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THE HAND OF GOD—"The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek Him; but His power and His wrath is against them that forsake Him." Isaiah 58:22.

Some of the rather questionable magazines have been removed from three newsstands of our city—a wise precaution. Many people, perhaps, would not find serious fault with some of them. If their circulation were confined to adults, the danger might amount to very little. But they have been sought by children rather than by parents and the effect is not good. Youth has to be protected because it hasn't sufficient judgment to protect itself. Suggestive periodicals do not add to the wholesomeness of life. La Grande can get along without them.

Dr. Butler, "wet" head of Columbia university, thinks that President Coolidge will not run again and that only an anti-prohibitionist can be elected chief executive in 1928. The doctor is a learned man but he has been wrong on a good many occasions. Now he is twice wrong. Coolidge may not be elected president again but he is already running. There never was a more active candidate for the office than is our Calvin right now. The fact that he hasn't said so doesn't change the picture. Of course he may drop out before the republican convention—we rather expect that he will, if a good agricultural leader materializes. But in any event the successful candidate will not be a "wet." Prohibition is an important issue but not quite in that way.

ANOTHER ARMAMENT CONFERENCE

How to preserve peace, prevent war, is a problem with which the whole civilized world is concerned. The World Court and League of Nations have been advocated as peace insurance. Ideas in many countries have constantly urged greater fellowship, better understanding between nations, and improved education to show that "peace at any price" may be more desirable than a new conflict.

Following the World War the disarmament conference at Washington was proposed and successfully held in the belief that smaller navies and decreased armament competition would foster the peace spirit. Perhaps it has been worthwhile in that respect. Now comes President Coolidge with an invitation to the larger nations that they participate in another such conference. This time it is for the consideration of all classes of vessels, so that the whole structure of naval preparedness may be sealed down.

The move is a worthy one, though the advantage in the cause of permanent peace may not be all that is expected of it. Preparedness for war on the part of great nations is, after all, a relative thing. If we have a big navy, the other fellow has to have a big navy. If we agree to have a small one, he can well afford to scale down to our size. But it is doubtful if the lower level actually decreases the chance for war. In the event of hostilities, a nation does not hesitate to fight merely because it has a small navy if the enemy is no better equipped. A war can be fought with a rowboat and a club.

Disarmament is, nevertheless, desirable and sensible. If it does not reduce the chances for war, at least it reduces the expense for war equipment. It saves tax money or permits us to divert it from warships to schools and social service and national health. And there are many countries of the world which can well afford to spend more money on education, for example, and less on armies and navies. When spent for armaments it is certain that the cause of peace preservation is not being served. When spent for educating our young people in the horrors and futility of war, in the pleasure and happiness of peace, there is a chance that we may progress more rapidly toward the millennium. We will probably never reach it but we can accomplish much good for civilization by striving for it and believing that it is worthwhile.

SAYS HE KILLED EIGHTEEN MEN

J. M. Saunders, Ex-Bankers' Association Official, Under Arrest

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 11 (AP)—Declaring that he had slain 18 persons whose names he has refused to divulge because he fears death at the hands of his victims' friends, J. M. Saunders, former Oklahoma Bankers' association official today professed to be reluctant to return to Oklahoma to face a charge of forgery and an investigation of his alleged killings.

While Oklahoma officers, who arrived here to take him in custody on the forgery charge were non-committal as to his story, his wife, Mrs. Gladys Saunders, told about four slayings committed by her husband. If there were 14 others, she said, Saunders never told her anything about them and she never heard about them from other sources. A check of Saunders' story revealed only two cases in which he was charged with murder and officers said if there were others they were buried in old court records. It was pointed out that Oklahoma has had many killings as a result of gang warfare.

Tried Nine Times

Saunders insisted that he had been exonerated of all the 18 killings, but Oklahoma officers were not so sure that such was the case. He claimed to have been tried nine times, for murder.

Saunders insists that he failed to kill all of his enemies in Oklahoma. He said he had so many enemies in the state that he would not live four hours there without the protection of officers.

Although Sheriff Daney is confident that he can persuade Saunders to return to Oklahoma City with him, the man's fear of his enemies may prove a stumbling block to extradition.

In one of Saunders' suitcases were found newspaper clippings relating to shooting affrays and murders in three states.

One Case

One clipping was a story of a railroad strike in Memphis several years ago in which a shop foreman was slain while on his way to work. Another dealt with the slaying of Bud Ballou, Oklahoma officer, by a Texas ranger in Wichita Falls. Saunders was associated with Ballou for several years.

On one occasion, Saunders said, he went into the office of an unidentified man and, with a shotgun, forced the man to leap from a window to his death.

Advices from Oklahoma City were that Saunders was known there as a boaster.

For seven cents a passenger can ride 17.5 miles, passing through four cities, on a street car operated by a transit company of Oakland, Cal.

One automobile expert says a car 16 years from now will go 60 miles on a gallon of gasoline. There's a tip for Harry Lauder.

A girl often increases a man's happiness by just one word. Occasionally it is "yes," but more frequently it is "no."

Coming Over



Mei Lang Fang, the Chinese Julian Ellinger, is coming to America. His salary at a Shanghai theater is about \$100,000 a month in Chinese dollars, or \$46,000 in American greenbacks.

GRAND JURY TO CONSIDER CASE

Staten's Charges of 'Rail-roading' Are to Be Taken Up

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—Frank B. Mitchell, former legal advisor for the Oregon Federal Prohibition enforcement office, who was named in a statement filed in federal court yesterday by James W. Staten, as having engaged in liquor traffic and with aiding in railroading three former state prohibition agents to the penitentiary, today asked Judge R. S. Bean that the entire matter be investigated.

"Either Elton Watkins or I should be disbarred, and I respectfully request the use of the machinery of the government to investigate this whole matter," said Mitchell.

Referred to Grand Jury Judge Bean announced that he would refer Mitchell's request to the grand jury. He had previously referred Staten's statement to the grand jury.

Elton Watkins, former congressman, and chief attorney for the three prohibition agents who were convicted of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws and who were sentenced to 15 months in McNeil

Island prison, yesterday presented Staten's statement to Judge Bean, with a motion that charges of conspiracy of the three men be dismissed. Staten was arrested recently in Georgia on the contempt charge. He disappeared here last February when wanted by the government as a witness against Arthur Christensen and Robert and A. C. Smith, the state prohibition agents who were convicted.

Staten's statement yesterday charged that Mitchell and Dr. J. A. Linville, former prohibition director for Oregon, had engaged in large bootlegging operations.

Linville Denies Charge Dr. Linville, who is now in Seattle, declared the Staten charge to be absolutely false. Mitchell branded the charge "false and insane."

Watkins said over long distance telephone from Salem today that he was delighted that Judge Bean had referred Mitchell's request to the grand jury.

"As far as disbarment proceedings are concerned, let them shoot any time, and as hard as they please. It will clear the atmosphere. I have already referred the matter to the attorney general of the United States asking that an investigation be made, and everything that can be done to hasten

How To Make A Moderate Income Go Farther

The family with a moderate income—a fixed amount that is so much and cannot be stretched into any more—has to take particular care in its spending. Every dollar must do careful duty; every purchase must represent value-received.

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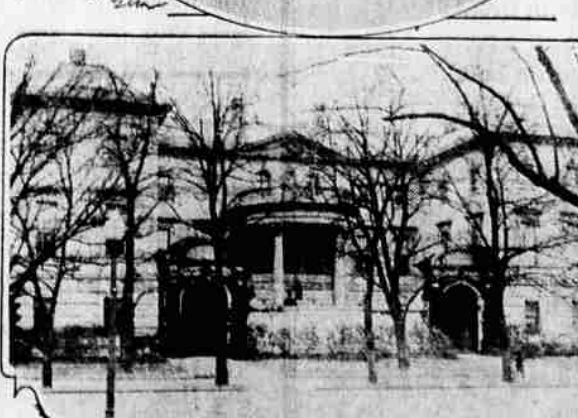
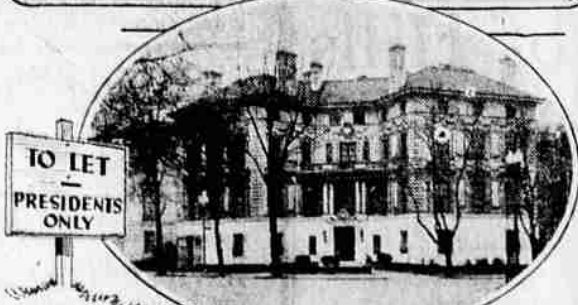
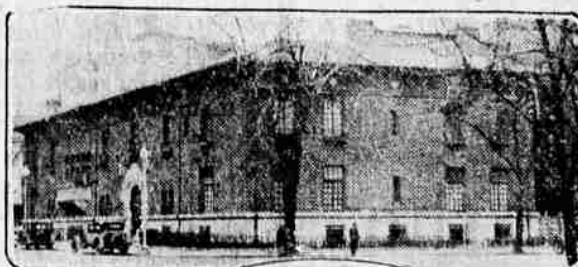
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—NEA, Washington Bureau
The keys to these palatial Washington homes have been offered to President and Mrs. Coolidge, who will have to move their official residence while the White House is undergoing extensive repairs. At the top is the home of Edward B. MacLean, Washington publisher. It is at Fifteenth and Vermont avenues. In the center is the famous Robert Patterson mansion, facing Dupont Circle. It is now occupied by Countess Gizeka. Below is the Lars Anderson residence on fashionable Massachusetts avenue.

Seattle Man Is Killed in Wreck

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 11 (AP)—Perry A. Morris, aged 51 years, of Seattle, was killed this morning in an automobile wreck about a mile and a half north of Oakland. Mrs. Annie Benson, aged 65, mother-in-law of Morris, business partner of J. A. Hauser, of Seattle, was seriously injured.

The accident occurred at about 9 o'clock when the big touring car in which they were driving to California, skidded on a bad turn and rolled about 40 feet down the grade and into the Calapooia river. The car was submerged, Morris being pinned beneath it. Mrs. Benson, however, was thrown clear of the

wreckage and was able to crawl to the bank where she lay partly in the water for nearly an hour before her cries for help were heard.

Philadelphia clubwomen have joined a movement to have public libraries open on Sunday. Where is this wave of dissipation carrying us?

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But, give me no pretenders.
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