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THE CRIME WAVE AND EDUCATION.

THE ONLY business in which failures are practically one hundred per cent is the business of crime. And crime today is a business, highly organized, well paid, and gaining recruits particularly from the youth of the land every day.

The important job of crime prevention, it seems, scarcely emphasizes sufficiently the importance of instructing the youth of the land concerning the history of crime.

The newspapers are full of successful crime, and also chronicle from time to time, the failures, but the two events are seldom, if ever synchronized as they should be as the inevitable first and last act of the criminal drama.

This is the work of the historian. The value of history lies chiefly in learning from experience of the past, how to avoid disaster in the future. But while we have political histories, national histories industrial and economic histories, we have no criminal histories.

In the midst of an appalling crime wave, we believe it would be an excellent idea to apply the historical method to crime, to sketch not the romantic events of the criminal alone, but follow up those events to the end, and show the unescapable retribution.

For there is not a young person of even fair intelligence, and criminals are notoriously keen mentally, who would follow crime as a profession if he knew the price history demonstrates he must pay.

For going straight is not merely good morals, it is good business, it is not only a matter of doing what is right, it is a matter of doing what is most profitable, financially as well as morally, for the individual.

In other words, self-interest would lead the potential criminal away from crime, if to his intelligence was added wisdom and to inculcate wisdom is not the business of the police courts, but the business of education.

QUILL POINTS

Among the things there is room for at the top is improvement.

Lord, God of Hosts, be with us yet! Congress has met! Congress has met!

What the world needs is less human nature and more humane nature.

There isn't much chance in later life for a boy who never had a nickname.

Narrow is the way that leads to life, but it needn't make people narrow.

War has no monopoly of valor. There's the man who smiles while buying six pairs of school shoes.

Times change. Once a wife was property; now the property is the wife's.

There's no lack of respect for the law when both the people and the law are respectable.

Doctors can think up such darning disagreeable things you should do for your health!

About the only way for a king to get on the first page now is to be dead four thousand years.

Well, if the dumb speak hereafter, we shall refuse to join any luncheon clubs.



TAXING THE DEAD.

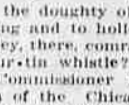
WHILE I'm feeling hale and hearty I'm an optimistic party, and I'll smile with any smartly as I pay the taxes due; I will sing and smile and chortle at the tax-collector's portal, but alas, I'm only mortal, soon my journey will be through. I have saved some silver pieces which are stored in large valises, that my loving aunts and nieces may not suffer when I'm dead; it would soothe me when I perish if I knew the ones I cherish would not hear the sound, nigh-marish of the tax collector's tread.

Personal Health Service by WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. William Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

Commisloner Bundesen Takes a Flop.

The ranks of the Old Guard are wavering and thinning. They still strive to uphold the fallacy about wet feet, draft or chilling "lowering resistance" and so on, but the development of respiratory infections, but evidently they are anxious to drop it somewhere and forget it, if they can do so without being noticed.



of the doughty old boys drops something and to holler across the world "Hey, there, comrade, haven't you lost your tin whistle?" Commissioner Herman N. Bundesen of the Chicago Health Department, an officer of high rank, has always stood out from the Old Guard.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What to Get for Sick Ear. Kindly suggest something to get for a child's ear that runs a good deal and aches. (E. L.)

Answer—A doctor. Railroad Coaches Swept. What do you think of the custom of the railroads, sweeping the floors of crowded coaches, the porters first sprinkling a few drops of water on the floor from a pail?

Answer—Unless passengers or crew feel so much at home in the coach that they spit on the floor, there is no reason to imagine that tuberculosis or other disease is conveyed in the dust stirred up by sweeping.

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Answer—Such a condition is sometimes due to congenital syphilis. Why not have a periodic health examination and incidentally a Wassermann blood test?

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Great-Grandmother Ursus. "Once upon a time, nobody knows how long ago, there lived an old womanly bear who had so many children she didn't know what to do!"



Once upon a time, there lived an old womanly bear who had so many children she didn't know what to do! She began Mrs. Ursus, but she had gotten only this far when little Roly-Poly interrupted her.

Mrs. Ursus I am very sure, for from the beginning of time that has been the family name of every bear that was ever born.

"Where did they all sleep?" asked Roly-Poly, forgetting her promise not to interrupt.

"Dear knows! In every nook and corner of the cave, of course, but there must have been some left out in the cold who had to struggle together out in the open," declared Mrs. Ursus.

"Just think of the fun all those cubs must have had," Sonny Bunsy looked thoughtful.

"Yes, but just think of the quarreling they must have done. Can't you imagine the noise they made? How would you like dozens of little sisters all ready to run off with your juicy root, Son? And Roly-Poly, would it please you to have many brothers sniff you out of their way instead of just one?"

But Roly-Poly was not listening. She had thought of another question. Next—"But the Cupboard Was Bare!"

Poems That Live

O Wert Thou in the Cuddly Blast, O wert thou in the cuddly blast, On yonder lea, on yonder lea, My plaidie to the angry air, I'd shelter thee, I'd shelter thee; Or did Misfortune's ladder starns Around thee blow, around thee blow.

THE DATE TREE



Dec. 14, 1756—169 years ago.—Antiquarians in London are unable to decipher the above inscription, purporting to be of classic origin. But the rarity had originated in the brain of a practical joker and the translation was found to be "Beneath this stone reposeth Claude Coster, tripe seller of Impington, as doth his consort Jane."

Timely Views on World Topics

"Good Citizen Cannot Defend Violation of Prohibition Law," Says Wayne B. Wheeler

"It is important that the prohibition forces shall practice restraint in using the enormous legislative majorities now registered," declared Wayne B. Wheeler, head of the Anti-Saloon League forces in Washington.

"The future of prohibition depends upon the aggressiveness and the sanity with which the problem is handled. Extreme measures that do not commend themselves to the country's sense of fairness would be disastrous in the long run."

He foresees a long and arduous campaign before John Barleycorn is completely vanquished.

Volume of Business Reduced

Elaborating his view, he said: "It is not an easy thing by law to change the habits of people. The time required to make the larger cities truly dry will depend upon many things, I would point out, however, that no law is 100 per cent successful, in spite of the laws against robbery and murder, robberies and murders are committed."

"We are making progress, nevertheless. In volume the consumption of alcohol for beverage purposes has been reduced 30 per cent. Before the national prohibition act, about \$2,500,000,000 was spent for drink. Even with the high prices demanded by bootleggers, the sum now spent is, as an estimate, not more than \$500,000,000. This is a saving of \$2,000,000,000 a year."

Weakens Respect for All Laws

"As to the breaking of the prohibition law by citizens who are otherwise law-abiding, I have this to say: Respect for law in general and for laws protecting property is weakened when good citizens violate the prohibition amendment. The disregard of prohibition affects unfavorably the interests of those who believe in upholding the general structure of the law. Gradually men come to understand this truth, and some of those who once made an exception of the prohibition law have begun now to observe it. That tendency is increasing. Certainly it is impossible for a good citizen to defend reasonably his violation of the prohibition law."

WERELIN—The play "Rain" is bewitching Germans as they do not understand why a missionary should want the natives of Gago-Pago to wear clothes.

Abe Marlin



Thanksgiving's gone, an' now th' feller that "prefers chicken 't turkey any day" kin brush up his preference for an open car. "I'll kick you some time when we're playin' bridge," said Lufe Bud 't his wife, this mornin', as he slammed th' door an' went down town.

MEET THE SHOPPER FAMILY



Now here is AUNT BARBARA, just naturally the sweetest old lady you know. What she deserves is a bouquet so big it would be delivered this way. 9 shopping days left before Christmas.

Children's Pictorial Cross Word Puzzle



Running Across. Word 1. In the picture. Word 5. Who is commander-in-chief of the United States army?

Running Down. Word 2. What state is known as the "Buckeye" state? Word 3. To make or perform. Word 4. To cause to sound by striking; also a piece of jewelry. Word 5. Abbreviation for Philippine Islands.

SATURDAY'S PUZZLE ANSWERED.

