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A MIGHTY ARM.—Thou hast a mighty arm; strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of Thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before Thy face. Psalm 89: 13, 14.

PRAYER. Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised. In the courts of Thy house will we praise Thee continuously.

GUARD TREES AND FLOWERS

We should give good heed to the warnings of the state forester, against the indiscriminate destruction of tree growth for Christmas.

With a city population that is now larger than the rural of most states, the people who do not understand the relation of tree life to farm life and to industry are in a decided majority.

Many of us think of the "country" as a place we can drive through, to look at things, to pick wild flowers, to pick peaches in the summer, grapes in the fall and Christmas trees and holiday berries in December, without permission from the owner of the land.

The offense to the owner of the land may be merely a matter of manners.

The offense to the interests of the entire public will be serious and permanent, unless the cutting of natural growth is done considerably.

The first step in this should be to refrain from any cutting of trees or shrubbery without the consent of the owners. The public interests can be to some extent arrived at through the cooperation of state and property owners. They can not be even guarded with millions of motorists scooting around freely to pick up things.

There is no reason why there should not be plenty of Christmas trees for all who want to buy. But they should be picked in the proper places, in the proper proportions, leaving a remainder of trees to grow up for timber and to protect the watershed.

Children, and we grown ups as well, should be educated in getting our pleasure out of the flowers that we can see, and should not pick, instead of picking everything we see and so destroying the seed for next year's wild flowers.

MAKE PUNISHMENT CLEAR CUT

There seems to be some question as to what will be the effect of the sentence laid upon Colonel Mitchell, if it is confirmed.

If there is any ambiguity, it should be removed. The sentence should be clear cut. It should be a punishment, where punishment is due. It should not be a string tied to Mitchell, to regulate his future conduct.

To whatever extent Mitchell has been subversive of discipline, he should be punished. He ought not, of course, to be punished for creative and helpful suggestions to his fellow citizens regarding the conduct of the policies of the national defense. He should be punished for his contemptuous and insubordinate treatment of his superiors.

It is not possible to discipline a man of Mitchell's rank, age and experience, in the ordinary sense of discipline. He is not a child. In this respect, he can no longer learn. But he can be punished for the sake of example to others of what not to do.

He can, perhaps should be, discharged from the army, if that is a step necessary to provide for discipline. He ought not merely be suspended, in a way to prevent his doing army service or doing civilian service for himself.

The punishment should be made clean cut and direct to the offense.

RUMANIA PROSPERING

Let's be glad of the thrift and prosperity and consequent happiness of any people, anywhere on the globe.

Especially let's note, while we are getting such dismal reports of the financial situation in France, that the Rumanian government starts off on its new year with a budget that provides for a surplus of five million dollars.

The Rumanians are a people who deserve the sympathy of the rest of the world. For they have gotten little outside help. They have maintained themselves as a race, for centuries, in spite of the limitations imposed upon them by stronger peoples. They are trying today desperately to build up a commonwealth that will defend them from the overwhelming numbers of adjacent Russia.

They were almost crushed under the weight of German and American armies in the great war. Their added territory has been a source of administrative difficulty rather than of revenue.

But Rumania has been endeavoring to put itself on a paying basis. As a nation it is working, rather than

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Man's biggest blunder is loving beyond his salary.

Your conscience says "Don't" twice as often as it says "Do."

No home is complete, it seems, without at least one divorce.

If bachelors had their way, medals would be made with bigger eyes.

Man, concealed as he is, secretly admits that other men beat him in picking out a wife.

A wife can't tell these days whether a hair found on her husband's shoulder is feminine or masculine.

Hos Heck says: "You don't realize what bad things are until you get stung by 'em yourself."

STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON — The winter term of the Washington traffic department's new school for pedestrians opened a few days ago. Attendance is compulsory, with as high as a \$300 fine for inattention, insubordination, sassiness "teacher" or lunkheadedness.

Prof Eldridge, the principal, (and traffic director) had considerable trouble persuading the District of Columbia commissioners to make his course obligatory. They thought perhaps the pupils would profit by it, but hesitated to penalize truancy. Finally, rather reluctantly, they consented, on condition that the instructors weren't too strict with their classes until the latter become somewhat familiar with the discipline and learn what's expected of them.

The traffic school's faculty, in addition to Prof Eldridge, consists of what Eldridge calls the

"education squad"—cops who have specialized on the pedestrian problem since autoists became so numerous. These pedagogues switch around from corner to corner throughout the capital's congested area, giving lessons now in one place, now another.

The training is mainly oral, supplemented by an occasional push or jab in the cases of students who fail to grasp readily a lecture's significance otherwise. Street-crossing constitutes the bulk of the curriculum, where to go it, how to do it, the interpretation of signals and the importance of avoiding obstruction of the thoroughfare by getting run over.

RUMORS SAY FRENCH MINISTERS TO QUIT

PARIS, Dec. 21.—(U. P.)—Rumors were current today that Finance Minister Doumer would resign, following the visit to him of Interior Minister Amillo Chautemps and M. Isray for the purpose of communicating the radical demands for financial reforms.

Authoritative sources denied the rumors, however.

Advertisement in The Tidings



They are the GARA when mine die had a kick.

Some men are such blame fools they will laugh at a poor woman when her shoes hurt her feet.

Christmas story: "Mama can I hang up one of sister's and let Santa Claus think it is mine?"

Another Christmas story: "When the doctors left that darn train right in the middle of the floor."

Beauty secret: "Not sending your laundry on time will make your shirts look dirty as everything."

Another beauty secret: If your nose is too pointed a sure remedy is poking it into other people's business.

MORE JUDGES NEEDED STATES U. S. ATTORNEY

By S. P. HOLLINGSWORTH
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(UP P.)—The federal judicial machinery has reached its peak in the disposition of prohibition cases and additional judges and legal assistance are urgently needed to keep abreast of the flood. Mrs. Mabel Walker Willebrandt, assistant U. S. Attorney General, declared in the annual report of the Department of Justice recently made public.

"Despite utmost endeavor, the number of pending prohibition cases increased from 22,800 at the end of the previous fiscal year to 25,024 at the close of business June 30, 1925," said Mrs. Willebrandt. "The number of cases terminated was 23,724 showing a considerable increase over the previous year, but the number of cases filed increased from 46,421 to 51,838.

"If the dockets are to be cleared, and the number of pending cases kept at a reasonable figure it is necessary that additional assistance, both judicial and prosecuting, be given at the points where clogged dockets and a continuous influx of cases make the speedy administration of justice practically impossible."

In this opinion Attorney General Sargent concurred, endorsing in his annual report the recommendation of the senior circuit judges that nine additional federal judges be provided along the Atlantic seaboard, and commending again that Congress appropriate funds to raise the salaries of United States attorneys and their assistants, "in the interest of efficiency and greater economy."

"My predecessor invited attention," said Sargent, "to the fact that the criminal business of the federal government had increased 22 1-3 per cent since 1920 and over 600 per cent since 1912, and that the civil business had doubled since 1920. This great increase in federal litigation necessitates United States attorneys and their assistants giving their full time to the government and does not permit of their devoting a part of their time to private practice as they formerly could."

Mrs. Willebrandt further amplified the description of federal court congestion.

"United States attorneys throughout the country are handicapped by insufficient legal and clerical assistance and in many districts are prevented from promptly disposing of criminal prosecutions by the inability of the courts to give sufficient time to the holding of criminal sessions.

Additional judges and increased office help are absolutely necessary to bring about a more speedy disposition of criminal cases in the congested districts."

The report of Mrs. Willebrandt showed that 753 rum smugglers' ships were seized by the government forces during the fiscal year ended June 30, 518 with cargo and 217

without cargo. She accompanied her staff with a picturesque description of the rum smuggling trade and the chaotic state of the law with respect to prohibition enforcement on the high seas.

Recent discoveries are that foreign rum smugglers now very seldom come within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States and the usual smuggling over the United States line is done by American vessels and by American citizens, and that the main supply point on the Atlantic side for international liquor smugglers has been shifted from Nassau, Bahamas Islands, to Havana, Cuba.

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