobile.

That is the contention of M. A. Nye, representing the Blue Valley Creamery Institute Farm Service, at Sauk Center, Minn., and who is largely responsible for the 10,000-Acre Alfalfa Club here, the first of its kind in the world.

The institute is co-operating with farmers, bankers and business men in many sections in establishing more of the clubs.

"Alfalfa, if managed properly," says Nye, "can bring the farmer a richer life. On the basis of profits from acreage around Sauk Center we estimate there will be an additional community profit of \$300,000 a year as a result of the 10,000 acres of alfalfa."

Sauk Center's alfalfa club goes back three years. A few farmers in the vicinity had grown alfalfa for years, but most of them had gone right on planting hay without regard for the superior qualities of alfalfa.

In 1923 a survey by the institute told of the profits to be made from alfalfa and a campaign was begun. In 1925 the acreage had jumped from 200 acres to 2500 and it is expected

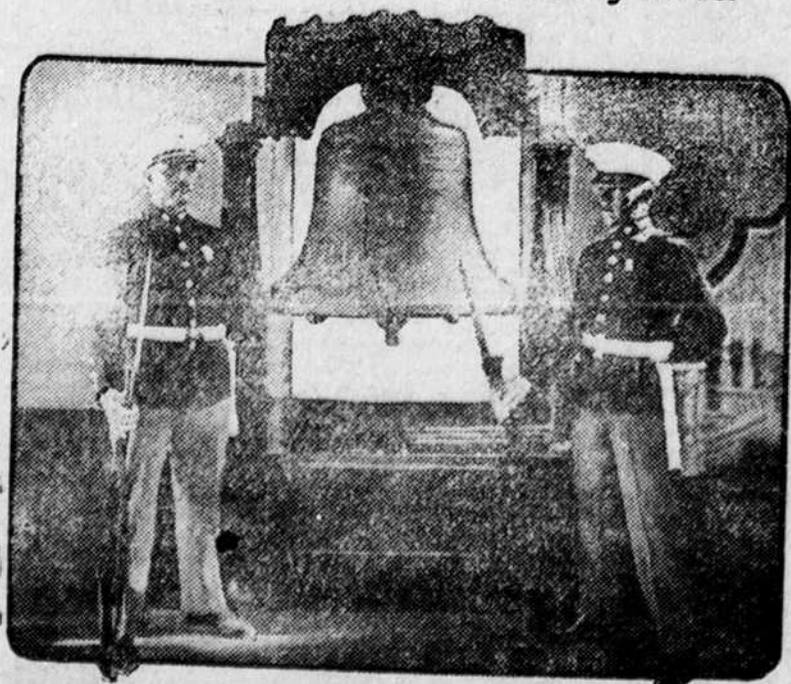


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to realize the 10,000 acre goal within a few years.

"There is no combination of feeds so economical for the production of milk, butterfat, pork and eggs as corn and alfalfa," says Nye.

Marines Guard Liberty Bell



—NEA New York Bureau
A squad of marines has been assigned to special duty in guarding the Liberty Bell during the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia. The treasured relic of American Independence is being shown to visitors at certain times during the exposition.

Butler Smiles



—NEA San Francisco Bureau
Brig. Gen. Smedley Butler, of the marines, can't smile very broadly because he recently had his teeth removed, but he's willing to try. Butler, former public safety director of Philadelphia, had his host, Col. Williams of San Francisco, court-martialed recently because the Colonel served cocktails at a party he gave to Butler. "I'm not as black as I'm painted," says Butler. "I had to act as I did in the Williams case because I'm a soldier's friend."

A First Lady?



—NEA Cleveland Bureau
Mary Miller Fisher, daughter of John B. Fisher, of Indiana county, Pa., may be the next first lady of Pennsylvania. Her father, a widower, is the Republican nominee for governor of the Keystone State.