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that the Chairman of the Commission

#### THE AVERAGE JURY.

There has been a great deal of tall in the Maritime Provinces and elsewhere in Canada, during the last fev years, about the alleged failure of trial y jury. This has arisen from the fact hat here and there juries in serious standing an exceedingly strong publi belief that the prisoner was guilty Very often, of course, those formin such an opinion from the outside could not have followed the evidence as had not the jury's responsibility or the jury's limitations. In capital cases the juryman, whatever he may believe, is New York Times says of the new necessarily governed by the actual evidence produced, and unless it estab-There are undoubtedly cases in which the jury fails of its duty, as we find to be paid a reasonable wage, based judges pointing out on exceptional

judges we may be sure of three differ-

In his opinion the average juryman's bad habits." actual experience with the affairs of | This is an act which The Time life, and his desire to get at the truth believes will offer an incentive to each value. He is quoted further as saying: ful as to his conduct, so that he may "Fifty years ago the system of dispensing with juries was Just begun. It is a question whether it has not gone advantage that he is prepared to suptoo far. Indeed it is a question port himself by honest work after he tamed

bank and took out his \$4,000. It was means an unauthorized outburst of the of the oldest antagonist of all. all as easy as rolling off a log." Likely | Emperor's personal emotion, had been enough, as the Journal supposes, that drawn up after a conference at the is just what the average man would have done, or would have wanted to Imperial Chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe,

privileges, and the Journal points out Germany was still ringing with shouts ation of all kinds bears very heavily that, while an inquiry intended to vindicate the honor and dignity of Parliament is quite in order, the incident should not lead to a political inquisition nor be used for political bed, brushed aside the servant who inquisition nor be used for political propaganda. That may be, but the making of political capital out of the matter, if the verdict is adverse to Mr. Murdock, can scarcely be avoided. An interesting question under the circumstances is this: How many members of the House or of the Senate, had they had \$4,000 in the bank, as was Mr. Murdock's case, and known what had they had \$4,000 in the bank, as was Mr. Murdock's case, and known what he knew, would have left it there? Whatever the answer to this question may be, it has no bearing upon the propriety or impropriety of Mr. Murdock's course. Yet if the men who have to deal with his case all put that question to themselves, and answer it honestly, many of them may be disposed to temper the wind to a lamb that was not shorn but was mighty

Mr. Murdock's case, and known what he knew, would have left it there? Whatever the answer to this question on this people. He played the double part which by aptitude or purposely, he was to play through the rest of his reign, always lature year finds the state expenditure increased. The time for a halt arrived years ago, but the halt did not come. In the interests of the people there should be a new course adopted by the legislature and there should be a wholesale cutting of proposed appropriation except that was not shorn but was mighty close to losing some of his fleece at

The Superintendent of the Canadian Penitentiaries in his last annual report spoke strongly of the need for systemutic employment for inmates of all prisons and reformatories, pointing out that idleness has a bad effect upon Coolidge.

Despite the provision making Japa- these helps, meritorious as they be, should be stopped. There should also be reorganization of the state departments in the interests of economy. And now, when members of the legislation on the statute books.

# Press Comment

IT SIMPLY CAN'T BE DONE. (From the Omaha Bee.)

There are a few things people expect, out which they will find very difficult

They cannot get increased service rom the Government at the same time they get decreased taxes. They cannot have better school

iscipline and upon the character of he prisoner, while employment of the dollars. They cannot reduce taxes by voting big bond issues to pay for public im right sort often produces most bene-

Just now the New York Legislature has approved of a plan of prison reorganization advocated by Governor Smith in his annual message, and in the plane of the plane fathers paid.

In other words, people cannot eat the plane fathers paid.

signing the bill he describes it as the their cake and have it. most progressive step in prison legis-lation yet taken in that state. A committee has been making a close study of prison conditions in New York since 1919, and it is noteworthy York since 1919, and it is noteworthy perplexing.

### Adolph Lewisohn, has personally met WHAT PULLS POPULATION?

the expense of the whole inquiry. The ompetent a Superintendent as private forest is, in large sections of Canada languages of the earth, accumulated what a priceless treasure the gun of the best agent of immigration we have "Robinson Crusoe" must have become! judges pointing out on exceptional ognasions.

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### AN ODYSSEY BY RADIO.

advantage that he is prepared to suptoo far. Indeed it is a question
whether there should not be an absolute
right to every litigant to have the facts
of his case tried by a jury."

At a time when trial by jury in
general has been so much under fire as
has been the case of late, Sir Allen
Aylesworth's views are worth placing
on the record.

HE GROWS IN CONTEMPT.

As time passes there are fewer references to the former Kaiser, and what
is said concerning him only serves to
add to the contempt in which he is
held by the world at large. Some
further light upon the character of the
seems to have been guilty of a very
human weakness, and the Ottawa
Journal, which is by no means friendly
to the administration of the day,

A flight of airplanes sets out to circle
the earth for the first time; one of
the modus into clouds over Alaska,
strikes the side of a mountain, leaves
its two occupants unhurt in a frostbound, precipitous desolation. Instantly the face of the globe, which had
been a relief map far below, takes on
a different aspect. Mere man, robbed
of his new gift of flight, is drobped in
the mids of nowhere, his two legs
stuck into four feet of exceedingly embarrassing snow. The game is changed
entirely. It is ten to one he will never
get out alive. He accepts, the revised
rules, sets his wits and his body to
work, pulls somehow through impossible hazards, cludes one by one the
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Journal; which is by no means friendly to the administration of the day, describes him as "more to be pitted than censured." At the same time it stiffly contends that the Prime Minister's defence of Mr. Murdock does not meet the case.

"Mr. Murdock," says the Journal, "simply went down to Laurier House, heard the Home Bank people tell the Prime Minister about the bank's impending failure, thanked his lucky stars that he was a cabinet minister, and, on his way back to lunch, dropped into the Sparks street branch of the bank and took out his \$4,000. It was

## MAINE'S TAX BURDEN.

is just what the average man would have done, or would have wanted to do, but just as it is wrong to use cabinet information for financial gain, it is equally wrong, as the Journal puts it, to use such information to avoid financial loss. That would mean, if correct, that Mr. Murdock got his money at the expense of depositors who did not have the information on which it is charged that he acted.

The matter is now before the parliamentary committee on elections and privileges, and the Journal points out.

Imperial Chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, the Foreign Secretary, and the Secretary, and the Secretary are the Secretary and the Secretary are the Secretary and the Secret

ting of proposed appropriation except for the absolute state necessitties IMMIGRATION BILL
When appropriations were small 20 or 30 years ago the legislature inaugurated the custom of extending help to many institutions and philanthropies. We believe that the time is now here when Washington, May 26—The Immigra-ion Bill was signed today by Presiden

### Robinson Crusoe's Gun

(New York Times.) What is surprising about the story For if the soul of the circus is anything, that "Robinson Crusoe's" musket was It is the soul of the gypsy,

sold in London the other day is the I am the charm of the Out-of-Door price at which it was knocked down to a speculative dealer, £215. It it was a genuine relic, it went for a song. Thousands of pounds are paid for a faded copy of a dead author's book, because it is rare, and yet the gun of deathless and heroic Alexander Selkirk goes for a paltry two hundred pounds! "There seems little reason to doubt," says a London dispatch, "that this relic was the property of Alexander Selkirk, upon whose adventures Defoe founded his story of 'Robinson Crusoe'." The red and silver and blue and golden stars, upon whose adventures Defoe founded his story of 'Robinson Crusoe'." The red and silver and blue and golden stars, upon whose adventures Defoe founded his story of 'Robinson Crusoe'." The property of Robinson Crusoe'. to a speculative dealer, £215. It it was Of storm-clouds, of wind, of

his story of 'Robinson Crusoe'." The evidence given is that on the butt was rudely carved "Alexander Selkirk, 1701," with a seal crawling over a rock cut in with the name. Selkirk was the seventh son of John Selcraig, shoemaker and tanner of Largo, Fifeshire. If it was Selkirk's gun, he must have carried it with him on the voyage with Damper to the South Seas, which began at the Cinque Ports in May, 1703. we must imagine Selkirk going aboard with the flintlock to act as sail
Or the office of a business man, or a store, or a hotel, or a church

aboard with the flintlock to act as sailing master. We must imagine the musket brought home and passing from hand to hand, or perhaps lost in an attic, for 203 years after his death in 1721. Defoe's "The Life and Strange Surprising Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" was not published until 1719. It ran through four editions in as many months, a fact that should have given a considerable value of the control of t

#### HAS HEARD CLAIMS OF 528 UP TO DATE

Ottawa, May 26—Hon. William Pugsley, investigator of war claims, has heard 528 of these, aggregating \$81,295.619 but has not yet rendered any decisions. In answer to a question in the House of Commons this afternoon, Hon. A. B. Copp, Secretary of State, said that Mr. Pugsley had been appointed in March, 1923, and had drawn \$10,209 for salary and \$4,811 for expenses since his appoint.

WHAT YOU SEE ON AN AMERI-CAN MOTOR TRIP. From "Along Life's Detour," in Cin-

cinnati Enquirer.)
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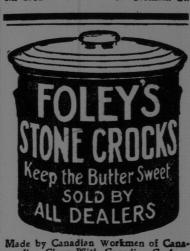
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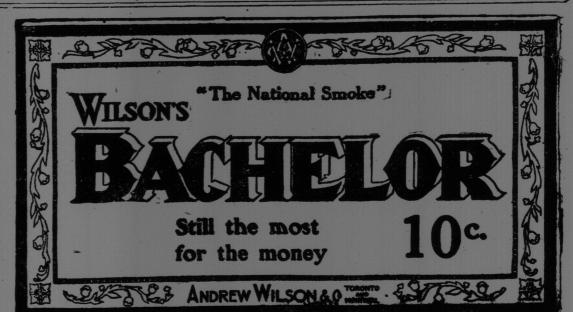
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THE TENT SPEAKS

Safety Slogan A good suggestion from the West is that signs be erected at railroad cross-ings, reading: "Better Stop & Minute



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One Sunday a small boy of another denomination appeared at his Sunday school, but you said each of us was to bring a Friend today and this was the only one I could get."

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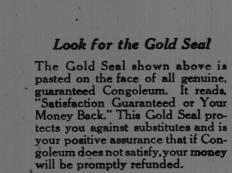
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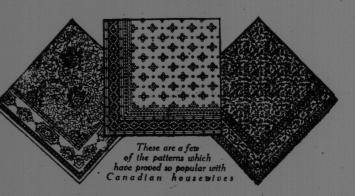
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