

FAVORS PRINTING OF CRIME NEWS

Harry Daniel, Former Decaturite, Ridicules Idea Of Suppressing Such News

Harry Daniel, former Decatur man, now a resident of New York City, writes an interesting article for the Thrift Magazine, on the subject of the suppression of crime news in newspapers. The subject of Mr. Daniel's article is, "Thoughts on the Ideal Newspaper." In his article, Mr. Daniel ridicules the ideas that the advancement of civilization would be aided by the elimination of crime from the newspapers of today. The article is as follows:

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"It is not the obvious that intrigues us. It is the unusual, the unexpected. If the president of the first national bank puts a school boy on the head or presides at a drive for near-sighted poets, we find ourselves incapable of excitement. But if the same banker should kick a school boy through a plate glass window or toss a bomb into a herd of near-sighted, far-sighted or second-sighted poets, the very timbers of our being would be wrenches with emotion."

"Let us look a little deeper into this grave problem. What, for example, could be said of the sanitary condition of a civilization in which an incident such as the following would be printed everywhere under glaring headlines?"

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innocuous and toothless press, why not at one fell swoop, as it were, stamp out automobile accidents, hell weevil, war, the radio lecturer and whooping cough! Even congress, happily, might be suppressed by a united press refusing to run any congressional speeches ahead of the indigestion and complete loss of appetite department. And what, mayhap, will the ideal newspaper then print? Manifestly, the managing editor of that balcony day will have for his front page makeup an array of facts and foibles much as follows:

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State Normal To Provide Memorial For Dr. Parsons

Terre Haute, Ind., Nov. 10.—Active plans have been started for the campaign among the alumni and former students of the Indiana State Normal School for raising \$25,000 to provide a suitable memorial to the life work of Dr. W. W. Parsons and Prof. Howard Sandison, pioneers in the life of the State Normal. This movement was started at the State Normal luncheon at the Claypool Hotel during the State Teachers' Association with the suggestion that a clock and chimes be purchased for the main tower of the Normal building as this

response, it is stated.

A special Golden Rule committee composed of Dr. William Lowe Bryan, president of Indiana University; Mrs. Edward Franklin White, Mrs. Anne Studebaker Carlisle and State Senator Oliver C. Holmes, is co-operating with the state organization. The day will be an international event with 60 nations participating. As in former years participants are asked to have one meal on Golden Rule Sunday duplicating the simple menu of an orphanage in the Near East and then contribute as generously as possible to the children in that strife-torn area.

A philanthropic Indiana citizen, owner of three beautiful and valuable rugs, is offering them as prizes for special Golden Rule activities. Persons in the county showing the largest financial return from Golden Rule Sunday in proportion to population, have a chance at a first, second, and third rug prize for the most sincere and active effort in promoting Golden Rule observance. Wards will be made by a state committee.

Golden Rule state headquarters are at 528 Peoples Bank Building, Indianapolis.

Legion Commander To Speak In Michigan City

Michigan City, Ind., Nov. 10.—T. S. McConnell, state commander of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker at the Armistice Day celebration to be held here November 11. A banquet served by the local War Mothers organization to all service men of the county will precede the address.



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Gold Rule Day To Be Observed December 6

Few communities in Indiana will fail to observe Golden Rule Sunday, December 6, this year, according to information received by the state committee of Near East Relief.

More than 800 community chairmen including the most prominent men and women of the state, have already accepted responsibility for neighborhood observance of the day at the request of Gov. Ed Jackson, state chairman of the relief committee. A letter recently sent out by the Governor received almost unanimous

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Poland To Exchange New Currency For Old Bonds

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Word has been received here that the bonds of the city of Warsaw are to be revalued in the new currency of Poland. The bonds must be presented to the Polish consul in Chicago not later than December 31, for conversion.

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NOTICE TO GAS CONSUMERS

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