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Our National Defense

ALTHOUGH temporarily defeated, Brig. General Wm. Mitchell, who insisted on modernizing the government system of national defense, won a signal victory.

The strength of his cause and fear of his ultimate triumph was admitted when he was demoted to a colonelcy.

He was bound up in war department red tape, and when he could not be gagged the only course open to his superiors who disagreed, was to send him to a flying field where he can be securely muzzled.

To the uninitiated in the arts of war, the banishment of Mitchell looks like poor sportsmanship. It scarcely seems a fair way to get rid of an antagonist.

If Mitchell's cause had merit, it deserved a fair hearing and adoption if found practical. If it did not have merit, it would have been proved impractical in time.

The people of the United States want the best national defense possible at the minimum of expense. If his theory was the best, the nation is suffering because of the bureaucratic system which permits the muzzling of an officer who was not afraid to say what he thought even tho it meant his demotion.

The controversy dates back to 1921 when airships rank some battleships in a test. Ever since that time, when the need of a new defense policy was revealed, Mitchell has been a thorn in the side of the navy general board.

Mitchell demanded a separate department for aircraft, insisting that it be ranked equal with the navy and the army. The navy board insisted the nation should rely on the steel armor and huge guns of its giant battleships as the basic element of sea defense, with aircraft purely auxiliary. The president accepted the navy board's view and Mitchell was left without a prop.

Tho he may have been demoted, Mitchell will be heard from. He promises to emerge and run for congress and then he can't be muzzled.

What has become of the old fashioned man who thought there was more exercise in beating a rug than in playing golf?

The Unusual Commonplace

MILLIONS of people heard President Coolidge take the oath of office and deliver his inaugural address.

The next morning, pictures of the inaugural ceremonies, transmitted by wire, appeared in newspapers across the continent.

It is the first time in the history of the world that this has been done yet it is accepted by the average person as nothing extraordinary.

The truth is we have been moving so fast that the unusual has become commonplace; the unprecedented has become customary; in fact, happenings without precedent crowd upon each other so rapidly that the person who tries to grasp them all finds his thinking apparatus in a state of flux.

We do not marvel much at radio, since developments of the past year have shown its possibilities. The transmission of pictures by wire and other reproduction in newspapers at far distant points within a few hours, however, is an entirely different matter.

This is newer than radio and less likely to be understood and therefore not as probable to be regarded as out of the ordinary, since so few people appreciate the mechanical processes involved.

But those who stop to contemplate the transmitting of pictures over the wires, will realize this to be truly a great accomplishment and one that will prove very useful in business and detection of crime, as well as another means of making newspapers more up to the minute with news.

In the stone age they were clubbed women; now they are club women.

Tourist Campers

A SURVEY into the expenditures of a group of automobile tourists and campers in the New England states discloses that they spent on an average of \$64.55 per person, the daily cost of each for the trip in question amounting to \$2.49.

Included in the survey were 551 persons and their expenditures were divided into three general groups. For lodging they spent \$1,422.85; for meals \$3,622.65 and in retail stores \$9,370.80. The camping parties average 3.7 persons to the automobile and 26 vacation days on the trip.

Here is something any town can use as a basis for estimating the value of tourists' trade, for touring will average up about the same in all parts of the United States.

It is very apparent that friendly places that make a special effort in this direction will profit by catering to the needs of the automobile tourist. Comfortable camps with modern accommodations and police protection form the best advertisement any town can have.

Poison by Mistake

ALMOST every day the newspapers give accounts of someone taking poison by mistake. The average person reads the news of the untimely death and if it makes any impression at all, there is a mental note, "How foolish," or something of the sort, and it is dismissed from the mind.

But the same fate awaits most people, if they do not profit by the lesson that such accidents teach.

So long as human beings are subject to bodily ills, just so long will they have home remedies at hand, and in the stock of remedies of the majority of households is everything from a spring tonic to bichloride of mercury tablets.

We are all agreed that it is foolish, but look at your own home medicine chest and see if you do not find the same mix-up there.

It is next to impossible to expect people not to keep poisons around the house, but the proper precautions should be taken to prevent useless loss of life.

No bottle containing poison should be kept in a medicine chest, even tho it is properly labeled, because every time you place a bottle of poison in a medicine chest, you are flirting with death.

The only protection against error is to keep all bottles or boxes filled with poison, securely tied up in a box with heavy string. Then the person trying to take medicine in haste will realize the mistake.

Put your poisons where they are difficult to reach and the difficulty will automatically warn you. This is the only safe way. Any other course is foolhardy.

The woman who said she heard the president kiss the Bible, over the radio, has a keen imagination, if nothing more.

Men Who Are Missed

DEATH struck down, within the short space of ten hours, recently two Indiana newspaper men who were respected and loved by all of their newspaper acquaintances.

They were both taken at the very prime of their life, when at the height of their usefulness. Their lives ran in very similar channels.

Both showed themselves men with a desire to be of service to their communities and had shouldered many of the responsibilities that are the results of attempts at civic improvement.

Accounts of their lives, relating their activities, read very much alike. Both were active in Chamber of Commerce work, belonged and took a leading part in noon luncheon clubs, were associated with churches and lodges and were interested enough in their profession to devote their time in trying to raise its standards.

The lives of these men typically represent a cross section of any American community. They were of a class who wanted to see their cities advance and prosper. They were working tirelessly to make their homes better places for their children and their children's children. They supported all of the good influence in their communities and frowned on the bad.

Such as these are sadly missed, but their example will live and their influence will be felt for many years to come.

Intuition is a wonderful thing—especially when it can tell you whether the fellow in front is going to stop suddenly.

Senatorial Dignity

VICE PRESIDENT DAWES lectured the United States senators at his first appearance as presiding officer very much like a school teacher who lecture her pupils.

Right or wrong, the senatorial dignity was very much perturbed. It must have been a distinct shock to the finer sensibilities of the senators, who have gloried in their prerogatives so long without anyone having the temerity to question them.

The country recognizes that the senate is a deliberative body, that it was created as a check upon the more or less impulsive lower house of congress, but it likewise knows when the senate takes its exalted position too seriously.

Vice president Dawes said the system of rules, if unchanged, can not but lessen the effectiveness, prestige and dignity of the United States senate. In that he is entirely right.

When one senator, who may not have the purest motives, is able to prevent legislation for which there is an actual need and a great demand, there is something seriously wrong with the senate machinery.

A man who wants to be of real service to his neighbors should lay in a good supply of up-to-date garden tools.

What You Believe

A VERY gifted public speaker was once asked how he was able to speak so fluently upon occasions when he was called upon to make public addresses.

He explained that it was a simple thing to do because he always spoke about things with which he was familiar and said only that which he believed.

How true that is in every phase of life. It's never possible to be convincing on any subject unless you believe in it and are thoroly satisfied that whatever you are saying or doing is right.

No citizen of this community can be a thro-going booster for his home town and the undertakings in which it is engaged, without being a loyal citizen.

It's quite impossible to enter into any project whole heartedly unless you believe in it and are willing to do all within your power to make it a success.

Perhaps our high per capita of law breakers is due to the multiplicity of laws.

The fellow who worries about who is boss never has much chance of becoming one.

A soft reply saves many a family jar.

Fleas and men who drink bootleg liquor go to the dogs.

Never mind what the world owes you—it's your ability to collect that counts.

The man who can make economy popular is a patriot of the highest order.

At The Auditorium

Attractions That Will be Featured the Coming Week at Our Popular Playhouse

"THE WHITE SISTER"

The Greatest Triumph of Lillian Gish's, at the Auditorium March 20-21.

Angela Chairmonte is the youngest daughter of an Italian prince. She is in love with Giovanni Severi and because of this love, her older sister, the Marcifesa, is jealous of her.

During a hunt, Angela's father is killed and because of the machinations of her sister, Angela finds herself penniless, homeless, an outcast. She only has the love of Giovanni to sustain her. For a time she is happy, but Giovanni is suddenly called to military duty and sent to Africa where he is head of a small expedition sent there to fight the Arabs. News reaches Angela in Rome that Giovanni has been killed. Her last hope for happiness is gone and only the encouragement of Mgr. Saracinesca keeps her up.

She Renounces the World

She tells the priest she wants to do something to help others, now that her own interesting life is at an end. He urges her to enter the convent of white sisters, where in a sequence of magnificent scenes, she is shown passing thru her noviceate, and later, taking her vows. Shortly after she has become an eternal member of the order of the White Sisters, Giovanni returns from the Arabian captivity which detained him for three years in Italy.

He calls at the hospital of the White Sisters to visit his brother, an Italian scientist, who has been experimenting in an effort to forecast volcanic eruptions. There he recognizes Angela in her nun's garb. She faints and afterwards is told that her marriage to the church is just as sacred as if she had married another man while Giovanni was missing and he must respect the veil she has taken.

Trapped in the Observatory

Thru a subterfuge, Giovanni arranges for Angela to come to his brother's laboratory on the slope of Mt. Vesuvius. There he locks the door and tries to prevail upon her to sign a paper asking the Pope to free her. She admits she loves him, but tells him that she must cling to her vows. Then he permits her to go.

Later Mt. Vesuvius bursts into eruption. Giovanni drives thru the towns below to warn the inhabitants and succeeds in saving them. But in a flood, caused by the bursting of a reservoir thru which the volcanic eruption has flown, Giovanni is killed and the populace, lifting their faces to Heaven, thank God for the sacrifice the White Sister and her lover have made.

"THE LONE WOLF"

At the Auditorium Monday Evening March 23rd.

A great man of daring and adventure was Michael Lanyard, internationally famous as "The Lone Wolf." As a child he was trained in a profession he did not love yet a training that made him the best-known crook in the business. The bandits, Apaches and gangsters of Paris, known as "The Pack," which included an international band of master-mind crooks, admired "The Lone Wolf" for his solitary feats of daring. Lanyard preferred to tac-

kle his thefts and robberies alone, hence the sobriquet of "The Lone Wolf."

"The Pack," the society feared the world over for its amazing operations, included Bannon, the brains, Lucy Channon, the smart, attractive agent of the crooks' high council; Eckstrom, an international spy; Werthelmer, crook extraordinary; Count de Morbihan, polished crook; Clara Henshaw, another agent of the Pack; pretty Annette Dupre, Bannon's secretary; Popinot, chief of Apaches, champion underworld band to join them in stealing the plans of the American Government whereby wireless rays would prove the revelation of future wars. True to his famous appellation, Lanyard decides to work alone.

"The Lone Wolf" meets Lucy Shannon and falls in love with her. He outwits the Pack at every turn until a trick of fate puts the villainous Eckstrom in possession of the prize plans. Lanyard faces death time and time again and Lucy tries hard to steer him clear of the Pack, seeking his head when they find that he has outwitted it.

Popinot and Lanyard meet at hand grips and "The Lone Wolf" makes him captive. Exchanging clothes, Lanyard takes the plans and secrets them in cigarette papers. Then Eckstrom gets the drop on "The Lone Wolf" and takes to the air with the plans. Lanyard and Lucy follow in a past plane. Lanyard drops to the other plane, overpowers Eckstrom and returns to the other machine via parachute with the plans. All is well that ends well. Lanyard reforms. Lucy, a secret service agent, much to Lanyard's surprise and elation, acknowledges Lanyard's love.

Dorothy Dalton plays Lucy Shannon and Jack Holt is Michael Lanyard, "The Lone Wolf."

"THE SUNSHINE TRAIL"

Coming to the Auditorium, Andover Rally Day Evening, March 26.

Jimmy "Sonny" McTavish, former doughboy and now owner of the O-Bar-O ranch, has not returned to Pixley Center, his home town, since the war ended. In Pixley Center live "Sonny's" sweetheart, June and his uncle, Jimmy believes in the

"Sunshine Trail" motto which bids one "Scatter sunshine on your way; do something good every day."

Jimmy leaves the ranch amid some wild scenes, including a thrilling fight with a Mexican at the ranch-house, boards a train where he has some amusing adventures and falls in with a woman crook. The latter leaves a kidnapped child on his hands. The nearer Jimmy gets to his home town the more his troubles pile up.

A sheriff chases him, believing him to be a burglar; a crook steals his clothes and money; and when he gets home he finds his uncle is dead and that his inheritance is to be divided up between his sweetheart and an old rival.

When he announces that he is Jimmy McTavish, returned from the war, he is denounced as an impostor, the bank refuses to advance him money, and to cap the climax he learns that his sweetheart, June is engaged to the "other feller."

While Jimmy is trying to get money at the bank, auto bandits dash in, do some snappy shooting and clean out the bank vaults. Jimmy chases them on a motorcycle when they escape in a car. He rounds them up, but on his return is arrested and jailed as an impostor and a kidnapper. At this point Jimmy doesn't care what happens. But the unexpected bobs up; June brings the American Legion band down to the jail—and everyone goes home happy.

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