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THE SUNDAY OF TODAY

THE modern Sunday begins at the break of dawn with a rush to the fishing and swimming places, the parks and the golf courses.

As the sun rises, the stream of automobiles lengthens and by noon the places of amusement are fairly well crowded.

Everybody seems to be intent on going some place except to church, in the vast majority of instances.

By mid-afternoon, most everybody has arrived some place and is "doing something."

The baseball teams entertain the biggest crowds and the moving picture theatres in the middle-sized towns and larger cities have a line of people crowding for admission.

Sunday has changed largely from a day of rest to one of recreation and rolling on wheels.

Those who stop to think wonder where it is leading to; whether people can still hold on to their religion without darkening the doors of a church.

IS THIS HEROISM?

THE State Department has discovered that the seventeen American airmen who are fighting for Riffs with the French army in Morocco are violating their country's laws, which provide that Americans shall not enlist in foreign military forces.

While this law was invoked when Americans joined the allied armies before the United States entered the war against Germany, nevertheless it should be enforced when a group of wealthy young thrill-seeking Americans engage in such an enterprise as this.

They are not giving their services for any great principle that is involved, but entered the service for the thrill that they might experience.

They find pleasure in bombing defenseless women and children, and spreading terror among non-combatants.

This can scarcely be called heroism. It is not the thing that poets have sung about thru the ages. Heroes are made of sterner stuff.

The proper course would be to spank them and send them all back home where they belong.

"OH, WHAT'S THE USE?"

"OH, WHAT'S the use of trying?" some people say when confronted with a difficult problem.

And that ends it for them. They see no benefit, they never try again and they never accomplish anything worth while.

If enough people take this stand—get into this mental attitude in regard to every public problem—the whole community suffers from it and eventually will die of dry rot.

But there is every use in trying, even the ultimate failure is the result. No great things are ever achieved without some failures that serve as lessons in making success possible.

The man who tries is giving vent to the spirit of progress that is within him. The effort he puts forth, tho it may be in vain, convinces him that he does possess the ability to do things.

The partial results he obtains, tho he falls short of the goal, go far toward showing him the weak spots in his plan, and that knowledge gives him faith and courage to try again—and eventually succeed.

The same is true of a community. If its leaders are easily discouraged at failure, are not willing to try again when a chance to improve presents itself, then there isn't any hope.

But when a community has men who are ready and willing to devote their time and energy to things that will bring improvement, regardless of the mistakes of the past, there is some hope for it.

May we have more of such men—those who are anxious to profit from the errors that have been made and climb on them to greater things.

LET THE REDS STAY AT HOME

THE secretary of state, Frank B. Kellogg, revoked the visa of Shapurii Saklatvala, communist member of the British house of commons, from India, and thus barred him from entering this country.

This step was taken because of Saklatvala's inflammatory statements in England regarding his visit to this country. He was quoted as declaring that he was "out to work for a revolution and for the day when the workers will control the world, but before this comes you will have to face cold steel."

The United States has enough of this type within her borders at present without knowingly permitting any more to enter. There is no place in this country for men guilty of making such utterances, and instead of adding to the species, we want to take from.

Some men in public life have disagreed with the secretary of state on the theory that refusal to admit an alien for revolutionary statements is a restriction of free speech.

But there are limits even to freedom—both of speech and the press, and the individual. It ceases to be freedom, and in turn becomes tyranny, when it does not take into consideration the public good and the freedom of others.

The main differences between the upper class and the middle class is that not many things bore the middle class.

It's a small world after all, and so often the man you owe appears on the scene while you are paying cash for gas.

Plenty of boys are glad school has started. It gives them more mischief to get into.

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