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FRENCH AND AMERICAN "JUSTICE"

There are American citizens, some of them in Ashland, who smile at what they call the French idea of justice, when "crimes passionnels" are viewed with apparent leniency.

This observation follows the acquittal of the Countess de Janze, formerly of Chicago, who abandoned her husband and children for an English lover. When he decided to leave her, because his religion would not sanction marriage with a divorcee, she accompanied him to the station. As they kissed she drew a revolver and shot him near the heart, than sent a bullet into her abdomen.

Both recovered. Her victim refused to press the charge against her, and in, court, accepted all the blame himself, after listening to the Judge's reproach for his breach of faith. Heavy censure was poured on the lady her broken heart was "sufficient excuse," after the shooting but opinion prevailed that although the judge upbraided her with treachery for shooting, while pretending to kiss her lover. When found guilty she was sentenced to six months in jail and fined about \$4 but the jail term was suspended.

This "justice" amuses some Americans immensely. For their benefit, consider the case of George Remus, convicted bootlegger, who pursued his wife through the streets of Cincinnati in an automobile, forced her car to the curb, and when she fled, overtook her in a park and shot her to death.

When brought to trial Remus, an attorney, behaved in a manner unknown to American courts, blamed his trouble on the prohibition law, and attacked the memory of his wife, charging that she was about to run off with a prohibition agent, after conspiring to kill and rob him of what he possessed. The American jury found him "not guilty" on the grounds of insanity, the most favorable verdict that could have been rendered under the judge's charge, and one of the jury is quoted as saying, "we could have returned our verdict in ten minutes. If Judge Shook had given us a plain not guilty verdict we would have brought in a straight acquittal."

Among other remarks, the juror continued, "we felt Remus had been persecuted long enough—There was never a question about the acquittal. When we retired I said, 'Let's go out and give him a Christmas present. Let's make him happy this Christmas. He says he wasn't happy last Christmas.'"

We submit, with all pride in our native land, that the Remus verdict takes precedence over the French decision and outranks it in any and every ridiculous consideration.

TOO MUCH HEAT IS UNHEALTHY

At this time of the year it is probably well to call the attention of our readers to the danger of excessive heating. Americans as a rule like their homes and offices to register not less than 70 degrees and there are individuals who get cold in a room where the mercury shows less than 75 degrees.

Too much heat is dangerous. Excess temperatures causes increased heart beats and accelerated respiration, with a fall in blood pressure. Eminent physicians are agreed that the high pneumonia rate in winter is caused, not by cold weather, but by the habit of many people, who keep their houses too hot.

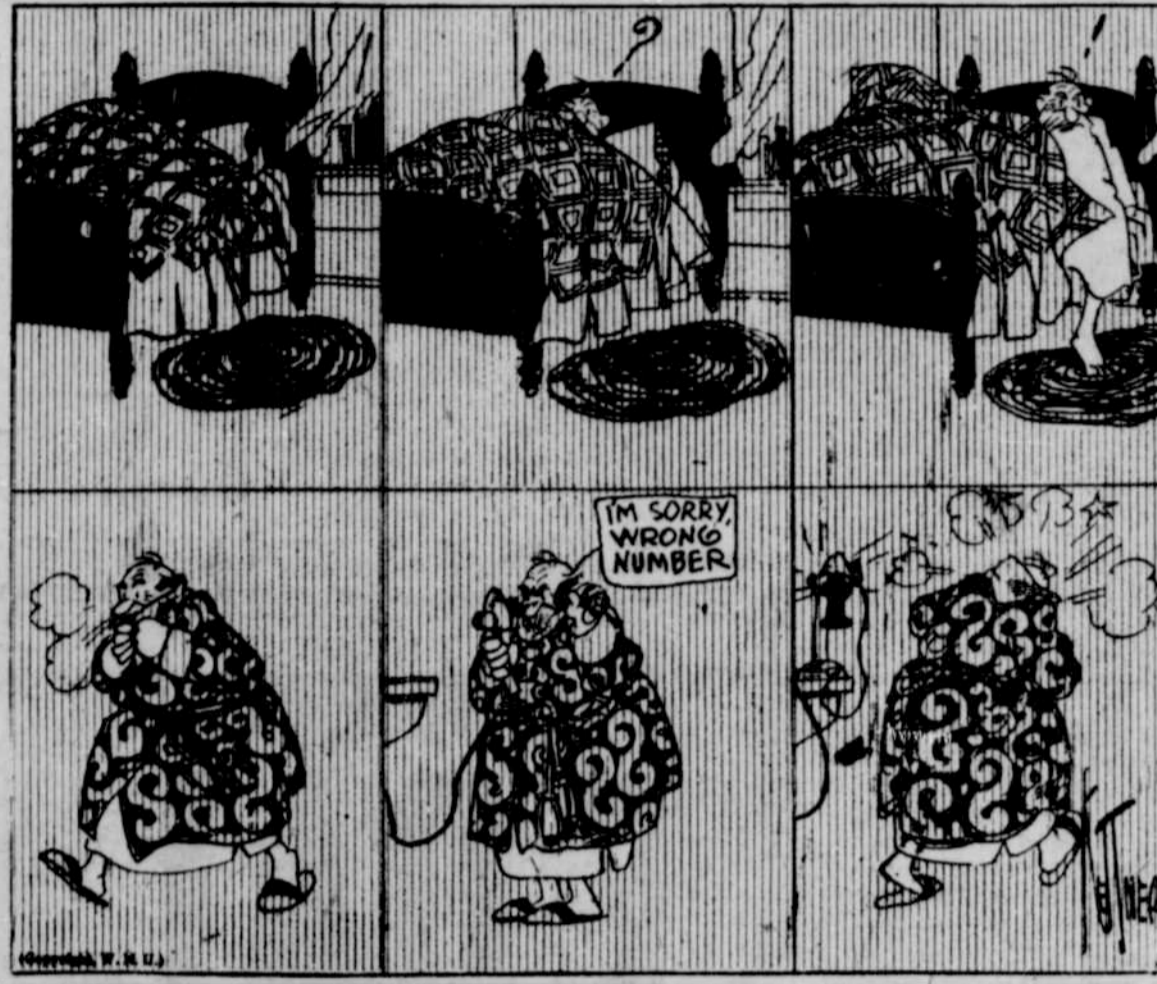
According to Dr. C. E. Inslow, of Philadelphia the proper household temperature is between 64 and 68 degrees. This is healthful temperature. Any more is dangerously unhealthy.

There may be homes in Ashland unequipped with thermometers. In this case we advise the householders to make an immediate investment. These instruments are so cheap that it is not too much to have several scattered through the home, where they will render accurate testimony as to the actual temperature of the rooms.

COOLIDGE GOES TO CUBA

This week President Coolidge leaves the United States for a visit to Cuba, where the sixth Pan-American Conference will convene in Havana. If we understand the purpose of the trip it is to answer the threat of the smaller countries, who have determined, it seems, to bring some pressure on this country through the conference.

Our Pet Peeve



Heretofore, these gatherings have been nicely worded love feasts for the most part with little international politics mixed in the agenda. This country has had its part in the gatherings, about the same authority, one might say, as Uruguay, but so long as nothing serious was attempted this made little deference.

At the Cuba Convention eminent Latin-Americans will gather for the first time in a serious effort to lay down certain rules to govern the relations between one and the other. This is plainly aimed to lay down the law to this country, because our well-meant efforts in Panama, San Domingo, Hayti, Mexico, Nicaragua, etc., have aroused, at times, vigorous opposition in these countries.

The most impressive delegation of American representatives named since the Versailles conference will take care of American interests. President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg will be guests not delegates, but heading the American delegation will be Charles E. Hughes, and there will be the ambassadors to Mexico and Cuba, Henry P. Fletcher, Oscar Underwood, and a group of others well known in Latin-America.

President Coolidge will make one speech, on the sixteenth. This will probably be an exposition of the American conception of duty and responsibility in this hemisphere. It will be an important occasion and the message will be one of vital interest.

SAFETY AND THE SUBS

Considerable discussion follows the loss of the S-4. Everybody and his brother is rushing in to print to tell the navy how accidents of this kind should have been prevented. Some valuable suggestions may result and future lives be saved, but it seems, that most of them have been considered and eliminated for one or two reasons. Either they have been:

- (a) Impractical, or,
(b) The installation of various devices, to be used after accidents, would sacrifice essential safety in operation and tend to increase accidents.

While we hold no brief for the naval experts, who have considered and reported on many suggested safety devices, it does seem to us that they know something of the risks to be run. If in their judgment, it is safer to put every ounce of space and strength into making submarines safer in operation, rather than in providing equipment and devices for use only after accidents, the layman will have to accept their verdict.

Naturally, there will be a full investigation by Congress and the suggested safety devices will be advertised. The naval experts will have to their exclusion by overwhelming reasons or suffer the harsh condemnation of the public generally. The fate of the trapped submarine sailors is too fresh in memory and their slow death too harrowing to be lightly overlooked.

Our extra slice of pie for this week is awarded to the little girl who was sick in bed when Santa Claus came.

The anticipated slump in the rag business will be brought about, it is predicted because men today are wearing their clothes too long and the women too short.

SHOOTS HIS HELPER

Indianapolis. — After being helped across a busy street by Louis Bernhardt, Jr., 21, Fred Matelich, 65 confessed that he fired a shot which killed the boy, although, he could assign no reason for his act.

BILLS! BILLS! BILLS!

Washington, D. C.—Up to the time of the Christmas recess a total of fifteen days, 8,459 measures were introduced and forty-seven bills and resolutions were passed by the House.

BURNS POWDERED COAL

Baltimore, Md.—Equipped with a \$36,500 power plant designed for powdering coal and burning it, the Steamship Mercer is one of the first vessels which will use the new fuel. The coal pulverized to the consistency of talcum powder, is blown by pipes into the ships fireboxes.

CHIEF MOURNER, AGE 111

Illahoe, Wash.—The chief mourner at the funeral of Joe Dan, 108-year old Duckabush Indian who was killed while trying to dodge an automobile on Hood's Canal highway was his brother David, 111, who walked briskly alongside the bier.

GIRL SHORTAGE IN WEST

Olympia, Wash.—A shortage of marriageable women and girls has been reported in almost every Pacific State and especially is it true in the State of Washington, where according to statistics there are 87,195 more men than girls. Idaho has an surplus of 31,842 men while Oregon and Montana are girl shy also. In Alaska bachelors look in vain for 2,567 of the opposite sex.

BIRDS DODGE POISON GAS

Washington, D. C.—Inquiries made to the Bureau of Biological Survey of the Department of Agriculture as to whether toxic gas could be used in a fight against bird pests, the department announced that birds show a remarkable degree of resistance to poison gases, as they merely fly up, getting out of it.

NEAR DEATH BUT LAUGHS

Oconto, Neb.—Paralyzed for more than six weeks and breathing only with the aid of artificial respiration supplied by her father, who pressed air into her lungs, Alma Overgard, 16-year old high school girl laughed and joked with her friends and expected to enjoy a merry Christmas.

Madras buys 16,400-foot pipe for waterworks pipe line from Metolius.

OREGON

Or a Romance and Adventure in and of the West

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Under a social system freed from, legalized exploitation, Justice will remove nearly if not quite all ills of, or on, the social body. What Justice does not remove Mercy will. By justice mercy and faithful works man is approved by Him from we get the word Christian. By preventing the exploitation of the workers by the exploiters, which has been accomplished by the adoption of the constitutional provisions found in the amendment creating the fourth, the department of industry and Commerce in the Oregon Constitution, it has been made possible that all may secure reasonable participation in the benefits of the gifts of nature and of new inventions and discoveries which are rending nature with all her mighty forces, mans willing servant Oregon is helping us to do and doing for us. No wonder we are proud of him.

He is the peoples pried and joy. All the forces of nature coupled with the inventive genius of man and under the blessings of God has and will contribute through him, Oregon to the welfare of all no wonder we love him. "How about the other States of the Inquired Molly who had an eager interested listener.

Many of the Cities of other States have adopted Charters, which upon their adoption created Christian, Co-operative, Industrio Commercial Municipalities.

Likely soon, very soon let us hope they the people of the States will follow our example and become Christian, Industrio-Com it will be but a few years until many of them will do so. Like women suffrage and the prohibition movement in the first quarter of this century so, let us hope; the movement toward Industrio-commercialism will stop only when the Nation will be a Industrio-commercial Republic.

By doing so our civilization, that is so dear to all of us will be saved from the fate of former the wealth thereof accumulated in the hands of a few. When the Nation becomes a Christian, Co. Republic and the fate of the nation civilization who perished because of the past that perished is Avoided then our Oregon, whose predecessor had been daubed the fool of the family will have become the savior of the family.

Of States, the Federal government, He Oregon, will be the hero of the century The Labor Problem, the problem of all problems being settled all other problems will be easily settled. Making a living questing and how it was made has been the real question confronting mankind since organized society had a beginning. Or since Nimrod founded Babylon.

Oregon pays to each state worker or employee laboring for the collectivity as each has contributed to the welfare, wealth or benefit society Collectivity or State.

Each worker, employee or official is rewarded according to his deed. In referring to the state just now I mean Oregon and his fractional parts or sub-divisions. Counties and fractional parts such as Cities towns or Justice of the Peace Precincts. It is hardly necessary to tell you that although employment with or in Industrio-commercial properties, enterprises or pursuits is free to all that all will avail themselves of it but it is always there, opportunity is theirs If they can do better in some and wish to they will likely do so. If you will remember in your childhood you all had the opportunity to go to the public school, but all the children did not go. Many preferred and did go to a private and others to Parochial school. However; The Public School was open to them when and if they wished to go to it.

The opportunity of the child to go to the Free Public School was

and is due the provision in the State Constitution provided for a State Superintendent of Public Instruction or School. So now the opportunity to work and freedom to work of all residents of the State to work and freedom to without exploitation was and is due to a provision in the Constitution providing for a Department of industry and commerce of which the State Labor Commissioner is the head. The right to work, means the privilege to work. No force is intended or will be used, unless there is dependents whom he should support.

The discussion as interrupted at this point by Donald Waldo entering the room and reporting that the volume of water, coming over the falls was materially lessening. "I fear," said Hartley, "that the enemy have discovered how to remove our defense and are taking advantage of it." Donald and Hartley, both left the cavern, "Well," said Hartley, after noting the considerable decrease of water coming over the falls, the villains have made their move guess we will have to make ours. "I have as yet told no one, Thinking that if I knew it they would want to leave here while the enemy were above the falls instead of down in the canyon as they are now. There is a narrow stair way or opening from the inner room to the top that opens above the falls on the left of the creek. The opening is well hidden by a trap door and debris. Guess that if we had to we can make our get away by the opening in the night. I would hate to kill a lot of these deluded mutts then later perhaps get killed because of sheer numbers as we might be overcome by repeated rushes of the neemy. I guess we had better use our heads and legs and thus avoid killing and being killed.

This pipe you see here comes down from the outer edge of the falls or the cliff over which the water pours. It is still full of water and will likely stay full as it is not likely that all the water in the creek channel will be turned out. The pipe has supping water to run an electric dynamo which has furnished the electricity for light and heat. We are fortunate in having a storage battery which will be useful when we disconnect the pipe. Please assist me to uncouple the pipe from the dynamo, and then together we can fasten this three inch hose to nose! at the other end of the hose which when we turn on the water will throw a stream of water with force enough to topple over any one who might get in its way.

When the enemy gets upon the slippery shelf above the pool of water, made by the falling water, which is several feet deep they can be met with a stream of water with force enough to knock them off the shelf and they will surely get a bath. If they don't know how to swim I fear they will meet their death from exposure, may be. Before any of them are ready for a second bath or can get out of the canyon we ought to be well on our way to friends and safety. By the way Waldo, who is urging these fellows on and what is this object? "Pomeroy," said Waldo "I heard him and recognized his voice a couple of hours ago as he shouted his orders to some of his men. Their object is the getting of our blood. They are the worst set of villains alive. Let us hope their kind will never be reproduced within the state. It is that men are largely what society makes them that keeps me from wanting to kill the whole bunch. Maybe killing is too good for them. Perhaps a cold bath and being put hors de combat because of loss of fire arms that will fire will be worse than death. I rather hope it will. If Pomeroy will fire my bow will. If Pomeroy ever had a heart he has changed it for a gizzard.

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