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THE-SAD CASE OF MR. JONES

THE wail of Mr. Jim Jones, acting head of the United States Prohibition Bureau, sure stirs our heart. Mr. Jones bemoans the fact that many of his enforcement agents are quitting because they have to sample booze in order to catch bootleggers. It is, in deed, a sad, sad matter. Some of Mr. Jones' agents who can't catch bootleggers because afraid of booze quit, and some who can catch 'em quit because financially fixed for a good old age of comfort and leisure. You simply cannot blame Mr. Jones for feeling like a candle that's being burnt at both ends.

CITY SEEMS TO GET ALONG

INDIANAPOLIS, according to legal advice given the city administration, may, as a result of the action of the city council, be compelled to exist next year not only with a budget no higher than the one used this year, but with a tax levy equally low. The administration—or parts of it—looks upon this situation as a calamity. Citizens, however, are not greatly perturbed. This year, thus far, has not been particularly bad for the city administration so far as available money is concerned. The chances are the administration can worry along next year without an increase. Too often increased expenditures are mistaken for progress.

FEAR OF DROWNING

BABY 100 days old, Marylin Jean Anderson, falls off a railroad bridge into the river at Chippewa Falls, Wis. Water is warm. She enjoys herself, evidently thinks she's in a bathtub. She kicks happily. That keeps her afloat. Rescued.

A grown-up, unable to swim, would have drowned. Why? Because fear would counteract the animal ability to swim that is born in all of us. Frightened, the grown-up would yell and empty his lungs of the air necessary to keep him afloat.

Fear drowns more people than water.

Blondin walked across a cable suspended above Niagara Falls. The rest of us would get frightened, lose our balance and drown. But we could walk the same cable stretched only a foot above safe ground.

It isn't the difficulty of walking on a cable that makes people fall. They topple off because they fear danger.

In a canoe, wind is more dangerous than rough waves. But the average person doesn't know this. So he feels safer when canoeing in a stiff wind. The feeling of safety helps him keep his treacherous craft balanced.

Fear increases, by many times, the hazard of a dangerous situation. That's because fear involves loss of confidence in our ability to conquer the dangerous situation. Confidence in self is what makes the man of average or even inferior ability rise to greater success than the timid individual with exceptional abilities, natural gifts or skilled training.

Never frighten a child. Fear is contagious, feeds on itself. Fear makes failure in life almost inevitable. Self-confidence is the key to achievement, to success.

LAURELS FOR BOY SCOUTS

THE "good deed a day" for which the Boy Scout is noted becomes innumerable good deeds at the State Fair. Everywhere the work of the 700 Scouts on duty is evidenced.

Perhaps the most notable work of the boys is in the Red Cross tent, where they act as aides to the nurses and doctors. Nine of the Scouts stay on duty all night.

Always smiling, never too tired to help out, the Scouts are winning new laurels as well as the grateful thanks of the many whom they have helped.

WE ADMIT WE'RE GOOD, BUT

LADIMIR DE PACHMANN, when asked who is the greatest pianist on earth, admitted it was himself.

France, in the Ruhr, confesses she is their in self-defense.

Secretary of State Hughes, in his speech before the American Bar Association, admitted there is no intention on our part "to superintend the affairs of our sister republics" in the Americas.

The trouble with such glowing admissions is that there are still some folks left with mean dispositions.

The Manchester Guardian, for instance, an English publication, refuses to make what Secretary Hughes says unanimous.

"Cuba and Panama," it observes, "have never had more than a partial independence. The Dominion Republic put its customs under United States control in 1907, Nicaragua in 1911; and American Marines have been in occupation in the former republic since 1916, and in the latter since 1912."

"But," it continues, "the tendency toward a similar subjection of other republics is less generally known."

"Similar subjection." The very idea. How'd the Guardian get that way? Huh?

"The last years," this feast-spoiler goes on to say, "have seen American capital flooding Latin America. (Here he cites figures.) With these loans goes a greater or less degree of control. Now he names Haiti, Santo Domingo, Bolivia, and so on.

Cuba, Mexico, Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, "known as the Republic of Brown Bros.;" Costa Rica, "colony of the United Fruit Company;" Panama, "of course made in the United States," and so on down the line through Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

"Only Chile, Uruguay and Argentine," concludes the ghost at our banquet, "are strong enough to receive United States capital on the kind of independent terms on which Canada receives it."

Food for thought in this mirror of ourselves as others see us, especially now, engaged as we are in trying to settle a row with Cuba, who has the temerity to say much the same thing.

The bath-tub will not take its vacation until winter.

Bathing beauties who have been tanning their hide will soon start hiding their tan.

Magazine writers are working on their Christmas stories already.

When a girl speaks of her trunks next year you will wonder if she means baggage or bathing.

Flies swatted this summer placed end to end reach the conclusion it isn't enough.

Detroit's population seems to be about equally divided between those who manufacture automobiles and those who steal them.

BRITAIN NOT YET READY FOR REVOLT

Raper Finds Folks Over There as Tame as Here in U. S. A.

By JOHN W. RAPER

VIEWED from America, Great Britain looks like a wildly radical country. But viewed from its own soil, it looks much tamer. You hear talk in the United States frequently of a "revolution in Great Britain." You don't hear any mention of it over there unless you bring up the subject, excepting occasionally in the Clyde.

So far as England is concerned,

Advance Dope on Next War

The lawyer was spinning yarns over his pipe: "It would be a prosy proposition to practice law were it not for the humor that creeps in here and there. Examination of witnesses is one of the most prolific sources of this sort of relief, for it very often results either in the discomfiture of the lawyer, the court or the witness, and is apt to develop situations and answers that really have nothing at all to do with the case at bar. I recall a case of only the other day. It was a burglary case. The man who was robbed was testifying and he said something that sounded very much like a lie to the court. The judge took his feet off the bench with a bang and pointed his finger

threateningly at the witness, angrily said:

"Do I understand you to say that,

when you heard a noise you quickly got out of bed, turned on the light

and went to the head of the stairs—that a burglar was at the foot of the stairs and you did not see him? Are you blind?"

The witness was visibly scared

and the perspiration pouched down his face. Finally, in a tremulous voice, he asked the court, "Judge, must I tell the exact truth?"

"Yes, sir," thundered the court,

the whole truth and nothing but the truth."

"Well," said the witness, as he hung his head and lowered his voice, "my wife was in front of me."

WOMAN SAYS GHOSTS ARE HER FRIENDS

Greenwich Village Artist Declares Spooks Like to Help Folks.

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT, NEA Service Staff Writer

NEW YORK, Sept. 6.—Afraid of ghosts? Well, don't be, says Flora Marian Spore, Greenwich Village artist.

"Ghosts," she adds, "are your best friends, and they get their greatest happiness of helping folks."

Look what ghosts did for Flora Marian.

Took her out of Bay City, Mich., where she was following the somewhat prosaic calling of dentist, set her down in Greenwich Village and taught her how to paint.

Told her they would teach her how to play the piano and write stories.

Warns of War

Turned her into a prophet by whispering warnings of a world war and the fate of nations.

Took her on an ocean voyage and told her where and how she would meet the man whom she would some day marry.

Brought her back to New York and dictated a movie scenario to her. And now—a movie concern has taken over the scenario. If her screen tests come out all right, Flora Marian is to star in her ghost-written photoplay. Under the control of her "people," which is what she calls her ghosts, she will paint the sets for it.

And her "people" tell Flora Marian that her name will be known all over the world. Pretty good, don't you think, for a girl who three and a half years ago was trying to keep people soothed, calm and cheerful in a dentist's chair back in Bay City, Mich?

"I don't believe in spiritualism," she says, "and I think that most of these table rappings are still. I'm not smart and when I try to write or paint through my own efforts I can't do a thing."

People Are Selfish

"But my 'people' tell me that after they die they lose all jealousy and that their greatest joy is in helping people back here on earth. The reason they can't get through to more people is because we are selfish and plain reactionary.

The National Liberals, the followers of Lloyd George, have 57 members. George's party is represented in the House by a few "Sirs" and a few "The Rt. Hon. John Smiths, D. S. C., O. B., E. P. E., J. P.," but I mention it because the first three represent the same line of economic thought, and are as much alike as three peas. Labor is so different from the other three parties, and is such a new thing in the political world that it needs to be considered in chapters quite apart from the other parties.

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