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Kidnapping A Horrible Crime

The kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby was a source of general sadness throughout the nation, where millions of people grieved with the famous parents of the little boy.

No crime so stirs the anger of people as that. For men and women to be so low as to trade on the love of parents for the sake of money, and to act without regard to the possible death of a little child, is an evidence of depravity amid the welter of civilization.

That this country has witnessed something like a wave of kidnapping in recent years is known. The Lindbergh crime gave kidnapping more publicity than ever because of the prominence of the parents, and has caused tremendous feeling. Something must be done.

This paper certainly hesitates to suggest anything like mob law, but kidnapers are almost beyond the pale and deserve to be treated like maddened animals.

China's Request

The Chinese have made one request of the League of Nations which shows that they are not entirely without a sense of humor.

The Chinese have asked permission to set up in the League Assembly Hall a radio broadcasting apparatus, tune in on China, and let the delegates hear the actual noise of the Japanese guns killing Chinese by the wholesale without a declaration of war.

The request will probably be denied but it is spectacular and forceful just the same.

Japan's Gamble

Japan's present attack upon China is described by Commander Kenworthy, a British naval authority, as one of the great gambles of history. He suspects that both Russia and France are somewhat in sympathy with the Japanese aggression.

Commander Kenworthy describes the five phases of the complete Japanese plan to include the following: "The first has been accomplished with the seizure of all Manchuria. The second is in process of accomplishment. It is the seizure of Shanghai, Nanking, and the Yangtze Valley. The third will be the occupation of Canton and its littoral. The fourth will be the seizure of Indo China. And the fifth will be the conquest of India."

Manchuria will give Japan, first, outlet for surplus population and immense natural resources, says the Commander, and then: "Second, it is necessary for her to occupy the great Yangtze Valley in order to dominate Chinese trade and commerce, and to give her an entering wedge for the conquest of all China. Third, she will eventually seize Canton and South China, and advance westward toward French and British possessions. Fourth, she will be in a position, militarily and economically, to seize Indo-China from the French. Finally, she will advance upon India—upon which she has had her eye for many years."

Seldom, if ever, has any one crime so stirred the nation as that of the theft of the Lindbergh child. Nearly every person believes in the summary execution of kidnapers.

This is not the time of the year for business men to lay down and play dead; when local business will, revive depends largely upon the attitude of our commercial leaders.

Big business, we are convinced, knows how to take care of itself; what this country needs is some leaders to take care of the little boys who can hardly do anything but cast one vote.

A wife here told her husband the other day that she bought something because the seller looked so pitiful and must have needed the money. Hubby had a few thoughts, himself.

The other day three men were standing on a street corner, talking and smiling, and a lady walked up. You could have heard a pin drop. Why? (One guess allowed; those who miss are clearly subnormal.)

Entire Community Stirred by Abhorrent Crime Against Child

The kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby stirred the nation, and the entire world almost as much as his famous father, the "Lone Eagle," in his epoch making flight from this country to France a few years ago. Residents here read the first news of this diabolical affair with as much horror and interest as did the residents of every other community

throughout the nation. With one accord they declared the kidnappers to be of a criminal type which should be stamped from the face of the earth through the most severe punishment.

Not only was this view taken by the rank and file of citizenry in every nook and corner of the nation but lawmakers of the several states, and Congress of the United States, halted in their deliberations to check up on legislation already on the statute books which deal with crimes of this nature, and to turn their minds to making them more strin-

gent, and the punishment more severe. This feeling found its way into the White House, where the President gave serious consideration to the kidnapping.

With one accord law enforcement bodies were thrown into action in an effort to apprehend the criminals and to return to his anxious and grief stricken parents the youngster who is regarded as the world's most famous baby.

Not only did the arms of the law stretch out its relentless traps in an effort to run down the criminals, but every newspaper man throughout the nation, either directly employed on some publication, or serving some of the big news gathering agencies, were thrown into the gigantic man hunt.

Inquisitive eyes everywhere were on the alert within a few minutes after the news was flashed, for some trace of the guilty parties, and the probable hideout of the young Lindbergh heir.

The minds of the public ran back over past years, and recalled kidnapping cases of unusual interest. Perhaps the mind of everyone of these, whether he could remember or not, recalled the famous Charlie Rose case. That was back in the days when kidnappings were unusual. Since that time they have become more frequent, until today there are well organized gangs scattered throughout the nation, planning and putting into effect crimes of this character from which they reap ransom.

It is a form of lawlessness developed into a racket on the same scale as other extortion games are being practiced by criminals all over the nation. Law abiding citizens, in private life, in business and in other pursuits, are constantly targets of these lawless elements, which annually gather into their coffers millions of dollars squeezed out of men who are forced to pay in order to conduct their business without molestation in one way or another.

Rumored corruption in law enforcement in the larger cities, and in the agencies of government, both state and federal, at times have been heard which link very closely these agencies with the lawless elements. There have been faint efforts at times to investigate these reported conditions but after a time they are dropped and the old order of things is once more in the saddle.

The latest incident—the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby, has aroused public sentiment once more against these practices, where honest, law-abiding citizens are made the prey of gangs. Will the government take the necessary steps for their correction?

Annual Report Shows 4-H Membership Increased

Despite the difficulties adult farmers are experiencing in "making ends meet," some 13,119 4-H club members of Oregon during the past year carried on work with a gross value of \$227,901.20, which, after deducting operating expenses, left them with a profit of \$91,543.84, according to the annual report just filed by H. Seymour, state club leader.

The club boys and girls of the state have evidently already absorbed a truth which adults are just beginning to recognize—that the only way to make money during low price period is to lower production costs. While the gross value of the club work done last year was \$11,393.85 less than the previous year, the net profits was increased \$3,361.67.

Club enrollment, too, picked up, nearly 25 per cent last year, increasing from 1711 clubs with 15,355 members in 1930 to 2109 clubs including 19,119 members in 1931.

Lane county again led the state in number of clubs organized with a total of 278, followed by Marion with 182, Douglas with 178, and City of Portland 174. Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah were other high ranking counties, while Wheeler was the only county with no organized clubs.

Sewing clubs appeared to be the most popular of the 33 different kinds of projects carried, followed by cookery, health-growth, and dairy calf clubs. Other projects include swine, sheep, beef, calf, dairy record, goat poultry, corn, potatoes, garden, wheat, canning, homemaking, room improvement, home beautification, rabbit, bee, farm accounting, farm mechanics rose and flower, forage, marketing, pigeon, colt, art, nursery, handicraft, cucumber, orchard care and the newly standardized forestry project.

The greatest total value above cost was realized by the dairy calf clubs, followed by cookery and poultry clubs.

1,600,000 METEORS A DAY

Cambridge, Mass.—A meteor census shows that about 1,600,000 observable meteors fall into the upper atmosphere each day, but most of them burn up before reaching the earth.

WALNUT CHOKES GIRL

Long Beach, Calif.—Betty Kurkie, 2, choked to death when she swallowed a whole walnut.

Health and Beauty

By DR. SOPHIA BRUNSON
Taking Father For Granted

Two friends sat talking one evening over old times. They were recalling the fun and sports that they used to have with their associates of childhood, and youth. Some were in distant states, others were dead. Some had made a success of life, others had been failures.

"You know Bill," said John, "that of all the jolly, happy, gollyucky fellows that we used to know, Tom Jones has changed the most. He isn't over fifty, but his shoulders are bent and his face lined with care. He seldom ever smiles any more. I have often wondered when I meet him what has changed him so. He isn't a bit like he used to be."

"I can tell you, he has high blood pressure and though he thinks of it a great deal, he does nothing about it. I happen to be his physician. His wife is a wonderful cook. His table groans under an abundance of rich food every day, that his wife not only delights to see him eat, but always urges him to take a little more. He is considerably overweight. He works hard and gets but little exercise and almost no recreation. At night he is too tired to go out, or even to read. After a hearty supper, he is too torpid and sleepy to do anything but sit in his chair and sleep until he goes off to bed."

"What is he getting out of life?" you ask. "Nothing but misery," continued the physician. "He makes a good salary, almost every cent of which he spends on his family."

"But what about his children?" inquired John. "Two are grown and two more are in college; it seems as though they would try to lighten Tom's burdens some, especially with all the modern knowledge on the subject, they could change their mother's ideas in regard to their father's diet. While the two sons who are out earning money are living at home, and spending it all on themselves. In fact, they never give their father a thought."

"Well, you see," said the doctor, "Tom and his wife made the mistake of allowing the children to take them for granted when they were small. They made all the sacrifices for them and permitted the little folks to depend on them for everything. They were never taught to appreciate their parents or to share in the sacrifices. Naturally they grew up into selfish young people. It was always 'gimme.' Father has now degenerated into a sort of automaton. He plods along, overeating and feeling bad and tired all the time. The children make all sorts of demands upon his purse, but it never occurs to them that they might change the picture and bring some happiness and perhaps health to a father whom they are in the habit of simply taking for granted."

FEWER BANKS FAIL

Washington—Noticeable improvement in the banking situation is reported by J. W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency. He cites eight consecutive days without national bank failures—a new record for many months.

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Louisa's Letter

Wife Says Husband Gives Her No Money

My Dear Louisa:

My husband and I have been married five years. I continued working until last year when our baby was born. Having always made my own money, I was accustomed to buying my own clothes, etc., until the baby's arrival when I gave up my job in order to give him my personal attention and attend to the increasing duties of our home. I am now in a quandry. My husband apparently thinks I can get along without anything excepting board and lodging. He has not given me so much as a five dollar bill to spend on myself. He says that when he gets the money he will give it to me but that there just isn't any over what he gives me for actual house expenses.

I am not unreasonable and certainly do not expect him to pull money off of trees but he has two stenographers in his office and I happen to know that one could do his work. He takes great pride, however, in not adding to the ranks of the unemployed and absolutely refuses to cut either of their salaries. Twenty five dollars a month

from what they get would mean so much to me. Don't you think I am being treated unfairly?

Harrassed Wife

Answer: Your husband is a typical example of the men who are spoiled by working wives. That is why I consider it a mistake for women to keep regular jobs after marriage if their husbands can comfortably support them: If you had charged and demanded a great deal at the first he probably would be scratching around with all his might and main now to give you anything you desired.

Or perhaps, his vanity is the cause of all his trouble. Although business is bad he wants to make a big front and to be considered a marvel by his employees. He certainly is not demonstrating very much affection for you however, by depriving you of the necessities in order to pay pre-war salaries.

Why not try to make him see that the value of the dollar has gone up so much in the last six months that if he cuts his employees twenty-five per cent he is still paying them practically the same salary they started with.

Yours,
LOUISA

BEGGAR'S SIGN WRONG

New York—When police arrested Louis Geller, who had a sign around his neck: "I am blind," he explained that he had merely put on the wrong sign. He was deaf and dumb.

FORD RISKS FORTUNE

Detroit—Declaring that the Ford Motor Company will "risk everything to help make jobs," Henry Ford declares that his company has nothing the public did not give and that "no surplus exists for private benefit."

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