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GOOD MEN GO WRONG

Another fraud comes to light. Eleven men, customs guards, at San Francisco, have been dismissed from the employ of the government and arrested for complicity in what is purported to be one of the biggest smuggling scandals ever brought to light on the Pacific coast.

These men are accused of having for years assisted in and winked at the swindling operations of a smuggling ring, but are now in the toils of the law, and while scandle and shame has at last fallen to their lot, the chances are ten to one that they feel much more sorry because they are caught than they do for having committed thefts against the government.

No doubt but that these were honorable men when they were first employed, but they lacked that sterling quality which is necessary to hold men steadfast to honest principles, and coming in contact with the opportunity to profit by dishonest means they embraced the opportunity and let their hold on integrity loosen.

Then, too, while we believe that there are just as honest men now as have ever before lived, and that there are many such whom nothing could tempt, yet there has been a general relaxation of integrity in many high places, and an effort to get rich quick, which has had its influence and, no doubt, caused wavering and unsteady individuals to give way to temptation, so that persons, who under ordinary circumstances would be considered reliable and upright, may, because of their environment and the opportunity afforded, fall into dishonest ways.

Too many persons look at life from the carnal or sensual side only, and not discerning the spiritual side, nor the blessings that come from and through the higher life, live only for self and to gratify selfish purposes, hence it takes no other great inducement to draw many of this class into questionable methods to obtain the means to pursue the sensuous pathway they have chosen.

The insertion of a mosquito's may not be termed a surgical operation, but it is something fierce when a hungry horde of these pests attack you. This part of Oregon is almost immune from mosquitos.

A Chicago woman has been fined for shooting at her husband. Had her marksmanship been better she would probably have gone free. There is no reward for bad shooting.

According to a Babylonian table the earth was created by a female deity. Votes for women.—Exchange.

Prophecies of Prosperity

The man who reads the shipping news nowadays, finds plenty of material that points to the trade activity which will follow the opening of the panama canal. It is something to the point, as published in the Telegram the other day, that an even dozen of the biggest ship-building and ship-owning concerns in the world are engaged in building vessels for interoceanic trade through the canal, and to a considerable extent between the Atlantic and the Pacific coasts.

Facts like these bring us to a realization of what the canal will mean. The achievement of digging the canal was so stupendous, and the work has progressed so marvelously, that the canal as a whole and all the prospective activities based upon it, are immersed in a sort of fairy-tale atmosphere. But as the shipping world has taken notice of the enterprise and the fact that it is nearly completed, there is nothing of the fairy-tale about it.

The serious consideration which this class of news arouses in a city like Portland is, whether we are making adequate progress in preparation for the commerce that will come to us through the canal. We are not idle, by any means, but are we doing all the occasion requires.—Evening Telegram.

Merchant Service Picking Up

Five years ago the American merchant marine, the lakes excepted, was in a state which suggested the professional talents of the undertaker. Vessels were going out of commission. Few new keels were being laid. It hardly seemed worth the trouble to go to Washington and beg for a subsidy.

Today according to the Boston Transcript, the American merchant marine is in a fair way to recovery, at least so far as the coastwise trade is concerned. The Transcript argues this from the demand for American navigating officers. Under the terms of a recent law, any steamer of more than 1,000 tons burden is compelled to carry three mates. "Hardly a coastwise line running out of this port," the Transcript says, "but has not, sooner or later, been obliged to send out a steamer without the requisite third mate and enter a protest in extenuation. The local branch of the Masters, Mates and Pilots' Association has raked and scraped every available man for the coastwise companies, but still the secretary reports that he could place three or four a week."

It is to be hoped that this is a sign that the sea is being made proper use of and not that Americans are losing their sea-legs.—Toledo Blade.

American Evacuation Considered

American interests in Mexico run into the hundreds of millions. To American initiative and American enterprise, more than to any other single agency is due that industrial development in Mexico which is best appreciated by intelligent and conservative citizens of that country. We are beginning to learn that the people of Mexico realize this and that the warning issued to Americans by Presi-

dent Wilson, advising immediate departure from Mexico, is going to prove a serious blow to the industry, the commerce, and to the general economic welfare of that Nation. From those who know whereof they speak comes protest, and earnest solicitation that the advice, or order, be withdrawn, and that the exodus of Americans from the Southern Republic cease.

Here is another development that tends to make for the ultimate, peaceful settlement can be brought about through the efforts or the co-operation of the United States. It will be well-nigh ruinous to the business interests of Mexico if President Wilson's advice is generally followed, and the disposition seems to lie that way.

This is another stake added to the heavy one already laid to further the ambition of one man, and to gratify his particular following. It is a fact to cause the intelligent and substantial citizenship of Mexico to think more seriously of the real purposes the United States Government has in mind, than has been given to that subject hitherto.

The financial feature of this American withdrawal makes for a resumption of negotiations, and ultimately for some arrangement looking to the restoration of order through the establishment of a permanent government.—Telegram.

Music And Sexual Morality

CALVIN S. WHITE, M. D.

The decadence of our times in music, as illustrated in our popular songs in the last three-quarters of a century, is certainly appalling. The songs of 75 years ago, "Old Tom Moore," "Believe Me," "Annie Laurie," "Bonnie Sweet Bessie" and "The Last Rose of Summer," were largely supplanted at the time of the Civil War by popular songs set to martial tunes and were sung by all a generation ago. However, as time decimated the ranks of those who had served in the army and as the sweet-hearts of the soldiers became the grandmothers of the present generation, these songs were largely supplanted by light sentimental songs, such as "Ben Bolt" and "White Wings," and we all gave a shudder when "Pretty Annie Rooney," together with "Sally in Our Alley," swept over the country like wild fire. It was said that we were degenerating in our tastes, but now the worst of the cheap and tawdry sentimental songs, of ten years ago are nothing compared to the abominable, demoralizing and almost obscene songs of the present day, ground out from phonographs, bellowed in vaudeville, shouted on excursions and whistled by newsboys.

Our music stores and song shops fill their windows with popular songs, the vileness of the title page only equalled by the disgraceful chorus on the inside. "Everybody's Doing It" probably was to try out public opinion. Evidently public opinion approved of it, for it was followed by "Mabel, How Do You Manage to Do It on \$12 a Week?" "Everybody Loves a Chicken," and so on, adnauseam. What sort of education in chivalry is this? Who is Mabel? Who are the chickens? The vile pictures of lecherous old reprobates, leering at the pretty-faced and trim-gowned young women on the title page of a so-

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called popular song displayed all over the land is not an encouraging sign of progress in the campaign against a double standard of morality.

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JAPANESE SWIMMERS.

Experts That Can Almost Literally Walk Upon the Water.

It is a common practice for students of the universities and schools of Japan to go to the seaside during the summer months and there train systematically. Regular courses of instruction in swimming are given to those who wish for them. Mr. E. J. Harrison in "The Fighting Spirit of Japan" tells of some of the feats performed by the expert swimmers.

The Japanese are fond of swimming, and among the younger generation of students and the coast population there are some splendid long distance swimmers. Schools of natation teach the art in a systematic manner, and, although the best racing records in Japan are not equal to the western, a Japanese expert can perform some truly wonderful feats. For example, he can jump into deep water and maintain his position with the water no higher than the loins, while he fires a musket or a bow and arrow, writes on a slate, paints a picture on a fan with a brush or moves freely in every direction as if he were walking on solid ground.

The expert, while he rarely emulates the graceful high dive of the European or American, can leap from a great height and strike the surface of the water with his chest without sinking or wetting his face and head. In some mysterious way he contrives to escape the painful consequences which the impact would inevitably cause to the foreigner who should try this feat. It is said that the old time samurai frequently made use of this trick when crossing a river or stream. In such cases they carried their armor and weapons on their heads.

In illustration of the antiquity of swimming in Japan it may interest foreign readers to be told that the famous "crawl" stroke which occidental swimmers first acquired not very long ago, has been known and practiced in Japan for hundreds of years, in addition to several other methods of progression in the water that would come as a revelation to Europeans and Americans.

The Scallop.

The scallop accomplishes locomotion by a series of leaps. When it is alarmed or wishes to change its location it opens and energetically closes its valves, thus expelling the water. The reaction shoots it backward. By this means the creature is able to travel long distances. Sometimes scallops make considerable journeys in large companies. One can scarcely imagine a lovelier sight than that of a flock of these pretty creatures, with shell of every hue from purple and white to black, enlivened with shades of pink, yellow and fawn, darting about in clear water. In their flightlike movements, vertical, horizontal and zigzag, they are more suggestive of a flock of winged animals than of bivalve mollusks.

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