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SWIMMERS ARE WARNED TO BE MORE CAREFUL

Y. M. C. A. Secretary tells of Precautionary Measures, that, if Followed, will save Many Lives.

[By A. Edwin Pryke, General Secretary, La Grande Y. M. C. A.] The death toll season by drowning is at hand and during these coming summer months we can look forward with certainty to drowning accidents all over the country due to the fact that people are very careless in the use of the open waters of our lakes and streams for swimming purposes. With an ounce of common sense and sometimes with less than one-half that amount many drowning accidents could be prevented during these SWIMMERS—7 "peanut" upwards of those who will be drowned this coming summer could still be enjoying the joys of life this fall if they would have taken a few precautionary measures which are very simple and for that reason probably much neglected.

According to press reports of last Sunday there were two drowning accidents in region which, according to statistics published, should not have occurred. One of the drowning accidents last Sunday was caused, no doubt, by impatience and hurry to get into the water after eating a hearty meal. This is a very sad mistake and one should not go in bathing for at least one and a half hours or two hours after a hearty meal.

The proper procedure in going in swimming especially in our streams and lakes which are mostly of cold water or the temperature is rather low, one should dash some water on his hand and then on the body for the purpose of bringing the body heat down so that when the body is immersed in the water there will not necessarily be a shock to the nervous system, and in that way one is more apt to become accustomed to the water and no ill effect will be the result. Often one of the foolish things people do is to plunge into water head first without first ascertaining the depth of the water or seeing that there are no projections such as large boulders or broken off piles or the bottom of the stream or lake is covered with a thick growth of weeds. These should all be thoroughly investigated before one attempts to go into a strange place.

In swimming in the open it is always best not to stay in the water longer than an hour at the most. Care should be taken that even before that hour is up, if one should feel chilly they should immediately come out, rub themselves vigorously and fast. If for any reason you feel a cramp coming on, of course, the obvious thing is to get out of the water as quickly as possible, but if the cramp overtakes you before you get to shore, and if the cramp is in the leg, give the leg a vigorous kick which will sometimes take away the cramp. But if it still persists swim to shore with the use of the arms only, letting the leg drag and above all things do not get excited and do not splash the water and wave your hands above your head. Use that energy in propelling yourself to shore. It is a very easy matter to keep afloat and propel yourself if one has cramps.

If one is out in a boat and is upset, at once realize that you will come to the top of the water as the buoyancy of the body and the amount of air in the clothes will bring you to the surface and of course the obvious thing is not to get excited. Keep from waving your arms and beating the water. A gentle propelling of the arms and a slight motion by the feet such as one does in walking will enable anyone whether they can swim or not to keep afloat and their head above the water. Especially is this true of women as their clothes are more draped about the body and therefore will contain more air than men's clothing and this will help materially to keep a person on the surface of the water.

A detailed account of the methods of life-saving will follow this article. Realizing fully that there are numbers of people in the city that cannot swim, the Y. M. C. A. wishes to announce that through their facilities of the swimming pool and instructors the Y will be very glad to teach anyone, man, woman, boy or girl, to swim free of charge. All that will be necessary will be to arrange at the Y desk for appointment.

If these few simple rules are followed carefully, the great majority of drowning accidents will be prevented.

MINING MOONSHINE
OGDEN, Utah, June 21.—After watching a mine in Ogden canyon for several days, observing two supposed miners going to work at an early hour each morning, but failing to find that any one was being mined, the Y. M. C. A. wishes to announce that through their facilities of the swimming pool and instructors the Y will be very glad to teach anyone, man, woman, boy or girl, to swim free of charge. All that will be necessary will be to arrange at the Y desk for appointment.

Three-Day Celebration Planned by Elgin for the Nation's Birthday

(Special to The Observer)

ELGIN, Ore., June 24.—Elgin, sister town in the north end of the county, has completed plans for the most successful race meet and celebration in the town's history and it will not be amiss to say that the plans are such that the event will likely be the peer of any ever staged in eastern Oregon.

The event opens July 3 and will extend to the evening of July 5th. The racing program is sponsored by Jas. Elliott, who has just put the finishing touches on an \$18,000 race course. The purse for the three-day race meet exceed \$2,500. At present there are over 50 head of race horses in the stables and more are en route to Elgin. It is estimated that the total entries will not fall but little less than 100. The daily program is composed of many dashes, ladies' and men's relay races, chariot and Roman races, A bucking, and steer roping contest will also be staged each day. Baseball games will also be a feature of the event. Arrangements have been made for a game each day, preceding the races.

July 4th a Gala Day.
July 4th will be a gala day in the little city. Elgin will stage another of the excellent parades for which she has become noted. Reliable information indicates that the parade this year will not only be a great deal more extensive than any of the past but the quality will be improved, insuring a parade that will be worth traveling miles to witness.

An unusually interesting patriotic program will follow the parade. The program will be held at the city park, following which dinner will be enjoyed.

The afternoon will be replete with races.
Field Sports.
During the forenoon of July 5th a program of field sports will be presented. The program will consist of races for all ages, weights and for both sexes.
It will be on the afternoon of the 5th that the races will be brought to a close. Both relay races will be finished on that day.
Various Amusements.
Various forms of amusement will be provided during the evenings. Members of the American Legion are erecting an open-air dancing pavilion. The Ford garage building, a spacious structure, is being converted into a frontier town, in which will be held a real old-time '49 show, with dancing and various other forms of amusements. Special shows will be presented at Elgin's magnificent theatre, and all in all there will be something doing every minute.

GOLD PICKED OUT OF DIRT

(By Associated Press)
SPOKANE, Wash., June 24.—Gold pieces, totaling about \$100 have been picked out of the dirt by workmen on the downtown sewer construction job here in the last few days.

The finds are attributed to a low place in an old sewer pipe about eight feet under ground. The heavy rains went into the low place and stayed. When the old pipe was torn out, the coins dropped down and have been dug out. Most of the coins are \$5 and \$10 gold pieces, some of which apparently found their way into the sewer three years or more ago.

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AUTOMOBILE BUSINESS BIG

Financial Wizard Points out Reasons Why Business will Continue to be Good.

WELLESLEY HILLS, Mass., June 24.—In discussing the general situation for the week Roger W. Babson, the statistician today made the following analysis of the Automobile Industry:
"Many persons have been surprised at the recent rebound in the automobile industry and in the price of automobile securities. Those, however, who have been carefully watching the situation are not surprised. The price cut in automobiles developed new buying; the extension of the good roads movement increased the point of saturation; and the reduction in the cost of tires and general supplies encouraged more people to use cars. The man who has never had any car now drives one; and the man who was content with one car now has two or three. No, the saturation point has not yet been reached. Moreover, as our system of good roads is extended, this saturation point is pushed further and further away. The saturation point for automobiles in this country will not be reached until our present system of highways has been completed and perfected.

"The great factor, however, which is today making business for the automobile companies is the silent and insistent purchasing of 'parts' by the present users of cars. People have no idea of the tremendous business existing today in automobile parts. It is generally estimated that about ten billion dollars is invested in automobiles and their accessories. It is further estimated that a man spends about 5 per cent a year on repairs and that a large proportion of this is for new parts. This means that from three hundred to four hundred million dollars of automobile business per year exists in the manufacture and sale of new parts for cars already sold. Not only is this a large amount of money, but there is as much net profit in this business as in double or triple the same amount of automobile business. If you have any doubt of this take the 'parts' catalog for any car and add up what it would cost to buy all the parts of the car separately. Not only are the companies getting high prices for these parts but there is practically no expense connected with the selling of these parts. When buying a complete car I may save from any one of a hundred companies, but when buying a part to one of my present cars I must buy of the company which manufactures the car. Sale of these parts is bringing into the other companies a tremendous income.

"Investors will therefore see that the automobile business has graduated from the experimental stage and has become a great settled industry, at least so far as the older companies are concerned. The good will asset of every business should increase as years go on, provided it manufactures honestly a useful product. The older automobile companies, however, possess the additional asset—of being able to sell parts for existing cars. Many of these companies could pay their dividends, certainly their preferred dividends, from the profits from sale of parts. If Ford did not

manufacture another car, he could do a tremendous business for years to come in manufacturing parts for the cars already sold. If the saturation point is ever reached in the automobile business, the profits from the replacement of machines and the sale of parts will still be tremendous.

"Of course, new automobile companies do not possess this asset. Hence, conservative men purchase only the stocks of the older and more stable concerns. Wise investors also look carefully to the capitalization. Before buying an automobile stock, divide the capitalization by the annual output both in cars and in dollars. Certain popular makes of cars are, over capitalized, and certain companies with small outputs have very conservative capitalization. Therefore, one should consider both the output and the capitalization. Neither factor by itself is sufficient in judging an automobile stock.

"I want to emphasize particularly, concluded Mr. Babson, 'the fact that the automobile industry is today a permanent industry and that the securities of the standard automobile companies should rank with those of the steel companies. Moreover, in view of the foreign competition which the steel companies will soon have, I should even be inclined to sell certain steel securities and invest the proceeds in seasoned automobile stocks.'

ANTI-GLAND LAWS

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, June 24.—Legislation to prohibit traffic in human glands will be introduced in the next session of the Illinois legislature according to two members of the general assembly—Representatives Thomas J. O'Grady and Lawrence G. O'Brien both democratic members from Chicago districts.

GENERAL O'DUFFY DENIES

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, June 24.—Gen. Owen O'Duffy, chief staff of the Irish republican army, emphatically contradicted the allegation that Field Marshal Wilson's assassination was the work of that organization.

JAPANESE SPIN MUCH COTTON

Most Important Industry in Japan, Says Commercial Paper There.

(By Associated Press)

TOKIO, June 24.—Cotton spinning which is the most important industry in Japan, is threatened with a serious crisis, according to the "Diamond," a Tokio commercial newspaper. "The industry enjoyed an unprecedented prosperity during the war boom and all the spinning companies reaped enormous profits and some of them paid dividends as high as 70 to 100 per cent," says this newspaper. "This not unreasonably drew the attention of capitalists with the result that old concerns enlarged their manufacturing capacity and a number of new factories were started. When the panic occurred in 1920 the market suffered from an over supply of cotton yarn and the spinners were obliged to curtail the output by mutual agreement so as to prevent a further slump of the market. Owing to artificial means applied to relieve the depression of business what is known as an interim boom occurred last summer and it lasted for several months. This had the effect of further encouraging the establishments of new spinning concerns. On account of the interim boom the spinners abolished the restriction agreement from December last with the result that the output since that month has been steadily increasing. In February last, however, a reaction set in and the depression began in real earnest. The stock, rice, cotton yarn and other merchandise markets began to slump in quick succession, while the amount of specie kept in Japan abroad rapidly decreased owing to the large volume of imports ordered during the interim boom last year. The domestic consumption of cotton yarn has greatly decreased as may be inferred from the partial or total stoppage of work in almost all the weaving districts. In the opinion of those who are well informed with the

condition the prevailing depression will last at least for a year or two and the demand for piece goods consequently will be less.

"During March and April last the export of yarn to China was comparatively active—about 6,000 bales were exported each month but since the outbreak of hostilities the export to China has declined to a negligible quantity. Even should the export to China remain on the 40,000 bale level that would not be a very influential factor in the face of the fact that the monthly output of cotton yarn is returned at something like 200,000 bales. It is true that part of the yarn produced is consumed by the spinning companies themselves for the manufacture of cotton cloths for export but as the export of cotton cloths is as inactive as that of cotton yarn they will not be prepared to go on with the manufacture of cotton cloths that cannot be sold. According to statistics 60 per cent of the yarn produced is consumed in the country and the remaining 40 per cent is exported but owing to the falling-off in the domestic demand it is feared that the market will inevitably suffer from over supply.

"Moreover, the rapid development of the spinning industry in China in recent years, coupled with the keen competition of British, American and German goods and the proposed raising of the tariff of China and India, are considered further factors likely to bring about a crisis of the spinning industry in Japan."

RAPID PROGRESS ON SPILLWAY

It will not be long before the level of the water at Beaver lake is again back to the high water mark, according to O. A. Kratz, city manager, who has just returned from the lake where he has been superintending the installation of the new spillway. Mr. Kratz reports that the water has risen 3 1/2 feet since his crew went to work to check the washing out of the banks where the spillway was by putting in a temporary dam and that now it is within four feet of high water mark. In order to do this work as economical as possible Mr. Kratz is making use of a portion of the washout, which is as deep as 25 feet at places, in such a way as to save excavation. He brought back with him some pictures showing the progress of the work and the damage done by the spillway's being carried away which graphically show that it stops had not been taken soon after the washout the damage would have been much greater and it would have cost a great deal more to repair it.

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