

# GREATNESS IS NOT VANISHING, SAYS AUTHOR

Meredith Nicholson Declares Dr. Butler Was Praising Mankind.

When Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, said "there is no great, outstanding man in the world today," he complimented the intelligence of mankind, Meredith Nicholson believes.

Nicholson, internationally known as a writer, expressed the opinion today that the general, high intelligence plane of the present day has made it hard for any man to become outstanding.

"We have dozens and dozens of great men," he said. "The fact that no one of them has risen head and shoulders above the others might be attributed to the greatness of them all."

But Plenty Left

But Nicholson believes we have plenty of great men today.

"Lloyd George or Georges Clemenceau, for instance," he said. "Both those names personify greatness."

Gratuity means many things. Personally I think the gratuity which does most good toward easing the burden of life is the most deserving.

"Of course we have names standing out in history—like Napoleon. But did Napoleon do the world more good than the men who discovered the cures for yellow fever and diphtheria?"

Wright Brothers

"What about men like the Wright brothers? Doesn't their genius at flying entitle them to a great ranking?"

Another one is Woodrow Wilson. His idea to end war by a league of nations, though not successful, yet, might become one of the greatest things that ever happened to humanity.

"No, it isn't that this age hasn't produced a single outstanding man. The fact is that it has produced so many outstanding men that no one has been able to rise head and shoulders above the rest."

Edison and Wilson

Commenting on the same statement, Dr. Carlitor B. McCulloch said that he believed Thomas A. Edison and Woodrow Wilson came in the "greatest" class.

"Both these men have been outstanding," he said. "The name of both undoubtedly will go down in history on an equal rating with many of those we now recognize."

"It's hard to say who will be considered the great men of this age. It takes years and years for the world to recognize the true worth of any man."

President Good Agrees

President I. J. Good of Indiana Central college said he believed that no man really has risen head and shoulders above the rest of the world.

"There are many great men," he said. "To say that any one of them stands out as the greatest is a hard task. I think we have an abundance of great men."

## AGAINST HIGHWAY RACES

Automobile Association Didn't Sponsor Fatal Incident.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—National headquarters of the American Automobile Association issued a statement today categorically denying that the national motoring body had any connection whatever with the recent fatal attempt of Samuel Klein and Morris Klein to beat by motor the fast train schedule between Chicago and Los Angeles.

"Not only did we have no connection, officially or unofficially, with this regrettable incident, but it is positively the policy of the American Automobile Association to use all its influence and that of its 900 affiliated motor clubs, to prevent the use of the public highway for speedway purposes at any time and under any circumstances," the A. A. A. declared.

## ARBITRATION CASE UP

Former Street Railway Employee to Get Hearing.

Arbitration hearing on the petition of Arthur Reuter, discharged employee of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, will be held Monday at 2:30 p. m., in the office of Commissioner Howell Ellis of the public service commission.

The petition of James Green and other employees for a raise in wages is pending. Green was granted a raise by the commission and then came back with a new petition.

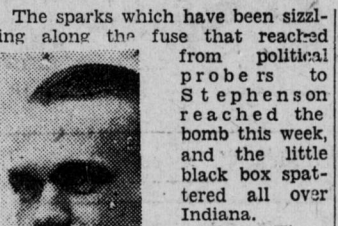
## Potatoes Atop Vines

GREENSBURG, Ind., July 16.—A potato plant with a cluster of small potatoes at the top of the vine was the freak brought in by Martin Sparks. He stated that he could pick more than a peck of potatoes in his patch from the top of the vines.

# The Passing Procession

## NEWS OF THE WEEK BOILED DOWN

BY VOLTA TORREY



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The sparks which have been sizzling along the fuse that reached from political problems to Stephenson reached the bomb this week, and the little black box splattered all over Indiana.

The Times published a copyrighted article Monday which revealed a check for \$2,500 from the former Klan dragon to Indiana's preaching governor.

A note attached to it said: "This check is the first one-fourth of ten thousand dollars given Jackson personally for primary expense."

Although given every opportunity, Governor Jackson did not lift a hand to wipe the mark from his reputation until four days later. Then, he said the \$2,500 was for a horse he sold Stephenson.

There was much laughter when the papers were read over the coffee cups that night, and more the next day. For the man who took care of the horse, said \$2,500 was "too damned much" for a \$250 horse, which, it seems, since has choked to death on a cob.

Even the sage Mr. Tracy got frivolous and remarked: "This raises the question as to who rode the horse."

The Times had been publishing additional checks from Stephenson to politicians all week, and getting credit in the press of the nation for a "scoop" of great significance. And on Friday, this newspaper answered the suave Governor's alibi by printing a letter Stephenson had written the Governor long before going to prison. It stated that control of the republican primaries for Jackson in 1924 had cost Stephenson \$73,216.

Turn to page one to continue this thriller. The play moves forward with the swiftness of a Shakespearean tragedy; there are cheers and jeers from the pit; horselaughs as the unfortunate actors squirm and most anything can happen yet before the curtain falls.

## BAD WEATHER NEWS

If news be judged by the number of people affected the weather report is the most important item in the paper. This week the weather news has been bad.

The United Press has reported more than 100 deaths from the heat in eastern States. The entire country was miserable (it was 108 in Yuma, Ariz.), but showers brought relief to the midwest before there hot spell ended in a damaging hail storm.

Earthquakes in Trans-Jordan and the Holy Land Monday killed about 500 persons, and damaged historic buildings which have been the mecca of tourists for centuries. Cracks were caused in the famous temple of Karnak. Authorities on antiquities are rushing to ascertain extent of the losses.

In Germany, floods took 200 lives. And, if you believe the long distance forecasts of Herbert Brown, which credulous folk swallow, the world is in for a good many more tough hurricanes and mercury disturbances soon.

The comet is to blame, some folks say. They are wrong, but even the sage scientists and sham shouters who point out their error, do little to control the elements.

## OUT OVER THE SEA

Ernie Smith, former air mail pilot, and his navigator, Emory Bronte, braved the elements out over the Pacific in an attempt to fly from Oakland, Cal., to Honolulu, crashing just at the safety rim on the island of Molokai late Friday.

As their plane was going down, out of gas, they sent out radio calls for help.

Meanwhile, the Leviathan, monarch of the sea, is bringing six monarchs of the air across the Atlantic. They are Commander Byrd, Lieutenant Noville, Bert Acosta, and Berni Balchen, who flew the America to France; Clarence Chamberlin, holder of the long-distance record; and Thea Rasche, German aviatrix, who plans to go back to Berlin by plane.

Charles Levine, Chamberlin's passenger on the way over, still is in Europe, dickering for an airplane ride back. New Yorkers are reported to be singing:

"Levine, Levine, the hero of his race; Levine, Levine, the greatest Jewish Ace!"

## FORD RELIABILITY TOUR

Less spectacular, and not commemorated on the phonograph records, is the Ford reliability tour, completed this week. The planes landed in Detroit after bucking a stiff wind storm in the last lap from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Eddie Stinson, piloting a Stinson-Detrolter, landed first to maintain the comfortable lead which he gained early in the race.

Stinson plans a flight around the world next.

"Among others who returned home this week," as the society writers would say, were Lieuts. Mattland and Hegenberger, who will be remembered for their flight from San Francisco to Honolulu.

Colonel Lindbergh's name was not in the headlines.

## SCHOOL FOR SNOOPERS

Dry Czar Lowman's zealous snoopers were called in to Washington this week and given copies of a nice little textbook telling how to enforce prohibition. All they have to do now is go out and do it.

The conference also was concerned with money matters, which have a habit of bobbing up when good reformers get together. By stringent enforcement of the tax penalties, the prohibitionists hope to make the bootleggers, who can better afford it, pay for the dry cleaning.

Some instructions also were given to sleuths by Federal Judge Baltzell in Indianapolis. He emphatically told them to quit "framing" cases and stick to facts. That might not make the world any drier, but it would make it more honest.

There are a few jobs open in Uncle Sam's prohibition department and 19,000 Americans, all 100 per centers, have applied. It is true, the whole crowd actually are eager to enlist for the holy cause of arid righteousness. Those jobs pay pretty well, you know.

## EUROPEAN TURMOIL

China and Russia were pushed into back seats this week when a Vienna mob rioted near the parliament buildings, set fire to the courthouse, destroyed records of the ministry of justice and clamored for revolution.

Police turned machine guns on the crowd, and the public square was strewn with dead and injured. Fascism and socialism—things which Americans occupied with fundamentalism and prohibition know little about—were the issues, if there are such things as issues when a mob is raging.

Irish Free State politics were upset by the assassination of Vice-President Kevin O'Higgins. His duties have been taken over tentatively by President Cosgrave.

France prepared to go into mourning for Clemenceau, when it was reported that he was near death, but the aged "Tiger" rose and vigorously denounced those who had said he was ill.

The week ends with the arms parley at Geneva in just about the same tie-up that it was last Saturday. The delegates got together and made nice speeches Thursday, but all are standing by their ships, and the line of disagreement is the same.

Great Britain wants little ships, and America wants big ships. Both nations have good reasons, and the difficulties in the way of a compromise are so great that many fear the conference will fail.

## DOWN MURDER ROW

The New York tabloids have been splashing this week in what is called a "butcher shop" murder. Two women were slain. Their bodies hacked to pieces, and the parts distributed over the city. Police arrested the janitor of the house where they lived, and placed him on the grill for thirty-six hours in a vain attempt to get a confession.

A professional knife thrower went crazy in the kitchen of a New Jersey hotel, and began hurling cutlery at other employees and guests. A police officer, displaying bravery such as police seldom get credit for having, walked straight into the barrage of flying blades, and killed the man with a bullet between the eyes.

In Chicago, the three Klein killers marched smiling to the scaffold Friday morning and paid the penalty for murder in an attempt to break out of the Illinois penitentiary about a year ago.

An electrocution took place the same morning in the prison where Mrs. Ruth Snyder and Jude Gray are waiting. Steps to secure postponement of their dates with death are being taken by attorneys.

## EDITORS WITH CAUSES

George Dale, Muncie editor, will be paroled as recommended by Indiana State Farm trustees. Governor Jackson announced Friday. The fine of \$500 will stand, but it is to be paid out of a fund raised by the New York World to help free him.

In Canton, Ohio, former Police Chief Lengel is on trial in connection with the murder of Don Mellett, editor of the Canton Daily News. Three men are serving life terms for the murder, and one of them, Floyd Streitenberger, an ex-detective under the former chief, Lengel is alleged to have been in a conspiracy with underworld leaders to rid Canton of their foe.

Not an editorial cause originally, but one which generally is quite supported by the press of the nation, is that of Senator Jim Reed in Pennsylvania. It received a severe setback Tuesday.

The suit to impound ballot boxes of Delaware county in the contested senatorial election of last November was thrown out of court. It was a test case for the seizure of other ballot boxes.

Nothing can be done until the next session of Congress.

## CAL QUIET, AS USUAL

After writing this much of our weekly review, it occurred to "ye scribe" that nothing had been said about Mr. Coolidge. Although our President is never quoted directly by the newspapers, he usually indicates few things, or lets something or other be reported or rumored.

This week he let Governor Jackson talk.

But the moving picture news reels just out show Mr. Coolidge being presented with a pair of cowboy pants, and he smiles. That half-hearted grin of his is seen about as seldom as a man bites a dog.

The Lowden forces are active, and the corn crop is not encouraging for the old guard. Perhaps the President smiled because he was thinking he might not be pestered much longer with such gifts.

McAdoo's friends are urging him to get out of the race and let some one run who can. Governor Smith's backers have made some futile overtures to Indiana party chiefs.

Political dog days have been upon us.

## OUR SILLY PATRIOTS

But the patriots of west are awake, even though the politicians are snoozing. They found that three German soldiers were buried in the same cemetery with American war dead.

Of course, they began to clamor for the removal of those three bodies.

Others who believe that the German dead were victims of the same inexorable fate which claimed the American lives are objecting. The soldiers over whose bodies the silly quarrel is raging do not care.

Another case of misguided patriotism is reported from Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Miss Ida Jones, for nine years general secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and Miss Pattie Ellise, industrial secretary, have been forced to give up their jobs because they are members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an international peace organization.

Their friends charge that they were victims of "militarism," business interests and yellow journalism.

## ODDS AND ENDS

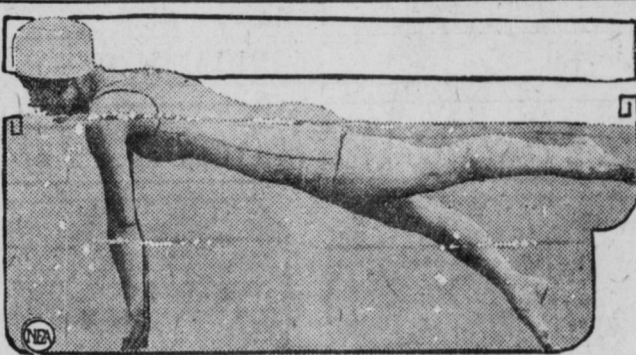
Paderewski will return to the United States for a tour in 1928.

The Birger trial got off to a slow start over in Illinois.

John Frank Malley of Springfield,

# Swimming Simplified

By JAMES A. LEE  
Athletic Director, Cleveland Athletic Club



ALL crawl stroke swimming drives are the combination of the so-called scissor kick, which can be best described as a front and back opening and closing of the legs. One leg moves up as the other moves down, each going all the time without stop or pause.

A good way to practice the leg thrash is to lie face downward in shallow water, hands on bottom, or if you are in a swimming pool hold onto the sides of the pool, with the legs straight out.

Practice thrashing them up and down. Have the knees straight, but let the legs relax somewhat. The feet should be separated about six or eight inches.

Start slowly at first, until you master a steady and even thrash. Practice until you can quicken the kick, until you are able to churn the water considerable.

Your only real care or worry is to see that the legs are set in motion before the arms and to see that they follow closely the back and forth roll of the body.

Next: Summary of crawl stroke.

# SCISSORS KICK OF LEG VERY SIMPLE TO EXECUTE

## CITY BUYER EXEMPTED

Ruckelshaus Says Collins Not Forced to Purchase State Goods.

City Attorney John K. Ruckelshaus today held the city is not compelled by law to purchase goods of the State Prison and penal institutions.

The opinion was given Purchasing Agent John J. Collins following a controversy precipitated when Henry Roberts, State sales agent, complained that Indianapolis was not buying his product. Attorney General Arthur L. Gilliom gave an opinion that cities could be compelled to buy products of the State.

## LOSES \$1,300 SAVING

Two Strange Negroes Talk City Man Out of Money.

Two strange Negroes using the old envelope trick talked James Jones, 46, Negro, custodian of the Colonial Apartments, Vermont and Delaware Sts., out of \$1,300 yesterday.

One of the men who approached Jones when he came out of the Fletcher savings and Trust Company, said he had just arrived in town, had \$1,800 and wondered what to do with it. Where he came from you can't draw your money out of banks, he said.

Later the stranger was joined by another Negro and the first man bet Jones \$50 Jones couldn't draw his \$1,300 balance from the bank. Jones went to the bank, drew his money and won the \$50 bet.

They walked to Military Park, where the stranger put his \$1,800 and Jones' \$1,300 in an envelope and told Jones to deposit his money for him. When Jones got to the bank he found the envelope contained a folded newspaper.

# PAPER BULLETS WIN CHINA WAR

Nationalists Ascribe Victories to Propaganda.

By Times Special  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—A war with "paper bullets"—15,000,000 of them—a war with pen and paste pot, pamphlet and proclamation. Such is the triumphant march of the Nationalist Army of China from Canton to the Yangtze, as described in a letter from the Nationalist News Agency in Hankow to local Young China headquarters here.

Before leaving Canton the armies vowed they would not halt until their horses drank in the swift yellow tide of Yangtze. They carried only light hand rifles and they faced an enemy with heavy guns, airplanes, bombs, trench mortars. The answer is morale. And one reason for the unusual morale was the vanguard of propagandists, armed with their paper bullets.

The army itself was under strict discipline. Each soldier made a "will" as he left home. Each pledged that he would never speak of his fallen comrade as dead but would say "Tai hwa" (he has won his flower).

This plus the morale of the civilians in the country through which they marched is said to have won the victories.

## Gasoline Thief Bury

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., July 16.—Alexandria motorists are suffering losses due to a new kind of thief. Gasoline is being stolen from private garages. Police are endeavoring to stop the thefts, but so far have not a single clew.

# "THE PENNY PRINCESS"

Starts July 21 in The Times



An illustration from "The Penny Princess"

NO man ever had stirred the prim little heart of Vee-Vee Cameron. She had no time for love. Her only romance was her job; her only ambition, business success. She dressed in crisp, business-like clothes, wore her hair long, dimmed her sea-green eyes behind business-like spectacles. A hum-drum little girl, a hum-drum existence.

Then something happened that completely changed the course of her well-organized life. She

discarded her spectacles, her long braids, her man-like attire. A beauty specialist made her over. She spent all her savings on a fine wardrobe and a vacation near a man she never had met, but with whom she had fallen hopelessly, desperately in love.

What happened? You'll find out by reading Anne Austin's fascinating serial, "The Penny Princess," starting next Thursday, July 21, in The Times.

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