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John Curtis, the fakir who made the Lindberghs believe he was in touch with the kidnapers, is now in jail, where he will have ample opportunity to recover the equilibrium of his mind, which he claims has been badly unsettled for several months.

Two Chicago kidnapers stopped a trial long enough to plead guilty and accept life imprisonment sentences. That's a good start and the enforcement officers ought to keep right after them until they are all put away, by one method or another.

Any way no one can charge George Dale, mayor of Muncie, with being a coward. Why he isn't even afraid of a federal judge. In his trial now in progress at Indianapolis he spanked up several times and the fact that the court called him, didn't check the words mayor who has a reputation for fighting.

The beer bill lost in the United States senate by a vote of 61 to 24, indicating that there will have to be a lot of changing in the personnel of that body before any measures, tending towards dampness get very far, the Literary Digest poll, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Philip Sauer, now the undisputed nominee for commissioner of the first district, was smiling yesterday and today as he received good wishes and declared that he had the advantage of most candidates in that he could be twice congratulated. He is one of the best-known men of the county, experienced in public affairs because of his years in the contracting business and is well qualified to serve the people of the county.

The stock market investigation

What's the Verdict of



YOUR home expresses YOU! Do floors, furniture and woodwork gleam with unmarred beauty, or are they scarred and shabby? Are rooms drab or do they glow with happy sunshine of color?

What a transformation can be made at a cost of only a dollar or so by use of

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Marvelously soft hues! Glorious shining colors! Stop in for Color Cards.

Lee Hardware Co.

is implicating a number of leading citizens and it sounds like a terrible thing now when we read how they split millions of profits. Yet it should not surprise any one. Just a few years ago it was common knowledge that hundreds were cleaning up profits which often ran into the millions as a result of stock trading. What can be done about it? We presume a man had a right to buy stock and sell it at a profit and if he knew of some way by which he could increase that sum, of course he got busy.

Farm lands as appraised for taxes this year have been reduced more than four and a half million dollars. That's a considerable reduction and when we add to that a similar one on town and city property and personal belongings, the totals will be off about twenty-five per cent or perhaps a little more. That means that unless the budgets are cut extensively, the tax rate for next year will be increased. There is nothing to do but keep on fighting this tax bogey. If we do that the next year or two, we will get it down to a basis that will be satisfactory to every reasonable person.

The recount is over and Mr. Sauer's plurality was increased five votes, giving him a total of eight. Every one is satisfied and there is a feeling that could not otherwise be created, that the election officials are honest and careful. There were of course a few changes, the recount board apparently being a little more lenient than the election boards. It was all done too in less than twelve hours of actual work and at very low cost. Mr. Gallmeyer has expressed himself as pleased for he has the knowledge now that he was a close second and that he did not lose because of any errors.

A man named Bodine, up in Chicago, worked out a new scheme for getting easy money. His plan was to go into a restaurant, order a meal and quietly swallow a tack. Then he would make a big fuss about it, go to a doctor and return with an X-Ray picture showing the little instrument of torture, resulting in a settlement for fifty or a hundred dollars. It went well until one day this week when he tried it on a Mr. Raklos, who was so sure he was not feeding his customers tacks that he called the police and Bodine admitted he had secured some \$600 by the fake.

Many people have told us the past few days that they are boasting the idea of using locally manufactured and sold goods and several of them are enthusiastic. It's not only the right thing but it's becoming almost a necessity. Stop and think. How can we get new money in this country under present conditions? We are agricultural and with prices as low as they are that doesn't mean a very large return. It's necessary that gradually we send out large sums of money, but it is certainly foolish to send away a dollar that can be kept here. Give your earnest thought and then join those who are in favor of trading at home.

Household Scrapbook
—by ROBERTA LEE

Seams
When sewing long seams, try fastening the edges of the material with paper clips, such as are used in every office. This will eliminate basting of the goods.

The Baby
If the baby becomes feverish, it will often prove soothed if he is given a sponge bath consisting of eight ounces of alcohol to one quart of warm water.

A Cake Recipe
Many kinds of cake can be made from a good plain cake recipe. But the recipe can be varied by adding coccoanut, chopped nuts, citrus and raisins, dates, or spices to the batter before baking it.

NOTICE
Everyone interested in the cemetery, come to Mt. Tabor Memorial Day, May 30, 1932, at 9:30. To organize a "Mt. Tabor Cemetery association" and help clean it up.

Bertha, Bunner
Lovina Heath

The People's Voice

This column for the use of our readers who wish to make suggestions for the general good or discuss questions of interest. Please sign your name to show authenticity. It will not be used if you prefer that it not be.

Why Taxes?

Decatur, Ind.
May 19, 1932

To The Democrat:

The most popular song heard now is "Taxes are too high." Every body is singing it daily, but what are they doing to cut the cost of government? If we get anywhere we must begin at home. Why build more roads now? That elevates taxes. Why hire more teachers than we need? That raises taxes. Why send big healthy boys to school in automobiles and hire a coach to exercise them? That raises taxes. Why have a county agent to raise more crops when we already have an over production? That makes more taxes.

If you really want less taxes, you must stop talking and go to kicking to the proper authorities.

Ordinary Citizen

Answers To Test Questions

Below are the answers to the Test Questions printed on Page Two.

1. F. Marion Crawford.
2. Membership in the Reserve System is no guarantee against failure.
3. The Philippines.
4. Yes, there have been a number who did.
5. James Whitcomb Riley.
6. Great Britain.
7. David Wark Griffith.
8. Yosemite National Park.
9. Alfred the Great.
10. The Norsemen.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File

Mrs. John Christen purchases old Beery homestead on N. 2nd St.

Eighth Grade students have class day exercises with Banche Biggs as May Queen.

Grace Kinney breaks arm in fall from bicycle.

Mrs. John Wagoner is seriously ill.

Miss Sue Mayer resigns from Schafer Saddlery Co.

David Flanders leaves for his farm near Sanford, Mich.

The first band concert of season held this evening.

Burton Niblick is surprised on his 23rd birthday.

Marie Butler entertains Alba Theta Club.

Mrs. Florence DeVilbiss is spending several days in Monmouth.

BRONX JURORS ASK CONDON TO SIGN WAIVERS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) totors and the state police quarreled over alleged efforts to place responsibility for failure of the kidnap hunt on one another, the trail of the actual kidnapers and murderers of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., grew colder.

Curtis has been fingerprinted, Schwartzkopf announced, but has not added to his confession announced Tuesday. The colonel said he was convinced had nothing to do with the actual kidnapping, or with payment of \$50,000 by Dr. John F. Condon (Jafis) to the alleged kidnapers.

Condon, in the meantime, is suffering from the effects of his strenuous activity. He is 72 years old. Yesterday it was announced he would rest for a few days before resuming his examination of Rogues' Gallery photographs. But he didn't rest.

He visited West Point to look over some records there; he made several visits to Bronx police headquarters; and he took time out to explain that a Mary G. Ford, questioned by police in another matter, was one of many who tried to borrow money from him after his name had been mentioned in the Lindbergh investigation.

Mrs. Ford is a school teacher, 45 years old, with a 19-year old daughter. A telephone call to Condon traced her to Jafis in vague rumors that she was involved in the Jafis negotiations.

Condon was expected to go today before the Bronx county grand jury investigating the extortion case in which he was the intermediary. However he was expected to tell his story last Tuesday and the grand jury called almost everyone but him. Another postponement may result today.

Henry (Red) Johnson, sweet-talker of the Lindbergh nurse, Betty Gow, paid a surprise visit at Newark police headquarters yesterday in company with a man helping him in publication of a book describing his experiences. He is held by federal authorities

as an alien illegally in this country.

And at Englewood, the home of Mrs. Lindbergh's family, and the home of Henry Johnson, a hotel-keeper declared a guest registered with her a few days before the kidnaping March 1 resembled the pictures and descriptions of Harry Fielescher, Detroit gangster sought by investigators.

The chief of police at Englewood vouched for the accuracy of her memory, which he said had helped him in identification of many suspects in other cases.

Colonel Lindbergh himself led a group in re-enacting the kidnaping as they believed the crime was committed. Colonel Henry C. Breckinridge, detectives and police assisted him.

The purpose was to attempt to determine the exact course of the kidnapers, their manner of petition in boats which they planned to take in person before the senate and house, found progress too slow when they reached Council Bluffs, Ia.

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TRAIN TAKEN OVER BY VETS

War Veterans Commandeer Four Freight And Hook On To Express

St. Louis, Mo., May 20.—(UPI)—Four hundred World War veterans, enroute to Washington to present demands for immediate payment of a bonus, ran roughshod over the

pleadings and commands of railroad officials today and reached St. Louis in five commandeered freight cars which they had compelled a train crew to hook onto a train.

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