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PRESIDENT COOLIDGE SHOCKS EUROPE

EVERYTHING is relative. If the Armistice Day speech had been delivered by the late President Roosevelt, for example, it would have scarcely provided a European sensation.

But coming from the supposedly taciturn and cautious Calvin, this speech dropped like a bomb-shell in the foreign offices abroad, and reverberations from it have not died down yet.

It was in no sense an inflammatory speech, but it was frank and outspoken. It was a vigorous avowal of what European diplomats have condemned as American selfishness and isolation.

The reactions from London, if correctly reported in the press, were little short of belligerent. Lord Birkenhead is reported to have termed the address "Pecksniffian guff."

There is none. And after re-reading the President's address, we fail to find any cause for the excitement abroad. The only explanation, to our mind, is that Europe had come to expect only silence or soothing generalities from President Coolidge.

ANOTHER COOLIDGE MYTH

PROBABLY when the history of this epoch is written, and a proper perspective attained, this outburst from abroad will appear even more surprising.

For we believe it will then be realized that, with all his New England restraint and freedom from bluff and bluster, President Coolidge is far from being the timid and cautious man that most of the newspaper correspondents have painted him.

Certainly it took courage to veto the Soldiers' Bonus; and, on the eve of a Presidential election, the McNary-Haugen bill. While in our foreign relations, no President in our history could have acted with more dispatch and vigor than President Coolidge.

The details of the diplomatic exchanges which resulted in the repudiation of this "arrangement" have not been made public, but when they are believed there will be no doubt that, in his own way and in his own time, the President who did "not choose to run" can hit out from the shoulder as well as the next man.

Thanks to this firm, uncompromising attitude at Washington, Great Britain has apologized in a "white paper" and France in a blue one. An "arrangement" which would have reduced the disarmament treaty of the Harding administration to a "scrap of paper" and given France a free hand to become the military dictator of Europe, has been denounced and absolutely abandoned.

Probably this diplomatic defeat suffered by England and France contributed to the resentment voiced against the radio speech from Washington the night of November 11th. But the main cause was undoubtedly the fact that the "Fighting Calvin" that had always remained in the background, came out for the first time—front stage.

A free country is one in which those who said the law wouldn't work do their utmost to keep it from working.

"Is this your first baby?" asked the neighbor. "No," she said, "my husband was my first baby."

You aren't a good partisan unless you are idiot enough to see unqualified evil in anything done by the opposition.

Easy Street has its advantages, but the adjective doesn't always fit the resident's conscience.

So one of the Reverend Straton's flock admits it seems strange to hear the pastor now talk nothing but religion.

Every time Mussolini makes a speech we remember that Bologna is in Italy.

Our government is a marvelous system of checks and balances. That is why we have to make our checks big enough to reduce the indebtedness.

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. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed.

HELL'S BELLS AND OTHER SCENES

An applicant for a license to operate a motor vehicle usually has to present evidence that he or she is over 16 years of age. This is a good law for the majority of persons do not attain a fair sense of responsibility which becomes 15.



But the law fails to put a check on the question of responsibility in more than one-third of all operators licensed. You see, the law presumes that all applicants are normal in mental development, whereas the fact is that 30 per cent of the population is below normal mentality.

In this recent election we heard a good deal about the intelligence test that new voters had to pass. The tests given were such as a normal 12-year-old child could readily pass. So we do not discriminate against persons in the matter of suffrage.

The estimate that approximately 30 per cent of the population of the United States is mentally defective (morons and super morons) was made by the psychologists who examined some millions of the young men drafted for military service in the World War. It is not unreasonable to suppose that thousands of the young gentlemen who were never in any danger of being selected for army service seek and obtain licenses to operate motor vehicles, their own or an employer's vehicles.

Here arises the question whether the state is justified in improving the applicant's mental capacity when issuing a license to drive an automobile. If the applicant happens to be mentally unfit to have the responsibility, and goes out on a joy ride or a little booze party or takes it into his childish head to show the piers on the road how to do some fancy driving, and so causes an accident, has the state fairly protected the people—or is that not the purpose of the license system?

The contribution of automobile drivers to the noise nuisance comes mainly from the lackwits. Like normal children they are fond of shouting and shouting. It is a safe observation that the intelligence of a driver varies inversely with the amount of unnecessary noise he emits.

In some sections the applicant for an operator's license is now required to pass an eyesight test. Of course he should have as good vision as a railroad engineer must have, for safety.

Isn't it about time that some reasonable standard of capacity to assume responsibility were established and the mental fitness of applicants for operating license determined before entrusting those persons with the safety of the public?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS Child With Squint. Our healthy four-year-old boy's left eye turns in toward the nose. He has worn glasses for a year and they correct the trouble, while the right eye. But when he takes them off his eye turns in as much as ever. Will his eye ever get better?—Mrs. S. W.

Answer.—It is important in such cases that the glasses be fitted while the child's accommodation is at rest. This cannot be accomplished without the use of drops. Only an oculist (ophthalmologist) can use drops, and that's why some persons who are not permitted by law to do so try to make you think drops are dangerous.

Any School Teacher Can Tell You. In your opinion, is there any form of a drug in (a saline postum) which would make it unsafe to rub on the chest, neck and wrists of the new for a cold or to inhale the vapor?—Miss R. C.

Answer.—Lousiam chemists reported that the nostrum appears to be a mixture of yellow vaseline, with dashes of such soothing smells as camphor, turpentine, menthol, eucalyptol—smells calculated to

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason.

RESPONSIBILITY.

Some four and twenty thirty men went to an eastern boating

And the "experiment, noble in motive" prompts a lot of experimentation that isn't so noble.

Another good test of will power is to sit beside the driver and not comment on his technique.

Still, many another practical statesman could achieve as much as Mussolini if he didn't have to depend on the advice and consent of the stupid.

Americanism: Persuading the wolf to wear sheep's clothing; plausibly pretending that he no longer functions like a wolf.

All normal boys feel an urge to be tough. Then some of them grow up and the others go through life trying to be hard-boiled.

Normal Americans are those who buy a stove to keep seven rooms comfortably warm and then sit in one closed-up room heated to 85.

The hotel guest gets his money's worth. He may not take a bath, but the bath towel gives his shoes a nice polish.

Modern youth wouldn't be killed either, if he could get a thrill by racing a buggy horse up and down Main street.

Our best families in New York have been drinking "bathtub Scotch" without knowing it. High grade bootleggers' customers, "only satisfied with goods just off the ship," have bought and drunk millions of dollars' worth of horrible stuff, made of denatured alcohol, redistilled, mixed in ordinary bathtubs with malt and water, the malt giving that good old Scotch, smoky taste.

J. J. Donovan, chief of the conspiracy section, in one branch of the prohibition administration, says this stuff was sold at fancy prices. It also had a fancy effect on the lining of the best families that drank it.

The Baltimore and Ohio, progressive railroad, orders clocks run by radio. Not necessary to make any allowance for distance in such clocks. The electric impulse moving the hour or second hand, goes 186,000 miles a second. The difference between the Pacific and the Atlantic would be only the 32nd part of a second. Not enough to make you miss your Baltimore and Ohio flier.

America's cotton growing regions will be interested, mildly, in a new "cheaper" cotton, developed in England.

A small bird, weaving his nest in British Guinea, supplied the idea, using fibre from a plant that now thrives in England and already yields three or four million pounds a year.

The new cotton costs only 12 cents a pound, the plant grows seven feet high and is "stripped. It is not a blossom cotton.

Only the coarsest grades of cotton can be made from it, however, and experts teach that substitutes are more numerous than successful.

Henry Ford's plan to produce cheap linen by treating hemp in a modern machine-manner seems more promising.

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Quill Points

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FLOOD DEATH TOLL ELEVEN IN KANSAS

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 21.—(AP)—The known death toll of the flood in Kansas stood at 11 today and the property loss remained to be determined as the rivers, swollen by torrential rains last week, were slowly dropping back to normal after inundating cities and towns and thousands of acres of farm land.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 21.—(AP)—A Wyoming's week-end storm which was especially severe in an area along the continental divide, where more than 60 motorists were marooned, claimed one life.

The frozen body of Roy Palmer, 21, of Worland was found by a searching party about three-quarters of a mile from his hunting camp. According to members of the searching party who followed his trail in the snow, Palmer apparently became exhausted in his search for his camp and had frozen to death while resting.



Are You Slowing Up? Sluggish Kidneys Make One Tired and Achy.

Do you rise lame and stiff? Drag through the day dull, listless and depressed? Evening find you all worn out? Then you should be giving some thought to your kidneys.

For bladder irregularities and for lameness, stiffness and constant backache, due to sluggish kidneys, use Doan's Pills.

Doan's, a stimulant diuretic, increase the activity of the kidneys and thus aid them in carrying off waste impurities. Users everywhere endorse Doan's.

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Supremacy!

When the phone goes out of business, And the lights go on the bum; When you have no rural carrier, And the traffic ceases to hum; When you cannot call a neighbor In a hurry, kind'er, quick, Will you think of all your blessings When you had no right to kick.

Yet you growled when the wind blew, Swore when the sun was hot, Or you cursed because it didn't rain— All the good things you forgot. Now, when the winter's snow falls, To grow your wheat and corn, Still you cuss the weather— And wish you'd never been born.

When the telephone keeps ringing, And the lights come on again, When the carrier brings a letter— And you call your fellow man, When the traffic on the highway Sets up a buzz and hum; Then you'll swear at all the noise, Vow you're going to leave, by gum.

You will say there'll be a flood, When this pesky snow goes off. For you've seen it off before, And it was the deuce, sure 'nough. Say, you'd better go to heaven, Where better things you'll find. This old world can't please you; Then you'll leave your grouch behind.

By Mary O. Carey. Talent, Ore.

Anti-knock THE NEW WINTER RED CROWN GASOLINE

STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA

By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF—Cicero Mutt's Some Kid



Ye Smudge Pot

Local wanderers have returned from their heira to The Dalles, the gleam of victory in their eyes, and a Buick bludge in their wallets.

Picking bright faced panies can still be counted among the pleasures of life in Vale.—(Malheur Enterprise.) Unbridled revelry in the He-man sector of Oregon.

Wheat men of The Dalles section face "the usual year of failure," and the autos they are driving prove it.

W. B. Wing made a flying trip up the river Saturday morning to get some English walnuts from Jeschorn.—(Eugene Register.) That eternal fitness again.

Peoria Bill Gates has returned from the North, where he emitted his merry cackle at Sixth and Washington streets, Portland, after 14 o'clock.

Red flannel weather is in the offing.

The valley contingent also out-weathered the enemy, the best of the lot being brewed by John Butler. It was all right for the parlor, but not the mails.

The writer has just completed a 1000 mile auto ride, with Hiney Flewler as the driver. We did not stopway, but deliberately went. The young man in grossly slandered, as being a reckless driver. When Mr. Flewler says he is going to depart at any 7 o'clock, if he has no bad luck, he will be underway by 11 o'clock. He has the notion that to set sail on time, would besmich his business efficiency.

FANCY WHITIN', SAY WE

Henrie McDonald was busy a Saturday hauling chicken feed for his young chickens he got from the Bronson hatchery and when he took us how they had grown we could hardly believe it. He got his feed from the Farmers Union and he feeds the Groy mash and Hen scratch and is getting 8 and 10 eggs a day and has a fine bunch of young pullets ready to lay. They live on South Washington where Dr. Ransom lived.

Outing Flannel is the late fad for pillow cases, warm and snug for winter nights, so they say. Oh, we remember when babies wore wooten caps and so did the man and his wife, and we wonder if they wear as many bald headed men as there is now. Som say it is the straw hats.

We understand when Charlie Harris opened his store a Saturday morning some one had put a dumie at the door. We saw them go by down in white robes som in black, som with wooten shoes on. They were entertaining at Otto Orlaf's home with a finishing up at Mrs. Herende, on

EXES 28, butter 70, it does seem like the farmers are better off than the ones that had to buy them and som had notes standing out, and taxes coming in.

We were sorry the boys did not consider what they were doing when they were destroying the widow's woman's property, and when they went to where a man was at the point of death and tore up the old buildings. Many a woman spent the next day in tears because she had no one to help, without a crust and funds low. Mrs. Swaggart had worked hard and got her place fixed up so she could go out to work and they tore down her outbuildings. One woman set with a shot gun and said she would sure learn them a lesson. Destroying property is no fun.

TEXAS, which went Republican in a burst of spiritual fervor, has accomplished the expected. Limits of the law, firm for Volstead enforcement, are accused of doing murder for profit, by connecting bank robberies, and slaying the bandits for the reward.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 21.—(AP)—The Rev. Major E. Dunno, Portland, was re-elected syndical superintendent of missions for the Columbia synod of the United Presbyterian church by a special commission, which met here today.

The six commissioners voted unanimously for the re-election of Dr. Dunn for another term of five years, beginning July, 1929. Dr. Dunn has been a leader of his church in the northwest for several years.

Members of the commission are Rev. W. G. Conin, Nampa, Idaho, moderator of the synod; Dr. William A. Spaulding, Albany, Ore.; Dr. W. R. Sawhill, Seattle; Earl V. Boll, Ontario, Ore.; and the Rev. D. A. Russell and W. W. Casall, Spokane.