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**THE CHRISTIAN MISSION.**  
Preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils; freely ye have received, freely give.—Matthew 10:7-8

## A Triumph for Law

Equality before law, too often seemingly forgotten as the very essence of our system of jurisprudence, has been vindicated splendidly in the fact that the four LaMontagne brothers of New York, socially and financially prominent, are in jail in Jersey, serving time for violating the prohibition laws.

Until these lawbreakers were behind the bars, it was injudicious to regard their conviction as triumph for the law. There are so many ways to set aside verdicts. But they are in cells. The efforts of the highest priced lawyers to save them failed and they are compelled to take their punishment.

Not under the prohibition law but under its unsatisfactory enforcement, the influential, whether political, social or financial, seem to be favored. The inexpert foreigner is easy prey for the enforcement agents, but the others seem to keep their collars filled and encounter no difficulty in getting their illegal drink.

Consequently the arrest, conviction and imprisonment of these New Yorkers revives the hopes of those who have had a regrettable feeling that prohibition was class legislation and that only those too clumsy to avoid detection were ever caught and punished.

The LaMontagne case is an inspiration and example, therefore, to those who insist that the law can and must be enforced. It ought to be accepted by courts as a trustworthy precedent. It ought to spur police agents to new activity.

The most insidious menace to orderly government is the feeling that the "big fellow" can escape punishment for law violations. The law makes no such provisions, but the feeling persists. Its growth will undermine the confidence of the great masses in government and especially in the prohibition law. The LaMontagne case ought to check this suspicion, but more cases will be necessary before it is entirely dissipated.

## "Curse" Versus Insect

It appeals to some imaginations to suppose that Lord Carnarvon, ill with blood poisoning, is the victim of an ancient curse pronounced upon any impious hand that might disturb the last resting place of King Tutankhamen. It appeals to the good sense of others to suppose that he is the victim of an insect's bite. Modern medicine has done much to dispel old superstitions and to demonstrate that a germ is far more to be feared than a curse.

Man may well laugh at "curses" laid upon him by another. The only kind of curse that he needs to fear is the kind that he may invoke upon himself. Evil thoughts, evil habits and singular practices may indeed lay a dark mantle upon mind and soul. But clean thoughts, good habits, and useful living may pronounce a benediction upon the most humble of those who are made in the image of God.

Lord Carnarvon need not fear a heathen curse, or any other kind that another may invoke upon him. The witches' broth is not so potent, or so real, as the virus or germ that may be carried by a thousand indiscriminate creatures almost too small for the eye to see.

## Increased Confidence

Stock exchange quotations may be dry reading, but, as reported last week, they tell a significant story of increasing confidence in the value of American securities. In spite of disturbing rumors and threats of war from Europe, investors on this side of the Atlantic have read commercial and industrial signs as warranting them in backing their confidence with dollars.

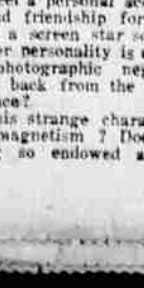
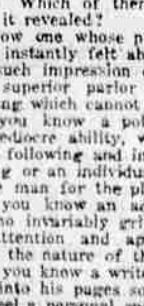
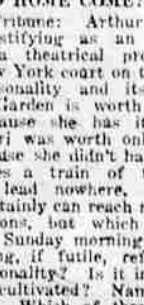
Belief in the progress of the nation toward prosperity is inescapable. From every quarter and section and element and interest come reports of increasing business activity. The basic industries show returns on investments that speak for themselves, and that promise more in the future. Unemployment has practically disappeared. Housing construction is going ahead by leaps and bounds. In view of these things, investors are dull of vision, indeed, if they fail to see inviting opportunity.

Ex-Governor Davis of Idaho has landed a position as assistant to Secretary of the Interior Work, all of which goes to show what lecturer can do when he makes a few speaking tours while in office.

When love reaches the point where the no longer interested parties begin throwing things it might as well give up the sponge itself.

Not infrequently the man who has "loved at first sight," begins to wonder, when it is too late, why he didn't consult an oculist.

The worst feature of helping a man who does not deserve it is that he will come back for more.



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## Editorials From Over the Nation

### PERSONALITY—WHAT IS, AND HOW COME?

Chicago Tribune: Arthur Hamersley, testifying as an expert witness in a theatrical producer's case in a New York court on the subject of personality and its value, says Mary Garden is worth \$2,500 a night because she has it, while Lina Cavalieri was worth only \$100 a night because she didn't have it.

He inspires a train of thought which may lead nowhere, and on which we certainly can reach no definite conclusions, but which might move a lazy Sunday morning reader to entertaining, if futile, reflection. What is personality? Is it inspired, inherited, or cultivated? Name over your friends. Which of them have it? How is it revealed?

Do you know one whose presence in a room is instantly felt above all others? Is such impression due to wit, beauty, superior parlor tricks, or to something which cannot be defined? Do you know a politician, perhaps of mediocre ability, who always gains a following and impresses a gathering or an individual that he is the one man for the place he seeks? Do you know an actor or an actress who invariably grips and holds your attention and approval, regardless of the nature of the part played? Do you know a writer who puts himself into his pages so vividly that you feel a personal acquaintance with and friendship for him? Do you know a screen star so vivid that his or her personality is carried even into photographic negatives and reflected back from the screen to the audience?

### Why Are People Conceited?

E. W. Howe's Monthly: I have never been able to understand why people are conceited. I always look myself over candidly; it seems the natural and sensible thing to do, if I would order my life as efficiently as possible. And when I have done that, I cannot be conceited. Sometimes I think I have meaner instincts than the average, but, after fairly considering others I have known, this does not seem probable. The great lesson I have learned is to get rid of as many mean instincts as possible; I have concluded that impoliteness, unfairness, idleness, intemperance, are bad things as certainly as were the old dirt plagues, and that civilized men should make equally strenuous efforts to be rid of them.

Digestive Disorders Overcome  
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