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Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.—Isaiah 55: 6, 7.

IS ROMANCE PASSING?

The news that the English Channel pilot boats which operate out of the Solent (near Southampton, England) are to be changed from sailing cutters to steam tugs is perhaps not very important on this side of the Atlantic. But some people may read it with regret, for it marks the passing of one of the last strongholds of the marlinpike seamanship of the old days.

These pilot boats with their picturesque sails have navigated the waters of the Solent ever since England first sent merchant ships to distant seas; and through the centuries the men who handled these swift cutters have been seamen of the first order, able to keep their small craft at sea in any kind of weather.

Of course the new steam tugs will breed seamen, just as the old cutters did. Yet the change means the displacement of sailing vessels from another province — almost its last. The seamanship is almost universal now. One more link connecting the present with the past is being snapped.

This, to be sure, is inevitable; and it may be that we spend too much time lamenting the change from the picturesque and romantic old ways to the more efficient new ones. After all, these changes are bound to take place and there isn't anything we can do about it. We can't bring back the past no matter how much we might wish to do so. Our grandfathers might have lived in a more colorful world than our own, but we can't go back to it.

We are really cheating ourselves, anyway, when we mourn the passing of the sailing vessel, the stage coach, the gaudy Mississippi river steamboat, and other adjuncts of the past. In keeping our eyes on them we fail to see the many colorful things of our own age.

For instance, what is more purely romantic than the air mail plane splitting the sky at midnight, its motor droning high above sleeping villages? We may even see beauty and romance in the marvelously controlled, throbbing power of a railway train, if we are in the right mood. And the man who sets out on a two-weeks' auto tour, to see for himself some of the scenic wonders of America, has no reason to envy the men of previous ages.

WORSE THAN WAR

Year by year the automobiles take increasing toll of human lives in the United States, yet the public seems more or less indifferent to it all. In a recent editorial "The Insurance Field" suggested what would be vivid but impossible way of bringing home to the American people the horror and tragedy of our mounting auto fatalities.

"What a tremendous and blood-curdling spectacle it would be," says this writer, "to gather together 35,000 men, women, and children on some great, level field . . . and then turn loose an army of automobile trucks and passenger cars to run deliberately upon and among them until the last sign of life were crushed out of every one!"

The final result would be the same as that which follows one year's auto accidents. During the next twelve months 35,000 — or more — men, women, and children will be killed after that manner, but a few at a time. Think of kill-off the entire populations of Baker, Pendleton, and La Grande in one year! If we had to face it all at one time the world would stand aghast at the horror of it.

It is not very pleasant to contemplate 35,000 mangled bodies — but it is a thought that should be brought vividly to the minds of all motorists. If we kill thousands of people, one at a time, it is fundamentally no different than if it were done all at once. Carelessness, incompetence, recklessness, and drunkenness at the wheel—these take more lives than war!

Somebody's wrong! Scientists say that North America's climate hasn't changed in 1200 years; yet we still hear people talking about those old fashioned winters.

In Washington

By Herbert Plummer
WASHINGTON — Members of the United States senate usually bury the hatchet with their political adversaries as far as personal dealings in the chamber are concerned.

Actually, at times they seem to lean over backwards in eagerness to be polite to each other. They yield the floor with pointed deference and refer to each other in lofty language.

Smoot, the Republican from Utah, for example, always it's "my distinguished colleague" or "my able and informed friend" when these two find themselves addressing each other on the floor.

Free, the Republican and Bulkeley, the Democrat from Ohio — as far apart politically, perhaps, as any two men could be — act the same way.

Outwardly they appear to live in a state of constant anxiety that they will fail to refer to each other publicly before their colleagues in anything but glowing terms.

A Senate Custom
It's just the way things are done.

Take King, the Democrat, and in the senate.

Scene of Fatal Prison Break is Guarded



Some of the precautions taken by Leavenworth prison officials as soon as the escape of six convicts, kidnapping the warden, became known, is shown by this picture, transmitted by telephoto from St. Louis to the Associated Press. Sentries are shown stopping automobiles and pedestrians in front of the prison. Inset is Charles Berta, arrested in Seattle, and recently sent to prison for 25 years, after conviction in a mail train robbery near Berkeley, Cal. Berta was wounded and recaptured, after participating in the ill-fated attempt to escape.

Last Stand of Prison Escapers



This graphic picture, transmitted by telephoto, shows the scene of the last stand of three of the escaping Leavenworth prison inmates, taken just as the posse surrounding the house and exchanging fire with the convicts, swept into the house to find all three dead. Arrow indicates one of the fugitives' guns, being dropped from the balcony of Emerson Salisbury's farmhouse by a prison guard. Note windows shot out in the battle.

Cutting Trees to Aid Santa Is Gay Task for Jobless Woodsmen

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Confederates of Santa Claus, woodsmen of the northwest pine and spruce regions, are making the forests resound with the clink of keen-edged axes against wood.

Their work is to start Christmas trees on their way to the hearths of millions of homes. Trees which face the longest journeys already are making their trek, carefully packed in boxes which preserve colors of the woods.

Other millions of young trees will be cut until the very eve of Kris Kringle's visit, moving to distributing points in a score of states by railroad and trucks.

This year the harvest of small trees, cut under careful supervision in order to benefit forestry, is proving to be a cheerful affair for more than the receiver.

Lumbering activities are slack and tree-cutting is furnishing employment to many who otherwise would be jobless.

Of course, there was the time last season when Black and Herlin of Alabama had some rather unpleasant times to say about each other when Herlin was trying to induce the senate to investigate the election in which he was defeated. That incident, however, was regarded as a bit unusual.

But when the senate convened for its seventy-second session the other day, West Virginia's new senator — Matthew Mansfield Neely — gave a notable tradition a decided jolt when he declined to be escorted to the bar of the senate by his Republican colleague, Hatfield, to take the oath.

Senator Neely didn't say why. He merely left word with Robinson, the Democratic leader that he didn't care for Hatfield's arm and went down with Pittman of Nevada.

The Press Takes Notice
The incident probably would never have been noticed had it not been for the alert eyes of the boys in the press gallery. They are "on their toes" this session as never before. It will be indeed an elusive move or gesture down below that escapes them; these days.

Even the official reporters of senate debates apparently missed it.

The record of the day's proceedings faithfully reported that the chief clerk called the name of Senator Neely, as senator-elect, and that escorted by the vice president's aide, and the oath of office was administered to him.

Maybe the official reporters saw it — maybe they didn't.

They've got a powerful record for accuracy to their credit, however.

JAPAN TAKES FIRMER GRIP IN MANCHURIA

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with success, to clinch Japanese control of major interests in South Manchuria.

The most important members of this "economic corps" are the Japanese advisers who sit in with provincial and local governments in Fengtian and Kirin provinces. The control was also enlarged by taking over railways which the Chinese operated but in which Japanese had money invested.

The Japanese are forming an electric light and power monopoly in South Manchuria, they have assumed control of big Chinese banks, rich mining properties and important manufacturing and commercial concerns which formerly were allied to Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang's official banks. They have placed advisers in every important government bureau.

Affects Americans
This is the feature of the reorganization which most affects American commercial interests. Prior to the occupation, American business firms dealt chiefly with the government.

bureaus or public utilities, selling heavy machinery, electrical equipment, construction materials and railway supplies.

With Japanese advisers in these bureaus, and Japanese managers controlling the railways, communications and electric light and power plants, this business, observers believe, is likely to go to Japan instead of to western nations.

One great staple of American commerce in Manchuria—kerosene — is not likely to suffer, however, although the competition with Soviet Russia is considerable, especially in North Manchuria.

The method of organization of the new government in Fengtien province illustrates the Japanese participation. Three Japanese political advisers are immediately attached to the governor's office. Specialist advisers control the bureaus of finance, industry, telegraph and administration, while another adviser sits over the Mukden telephone service.

Banks Reopened
The frontier bank and the bank of the three eastern provinces, official institutions of Marshal Chang's regime which were closed at the time of the occupation, are now reopened and are doing business under the direction of a Japanese adviser, assisted by eight Japanese counsellors. This group also closely supervises other Chinese banks.

A big export firm and a large flour mill, which were closely associated with the Chinese banks and closed at the time of occupation are now also reopened under Japanese management.

The Fuchuan coal mine, formerly the largest Chinese mine in South Manchuria, has passed under Japanese control and the Chinese interest has been eliminated from the Penhsu coal mines which formerly were a joint Sino-Japanese enterprise.

Embraces Four Cities
The Japanese electric monopoly embraces four principal cities of South Manchuria, Mukden, Changchun, Newchang and Antung. Following the occupation the Japanese assumed control of the Mukden Electric Light company, a Chinese concern, whose Chinese officials fled. The Japanese closed the Chinese electric light plant at Antung a few days after the occupation, leaving the Japanese plant the city's only source of light and power. Practically the same thing happened at Changchun in October.

NEWS PLANT WRECKED
NANKING, Dec. 17 (AP) — A volley of rifle fire from a company of regular troops broke up a serious riot today in which a mob of college boys wrecked the plant of the Central Daily News.

They rushed the building, brushing police aside, and smashed everything, including the equipment in the composing room. Editors of the paper.

the student leaders have charged, were hostile to the student demand for a more militant policy against Japan.

It was thought that a number were wounded by gunfire, but those who fell were carried off by their comrades and the number of casualties were uncertain.

Wear Coatee For Evening, Is Paris Rule

By Diana Merwin
(Associated Press Fashion Editor)
PARIS (AP) — "A coatee coatee is the wrap to wear o' nights!" Paris says in its latest edict for evening chic.

Except at the opera and formal balls almost every smart evening gown is accompanied by one of the jaunty waistlength wraps.

Feathers, fur, velvet and velours are used to fashion the little coatees which fashionable women have adopted as a contribution to chic and a protection against cool winds.

The Chanticleer cape of feathers is attracting the most attention. In a waistlength design made entirely of black or white feathers it forms a flattering bit of fluff when mildy tosses it about her shoulders and ties it at the throat with a bow of marabout.

Another novelty is the one-sleeve coatee. It is designed with one eighteen-inch wide sleeve banded with fur at the wrist attached to a long wide scarf which is wrapped about the waist and opposite shoulder.

Black satin embroidered in silver and banded in silver fox, and crimson, gold and green lame trimmed in sable are among the favorite combinations.

The little fur coachman's cape is a third innovation. Made of ermine, sable or mink in a design just long enough to cover the shoulders, it is a smart accompaniment to the velvet evening frocks which are so much in vogue this winter.

Velvet coatees are legion. Most of them are straight little jackets with soft wide sleeves, their colors as varied as the contents of a jewel box.

Amethyst purple velvet coatees are worn with pale grey gowns, rose velvet with black silk jersey, emerald green velvet with white satin.

Great Riches Condemned
Great abundance of riches cannot of any man be both gathered and kept without sin.—Erasmus.

Interest Loans
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