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A FORECAST OF FAILURE—But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.— Luke 6:49.

Figures may not lie, but many a queer proposition is put over by a judicious selection of statistics.

It is rather distressing to read that Admiral Byrd's party may be marooned in the Antarctic, cut off from relief by an extensive ice pack and possessed of food supplies too scanty to carry them through another winter. However, it is a little too early to be unduly anxious. In the first place, relief is on the way, and Byrd's wireless is keeping the outside world fully informed of the party's condition. Most reassuring, however, is the simple fact that the party has Byrd himself for a leader. This capable naval officer can be depended on to bring his men back unharmed if any man alive could do so. The men in the Antarctic could not have a better leader.

It is reported that a parole has been recommended for Dr. Frederick A. Cook, former Arctic explorer who has served six years of a 14-year sentence for using the mails to defraud in connection with an oil promotion swindle. Very often the suggestion for a parole for a prisoner of Dr. Cook's prominence brings loud protests; indeed, a couple of years ago there were vehement objections to a parole for Dr. Cook himself. But we do not believe that there will be any very grave objection if he is turned loose now. After all, the man is 65 years old, and the latter part of his life has not been exactly pleasant. There is little danger that he will again prey on society.

COST OF THE CENSUS

Informed that the 1930 census will cost the government \$40,000,000, the taxpayer may, with justice, ask if the results justify such tremendous expenditure of the people's money. But the answer is, they do.

Representation in the lower branch of congress is based on the census figures. Equal representation depends on an accurate enumeration of the population by districts and states. The congressional violation 10 years ago of the constitutional mandate for the reapportionment of representation in the house every 10 years makes the census this year of more than ordinary importance.

There are other ways in which the decennial stock-taking pays for itself. Immigration restriction legislation is governed by population figures. They guide congress and government departments in their conduct of the nation's business. And, being constantly available to private business, they prove a valuable asset to large enterprise.

Twenty thousand different questions will be asked by the 100,000 enumerators this year. Each individual must answer from 30 to 40 questions. The first census in 1790 ascertained only the name of the head of the family and the number in the family.

There is hardly a conceivable limit to the value of the vast amount of information which the census bureau will collect this year. It will supply accurate data for research and legislation, regarding agriculture, labor, industry, education and scores of other matters. It will also indicate various national trends.

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Ever time I see a picture of a big game hunter standing by a fallen rhinoceros I wonder if he could hit a rabbit. There seems to be plenty of money for everything but necessities.

Denver, testifies Ferdinand Pinney held fake marriage ceremony with her.

Miami, Fla.—Gar Wood's cruiser burns and sinks after explosion.

Los Angeles—Loretta Young, youthful movie actress, who eloped with Grant Withers, actor, says they intend to stay married.

Oklahoma City—W. Oscar Gordon, former attorney general of Oklahoma, charged with extortion.

Foreign
Mexico City—President Ortiz Rubio wounded in law by assassin two hours after inauguration.

Jerusalem—Constantine accused of shooting five Arabs in Jaffa rioting on Aug. 25, sentenced to death.

London—Edwin William Pugh, novelist, dies.

Caracas, Venezuela—Flying surgeons from United States arrive.

Miller Funeral Services Held At Cove, Ore.

By Mrs. A. G. Conklin (Observer Correspondent)
COVE, Ore. (Special)—After a week's illness, J. Frank Miller died at the Hot Lake sanatorium Monday evening, Feb. 3. Mr. Miller was stricken with flu-pneumonia Monday, Jan. 27 and even at the first was considered quite serious by ill.

Mr. Miller was the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller and was born to them when they lived on the Sand Ridge, Jan. 19, 1891. He was married to Miss Bernice Kelly, daughter of Mrs. Mae Kelley, of Cove, 17 years ago. Two children were born to them, a daughter, Jean, and a son, Don. Mr. Miller was a prosperous farmer and until recently he and his family made their home on a farm on the Sand Ridge, moving nearer town last fall to the Miller ranch better known as the Jones ranch, where they remodeled the home, furnished it newly and were very comfortably situated and unusually happy. He celebrated his 33rd birthday anniversary Jan. 19 when his wife had a little party for him and her brother whose birthday anniversary falls on the same day. He has lived all his life in the Grande Ronde valley and was known and loved by the entire community. He is survived by his wife, two children, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, four brothers, Will, of the Sand Ridge; Ernest, of Lower Cove; Ben, of California; John, of the home place and four sisters, Mrs. Edna Smith, of the Iowa district; Mrs. Mary Gray, of Lower Cove; Mrs. Joyce Clark, of Alsea and Mrs. Georgianna Chadwick, of Cove. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist Episcopal church at 1 o'clock with the Rev. Mr. Smith of Lower Cove in charge. Interment took place in the Summerville cemetery.

RUSSIAN OIL PRODUCTION NOW UNDER CENTRAL RULE

MOSCOW (AP)—The world-wide merger trend in industry finds Russian enterprises nationalized, the last word in merging.

Prior to nationalization the production of oil in Russia was an industry in which hundreds of small companies kept each other from conducting a profitable business. Production was spasmodic and costs, except for wells drilled in the richest strata were prohibitive.

Today one central management controls the industry. Production has risen from 77,018,000 barrels in 1927 to an estimated output of 95,500,000 barrels in 1928.

Russia produces 6.5 per cent of the world's oil.

START SURVEY

SALFEM, Ore., Feb. 4 (AP)—A crew of surveyors under the state highway department this morning started a survey for the Marion county court on the road from Mill City to the Niagara and Detroit in the Cascade mountains. The county contemplates widening and improving a portion of this county road the coming summer as a link in the proposed North-South highway which is being argued as an essentially a road across the mountains from Detroit to Sisters and on into Bend. Marion county is ready to spend \$100,000 on this link of the proposed highway and has been urging support from federal forest road funds.

"Help your wife," says one of these new household hints. Sure! When she nopes up the floor, mop up the floor with her.

Some Parrot Fever Victims We Have Met!



INCOME TAX FACTS

No. 4
When husband and wife, living together, file separate returns, either may claim the exemption of \$2,500 or they may divide it between them, the husband, for example, claiming \$1,000 and the wife \$2,500.

Many errors have occurred in the returns of couples married during the taxable year. The revenue act provides that if the marital status of a taxpayer changes during the year, his personal exemption shall be determined by apportionment in accordance with the number of months he was single or married. For example, a couple married on October 14 may file a joint return and claim an exemption of \$2,125, which is 9-12 of \$2,500, or \$1,125 for the husband while single, plus 3-12 or \$1,500 for the wife while single, plus 3-12 of \$2,500 for the period during which they were married. Should they file separate returns, each is entitled to an exemption of \$1,562.50, which is 9-12 of \$2,500, plus 1-2 of 2-12 of \$2,500.

A similar provision applies to the head of a family. A taxpayer who on October 14 ceased to be the head of a family—the support in one household of a relative or

Product of Seaweed

Agar in the Malay tongue means "solid." It is said that the natives discovered the gelatinous property of the seaweed, and so described the jelly-like masses. Agar is pronounced "ah-gar."

They Can Be Tuned Out

Even television, when it is perfected, will not make it possible to fill the rooming tenor with a ripe tomato.—Telesio Blade.

MOSQUITO CONFERENCE

PORTLAND, (AP)—A conference to discuss plans for mosquito eradication and control in the Pacific northwest will be held here Feb. 12. Representatives of the federal and state forestry departments of Oregon and Washington, and staffmen from Oregon State college and the Washington State will meet with Major General

Effect of Colors

Different colors affect us differently. The red and orange end of the spectrum is decidedly the most pleasurable, and the central colors, greens and blues, are least so. Red is the pungent and stimulating color, while green is restful.

Health Talks

INFLUENZA
No single disease in its outbreak more quickly disrupts community life than epidemic influenza.

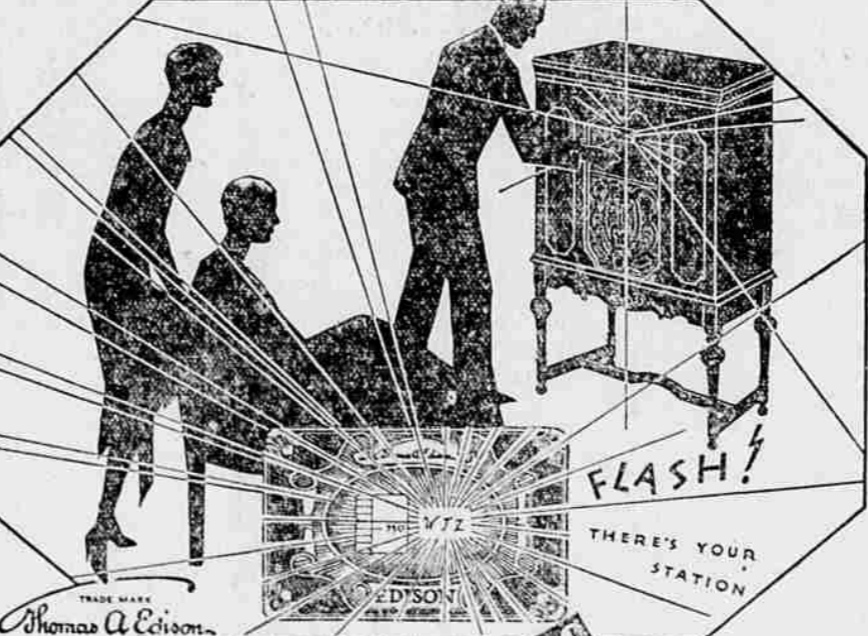
It strikes and spreads with phenomenal speed and affects on an average 20 per cent of the population.

Seemingly to prefer those in the third and fourth decades of life, it rips us of the most active population.

In the world wide (pandemic) outbreaks of influenza during 1918-1919, it is estimated that there were 200,000,000 cases, and more than 10,000,000 deaths.

Yet influenza in itself seldom if ever kills. It does, however, so lower the body's resistance that other diseases follow in its wake, principally pneumonia, and death results from the complication.

The cause of influenza is as yet



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undefined. A number of germs are under suspicion as the true cause of influenza, but their connection with the disease has not been definitely established.

That it is a germ disease is settled beyond doubt. Its manner of spreading, its dissemination along the paths of common travel, prove that it's a germ disease spread by man.

It appears well established that the disease is to be found in, and is spread through, the secretions of the mouth and nose.

That is added reason for care in avoiding contact with such secretions. Avoid the person with "a cold" who coughs, sneezes, or expectorates carelessly.

Keep all but food objects out of your mouth. Keep your mouth clean. Wash your hands before eating. Guard against complications by securing prompt medical attention.

Only men with long beards will shun this news of Shirts and Neckwear

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