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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."—Dante.

## A Latin-American Foretells War

War between the United States and Latin-America, perhaps even a war between the United States and a world coalition headed by Great Britain, is envisaged by Gen. Rafael De Nogales of Venezuela, unless we change our policy of "imperialism" into one of friendship and good will.

This not altogether pleasant outlook is the underlying thought running through a brand new book, just off the press, called "The Looting of Nicaragua." This volume, the work of General De Nogales, whose life seems to have been spent alternatively in world-moving and fighting, ought to be read by every American. Even if it were only 50 per cent accurate, and it is surely that, it would still contain much the public should know.

The explanation may lie in the fact that the bombs were exploded on the doorsteps of the city controller and the former city smoke inspector. Big Bill says he is convinced the acts were directed against the city administration. If that is true, who knows but what a bomb might be planted under the home of Big Bill himself? This latest episode sort of brings it home to Bill.

"If Chicago needs proof that the gamblers and thieves are on the run, I guess these outrages are convincing," proclaims the mayor.

Fine words, but certain cynical observers of Chicago politics have another explanation. It is simply that the gamblers who were not being permitted to operate were seeking revenge. The story goes that the old system of protecting syndicates and cliques has been abandoned. Instead, individuals are now being protected, paying 50 per cent of the net revenues from handbooks, for which they are allowed to operate other games without molestation.

Whether this explanation is correct, we of course have no way of knowing, but it sounds very much like Chicago.

## Salve for the Hurt

A Nevada woman recently sued another woman for alienation of her husband's affections. She demanded \$50,000 damages.

Thousands of such suits have been filed in this country, and many a woman has collected handsome damages thereby. But this suit had a different ending.

Judge George A. Bartlett of Reno dismissed it, ruling that human affection is not property and can not be treated as such. One can give or withhold one's love as one's heart dictates, he said, and no court should be called on to intervene.

His decision seems to us a bit refreshing. The loss of a dear one's love is a heartbreaking affliction; but it isn't the sort of hurt that calls for money as salve.

## Issuing Short Wave Permits

The Radio Commission should proceed with care in allotting short wave lengths to the hundreds of applicants for permits who were represented at its recent two days' hearing.

As a member of the commission said, the short wave bands eventually will become more important than those now used for broadcasting. There are many channels in the short wave band.

But with the radio only in its infancy, it is probable that the short wave bands will be as crowded in a few years as the higher bands now are.

Commissioner Caldwell told a House Committee a short wave used by the police force of a small town may project signals as far as New Zealand, so it is probable that each wave length must be devoted exclusively to a single user.

The commission was right in seeking from every applicant an outline of his purposes.

A drunken man operating a machine gun was arrested in Chicago the other day. Even the police get disgusted sometimes with the way machine gun operators conduct themselves.

Seventy-five per cent of the prohibition agents fell down on civil service exams, according to a dispatch. Evidently Uncle Sam wants them to be able to both raid and write.

During the World War veterinarians found a way to make mules quit braying. Would it be too much to ask one of the political parties to nominate some veterinarian for Vice President.

Senator Glass of Virginia told the Senate he never had taken a drink in his life. Condolences have been offered.

"Bandit Holds Up Drug Store as Hundreds Pass," says a headline, probably from Chicago. Well, you can't blame them for that.

A Southern editor calls Senator Heflin a "roaring jackass." We disagree. Senator Heflin is a braying lion.

Bert Acosta was arrested for flying his plane too close to the ground. We thought people were jailed just for flying high.

Headlines you never see: Oil Men Express Appreciation to Walsh With Car Block Long.

## Editorial Independence

(From The Missourian, of the University of Missouri.)

Twenty-six editors of newspapers in widely separated parts of the country met recently and decided to support Herbert Hoover as a candidate for the presidency of the United States. They agreed upon Governor Al Smith in case Hoover did not receive the Republican nomination and Smith was named by the Democratic party.

These papers were the Scripps-Howard newspapers—an outstanding example of chain newspapers in the United States—and their action is a refutation of the theory that there is something sinister and foreign to the freedom of the press in "syndicated journalism." Undoubtedly, such a system has its faults, perhaps the individually owned newspaper is more of a mirror of the affairs of its locality; yet no one can say that this particular newspaper chain is subservient to the dictates of one party or political clique.

The fact that the editors hit upon men of opposite parties for first and second choices, shows their independence. The fact that they will all support the candidate does not deprecate this independence—each editor presumably has a vote in selecting the men to be backed. They have merely joined forces to help carry out the will of their majority.

A small newspaper, privately owned, may be free from political domination than a member of a chain; yet compare the action of the Scripps-Howard editors with that of many "independent" newspaper men, blindly endorsing the candidates of one party year after year, be they geniuses or rascals.

The old rule still holds good; don't buy stocks unless you know exactly what you are doing.

## BRIDGE ME ANOTHER

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BY W. W. WENTWORTH

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

1. First hand bids 3 hearts. Second hand passes. What should third hand do holding: Spades—X; hearts—X X X; diamonds—A K Q J X X; clubs—J X?

2. Declarer bids one no-trump. All pass. Dummy holds: A Q X X. Declares holds 10 X X. What should declarer play, when opponent leads small card through dummy?

3. What do you bid initially holding: (a) spades—A K X; hearts—A K X; diamonds—X X X; clubs—X X X; (b) spades—X X X; hearts—X X X; diamonds—A K J; clubs—A Q J; (c) spades—A J 10; hearts—A J 10; diamonds—X X X; clubs—X X X?

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