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THE HEEDED CRY—"They cried to God . . . and He was entreated of them; because they put their trust in Him." I Chron. 5:20.

More good news: Mrs. Bergdoll denies that Grover intends to come back to America.

The radio fan isn't what he used to be. He isn't satisfied any more with merely getting stations, but insists on getting something worth hearing.

Valentino's spirit "passes like a chill wind," says his former wife, who has been having astral visits from him. Must be somebody else. Whatever Rudy was in this life, he wasn't chilly.

The grand champion steer of the Chicago live stock show was sold to an Atlantic City hotel for Christmas beef at $3.60 a pound. Thank Goodness it wasn't a Washington, D. C., hotel or Careful Calvin wouldn't dare go out for Christmas dinner.

"Women don't complain about the cold half so much as men," says a prominent physician. And this in spite of the fact that they wear lighter clothing, and less of it. The mystery used to be explained by the theory that women were upholstered with layers of fat, like whales or seals, and so didn't feel the cold so much. That theory hardly holds water at a time when women, by starvation diet, are making themselves thinner than men for fashion's sake. We're driven to admit that women are naturally hardier than men physically, or else have more courage.

DEFERRED PAYMENTS

Retail sales in the United States last year amounted to $40,000,000,000, of which $3,000,000,000 were installment sales. This represents a vast amount of installment buying along many lines, but not a very alarming proportion of the whole. There is still 12 times as much selling on a cash basis or ordniary credit terms as there is on the installment plan.

The real danger is in the fact that the installment proportion is rapidly growing. Thoughtful merchants and financiers realize that if the present tendency continues, a time is sure to come when the deferred payment system will make a lot of trouble in this country. It might make trouble now if there came a sudden period of depression, leaving millions of people without means to meet their pledged payments. Fortunately there is no depression in sight. Yet this is a matter in which the only wise policy is to go slowly and play safe. Extensive installment buying is a new thing, therefore demanding caution all the more.

Few people want to stop it, for it has obvious advantages to both seller and buyer, to business in general and to the public as a whole. Much of the present industrial prosperity is based on it. A cessation of installment selling at this time would be a bad thing. If there is to be any contraction, it must come gradually. It may not be ncessary to contract such buying. But careful observers agree that the situation calls for discretion—that sellers and buyers should avoid going recklessly ahead regardless of consequences.

Portland Logger Establishes Alibi

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9. (AP)—Acting on information received from San Francisco police who yesterday arrested George Hutchings as a suspect in the search for the slayer of women in Pacific coast cities, police found a suitcase of clothing left at a home here. The police learned, however, that the suitcase had been untouched there for six weeks.

Hutchings has convinced San Francisco police that he was at Oroville, Cal., when Mrs. Blanche Myers was killed in Portland Nov. 29. By coincidence the clothing in the suitcase was declared by police to correspond to the description of the clothing worn by the suspect sought for the Myers murder.

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PATTERSON GIVES IRRIGATION PLAN

Sound Business Principles Must Surround Any State Participation

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9. (AP)—State aid and cooperation in solution of the grave financial problems faced at this time by the irrigation districts of Oregon will be among the major policies of the incoming state administration I. L. Patterson, governor-elect, told the Capital Journal today.

"But the state's participation in any plan for rehabilitation or organization of any irrigation district must be in accordance with sound business principles and free from all complications which might involve the state in responsibility, moral or otherwise, for the proper operation or financial stability of the district," Patterson said.

Opposed to Guarantees.

The governor-elect is opposed to further guarantees by the state of interest upon irrigation bonds, and favors repeal of the constitutional amendment, voted by the people in June, 1919, under which state guarantees of interest are authorized.

"The state's guarantee of interest on these bonds for a period of five years serves only in the promotion and initial financing of a project by making it easier for the promoters to underwrite the bonds," Patterson explained. "That it does not protect the bond purchaser is well evidenced by the absence of any mention of the state guarantee upon the bonds. Any mention of a state guarantee would at once arouse the suspicions of the investor as to the suffiency of the security behind the bond."

He refused to recognize the state as being under any obligation to bond holders or others who have suffered financial losses through failure of irrigation districts.

Feels Way Cautiously

Admitting that he does not feel that he is sufficiently well informed on all of the ins and outs of irrigation problems to recommend any definite remedial program, Patterson said that he is feeling his way cautiously along this line, but is convinced that the settlers on irigation projects who have acted in good faith and have met their individual obligations should not be made to suffer confiscation of their property through district liabilities over which they have no control.

No Ebb in Tide of Prosperity Likely

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ment effected by her representatives in consultation with the commission, and has not yet ratified it.

Reporting "progress" in the enforcement of the prohibition law, Mellon declared that if given the legislation requested, "the treasury feels confident that its reorganized force, given the essential cooperation and assistance of the department of justice, will be able, in the future, to achieve even greater effectiveness in the enforcement of this law.

Debt Situation Sound.

Pronouncing the debt situation of the government sound, Mellon pointed out that in the seven years since the close of the war the public debt has been cut by $5,841,289,845 to $19,643,216,215 on last July 1. A reduction of $872,977,572 was made in the last year.

"We have worked hard and we have progressed," the secretary continued. "During the year commodity prices generally have declined slightly and farm prices have not yet been restored to their relative position as compared with all prices.

Little Unemployment.

"There is little unemployment and wages are good. Industry is active. There is a close margin between costs and prices which has made competition severe, but due to the great volume of business and quantity production profits small in each transaction, have been large in the aggregate. The most notable improvement has been the restoration of the railroads to their proper place in the community. The railroads are one of the principal factors in the strength of this country."

Mellon endorsed the principles of installment buying and the making of foreign loans, with proper caution in each. Installment buying is no menace, he said, if the article has a real and permanent value and if the payments are not made too light in an effort to stimulate consumption in times of decline.

Touches on Building

He suggested that there might have been some overbuilding, but called attention that this and other unhealthy situations including the "land boom in Florida" had subsided without serious injury. Likewise, the bumper crop may hurt the growers temporarily, he said, but on the other hand it will give the textile industry an opportunity for "recovery."

BESTS AMERICA'S BEST

Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur felicitating Major Mario de Bernardi, Italian airman, after he set a new seaplane speed record of 246 miles an hour in defeating the navy's foremost pilots in the Schneider Cup race at Hampton Roads, Va. By de Bernardi's victory, Italy gained permanent possession of one of aviation's most cherished trophies. In the inset the winning plane is shown banking around the home pylon.

THE MRS. DOHENYS GO TO COURT

Mrs. Edward L. Doheny, wife of the multimillionaire oil operator, goes to court at Washington to attend the opening of the trial of her husband and former Secretary of the Interior Albert B. Fall. She is shown (left) with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. L. Doheny Jr., as she walked up the steps of the supreme court building.

CAROL'S RETURN IS NOT DISTANT

Queen Marie Seems Mistress of Situation; King Ferdinand Recovering

PARIS, Dec. 9 (AP).—Former Crown Prince Carol is likely to return to Rumania at an early date, says a Bucharest dispatch to the Trans-Alpine news agency.

"Queen Marie, who seems more and more mistress of the situation," the dispatch adds, "already has succeeded in making it understood that the decision of last January accepting Carol's renunciation of the throne must be reconsidered and his position again examined into.

"It is possible that he will be invited to return at an early date, even before the end of the week. It is further believed a new regency council will be appointed before the king becomes worse."

In this connection the correspondent in Budapest of the Echo De Paris says he has received advices to the effect that the physicians attending King Ferdinand consider that his condition makes it impossible for him hereafter to concern himself with state affairs.

KING IN NO DANGER

BUCHAREST, Rumania, Dec. 9 (AP).—The series of surgical operations necessitated by King Ferdinand's intestinal ailment has been completed.

It will require a period of 15 days, it is estimated, to ascertain whether the artificial organ (a silver tube) installed in the lower intestine yesterday for final functioning of the digestive apparatus is working satisfactorily.

Meanwhile, it is declared, the king is in no immediate danger of death. He rallied from the surgical shock, but is weak and feeble after three days in the hands of the surgeons.

An official bulletin at noon today said he passed a good night and was beginning to take nourishment. His general condition was characterized as "satisfactory," with a temperature of 97.57 and pulse 64.

Ferdinand's morale is excellent, and has been aided by removal from his system of the poison which slowly gained ground until the operations. The poison will now be evacuated by the artificial installation.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 9 (AP)—Automatic signal blocks will be installed on the new Cascade line of the Southern Pacific railway company from Eugene to Black Butte, beginning this week.

Today in Washington

TODAY IN WASHINGTON

Congress meets at noon.

Oil conspiracy trial continues.

House takes up judge's salaries.

Senate campaign investigating committee meets.

House committee on committees considers vacancies.

Military and Indian affairs committees hold first meeting.

Naval committee of house continues examination of sea forces.

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