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The Peril Of Ignorance

THE superstitions that were born during the race's infancy die hard. Just as we had nicely forgotten the Pennsylvania "hex" murder, another one pops up—this time in Kalamazoo, Michigan.

The bare outline of the story is almost unbelievable, for this year 1929.

A middle-aged married couple are the culprits. Quite calmly, as if he were telling some tale which any reasonable man ought to understand, the man explained how it was that he and his wife had killed a 76-year-old widow who lived in a home for aged people.

"It had to be done," he said. "She could kill anyone with a look. She could give you any kind of disease with her evil eye. Why, she has killed more than a hundred people."

Michigan ranks as one of our most "forward" states. Kalamazoo is widely known as a cultured, "homey" city. It is not filled with immigrants, nor does it have wretched slums and gloomy tenement neighborhoods. It is precisely the sort of place you would name if you were asked to pick out a town that could represent the middle-sized American city at its best.

Yet, in a town like this, there are, apparently, people whose minds are no more enlightened than the minds of superstitious peasants in the middle ages; people who believe in the evil eye, in spells and incantations, in ghostly and sinister powers that lurk in the air ready to bring death and destruction to honest folk.

That, of course, means that there are such people in all our cities and towns. No place of any size is free of them. Demonism and sorcery are not yet subjects solely for the antiquarian.

And all of this exists side by side with advances in technical and scientific knowledge that sometimes persuades us that the race is almost ready to move on to the great heritage which all its gifted dreamers have foreseen!

Our development is too uneven. We are moving with amazing speed, on the surface; but underneath we hardly seem to be moving at all. Somehow we must find a way to equalize things—or we shall stumble into a dreadful mess.

The mass of people has always been superstitious and blind, but it has never particularly mattered before. But this modern age demands modern minds. How can a man who believes in witchcraft and sorcery make his way among wireless telephony, X-ray cameras and television cabinets? He simply can't handle himself. It is like letting a child play with matches in a powder mill.

A democracy needs a high standard of universal education to function well. A mechanized democracy, like ours, needs it ten times as much. The mere existence of ignorant superstition means that a deep abyss is gaping beneath our entire social structure.

Florenz Ziegfeld says the public isn't interested in his revues and he's going to quit. The trouble is, you can see his revues free on the beaches these days.

We have no Mount Vesuvius over here, it's true, but of course there's always the Senate.

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

From the Kansas City Times: In a series of articles to be printed in the American Magazine, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, who will discuss many features of her life in the White House, will touch no more interesting subject than her confession that, as a cook, she has troubles in the making of successful pies. There's many a mariner on the turbulent sea of domestic art whose reputation as cook has been wrecked on that same rock, and who will give thanks for the confession from one who has been the first lady of the land.

For the making of good pies is a special art. Many good cooks who can turn out a cake that would melt in your mouth only find grief when it comes to the turning out of a good pie. They cannot escape the woe of a "sad" crust. Try as they will the foundation will sag under the load, the drainage will prove inadequate, with the result that the whole precious structure will sink into a bog of mire and muck.

Take cherry pie, for instance. This is the season for cherry pie, and our hearts turn to it as the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love at this particular time of the year. No cherry pie can be better than his bottom crust. It drives one to thoughts of riot and Bolshevism to see a cherry pie, bright of face, the bloom of youth upon its countenance, only to find that there has been an overflow in the leavings, and that the making is a "run." There is more or less of luck in the making of a cake, but there is nothing but art and eternal vigilance in

the making of a pie. A good bottom crust cannot come from a quick oven. A quick oven bakes the upper crust, but it leaves the bottom crust a cross between a quagmire and a paste.

A good fat pie, for a cherry pie. One that needs no apology for its filling. A liberal sprinkle of sugar, with the addition of some rich country butter. A top crust with the art design of the oak leaf carved upon its face, not forgetting the thumb-printed edging, baked in a moderate oven in order to give a well done, but (heaven spare the mark!) not a burned undercrust—and then when the top crust is brown, and the cherry juice just bubbles from the oak-leaf decorations without running over—oh, Mrs. Coolidge, that's the pie! Not too much juice in the filling to begin with, mind you, for that brings high water and an overflow at the harvest time for the pie.

We do not know about Vermont pies. Vermont is cold and moist, must come from deep, rich always believed that pies, real soil, say from Indiana to the west line of Kansas, where the young folks are brought up on the song:

Can she make a cherry pie,
Billy boy, Billy boy?
Can she make a cherry pie,
Charming Billy?

If she could not, charming Billy usually went out, especially in the good old days, to find a cherry pie artist. And that was the day in which there was no divorce problem.

DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

How Congressmen and Senators Make More Than Usual Salary Related by Writer Who Has the Dope. Five Secretaries and Pocket Money Allowed.

By RODNEY DUTCHER NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, July 29.—A western congressman fired his secretary the other day, after she had been with him seven years, with the explanation that he "needed the money for his family."

So the secretary left and the congressman now has her salary for awhile to add to his own for current expenses. It's an old graft and seems to be worked in many instances both by members of the house and the senate.

Members of the house are allowed a flat of \$5,000 a year for clerk hire. Often a congressman hires a girl for \$30 a week and pockets the other \$2,500 for himself. The figures vary, of course. But the congressman is not accountable to anyone for the \$5,000.

Each senator is allowed a personnel of four office helpers, with salaries graded at \$3,500, \$2,400, \$2,200 and \$1,500. Some senators take the lowest salary and divide it among three employees.

Sometimes a senator puts members of his family on the payroll, who need not show up except on payday. One senator is reported to have three members of his family ostensibly in his office. Quite a few offices appear to have persons, drawing government "clerk hire" money who never appear at the office. It's simple enough to have the salary turned over to a person who can then turn it over to the senator on receipt.

Of course examples of misappropriation are sometimes matched by examples of generosity. Sometimes a senator who considers his secretary worth more than \$3,500 has the \$1,800 salary paid to the secretary's wife or other relative. Few senatorial offices employ four persons. Several instances of senators who work this type of graft occur to one. But it would not be fair to mention a few without mentioning them all. Sometimes a relative of a congressman or senator works hard at the job and does it as well as anyone else could do it.

If anything should happen to President Hoover, it will be comforting to know that the health of Vice President Curtis is not only good but getting better. So that if Curtis ever lands in the White House it won't be of pressing necessity to recall who would succeed him in case of accident.

Although he is now 63 years old, the vice president has added four inches to his chest expansion in the last three years, which is a good record for anyone to shoot at, regardless of age.

Three years ago Mr. Curtis had his tonsils removed. It appears that these things had been in bad condition and had been poisoning his system. After the operation the then senate republican floor leader began to improve and he hasn't been tired since.

TAKING UP SPOOKS

LIVERPOOL.—Unemployment is responsible for the young people of Wales taking up spiritualism in a big way. Sittings are held in the valleys of Monmouthshire at midnight, and numerous spiritualists gather there to bring back dead relatives and friends of their adherents. The sessions last until the early hours of morning.

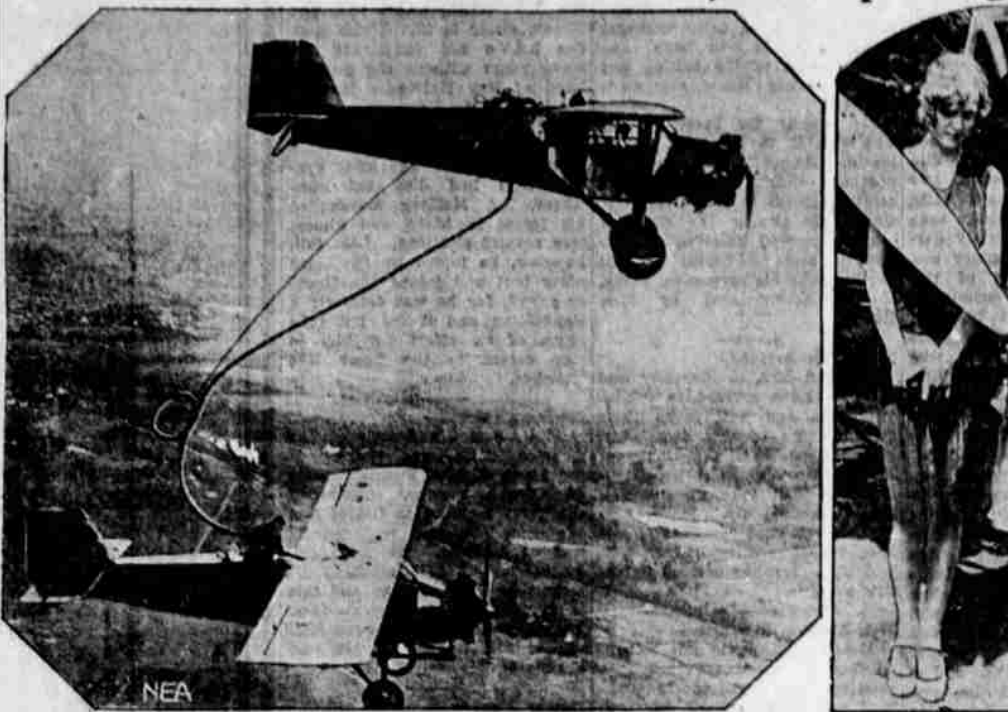
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More Gas—And St. Louis Flyers Keep Going



They whirl on and on, above St. Louis airport, adding time to their world refueling endurance record. This job, at left, is one of the many refueling contacts which enabled Dale "Red" Jackson and Forest O'Brien to smash the 246-hour Mendell-Helmhart endurance record made at Culver City, California. Jackson is handling the hose on the endurance plane. At the right are wives of the endurance flyers, Mrs. Jackson, left, and Mrs. O'Brien.

QUIPS AND QUIRKS OF AMERICANS

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

Typical silver lining: Women don't drive trucks.

How did primitive man relieve his feelings when there were no doors to slam?

There are just two kinds of boys: Normal ones, and those who don't enjoy destroying things.

Class filing is the nice thrill you get when your silver creeps past a big car on a hill.

Reform is very difficult. Crime hasn't improved any since the better class engaged in it.

A MAN THINKS IT POOR SPORT TO SHOOT A BIRD ON THE GROUND, BUT A WOMAN WILL CAPTURE A 45-YEAR-OLD WIDOWER.

People aren't such a bad lot. Nearly always the fool driver who kills a child says he is sorry.

If all the automobiles were placed end to end, a lot of jaywalkers would try to squeeze between them.

"If I quit her," the youth says, "it will break her heart." Thus matrimony becomes a penalty for vanity.

Americanism: Boasting that you are "just as good as anybody"; joining a crowd that blocks traffic to watch some celebrity enter a hotel.

The two classes in Wall Street now are the bulls and the bears.

Rheumatism doesn't really affect bone. Who ever heard of rheumatism of the head?

Human nature is the same everywhere, and the soda jerk in a cross-roads general store feels vastly superior to the rube who lives four miles out.

There's just so much of everything; and and with Congress in

session, perhaps there will be less wind elsewhere.

It is estimated that each thousand of population contains 87 young hopefuls whose parents think their work just like Bud Fisher's.

YOU CAN SAY ONE THING FOR HOME BREW. IT GIVES THE BATH TUB SOMETHING TO DO BETWEEN SATURDAYS.

Perhaps nature knows her stuff. Dieting to get thin makes the foolish ones easy prey for germs, and the sensible survive to preserve the race.

Why waste sympathy if call money costs 20 per cent? The crap shooter gives 50 per cent, to one who stakes him.

Correct this sentence: "I have a big date tonight," said daughter, "and not a single pimple has appeared on my face."

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THOUGHTS ON STATE AFFAIRS

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workers in the Toronto institution found that insulin can be produced from digestive organs of certain animals, and from that discovery came prolonged life for thousands of human beings. Maybe the bee will be forced to yield up the secret of rejuvenation of longevity.

QUITE a few people who are elected to office do not understand the status upon which they have been chosen. The trouble with too many office holders is that they think of themselves after election as being in private business. Men and women in public office are there for the purpose of transacting not their own, but the public's business.

That business ought to be transacted in open meetings where all who desire may see and hear. Since all the public can't be present, it is the business of the newspapers to transmit to the public information as to what the public servants are doing, and a public servant who prevents this, or who fails the newspapers to transmit such information is not qualified to hold office.

THE NEXT congress will have to again decide whether the postoffice department of this nation is going to continue handling tons upon tons of free publicity for senators or congressmen, or whether it is going on a business basis. All this talk about the postoffice department having a deficit is based upon one thing, and one thing only, and that is the free labor given to congress and to the different departments of the government by the postoffice department. If a nominal charge were placed upon all the work done for the different departments and for the congressmen and senators, the postoffice department would show a handsome earning.

WE READ from our paper in the old-time regions of the northwest, those regions which have been cut over, the following item which is of interest to Klamath basin:

"No problem confronting the American people as a whole and particularly affecting the cut-over regions of northern Wisconsin is as perplexing as the tax problem, and it is just as true that no problem of like magnitude is given as little real thought by the people who are affected.

United States' investments in Canada during 1928 totaled \$4,120,000,000, or \$198,000,000 more than in 1927.

Burns Own Son



She burned her own son to death because motherhood kept her from enjoying the pleasures of life. That's what Los Angeles police say Mrs. Josephine Valenti, above, confessed to them. Officers claim she threw a match into the soft woolen blankets covering her 8-month-old child, as he sat in the yard sunning in his carriage, assured herself it was burning, and then walked away.

CAN ONLY COUNT 30 JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Judge Muncy Anderson does things in "30" quantities. Came Claude Milligan before him on a liquor drinking charge one Monday recently. "I only took two drinks," said Claude. "Thirty days to sober up," said the judge. Followed Zander Martin. "I only took one drink," said Martin. "Thirty days to sober up," said the judge. Wonder what he would have given for a sniff of the cork?

"RAINMAKER DIES" MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 29 (AP)—A. A. "Rainmaker" Hansen, of Minneapolis, nationally known bicycle rider of a quarter of a century ago, died Sunday night after an illness of two years. Hansen established two amateur records which still stand. They are the 1,000 mile road record of 2 hours 32 minutes and the 24-hour dirt track mark of 375 miles.

Of the persons reported as centenarians in the 1920 United States census, 1,561 were men and 2,706 were women.

The order of The Golden Horseshoe was the first order established in the United States. It was organized in Virginia in 1724.

As Grim Mistake Cost 12 Lives



While firemen stood innocently by, twelve persons were being burned to death in this flaming building as the camera recorded the grim scene at Gillingham, England. The firing of the dummy structure had been planned as a part of an old English pageant called "The Fireman's Wedding." The firemen were supposed to rush to the rescue at the crucial time, but there was a mix-up of signals and the volunteer occupants of the building perished while hundreds looked on ignorant of the fact that a real tragedy was being enacted.

Bridge Over Suisun Bay Being Built

"As a forward step in establishing a double track transcontinental line between San Francisco and all points east and north, the Southern Pacific is now constructing a bridge across Suisun bay near Martinez, Cal.," said S. R. Berry, local agent.

"The project will cost approximately \$12,000,000 and will reduce the running time and the operating cost of freight and passenger trains on the Overland and Shasta routes. It will also provide a more direct and more economical route for a large part of the freight traffic originating or consigned to points on the railroad south of San Francisco.

"The bridge will be a double track structure, principally of steel, and its load-carrying capacity will be equal to that of any other railway bridge in the country. From abutment to abutment it will be 5,603 feet long. It will consist mainly of seven 526-foot through truss spans, one lift span, 328 feet long, and two deck truss spans of approximately 264 and 504 feet in length respectively with short steel viaduct approaches at both north and south ends. All of the through spans will be 70 feet in the clear above mean higher water when open.

"Unanimous public support of the company's application to the war department for the construction of the bridge was given at an open hearing held by the district army engineer at San Francisco," said Mr. Berry.

"Sixteen commercial and transportation organizations, representing the communities affected by the construction of the bridge, submitted resolutions or letters in support of the company's application.

"All necessary public authorities have been granted. It will take about two years to finish the bridge."

When Baby Days are A Misty Memory

"My goodness, how baby has grown!"

Babies are a constant source of wondrous delight. Only a camera can stay the hand of Time and record forever the moods and moments that so quickly speed away.

Why not have another photograph of Baby this very week?

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