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A STARTLING DEMAND—And another of his disciples said unto him, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. But Jesus said unto him, Follow me; and let the dead bury their dead.—Matthew 8:21, 22.

Pressure is being brought upon the president to force him to reverse his decision to delay the construction of three cruisers on this year's program. The big-navy men in congress have branded the suspension as illegal, but it is not likely that they will whip the chief executive into a right-about-face. What President Hoover wants is not abandonment of the cruiser construction program but its suspension until a disarmament conference determines how large the navies of tomorrow will be. Having the support of a considerable body of public opinion, he is in a position of obtaining that delay. Executive discretion is a convenient weapon in his hands at this moment.

Across the wide spaces of a continent there rise new towers, with beacons flashing and turning by night to light the highways of the air. They are lighthouses of the land, symbols of a new age and trail markers for unimagined things to come. Their swinging beams across the sky of night tell of an ancient dream come true in our time. They are but towers of steel and lamps of gleaming glass. Yet awakened imagination is stirred by their solitary lights, thrust through darkness and storm to guide sky-sailing ships. Men trust their lives and fates to machines and devices they have created, and thereby these things themselves become as though they lived and had a share in the world's bold business. Romance today attends on machines and follows the swift steeds of steel and the ships of sea and air. These new lighthouses of the land are eloquent witnesses to a romance of the age we live in, telling of victories hard won, of present progress and of wonders to come.

SLOWER POPULATION GROWTH

Scientists who have made a study of population problems are disposed to believe that there is a saturation point in the population of the United States which will be reached about the year 2000, when deaths will balance births. The "saturation" population they fix at 200,000,000.

Vital statistics for 1928 seem to support this prediction for, compared with 1927, the 1928 birth rate showed a decrease of 1 per 1000 and the death rate showed an increase of a shade under 1 per 1000 population. In other words, 120,000 fewer children were born and 110,000 more persons died. This drop in the rate of population growth may prove only temporary, but all the scientific signs say it will be a continuing process.

Gone is the day when the nation aspires to a rapid increase in population. Once growth meant prosperity. Today an increase in population means unemployment. So the public hopes the scientists are right in their conclusions.

Alarmists point to overcrowded China as an example of what is in store for America in another century. The scientist's answer to them is that there is room and would be food for millions more than now inhabit Scandinavian countries yet those countries do not increase. America is more comparable geographically and racially with Northern Europe than with the Orient.

Birth and death are mathematical as well as spiritual mysteries. The scientific law which rules the rate of population growth is unknown.

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ORIENT TURNS TO AMERICAN AUTOS

Willys-Overland Exports Increase Throughout The World Market.

TOLEDO, Aug. 31 — Economic conditions throughout the world are rapidly on the mend, while the more backward nations are shaking off the slumber of centuries and advancing their material civilization through the adoption of American methods and American machinery, according to R. J. Archer, vice-president and general manager of the John N. Willys export corporation, who has just returned from a seven months' business trip around the world.

Mr. and Mrs. Archer both visited Australia, the Orient, Russia and Europe, calling on Willys-Overland dealers in these countries and preaching the merits of American products. Mr. Archer declared that Willys-Overland exports of Whippet and Willys-Knight automobiles to these countries have increased to such an extent that they now constitute 15½ per cent of Willys-Overland's entire production.

"China is the world's most potential but undeveloped market," Mr. Archer said. "It has the greatest sales possibilities for automobile manufacturers. All China needs is a stable government to inculcate confidence and assure justice."

Cost is High

Mr. Archer said that a Whippet car shipped to Shanghai costs double its price in Toledo and that when the car is shipped or driven into the interior a few miles, it costs double the Shanghai price.

"The Chinese buy automobiles mostly for use as taxicabs," Mr. Archer continued. "Individual Chinese who have sufficient money to buy a car usually are afraid to do so because of possible confiscation by the government later. The ability to buy a car is accepted as indication of the possession of considerable wealth and government agents make the most of it.

"The motor bus is the biggest possibility in China today. Transportation of people is more important than transportation of goods. The need for trucks and buses explains why the Willys-Knight and Whippet trucks are meeting with excellent acceptance abroad. This is particularly true in Argentine, Chile and Brazil—in fact, most of the South American area—as well as in British South Africa. Sales of our cars are showing new increases in Australia, New Zealand and Japan, while business in continental Europe is holding up very well.

"To the average American who is buying his gasoline for around 20 cents a gallon, it may be astonishing to learn that throughout the Orient, gasoline sells for 45c a gallon. In these countries, too, four passenger Whippet open cars are frequently converted into seven passengers.

"Japan is the most advanced nation in road construction in Asiatic regions. The Japanese government has just spent millions of dollars on concrete highways connecting Osaka and Kobe, also Tokio and Yokohama. These roads are equal to any good road we have in the United States. New Zealand is in the best shape financially of any of the nations. The per capita wealth is startling. The government there is not planning on more railroads as it is on the improvement of existing highways for automobiles and buses. The road construction program in Australia is not going ahead as it should but increasing traffic will shortly force it.

"Germany is coming back faster than German leaders themselves will admit. Every one in Germany works and people who work will beat those who won't. In Russia the powers that control its destiny are taking their future industrial activity as a most vital part of the Soviet program. American interests are helping by supplying capital, technical advice and personnel as well as by actual shipments of machinery and materials."

A'pine Color Medley

On the sheltered sides of the Alps, near Lake Lugano, the wild Christmas rose is in its short flower-ing glory during the first days of March, and primrose, snowflakes, violets and periwinkles mingle in the color medley that surrounds the snug little villages.

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WHERE IS YOUR TOWN GOING?

Two speaking engagements in one day were 158 miles apart by way of paved roads, so it was decided to take an unmarked short-cut.

As we drove, we kept inquiring, "Is this the way to Blankville?" Those to whom the question was put in each case replied, "where you going?" I decided to ask the fellow where he was going.

We overtook a man in an open buggy—I say "buggy"—it was once, no doubt, but could hardly be called that "as was." One wheel dished in, another dished out; a front wheel dished both ways. There was no dash-board, the buggy seat had been replaced by a soap box, and if there ever had been paint applied to any part of it, all traces had been obliterated. Seated, or had I better say, perched on the box that served for a seat, all hunched over, was a bewhiskered individual, adorned with raiment much patched and seldom, if ever, washed. As we signaled for half the one-lane road, he clucked and pushed on the lines that hung over the rump of the most ungainly, spavined specimen of horse flesh I ever had the displeasure of beholding. Slowing to the pace of his steed, I made salutation with: "Where you going, brother?" He turned slowly toward us, evacuated sufficient volume of deep brown liquid to make speech possible, and replied, "Oh, I'm just ridin' in to ride out."

To say I was nonplused would not describe it—I was flabbergasted and stumped. Here is the season of the year a man whose occupation could be none other than one demanding all of his time, was "just ridin' in to ride out." "Why?" I asked, and he replied, "Wa'al, there ain't no chores about the place, so might as well kill time one way as t'other."

There are many towns just like that—"just ridin' in to ride out," saying there isn't anything to do.

If the vehicle your town uses to get somewhere is a wornout, old-fashioned, ram-shackle dilapidated, patched-up affair, with a spavined, buck-kneed, string-haltered means of locomotion, the thing to do is wake up to modern ways of doing things. Give your ideas and ways of doing things a shave, shampoo and hair cut. Throw away your home spun jeans and get yourself into a pair of 1929 pants. By so doing, others will do likewise and then, and only then will you get some place.

Where is La Grande going? It must be going some place—ahead or backward. If it is "just ridin' in to ride out," it's standing still, which is going back, and soon stagnation will set in, which is even worse than complete annihilation.

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Health Talks

THE SUMMER INVESTMENT AND ITS HEALTH DIVIDENDS

By Shirley W. Wynne, M. D., Commissioner of Health, New York, N. Y.

Vacation time should be "building up" time. Too many people after their vacations are "all tired out." In planning your vacation make it pay; make it yield the greatest possible return in good health.

Do not choose that place for your vacation where you are judged by the clothes you wear. The purpose of your vacation is not to show other people how the many different styles become you. The purpose of your vacation is to show everybody that health is always in style.

Do not make the children get "all dressed up." Let the youngsters play and romp about in loose, rough clothing in which they are comfortable and happy. They cannot be happy in their play if they are forever being cautioned not to spoil the pretty frock.

Do not permit the children to do more than is good for them. Exhaustion is likely to result from strenuous competition in running and swimming. The younger and weaker children should have regular periods of rest and sleep.

To those of you who plan to spend your vacation on camping and motor trips, a word of caution against drinking water from any spring or brook that you happen to be passing. There is great danger of typhoid fever if you drink water from undetermined sources. Better be a thirsty person than a typhoid fever victim. Do not take unnecessary chances. Various state authorities are now beginning to post signs at springs and brooks likely to be used by tourists, indicating whether or not the water is safe to drink.

I appreciate the delights of an automobile trip for your vacation—the opportunity to see things—to get to places—to view the many incomparable scenic beauties of our country. But there is no health advantage to being cooped up in a closed car all day long for every day of your vacation. If possible, ride in an open car so that you can get the full benefit of the fresh air and sunshine. Allow yourself sufficient time along the way for rest periods. Drive slowly. You'll get much more enjoyment out of the scenery and will run less chance of a smash-up.

Be particularly careful of the food you eat while you are away from home. Do not indulge in the heavy meals. Follow the line of the fresh green vegetables, eggs, fruit and milk. Avoid fried foods. If you are hiking or travelling by automobile, do not stop at every little stand along the way to stuff yourself so full of innumerable "little meals" that you get away from your three, regular meals each day.

Do not attempt long walks during the heat of the day.

Do not attempt vigorous exercise when the sun is high in the heavens. Your body has all it can do to withstand the terrific heat. Do not place additional strain upon it.

Camp life is ideal for the children if the camp is a good, reliable one managed by persons competent to care for children.

In selecting a camp for your youngsters, make sure that the camp is a desirable place for residence—that it has all the scientific aids that modern sanitation has developed—that it has a safe water supply, safe sewerage disposal, a pure milk supply and is in charge of a thoroughly trained and conscientious director.

There are many of you who, for one reason or another, will have to spend your vacation at home. Let me suggest to those of you that you try to plan each day's activities so that you give yourself a change. Make frequent use of the nearby groves and beaches. Go on hikes. Wear old clothing that you will not have to think about. Get some good, perfect-fitting hiking shoes. Take your lunch along. You will find it tastes much better out in the open of the country than the same food would taste served home.

The wise man takes a few weeks of rest each year. It makes a new man out of him—it peps him up—it clears the "cobwebs" from his brain. He comes back with renewed vigor, eager and ready to tackle any problem. That is the way you too should come back. You will—if you remember what vacations are for. A vacation well spent will buy vim and vigor.

The Graf Zeppelin stowaway celebrated his 18th birthday shortly after his arrival in this county. Maybe he's old enough to know better now.

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SALEM, Ore., Aug. 31 (AP) — Governor Patterson has issued a letter to the people in which he endorses and commends a special effort that is to be made during the month of September to get mot vehicle owners to lock their cars when parked. The governor mentions the contribution to lawlessness of automobiles that are taken from the streets by joy-riders, as well as the more serious practice of car theft by experienced criminals.

"Every good citizen should be eager to do his part in discouraging crime and promoting law enforcement," the governor writes. "The locking of his automobile is a small precaution to ask of a law-abiding citizen, but if this precaution is consistently observed it will have important results in decreasing lawlessness."

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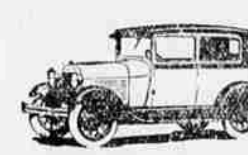

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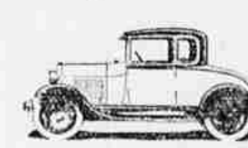

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