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EZRA'S PRAYER—"O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to Thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our trespass is grown up unto the heavens." Ezra 9:6.

Sometimes it looks as if it would be a good thing for the marines to establish neutral zones on the floor of congress.

Farm relief in the congress gains headway slowly. One thing seems certain: If the McNary-Haugen bill passes both houses (as is now predicted), the approval or disapproval of President Coolidge will have a distinct bearing on the 1928 campaign. If he signs it, the farm interests will have their bill; if he vetoes it, they will have ample excuse to look for a western agricultural candidate for president.

STAND-PAT IMMIGRATION

The action of the United States senate in voting unanimously to extend the present immigration restriction quotas for another year has been called a "Nordic triumph." It is not necessarily that.

The continuance of the present uotas instead of the new plan proposed does prevent a sharp reduction in the number of admissible Germans, Irish and Scandinavians, who are mostly blonds of the vaunted Nordic type. On the other hand, it prevents the doubling of the admissible number of British, North Irish and Russians, who are also mainly blonds and Nordics. Thus the "national origins" scheme, temporarily defeated, would not have made much difference in the relative proportion of Nordics, Alpines and Mediterraneans admitted, though it would make considerable difference to certain nationalities.

The senate vote is little more than a stand-pat victory actuated by a desire to avoid trouble by keeping the immigration situation as it is.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT

Rearranging the Ten Commandments is becoming a favorite pastime, not perhaps taking the place of cross-word puzzles, which still persist in popularity, but furnishing unlimited opportunities to questionnaire promoters.

A recent rearrangement comes from Simmons college in Boston, where the director of the School of Secretarial Studies gave the problem to 800 or so young women of the school. Of course, the answers varied, but there was enough agreement to make possible the compilation of a list meeting the approval of the majority of students. In this arrangement, honoring parents received first place while keeping the Sabbath Day holy came last.

Here is a puzzle for the graybeards who shake their heads over the waywardness and wildness of present-day youth. They can say, "I told you so!" about neglect of Sunday observance. But what can they say about those independent young women who nevertheless give honoring their parents first place in the Decalogue?

Any dispute about the relative importance of the respective commandments is fruitless. Precise definition of the terms employed would be difficult to arrive at. Individuals interpret the commandments differently today, and the common interpretation now is different from that of Moses' day. One or two of the commandments may even be regarded by some persons as covering all the others. Also, there may be people who would throw out some of this ten and write something different.

Yet in all this upheaval of old standards, it is surely remarkable to find our supposedly rebuild and unfilial new generation in America coming into agreement with the immemorial ethics of China, and agreeing that children's first duty is an honorable regard for their parents. This "commandment," logically followed, may really cover most of the others. It may also impress parents with the necessity of proving themselves worthy of honor.

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Tobacco Tax to Be Proposed by Senator W. Hare

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—A proposed tobacco tax is to be revived in a bill to be introduced by Senator W. G. Hare, of Hillsboro, in collaboration with a member of the house. It will differ from tht bill that was passed by the 1925 session in that it will include cigars among the tobacco products to be taxed.

Senator Hare proposes that the people shall vote on the tobacco tax measure at the same time that they vote on the governor's income tax measure, and the main purpose of the tobacco tax will be to make certain a low income tax rate as long as the income tax is in force in the state.

One of Several

The tobacco tax will be one of a series of finance measures introduced by Senator Hare. His bill No. 135 would permit the state treasurer, with the assent of the commissions involved to transfer funds from the various special funds to the general fund, paying 2 per cent interest to the state commission whose fund was transferred. Under the present system when the treasurer is compelled to borrow from banks he pays 5 per cent interest, hence the Hare measure would save the state 3 per cent.

Another bill by Hare, senate bill 136 enlarges the scope of securities in which the state bond commission may invest the funds of the state reducing to 2,000 to minimum population of towns who bonds the state may buy. At present a 5,000 population is required.

A third measure authorizing the bond commission to use the funds of the industrial accident commission to buy state certificates of indebtedness.

Conditions Good For Creameries

NAMPA, Ida., Feb. 9—Plants of the Intermountain Cooperative creameries in Boise and Nampa have shown satisfactory growth and have a promising future as a result of their consolidation last year, W. B. Wagner of Payette, general manager, told stockholders of the Nampa plant at their annual meeting.

The Nampa creamery, he added, is in the best condition of its career. There is likelihood, Mr. Wagner said, that the Challenge Butter and Cream Products company, big coast marketing agency through which the "co-ops" market their output, will consolidate with the Lakes Butter and Cream Products company which performs a similar service for creameries in the middle west.

This would provide a huge marketing agency covering the [illegible] of the country with the exception of the eastern tier.

Utilization of skimmed milk has proved profitable to the creameries, Wagner said, and the Meridian casein factory handles practically all this, turning out a product that sells for about 13 cents a pound. He believed a powdered milk plant would be an asset and declared that Boise valley is a central location for such a plant. Within a comparatively short time a $47,000 powdered milk plant is to be started in Boise, Ronald Wood, former director of the state dairying bureau, Boise and Meridian plants, told the stockholders.

Auto Builder Is Guest of Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5. (AP)—Henry Ford called today on President Coolidge.

After the visit the automobile manufacturer said business conditions were "as solid as a rock," and that while some people foresaw a slight recession in the near future, he had no fears on that score.

The question of prohibition, he said, was as strong as ever. He had surveys to the effect of prohibition upon his workmen, he said, and the conditions before and after prohibition contrasted "like night and day."

Ford described his visit to the president as merely a courtesy call. He came to Washington to be present at Secretary Work's dinner last night in honor of President Coolidge.

Hawley May Quit, Salem Rumors Say

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9 (AP)—A report circulating among legislators that Representative W. C. Hawley, first congressional district, will retire at the end of his present term in congress, has brought up a crop of suggestions for candidates to fill his place.

Three state senators mentioned as aspirants for Hawley's seat at Washington are R. L. Eddy, of Hillsboro; A. W. Norblad, of Astoria, and Ed. W. Miller, of Grants Pass.

INTERNATIONAL MUSIC EXPOSITION PLANNED

An international exposition of music has been arranged for Geneva, Switzerland, for May 12 under the patronage of M. Motta, president of the Swiss Confederation. It is expected to bring together eminent musicians from Europe and the United States. Orchestras will come from Amsterdam, Rome and Paris and there will be an international competition for pianists.

In Chile railway conductors clap hands as a signal for "all aboard."

It is estimated that 3,000 race horses are stabled within the province of Buenos Aires to provide the national pastime for the city's two million inhabitants.

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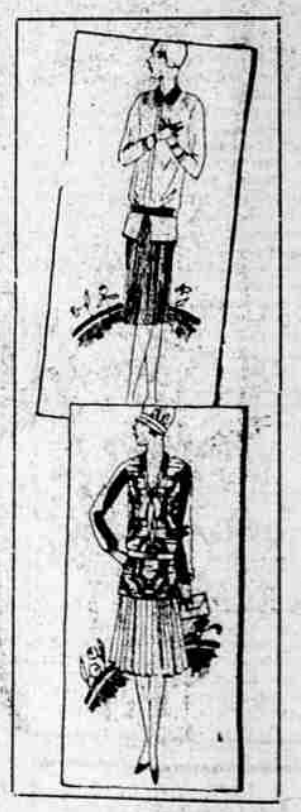

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Newspapers Are Given Praise by New York Editor

NEW YORK, Feb. 5 (AP)—A day without a newspaper would be an inconvenience and a week without a newspaper would be a catastrophe, Fred A. Walker, of the New York Telegram, chairman of the Publishers' Association of New York City, told the Broadway association at luncheon today.

"What ever happens, the public looks first to the newspapers for information and this is the greatest tribute that can be paid to the truthfulness and accuracy of the daily press, he said.

"Some people unkindly and untruthfully cast reflections on the dependability of the newspapers, prompted but those who have to do with the making of newspapers and those who have a real acquaintance with the detail of news gathering and distribution know that there is no activity of the human race in which speed and quantity are factors that is so accurately performed as the collecting of the worlds news and its distribution through newspaper columns."

Efficient Operation

"The distribution of the daily newspaper is the most efficient single operation of which the world has any record, he said. "If all the necessities of life were efficiently and economically handled as are the newspapers the cost of living might easily be reduced 50 per cent.

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John T. Deffenbacher, 75, New Philadelphia, Ohio, a volunteer fireman for more than 50 years, has a grandson on the force with him.

ITALIAN WILL SHOW NEW YORK HIS ART

Baroness Sirismond Meyer de Schauensee, called "the portraitist of Italy's intellectual aristocracy," is in New York to arrange an exhibition of his paintings.

At the National Gallery of Modern Arts in Rome, his home city, he is represented by a portrait of a lady. Several of his pictures have been acquired by the king, the queen mother and the municipality. He was born in 1884 at St. Benedetto del Trono, a small town in the Marches in the confines of the Abruzzi.

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