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## "HUMILIATION DAY."

The Japanese observed July 1 as a day of national "humiliation." The purpose was to record on that day, in fashion to strike the imagination of the world, the shame that Japan feels because of the American immigration act excluding its people from the United States. Meetings "in silent protest" were held throughout the Japanese Empire. One organization, the Pacific Civilization Institute, prepared for Humiliation Day by issuing this circular:

"Our silence is far from indicating resignation. We are patiently waiting for the Americans to awaken to a sense of humanity and justice."

Much American comment upon these manifestations by Japan is marked by a note of impatience and irritation. The Cincinnati Enquirer says the Japanese day of protest was "a spurious gesture of political demagoguery, designed to appeal to her own rabble as a possible rally inflection should an opportune time be found to consider seriously the business of a real war with America."

It is suggested by the Enquirer that Japan would do well to heed the fact that the British Empire as well as the United States upholds its right absolutely to limit or even exclude Japanese immigrants, and it refers pointedly to the fact that Japan itself exercised the right to keep out foreigners. "America does not want the Japanese as citizens," the Enquirer proceeds. "The Government has the right to provide against such invasions. Such measure has been taken. It will stand. To the limit of its resources the federal Government will always assert its right to control this principle of immigration. The policy and attitude of the British Empire in its colonial dependencies is the policy and attitude of the United States. The dependencies of Britain are firm in their determination to keep their sovereignties as uncompromisingly as the United States. This also is the firm determination of the United States. The privilege to enter the United States may be extended to those the Government chooses to recognize as potential citizens, or it may be restricted or taken away altogether, as in the case of Asiatic Japan stands in the same relation. While denouncing the Federal exclusion act, she consistently enforces her own."

There is no doubt that the Americans are committed absolutely to Japanese exclusion. Humiliation Day is of interest chiefly because it indicates that Japan, while officially patient and polite, has not really accepted the American action as final yet even war would not suffice to reopen the closed door.

## THE "OTHER FELLOWS" LIGHTS.

The driver of an automobile which killed a woman near Owen Sound a few days ago has been held blameless by a coroner's jury in that place on the ground that the glaring headlights of another car blinded him for a moment and made the accident unavoidable. The Crown attorney, in view of the verdict of the jury, withdrew a charge of criminal negligence which had been made against the motorist by the police. "All this is equivalent to finding the driver whose car carried the glaring headlights responsible for the fatality, but there is nothing in the report to indicate that he is being prosecuted."

This case has caused the Ontario newspapers to discourse at length once more upon the danger of undimmed headlights of high power. The Toronto Mail and Empire, in commenting upon the matter, says: "Cautious drivers, who use bright lights, will dim them when approaching another automobile, but their name is not legion. Possibly they grow weary in well doing when the traffic is dense and their steering and brakes and gears demand their close attention. Possibly, too, they grow tired of doing a courteous act that is seldom reciprocated. In the circumstances, it is a good thing that the authorities have declared against glaring headlights and called for the use of types of lamp lenses that will throw the beams of light down upon the road instead of into the eyes of people in other automobiles."

"England's job in Europe seems to be to guarantee all the Powers against one another," says the Boston Transcript. "By the way, who undertakes the job of guaranteeing the rest of them against England?"

## THE HEAD HUNTERS.

As was to be expected, there is considerable adverse comment as a result of the rewards offered by the Chicago Bankers' Association of \$2,500 for the killing of a bank robber caught in the act, or \$1,000 for one taken alive. It seems that the law of Illinois makes it necessary to confine the offer of such rewards to bank employees or peace officers, but the fear is expressed in several quarters that these premiums on killing will produce unlooked for effects. The Boston Transcript objects to such a plan as confirming the belief that the state machinery of protection has broken down, and says that, however bad conditions are, the state must itself correct them and not encourage more gun-play even on the part of law-abiding citizens. "It would be sanctioning," the Transcript argues, "to reward people for becoming sick of being shot and robbed and treated as enemies in a land of organized violence," yet it says the offering of rewards for dead bank robbers, or even those taken alive, "is all right for dime novel territory, but does not square with the status of a city like Chicago in 1925. Either do away with the law or do away with the Vigilantes. Both cannot exist together."

At the present time not only Illinois but several other middle western states have the Vigilantes in addition to the law, but the Transcript says no community can be run on the basis of a Highland clan in the fifteenth century. "If the innocent take to head collecting," it says, "the law breakers will do the same, and when the debris has been cleared away and the undertakers have finished their work, the result will be more of statistics than of constructive respect for law." It should be true, as the Transcript says, that "criminal justice can be administered as it ought, and can be made the protection of the law abiding majority," but it admits that "without any doubt it will be a hard job to bring about a change" of that nature.

Unfortunately the lawbreakers have not waited for the innocent to take up the business of head collection. The criminals have been doing all the killing, and the extraordinary measures which the offering of rewards has brought into being, and the employment of machine guns and armored cars, are defended in the more violent American zone as the product of necessity. In discussing conditions in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri, the Philadelphia Public Ledger says "It is a melancholy confession that the citizen must do what the law, the courts, and the legislature should do for him." How much slaughter will be necessary before respect for law and order is established? There can be no great incentive to make a court room a place in which justice is to be done. It is a public place merely in order that there shall be no secret hearings; for secrecy

## THE SCOPES TRIAL.

The so-called evolution trial, which has aroused so much interest that 150 newspaper men from all over the country have gone to the Tennessee village where it is being held, is one of the most extraordinary for many years. The fact that prominent figures like Bryan and Darrow are among the lawyers who have been engaged or who have volunteered has stimulated public interest, but even without them the affair was bound to command widespread attention.

It has been described by some observers as a mere freak incident, and by others as a deliberate adventure in publicity, but neither of these descriptions properly covers it. The case in Dayton never would have commanded any such interest but for the widespread American feeling that the issue involved, the attempt to punish Scopes for teaching the theory of evolution, strikes at the American constitution, which is supposed to guarantee religious liberty. Thus one American writer, in attempting to account for public interest in the trial, says there is a real fear that "the spirit of intolerance upon which the law and the prosecution are founded will extend beyond the borders of Tennessee—that the precedent will be made effective elsewhere, and that by its means we shall see a nation pushed into a form of public intolerance which will menace seriously the immunity from such a scourge which the Constitution was supposed to have provided."

An outsider may be disposed to think that the American nation's interest in Dayton centres in the fact that the case is a curiosity rather than in the fear that religious liberty is really in danger, but other elements enter into the matter. The Tennessee statute under which the young teacher is being prosecuted does forbid the teaching in the public schools of that state "of any theory that denies the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible and suggests instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals." The federal Constitution does not forbid Tennessee or any state to make

laws of that character. It says merely that "Congress shall make no law respecting any establishment of religion."

Should Scopes be convicted the constitutionality of the Tennessee statute will be tested, and there might even be an effort to extend federal authority over the states in such matters. As it stands to-day, the states are free to legislate according to their own views as to the basis of moral education, and, whatever may become of the Scopes case, the advocates of states' rights will not be slow to resent any attempt to have their powers limited by a further extension of federal authority.

## Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

## Dead or Alive

(Chicago Journal of Commerce.) Chicago, bankers are genuinely alarmed at the spread of crime and particularly of bank banditry. To help put an end to it they have devised a remedy which they characterize as drastic. The humanitarian might call it gruesome and perhaps appalling. The Chicago and Cook County Bankers' Association announces that beginning at once it will pay \$2,500 for a dead bank robber, although but \$1,000 will be awarded for a captured live one if he persists in living regardless of how well he may be managed as a result of the new "shoot to kill" policy. This most unusual procedure in attempting to curb the crimes of killers has been debated by the bankers some time. Always there was something deterrent or repellent about the killing of a man in the course of the robbery and capture who was sentenced to serve 10 years to life in the penitentiary. This means that he will be eligible for parole in nine months. That might not disturb the bankers so much were it not for the fact that the man would be free to go on and rob again. Illinois is making satisfactory progress at installing armed civilian guards in all the rural towns of the state, hoping to accomplish what Iowa has already done by way of checking bank robberies and other highway crimes.

Broadcasting American Trials (Chicago Journal of Commerce.) The truth is that people would not listen to the Scopes trial for educational purposes; they would listen in solely for amusement. And it was never contemplated that a courtroom should be a place for the satisfaction of idle curiosity, or even of intelligent interest. A courtroom is a public place in which justice is to be done. It is a public place merely in order that there shall be no secret hearings; for secrecy

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Nature's Prescription (Westminster Gazette.) Recent years have shown how powerful are the simplest things in life. Sunlight, when its rays are not filtered by smoke or glass; air, when it is not

fouled by fumes and made stagnant by the shelter of cities; common foods, when their best constituents are not removed by boiling or counteracted by preservatives, appear to be the main demands of perfect health. Medical and social work must aim at assuring an adequate supply of these simple needs to everyone.

A Good Run (Hamilton Herald.) Eight county Liberals have chosen a locomotive engineer to be their candidate for parliament. He should be able to make a good run.

ROTHERSAY FOR UNION. The balloting on the Church Union question in the Rothersey Presbyterian church yesterday resulted in a victory for the Unionists, the vote being 24 in favor of union and 3 against.

## SOME CATCH FOR A BOY



This little boy, Joseph White, 10, of Clearwater Beach, Fla., is in a class by himself as a fisherman. He is shown with four tarpons, total weight 389 pounds, which represent the result of an afternoon's fishing.

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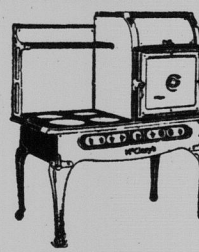
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## BUILDING WHARF

T. P. Charleson, Ottawa Contractor, in City on Way to Parrsboro, N. S.

Thomas P. Charleson, contractor, of Ottawa, was in the city yesterday on his way to Parrsboro, where he has been awarded a contract for a large wharf by the Federal Government. He is accompanied by his son, E. H. Charleson.

Before coming to Saint John they spent a couple of days on Grand Manan Island and sailed from there yesterday on the steamer Grand Manan. Mr. Charleson said that he had thoroughly enjoyed the trip here and his stay on the island. He was a frequent visitor to this part of the Dominion. They are on their way to superintend the erection of a new wharf at Parrsboro. Mr. Charleson said that they were making some harbor improvements there and the wharf is to be part of the facilities to be added.

## BERRIES TO BOSTON

Two carloads of strawberries, shipped from Amherst and Sackville, arrived in the city Saturday evening attached to the Halifax train and were sent on to Boston. Another carload arrived last evening and was attached to the outgoing Boston train. Maritime farmers are taking advantage of the good markets at the "Hub" and it is reported that part of the shipments will be canned for use this coming winter.

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Premier Veniot will speak.

**P. D. McAVITY, Vice-Chairman**

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