

ARE WE ANY BETTER

Detroit Pastor Compares American and German Methods.

"Are we any better than the Germans who shoot each other down in the streets of Berlin, when we dispossess people from their homes because they cannot pay our raised rents; when we deny little children the necessities of life because we are profiteering in food-stuffs?" queried Dr. Joseph W. Cochran, Sunday evening in the Woodward Avenue Presbyterian church, preaching on the subject:

"The Unrest—its Cause and Cure."

"We American people are very fond of saying we are a people of ideals," continued Dr. Cochran. "We possess ideals, but the important question is do our ideals possess us? There is too much unshattered idealism in this country and not enough dynamic idealism."

"I am afraid that we Americans have been too much concerned since the war with the question whether we were going to have cream and sugar ourselves, and not enough concerned whether the rest of the world was going to get bread. We are engaged in

an orgy of cutthroat profiteering, and all the Huns are not on the other side of the Atlantic. Our sins are eating the very heart out of America.

"We shall never cure our present ills until we drill down to bed rock for the causes. We can never cure profiteering by bringing profiteers into court and sending a few of them to prison. All the fair price boards in the world will not do it. We must cure it from within, reach the hearts of the men and women of the country and teach them the rudiments of plain, ordinary honesty and Christianity.

"Three suggestions I have for our unrest. First, get together. Try to see the other man's point of view and sympathize with his trouble. I have been told the wild asses of the desert when attacked by a common enemy put their heads together and present an ugly array of heels to the intruder. Not a bit like the tame asses of society who put their heels together, present their heads to the common enemy and kick the daylight out of each other.

"Second, we must have undying optimism, undaunted courage. We must believe that this thing is coming around right. If we deal honestly with each other. My third cure is Jesus Christ. We must each and every one of us live the life we profess."

Hunting the Elephant

"Papa, where do the elephants come from?"

The answer to this question that any boy is apt to propound any father when spring brings the circus to town is answered in a National Geographic Society bulletin as follows:

"Showmen prefer the Indian elephant to the African on the score of disposition, but there is no more loving mother than the African female, for she never discards her young. It is quite common to see her lunging through the Rhodesian jungle followed by three of her babies, nine, six and three years old, while a fourth one is on 'the way'; the gestation period is two years.

"Africa, of course, is the hunter's paradise and there the elephant is more apt to be shot than captured and tamed. Of the endless variety of game, the pursuit of the elephant is deemed the most dangerous. In British territory a license costs \$125 to shoot four of the beasts. The hunter starts out with a retinue of hundreds of natives who closely scend the ground for 'spoor' (dung) and when it is apparent that a herd is near, the excitement becomes intense. A huge bull of about four tons with a grand pair of tusks is sighted. One shot in exactly the right spot (just back of the shoulder) will bring him down. Although the most short-sighted animal in the world, he charges in fury if the hunter has been unlucky, and in a few brief moments the valiant crowd has fled in terror. If luck shot, the hunter has three or four hundred dollars worth of ivory, and the ecstatic army of hungry savages devours the carcass and all that cannot be eaten at the time is carried back to the village of huts to rejoice the hearts (or rather the stomachs) of the women and children.

"Elephant hunting in Burma and in India takes different forms. In India great long V-shaped stockades are built, the apex of which are sometimes a mile long. The elephants are driven into the large opening. Little realizing that they are walking into a trap. They are gradually driven down toward the apex of the V, where they are forced through a gate into a big pen.

"In Burma instead of a great, glaring V of powerful posts planted in the ground, there are two converging rows of lights fastened in trees. The hunting is done at night. As the elephants are maneuvered into the broad opening between the outer ends of their rows of lights, another row is thrown across the opening, and the elephants retreat farther down into the V, getting just as far away from the lights as possible. Then another row is thrown across the opening, and this in turn is succeeded by other lines, the elephants constantly retreating from the lights and finally finding themselves at the apex, with the choice of entering the small stockade or breaking through the cordon of lights. The former seems the lesser of the two evils to the majority of them.

"Once inside the stockade two trained elephants draw up alongside the beast to be captured, one on each side, and hold him between them until a man loops a big chain around his foot and anchors him safely to a tree. There is a terrific struggle by the wild elephant to get free once more, and this often lasts for hours. But even an elephant finds some bonds he cannot burst, and finally becomes reconciled to them.

"Then the animal is left without a thing to eat for days, becoming famished and weak. Next it has to be taught that no effort it can put forth can circumvent the will of the trainer. Often the latter fastens a log chain about its neck and hitches a tame elephant at the other end. Sometimes the captives resist with such unconquerable determination that their necks are broken in the struggle. Others are so adamant in their spirit of resistance that they fight for freedom to the bitter end and never yield to training.

"But as soon as one yields it is treated gently, and it finds out that the way to elephantine happiness lies in accepting the keeper's will. In about a month it settles down patiently to the duty of being a good, trustworthy beast of burden."

The prohibition amendment and the enforcement act were held constitutional by the supreme court Monday in an unanimous decision. While attorneys for the interests, attacking the two measures were granted permission to file motion for rehearings, the decision was regarded generally as striking a death blow to the hopes of the wets. The court's opinion, rendered by Justice Van Devanter, was sweeping: It held that the amendment not only came within the amending power conferred by the federal constitution but was lawfully proposed and now was the law of the land.

Lieutenant Hinkley, a former member of the British air force left London last Monday in a small airplane with a 35-horse power engine with the intention of flying to Australia.

General Perching will retire from active service within a few months. He announced his intention Monday in a letter to Secretary Baker, commander of the American expeditionary forces declared that he felt he could give up his military duties without impairment of the service and "was free to engage in something more civilian." The general did not indicate nature of future activities.

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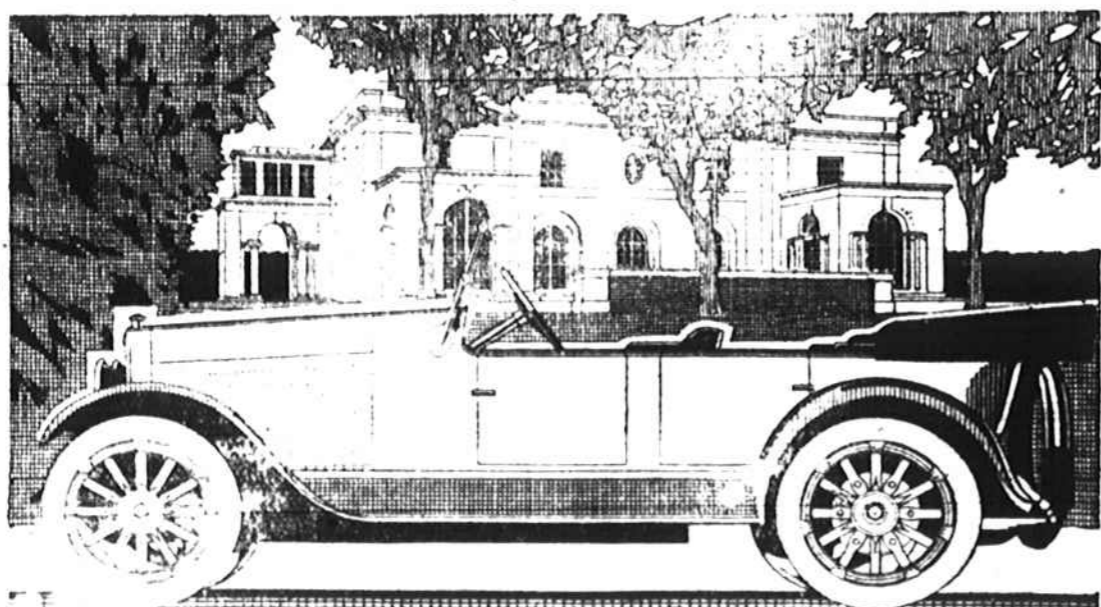
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