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to force some fathers to provide for any children, lawful or not, as to get reparations from the Germans...

CRIME WAVES.

One of the most sane opinions expressed on the recent "crime waves" which have of late caused much worry to police authorities and moral uplift workers appears to us to be that editorially expressed by the Valve World, published in Chicago for the use of the manufacturers of valves.

Discussing the matter under the caption, "Crime Waves and Respect for Law," the Valve World says:

"When violations of the law grow to such proportions that our newspapers all over the land refer to them as 'crime waves,' who must bear the greatest responsibility for the abominably criminal condition?"

"We are not referring to the thousand and one so-called crimes of a minor sort that come with the enactment of thousands of laws against this or that line of conduct which formerly was not at all criminal, but to those specific crimes against person and property that have been recognized as criminal since men began the making of history."

"Who is most responsible for the present increase in the number of murders, the number of robberies, the number of assaults, the number of embezzlements, the number of forgeries? It is our deliberate opinion that the man most responsible for any of these crimes is not the man who actually commits them, but the apparently 'respectable citizen' who repeatedly violates the law, who makes a mockery of the law, and who thus sets an example in law violation which the crook or criminal is inclined further down the line is not slow to follow."

"The cure for the crime wave does not lie so much with the police and the courts and the jails as with those 'respectable citizens' who bar themselves from denouncing detected and caught criminals by being undetected and uncaught criminals themselves. Law respect for and observance of the law at the top invariably means increased violation of the law at the bottom. So long as the rich man in his club laughing or boasting violates a law of the land because he can afford to do so, the poor devil in the slums is not going to be over-keen in getting what he wants. There is no essential difference between the two crimes. Both men are satisfying their desires through criminal methods, and one is no more criminal than the other, save inasmuch as his position and his lesser incentives to criminal practices."

"Violation of law, evasion of law, disregard for law by those who claim to be upholders of law, by those who have no physical reasons to violate the law—these are the most responsible for crime waves that shake us, crimes that endanger our lives and persons and subject our possessions to victims. The poor devil in the slums is not going to be over-keen in getting what he wants. There is no essential difference between the two crimes. Both men are satisfying their desires through criminal methods, and one is no more criminal than the other, save inasmuch as his position and his lesser incentives to criminal practices."

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England's Crops. Complete official returns of the British Ministry of Agriculture show that the acreage under important crops in the United Kingdom in 1920 still exceeded the corresponding pre-war acreage. Cultivation of wheat, barley, oats and potatoes extended over approximately ten million acres in 1920, or about one million acres more than in 1913. The detailed figures have just been received by the Bankers' Trust Company of New York from its English information service, as follows:

BRITISH CROP ACREAGE.

Table with columns for crop type, 1913, and 1920. Includes Wheat, Barley, Oats, Potatoes, etc.

While exceeding the pre-war position the wheat acreage was about 400,000 acres less than in 1913, and there was also a decrease compared to 1913 of almost 500,000 acres in the area sown to oats.

An increase in the number of holdings of cultivated land was apparent compared to 1913. These holdings in England and Wales numbered 417,991 in 1920, exceeding the individual holdings in the preceding year by 1,323. The number of owners occupying their agricultural lands increased from 48,866 in 1913 to 57,234 in 1920.

Stock holdings compared to the pre-war number were:

Table with columns for animal type, 1913, and 1920. Includes Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Pigs, etc.

Nasty words, abuse or neglect, have been the lot of the innocent child. The father responsible for its plight has never been adequately dealt with. The new bill makes it impossible even for a father's estate to escape paying for the upkeep of his natural children. Mr. G. H. Ferguson objected to this that it gave an advantage to the illegitimate over the legitimate offspring. But generally when a father wills his money away from his lawful children, he has some good reason. In any case, the legitimate child has no handicap of a stigma to contend against all his life.

LETTERS

AGAINST INVESTIGATION. To the Editor of The Advertiser: Your issue of yesterday gave an account of what the Dominion Government may consider as regards a bonus to the overseas men...

EVERYTHING

SPRING IN A LITTLE TOWN. [David Morton.] The way of spring with little steeped towns is such a shy, transforming season of special lights and swift, incredible crowns.

That grave men wonder how such things may be: But friendly spies, no daily trodden way, But somehow still in the April air, Given darker still on some enchanted day.

For shining garments they have come to wear. The way the spring comes to our town is such. That something quickens in the hearts of men. Turning them lovers at its subtle touch. Till they must lift their heads again, again.

As lovers do, with frank, adoring eyes. Where the long street of lifted steeples lies.

LONGEST TELEPHONE CALL.

[St. Catharines Standard.] When a man at the Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, called up and talked to a lady in Vancouver the other evening, he held what is said to be the longest talk over wire in the history of the telephone. This sounds reasonable when it is known that the call was routed via Montreal, New York, Chicago, San Francisco to Vancouver—in the neighborhood of 4,500 miles.

Nothing could make possible such a result but the application to the long distance lines of all the results of scientific research of the past quarter century; these include various amplifying devices known only to telephone engineering experts, but the fruits of inventive genius are available and being used every day in just such wonder-working ways.

INSPIRATION.

[Westminster Gazette.] I rose, lit candles, locked the door. Seized paper—now no change. Could rob me of reward—I wore My laurels in advance.

Not once but twice, not twice but thrice. Great thoughts unthought of came; What poet would not sacrifice— His sleep for word-wide fame?

Ah! what tremendous truth I spoke, Sublime, stupendous stuff! At dawn I awoke when I awoke— Surely I've said enough!

Somehow the greatness had all gone. For grain I found but chaff; Well, you have done the same, my son, Yourself; you needn't laugh!

WHAT WE BUY.

[Winnipeg Tribune.] During the year ending September, 1920, we purchased from the United States goods to the value of \$93,367,000, four-fifths of all our purchases abroad. Let us offer that market, or as much of it as can be diverted to other people who will buy from us—and see that they get it.

Here is a table of some of our chief imports during the same period, the year ending September, 1920:

Table listing various goods and their values. Includes Cotton, Wool, Sugar, etc.

THE VIOLET PARASOL.

[Eliot White.] Against the harsh foil Of the February storm in the city, With its slanting, steel grey lines, of sleet And flaccid slush Like a watery shambler on window ledges and sidewalks, Flaunts and riots the sudden splendor Of a violet parasol.

Its suppliant spigots of aggressive azure Canorous as the glare of orchestral wood wind Acres shrilling violins, Audacious in challenges of the street's bedraggled neutrality As the moosque of the Blue Dome Above the rubble of Bagdad roofs, Superbly blatant as the bulging cap of a heliotope mushroom.

Over a clump of blanched Indian pipe in a damp woodland covert, Gorgeously exotic as some giant orchid Deluging a drab waste of sage and spiny cactus With glory of its spurred lip's purple flame.

And underneath the slaken shelter Its comely face and throat of a girl, Thee delicate hyacinth, By the filtered radiance, Lustrous as a sculptured Psyche Of burnished Bardiglio marble In the glimmer of Sicilian moonlight.

OTHERS' VIEWS

OH, FIE! [Kingston Whig.] It is all very well to criticise a lady member of the Legislature a legislator; but remember that the "s" is soft.

SPORTS AND SCHOOLS. [Branford Expositor.] The Ontario Educational Association can make no mistake in exalting the true spirit of sportsmanship, and in giving clean athletics its proper place in the social and educational system of the nation.

BRITAIN'S FUTURE IN THE AIR.

[Manchester Guardian.] Mr. Churchill, who, despite considerable criticism in the House, continues to be air minister as well as minister for the colonies, now proposes that this country should concentrate on its air force to the tune of some £16,000,000 a year, and should drop any strong encouragement of civil aviation. He holds that the competition of railway and motor make civil aviation unprofitable. But no sufficient ground has been adduced for abandoning earlier policy, which would have encouraged the manufacture and use of planes, and the training of pilots, mainly for civil use, and would thus have provided both men and machines for diversion to military ends if occasion arose. The merchant marine was of invaluable value to the navy in the war; and on a similar service whose pilots were encouraged to join a territorial air force, might be the best of all provisions in the case of a short war, or a period of the Handley Page continental service, our air links with Europe pass into the hands of other nations. They promise cheaper and more extended services; and they can do so because they have thought civil aviation worth subsidizing handsomely.

THE LAW ON FIREARMS.

[Toronto Star.] There is an increasing resentment throughout the country against the amendment to the criminal code which requires any person who owns a firearm or other offensive weapon to secure, annually, a permit to possess or have it on his premises. The only exception is in the case of a shotgun belonging to a member of the Handley Page continental service, our air links with Europe pass into the hands of other nations. They promise cheaper and more extended services; and they can do so because they have thought civil aviation worth subsidizing handsomely.

THE FORGIVING BOLSHEVIK.

[New York Times.] According to Mr. Kraasin, the principal objective of the foreign policy of the Soviet Government will continue to be the establishment of good relations with the United States. There is no reason to believe that the attitude of Lenin and his colleagues. They will forgive Mr. Hughes not only seven times but seventy times seven.

THE ANCIENT TEAR JUG.

[Ottawa Citizen.] Manchester Guardian describes how strong men wept at the bedside when Mr. "Patsy" Hermon of New Orleans knocked out the other evening. This opens up the possibility of a revival of the amphora, or tear jug of the ancients. We may yet see groups of strong men with striped shirts and diamonds wending their way to the court of a popular pugilistic idol. It would likewise agree greatly to the dignity of the proceedings at such events if the referee, just before beginning a count out the defeated gladiator, were to strike an attitude and launch into Mark Antony's famous oration.

EXPENSES OF BRITISH M. P.'S.

[Brookville Recorder.] Some interesting reading is furnished in the report of the committee which has been inquiring into the expenses of members of the British House of Commons. Members receive at present £400 a year as salary, or seasonal allowance, and there is no relief at present in the way of one travelling allowance or free postage. The committee agree that if £400 was necessary in 1914 it is inadequate today, but they do not recommend at present any alteration in the figure, although they advocate the grant of free postage, and free first class travel to members' constituencies.

Mr. Dan Irving, Socialist M. P., for Burnley, told the committee that out of his £400 he pays £108 for a third class railway pass.

"I cannot afford to give up my home," he explained. "An M. P.'s situation is something that you should know."

You must fight film. Your teeth are coated with a viscous film. It clings to the teeth unless you combat it, gets between the teeth and stays.

It forms a dingy coat which dims the luster of the teeth. It is the basis of tartar. It holds food substance which ferments and forms acid. It holds the acid in contact with the teeth to cause decay.

Advertisement for London's Central Shopping Place. Features 25 Silk and Satin Dresses for \$18.95. Includes image of a woman in a dress and text: 'UNEQUALLED VALUE FOR Thursday, Friday and Saturday SEE WINDOW. Such Wonderful Dresses Absolutely No Two Alike. Comprising a range of Imported Swiss Taffetas and Duchess Satins, in many chic tunic effects, beautifully embroidered. Smart models, featuring dainty satin frills on georgette flouncing, with collars and cuffs of fine Swiss organdie. Really a wonderful collection in Navy, King's Blue, Taupe, Grey, Brown, Black and others. SEE WINDOW. ALL ONE PRICE For This Three-Day Event at - \$18.95 J. H. Chapman & Co.'

CATARRAHAL DEAFNESS MAY BE OVERCOME

If you have Catarrhal Deafness or loud ear noises or are growing hard of hearing, go to your druggist and get 1 ounce of Parmitin (double strength), add to it 1/4 pint of hot water and a little granulated sugar. Take 1 tablespoonful four times a day.

TRY MAGNESIA FOR STOMACH TROUBLE

Neutralizes Stomach Acidity, Prevents Food Fermentation, Sour, Gassy Stomach and Acid Indigestion. Doubtless if you are a sufferer from indigestion, you can eat almost anything and enjoy it without any danger of pain or discomfort to follow, and moreover the continued use of the bisulphated magnesia cannot injure the stomach, as the bisulphated magnesia is either powdered or tablet form.

Advertisement for Nujol. Text: 'Regularity Nujol makes you regular as clockwork. Without forcing or irritating the food waste. The many tiny muscles in the intestines can then remove it regularly. Absolutely harmless-lyrit. The Modern Method of Treating an Old Complaint. Nujol For Constipation.'

DON'T FUSS WITH MUSTARD PLASTERS!

Musteroles Without the Blister—Easier, Quicker. There's no fuss in mixing a mess of mustard, four and water when you can easily relieve pain, soreness or stiffness with a little clean, white, sterile Musterole. Musterole is made of pure oil of mustard and other helpful ingredients combined in the form of the present white ointment. It takes the place of mustard plasters, and will not blister. Musterole usually gives prompt relief from sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frost-bite, colds of the chest (it often prevents pneumonia).

Advertisement for Doctor Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight. Text: 'By the simple use of Bon-Opto... Doctor Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight.'

Advertisement for Burns. Text: 'FOR SCALDS, CUTS AND BRUISES... FOR COLDS, COUGHS AND BRONCHITIS... Burns.'

Advertisement for London and Port Stanley Railway. Text: 'Timetable... London and Port Stanley Railway.'

Advertisement for Pepsodent. Text: 'Send No Money Just mail the coupon for this 10-day test. Then watch your teeth improve. Quit for 10 Days Your old methods of teeth cleaning. Pepsodent, with every use, brings five desired effects. It attacks the film in two efficient ways. It keeps teeth highly polished. It stimulates the railway flow—Nature's great tooth-protecting agent. It multiplies the starch digester in the saliva. That to digest the starch deposits which cling to teeth and often form acid. It multiplies the alkalinity of the saliva. That to neutralize the acids which cause tooth decay. Modern authorities regard these effects as essential aids to Nature, in view of the average diet. To bring these effects twice daily means such protection as you have not known before. See and feel them. The results can be seen and felt. They are delightful, and this 10-day test will bring them 20 times. Send the coupon for it. Note how clean the teeth feel after using. Mark the absence of the viscous film. See how teeth whitened as the film-coats disappear. Watch the other good effects, and the book we send you will tell you what they mean. Do this now in justice to yourself. Learn how much this new-day method means to you and yours. Ten-Day Tube Free THE PEPSODENT COMPANY, Dept. B, 1104 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill. Mail 10-Day Tube of Pepsodent to...