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MAN'S THOUGHTS—The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity. Psalm 94:11.

COLLEGE FAILURES

A recent issue of the Oregon Voter quotes a railroad executive on the subject of college graduates and their adaptability—and lack of it—in the transportation game. Speaking of those who took academic or general courses, this executive says: "College graduates are about the most worthless material we get, so far as our ability to make something out of them is concerned." Further on he is quoted as follows:

"One lesson seems to be well learned in college—how to spend money. These likeable chaps have the social graces. They make fine first impressions, know how to order taxicabs and flowers, take girls to expensive places of amusement and carry themselves like young lords. When it comes to economics such as are necessary to young men starting at the bottom in a large corporation, they seem to be as helpless as they are in trying to get along without an automobile. . . . Something is seriously wrong with college education. It destroys, at a plastic and susceptible age, those character qualities which tend to help a man hold his own in the world, and it fixes habits of extravagance and expectation so firmly that they control his life. Our difficulties in trying to use college men are greater today than ever before."

It is true that something may be seriously wrong with college education but we are influenced by reading this opinion of the railroad executive to believe that there may be something seriously wrong with his view of the problem—or his experience is a very unusual one. Either his particular railroad is peculiar in its needs or he is failing as an employer to take advantage of the trained minds that colleges offer.

Without doubt some college graduates today fit his description—they have failed to profitably grasp the opportunity that was theirs. But the failure is no more flagrant than of some men in every large classification and in every line of endeavor. To give the impression that every college graduate emerges from his school a spendthrift and a young loafer lacking the power of adaptation or hard work is mere foolishness. A small per centage, as we have said, can qualify; but there are hundreds of them who would wonder what he was talking about.

Not all college students have automobiles, very few of them indulge too riotously in consuming taxicabs and expensive flowers to their everlasting sorrow. A high percentage of them, so government records show, are enthusiastic enough about the chance for a better education to work all or part of their way through college.

The conditions to which the railroad man apparently objects cannot, on the face of it, be true of all or even a strong minority of men who have graduated from academic courses. If it were, the country would be clogged with these "college failures," which it obviously isn't in spite of the thousands receiving diplomas each year. And to blame the few cases, comparatively, of spending and incompetency on the college is as illogical as the other is untrue.

Colleges, unfortunately, cannot be a guardian of student morals or a reformer of student characters. Moral standards and the qualities of character that make for success or failure are created in every youth before he attains college age. The spendthrift has, without doubt, been a spendthrift to a proportionate degree in high school and in home. The loafer and incompetent has acquired capacity for loafing and incompetency long before he enters college doors. College students who are given too much money, who have never been taught to work and know the value of money, who lack the power of concentration and adaptability are beyond the reach of most colleges when the college receives them.

There are, very probably, many things "seriously wrong with college education"—but the railroad executive has not put his finger on them in this particular interview.

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Striking Miners Walking to Coal Mine Miles Away

DENVER, Colo., Oct. 26. (AP)—The "pilgrimage" of striking coal miners of Northern Colorado to the Fremont county coal fields, more than a hundred miles away started this morning. More than 200 miners in sixty autos started the trip which was planned by I. W. W. leaders to attempt to induce the Fremont county miners to join in the strike in the Colorado mines. Miners in Fremont county have refused to heed the strike call and on several occasions have denounced the I. W. W.

No women or children were taken on the trip. The first violence in Fruentano county since the strike started more than a week ago occurred today when J. B. Childs, an I. W. W. leader, was struck over the head and severely cut by a guard at the Lester mine of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company.

In Las Animas county the strike continued to spread and the coal mining industry there was nearing the point of almost complete suspension.

Discharge of Gun Fatal to Boy, 13

MOLALLA, Ore., Oct. 26. (AP)—George Worsted, 13, is dead as a result of accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his twin brother, Vernon. The boys found the gun in a warehouse Sunday and loaded it. George died two days later from the wound.

ITALIAN SHIP SINKS; MANY LOST AT SEA

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ing bound for Montevideo and Buenos Aires.

4 Ships Rush to Rescue

The agent of the company said that he had no word as to the cause of the disaster but thought that it possibly might have been due to an explosion in the engine. No word of the number saved and those drowned had been received at the steamship this morning.

The first S.O.S. cry of the liner brought four steamships who were in cruising distance to her aid and in the darkness of the night the crews of these vessels went to work heroically to rescue the victims of the disaster.

The German steamship Athena rescued 400 passengers, radio advice stated, while the British steamer Empress Star picked up 200. First advice said that the French steamer Formosa had saved 120 persons but messages received at Pernambuco today placed the number saved by this vessel at 400. The latter ship was stated

Flees Mexico.



Charging that President Calles of Mexico and General Obregon, a candidate for the presidency, were killing off their political enemies "to enforce power by panic," General G. A. Salinas, former Mexican minister of aviation, has come to El Paso, Tex., as a refugee. He brought his family across the border.

to be proceeding to Bahia to disembark those rescued.

List Not Available
The British steamer Radiotelephone also is known to have reached the scene of the disaster but no word was received as to whether she had picked up any of the survivors, the only report being that she had assisted in the rescue work.

The passenger list of the Principessa Mafalda was not available this morning but the Italian embassy said that Professor Gigli, director of the statistical institute of Rome, was among the passengers.

Although the number of casualties in the sinking was not known here, the National Telegraph Bureau received a message from its station at Amaralino reporting that 250 persons were missing.

TO RESCUE MOST

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Oct. 25. (AP)—The captain of the French steamship Formosa, which is standing by the scene of the sinking of the Italian steamship Principessa Mafalda, today informed the Associated Press that the rescue vessels hoped to save almost all of those aboard the stricken steamer.

The captain's message, sent by wireless and timed 3 a. m. this

morning said:

"We hope to rescue most all. Four more steamers have arrived."

A second wireless message from the captain of the Formosa, received at 10:35 o'clock this morning and apparently filed from the vessel during the night read:

"Since 3 p. m. with the steamer Mosella and other vessels we have been proceeding with the rescue of the passengers of the Mafalda, which is going on regularly. We are waiting for daylight. Our arrival Rio Janeiro will be delayed 24 hours. We are taking the rescued to Rio Janeiro."

(The Mosella, a French steamship last reported at Santos, Brazil, on October 3, has not been previously mentioned as being among the vessels engaged in rescuing the passengers and crew of the Principessa Mafalda.)

PICKS UP 300

LONDON, Oct. 26. (AP)—The British steamship Avalona rescued 300 persons from the Italian steamship Principessa Mafalda which sank last night off the coast of Brazil, says a message received this afternoon by the Blue Star Line, owners of the British vessel. The Avalona is en route to Buenos Aires.

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