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SHELVE EVERY MAN OVER 50, AUTHOR URGES

World's Blunders Laid to
Doddering Minds of
Senile Leaders.

'WILD ANIMAL IN PANTS'

Prof. Pitkin Flays 'Tiger of
France' for Vast World
War Loss.

BY H. ALLEN SMITH
United Press Staff Correspondent
NEW YORK, March 31.—Eco-
nomic stability never will return
until every person more than 50
years old is retired, Walter B. Pit-
kin, psychologist, author and pro-
fessor at Columbia University, said
today.

Pitkin, who is 54 himself, added
that "any person past 50 ought to
get into a rocket and take off for
the moon. He would be better off."

Doddering minds and stupidity
are blamed by Pitkin for most of
the world's great blunders, in his
new book, which he calls "A Short
Introduction to the History of Hu-
man Stupidity," to be published
April Fools day.

"Young people should do the
ruling," he said. "Young people should
be in charge of Wall Street and
Washington. The average bankers,
50 or past, is incapable of the
action that is needed to pull the world
out of the present hole."

Mind Is in the Past

The man over 50 thinks in terms
of the past, functions in the man-
ner of the past, and goes blunder-
ing along toward the grave. It is
a terrible error and must be
changed if civilization is to endure."

The world's ten classic blunders
due to human stupidity were named
by Pitkin as:

1. The creation of the world.
2. The Irish race's persistence in
raising potatoes.

3. Mussolini's dictum to increase
the population of Italy.

4. Prohibition.
5. The Civil war.
6. The World war.
7. All other wars.

7. Lord Kitchener's conduct dur-
ing the World war.

9. Napoleon's Moscow campaign.
10. The deportment of all farm-
ers.

"The tragedy of the World war,
for example, can be attributed di-
rectly to doddering minds," Pitkin
said.

Wild Animal in Pants

"When the war broke out,
Clemenceau was 73, Hindenburg
was 66, Moltke was 65, Kitchener
was 64, Foch was 63, Joffre was 62,
Asquith was 62 and Wilson was 58.
Some of these gentlemen were
ready for the padded cell in 1914.
Clemenceau was a wild animal
in pants. His mind stopped growing
half a generation before the
war. Europe has paid a pretty
price for this man—millions of
corpses and billions of money."

History, according to Professor
Pitkin, is filled with instances
of human stupidity, but one doesn't
need to go to the history books to
find it.

"Look around you," he said, "and
see what you see. Look at the cot-
ton farmers. Look at Mussolini.
Look at the politicians. Look at the
New Yorkers, who, year in and
year out, vote for Tammany crimi-
nals."

"Look at Henry Ford—whose ideas
certainly are a menace to the world.
He means well. But he is nothing
more than a 100 per cent farmer-
mechanic. When he begins to
think of social problems, he makes
a terrible botch of it. He is a man
born to tinker with machines, not
with people."

Sons Not Stupid

Every genius, Pitkin said, is usu-
ally stupid in matters outside of the
particular accomplishment which
makes him a genius.

Some great men, he admitted,
were almost wholly free of stu-
pidity. These included Goethe,
Leonardo Da Vinci, Thomas
Aquinas, Disraeli, Francis Bacon,
Thomas Jefferson, George Wash-
ington and Benjamin Franklin.

"Julius Caesar," Pitkin said, "was
a genius and, at the same time, one
of the most stupid men of history.
He represented all the genius of
Rome and all its stupidity."

"The practice nowadays of com-
paring America to Rome is justified
in this respect. Americans don't
give a damn about the future. The
resemblance is very striking."

BOY TRAPPED IN HOLE

Rescue Crews Work Frantically to
Extricate Child.

By United Press
PICHET, Okla., March 31.—Res-
cue crew worked frantically today
to free Gerald Collins, 2, from a
mine drill hole, little more than a
foot across, into which he had
dropped.

The child's body fell twenty-five
feet into the hole, and then became
wedged between jagged rocks, pre-
venting a further fall to an un-
known depth.

INVENT DEADLY SHELL

British Firm Claims Penetration of
Armor Plate at Ten Miles.

By United Press
SHEFFIELD, England, March 31.—
Development of a new type of
high explosive shell capable of
piercing the best quality armor
plate one foot thick from a distance
of ten miles, was announced today
at the annual meeting of Messrs.
Hadfield, Ltd., munitions manufac-
turers.

House Votes to Double Levy on Stocks Deals; Final Tax Bill Vote Near

Only Minor Details Still to
Be Acted on Before
Passage Friday.

BY PAUL R. MALLON
United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The
house today approved a tax sched-
ule which would more than double
the levy on stock market transac-
tions.

A tax of one-quarter of 1 per cent
on the selling price was written
into the billion dollar tax bill over
the objection of the New delega-
tion.

The provision specifies the tax
to be not less than 4 cents a share.
The tax under present law is 2
cents.

The vote was 207 to 39.

On the basis of a \$17,000,000
business expected on the exchange
this year, the tax would raise be-
tween \$5,000,000 and \$7,000,000 for
the budget-balancing program.

Only Minor Details Left

Thenew tax was part of the Dem-
ocratic-Republican coalition plan.
It was the last big remaining fea-
ture of the substitute schedule for
the sales tax.

Other main items of the program
already have been adopted. Only
minor details remain to be acted upon.

When these are cleaned up, the
house will pass the tax bill Friday.

The action was preceded by a
short but spirited debate to which
the house paid little attention.

New York representatives pro-
tested against the tax, claiming it
was an unfair restriction to busi-
ness. A few westerners claimed it
should be higher.

A motion by Representative Tom
Blanton (Dem., Tex.) to increase the
tax to 1 per cent was defeated.

The amendment is drafted on the
short on short sales. While this phase of trading is not
mentioned specifically, the treasury
has advised the ways and means com-
mittee that inasmuch as two-
sale transactions are involved in
short selling the tax will apply on
both.

Beer Fight to Wait

Acting Chairman Crisp of the
house ways and means committee
canvassed the situation in the house
today, and announced that efforts
would be made to strike out at least
five features of the bill, surtaxes,
coal and oil, automobiles, stocks and
estate. That means another vote
will be taken on these subjects.

At the same time Representative
Cullen (Dem.) head of the Tam-
many delegation, still was far from
agreement on contracts, to replace
those which expire at midnight. Of-
ficials said there was no more than
a remote possibility that a last-
minute agreement would be reached.

That the groups would not agree
on a new wage scale before ex-
piration of the present contract ap-
peared more certain as shaft mine
operators announced they would not
seek another joint conference with
miners.

**Scale Committees Are Far
From Agreement on
Wage Slash.**

By United Press

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., May 31.—
Approximately 7,000 union miners
were expected to take their tools
home with them at the close of
work today.

Scale committees representing the
Indiana Coal Operators Association
and District 11, United Mine Work-
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E CLIFTON, Bruce Claiborne, 27,
mourned for two days as the victim
of a brutal murder, was sought
today as the slayer of Albert John-
son, 35.

After long dispute over the body
of a man found slain near Mt.
Vernon Tuesday morning, authori-
ties decided it was that of John-
son and surrendered it to his
family. Funeral services will be
held Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Clai-
bourne, however, still protested
that the slain man is their son.
To support their contention, they
offered the statement of Dr. Will-
iam Jenkinson, Mt. Vernon, who
announced he had examined the
body and found there was no cata-
ract over an eye.

Jenkinson, according to his family,
had been suffering with a cataract
for four years and almost had lost
sight of one eye.

**Police planned today again to
question Henry Stewart, 26,**

who said he saw Claiborne Tues-
day morning, three hours after
the murder. They also planned to
investigate his statement that
several weeks ago Claiborne
offered to kill a man for \$250. No
mention was made of whom the
victim might be, Stewart said.

Stewart was engaged in rescue work
when he was engaged in rescue work.

Barbara told how she had given
the rector a black eye on one of
his visits to her, and how, another
time, he had saved her from a
"strong arm" lover, who wanted to
smash her face.

Tells of Suicide Threat

During one passage in which she
said Dr. Davidson told her she
looked like Greta Garbo, she insis-
ted to the rector's counsel, R. F.
Levy, that she had no desire to be
a movie star because she could not
face a camera.

The girl generally upheld the
claims of the bishop's counsel that
the rector spent most of his time
in London "systematically mis-
behaving himself with young
women. The prosecution charged
that their souls or the indulgence of the
rector. Dr. Davidson's defense was
that he was engaged in rescue work.

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