

WHAT IS A GOOD CITIZEN? **W**HAT constitutes good citizenship? The other day in California, former Governor Pardee, a widely respected citizen of that State, took the stand in the case of Col. Theo. Gier, millionaire wine merchant, on trial for bootlegging, and testified Gier was "a good citizen."

Gier, however, was found guilty and in sentencing him to three months in jail in addition to a heavy fine, Federal Judge Partridge, referring to Pardee, said: "I emphatically take exception to his statement. No man can be a good citizen and violate the law. I believe that an example should be made of Gier inasmuch as he is a prominent man, familiar with the law and even a former office holder in the county where he lived."

So much for Gier. Now, how about Pardee and all the other "prominent and highly respected citizens" who rush to the aid of law violators when caught in the toils?

DANGER IN CREDIT DEMAND **F**EDERAL Reserve Bank officials "see danger" in the rapidly increasing credit demand—by which they mean the steady advance in the total amount of money borrowed by business organizations.

When prices are rising and the buying power of the dollar accordingly shrinking, business has to have a larger volume of money to do even the former amount of business. Professor Fisher is right. We need a dollar stabilized by something like an elastic gold backing, to keep its buying power always at about the same level. Work out a way and you'll have the bullet that will kill or seriously wound Old Man Hard Times.

WARREN IN PLACE OF BILL **W**ITH flags flying and cannon booming and the young skipper, Herbert Hartley on the bridge, the biggest thing afloat will steam out of New York harbor on the Fourth of July.

In the grand salon will hang Howard Chandler Christy's masterpiece—President Harding, life size, in hand painted oils—just where old Kaiser Bill used to hang, for the Leviathan of Al Lasker's fleet is the Vaterland of "Deutschland über Alles."

MOAN OVER DEBTS **T**HE British spend 200 million dollars a year on fox hunting, according to a book published in London. The author, G. W. Clark, comments that this is more than the interest Britain has to pay on her debt to America.

The English are doing a lot of moaning about that debt, but the cost of hunting foxes is a painless form of extraction. Human nature. We Americans foam at the mouth when the cost of necessities advance even a trifle. When it comes to luxuries and amusement, we fling our money away gladly. The high cost of living is an outrage, but the cost of high living is usually satisfactory.

CANT CHEAT NATURE **T**HE recent American Marathon race showed that long distance running does not affect the heart as much as the legs. So say the doctors who X-rayed the runners' hearts and kept close watch on them.

Endurance contests may not at the time materially injure a professional runner or an amateur who has "worked up to it" gradually by proper training. But for the untrained it is dangerous and harmful. And trained or untrained marathon runners and endurance dancers will pay later in life. You can't cheat nature.

FORD RAPS PRICES **T**HESE suddenly rising prices of materials are unnecessary, says Henry Ford. "Manufacturers are beginning to bid against one another and with every bid prices move up a notch. In this way they are playing the raw material interests' game, and unless a wiser view is taken the end of it all is going to be another stoppage of business."

Most of us need a guardian when times are prosperous.

Questions

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Answers

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Is there any truth in the statement that sleeping in moonlight has a harmful effect on the mind?

No, not in the temperate zone. Sleeping exposed to the full rays of a tropical moon might prove harmful to one's health.

What is a heliograph? An instrument for taking photographs of the sun?

What is a kaleidoscope? An instrument which by means of mirrors causes objects viewed through it to be repeated in symmetrical patterns.

When were the ordinary pearl buttons used on our shirts, first manufactured in this country?

The making of fresh water pearl buttons from mussel shells, according to Science Service, dates only from 1891. Buttons of brass and wood have been made in this country since about 1750; metal buttons since 1800; horn buttons since 1812; marine shell buttons since 1855, and buttons of composition since 1862.

Does sunlight contain rays which can cure rickets?

There are certain short wave lengths of those rays of sunlight which are too rapid for the eye to detect which are able to cure rickets. Recent experiments, however, indicate that there are also longer rays which can neutralize the effect of the beneficial rays. Light that has passed through ordinary window glass has no curative value.

What were some important discoveries in the treatment of disease during the past thirty years?

The discovery of radium by M. and Mme. Curie in 1898, whereby some advancement has been made in the treatment of cancer and cancerous growths; the discovery of the Rontgen or X-Ray by Rontgen in 1895, by means of which photographic plates of the inside organs of the human body can be made;

CONVICTS MADE MEMBERS OF GOVERNOR'S FAMILY IN HIS PLAN FOR REGENERATION

'LEAGUE OR WAR' SAYS ECONOMIST

YALE EXPERT DECLARES U. S. MUST JOIN ASSOCIATION OF NATIONS.

By NEA Service
NEW YORK, May 3.—"We have our simple choice, league or war."

This is the declaration of Irving Fisher, the Yale economist, and authority on international affairs. In his new book, "League or War," which will be put on sale by Harper & Brothers May 7, Fisher continues:

"To be specific, the United States should enter the league for many reasons of self-interest, namely:

"1. To keep a foreign market for our farmers and manufacturers.

"2. To enable Europe to pay some of its debts to the United States.

"3. To maintain our greatest international asset, international goodwill.

"4. To avoid the need of a costly Navy and Army.

"5. To avoid wars which would injure and probably involve ourselves.

The Alternatives

"The last reason is the biggest one; although, in a distorted perspective, it seems so far off as to be the smallest. We need the league to escape world war.

"If we choose the league we in America can have peace and prosperity through the ages. The other alternative is too terrible to contemplate."

Fisher recounts the tremendous toll of the World War—\$168,000,000,000 in money, uncounted billions of dollars worth of devastation on land and sea, 10,000,000 soldiers killed, 30,000,000 civilians sacrificed, deterioration of moods and morale, of health and racial vigor—and, he asserts:

"The next war will probably cost more in every one of these ways. In that war not soldiers only but helpless women and children will be asphyxiated by the newly invented gas bombs to be dropped from the sky. Whole cities, like New York, will have their inhabitants put to death by this method and its buildings set on fire by other gas devices.

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