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STATE AND CITY CONTRASTS

GOVERNORS ROHLF and Pennock have in general, as justified in taking steps in the initiative displayed in this Commonwealth in the public works program for employment, advocated by President Harding and the current conference in Washington.

THE POLITICIANS DID IT

MAJORITY IN favor of the Constitutional Convention were polled in seven counties at the primary election. These were nearly all Democratic counties. Among the exceptions were Allegheny and Dauphin, which are Republican.

FREE TO DO WHAT THEY WILL

ONE of the newest occupations for women is the least crowded, according to a speaker at an unemployment conference of the Young Women's Christian Association.

THE CANNIEST PEOPLE

REPORTS of the industrial and agricultural revival of France fix the number of unemployed as reduced to 15,000 out of a population of nearly 40,000,000.

French women who proclaim silk stockings de rigueur persist in wearing hose of cotton; that delicious dishes concocted if boulevard restaurants are provided chiefly for the deflection of foreigners.

SOME ULTRA-RICH ALSO FACE WOES DUE TO UNEMPLOYMENT

And Hoover Cannot Help Them, Though Their Plight Is More Painful Than That of Idle Wage Earners

HALF the truth has been told about money. Money, when it is available in clumps, does more than talk. It has been known to corrupt international relationships, to work havoc with political institutions, to break up families and to breed a lot of wild delusions in the minds of otherwise reasonable men and women.

MORE PACIFIC POWERS

INDICATIONS that Pacific problems at the Paris conference are to be treated in their broadest aspects, and not merely in reference to the Japanese-American situation, are furnished by the decision of the State Department extending invitations to Belgium, Portugal and the Netherlands.

THE REAL SINNERS

SOME of that truth proverbially spoken in jest appears in Life this week in an imaginative but not entirely accurate and Governor Small, of Illinois. The Governor will be recalled, has been arrested on the charge of taking State funds when he was Treasurer. He is made to say that the arrest was a put-up job. Then the editor says:

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If he should send for the Senate and House leaders and tell them it is important that the nuisance taxes be repealed and that the tax burden on transportation be removed, and that the sales tax provides the best way to raise the revenues which are now derived from these offensive taxes, it is likely the Spogot plan will have smooth sailing through both houses.

GANGS

WHAT the police used to call a campaign of terrorism in the days when thugs roamed the streets in motorcars and committed highway robberies at their leisure ended suddenly when the illicit whisky traffic became general and profitable. Gangs of the sort upon which the limelight was thrown with the recent fight that ended the career of "Red" Murphy need Elbow and Montross streets had found a more profitable occupation than that in which they were previously engaged.

Every gang—and many of them are highly organized and expertly led—maintains a connection on one hand with politicians and a connection on the other with the poor and syndicates. It is persistently rumored that there are in this city policemen and police officials more or less deeply involved in the underground whisky trade. If that is true, the guilty policemen are involved also with swagmen.

Murphy was a typical gangster. He had friends higher up and no small degree of influence in his general neighborhood. In some parts of the city ward leaders have deliberately encouraged and ably protected gangs similar to those which collided in the fight that ended the career of "Red" Murphy. Gangs are sometimes dependent upon to do necessary dirty work in local elections. Sometimes they overdo the jobs assigned to them. They overdid the job in the Fifth Ward. It is returned for that sort of service they are given protection of sorts in their own work. That work is done selling, gambling and the exploitation of unfortunate women in the mysterious region known as the underworld.

AS ONE WOMAN SEES IT

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By SARAH D. LOWRIE
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There is an illness in the houses of rich and poor alike, and a hot-water bottle to a saline solution he is a factor with the nurse and doctor in every variation of treatment of the case. When there is a loss of an emergency in the little houses of the poor all about him, he knows it, for his telephones are used for the discussion of the most private and vital affairs. If a woman wants to buy a bottle of hair restorer, she will not acknowledge, even to her nearest and dearest, he knows it, whether it be sent by mail or by hand.

HE IS sometimes surly, sometimes slovenly and sometimes unscrupulous, but he is generally placidly kind, exquisitely neat and sternly law-abiding. He is the master of a science where the knowledge of a grain of sand or a drop of water in his possession counts for life or death, and in his position of father confessor for his neighborhood has a power of imparting common sense and sympathy that a clergyman or teacher could never give.

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"Not a little of the world's work has been done by men and women of this type, people who throughout life have fought successfully a continuous fight against insanity. Such people need in childhood to learn discipline; they need the wisest of school masters to get them interested in the intellectual life. They need work and, above all, they need moral training, especially the moral training that unites children realize that they have duties and other people rights. In this country children are taught, consciously and unconsciously, too much about their rights, nothing about their duties. Mental hygiene cannot help such in late adolescence and adult because their ideas of rights includes the notion that they can break all nature's laws concerning eating and drinking and everything else without paying the penalty. And having absorbed these laws of the great republic are always in action, always enforced. Punishment, nature being blind, is meted out not only to the law-breaker, but to his family and to his descendants. Nature never pardons, never puts on parole.

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THERE IS ONLY ONE IMPORTANT THING JUST NOW



NOW MY IDEA IS THIS

Daily Talks With Thinking Philadelphians on Subjects They Know Best

DR. CHARLES W. BURR

On Mental Hygiene
THE subject of mental hygiene is one concerning which much that is misleading and even mischievous has been published. In the interview today Dr. Charles W. Burr, psychiatrist of the Orthopedic Hospital, discusses it from the authoritative standpoint of the specialist.

"The purpose of mental hygiene," said Dr. Burr, "is to teach people how to live in order to retain mental health, how to avoid the influence of a bad inheritance, how to overcome the effects of poor environment in early life and how to get the best results from a good inheritance and environment.

ALL CAN'T BE EDUCATED

"One theory that every one should be educated causes much mental disorder. There are a great many boys who are entirely unfitted to be book-learning who would make healthy and useful citizens if their natural fitness for the unskilled life were realized. Many a boy of fourteen craves activity and wants to work, but hates books. If he is a family chap he resorts being kept at school, but endures quietly until freedom comes and then goes out to work on his own salvation, unhindered by the unwisdom of our school system.

PSEUDO-SCIENCE HARMFUL

"Much pseudo-science is offered to and accepted by the general public under the name of mental hygiene. The public is not to blame for accepting it, because every one must accept on faith technical opinions because one cannot have personal knowledge on any subject he has no training in. The pseudo-scientists deserve more than blame; they deserve censure and punishment. Instead of trying to get an enormous large fee, to promise to cure incurable illness, they should be made to work for a living, to do all the work, and of the highest kind, one's natural ability will permit and to live as one can.

ANSWERS TO YESTERDAY'S QUIZ

- 1. Who was Juan de Fuca and where is the strait that bears his name?
2. Who said, "In the four quarters of the globe, who reads an American book or goes to an American play, or looks at an American picture or statue, and who does not see this observation mark?"
3. What is the opening day of the regular sessions of Congress?
4. How many Chief Justices of the United States have there been?
5. After what King of England were the "Carolinians" named?
6. What is a watt?
7. When was the first gasoline vehicle in operation?
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Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. The Venetian in a western department of France, the inhabitants of which I called a vigorous, energetic and brave French Revolution, between 1793 and 1795.
2. Three unsuccessful military leaders of anti-Bolshevik movements in Russia were: Nicholas Denikin and Wrangel. "Podenagary" means "the etiquette of the fossil gentry of England, stiff-necked and extremely conventional and proper. The type was presented by Charles Dickens in Mr. Podsnip in "Our Mutual Friends."
3. Tray became a dog's name as a corruption of the Spanish "trae," imperative of the verb "traer," to bring or carry.
4. John Milton wrote the poem "Paradise Regained."
5. A lumber in a small ship with a four-masted rig, a wide mountain sheep of the Rockies.
6. When first known the Mohican Indians were both bands of the upper Hudson River, extending north nearly to Lake Champlain, west to the Catskills and east into Massachusetts Bay.
7. Sirion is another name for the Dog Star.

SHORT CUTS

The natural and morally healthy successor of the ward gang is the community center.
October is the finest month in the year, and if you don't believe it ask any lay-follower victim.
It took a long time for summer to get through saying good-by, but it looks as though she had at last departed.
Every once in a while a community gets sufficiently interested in forestry conservation to hunt up new political timber.
We gather from the sporting page that philosophers continue to gripe over a World Frivolous and to gloat over a World Serious.
The animal that is terrorizing residents of Eldersville, Pa., and is said to look like a timber wolf, may be nothing more than a bottle imp.
Sentiment is veering around in favor of a sales tax. But how could the opposition know that raising "it" would give the Smoot bill Smooth running?
The Contractor Combine evidently believes that it can get the job of street-cleaning if it raises just enough to fill the eyes of the populace.
Secretary of the Navy Denby is called for volunteers for the naval reserve. Opponents hope that some day they may prove a mercantile marine reserve.
If two or three of its magistrates were defeated, the forces of France "all Ambassador Herick, Aye, and in the fortunes of the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Russia, Italy, Mexico and every other country, large and small.
Despite drought and heat, the world's wheat supply is 157,000,000 bushels greater this year than last. The world has never yet failed to provide an adequate food supply for its teeming millions. It is only when man permits transportation to go to ruin that famine comes.
What Do You Know?
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