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Dodging The Real Issue

The folly of passing restrictive or prohibitory legislation affecting all the people, on the theory that such action will reduce lawbreaking which is committed by an infinitesimal minority of all the people, is illustrated by results secured under anti-revolver laws and restrictions.

Notwithstanding all the different state laws now on the statutes which make it obligatory for persons to first get a permit before they can purchase or carry a revolver or pistol, it is stated by good authority that never yet has a single instance been recorded where a person caught in the commission of a crime has even applied for a permit, let alone secured one.

This shows the fallacy of making it unlawful to do an act which in itself is not actually wrong (purchase a gun), on the theory that wrongdoers will thereby be curbed. In the case of revolvers and pistols, the law-

abiding man who wishes to buy a gun would not use it unlawfully with or without a permit. The criminal not only breaks the law by failing to get a permit, but he breaks the law again by using guns and other dangerous weapons in wrong and unlawful manners.

Our crime reformers are simply dodging the issue and making a false show of activity against the criminal, when they advocate and pass legislation against the law-abiding citizen. The same effort and expense launched against the real criminals in securing their arrest, conviction, sentence and incarceration would bring much greater results.

Earthworms Fall of Eyes

Dr. Walter N. Hess of Johns Hopkins announces that earthworms have eyes in every section of their bodies. With a small beam of light he found every segment sensitive to it. He was able to identify the skin cells that respond to light.

SPAIN GENTLE WITH WOMAN PRISONERS

Helps to Recall Inmates to Honest Ways.

Madrid.—Women criminals are not numerous in Spain, and when they do commit crimes they are looked after by the authorities almost parentally. The women's prison for those convicted in Madrid is a spacious institution under the direction of men, but the actual guardianship of the prisoners is confided to nuns. They guide their charges with gentleness, but strong disciplinary measures when necessary. A large percentage of those convicted of robbery are the servant girls from outlying country villages. Others have been convicted for crimes of violence against husbands and numerous unmarried women for infanticide.

Everything is done in the women's jail to recall the inmates back to honest ways. Work is provided for prisoners conducting themselves well. They are able to earn as much as \$3 weekly at needlework and ironing. With their earnings they may purchase food luxuries. Some of them are thus able to add sweetmeats and other tidbits to the prison ration.

One of the greatest punishments for the women is to be expelled from the workshops for misconduct and confined to their cells.

After an hour's recreation in the open courtyard each day they are permitted to converse, but not loudly.

New Method Cleans Rusty Water Pipes

New York.—Rust-choked iron water pipes in a 35-story New York office building have been cleared by a new acid solvent, and the vast expense of replacing the whole structure avoided. The process was worked out by F. N. Spiller, E. L. Chappell and R. P. Russell of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is expected by engineers to become a very important factor in building management.

It has long been known that a solution of hydrochloric acid in hot water will dissolve rust, but the drawback has been that it will also dissolve iron and steel, so that it has never been considered practicable for use on a large scale. The three Massachusetts engineers, however, added an organic "inhibitor," which has the effect of preventing the acid from corroding the metal while still permitting it to attack the rust.

In order to carry out their operations with the least possible inconvenience to the tenants they divided the plumbing of the building into sections, attacking these one by one on Saturday afternoons, so that the solution could get in its work and be flushed out of the pipes before the resumption of business on Monday morning.

Rarin' to Go

An Alabama man declares that the briefest courtship of all was that of a darkey couple in that state. It ran about as follows: Rastus speaking first:

"Why don't you take me?"
"Cause you ain't ast me."
"Well, now I asts yo."
"Well, now I has yo."

TIGER'S OPINIONS SECRET UNTIL DEATH

Clemenceau Spends Time Thinking and Writing.

St. Vincent-Sur-Jard, France.—Whether he is in his Paris home in the Rue Franklin or in his summer abode on this windswept Vendean shore, Georges Clemenceau, who has just passed his eighty-sixth birthday, spends most of his time writing and thinking. He invariably refuses to talk politics, although they occupied the biggest part of his active life. What does he write?

He is engaged now, and has been for several years, on a volume of stories of old times which are understood to resume his outlook on life and its problems. But they are not to be published until after his death and the "Tiger" has not revealed anything of their content. Therefore it is only by a reference to his published books that one can obtain any adequate idea of the principles on which he has guided his career and the lessons he has drawn from his study of humanity.

Simplicity of Writings

It is not a difficult task because whatever Clemenceau wrote is marked by simplicity of thought and presentation, however complex the problems involved. In philosophy he is a disciple of the Stoics. He has taken for himself the phrase of Spinoza: "Nothing may be called perfect or imperfect; everything happens in conformity with an eternal natural order."

It was after his political seclusion in 1894 that Clemenceau had an opportunity to develop his extraordinary talent as a writer. In his newspaper La Justice he touched on every phase of human activity and a year later published in a volume entitled "La Meute Sociale" (The Social Conflict), practically all his daily articles arranged in logical order. The leit-motif of all is the "struggle for existence." He paints realistic pictures of human suffering, long hours in factories, poverty, vice, brutality and pity side by side, prostitution, exploitation, injustice of a hundred kinds.

He does not apportion praise or blame. He merely tells what he has seen and asks only that men of understanding work with all their power to make the world better.

"What," he asks, "will come after this universe? Now, if ever, will the primal nebula be reformed? In how many billion years? With what new power of life? All hypotheses. I offer you nothing, not feeling that I am responsible for anything in the universal scheme of things."

Sometimes Clemenceau seems to be a socialist, as in fact he proclaimed himself at the opening of his parliamentary career. This, in another article of "La Meute Sociale," he declares that "the end toward which nature seems to be striving is socialism, which will fix by law respect for all, the rule of justice by association." But in the next moment he proclaims that everything depends on the individual, that the individual must be brought to such a point that law will be unnecessary, which may certainly be taken as an expression of philosophic anarchy.

Does His Own Marketing

After all, skepticism is his dominant trait, in his daily life as in his writings. He has lived all his life in close contact with the Breton peasant. He knows their ways and has had many proofs that he is revered by them. Yet, when he goes to market in the nearby town of Les Sables d'Olonne, as he does two or three times a week, he conducts his own bargaining. He counts the change, he weighs in his gray-gloved hands the leg of mutton or the chicken he intends for dinner and he replies to the good-natured protests of the market women: "Oh, tres bien, tres bien, but you can't catch me with your old tricks."

It has been often said that Clemenceau is anti-religious. He is merely nonreligious. Even in the worst days of the fight between the radical extremists and the radical freethinkers and the church authorities, when the separation of church and state was the big problem in France, Clemenceau repeated time and again that there must be no attempt to suppress religion or to persecute anybody for religious beliefs.

"Governments," he declared in the chamber, "can do nothing against beliefs. I have been asked if we want to destroy religion. Well, messieurs les deputes, here is my reply: We do not want to, we could not if we would, destroy a single belief in a single conscience."

In one of his books, "Le Grand Pan," he takes up the problem of the inspiring principle of mankind. He finds it in action.

"Pan commands us," he said. "We must act. Action is the principle, action is the means, action is the goal." Clemenceau has followed that principle all his life. In spite of his years he has his half hour of physical training every day. In Paris he has an instructor. Here he does it alone.

New Floor Waiter

New York.—A six-footer of aristocratic mien at the Waldorf-Astoria has identified himself as William Schurch DeWitte, a count, son of a prince and grandson of Count Sergius DeWitte, premier under the czars. He is now a floor waiter.

LIVING INDIAN MAY BE 180 YEARS OLD

Doubters Admit He Must Be at Least 145.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Thirty years before the Stars and Stripes were adopted as the American standard in the midst of the War of Independence, a man who still lives first saw the light of the sun, if Indian gossip be true.

The man is Captain Sam, or Sam Fish, whose cabin is in the Indian village near June lake in the high Sierras.

No one knows how old is Captain Sam. Residents of the region affirm he is the oldest man in California, perhaps the oldest in the world.

Captain Sam does not say. What matters a few moons more, a few moons less, when so many have passed over his head?

Tribal tales indicate that Captain Sam is one hundred and eighty years of age. White men who scout this figure admit it is not improbable he had seen 145 winters.

There are more than one hundred Indians in Captain Sam's family. Those far along in years recall tales he once told at camp fires, years ago. Nowadays, white men strive in vain to have him impart his memories of the past.

The stories of his relatives indicate that Captain Sam was a grown man, a leader of his tribe, when the Donner party went through the upper Owens valley nearly a century ago. This was the first party of whites to traverse the region. Relatives of Captain Sam recall the accounts he gave them of his astonishment at seeing white men and women for the first time.

Often Captain Sam sits in the sun by his cabin door, holding in his arms his latest descendant, a papoose of three months. He has lost track of the generations of his family. The papoose is believed to be his great-great-great-great-grandson.

Yearly the Plutes and other tribes hold a four-day festival of sports and tribal dances at June lake. Nowadays, Captain Sam is carried thither on a birch litter, and is honored with revivals of ancient ceremonies.

Each year when the festival is completed—this year it was held the first four days of July—the celebrators wonder if Captain Sam will be with them when the next fete comes around.

Egyptian Queen's Tomb, 4,500 Years Old, Found

Cambridge, Mass.—Discovery of the tomb of Queen Meresankh III, which closes gaps in Egyptian history of the Fourth dynasty, has been made by the Harvard university museum of fine arts expedition, says a report received here from Dr. George A. Reisner, head of the exploring party. Queen Meresankh was the great-granddaughter of Queen Hetepheres and King Sneferu, mother and father of Cheops, builder of the great pyramid.

The report says the newly discovered tomb is remarkable for the vivid colors of the relics and inscriptions which seem to have retained all their brilliancy after 4,500 years.

The burial chamber was plundered thousands of years ago and no valuables have been found. Two inscriptions, one on either side of the doorway, reveal that 272 days elapsed between the queen's death and her burial.

Plan Loud Speakers for Indian Mosque

Calcutta.—Microphones and loud speakers are to be installed in the new Nakhuda mosque here, which when completed will hold more than 14,000 worshippers. There will also be two minarets equipped with powerful electric lights for calling the faithful to worship.

The old historic Nakhuda mosque was demolished some time ago and a new edifice is now being constructed to take its place. This building will be of reinforced concrete with a steel frame and will be complete with all the latest devices of modern science which will enable the congregation to hear better the injunctions of the Imam.

The pulpit of the Imam will be on the first floor and will be visible from the two floors above.

German Family Holds Longevity Record

Berlin.—The record for longevity probably belongs to a German family named Luntzel. Frau Franziska Quenfell, born Luntzel, who lives in Berlin, has just celebrated her hundredth birthday. Of her nine brothers and sisters three lived to be more than one hundred years old and five were past ninety when they died.

Frau Quenfell, who was born on a farm, organized the first League of Patriotic Women in Germany and was its president for 25 years. She is in full possession of all her faculties, and follows current events with keen interest. The Prussian prime minister sent her an official message of felicitation on her birthday, and accompanied it with a piece of porcelain from the state porcelain works as a gift of the government.

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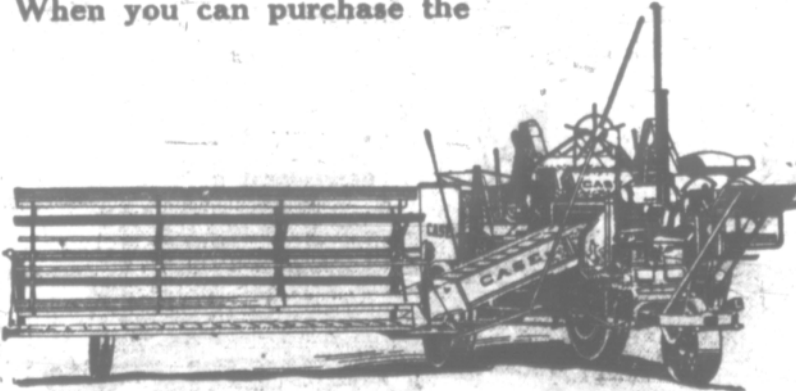
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