

This Week

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Crime Wave No Puzzle
Terrible French Duel
War Might Teach Us
Grand Monarch Cheerful

Those puzzled by our American crime wave, murderers and other criminals who enter prison only to be shortly released, the constant growth of crime, kidnapping and so on need be surprised no longer.

After reading the account of conditions in New York's prison, "Welfare Island," they will realize that the question is not "Why cannot the United States cope with crime?" but "Why is not crime ten times worse than it is?"

The details concerning this prison, run by criminals, are incredible. Some, regarding horrible depravity, are too dreadful to be mentioned.

Paris reports a genuine French duel between a member of the chamber of deputies, Andre Hesse, and John Heineix, lawyer. One was insulted, which doesn't matter, by something the other said about the Stavisky scandal and the Bayonne pawnshop.

Four seconds, two doctors and the two principals presented an imposing spectacle as the desperate duelists faced each other, coats off in the cold dawn, about eighty feet apart. Each fired at the other twice, and then, presumably, embraced. Nobody was hurt, but "Honor" was restored to her throne. An American reporter said the four bullets were picked up, side by side, lying forty feet from each of the duelists, in accordance with arrangements. That sounds improbable, unless the desperate duelists were deceived by their benevolent seconds.

Russia and Japan still talk war, Russia loudly, Japan quietly. The Japanese emperor, which means his military advisers, alone can declare war. Nobody speaks for the emperor until the time has come to act.

This country hopes for no war, but if war should come the United States might learn valuable lessons about future wars. We should see in that war of thousands gassed, cities destroyed from the clouds, inhabitants sent rushing into the country to escape gas in the streets, as once in wartime country inhabitants rushed to cities for protection. Russian fire bombs would destroy tens of thousands of the highly inflammable Japanese dwellings.

Many disagreeable things would be learned in such a war.

If you are not prejudiced against high-sounding titles, supposed to have been abandoned in this country when we broke away from England and royalty you will be interested to know that Mr. Seiber of Akron, Ohio, grand monarch of the Mystic Order of the Enchanted Realm of the United States and Canada, inspecting his various "grottoes" throughout the country, finds cheerfulness and a better feeling everywhere.

A strike of waiters, cooks, all employees of New York hotels and restaurants is suggested. Labor leaders that tell men to strike undoubtedly understand their business better than others. But, apart from special information, it would seem desirable to let prosperity take root a little while longer, if it will.

Strike enthusiasts may find themselves out of work suddenly without the help of a strike. The past four years have taught the country that it is easy enough for a man to be idle.

Those that criticize the President's program in regard to spending of twelve thousand million dollars in 1934, providing employment and starting up industry, do not know all the interesting figures or they would not criticize the amount.

In 1933 American workers received in wages thirty-two thousand million dollars less than they received in 1929, when conditions were good. And those most severely affected are men working for low wages. The government proposes to spend only one-third of the drop in wages. The total national income dropped from eighty-one thousand millions in 1929 to forty-nine thousand millions in 1932.

Ahmed Osman, executed in the Massachusetts electric chair on Tuesday, was the first Turkish citizen and the first Mohammedan ever executed in Massachusetts. He spent his last hours going through the ritual of his religion, although Mohammed never made special provision for an electric chair, electricity being unknown in his day.

The prison offered him his choice of three assorted clergymen to accompany him to the death chair—two Christian, the third not. But they could offer him no Mohammedan comforter, so he refused and went alone. Two thousand volts of electricity, applied three times, perhaps made him realize that there are conditions ahead of us not dreamed of by Mohammed.

In Munich the public prosecutor, representing the German government, demands eight months in jail for three Catholic priests accused of "spreading atrocity stories about conditions in Germany."

Any government should have a better reply to such stories than "eight months in jail."

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Gloomy Future Forecast for Chain Store System

Decline in Sales Shown by Trade Commission.

Washington, D. C.—A gloomy future for the vast chain store industry in this country is foreseen by the federal trade commission in its annual report for the fiscal year 1932-1933.

Summarizing in the report the results of its exhaustive investigation of all phases of the chain store system, the commission found that the outlook for the industry, contrary to outward indications, is definitely gloom. "Notwithstanding the general growth of chain store business as a whole and the increase in size and great success of many individual chains," the commission reported, "the tendency of most of the kinds of chains clearly appears to be (1) declining average sales per store, (2) decreasing business income per store, (3) decreasing turnover of business investment, and (4) declining rates of return on investment over the period of time covered by this portion of the inquiry."

Wide Variation in Profits.
The commission found a wide variation in the net operating profits of the twenty-six types of chain stores included in its investigation. The lowest rate of profit on sales was in the hat and cap chains, which showed an operating loss of 0.42 per cent. The highest rate was a profit of 11.46 per cent in the furniture chains.

"The study of chain store operations disclosed that a fairly substantial number of companies reported losses instead of profits from operations," the commission stated. "This condition existed in some measure in all of the 28 kinds of chains and involved aggregate sales of over \$1,500,000,000, the losses totaling \$43,934,074. These losses average more than \$40,000 per company year, or slightly more than \$2,000

Fish Hear Whistle, Wiggle Back Home

Pasadena, Calif.—Nineteen goldfish that figuratively walked back home in response to a whistle were introduced to a skeptical public today by Mrs. J. H. Fertig of Pasadena.

The leading fish was Billy, a doughty old veteran of the pool Mrs. Fertig has in her back yard. Billy and his companions were swept away by torrential rains. Mrs. Fertig recalled her gardener, Harry Fraser, once boasted he could call Billy by a peculiar whistle. She summoned the gardener to prove it.

Fraser walked from puddle to puddle whistling. At the largest he again whistled. Up popped Billy.

Fraser, said Mrs. Fertig, retreated backward still whistling, and Billy, trailed by the 18 other goldfish, swam meekly back to the pool.

Big Mining Boom in Rockies Predicted

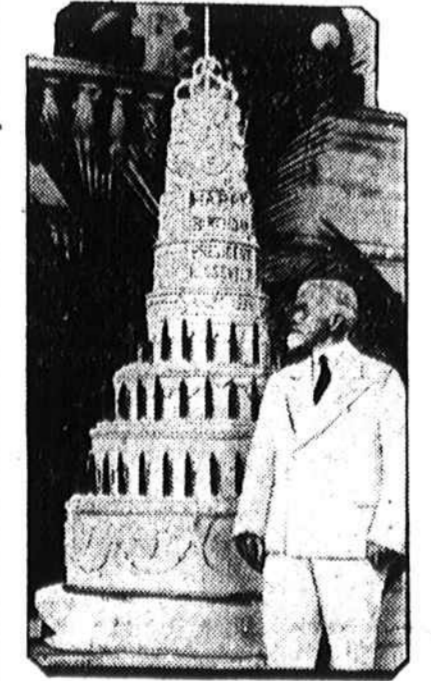
New Monetary Policies Spur Gold Prospectors.

Denver, Colo.—Mining authorities of the Rocky mountain region predict 1934 will see one of the greatest booms in many years.

With government monetary policies lifting prices of both gold and silver to levels making for profitable operation of many mines long closed down, production of the precious metals is expected to leap to new highs.

Already, despite the fact that coming of winter has held down activity, official figures reveal a modest boom. Production totals of Colorado mines

F. D. BIRTHDAY CAKE



Here is probably the biggest birthday cake ever baked. It was made at Coral Gables, Fla., and sent to the patients at Warm Springs, Ga., to be eaten on President Roosevelt's birthday, January 30. Beside it stands Col. Henry L. Dougherty, general chairman of the national committee that arranged for Roosevelt birthday parties in hundreds of cities and towns to raise money for the Warm Springs Foundation.

per store year for the chains sustaining the losses."

The commission's report summarized also its detailed report to congress in results of an investigation into special discounts and allowances in certain types of chain.

"These studies," it was said, "were undertaken to determine the truth or falsity of assertions frequently made that chain store organizations hold an important advantage over independent dealers, because of the large discounts obtained by them on many items, which independent competitors were not able to obtain."

In the case of tobacco, according to the report, "the total amount of the sales of 134 manufacturers of tobacco and related miscellaneous commodities to these tobacco distributors aggregated just under 250 million in 1929 and over 285 million in 1930. The total allowances in the former year were \$6,417,121, and in the latter year, \$6,928,992."

Show Grocery Figures.
In the grocery chains the commission found that "the total amount of the sales of all the 457 reporting manufacturers of grocery and miscellan-

Rain Goggles for the Motorist



This is L. A. V. Davoren of England wearing a pair of the "rain goggles" that he has invented. They are fitted with windscreens wipers which are driven by an exterior air fan that comes into operation when the motorist is traveling at a speed of fifteen miles an hour or upwards.

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for last year, reports showed, reached nearly \$7,000,000 in value, a total far above 1932.

A considerable increase in production of silver was recorded, but gold production decreased slightly. Nevertheless, the fact the government bought the yellow metal at high levels resulted in an increase in value of the gold produced.

The gold-buying order of President Roosevelt resulted in one of the greatest prospecting rushes in state history—and not a few of the thousands who searched the mountains for gold were successful.

There was Charlie Starr, for example. Only a few days after the government order he revealed discovery of one of the richest lodes ever found in Colorado. Almost at the grass roots this long-time prospector and his partner, George Gilmore, found untold riches.

The Starr discovery, located near Mancos, Colo., was only one of many. In the Cripple Creek district, generally believed worked out long ago, several new discoveries were made. In the district around Starr's discovery dozens of new strikes were reported, many of them apparently of sufficient value to make their owners wealthy.

Effect of the boom was at once apparent. Receipts of newly mined gold at the United States mint here doubled and then quadrupled. New capital came into the state to be invested in mining properties. Equipment companies dealing in mining materials reported enormous increases in business.

The silver-buying order, which lifted the price of the white metal to 64½ cents an ounce, was expected to have an even greater effect. Certainly, authorities said, it will provide the stimulus for many new mining operations.

Says Misfits Find Dodge in "Nervous Breakdown"

Berkeley, Calif.—There is no such thing as a "nervous breakdown," according to Dr. M. C. Reid, University of California psychiatrist.

Actually, Doctor Reid said, the condition termed a "breakdown" is a mental "compromise."

"A typical case that we have in college," the psychiatrist said, "is the stu-

dent who attempts to take subjects in which he is uninterested or for which he is mentally unadapted. Unable to force himself to give the concentration to master these subjects, he worries continually, and at the approach of finals he attempts to drive his brain and will power.

"The result from a case of this kind is that the conscious mind is determined to carry on, but the unconscious mind rebels. The so-called nervous breakdown is a compromise. The individual 'saves' his face and the scorn of the world is changed to sympathy and solicitation. This is an unconscious evasion of responsibility."

Relaxation was cited by the psychiatrist as an aid to overcoming such conditions.

Court Fight Over \$7.50
Calf Will Cost \$1,500
Lewiston, Mont.—The story of how a calf valued at \$7.50 eventually cost more than \$1,500 has been written in court records here.

The Ford Creek Sheep company and Everett A. Wilson, a rancher, disputed possession of the animal and went to court. Wilson won the first verdict, in a justice court. An appeal was taken to District court, where a jury disagreed after a long, hard fight.

Opponents were preparing to resume their legal battle when the case was settled out of court. Court costs, litigation, attorney fees, juries, and other expenses are expected to run above \$1,500.

197 Pieces of Skin Grafted

Omaha, Neb.—Larry Hogan, of Walthill, Neb., can sympathize with the "Patchwork Girl of Oz." After being gravely burned about the left leg recently, physicians at St. Joseph's hospital here removed 197 pieces of skin from Hogan's right leg and grafted them to his left.

No-Smoking Ban Lifted

Boston.—Simmons college's 1,200 girl students are celebrating repeal of a no-smoking rule. For the first time since the institution was founded in 1899, a smoking room has been opened.

Collected Stones 48 Years

Ontario, Wis.—A collection of 1,000 or more stones and shells started 48 years ago is the hobby of Mrs. Carrie Downing, farm woman living near here.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for February 11

TIMELY WARNINGS (Temperance Lesson).

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 7:1-23.
GOLDEN TEXT—Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Matthew 7:19.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Golden Rule. **JUNIOR TOPIC**—Keeping Jesus' Law. **INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—The Truth About Alcoholic Beverages.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Drastring Methods for a Deadly Evil.

I. Concerning Censorious Judgments (vv. 1-12).

1. The sin and folly of (vv. 1-5). This prohibition should not be construed as to forbid our making an estimate of the lives of those about us, for "by their fruits ye shall know them." Neither should it prevent us from administering rebuke to those who deserve it. It is not wrong to condemn the errors and faults of those who are practicing sin; neither does it mean that sin should go unrebuked until we ourselves are perfect. It does definitely and vigorously rebuke readiness to blame others and to magnify their weaknesses and errors.

2. The duty of discrimination in dealing out holy things (v. 6). The gospel should be preached to all. The Word of God should be proclaimed to all, but at the same time it should be borne in mind that "dogs and swine" have no comprehension of holy things.

II. Entrance into the Kingdom Urged (vv. 13, 14).

Before everyone there are set two ways and only two ways, life and death, heaven and hell. Two gates open out into these ways. The narrow gate is the way of life. The invitation is for all to enter this gate.

III. The Warning Against False Teachers (vv. 15-20).

1. Their real existence (v. 15). Ever since God had a people, false prophets and teachers have appeared among them. That they appear everywhere need not surprise us, for Christ foretold that such should arise.

2. Their nature (v. 15). They are emissaries of Satan. The devil does his most successful work by masquerading as an angel of light (II Cor. 11:14, 15). All through the centuries Satan's success has come mainly through his ability to deceive.

3. They are destructive. This is suggested by their being "ravening wolves." False teachers are doing their most deadly work while pretending to be loyal to the Bible and to Jesus Christ.

4. Their ultimate end (v. 19). All false teachers shall ultimately be punished by being cast into the fire. Although God has infinite patience and hours long, he will see to it that this evil work does not go on forever.

IV. The Dangers of Empty Profession (vv. 21-23).

1. Merely calling Christ "Lord" will not answer for doing his will (v. 21).

2. One may do supernatural works and still be lost (vv. 22, 23). Not all supernatural works are divine. The devil is a supernatural being. All evil deeds are under his sway.

3. A coming separation from God (v. 23). One may have been a Sunday school teacher or a minister and have performed many mighty works and yet hear from Christ the awful declaration, "I never knew you; depart from me ye that work iniquity."

V. The One and Only Safe Way (vv. 24-29).

1. Hear the sayings of Christ (v. 24).

2. Do what Christ commands (vv. 24-29).

When We Are Dead
We may live when we are dead—not only, as we trust, in Heaven, but also by the impress we made in Christ's name upon others.

A Prayer
Almighty God, we open our hearts in prayer that thou lead us more into the truth as it is in Jesus. We want to serve thee in it; and we desire the days to come when the truth will be lived and followed in earth even as it is in heaven.

God's Grace
God's grace is God's love on the quest for loveless children, whose sins are scarlet and whose iniquities are red like crimson. "While we were yet sinners Christ died for us."

DETERMINATION OF SEX

About thirty years ago it was discovered that sex is determined by the male cells and this because the cells are of two different sizes. One size gives rise to female and the other to male offspring. New political and social possibilities were envisioned. Biologists began to discuss ways of separating the two sorts and thus settling beforehand whether children should be boys or girls.

Soviet science, which is particularly active and daring in biological experimentation, has announced that the two kinds of male cells have at last been separated. In animals at least, it is now possible to determine exactly what the sex of progeny will be. So said Prof. Julian Huxley recently in an address that he delivered in London. But, cautious biologist that he is, he wants confirmation before he believes it.—New York Times.

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