

## DREISER RECORDS LIFE AS IT EXISTS

"Twelve Men" is a Mighty Honest Picture of a Dozen Men Who Figured in the Life of the Author and Is Now a Modern Classic.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

SOMETIMES ago a reader of this department suggested that it might be more than worth while to review books that are not exactly new books.

Recently the Modern Library, Inc., of New York, through the Macmillan Company, has been sending me the new additions to the Modern Library.

In that way I am able to review books, although not new, but are important enough to be considered as all or any time reading.

The latest member of this library that I have received is "Twelve Men" by Theodore Dreiser. I have noticed that people entering my library in my home generally pick up this book and remark, "Oh, is that his latest? I must read it."

And so I have discovered two things at once—that the suggestion of the reader of this department has real merit, and that the Modern Library series is bringing before the reader many works of merit that probably would be neglected in today's reading if this library did not publish them in attractive type and jackets.

Dreiser introduces you to twelve men, who have played a part in his life. At times, one may think that he is cruel, because he gives you each man, big and little, as they acted in life.

Probably his most accurate drawing is of "Peter," a newspaper artist, who worked on the same sheet with Dreiser in St. Louis. Here we meet a queer character with many strange twists, but with all of his strangeness, Peter left an impression upon the artistic and mental makeup of Dreiser that time will never be able to erase.

Dreiser in presenting the character of Peter does it in the style which first made Dreiser famous. It is cruel realism. A realism that only can reflect life as it is.

### Warming Up



Richard Dix

The greatest thrill outside of seeing the Indians win the pennant, is the way Jim Perry, manager of the Indianapolis American Association, described "Warming Up," the sight sound picture in which Richard Dix will be featured at the Indiana, starting Saturday.

Perry accompanied by Bruno Betzel and a number of his leading players, witnessed a special preview of "Warming Up," at the Indiana a night before the team left on its road trip.

After a pursuit in which the police automobile with Leroy Bartlett, police sergeant, and a squad of night riders won, Orville La Follette, 21, of 1226 S. West St., was arrested on the charge of vagrancy. The car did not carry a certificate of title.

Congress amended the Federal high-

## URGES STEPS FOR BEAUTY ON U. S. HIGHWAYS

Federal Official Thinks Hint  
Can Be Taken From  
European Nations.

BY KENNETH WATSON

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—"America can take a real lesson from England, Switzerland and other European countries and improve motoring by beautifying its roadsides," Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the United States bureau of public roads, said today on returning from a six weeks' inspection of European highway conditions.

McDonald was a delegate from the United States to attend the annual meeting of the executive committee of the permanent International Association of Road Congresses held at Chantilly on June 30.

American Roads Superior

"Proper planting of trees and shrubbery along our roads, in my mind, would be a real step in road improvement. I believe that is the biggest lesson we may get from England and other European countries," MacDonald said.

As far as the road construction itself is concerned, MacDonald says, American roads are far superior to any in Europe.

"Most of the charm of motoring abroad is not in the roads themselves, as they are for the most part narrow and winding," MacDonald said.

States Take Action

Several States, including Massachusetts, Connecticut and California, have commenced beautifying their roads.

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### Best Sellers

The following is a list of the six best sellers in fiction and non-fiction in Brentano's New York stores:

#### FICTION

"Swan Song," John Galsworthy (Scribner); "Brook Evans," Susan Glaspell (Stokes); "Snow Girl," J. P. McEvoy (Simon & Schuster); "Age of Reason," Philip Gibbs (Doubleday Doran); "Beau Ideal," P. C. Wren (Stokes); "Jerome, or the Latitude of Love," Maurice Beddoe (Viking).

#### NON-FICTION

"The Intelligent Woman's Guide to Socialism and Capitalism," G. B. Shaw (Brentano's); "Poems in Praise of Practically Nothing," B. R. of the House of Rothschild, Count E. C. Cord (Cosmopolitan); "Son of Man," E. Ludwig (Liveright); "Doubleday Doran," Clare Sheridan (Harper).

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## LABOR WINS IN TWO PRIMARIES

Defeats Opponents in Texas  
and Tennessee.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—Organized labor is much elated over the outcome of the Texas and Tennessee primaries, according to "Labor," organ of the railroad brotherhoods.

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workers were content to fight their enemies with resolutions. They have discovered, however, that resolutions must be backed by ballots. So in various sections of the country they are giving an encouraging exhibition of their ability to organize for political action."

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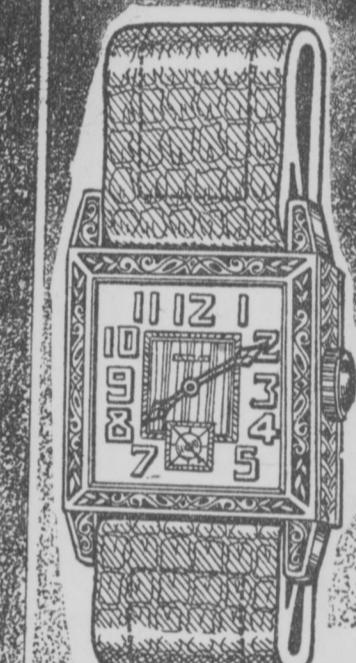
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