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"Those Who Make Good Citizens"

THE Commercial Law League of America, meeting in Montreal, adopts a report urging amendment of the immigration laws so that only those "who will make good American citizens" will be admitted to our shores henceforth.

If this is not done, the report predicts that "popular government in the United States may become a thing of the past before the end of the present century."

Ever since the adoption of the country, we have had seers who predicted a speedy end to popular government. We seem to have evaded one peril only to run into another, right from the start. It is not so very long, as time goes, since it was asserted that popular government would end if the abolitionists were not quickly suppressed; nor is it so many decades since it was prophesied that our government would tumble if laboring men were allowed to organize into unions.

Yet, somehow, we have survived; and it may be that we shall continue as a self-governing nation even if our immigration laws remain unchanged.

With the first part of the law league's resolution, however, we are in hearty agreement. By all means, let us admit only such immigrants as will make good American citizens. First, however, we might find out how we are ever going to tell in advance.

Outright lunatics and half-wits, to be sure, ought to be banned. But then what standards are you going to set up?

Will you raise a strict physical standard, so that no one malformed or diseased can enter? You may keep out another Steinmetz if you do.

Will you set up political standards, to keep out all rebels and radicals? Such a statute would have kept out a certain Pole named Pulaski, who was such a radical that he had to flee from his own country—so he came to America, fought under Washington, was made a brigadier-general by the continental congress for gallantry at Brandywine, and was killed in action helping to free the southland of British troops.

Would you keep out all men who have criminal records? John Paul Jones, another hero of the Revolution, would have been excluded on that basis.

Would you exclude pacifists and conscientious objectors? The parents of President Hoover could not have come in under such a law.

The plain facts of the matter is that humanity is unpredictable. We might save ourselves a great deal of trouble if we put a Chinese wall up along our borders, and insisted that no one come across who is not exactly like we are; but we would lose more than we would gain.

There is altogether too much worrying about immigration nowadays, anyway. Our existing laws seem, in all conscience, to be strict enough. If we are too careful about excluding undesirable, we are apt to bar a few geniuses as well. And that is a chance we can't afford to take.

Throwing Autos Away

THE facetious question, "what on earth becomes of all the old autos?" has been current ever since our automobile age began. The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, looking into the matter, has the answer; they get tossed on to the scrap heap.

Every year the United States scraps 2,450,000 automobiles—one-tenth of the entire number in the country. Indeed, the American people are throwing away, annually, one-third as many autos as there are in use in all the rest of the world.

The chamber of commerce points out, incidentally, that the average life of an automobile in this country is about six years and nine months. Which, when you consider the automobile's cheap price, isn't a bad record at all.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

AVIATION ON THE GROUND

Nation's Business: Along with all the aerial wonders revealed by aviation at the celebration of its twenty-fifth birthday is the equally notable development of its sustaining ground work. It is evident that the design and equipment of the modern airport does provide opportunity for constructive ingenuity and business acumen. In the present stages of airport design are included many improvements which would have seemed visionary to aviators in pre-war days.

Administration buildings are now proposed in magnitude to equal railroad terminals. Lighting and equipment, "air weather" bureaus, permanent fire-resistant hangars, storage and repair buildings, and paved runways are only a few of the features which now have become common-place appointments. None of them was standard ten years ago. But they constitute only the physical attributes of progress. More intangible, but directly contributory to the advancement of aviation, is the enlightened public spirit that is voting millions of dollars for airport construction.

Nearly \$2,500,000 was voted in that behalf at the election on

Nov. 6. Eleven cities or counties passed bond issues ranging from \$5,000,000 voted by Detroit to the \$25,000 issue approved by the citizens of Albany, Ore. It is significant that in most of the communities where similar proposals were defeated, failure was traceable to circumstances which had nothing to do with the public attitude toward aviation. In Chicago, for example, where every administration bond issue was defeated, the item of \$450,000 for the development of the airport received the highest vote among all the defeated projects.

During the last year airport appropriations or bond issues amounting to more than \$21,000,000 have been passed.

PUNISH PETTY CRIME

BALTIMORE, Md., July 25.—The stealing of a canary is pretty small, but to bribe a 13-year-old boy to do it is a larger crime. Frank Custer, 34, and father of eight children, was recently sentenced to three months by Judge T. J. S. Waxter after it had been found he had bribed the boy to steal the bird. He offered the youth a bicycle to steal for him.

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"The advance of humanity in a hundred or a thousand years is great, in a million years is inconceivable. But as far as we know the human race, having once begun, may easily continue for another ten million years or more."—Sir Oliver Lodge.

"If mankind is not to be made into appendages to machines, then domestic machines must be invented that will enable the home to meet the competition of the factory."—Ralph Borsodi (The New Republic).

"There is nothing more entrancing than a brook in the spring, when the leaves are 'large as a mouse's ear.'"—Theodore Roosevelt. (Liberty).

QUIPS AND QUIRKS OF AMERICANS

Robert Quillen's Pointed Satire and Broad Humor Gives Refreshing View of Human Traits.

By ROBERT QUILLEN

How pleasant at the opening game to recognize last year's players and last year's peanuts.

A scientist says a race of supermen will control the world in the future. We don't expect much change, either.

There are two classes: Those who think force can put over an idea, and those who know history.

Still, if rain spoils the picnic, you can go out in the yard and find a few ants for the butter.

When the meek inherit the earth, they won't be able to run it. But fortunately most of them have large, capable wives.

A he-man is one who can read a story about a hen-pecked brother and chuckle instead of boiling.

There can't be much relationship. Apes have a flat nose unfit to thrust into other people's business.

Among the things that bloom at night and wilt when day comes are good resolutions.

If Washington can't decide how to go in to dinner without the assistance of foreign diplomats, perhaps it is wise to keep out of that League.

Americanism: Wondering why crime flourishes; nodding approval when somebody on your side shoots somebody on the other side.

America has no great cathedrals, but you should see some of the modern bathrooms.

It isn't hard to love your fellow man, unless he suggests brightly that your trouble probably isn't as serious as you think.

One secret of success is to monkey with Wall Street early when you have little to lose.

A high-brow is one who has such a good vocabulary he can talk about sex without seeming as vulgar as he is.

Dry agents should wear uniforms. Then when you answer a knock on the door at night you can duck.

The most exciting endurance contest just at present is that between the weather and the last ton of coal.

That Columbia professor who condemns alarm clocks should remember that making excuses to a class isn't like explaining to a boss.

Texas Guinan makes \$93,000 a year and doesn't know liquor is served at her place. This should encourage the dumb.

Correct this sentence: "When I am suffering in silence," said she, "it doesn't make me mad if nobody seems to notice it."

Reformatory Personnel May Lose Out

25, (UP)—Removal of the entire personnel of the Paul's Valley reformatory for boys will be recommended in a report to be submitted to Governor W. J. Holloway Wednesday by Mrs. Mabel Bassett, state commissioner of charities and corrections.

Governor Holloway is expected to make a thorough investigation of the institution as the result of the recent death of an inmate, following a beating at the hands of a guard.

Mrs. Bassett, at the end of four days' investigation, declared she would recommend the removal of Superintendent Clyde Goodner and all other officials, as well as about 20 guards.

The investigation was started after charges had been brought against R. E. Davis, a guard, in connection with the death of Stanley Kelley, 16, an inmate.

THOUGHTS ON STATE AFFAIRS

(Continued from page one)

dance music, but a lot of people liked its restful effect just the same, so it was put back in the hymn book, and so on with a number of others, all those hymns that were left out were re-entered.

THE Chicago News has given a prescription to prevent people from growing old, and Keith Ambrose, chief of police of Klamath Falls, endorses the Chicago News' prescription, and assures everyone that if they follow the advice of the News that they probably never will grow old.

Here is what the News has to say in its advisory capacity relative to preventing the ordinary person from growing old.

Always drive fast out of alleys. Always race the locomotive to crossings; engineers like it; it breaks the monotony of their job.

Always pass the car ahead on curves or turns. Don't use the horn; it may un-nerve the other fellow and cause him to turn out too far.

Demand half the road—the middle half; insist on your rights. Always speed. It tells people that you are a man of pep, even though an amateur driver.

Never stop, look or listen at railroad crossings. It consumes time.

Drive confidently, just as though there were not 18,000,000 other cars in service.

Always lock your brakes when skidding; it makes the job more artistic.

LETTER GOLF

PARIS GOWNS make good golfing costumes—letter golf at least. Par is six, and one solution is on page 8.

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THE RULES

1—The idea of Letter Golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW HEN.

2—You change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed. One solution is printed on page eight.

RAISING SHILLALAHS

DUBLIN, July 25.—Since the World War, when numerous trees were cut down for war use, Irish Free State has suffered from a lack of trees. A strenuous campaign is being conducted to plant trees on denuded acres, and last year 3,000 acres were reseeded. A recent bill signed by Gov. Gen. McNeill is expected to provide a great increase in the plantings.

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DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

Foreign Embassies in Washington Aren't Going Dry, Despite the Recent Hubbub—Even Sir Esme Howard's Dryness Doesn't Extend Very Far—and Sir Esme Is Peeved.

By RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Perhaps some of the dry brethren in the more remote sections will sleep smilingly tonight under the quiet illusion that some of the embassies here have gone dry and that there is more or less hope of drying them all up in the near future.

In the interest of truth and light, it must be said that such an idea is considerably exaggerated and that it is considered very doubtful whether there will be any change whatever in the diplomatic liquor situation, despite all the recent commotion.

It may be that the pique of British Ambassador Sir Esme Howard will lead him to stop serving alcoholic beverages at his official functions; he may even carry out his threat to stop importing any more bottles into the embassy, though he will do neither of those things if he listens to the Americans here who are accustomed to attend his parties.

Sir Esme Isn't Pleased

There is no question that Sir Esme has been very sore at all the criticism and publicity which his embassy has received merely because it took advantage of the diplomatic liquor immunity enjoyed by all foreign diplomats. It is also true that his prestige as dean of the diplomatic corps is sufficient to withstand any resulting social obloquy.

But the embassy isn't dry now and a large consignment of wet goods is already enroute to it over the high seas and only when all that is consumed will one be able to tell just what's going to be done.

Other diplomats have made it perfectly plain that they aren't going to give up the wines and liquors to which they are accustomed. If the British curtail on their American guests they will be virtually alone in that respect, and common belief is that not even the British are going to stop serving what they please among themselves and at private functions.

Foreign diplomats here, always jealous of their privileges, generally are only too happy to treat thirsty American friends—and few, if any, are the American friends who are not even more delighted about it than their hosts.

Wines and liquors have become an arm of diplomacy under the Volstead Act. Sinister and invidious as the thought may be, diplomats have found themselves immensely more popular and the Americans a whole lot more interested in their affairs. Obviously, the Anti-Saloon League and the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals mean nothing to an ambassador. But there are cabinet officials, senators and other officials and public men who can help him directly or indirectly in promoting the interests of his country. And good diplomats are not supposed to overlook any good bet to improve personal relations with them.

Serving liquor to Americans has actually become a serious drain on some of the diplomatic missions whose budgets are restricted. In fact, an attaché of one legation recently wrote complainingly to a Washington newspaper of the extraordinary thirst of American legislators and public officials.

"It is embarrassing," he wrote, "to turn a deaf ear always to influential American officials when they make the fact exceedingly obvious that they are not annoyed when packages of choice liquors are thoughtfully sent to their homes."

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own diplomatic establishments abroad. Some drys think our own diplomats ought to set the example.
A bill extending the prohibition law to America's diplomats in foreign capitals doubtless will appear in Congress sooner or later, though it won't have the approval of the State Department or the White House.
After that it doubtless would be considered necessary to install a prohibition agent in each American embassy or legation to make sure of the law's enforcement and to keep out the bootleggers.

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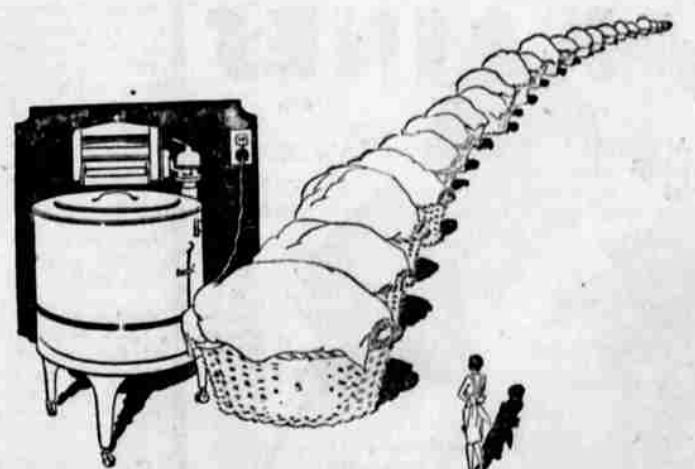
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