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A MILLION VS. TWO NINES

HUNDREDS throng the street in front of The Times to hear returns from the Yank-Giant battles.

Thousands of others, unable to take time off for the actual word, buy the Pink extra sport edition a short time later.

Lloyd George's pleas for the Hughes reparations plan, Governor Walton's latest stunts in Oklahoma, revelations of an alleged rigamort, and even discussion of the State executive's financial muddle are put aside by the remarkable phenomena that America witnesses this time every year.

More than a million men, no doubt, derive great pleasure from participating in a secondary way in America's great sport classic. These men, not seeing a game themselves, find keenest enjoyment in watching the outcome of the annual fray.

In the monotonous life of the average worker, when his job and his work are more or less the same repetition, when murders, suicides, divorces and other mind and nerve excitants seem unending, when a thousand and one complications of modern life are concentrated in one day—it certainly is a relief to have a clean-cut contest such as the world series.

PUTTING REINS ON THE AUTO

THE automobile, hailed and acknowledged as one of the greatest conveniences and utilities in modern life, is coming in for its share of civic and State regulation.

Fifty persons in Marion County have been killed in automobile accidents this year.

In order to prevent thefts, certificates of ownerships have been adopted by Indiana.

Automobiles add to the wear of the State highways. Result: Auto licenses and a 2-cent gasoline tax.

Brakes, if loose, endanger pedestrians. Hence enforcement of an Indiana law providing \$25 fines.

Dimmers are required to make travel at night safe.

And then, as joy riders try to mix gasoline and booze together, this stern statute is passed by the State Legislature in its last session:

"Any person operating a motor vehicle, or motor bicycle, while in an intoxicated condition, or under the influence of drugs, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500, to which SHALL BE ADDED imprisonment in the county jail or at the Indiana State Farm, for not less than thirty days, or more than six months, and for a second or subsequent offense, such persons shall be deemed guilty of a felony and shall be punished by imprisonment for a term of not less than one year or more than five years."

DON'T PITY KEE GOON

BE thankful you don't live in China. Kee Goon, a Chinese shot by a burglar who tried to rob his laundry shop, Sixth and Illinois Sts., can tell you this, although he intends to return some happy day to the Oriental land of his birth.

Goon hovered near death for many days at the city hospital. Doctors did not know whether he would live.

If Goon had been in China he would have welcomed the opportunity to "visit" his ancestors. Chinese with the custom of ancestor worship often kill themselves. Death is not feared.

"I 'fraid to die. It make me all hot."

That is Goon's declaration when he left the hospital this week. Western civilization has taught him that life is priceless, that it represents God's greatest creation in the world.

Goon's lesson could be heeded by many.

TO DIE WISELY

A NEW YORK society woman dies. The physician attending her refuses to sign the death certificate, and says that the way the husband talked of wills and estate, during the woman's last hours, made him sick. An expert eviscerates the corpse and finds poison. The woman's old father comes forward and declares that she wasn't capacitated to make a will. A family scandal probably lies in the background and every skeleton in the family closet will get its picture in the papers. The Attorney General of New York will devote much time and the New York treasury much money in getting at the bottom of the matter.

All the fuss because the woman had some millions of money. But there is nothing unusual about the case of Mrs. Webb. It has come to pass that, in nine cases out of ten, where a person dies leaving much wealth, the fathers, mothers, sons, daughters and other relatives gather around the corpse to fight one another to the limit and hate one another for ever afterward.

The millionaire who dies without leaving an inheritance of aroused greed, envy and hatred to his "loved ones" is the decided exception. The wise millionaire puts his money where he wants it, while living, thus defeating the family fighter, the expert who would take out his insides, and the lawyers. He is the rich man who is in a position to remark, "O grave! Where is thy victory?" materially speaking.

ANALYZING PERSONALITIES

OCASIONALLY you meet a strange personality in Indianapolis and try to fathom him or her. When you succeed, you discover that the strange personality is pretty much like the rest of us after the mask is removed.

Differences in people are largely on the surface.

In nine-tenths of our ways, we're all alike. Though often it takes individual trouble or a common calamity to tear the masks aside and literally bare us down to bedrock.

Men occasionally forget that other people are also human, with the same basic emotions as themselves. This misunderstanding of our neighbors—of strangers in the crowd—causes much of the troubles of life. Especially wars.

AIRPLANE fliers equipped with motorcycle engines going mile a minute soon to speckle the air, says dispatch. And soon to speckle the landscape, say we. Give us a life on the submarine, where it's safe and quiet.

SPEAKING of really hard jobs, the Prince of Wales sure picked one for himself when he set out for Canada as Lord Renfrew and tried to kid folks into thinking he wasn't royalty at all.

FOURTEEN Senators and twenty-nine members of the House, back from their vacations in Europe and prepared to tell us all about it and have same "extended in the Congressional Record." A long, hard winter? You said it.

BANKRUPT EUROPE ON TOBOGGAN

Only Three Nations in Old Country Are Making Expenses.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS,

Times Staff Correspondent
ASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Foreign observers keep telling you Europe is slipping to destruction on greased skids. Just how true is this?

Suppose you made \$300 a month and spend \$500 a month. It's quite clear you'd be going into the hole \$200 a month, isn't it?

And suppose this had been going on for years, and you couldn't even pay the interest on your debts, let alone the principal, and your main hope of getting out from under was to collect a lot of money from the losers even harder up than you.

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By NEA Service
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