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MERCY FOREVER—O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is
good; because his mercy endureth forever. Psalm 118:1.

The present American interpretation of the Monroe Do-
ctrine might be expressed about like this: "We'll be darned if
we'll let Latin-Americans interfere with our protecting 'em."

The senate judiciary committee has approved a bill pro-
viding that jurors shall not be disqualified in federal courts
merely because they have "formed an opinion in the case." If
the trial judge believes they are capable of giving an un-
biased verdict on the evidence, in spite of previous opinions,
they are to be accepted. This looks like an entering wedge
to reformation of the American jury system. The morons
have had their way too long in our courts of justice. Present
procedure puts a premium on ignorance and stupidity. Now-
adays nearly every intelligent person knows about an impor-
tant case, and has some opinion about it, before it comes to
trial. The man or woman who has no knowledge or opinion
of it may not have enough mind to form an opinion. All that
need be expected of a juror who has learned and thought
about a case is open-mindedness and honesty.

WHO SHOULD PAY FLOOD CONTROL COST?

It's almost a year since the Mississippi flood disaster
and the country is no nearer control than it was when flood
waters were at their height. If we except the numerous bills
now before congress but not through congress. Everyone
has a different solution for control and everyone has a dif-
ferent idea who should pay for it. Due to delay, it is impos-
sible to help the situation if another flood should happen
this year.

The main controversy is over the question of payment,
states not primarily concerned holding the opinion that a
large share of the cost should be borne by those states suf-
fering most from the flood and most needing protection. If
that is fair, those lower Mississippi states will hardly ob-
ject—but if it isn't, we can hardly blame them.

The Mississippi floods are caused, apparently, from the
Mississippi river trying to carry water in excess of its capac-
ity. And that water, obviously, doesn't come from the few
flood states alone. Actually it comes from 31 states in the
Mississippi drainage area. It comes from 41 per cent of the
area of the United States.

When it snows generously in Montana, providing spring
water that may irrigate Montana forage crops, the flood men-
ace in Arkansas and Louisiana is increased. When it rains
generously in Nebraska and Iowa and thus helps insure a
good corn crop, the water must become a threat to Ten-
nessee and Mississippi before it reaches the Gulf. Mild spring
rains in the blackened hills around Pittsburgh can help cause
a flood tragedy in the streets of New Orleans.

In other words, the Mississippi River doesn't belong to the
states located near its mouth and the floods that threaten
their prosperity and safety do not constitute their individual
responsibility. It is, in truth, a national problem. We aren't
directly responsible in Oregon, perhaps, but the decreased
buying power of the flooded areas, the loss of life and prop-
erty and income is reflected directly in our apple market, our
lumber market, our tourist market. No disaster such as we
experienced last year can fail to injure the entire country.

Congress can well afford, in our opinion, to forget about
the obvious benefits to certain stricken states by a federal
flood control program; can well afford to go ahead with a
scientific plan without first insisting that certain states pay
an unfair share of construction costs. If the cost cannot be car-
ried by the federal government entirely, there are 31 states
drained by the Mississippi that can well afford to pay. The
three or four states at the mouth of the river are handicapped
enough already without putting this additional and unfair
burden on them.

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thin' for their own good. Waitin'
for a doctor's bill is jest like waitin'
for a sentence.

PRESIDENTS GAME

- Game No. 22
1—What law did both Harding
and Coolidge veto?
2—Who was vice president under
Benjamin Harrison?
3—What president's son was a
general in the Spanish war?
4—What two ex-presidents died
during the civil war?
5—What president founded public
receptions as a White House
custom?
6—Who won the battle of Tippecanoe
and against whom?
7—To what political party did
Jefferson, Madison and Monroe be-
long?
8—Who received 221 electoral
votes in one election and 8 in the
next?
9—Name five presidents who
served eight full years.
10—Which president's birth-
place is not exactly known?

Answers to the questions in
Game No. 22 will be found on an-
other page.

ORDER FLOUR BY PHONE
OMAHA — An Omaha mill-
ing company recently obtained an order
for 100 tons of flour from a
customer in Berlin, Germany, over
long distance telephone. The flour,
which must be shipped more than
5,000 miles, represents the output
of 350 acres of farm land.

BRIGUETS STAGE WAR.
BERLIN—War again rages in
the Ruhr valley, but this time it is
a battle of brigquets. Bluminius
and ligette brigquets vie for the hon-
or of heating the smaller homes,
and in the past decade the ligette
product has succeeded in driving
its bluminius rival from the terri-
tory east of the Weser river.

ANOTHER ATHLETE
AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP)—There's
more than one athlete in the Cobb
family. Miss Shirley Cobb has just
won a blue ribbon at a horse show.
Her brother, Junior, is an excel-
lent tennis player. Their dad is
Ty.

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St. Patrick Was An Engineer! So Collegians Say

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—Few
may know it, but St. Patrick of the
green isle far across the seas is a
patron saint of American college
engineering students.

Engineering classes of 16 Amer-
ican universities celebrate March
17 as a holiday, offering pic-
turesque homage to Erin's favor-
ite son.

The practice started on the Uni-
versity of Missouri campus 25
years ago and has spread to other
colleges through the years. Stu-
dents lobbied about the college of
engineering disowning means of
abandoning school for the day
without penalty. One remembered
it was St. Patrick's day. The pre-
text was sufficient.

"St. Patrick was an engineer,"
the cry arose—the phrase has since
become part of a widely known
song. Against faculty protests the
students cut all classes for the day.
The first organized St. Pat's fest
was in 1905, when the custom of
selecting a student representative
of St. Patrick was established.
Loyal sons in kneeling position,
with hats off and faces buried in
the turf heard St. Patrick's person-
al representative proclaim March
17 a day of rest for engineers for-
ever.

There is a St. Pat's hall for
which a queen is elected. Miss
Marquette Smith of St. Louis will
be the queen this year and Charles
Earl Schooley of Bolivar, Mo., will
be the representative of St. Pat-
rick.

The other 15 universities that
hold the same sort of celebration are
members of the Association of
Collegiate Engineers.

CHILDREN'S TALENT

Every child has the same right
to have all his talents exercised as
to have all his limbs developed. A
talent will often be latent for years
because the possessor is never
brought into contact with the en-
vironment which would bring it
out.

Children ought to be put into
possession of all the possible means
of expressing talent: musical in-
struments, color, tools and mat-
terials suitable to their age.

They should also have access to
the society of people of all ages,
and those differently situated from
themselves to bring out any talent
they may have for social living,
for leadership or politics. And
they should be brought into con-
tact with every possible kind of
work.

Merely seeing things done will
often dull the latent aptitude
which the parent or teacher has
never suspected.

YOUNGEST JUDGE

WILMINGTON, N. C.—A. M.
Rice, 22, has been appointed
Brunswick county recorder, thus
becoming the youngest judge in
North Carolina.

ROOSEVELT DISCARDS HIS CRUTCHES



NEA New York Bureau
After seven years' courageous struggle against the crippling effects
of infantile paralysis, Franklin D. Roosevelt, former assistant
secretary of the navy, has returned to his duties as head of a New
York insurance company. Below, he is pictured at his desk; above,
with Governor Al Smith in 1924, just before he nominated Smith
at the Democratic National convention as the party's presidential
candidate for that year.

THE GARDEN

EARLY LETTUCE OF QUALITY

No early garden is complete
without its lettuce bed or row. It
requires only a small space to
grow sufficient to supply an aver-
age family. Oldtime gardeners
spaded up a small patch in some
convenient corner of the garden
as soon as the soil could be work-
ed in the spring and broadcast the
seed and raked it in. The lettuce
came up thick all over the bed
and was pulled as fast as it at-
tained edible size, thus thinning it
out, and later the well-developed
plants were cut off and new leaves
allowed to form. Leaf lettuce was
the universal crop of the oldtime
gardener. Now leaf lettuce, par-
ticularly in titles, is scorned as
head lettuce is in the market the
year around. Leaf lettuce is a
fine salad plant for the home gar-
den as it must be fresh picked to
be at its best and it grows as

easily as any weed, while head-
lettuce is a task for an expert
gardener.

Lettuce is one of the few crops
that can be grown in a shady back
yard, provided it has two or three
hours of sun during the day. It
must have rich soil and plenty of
moisture, in fact its quality de-
pends upon speed of growth. Hot
weather it cannot stand, as it spins
up to seed. The best method to
raise quality lettuce is to sow it
in a box in the house or in a

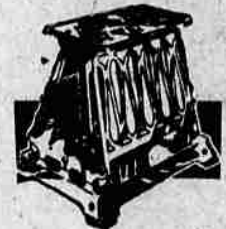
frame outdoors and transplant
this is the only way the average
gardener can successfully nec-
essitate good head lettuce. It must
have sufficiently early start to ma-
ture in June. Otherwise there is
little chance of securing a head.
Lettuce is not injured by light frost,
particularly if grown cold from the
start. It may be conveniently
planted between rows of other
crops as it will be used and out
of the way in plenty of time not
to interfere with their growth.
It is one of the most economi-
cally raised home vegetables, as a
5 or 10-cent package of seed will
provide for the family's needs in
abundance. Fertilize the lettuce
bed as heavily as possible. You
can't make it too rich. Head let-
tuce needs fat fare to make fat
heads.

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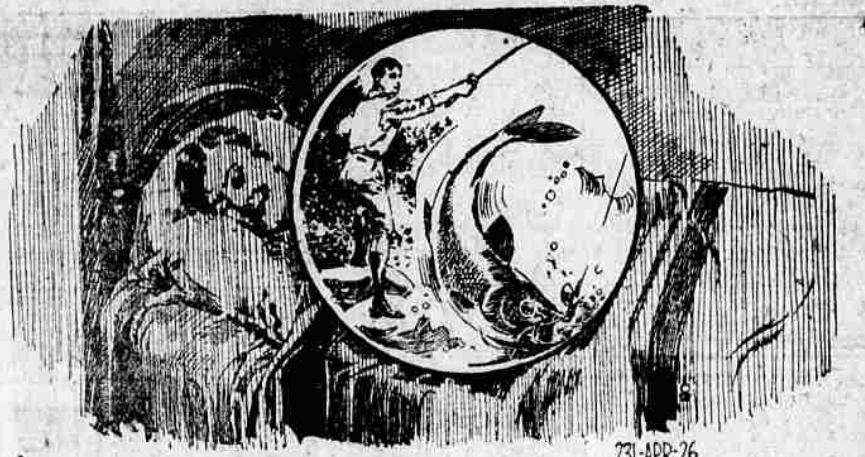
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find many of the "old favorites" rather the worse for wear and
will want to replace them with new "gear" or something of later
design and pattern.

When you think of FISHING TACKLE think of us. We have
a new and complete line, due to arrive today, which is the real
thing and will be sold at the right price. We all have our likes
and dislikes in tackle, and while we believe our selection will con-
tain JUST WHAT YOU WANT, if it is not in stock we will do
our best to get it for you.

WATCH FOR OUR WINDOW DISPLAY

High waters last fall, (which prevented late fishing) and the
fact that early fishing is going to be better this year than last on
account of a scarcity of snow in the mountains, assures good
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tion to serve you this year—DROP IN AND SEE US.

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