

## CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

IT is irony of fate that the coal mine at Dawson, N. M., in which the lives of 120 unfortunate men were snuffed out on Friday, is owned by the enormously rich Phelps-Dodge Corporation.

Irony? Why? Because one of the chief owners and directors of this tremendous mine is Cleveland Hoadley Dodge of New York City.

And who, pray, is Cleveland Hoadley Dodge? Why, he is listed in Who's Who as brother of the late Grace Hoadley Dodge, trustee and director of a long line of business, industrial, educational and philanthropic institutions, including Roberts College of Constantinople and Carnegie Institute of Washington, and is treasurer and chief moving spirit of the American committee on Near East relief.

Every Protestant church of America knows the name of Cleveland Dodge, for it is he who has personally guaranteed the cost of administering the millions which have been raised for relief of the Armenian refugees.

To care for suffering humanity in the Near East or anywhere is Christian and fine. But to have insisted on safer working conditions in his non-union New Mexico coal mine would have been even finer and it would have still been Christian.

## FORESTS OR WARSHIPS

AT an average price of \$4.45 the acre, the national forest reservation commission has authorized the purchase of 68,566 acres more land for Eastern national forests. • This increases the total acreage for this purpose to 2,200,000 acres of cut over lands in twelve national forests in eleven States from Maine to Arkansas.

The total expenditure for this magnificent work of conservation of an infinitesimal part of our vast national resources amounts to a shade under \$10,000,000, including interest, from the time the work was started a decade ago.

This, it may be observed in passing, is just one-tenth the amount required to construct and launch a super-dreadnaught of the type known as capital ships in the navies of any of the three principal powers of the world!

A great man is reported to have said on one occasion: "You can not fool all the people all of the time!"

Nevertheless, militarism seems to have come mighty close to that accomplishment in the past.

## HORSE SENSE NEEDED

IT is now perfectly clear that no matter what sort of bill, if any, finally emerges from the Senate Public Lands Committee, no possible relief for the New Mexican Pueblo Indians may be expected from this Congress.

The Bursum bill cannot pass, even in its present emasculated form. Publicity has thoroughly discredited it.

The bill providing for a special court of claims, sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs of America, and known as the "Jones bill," cannot even get a favorable report in committee.

Is government to confess its utter impotence to provide justice in so simple a problem? All proponents and opponents of pending legislation agree the Indian is entitled to justice.

What is the answer? Simply this—a Secretary of the Interior with horse sense and a Rooseveltian passion for the square deal.

It has been brought out in the hearings that of the 3,000 non-Indian claims on Pueblo grants, at least 90 per cent are town site lots or very ancient holdings, which the Indians do not question. These could and should be eliminated at once from the discussion. No one wants to disturb these "titles."

There may possibly be 300 cases to adjudicate. There are only eighteen Pueblo communities left to worry about. An intelligent Secretary of the Interior could determine in a few weeks the status of every claim in every Pueblo.

## WHAT WE'LL BUILD

ABOUT six billion dollars' worth of building will be completed by Americans this year, estimates Copper and Brass Research Association. Here's how it'll be divided: For each \$634 for industrial buildings, \$960 will be spent for apartment houses, \$406 for churches, \$720 for dwellings (homes), \$456 for hospitals, \$652 for hotels, \$616 for office buildings, \$252 for public buildings, \$124 for public garages and \$1,180 for schools. The largest expenditure is for schools—and should be.

## Sam Gompers Has Only Been Ousted Once as Labor Leader

### QUESTIONS ANSWERED

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents and stamps. Medical, legal and love and marriage advice cannot be given. Unsigned letters cannot be answered. All letters are confidential and receive personal replies. Although the bureau does not require it, it will assure prompt replies if readers will confine questions to a single subject, writing more than one letter if answers on various subjects are desired.

How many presidents have there been of the American Federation of Labor? There have been only two. John McBride defeated Gompers in 1894 in Denver, Colo. But in 1895 Gompers was re-elected and has served as president ever since.

How many years was Moses leader of the Israelites? Moses was in authority over the Israelites, it is estimated, for about forty years.

What wrote "Main Street" and of what value is it? "Main Street" is a late novel by Sinclair Lewis. Since the publication of this book he has written another novel called Babbitt. The books are remarkable in their accurate description of the American small town and the insight into the small town character.

What is the temperature of the electric spark that is produced in the automobile spark plug? It is impossible to assign any definite temperature to such a thing as an electric spark. The fundamental definition of temperature a presupposes a considerable volume of material in which the molecules are in a state of statistical equilibrium with one another, and the temperature is then proportional to the average kinetic energy of the molecule. In a spark we have a temporary state of affairs in which such equilibrium is not reached. The ultimate particles are to a considerable extent, not mole-

cules, but are electrically charged temperatures, consequently it is not possible to assign a numerical value of temperature under such conditions. The heat energy in an ignition spark varies from .01 watt second, according to the type of ignition system used.

What is the chemical formula for gelatin? The formula for gelatin is about 13.3 per cent nitrogen; 0.6 per cent sulphur; 50 per cent of carbon; 7 per cent of hydrogen and 23 per cent of oxygen.

Who is the American Ambassador to Germany? The American Ambassador to Germany is Alanson B. Houghton. His address is American Embassy, Berlin, Germany.

## Surest Thing You Know

By BERTON BRADLEY

LIKE originality. I hate true phrases, give me credit: That line makes me hit with me. You said it!  
I'll tell the world I hate these birds Who steal their stuff and always show it By strutting like a peacock or a peacock. You know it!  
THEIR line of talk gives me a peave. Their parrot phrases sure do fret me. They win the frozen razor, Steve. You got me?  
NOBODY home, their brains are dead. All their remarks are dull and doubtful. Ain't it the truth! Oh, boy, you said a mouthful!  
THEY'RE apologetic, they're solid bone. They're dumb and they'll always stay so. They shouldn't be alone. I'll say so!  
WHEN, why can't they shoot a line that shows they've used the cerebellum? Or, at least, the brain?  
You tell 'em!  
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## Ban Urged on 'Suicide Books' After Girl Kills Self; Educator, However, Says 'No'

Vice Expert Declares Such  
Volumes Should Be  
Suppressed.

BY ALEXANDER HERMAN  
NEA Service Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Should books treating of death and suicide be excluded from our schools and colleges because of their depressing effect on the students' minds?

John S. Sumner, secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, says "Yes." Dr. H. H. Horne, professor of the History of Education and Philosophy at New York University, says "No."

Both are authorities on literature and its influences. Yet each takes an opposite view on the issue growing out of the suicide of a young college girl.

Miss Marie Bloomfield, a pretty, 18-year-old girl of Columbus, Ohio, came to Columbia University here to continue her studies. She became greatly interested in the literature of death. She read Barbell's Journal—the diary of a man dying from creeping paralysis. She memorized Keat's lines "I have been half in love with easeful Death." She studied Hamlet's speech ending "The rest is silence." She discussed Socrates, Greek philosopher who committed suicide by drinking poison.

Then she followed suit—also by drinking poison.

Her farewell letter indicated that there was no motive for her act other than a desire to experience that "great adventure." She was an honor student at the university, had no affairs of the heart, financial difficulties or troubles of any kind. Yet she killed herself at a time of youth when life seems brightest. There are many such books on the market now. Many deal popularly with scientific subjects which



MISS MARIE BLOOMFIELD, DR. H. H. HORNE (LEFT) AND JOHN S. SUMNER.

lead to the digging up of hidden motives for ordinary acts of life.

"Such books, if they have any value, should be limited to the few who are actually interested in them scientifically," Sumner said.

But Dr. Horne, who has taught

thousands of young students, says: "Let youth see life steadily and see it whole. Let its reading be directed to both sides of any question. Youth demands to see all sides. Youth can be trusted with ideas; youth cannot be trusted with one idea—neither can age."

## Famous Writings On Suicide

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE, in Hamlet's soliloquy on suicide: "Tis a consummation devoutly to be wish'd."

JOHN KEATS, in "Ode to a Nightingale": "I have been half in love with easeful Death \* \* \* Now more than ever seems it rich to die."

W. N. P. BARRELLION, in "The Journal of a Disappointed Man": "It is not death, but the dreadful possibilities of life which are so depressing."

ROBERT C. INGERSOLL, in lecture on Suicide: "Man has the right to kill himself."

WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT, in "Thanatopsis": "Each shall take his chamber in the Silent Halls of Death."

## Public Opinion

Page Speaker Morgan

To the Editor of The Times: I have been watching with disgust this session of the Legislature. Being an ex-soldier and a legionnaire, I feel I am entitled to a hearing whether Mr. Morgan says so or not. Does the holding of the Speedway race interfere with the Memorial day program?

Do the officials of that institution of courage and manliness send out officers with warrants to arrest the populace of Indianapolis for non-attendance? No.

If you go by the gates do they jerk you in whether you protest or not? No.

Is there any law compelling us to attend? No.

Is there a law compelling any one to attend any other sort of gathering aside from a court summons? No.

Why and how does the Speedway interfere? To do away with it will spell ruin for the city of Indianapolis and the State of Indiana to a certain extent.

As for the races interfering with Memorial day services, it is all a myth, and the authors of said bill are conscious of the fact. However, of Mr. Faulkner and Mr. Updyke and a few of their followers are so sanctified I'd like to know just when the change of heart came about. If they feel they should observe Decoration day so devoutly let them do so in an orderly fashion and not disturb the whole populace.

We've journeyed some six or seven thousand miles to put out of existence a despotic system or Rule and Ruin and now that same germ seems to have found a foothold in some of the so-called Americans. This blue law stuff will never work.

A READER.

Let Us Reason

To the Editor of The Times: We all know that something is radically wrong with Americans. No matter how great we may be, or how great we may think we are, we can be no greater than we build.

We cannot isolate ourselves from the rest of the world and grow stronger. When we refuse to counsel with

the rest of the world then we create the germ that breeds unrest and discontent among our people.

This Nation should occupy the exalted station in the council chamber with representatives of all nations of the earth. The allied nations need our counsel. We need their business. Open the avenues of trade with the rest of the world. Create a market for our surplus products.

The laboring man must labor, the captains of industry must operate, the labor of mother earth must produce, if we have happiness and contentment.

Eliminate big political games at the expense of the people. Give us more sound and constructive business legislation. Why delay our chances to lead the world for big business?

JOHN R. HENDERSON,  
514 East Eighteenth St.

## Majority Domination

To the Editor of The Times: Being unable to work because of a lame foot, I visited the House of Representatives Thursday. As I was undecided on the merits of the appropriation for the completion of the Reformatory, I am glad I was present, for upon leaving I had formed an opinion.

I could not blame the Democratic members for leaving the Chamber when Speaker Morgan would not give the floor to any one not a Republican while considering this bill. The Democrats would be justified in going home and staying, for when a speaker will not permit the minority to speak on a bill up for consideration, it is time for a change in the personnel of the Legislature.

The attitude of the Republicans in barring free speech on this bill indicates there is "something rotten in Denmark."

K. S. BARBER,  
1607 Park Ave.

## SPORTS BAN FAVORED

Approval of the Memorial day bill, banning commercialized sports, pending in the Legislature, is voted by the Methodist Ministers' Association in resolutions adopted at Roberts Park Church. There were two negative votes. Prof. M. R. Eckhardt of De Pauw University spoke on "The Reconstruction of Religion."

## PACKER LAWYERS OPENLY DEFY U. S. ON MERGER PLAN

Declare Existing Federal  
Laws Can Not Stop Action  
—Probe Starts.

By C. C. LYON.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The Armour-Morris packer merger is going through whether the Government likes it or not, say packer representatives here, now openly defying the Department of Agriculture.

Packer lawyers have fortified them with legal advice to the effect that existing Federal laws cannot prevent the proposed merger. They say that the Government's only recourse is to start proceedings later if it is found the enlarged Armour company is acting in restraint of trade. It is said here that announcement of the merger will be made very shortly.

Meanwhile, both in the Senate and at the Department of Agriculture activities are under way to head off the Armour-Morris merger, which the Government has said to be contrary to public interest. Senators are preparing to back Secretary Wallace, under whose direction the legal fight would be waged to avert formation of a meat monopoly.

## Capitol Jokes

By SAMUEL E. WINSLOW  
U. S. Representative From Massachusetts, Fourth District

Y favorite story is an old one, but it illustrates the extent to which some men hold domination over the imaginations of their followers.

When Wilfred Laurier was premier of Canada, two French-Canadians were discussing him.

"By far," said one, "dat Wilfred Laurier, he one great man."

"Not so great like Napoleon," said the other.

"Wilfred Laurier greater dan Napoleon," insisted the first one.

"Wilfred Laurier greater dan George Washington."

"Well, Wilfred Laurier not so great like de Savior."

"Maybe not, but—" here the premier's admirer brightened, "Wilfred Laurier a young man yet."

Thief Robs Cabinet

A thief who entered the home of Mrs. Rayburn Kelo, 2041 Park Ave., today, took a \$40 watch from a kitchen cabinet.

## TOM SIMS SAYS:

A BABY in London is cutting a tooth six inches long, so of course it is a baby elephant.

In Nyack, N. Y., a woman attacked a cop, but he escaped.

If you don't believe the French are artists, the most beautiful woman in Paris is said to be 58 years old.

Ten per cent gain in the auto trade is noted. This means a certain per cent loss in pedestrians.

A Dallas (Texas) man has refused a \$1,000-a-year gift, but hasn't consented to see a doctor.

It is found most college classes and college men are led by girls.

The weather man never reports a coal wave.

Some day they will make radio go around the world and then a man can enjoy talking to himself.

Most of this year's June brides have decided to be June brides, but haven't told the bridegrooms yet.

A Seattle man has escaped from jail the third time and if you think this is easy just try to do it.

Hell hath no fury like a woman when you knock ashes on her floor.

When every man is sowing his wild oats he expects to grow sage.

Days are getting longer, but there aren't as many this month.

About the time you get over Christmas somebody has a birthday.

## Modern Evils Can Be Cured by Knighthood Spirit, Woman Says

By ROY GIBBONS  
NEA Staff Correspondent

CHICAGO, Feb. 13.—Modern evils can be cured—

Only by getting back to the spirit of knighthood which reigned in medieval times.

That's the belief of a group of young men and women here and they've formed an organization called "The Knights of the Holy Grail" to carry out their ideals.

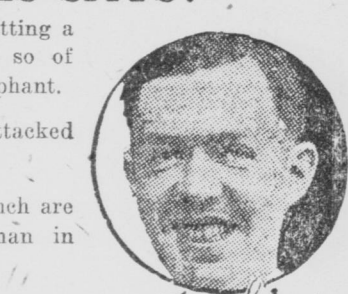
The expressed purpose of the organization is to coax knighthood back into lower.

Members are not required to wear cast-iron haberdashery, tilt a spear as big as a tree-trunk or ride about Chicago streets on the conventional milk-white steed.

But they are required to practice chivalry, develop a spirit of honor and substitute virtue for primitive impulses and passions.

Double Standard Organized

The chief dragon the organization will seek to impale on its god sword will be the double standard of morality. No more of that, say the "knights" and their ladies.



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