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The Modern Pioneers
Having noted, with odrimace which at first plance
seemed appropriate, the tenth anniversicy of the

 Aecoming more apparent that to take their places, ingeniou
Americans are building new frontiers in the form of new in Most of the pioneers of an earlier day headed for th
frontier for the same single reason that prompts people t
start publishing newspapers or to cease publication lack o start publishing newspapers or to cease publication-lack o
funds. Pioneering was economically simple, though phyi-
cally precarious. The modern type of pioneering require capital. This year more than $\$ 300,000,000$ is being spent by ther the
workers.
Their efforts have been aimed in two directions and in
both they have beens uncesesful. One goal has been the devel
opment of improved processes for creating at
 brought down to prices at which many more families can afThe other goal has been the creation of entirely new
products. Some of these, notably in the glass industry and
in the field of plastics, are revolutionizing the construction Rayon and similar propucts have plidered their at another in anothe
revolution in the wearing apparel fiel. To date the develop-
ment of these new "frontiers" has not completely solved the unemployment problem nor licked the depression decisively
but it has helped, and there are signs that full realization is
on its way. Early in 1940 the National Association of Manufacturers neers." Its plans include arrangements for recognizing those type of progress. Is there one in Salem or nearby ? it wouldn
be wise to dismiss that possibility without fiving it some
thought. The fruit preserving industry has kept pace, and
this is one of its ecnters. The problem is to determine which persons associated with that industry have contributed most
After all, there is a lot of pioneer stock hereabouts, it woul
be strange if among that stock there were not found some o Capone a "Free Man""
In the last week Al Capone, fabulous robber baron of the dull life of a federal prison for the equally dull life of a
sanatarium. Atter seven years away from his empire on the
shores of Lake Michigan, he is free, except for his convashores of Lake Michigan, he is free, except for his conva-
lescence, to return to whatever is left of his former domain. One wonders if any deep sparkle of joy or appreciation lights
the eyes made drab by the years in prison and by the inner
devastation of disease. Capone's name, whatever else he may do, will always be
associated with an era in American life. Always this country
has had law-breaking and criminality to perhaps, than other presumably civilized a nationser degree, Yet no
period has been so marked with organized, relentless mech anieally inhuman crime as the Capone version of the Sicilian
maffia in Chicago during the 'twenties. Not only did he build
into the skies or the depths, as one choose, the most expan-
sive crime structure of any period, but with his confederates sive crimes structure of any period, but with his confederates
he also conferred on the native tongue a whole new vernacu-
lar, and on the traditions of public rean lar, and on the traditions of public respect for law a benedic-
tion more despotic than Boss Tweed or any of his ilk had ever But having made his era into something of his own
likeness, Capone has now to continue paying for somee of the
more vivid characteristics which he gave to it. Despite the spasmodic recurrence of gang warfare and machine-gun
liquidations, the stereotyped forms of Capone banditry are in general old stuff as far as the public is concerned.
was a day when the rackets and gangsters and alky-cooker
owed a part of their existence to public toleration; but in th Towed a part of their existence to public toleration; but in the
Iast few years public interest has swerved to where it is no
longer thrilled vicariously by the haughty presumption o gangdom. In their place is a certain seriousness of outlook
induced by the broad forces which have in many other way
made this decad differ esentially from the 'twenties, which increasingly regards organized gang warfare as one of the
unneessaries of life, and which is not backward when fed-
eral or state agents act on that basis. This probably does not please Capone, but it does the other 129 million of his coun-
trymen.



"Knight Errant"
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