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THE CROSSING LESSON

The Southern Pacific company is displaying in garages and in other places where it may be seen by motorists a poster that is graphic and striking in the extreme. It depicts two automobiles—one dashing recklessly in front of a speeding train and the other standing safely at a safe distance from the crossing. One driver is rushing his passengers to a sudden death; the other is saving them for long and useful lives. The poster bears the slogan: "Cross Crossings Cautiously," and displays these gruesome figures: "In five years 9101 killed; 24,208 injured."

The poster is supplemented by statistics gathered by the Southern Pacific company on its own lines. In the past five years there have been 3708 crossing accidents on Southern Pacific tracks, resulting in 261 deaths and 1237 injuries. Of these 3708 accidents, 1870, or slightly more than half, resulted when drivers ran in front of trains. That in itself is a pretty fair indication of carelessness, but it is not all. In the five years covered by the figures quoted, 906 drivers ran actually into the side of moving trains at crossings, 119 skidded into trains, 283 ran into lowered crossing gates and 28 ran down crossing flagmen who were in the act of warning them of approaching trains.

Running in front of approaching trains may result in two ways. The driver's time may be so precious, or he may think it is so precious, that he cannot spare enough of it to wait for the train to pass and so he endangers his life and the lives of his passengers by an effort to beat the engine over the crossing. Or the accident may be the result of inattention, the driver simply failing to see the approaching train.

For the accidents resulting when cars crash into the side of moving trains, or skid into trains, or smash into lowered crossing gates, or run down crossing watchmen there can be but one explanation—the driver is so criminally heedless of the responsibilities resting on him as the operator of a motor vehicle as to approach danger-laden crossings without even seeing the road ahead of him.

The lesson inherent in these figures is as obvious as the sun on a clear day. It is this: When approaching railroad crossings, stop, look and listen. The time of drivers of automobiles may be precious, but very, very seldom indeed is it precious enough to risk a frightful death under the grinding wheels of a locomotive in a mad attempt to save a few seconds of it.

VACATIONS
Some people never take vacations, but devote their whole lives continuously and unrelentingly to business. Is there any business worth such sacrificial devotion? Or if so, is there any business, even the most altruistic, which really profits by it?

A little looking around may open a fellow's eyes as to the questionable value of keeping his nose everlastingly to the grindstone. Is it the people who stick to their daily routine steadily, every week in the year, who make the biggest business success? Or is it the people who alternately work and play, and do each with the greater zest and freshness because of the change?

Life itself is change. Conscientiousness, psychologists say, is change. Were it not for change, no living thing would ever have a new idea, or ever develop, improve and advance. Life is more than business. Surely human beings want to live

rather than live to work. What does it boot any individual to slave for a lifetime, putting himself utterly into some impersonal business or other, and losing his identity so that he can hardly be said to have any real life as a man with a heart and soul and mind of his own? Life is for the building of individual character, with gainful work as a mere contribution.

Vacation emphasizes this truth. Many a person, indeed, never realizes it except when taking a genuine vacation in a new environment. The change brings him to his senses and makes him better acquainted with himself, with a desire to improve his acquaintance. And this is the greatest benefit of summer vacations.

A COURTEOUS CITY

Of interest to any city in America is the bulletin posted at headquarters by the chief of police in Minneapolis:

You are hereby urged to request to extend every courtesy possible to visitors, for the reason that Minneapolis has acquired a nation-wide reputation for politeness in greeting visiting automobile tourists. In fact, one of our officers was acclaimed the politest traffic officer in the United States, and this record we want to maintain again this year.

Do everything possible within your power to make every visitor with whom you come in contact feel perfectly at home the minute he enters the portals of our city.

A town with an enviable reputation wants to keep it. A town without it should want to acquire it. Courtesy, like mercy, is one of the things that blesses him that gives and him that takes. It is worth while for itself, and it brings rich dividends in material profit, as modern business men are learning. It pays a city no less than a business institution.

A couple of San Francisco junk dealers have been fined heavily for failing to report \$100,000 of their 1917 income. And to think that the best families used to look down on the junk business!

It is perhaps typical of what the pugilistic game has come to that the most prominent result of a championship battle is the breaking of two banks.

Dr. Frederick A. Cook, who has been indicted for old frauds, perhaps wishes he had really found the North Pole and had stayed there.

That escaped moonshiner who started in to drink up all the remaining stock showed even poorer judgment than his customers.

There's little complaint about summer rains the day after it clears off.

Earlier Days in Eugene

(From the Morning Register, July 12, 1904.)
G. R. Chrisman, county judge, and H. M. Price and H. D. Edwards, county commissioners, leave this morning for a trip over the McKenzie road to Blue River to note needed improvements.

E. C. Lake, the marble man, says he has been robbed. For some time past he has had a tent where his men worked. Saturday night someone took it and has not returned it.

Tirrell and Moore, contractors, are to build a new farm residence for Gum McPherson near Springfield.

Barney May, resident of Harrisburg, is in the city.

Oscar (Zack) Parsons has gone to Cottage Grove to reside.

Professor I. M. Glen and family are attending the chautauqua at Ashland.

Charles Hall, of London, Canada, has been chosen as head of the piano department of the school of music at the university.

The Rose Hill salmon cannery on the lower Siuslaw, has been reopened.

Perry Frank has donated a valuable house and lot at the corner of Eighth and Ferry streets to the Baptist church to be used as a parsonage.

Yesterday at 12 noon, at the Hadley residence on East Eighth street, Mrs. Henry G. Hadley, honored pioneer, passed away.

BRITAIN WILL REPLY ON RUHR IMBROGLIO

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can refusal of an invitation to take part in a conference on the subject in view of the attitude of the administration, it has been expected here along that the United States merely be informed completely as to whatever the British project may be, with the door to American participation left open in case this government itself desires to take the initiative.

So far as revealed here the American attitude remains just what it was when Secretary Hughes, in a speech at New Haven some months ago, made the suggestion that a conference of economic authorities be organized to determine Germany's capacity to pay and the best methods of payment. Mr. Hughes made no commitment on the part of the United States government to official participation in such a procedure, but hinted that private American enterprise might find it possible to help.

At the state department field office has been maintained by officials with respect to all the recent developments which led to Premier Baldwin's determination to set out an independent policy for his government in dealing with the German reparations situation.

Murder "Woman" Had Legal Wife



Fred Thompson in two poses with...

These two photographs are of Fred G. Thompson, held in Chicago on the charge of being the "bandit queen" who murdered Richard O. Termer, insurance broker, who tried to save his wife's wedding ring from a holdup "woman." For 14 years Thompson has passed as "Mrs. Francis Carrick," wife of a chauffeur. The remarkable part of the dual life is that Thompson himself had a wife, Mrs. Marie Clark, whom he married two years ago. This marriage so angered Carrick, who had "married" Thompson, that a fight resulted, ending in all three living together in a strange compact.

In the absence from London of Ambassador Harvey, there is little ground to assume that the Washington government has received any detailed advice as to the cabinet discussions there during the past few days.

JAP LEASE HELD LEGAL

STATE OF CALIFORNIA LOSES ANTI-ALIEN CASE

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—The right of a Japanese to lease land in California for other than commercial purposes was upheld in a decision handed down today by Judge Leslie E. Hewitt of the Los Angeles county superior court.

The ruling was made in the case of the state of California against T. Tagami, lessee, and Raymond D. Sepulveda, lessor, of a tract of land near Fort McArthur at Los Angeles harbor.

The state instituted proceedings against Tagami and Sepulveda some time ago alleging that the latter's lease to the former of land for the establishment of a sanitarium for Japanese violated the California alien land law, as well as the 1911 treaty between Japan and the United States, relating to the lease of land within a certain distance of fortifications.

RUHR NIGHT RAIDERS ACT

GERMANS WHO DEAL WITH FRENCH ARE KIDNAPED

(By the Associated Press)
ESSEN, July 11.—The Germans in some sections of the occupied territory have adopted nocturnal raiding methods towards such of their fellow countrymen as have dealings with the French, riding them out of the country in automobiles and on horseback, often with threats. The French authorities say they have the names of five men who were kidnapped, two of them from Pommern and three from Witten.

In one instance the kidnapers wore white sheets over their heads and shoulders.

CHANG YING-HUA QUILTS

FINANCE MINISTER LEAVES CABINET TO FATE

(By the Associated Press)
PEKING, July 11.—Chang Ying-hua, finance minister, resigned today, virtually completing the wrecking of the fragmentary cabinet which has been functioning with a semblance of authority since Premier Chang Shao-tseng left his post some months ago and President Li Yuan-hung fled to Tientsin shortly afterward.

Until the finance minister quit office today there had been five members of the cabinet functioning out of a total of nine.

GIRLS LEAD TELEPHONE STRIKE



Strike Committee...

Here are the delegates to the Regional Council of Telephone Operators who are managing the New England telephone girls' strike. In the rear row, left to right, are: Alice C. Gauthier, of Lawrence, Mass.; Margaret B. Hickey, of Brockton; Julia S. O'Connor, president of the union and leading spirit in the strike; Mary L. Brooks, of Boston; Alice C. Dineen, of Milford; Grace M. Croughwell, of Milford; Margaret L. Quinn, of Milford. Front row, left to right: Mae Ross, of Milford; Kathryn A. Tobin, of Boston; Eleanor O'Brien, of Lewiston, Me.; and Margaret L. Sullivan, of Newport, R. I.

27 I. W. W. ARE GUILTY OF CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM

JAIL SENTENCES METED OUT BY LOS ANGELES COURT

Many Workers on Pacific Coast to Strike in Sympathy, Is Prediction

LOS ANGELES, July 11.—Twenty-seven alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World were convicted of criminal syndicalism by a jury in the superior court here today and with an hour after return of the verdict had been sentenced to serve from one to fourteen years each in San Quentin penitentiary.

Tonight arrangements were being made to transport them to the prison in a special car tomorrow, together with seventeen other alleged I. W. W. previously convicted under the criminal syndicalism law. The plan to rush the convicted men north was in accordance with their own request, expressed after they had filed notice of appeal, that they be taken to San Quentin as quickly as possible.

The jury, which had been out since 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, passed six and a half hours in actual deliberation.

Names Are Given

The defendants were: C. J. Sullivan, G. J. Terrell, H. C. Duke, Leo Stark, Ernest Erickson, J. C. Roberts, F. S. McClellan, George R. Rosenthal, James La Londe, Joseph Cleghessy, John C. Hollis, J. J. Johnson, Peira Jans, James P. Gordon, H. Cederholm, H. R. Hansen, Tom Lyons, Walter Kohrs, Gunnar Lindstrom, John Pugh, William Minton, Joe Barah, Charles J. Smith, J. B. Childs, T. O. Kleiberg, Francis Hart and Charles Andrews. They were charged with having circulated I. W. W. literature during a recent strike of longshoremen at San Pedro, in violation of the California syndicalism act.

MORE BLAST VICTIMS DIE

CARTRIDGE PLANT EXPLOSION IS FATAL TO 12

(By the Associated Press)
ALTON, Ill., July 11.—With the number of dead in yesterday's explosion at the Western Cartridge company's plant at East Alton increased today to 12, physicians at St. Joseph's hospital in this city were making every effort to save the lives of the eleven seriously hurt who were brought here last night and several of whom are reported to be in a critical condition.

Deputy Coroner Streeter announced today that the inquiry into the deaths of the 12 victims would be deferred several days owing to the serious condition of several women, who it is feared, may die. In the meantime, the investigation begun by officials of the company in an effort to determine the cause of the explosion was continued without any satisfactory results.

Kissing Pastor Resigns

BOSTON, July 11.—Rev. George L. Paine, who engaged in a scuffle with Lieutenant Wesley McLaren Hague, U. S. N., on Monday when the latter administered what he termed a thrashing, because the clergyman had kissed his wife, tendered his resignation as executive secretary of the Greater Boston Federation of Churches at a special meeting today of the board of directors of the federation. The seven directors present voted to defer action on the resignation until a subsequent meeting when all the board's 22 members shall be present.

Prune Growers Devise Plans

PORTLAND, Ore., July 11.—Prune growers of Oregon and of Clarke county, Wash., were in session here today to arrange a plan for original marketing of their crops. The growers connected with co-operative associations and independent growers were considering a plan for opening a central sales agency. Delegates were present from Dallas, Roseburg, Eugene, Salem, Dundee, Butte Falls, Ore., and Clarke county, Wash.

The first entry for next year's Indianapolis race is a 91 inch racer built by Harry Miller of Los Angeles. Present indications point to its being driven by Jimmy Murphy.



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MOTHERS AND THEIR CHILDREN

For Summer Parties

One Mother Says:

Among the little cakes for summer parties which my children make are orange sandwiches. They put a thin slice of orange between two thin round wafers and set in the oven a few minutes. Another pretty cake is made of a small round lemon water on which a marshmallow is placed. Put into the oven until the marshmallow is slightly melted, and then put a candied cherry in the center. (Copyrighted 1923, Associated Editors)

Like a Wheelbarrow

A Savings Account is like a wheelbarrow—it stands still unless some one pushes it, and the more you push it the lighter the load.

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