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Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.—Luke 10: 27.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS

A Philadelphia department store executive the other day announced that the America of the future will be a nation of players instead of workers.

Men will work three hours a day, he said, and play the rest of the time. There will be no hurry, no nervous strain, no poverty, and no business depressions.

Perhaps this is a rather unfortunate time to be getting such predictions as that — for there are several million Americans who now ask nothing more of the future than that it give them jobs, any kind of jobs, with long hours and poor pay if necessary.

But the interesting fact is that there is undoubtedly a great deal of truth in this Philadelphian's forecast. That fact has made the depression of the past two years more exasperating than any previous one; but it should now make it easier for our people to tighten their belts and look to the future.

Right now we are so far from the ideal state described above that we have more than seven million men unemployed; yet every year of our history has made it more clear that there is no good reason why we cannot turn every item of this man's prophecy into glowing reality.

It is technically possible today for the nation's workmen to produce enough of everything, both necessities and luxuries, without working at anything like full capacity.

At the present moment that means unemployment, misery, and want. But it can be translated into a tremendous opportunity. Sooner or later we shall find out how to turn our unparalleled productiveness — the cause of much of our trouble in the past two years — into a genuine asset instead of a liability.

When that time comes the Philadelphian's program will go into effect easily and naturally. It is physically possible right now. All that is needed is the proper kind of planning and directing genius.

To be sure, the job won't be done overnight. It will be a gradual process — a process of increasing production and distribution efficiency to the point where workers can earn as much money in four hours as they now earn in eight.

And that is not a hopeless fancy. The process has been in operation for many years. Right now in many industries laborers are earning as much with eight hours' work as they formerly did with twelve; and a short time ago one industry changed from three eight-hour shifts to four six-hour shifts, at the same time raising the hourly wage scale, and the business showed increased profits as a result!

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AUTO MAKERS LEAD

If business success in 1932 is a matter of enterprise, energy and faith, this should be a banner year for the automobile industry. This industry may not be able, singlehanded, to bring prosperity back, but if all business would show the same enterprise, energy and faith this year there would be no doubt about the result.

Believing that the way to get factories into operation is to start the wheels turning, that the way to get business is to make something to sell and that the way to get trade is by going after it, the motor car manufacturers are introducing new models, speeding up production, prodding their sales forces and increasing their advertising in one of the greatest business campaigns the country has ever witnessed.

There is little question as to the outcome. Success will crown this business battle of the century, the only uncertain factor being the exact degree of success. The nation is ready for another automobile-buying spree and only a slight improvement in general business would be sufficient to set it off.

Apparently this great industry has made up its mind that there is business to be had and that it is going to get it, or is determined to get business if it is to be had. Are there no others in this, the greatest industrial country in the world, with the courage and confidence equal to such a master stroke?

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Other Papers Say:

UNFAITHFUL OR DUNGLING?

One is not certain whether the failure of the kidnapers to return the Lindbergh child to his parents after the father had paid the \$50,000 ransom is due to their infidelity or to the manner in which the negotiations for the baby were carried out.

Delivery of the money in the form of currency would be unsatisfactory to the criminals, because they know that every bill has a number, of which the treasury department has a record. They knew that they were being paid in money that was either marked or capable of being marked — and at present they are not taking any chances.

And then, when the kidnapers failed to return the child, the treasury department burst into print warning the banks of the serial numbers of the bills. This was poor strategy. Now the kidnapers will know that they are not immune from punishment, so far as the federal government is concerned; that delivery of the baby will not mitigate their crime.

After this warning by the treasury, the reestablishment of contacts with the kidnapers will be difficult, for their every move will be wary.

Colonel Lindbergh has played in hard luck ever since the kidnaping. There have been so many mistakes. It is heartrending to lose the baby; but this grief is made more bitter by the bungling attitude of police and of the many persons in public and private life who mean well but who have only succeeded in making the recovery of the child more difficult.

It is ticklish business for the kidnapers to negotiate at all. Their crime has so shaken the nation that they know that their lives are not worth much if they are caught.

Colonel Murray, a cousin of the governor, informed Burns that national guardsmen in the field kept no records of production.

Another move of Burns in hinting at a "shakeup" in the governor's office force was included in the speculation over Murray's return.

George Henshaw, manager of the

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It is at St. Johns and Halifax have been requested to watch for him and a careful survey of passengers leaving Halifax has also been requested.

A bid to reinforce Dr. Condon's assurance to the kidnapers that they need fear no harm in negotiating with him was seen in a statement by the 73-year-old retired teacher as he stood, worn and sleepless, on his porch in the Bronx, New York City.

"I'm convinced I had contact with the kidnapers and I still have contact with them," he said. "I have never identified them or said a word against them. My life would not be worth anything if I said anything against them."

Dr. Condon's trip and announcement came after he appeared once more to the kidnapers not to double cross him. In a renewal of the last of a series of newspaper advertisements signed "Jafsie," he reiterated: "What is wrong Have you crossed me? Please, better directions."

The Condon development competed for interest with reports from London that the ransom money has turned up there, and rumors, twice scouted, but persistent here and in Trenton, that Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh is critically ill from worry.

In London the Daily Mail said Scotland Yard began an investigation on learning some of the bank notes had been changed there. Detectives here began to puzzle over how they could have got there. The money was paid out about 7 p. m. April 2. The liner Scythia sailed from New York about 11 a. m. that day, touching at Boston, from which it departed April 3 for England. Investigators thought it conceivable that the money might have been speeded from New York to Boston, and taken aboard the boat.

Deny Report Anne Collapsed State police, taking cognizance again today of reports about Mrs. Lindbergh, said there had been no "perceptible change" in her condition in the last few weeks. Earlier they denied a report she had collapsed. Mrs. Lindbergh is expecting another child, and the reports had said New York physicians had been called.

Dr. Condon departed last night with a suitcase after he had spent a long time conferring with Col. Henry Breckinridge, who is Lindbergh's closest adviser.

The Bronx Home News, community paper in which Dr. Condon first appealed to the kidnapers, published more details describing the payment of ransom. Before it was paid, the paper said, a mysterious woman approached Dr. Condon in a rummage shop and said "meet me in the depot at Tuckahoe, N. Y., on Wednesday at 5 p. m."

Dr. Condon kept the appointment, but the woman merely told him he would receive another message. Other messages came and on April 2, Col. Lindbergh and Dr. Condon drove to St. Raymond's cemetery in the Bronx, where the doctor turned over a box containing \$50,000 to a man behind a hedge. The man talked with a foreign agent, it was learned.

CLERGYMAN OPTIMISTIC NORFOLK, Va., Apr. 13 (AP)—The prolonged absence of John H. Curtis and Admiral Guy H. Burgess today placed the Very Rev. Dean H. Dohson-Pearcock in an optimistic frame of mind. He interpreted the absence as indicative of a new contact with kidnapers of the Lindbergh baby.

"I would imagine a new contact has been made but I don't know," he said. "The prolonged absence is indicative of progress."

The faith of the Norfolk trio seeking to bring about the return of the baby through "go-betweens" who approached Curtis, has not been shaken, he said, despite the payment of \$50,000 ransom by Colonel Lindbergh to persons who failed to return the baby.

ONE OF BILLS FOUND NEWARK, N. J., Apr. 13 (AP)—The News said today the first authentic bill from the Lindbergh ransom money to come into the hands of the authorities was in possession of secret service operatives in New York City.

The operatives were said to be trying to trace the note, a \$20 bill, to its source. The story was based on what the News called "unimpeachable authority."

NEW YORKER ARRESTED ST. THOMAS, Ont., Apr. 13 (AP)—A man claiming to be D. D. Dickerson of New York City was arrested here today in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping. Police said he carried letters addressed to Col. Lindbergh and Mrs. Dwight Morrow, mother of Mrs. Lindbergh together with carbon copies of telegrams believed to have been sent to Col. Lindbergh.

POLICE DO NOT KNOW OF CASE NEW YORK, Apr. 13 (AP)—Police said today they had no knowledge of any D. D. Dickerson, of New York; the name given by a man arrested in St. Thomas, Ont., in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping.

There is no police record of any such man and police here said they had not been informed of the arrest or asked for any information regarding the prisoner.

14 JAPANESE DIE IN TRAIN NEAR HARBIN

TOKYO, Apr. 13 (AP)—Two officers and twelve men of General Jiro Tamon's Japanese Manchurian "force" were killed and more than fifty injured in the wreck of a troop train near Harbin, Manchuria, last night, according to official reports to the war office here today.

Earlier press reports of the wreck said it was caused by an explosion, but the official version merely declared the train was derailed and burned, cremating the victims.

General Sadao Araki, war minister, said a thorough investigation would be made and firm action taken against anyone found blamable for the disaster. The train carried motor transport units belonging to Major General Mittra's brigade, which is part of General Tamon's command. The troops were returning from the campaign against the Chinese rebels at Pungcheng.

Advertisement for FALK'S soap and Woodbury's shampoos. Features 'Two for One Event' and 'Starting Tomorrow (Thursday)'. Includes images of soap bars and bottles.

Football Players Go On "Strike"

COLUMBIA, Mo., Apr. 13 (AP)—Members of the University of Missouri football squad were on "strike" today as a protest against the resignation of Gwynn Henry, head coach.

The players refused to don their uniforms yesterday for spring practice, and signed a petition in which they objected to the withdrawal of Henry as coach. Leaders of the movement said there would be no more spring practice until Henry's successor is named, and that even then they would not return to the field unless the new coach should be acceptable to them.

No explanation of Henry's resignation, which was announced yesterday, has been given either by him or by university officials.

Corbett Still In Battle For Title

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Apr. 13 (AP)—If there had been any doubt as to whether or not Young Corbett, Fresno, the name given by a man arrested in St. Thomas, Ont., in connection with the Lindbergh kidnaping.

Returning to the ring last night after an absence of more than a year, Corbett soundly whipped Cefirino Garcia, welter champion of the Orient, and served notice that he is still very much in the running for the crown worn by Jackie Fields.

Corbett took a 10-round decision in a fight which was slow and uninteresting, but which nevertheless showed that the Fresno boy, who has beaten two world's champions in overweight battles, still retains his ability in the ring.

CHET WILES WINS TACOMA, Wash., Apr. 13 (AP)—Chet Wiles, Portland, won by forfeit from Walter Miller, Los Angeles, in the third round of their scheduled eight round wrestling exhibition here last night when Miller fell from the ring and broke his right shoulder. Miller weighed 168 pounds, two less than Wiles.

ZEP REACHES HOME FRIEDRICHSHAVEN, Germany, Apr. 13 (AP)—The Graf Zeppelin, German dirigible, landed here this morning at 8 o'clock, ending her second trip of the year to Pernambuco, Brazil. The crossing from Pernambuco was slower than usual, taking 101 hours, on account of heavy fogs.

PROSECUTION IN FORTESCUE TRIAL BEGINS ITS WORK

(Continued From Page One) Kelley required only ten minutes to examine Seymour and Darrow used less than two minutes in cross-questioning him.

With close detail Percy Bond, radio car patrolman who was one of the first to arrive at the spot where the death car was stopped, described events there.

Mrs. Fortescue, Bond said, was seated on a rock beside the road way. "Did anyone speak to you?" Kelley asked.

"Yes, Mrs. Fortescue got up and came beside me and said, 'Haven't I met you somewhere before?' I said 'I don't think so.'"

"She said 'Didn't you come over on the Maui (a steamship) about two months ago with me?' and I said 'no.'"

"She said 'Pardon me. There was somebody on the ship who looked very much like you.'"

Lieut. Massie Replies Bond said when he arrived he walked up to George Von Arnsward, the officer who stopped the death car, and said "good work, kid."

Lieut. Massie, who was standing nearby, Bond said, turned quickly and said:

"Were you talking to me?" "Before I could answer," Bond said, "Massie shook hands with himself and said 'thank you very much.'"

Objects to Ring

When Kelley offered them in evidence Darrow arose and objected to the ring but not to the watch. Kelley replied to Darrow.

Circuit Judge Charles S. Davis said he was puzzled as to why one was acceptable to the defense and the other was not.

"I know very well," Kelley said. After conferring with the attorney Judge Davis overruled Darrow's objection. He was learned the reason Darrow had objected to the ring was because it was a class ring of a Honolulu High school bearing the date of 1928 and there were graduates of that school on the jury.

Dr. Paul said Kahahawai was powerfully built, weighing about 150 pounds and having a well developed athlete's body. The physician said the left chest was filled with blood and that he apparently bled to death or strangled.

He said the bullet in Kahahawai's body had been fired from above and ranged downward. There was a rope mark across the back, he testified.

Amount of capital stock paid up 500,000.00 Net premiums received during the year 110,251,805.00 Interest, dividends and fees 980,552.41

Net income 111,467,361.69 Net losses paid during the year 4,747,034.03 Net expenses and fees paid during the year 498,534.07

Total expenditures 117,626,377.00 Value of real estate owned (market value) 1,129,575.23 Value of stocks and bonds owned (market) 19,334,219.00

Loans on mortgages and bonds 150,000.00 Cash in banks and on hand 1,136,840.00 Premiums on contracts 125,248,202.17

Summary of the Annual Statement of the FOTOMAD INSURANCE COMPANY

Table with financial data for Fotomad Insurance Company, including capital stock, premiums, and expenses.

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