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happen, that safety prompts the disposition of such shells or the making of them harmless.

Could the owner tell just what was going to happen and when, proper precautions might be made to prevent...

It is a case of dealing with the unexpected but it is possible to anticipate such a case where a single loaded or under loaded shells will be doing a wise thing.

ENDING LENIENCY. How important it is that those who are involved in crime should be adequately punished for the influence it will have upon their future acts and the respect for law which it will create in the minds of others was emphasized by Judge Thayer at a session of the high court at Springfield when he took occasion in sentencing three who had been involved in a big far robbery to set forth that the community was entitled to and must receive protection.

It was a case where strong efforts were made to work upon the sympathy of the court but it was pointed out that while the population of the commonwealth had increased 14 per cent in the last decade crime has increased 71 per cent and the protection of the community demanded the situation be dealt with firmly.

It is quite in keeping with this same attitude when Judge Chase in a Vermont court sentenced an automobile thief to state prison for nine years, apparently being moved by the fact that if the law is going to have any effect in checking the great number of thefts it must be shown to have teeth.

In other words it is time to stop beating the air and get down to work and day out for crimes which are steadily increasing. The recognition of this by all the courts instead of causing surprise now and then by what seems to be an unusual sentence compared with what have been handed out would not only go far to place a check upon crime but would accomplish it in no great period of time. Just as long as the impression is permitted to prevail through the display of leniency that crime carries no serious punishment it can be expected to flourish and increase out of all proportion to the increase in population as it has done in Massachusetts.

THE HANFORD CONVENTION. Where there is smoke there is usually some fire and such proved to be true in connection with the contest for the place on the democratic state ticket. The contests were for the most important offices and whether they were of a character to continue beyond the convention remains to be disclosed though the majority was decisive enough to settle the matter, even though the campaign and convention canvases developed a decided contrast to the names in which the nominees were selected for the same offices by the republicans last week.

In his keynote address to the convention Homer S. Cummings undertook to point out some mistakes made by the present administration without managing to get very far. He was particularly concerned over the address of Senator Brandegee and endeavored to make it known that he could not accept all his claims but without putting forth a convincing statement of facts to the contrary, and when he came to dealing with state affairs he was quite as weak of the mark.

He made the most of his opportunity to chide republican leaders because of the failure to refer to the state administration in the convention platform, but he made a weak effort when he undertook to decry the state administration. As he knows conditions have had to be met in connection with state government quite the same as with national government but he cannot disregard the economy in administration that he has been accomplished under Governor Latta.

EDITORIAL NOTES. The apartment that has "beat furnished" is now going to remain unoccupied during the coming winter.

The man on the corner says: Whether guilty or not hayster sufferers have given golden rod a bad reputation.

Nothing has been heard thus far of higher prices being offered for coal that could be consistently accepted.

With Germany issuing marks at the rate of four billion a day one might think it was trying to stop a fuel famine.

Now that we have had the first touch of frost we might as well prepare to hibernate winter for the next several weeks.

Of course the Remittants wouldn't have any conscientious scruples about accepting "moral" support from the bolsheviks.

France takes a different view about treating with Germany than it does about keeping the unpeppable Turks in constraint.

When a centenarian declares that the secret of long life is work it doesn't insure any immediate decrease in the carbonite bridge.

Even the former Kaiser probably knows that the announcement of his coming second marriage would start the tongue wagging.

No good evidences has as yet been furnished that Senator McLean need consider spending his next six years elsewhere than in Washington.

Boston hasn't the facilities for quickly unloading all the British coal in its harbor, but there are some not far distant ports that would like a chance to help it.

The soviet government of Russia has money enough to send an army and fleet to support the Turks but it isn't going to be able to keep its own people from starvation as long as others will feed them.

FROM LUCILLE'S DIARY

"Why, Lucille, how did you happen out here so early in the season?" "The rather ungracious greeting which I received from the mistress of Hilltop when I drove into the place a week ago today and found her working in the garden."

"Why you see, I explained, I met your brother on Thursday, and he told me that he was looking for some one to help you out here, and after we parted it suddenly occurred to me that I could come just as well as not. So here I am, bag and baggage, as you see!" "Shall I have the man put my trunk in the blue room, where I stayed once before?"

"No, Lucille, the blue room is dismantled—in fact, most of the house is. I'm afraid you'll find it uncomfortable."

"No, indeed, I shall just love it," I protested. "You mustn't make company of me, for I've come out especially to help you, but if you have any special selfish," I added laughingly, "for you know I adore the country at this season."

"Yes, it's all lovely," Miss Belinda admitted, "but I find my bed breaking over my seed beds so much that I haven't thought much about it this time."

"I'll weed some of them for you this afternoon."

"Thank you, Lucille, but I never let anyone touch my seed beds. Now I must get you a bit of lunch."

"Oh, please, don't bother about lunch for me, if you and Ben have had your lunch, I can wait till dinner."

"Ben isn't here. He has gone east on one of his business trips. He must have been leaving the very day you met him."

"I don't believe I should have gone out to Hilltop had I known that Ben was not there, for, notwithstanding that every one thinks Miss Belinda charming, I didn't find her an enlightening companion. She worked all day in the garden and was ready for bed by 8 o'clock. Day before yesterday she suggested that I make myself happy with a book while she did some planting."

"I can't find the seed corn that I put to soak," she said when she joined me on the porch at noon. "It is some very special corn that was sent to me from New England."

"Why did you put it in water, Miss Belinda?"

"Because that will make it sprout sooner. I want to plant it right away."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Reply to Mr. Coffee. Mr. Editor: Kindly permit me to answer the letter which appeared recently in The Bulletin in which Mr. Coffee attempts to explain "the terrors of Christian Science."

It is not always that a criticism of this religion contains an acknowledgment of the fact that through Christian Science "Cures beyond the reach of Materia Medica have been accomplished." Allow me to express my thanks to Mr. Coffee for this admission.

Our critic's letter contains several quotations from the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, by Mary Baker Eddy. Of course, there is no objection to quotations. However, when a sentence, or a part of a sentence, is separated from its context and is said to mean something entirely different from what the author intended, we have reason to believe that the critic is not entirely free from prejudice. In the letter we read: "But Christian Scientists deny that there is any efficiency in the sacrifice of Christ Jesus. I quote: 'The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree, than when it was flowing in His veins.'" The complete sentence follows with the two sentences preceding it from the Christian Science text book: "Wisdom and Love may require many sacrifices, but the sacrifice of blood is the sacrifice of the spirit. The efficacy of Jesus' spiritual offering is infinitely greater than he expressed by our sense of human blood. The material blood of Jesus was no more efficacious to cleanse from sin when it was shed upon the accursed tree, than when it was flowing in His veins."

Mr. Coffee is quite right in saying that according to Christian Science sickness and death are unreal. But before using this as an argument against Christian Science, it would have been better had our friend learned what the word real signifies as used in Christian Science. In Christian Science the word real is applied only to God and to His creation. If God did not create sickness and death, then sickness and death are not real. Now, of course, this is not saying that sickness and death do not seem to mortals to be a terrible reality. And it is only as mortals put off mortality and put on immortality can they enter the kingdom of God, the realm of the absolute real, where, as we read in Revelation 21:4, "There shall no more be death, sorrow, sorrow, crying, or pain; for the former things are passed away."

Mr. Coffee's statements regarding Mark 16:15-20 are very interesting. But if he is right about this, we still have Jesus' declaration: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also." And if our friend could prove this statement to be apocryphal, the records of the healing performed by Jesus and His disciples and Paul would still remain. And, by the way, if the record be true as found in Acts 28:3-8, Paul was able to deal most effectively with the viper without the "swift medical aid" which our friend deems such a necessity in such a situation.

As Mr. Coffee's "clearer statement" were taken from the Christian Science text book, it is not surprising that he has intentionally referred to Mrs. Eddy as "a well known Christian Science parvenu." Mary Baker Eddy is recognized the world over as the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science. Those who have been allied and reformed through Christian Science honor and revere this noble woman, who, in spite of bitter opposition succeeded in delivering to mankind the "swift medical aid" which she had discovered.

Yours truly, WILLIAM CAPELL, Committee on Publications, For Connecticut, New Haven, Sept. 20, 1922.

Approved: Improvements. Mr. Editor: Some of the residents of upper Washington street wish publicly to express appreciation of recent improvements there. Several houses purchased have been remodelled, freshly painted, the grounds about them made beautiful, and a billboard removed, all these adding much to the street's attractiveness. Those living here for more than a generation will testify that every purchase and change in the scenery and in the roads entering here has been a change in beauty of environment, including the terraces with flowering shrubs, which seats and shade trees at the beginning of Scotland road, improvements on the green and on West Town street and the taking down of buildings fronting Meeting House rocks. Visitors to this, the older section of the town, note its beauty. Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Darrack of Indianapolis, coming from a stay in Norwich, England, spoke of its wonderful method, and variety of its different points of interest. Mr. Darrack said: "I like Norwich, Conn., better." No other part of the town has such a beauty of natural scenery and so much to see in its walkable streets. UPTOWN RESIDENT. Norwich Town, Sept. 20, 1922.

Humanity in Government

By James J. Davis, Secretary of Labor

MAKING NEW AMERICANS. There never was a time in the history of the country when American citizenship meant so much to the alien born as it does today. Many find it difficult to find employment unless they can show that they possess their second citizenship papers. Frequently the alien's wife and family are abroad and he must obtain citizenship before he can bring them to this country.

The average alien who comes to these shores, unless he comes to escape religious or political persecution, is not successful from a material standpoint. If he were he would in all probability remain in the country from which he came. If he is to become an American, the obligation to see that he recognizes that status and attains it in its highest degree, is one resting in no small degree with his local community. It involves the question of the application of the golden rule. He is the raw material, generally speaking, and the making of an American rests with those who claim that title. He is the builder of the railroads, the factories, of the home, and our success depends to a great extent upon him. It is to our interest to see he is happy and content. If he came to this country with ideals, we should see that his ideals are not crushed. If he gets them, for if he comes and lives among us without growth, he is simply transplanted and might retard our advancement. If he doesn't speak English, see that he learns it as a fundamental requirement of an American. Remember that the making of an American depends not only upon what you teach him, but the way you treat him.

Patriotic citizens through the country have combined with local communities to co-operate with the bureau of naturalization in the work of making the alien within our jurisdiction worthy of American citizenship, and capable of taking advantage of the opportunities which that high estate offers. In thousands of schoolrooms across the land night classes of the foreign born are receiving instruction in the English language, the history of our country, and the ideals represented in our governmental institutions. They are becoming more familiar with our laws and customs. They are learning of the responsibility which rests upon the individual in American life. They are becoming Americanized.

The Americanization process should not be left to chance or haphazard methods. We and the nation as a whole are endeavoring to bring about a radical change in the minds of the alien, and in the standards and government. This is the immediate danger of revolution, destroying our government of evolution but nevertheless sinister forces are constantly at work and should be checked.

The government itself should undertake the task of educating the foreign born and should do so in a spirit of helpfulness and not of antagonism. From the time that he lands he should be made to feel at home and welcome—he should be made to understand that America wants to help him to secure a full benefit of the privileges which residence and citizenship here affords. But the government must know its problem just as an individual must know his job before it can succeed. The school authorities keep records of the children they are to teach, and see that the education is furnished. The bureau of naturalization in its Americanization program should be no more lax in its work than the public schools. The alien must therefore be enrolled and a record kept of his progress. At the time of enrolling and at subsequent annual recordings should be collected to be used by the government solely for the alien's welfare. Some objection to this program is raised because its opponents declare that it would be similar to the old espionage system of the czar, but it must be pointed out that the czarist regime never had such a program for welfare and education. Thus, we would be able to locate more easily the radical leaders engaged in sinister propaganda against the government. They ought to be discovered and returned to the countries from which they came. Such individuals seeking to bring to America the conditions existing under the irresponsible governments of part of Europe and Asia are no less a menace to American life as the law-loving aliens residing here. The alien who believes in our system of law and order and our institutions of liberty, freedom and equal opportunity to all have nothing to fear from enrollment for education and much to gain in happiness, contentment and prosperity by a knowledge of our laws and their participation as intelligent citizens in our national affairs.

These aliens come to us from nations whose system of government, and whose human relations antipodal to the ideals of America. They come from an atmosphere where the pomp of kings and emperors has clashed with wild political theories that lead to anarchy and destruction, whose economic and political turmoil have given birth to vile political doctrines, fatal to humanity.

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