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

Chicago's Lawlessness

Who buys the diamonds for "Diamond Joe"? Who pays for the bombs that blow up Senator Deneen's residence? Why has machine gun assassination become a regular order of the day in Chicago? Why have the police abdicated in the matter of "these feuds between clans?"

Bootleg and underworld profits. That is the answer. The gang which is in power handles the bootleg trade. That pays for the diamonds, and takes the kiddies on the well-known picnics in the summer.

The coming of prohibition was a shower of gold to gangland. A new source of revenue which made previous graft seem like small change was opened by the Volstead law.

Millions of dollars which previously had gone in taxes to the Government were diverted to the handlers of the illicit liquor trade. And plus the taxes there were the profits of the increased price of potable alcohol, due to the risk of handling.

So there came into being the outlaw like "Diamond Joe" Espito, Dion O'Banion, and the rest, with their gunmen followers. And there came a league between these bootleg outlaws and the political bosses, and with the police.

The loot travels in half a dozen ways. It corrupts executives, judges, and public officials. The law breaks down in its presence. Truth-telling editors are assassinated for telling about it. Politicians make use of gangs and gunmen and bombers to carry their primaries and get into office.

The Dominion of Canada saw the beginnings of just such happenings as are seen in Chicago, and decided that there was a better way to handle the liquor traffic.

The Canadian plan has diverted the corrupting stream from criminal channels into the public treasury. Canada is not ruled by its criminal gunmen.

The "Prosperity Balance"

Products made by American workers are being sold to foreigners in ever-increasing quantities.

Last year, says Dr. Julius Klein, head of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, more than \$2,000,000,000 worth of finished goods, "made in the U. S. A." were sold to customers in foreign lands. This figure, he says, is two and a half times as large as that of 1914 and fully six times our exports in 1900.

That's important, but here is something equally so. Whereas twenty-five years ago the bulk of our exports was composed of raw materials, today manufactured goods make up nearly half the total, with every indication of passing that figure in the near future.

In 1927 manufactured goods accounted for 42 per cent of all our exports, as compared with 38 per cent in 1925; 34 per cent in 1922, 29 per cent in 1910, and 24 per cent in 1900.

This means that more and more workers are dependent upon what they make being sold abroad. Millions of Americans own their homes, automobiles, good clothes, excellent food, furniture, radio sets and the other things they need and enjoy, largely to their concerns' hook-up with foreign markets.

"It is true," says Dr. Klein, "that our foreign sales constitute but a small fraction of our total output, but this fraction may constitute the difference between profit and loss in many of our industries . . . these foreign sales, therefore, very fittingly may be termed the 'prosperity balance' of our commercial structure."

From this you rightly may conclude that the doctor uses his head for something besides a hat-rack. Wherein he is different from certain politicians who, knowing absolutely nothing about economics, sneer at those who do.

In this age prosperity has come to be pretty much of a fifty-fifty proposition, dependent partly upon conditions at home and partly upon conditions abroad. This tendency increases as the world gets smaller, the people's needs multiply and communication and transportation speed up.

Nevertheless, we read every day of candidates for high office—even for the presidency of the United States—who show by their utterances that they haven't the faintest conception of what it is all about.

Unable to understand that the world today already has become a comparatively small community, in which we must do all the business we can if we are to have good times, these fellows seek to cover their ignorance by scoffing in an extra loud manner at those with a broader view.

But the people are not likely to be fooled. They do not need to be told that at the head of a colossal business, such as our country is, it is imperative that we have some one with a thorough understanding of the whole problem, both domestic and foreign.

Edison's Advice to Boys

In an interview in McClure's Magazine, Thomas A. Edison asserts that a boy of twenty who doesn't know what he wants to be or do has been wasting his time.

"There is no excuse whatever for the failure of any young man of twenty to discover something he would like to do," says Mr. Edison. "The world is so filled with interesting things to do that the longest human life could not exhaust more than a small fraction of them."

Perhaps some of our young people have too many distractions. If a young man's time has been filled with dancing, auto rides and sports, it is only natural that he can't decide what job he wants. If he has had the right sort of training, however, he should have no trouble.

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By further experiment Roentgen learned that the rays from the tube would pass through wood or stone or almost any object which was opaque to ordinary light.

More experiments showed that photographs taken by these mysterious rays, which came to be called X-rays or Roentgen rays, would show the bones in a person's hand, the coins inside a pocketbook and so on.

Roentgen found that the X-rays originated when the electric discharge in the tube struck the walls of the tube. He made an improved tube in which the electric discharge struck a target of platinum.

Many improvements have since been made in X-ray tubes, those in use today being known as Coolidge tubes, after their inventor, Dr. W. D. Coolidge of the General Electric Laboratories at Schenectady, N. Y.

While the X-ray has been an immense boon to mankind, serving many important functions in medical practice and other fields, perhaps its greatest good was a guide post.

For the X-ray pointed the way to radium and modern theories of the structure of matter.

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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 A.)

1. When do you take out partner's no-trump with minor suit strength?

2. Should you be discouraged if you make errors?

3. When should you hold A X X X X? how many outside quick tricks are necessary to bid it initially?

THE ANSWERS

1. When holding sufficient strength to bid three in minor suit and other cards worthless.

2. Not if you profit by them.

3. One.

Mr. Fixit

Arranges Investigation of
Stray Dog Nuisance.

Let Mr. Fixit, The Times' representative, call on you, or write him, to furnish to city officials. Write Mr. Fixit at The Times. Names and addresses which must be given will not be published.

Menace of stray dogs was pointed out in a letter today to Mr. Fixit.

Dear Mr. Fixit: Since moving to this address we have been troubled with many stray dogs. There are two or three in our neighborhood day and night. I have called the dog pound twice with no avail. Will appreciate it if you can get something done about it.

2000 LEXINGTON AVE.

The city dog pound will send a representative to see you.

Early action on these requests for street repairs was promised by Street Commissioner Charles Grossart:

Sixty-Fourth St. and Park Ave.: alley 625 N. Tacoma Ave.; alley 336 S. Emerson Ave.; Crittenden, between Fifty-Ninth St. and Sixty-Second; alley east of LaSalle St. between Robinson and E. Michigan Sts.; alley between S. Emerson and Spencer Aves. from Julian to the railroad; S. Pennsylvania St. from LaGrande to Raymond.

Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to Mr. Fixit, The Times' Representative, The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. Letters containing stamps for reply. Medical and legal advice cannot be given, nor can legal questions will hold a personal reply. Lengthy requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential and we cordially invite to make use of this free service as often as you please.

EDITOR.

What is meant by the expression, "ounding the depth of the ocean"?

The latest method of measuring the depth of the sea is by echo. An electric oscillator at the surface of the water transmits sound to the bottom of the ocean. An apparatus on board ship picks up the sound of the echo as it returns from the bottom of the sea and a third instrument records the time interval required for the sound to go to the bottom and the echo to return. Half of the interval multiplied by the velocity of sound per second gives the depth of the ocean at that point. "ounding" lines are also used in measuring ocean depths.

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