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## THE SAD CASE OF MR. JONES

**T**HE 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

**I**NDIANAPOLIS, 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 carry along next year without an increase. Too often increased expenditures are mistaken for progress.

## FEAR OF DROWNING

**A**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

**T**HE "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

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

France, in the Ruhr, confesses she is in her 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 Dominican 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 Chili, 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

**V**IEWED 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 along the Clyde.

So far as England is concerned, there appears to be as much danger of a revolution over there as there is here at home, under the nose of D. C. Willis' pet cannon on the Supermarine St. side of the Federal Reserve Bank.

Even in the Clyde industrial district, where the most radical of all the British population is to be found, nobody believes there is the slightest danger of a revolutionary uprising in which force plays a part.

Four Prominent Parties  
Great Britain is divided politically into four prominent parties. They are the Unionists, National Liberal, Independent Liberal and Labor parties. The Labor party is second in number of members in Parliament, 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.

The Unionist party is the one now in power. It has 344 of the 615 members of the House of Commons. It is avowedly conservative and plainly reactionary.

The National Liberals, the followers of Lloyd George, have 17 members. George's party is represented in the House by a few "Sims" and a few "the Rt. Hon. John Smiths, D. S. C., O. B. E., P. E. J. P.," but the titles are not so high and the numbers of letters not so many as those of the Unionist members.

Asquith Heads Independents  
The independent, headed by Asquith, have 60 members in the House. When it comes to titles and letters after the names, the Asquith members in the House fall a little behind the Lloyd George members.

The Asquith declaration of principles is intensely anti-Lloyd George.

NEXT—The Labor party is the most interesting feature of British politics. It is an amalgamation of all the groups that believe the government has been operated for the benefit of special interests and not the masses.

## Indiana Sunshine

Cale Shepherd, a butcher, Carlisle, tells this one. "A wealthy old lady in the community, known for her frugality, called the shop and asked to have five cents worth of liver delivered to her home. In a few minutes she called again. 'Say, Mr. Shepherd, you need not send that order, my cat has caught a canary.'"

Her head covered with newspapers, "to keep the bugs away," Mary Whitmore, 8, of Richmond slept peacefully on a neighbors back porch while the frantic mother, search parties and the entire police force spent the night in frantic search. They passed and repassed within a few feet of where she slept, but little Mary says her slumbers weren't disturbed.

Here's a Muncie family that thinks it cheaper to own a car than to pay rent. The machine is so arranged that all articles owned by the family can be placed on it at one time so when the landlady says "move" the flivver is run to the front door and in a few minutes the moving is under way.

A bandit, accompanied by a young girl, held up a taxi driver at Terre Haute and stole the car. At the point of a revolver the bandit asked the chauffeur to make sure there was plenty of gas and oil in the car before he started to drive it.

Before any public work is started at Richmond a picture of the property is taken by the city. These are filed away to show before and after contrasts when the present program of city planning and improvement has been carried out.

## Science

Professor H. H. Plackett of the Dominion observatory at Victoria, B. C., makes a specialty of the heat of suns that are thousands of millions of miles distant. By means of the wonderful spectrum, he separates the light rays from the heat rays of a star and then analyzes the latter by difficult, complicated and highly mathematical methods. Dr. Plackett states that the hottest star yet found is an unnamed sun in what is called "Class O." He estimates its surface temperature as 22,000 degrees centigrade. They probably have no difficulty boiling eggs up there.

## Heard in Smoking Room

The lawyer was spinning yarns over his pipe. "It would be a proxy 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?'

## Advance Dope on Next War

**A**MERICA will fare worst in the next great war. Here are some of the things the "ghosts" say will happen, according to Flora Spore. America will lose the Philippines. England will join Japan for everlasting rule of the seas. Germany and Russia will enter a treacherous alliance. France will lose her power. Turkey will rise only to fall again. America will lose her pride and glory, though France and China will aid her. Miss Spore says she asked the "ghosts" particularly about Italy and Greece, and they told her "there was nothing to worry about." The next great war, they tell her, will start in the Philippines.

## TOM SIMS - - - Says

**B**ANDIT talked politics as he robbed a train in Oklahoma. Probably a reformed politician.

A shoplifter entered a St. Louis store and got a nice fur coat and four months.

Rockefeller is giving away nickels, but can get more.

Cuba can pay her war loan. A few bootleggers could pay ours.

Bootleg booze costs \$20 a quart in Savannah, Ga.—the crooks.

Makers say fewer cigars are being smoked. Wait until election.

Probably thinking it wasn't going to hurt a bit, a Pittsburgh dentist shot himself.

Two men, ages 63 and 65, fell out of a Brooklyn tree, perhaps an old maid was under them.

Man laughed himself to death in a Petersburg (Ind.) movie, at a serious picture, well bet.

Times change rapidly. Somebody horsewhipped a Ludington (Mich.) man who was not an editor.

Captured a barrel of real hard cider in Montgomery, Ala. Carried away a barrel of fun.

Fruit juices are so contrary. They had rather ferment than jell.

## from the Referee's Tower

By ALBERT APPLE

Clairvoyant  
Rubber—775 million pounds of it will be imported into our country this year. If you could have foreseen this back in 1911, when only 72 million pounds were imported, you could easily have made plans to bring you fabulous riches.

In our highly specialized civilization exceptional success requires clairvoyance or blinding luck.

Rubber consumption increased ten-fold in the last dozen years. In the coming dozen years the record will be duplicated by other articles. Guess them correctly and later name your price.

Biters  
The male mosquito never bites. Ma mosquito does all the well-raising, and she prefers to sink her hypodermic into men rather women. The old belief is false, that the mosquito dies after taking one bite. She comes back for more.

These facts are announced by Johns Hopkins medical scientists. They're experimenting to rid us of the most annoying pest. Success will come in this direction—in time.

Pullmans  
Fifty thousand Americans sleep in Pullman cars tonight—every night. Information comes from James Keeley of the Pullman Company. He comments: "We really are in the hotel business."

You probably will live to see the porter making up your berth in an airplane. That is, provided porters can be induced to work on the Flying Express. Ask the next one you see.

Vanity  
American women and girls spend more on rouge, face powder and lipsticks than the entire country spends on bathroom equipment. So claims Col. W. G. Archer, plumbing engineer.

Nevertheless, it is money well spent. Cosmetics are used more as beautifiers to attract than to gratify the vanity. Civilization is a theatrical performance—farce comedy disguised as tragedy—and no actor ever is at his best without makeup. Everything natural is good and it's as natural for women to use cosmetics as for matings birds to warble sweet songs and grow glorious plumage.

The keeper at the Kansas State fish hatchery at Peoria has made a discovery. It is a new way to feed fish at night. An electric light bulb had been placed near one of the ponds in which catfish were being brought up in the way they should go. The light attracted thousands of insects. These, in countless numbers, struck against the lighted globes and fell into the water. The keeper watched and discovered that the catfish gathered in the water close to the light and feasted to satiety on the dropping bugs. This is the first time such a thing was ever known to happen and its discovery was entirely an accident. It will be employed further. By the way, this hatchery is the first one in the country to succeed in raising channel catfish in captivity. There are 25,000 of the fingerlings in the ponds now and they are developing lustily.

## WOMAN SAYS GHOSTS ARE HER FRIENDS

Greenwich Village Artist Declares Spooks Like to Help Folks.

By JOSEPHINE VAN DE GRIFT, NEA Service Staff Writer

**N**EW 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 silly. 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 this 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 wrapped up in material things."

"They tell me how to keep well and what to cook. They've even given me recipes."

"They warn me about world troubles, too. They tell me now that a well-known woman will die very suddenly and that the most terrible war the world has ever known is already under way."

But though she doesn't believe in rappings and such, Flora Marian does most of her writing on the back of a ouija board.

What famous men had birthdays on Sept. 29?

Among them were Lord Clive, founder of the British Empire in India, and Admiral Lord Nelson.

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What are quit claim and warranty deeds?

A quit claim is a deed of conveyance operating by way of release; that is, intended to pass any title, interest or claim which the grantor may have in the premises, but not professing that such title is valid, not containing any warranty or covenants for title.

A warranty, in real property law, is a real covenant by the grantor of lands for himself and his heirs to warrant and defend the title and possessions of the estate granted, to the grantee and his heirs, whereby either upon voucher, or judgment in the writ of warrantia chartae, and the eviction of the grantee by paramount title, the grantor was bound to recompense him with other lands of equal value. A warranty deed is one that contains a covenant of warranty.

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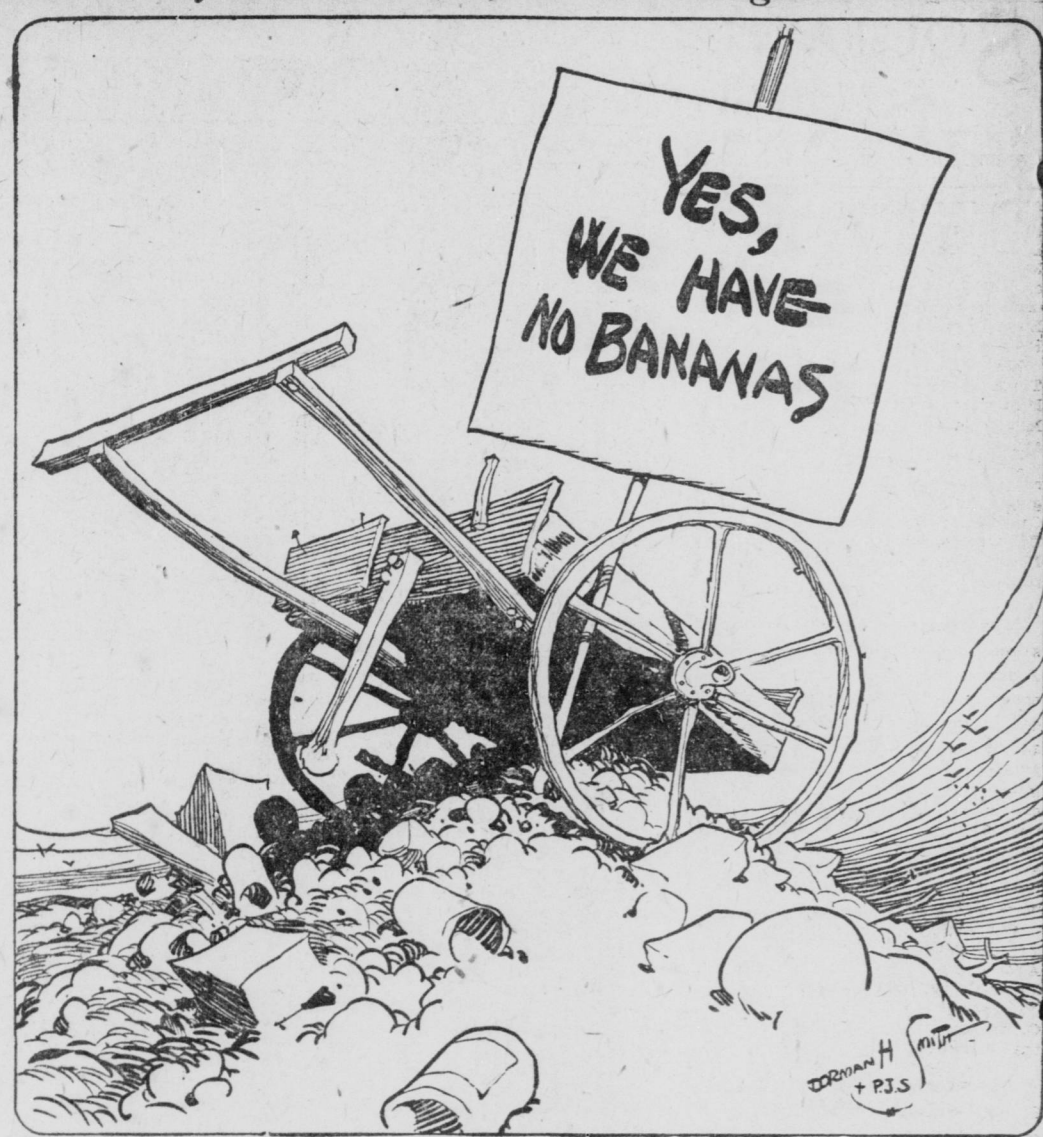
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Is it practicable for farmers to make gas for light, heat and power out of straw?

The Department of Agriculture, after experiments along this line, has not found it practicable.

## If the Greeks and Italians Fight



## QUESTIONS Ask—The Times ANSWERS

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On what day of the week did April 13, 1894, fall?

Tuesday.

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## Soap

By BERTON BRALEY  
I sing of Soap: Though I might sing Of other matters broad in scope, In fact of almost anything, I sing of Soap!

Soap, which removes the grit and grime That comes from sweat and toil and stress; Soap—it's a lather which we climb To cleanliness.

The simple saying knows it not, But sits within his jungle patch, Forever finding some new spot That he must scratch.

But slip some soap to him and show Its proper use; you'll be surprised How rapidly he'll start to grow More civilized!

Disease and dirt stalk hand in hand, And with them it is hard to cope, But in a real progressive land There's always Soap!

And this thought bubbles in my brain, Like soda water in a cup, The nation rich in soap will clean The others up!

Perhaps when tried out in the wash Mine may prove unavailing soap. But, till that moment comes, b'gosh I sing of Soap!

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## A Thought

Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord; happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them.—Ps. 127: 3, 5.

W HAT gift has Providence bestowed on man that is so dear to him as his children!—Cicero.

## THE GROWTH OF