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## ABE MARTIN



There wuz a time when ever-buddy wanted a boy baby because he'd soon be self-sustainin', but today it's the girls who strike out for 'emselfes. I don't know what to think of modern dancin', since even a giddle is in the way.

### Communists Start Riot In Reichstag

BERLIN, May 2 (AP)—Violent demonstrations by communist deputies caused interruption of the sessions of the Reichstag this afternoon.

WARSAW, Poland, May 2 (AP)—Twenty-four persons including six policemen were wounded in May day clashes in Vilna yesterday, the only place in Poland where serious disturbances were reported during May day.

### PORTER INJURED

PORTLAND, May 2 (AP)—Russell Sims, Pullman porter, was in a hospital here today in a critical condition from injuries he received when he either fell or was thrown from a train near Umatilla, Ore., last night. Hospital attendants said he may die.

### FALLING TREE KILLS MAN

EGGENE, Ore., May 2 (AP)—Struck by a small tree which had been knocked down by a log late yesterday, Arthur Jones, 35, of Cottage Grove, was almost instantly killed. Jones was working in a logging camp near Dexter.

## THINGS HAPPEN WHEN HAT BLOWS

### Automobile Theft, Kidnaping and 2 Robberies Result of Wind

CHICAGO, May 2 (AP)—Clayton Sherman's hat blew off last night, with the following results: (1) Theft of one automobile; (2) kidnaping of Miss Dolores Bannon and, (3) two robberies.

Sherman, president of the H. F. Smith Paper company, was driving with Miss Bannon on Sheridan Road when he lost his hat in the wind. He stopped and ran back half a block to retrieve it.

As he was returning two men leaped into the car and drove away with Miss Bannon. For five hours thereafter police sought the young woman. It was nearly 2 o'clock this morning when the doorbell rang at the Sherman house and Miss Bannon was found, in collapse, at the door.

### Her Story

She told what happened after her escort's hat blew off. "I looked around at a sudden noise, and there stood two men, one on either side of the car. Before I could cry out, they were sitting beside me, and one pressed a revolver against my side.

"We're stickup men," one said. "We want you for a blind so the cops won't stop us. Just do what we tell you and we won't harm you."

"Before Mr. Sherman could reach us, we sped away, one of the men driving. They told me they got their revolver from an Evanston policeman they held up Tuesday night."

(Albert Carr, Evanston policeman and winner of the Patten prize for police bravery, was sobbed of his gun and his star Tuesday).

"I begged them to let me out, but they kept saying they wouldn't hurt me. They said they had a lot of places to rob."

### Saves Two Women

"Finally they told me to drive. Soon we passed two women on the sidewalk. The men started to get out to rob them, but I screamed. The women, becoming alarmed, screamed and ran. The men got back into the car.

"They didn't get mad at me, though. Just told me to keep on driving. Out somewhere, I don't know where, they robbed a car."

The robbers drove on, Miss Bannon said, robbed the occupants of another car, and would have held up several shop keepers, she said, except for her pleas to them not to. Finally they put her out of the car and drove away.

## U. S. Spends \$3,000,000,000 Each Year For Publications, Printing

NEW YORK (AP)—America's printing and publishing business has become almost a \$3,000,000,000 industry, but only five publishing concerns are listed on the New York stock exchange.

The Curtis and McGraw-Hill companies just have listed their securities. The others are the Butterick, McCall and Conde Nast companies.

The approximate yields on the current market prices of the stocks are: Butterick, zero; Conde Nast, 2.67; McCall, 5.48; Curtis, 4.92; and McGraw-Hill, 4.67.

A survey of the country based on department of commerce figures shows that in 1927 the value of all products of the publishing business was \$2,507,425,513, an increase of 10 per cent over 1925.

Meanwhile, with the enormous stimulation given the book publishing business by the organization of book selling societies and the large increase in newspaper and magazine advertising, conservative estimates place the present volume around \$3,000,000,000.

The latest available statistics obtained by the department of commerce state that 22,542 printing and publishing concerns were operating in 1927. More than 10,000 of these were newspaper or periodical distributors, 11,450 were publishers of books and job printers, and 119 were music publishers.

The total value of newspapers and periodicals printed same year was more than \$1,500,000,000. In this connection the publishing industry occupies a special position in that 75 per cent of the value of its products represents "value added by manufacture," an unusually high ratio between raw material and finished product.

The average wage paid to newspaper workers increased 6.3 per cent between 1925 and 1927.

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### LOWER PRICES

A financial expert predicts a long downward slide in commodity prices and interest rates during the next 20 years. He concedes that the drop will not be uninterrupted and does not venture an estimate on the extent of the drop. This expert belongs to one school, but there exists another well defined school which prophesies gradually rising prices and interest rates during the ensuing two decades.

The belief that prices will drop is based primarily upon post-war history. After the Civil war the cost of living and interest rates gradually declined. As soon as the nation returned to the plow and machine the commodity supply began to approximate the demand and prices took a tumble. When capital was diverted from the munitioning of armies to the financing of farms, homes, industries and railroads, money, which during the Civil war had been obtainable only at extortionate interest, became cheap.

The foretellers of still higher living costs and money rates doubt that a growing and expanding country like the United States can enjoy the felicities of cheap money and food. And yet the nation probably grew more rapidly during the twenty years following the Civil war than it will grow during the twenty years following the World war.

On the basis of Civil war statistics the public can look forward with some degree of assurance to lower living costs and interest rates during the next two decades, although few believe a return to pre-war levels is possible.

### A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION

The proposals of Ambassador Hugh Gibson at Geneva relative to naval armament reduction have introduced a welcome note of common sense into the hopelessly tangled situation there, and give new hope to a world that is increasingly sick of paying huge sums in preparation for a war that may never come.

Mr. Gibson—whose proposals, of course, represent President Hoover's views—cut straight through the tangle and brought the whole question to a level where it can be tackled in a straightforward manner.

To begin with, he pointed out that all the great powers, through their endorsement of the Kellogg-Briand treaty, have pledged themselves not to resort to aggressive wars. Consequently, he says, the time has come for all nations to get over their eternal distrust of one another, and take it for granted that they will be able to keep the peace henceforward.

In his concrete proposals he struck a similarly sensible vein. The British have insisted that they need a vast number of small cruisers to defend their commerce and outlying possessions. The French have demanded a great fleet of destroyers and submarines to protect their possessions in Africa. The Americans have called for a powerful group of large cruisers, capable of steaming long distances.

The British and Americans, heretofore, have called for naval limitation "by categories"—by classes of ships. The French have demanded that total naval tonnage be limited, with each nation free to build as it chooses within those limits. Mr. Gibson proposes that the two plans be combined. Limit the total tonnage, he says, and also limit the tonnage by categories—but make the limits elastic so that each nation can to a certain extent build for its own needs.

The schemes is eminently sensible, and has won Europe's applause. It encourages the hope that genuine naval reduction can be had.

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**GIRL TURNS IN \$8**  
ST. ANDREWS, Scotland, May 2 (AP)—Marion Turpie, New Orleans girl whose golfing pilgrimage to this town of her birth greatly interests St. Andrews, today played her first full round over the championship links.  
"It thrilled me," she said, "for I went around in \$8, which I am told is very good for a girl golfer." Miss Turpie laughingly pointed out that she is Scotch only by two months.

PITTSBURGH, Kan. (AP)—A short course for janitors will be instituted in June by the Kansas state teachers' college here. Every phase of janitor work, theoretical and practical, will be studied.  
General Lee's tomb at Lexington, Va., was visited by 2,647 persons from 27 states and eight foreign countries in March.

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