

Show Other People. Crillon, Ravallac, Henry IV. The Mob Always Hideous. Read History, Biography.

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Those words on the Greek Temple, repeated in every generation, "Know Thyself," are not such wise words. Better advice would be, "Know Others, Know the Human Race to Which You Belong, Its Great men, Fighters, Fools, Philosophers, Slaves, and Parasites."

No man can ever know himself, but studying others he can learn something about himself.

Read history and biographies, which are the essence of history. Many men have written poor histories. The history that gives dates of battles, names of kings, means nothing.

The invention of the wheelbarrow, comparatively recent, is more important to the world than a hundred dates of battles.

Good histories do exist, however. Try Green's "History of the English People," admirable.

Michiel's "History of France," rather long for Americans in a hurry.

Winwood Read's "Martyrdom of Man," short, rather bitter and exaggerated in one direction.

Reclus' "Man and the Earth," long, but not a page too long.

Fluke's "Writings on Early Days in Our Country," useful for removing national conceit.

Some histories men buy, put on their shelves, ought to read and do not read, like Gibbon's monumental work. Others, less worthy, are useful, creating an appetite for something better. Of the latter sort is Alexandre Dumas' "Great Men in Their Dressing Gowns." Historians will tell you it is not all accurate, and it is far from it.

The writer of fiction could not write history without some fiction. But read the small volume about Henry IV, Louis XIII; the facts are interesting, the inaccuracies are not important.

The book of famous Frenchmen described by a Frenchman with imagination is made up of pictures.

Henry IV came into the world laughing, unusual if true; his grandfather, King of Navarre, immediately took him off to his own room, rubbed garlic on his lips, and from a goblet of gold made him drink a thimbleful of wine to "start him in the right way."

The baby liked the wine. In spite of his early depravity he turned out to be one of the best kings France ever had.

As interesting as the King was the famous fighter, Crillon, fit rank with Duguesclin, D'Auvergne, and La Hire, who, fighting a big bear and armed only with a small knife, improvised the celebrated prayer, "Lord, I ask no favors, but if you don't help La-hire, do not help the bear."

When Crillon died, some three centuries back, they found on his body twenty-two big wounds.

He is the man who cried out in church when he first heard the priest describe the sufferings of Christ, "Lord Jesus Christ, what a misfortune for you that Crillon was not there; they would never have crucified you."

The dancing master said to him when he was a lad, "Now bend over, and retire (Pliez, Reculez)," Crillon replied, "Know that Crillon will never either bend or retire."

He lived up to that. The young Duc De Guise, testing Crillon's courage, learned a useful lesson.

Crillon was waked out of a sound sleep, his room was filled with armed men, one shouting in his ear that the enemy had seized the castle. The young duke, pretending great fright, screamed: "What shall we do?" Crillon calmly putting on his shirt, answered, "What a foolish question! We must die like decent men, of course."

When the duke confessed it was all a joke, Crillon said, "Thou hast played a dangerous game, my child. For if I had shown cowardice, I should have stabbed thee for making me ridiculous."

Read Dumas' study of Henry IV's character, based on narratives. He often accused himself of cowardice and fought all the harder, exposing himself to bullets, to punish himself for being afraid.

"Ah, miserable carcass," he said, addressing his own body. "Thou tremblest. Well, *Ventre Saint-Ciel*, I'll give you something to make you tremble." Then he rushed in among the bullets.

This was the King's idea of a wife: "Beauty in her person, purity in her life, good nature, quick wit, fecundity, eminent birth, and possessing large estates."

He, however, said that he would consent to marry the Infanta of Spain, "although she is old enough and ugly enough, if with her I can marry the lowlands."

When Ravallac stabbed Henry IV as he sat in his carriage, the King took it calmly, saying at first, "Ah, I am wounded;" then, "It is nothing." Then he died. What followed, when the "Justice" of 300 years ago seized upon the murderer, is horrible for modern reading. Serious judges and courtiers consulted as to tortures that might be invented to make the murderer name his accomplices. The Queen, Marie de Medici, wrote recommending a butcher who offered his services, guaranteeing that he would skin the murderer alive, so skillfully that after being skinned

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WEATHER:

Fair and continued under tonight and tomorrow; lowest temperature tonight about 19 degrees. Temperature at 5 a. m. 15 degrees.

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Scantily Clad Women Rescued From Burning Apartments as Mercury Stands at 12

PAISH WANTS U. S. TO HELP BACK 35 BILLION LOAN

GIRLS CARRIED DOWN LADDER

Terrace Inn Apartments Damaged By Early Morning Fire. Starts in Basement.

NEWSBOY SOUNDS ALARM

C. R. Hayes Runs Through Corridor and Awakens Tenants In Time to Flee.

Occupants of the Terrace Inn Apartments at Thomas Circle were forced into the biting cold scantily clad and firemen carried others, partially overcome by smoke, down ladders, when fire badly damaged the building about 7:30 o'clock this morning.

A passing newsboy discovered smoke issuing from the building and spread the alarm. Sleeping tenants were aroused to find the corridors and rooms filled with dense fumes and exits cut off by flames which started in the basement.

Hayes Warns Tenants

C. R. Hayes, who occupies an apartment on the fourth floor spread the alarm, and while those in the lower rooms had an opportunity to flee to the street clad in such garments as they could gather, the occupants of the upper floors rushed panic-stricken to the roof and windows shouting for relief.

When Truck Company No. 2 arrived upon the scene, hysterical women shouted that many were penned in the burning building. Ladders were quickly raised, and Fireman A. J. Wernig, of Engine Company No. 2, brought down Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Arata from their third floor apartment, chilled from exposure, but uninjured. Two half frozen girls carried to the street, immediately hailed a taxi and drove away.

Captain Robert E. Doyle of the Third precinct assisted Lieut. Thomas Buckley of No. 7 Engine Company in rescuing U. G. Clark, who occupied a third-floor apartment, and who was partially overcome by smoke.

Lead Tenants to Street. Meantime the firemen who had entered the building reassured the frightened tenants and induced a score of them to find their way through the smoke-filled halls to the exits leading to the street.

Through the bravery of C. R. Hayes, who ran through the building and roused every tenant, was probably due the fact that all escaped in safety, for the fire spread so rapidly the building was almost immediately filled with the densest of smoke. He personally escorted four girls to the street.

Neighbors opened their doors for the shivering tenants, for the mercury was 12 degrees above, although a number of fair Government workers treated the fire as a movie thriller and insisted upon standing around until the department conquered the blaze.

The building is a four-story brick, overlooking Thomas Circle. Mrs. A. (Continued on Page 3, Column 8.)

Washington Bootleggers Ply Trade Under Nose of Police; Times Investigator Buys Doctored Whiskey in City Streets



Chemists must be very careful as to exact quantities. Chemist Beyer here is seen using a pipette into which he is drawing a quantity of bootleg whiskey to analyze.

FAKE RUM FOUND BY CHEMIST IN SIX BOTTLES

An investigator for The Times sought and found the bootleggers of Washington. He learned their methods, obtained samples of their wares and had these samples analyzed.

The object of this investigation by The Times was to ascertain how Washington is threatened by the sale of poisons in the guise of liquor, chief among which is wood alcohol, which recently took such an appalling toll of lives throughout the country; to determine how effective and active are the police in suppressing the bootlegger as a menace to health and life as well as law and order, and to warn the ignorant, the unwary and the reckless of their danger in consuming liquor purchased clandestinely.

This is the result of the investigation:

In the gathering dusk a man stands at the intersection of Four-and-a-half and G streets southwest, simulating interest in a mediocre display of holiday wares in a store window. A large policeman slouches along the other side of the street. Several negroes apparently are loafing about the corners.

One of the negroes studies the window gazer covertly, then shambles by him. Their coat sleeves brush. The window gazer turns as the negro glances back. There is a look of significant inquiry in the negro's eyes. A slight nod, accompanied by an equally significant look, answers.

Dealer Is Wary; Also Purchaser.

The negro approaches. He, too, gazes intently into the show window. They use the corners of their mouths to converse. A coin changes hands. The negro walks east on G street, disappearing into the first alley. A few minutes later the negro returns. The huge policeman is loitering about half a block away on Four-and-a-half street. The man at the window also does not pretend to observe or be interested in the negro's conduct, but the negro again approaches him. Again their faces confront in that method of speech peculiar to penal institutions where silence is decreed to conspirators the world over.

The negro removes two, half-pint bottles from pockets of a teamster's leather jacket he is wearing. The (Continued on Page 18 Column 1.)



Chemist G. F. Beyer, of the Internal Revenue Bureau, making the fusel oil test for coloring matter in a half-pint bottle of a Washington bootlegger's ware. With the addition of the fusel oil the matter used to give a whiskey color separates from the other ingredients.

Problems of Washington The Public Schools: Teachers' Salaries

The Second of a Series of Articles on the Washington School System, Written By An Authority on the Subject.

By ERNEST L. THURSTON, Superintendent of Public Schools.

A part of the strain on our school system and on the teaching force is due to a lack of sufficient teachers. The enrollment for the current year is running 4,500 above last year, with signs of steady increase. There has been no increase in teaching force. Not only are schools crowded; classes are over-large.

There is a point of overload in teaching as in the use of machinery. Go beyond this, and there is loss of efficiency—and even a breakdown. Our high schools, with a 25 per cent increase of enrollment over last year, are heavily burdened. The smaller enrollment and the distribution of subjects in the upper years make for more reasonable classes—but in the first two years especially classes are heavy.

No teacher should teach intensive high school subjects in classes of more than thirty. Today we have several hundred classes of more than thirty each; a very considerable proportion being over thirty-five, and a noticeable number forty or over.

A teacher with four or five classes of thirty pupils each has 120 to 150 different personalities to teach and help. That is enough. We have not the adequate teachers for high school physical training. Hundreds of pupils (Continued on Page 4, Col. 3.)



A revenue stamp is a revenue stamp for a that in the eyes of a Washington bootlegger. The one who sold this half-pint bottle for \$4 used a 1-quart stamp he had steamed off another bottle to camouflage it. The bottle contained water colored with burnt sugar.

THREE MORE ARKS WAITING FOR REDS

Huge Army Transports Held In New York for "Emergency Service."

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—Three huge army transports are here for "emergency service." The America, the President Grant, and possibly the Fitzpatrick, are expected to form the "soviet squadron," to be used in deporting hundreds of radicals rounded up in the nation-wide drive under way since Friday night.

It is believed the first cargo of undesirable will be ready to follow the Buford, "soviet ark," now en route for some port in Russia with Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman, and more than 200 other deportees, within a week or ten days. One section en route on the Buford; the second section held for deportation hearings, and the third section in hiding. Washington advices indicate the second class numbers nearly three thousand. Occasional captures in tenements and lodging houses, last night and today continued of foreign-born for (Continued on Page 2, Column 8.)

U. S. SEEKS REPORT ON JAILED JACKIES

Mexico Will Be Asked Why Sailors Are Held Indefinitely Without Trial.

MEXICO, Jan. 4.—President Carranza has issued two decrees affecting the oil industry in Mexico. The first increases the tax on oil exports 10 per cent on the net value per ton, while the second exempts gasoline and other petroleum by-products from import duties.

Exasperated by the conflicting declarations of action by the Mexican authorities at Mazatlan who have held two American sailors for over two months on slight police court charges the State Department yesterday telegraphed to its consul at Mazatlan to report why the sailors have not been released. The sailors, Lerner and Martin, overstay their leave by one day at Mazatlan and their ship, the Pococome, sailed without them. As soon as the Pococome reached San Diego the matter of the ship and the report to the Navy Department where it is reported for nearly six weeks when constant reports from Mazatlan stated that the sailors were being harshly treated, starved and illoused. The report then went to the State Department and messages were sent to the Mexican office and to the American consul at Mazatlan insisting on the release of the men or at least an immediate and fair trial.

The State Department officials report no progress in the James Wallace or W. O. Jenkins case. There is an unofficial report to the effect that far from answering the United States on its plea to Carranza that the oil export duties are excessive, Carranza has raised the export duty and still holds that he has the right to super-vise and tax even property rights in Mexico which became vested in the owners long before the Carranza regime.

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LEAGUE TO AID WORLD ISSUE

Financier Says American Dollar Will Be Par Basis of Bonds.

INTEREST OF 4 PER CENT

Free From Taxation In All Countries and Redeemable In 42 Years.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The total amount of the proposed international bond issue for the rehabilitation of Europe is \$35,000,000,000. It was stated last night by Sir George Paish, the eminent British financier and economist, who has come to the United States as spokesman for the project. An interview was granted just before he left here for Washington.

The issue would be floated under the authority of the League of Nations and be guaranteed collectively by the nations joined in the league. The American dollar would be the par basis of the bonds, which would bear interest at 4 per cent, be free from taxation in all countries, and be redeemable in forty-two years.

Refund on War Debts. Of the total, \$15,000,000,000 would be devoted to the refunding of existing war debts, the United States to take \$9,000,000,000 and whatever additional amount might be apportioned to her by arrangement between the nations. Great Britain, Sir George said, would be willing to take \$5,000,000,000 immediately—the approximate amount of her debt to the United States.

Sir George also expressed the belief that one of the first results of the flotation of this great loan would be the advance of sterling exchange to \$4.50. It was he, by the way, who first predicted that sterling would drop to \$4 or lower. He is convinced that the bonds issued with the backing of the league would be considered gilt edge security and would increase rather than decrease in value. In fact, he thinks they would come to be regarded as preferable to gold as a medium of exchange. In setting forth the arguments in favor of the plan, Sir George said:

"Let me put it this way. You want to sell your food and raw material. Other nations want to sell theirs, Canada, Argentina, Australia, China, Japan—they all want to sell. Europe is not yet in a position to supply them with goods. And if Europe does not buy their goods, what are those nations going to do with them? Some nations need to buy goods, some need to sell. What can be given in payment? Securities would have to be arranged in all these countries.

Calla Problem Difficult. "The problem is a very difficult one, but this is my own solution—that this problem is the special function of the League of Nations. The duty of the League of Nations is to take care of world interests against individual interests. This is a world problem, and it will be for the League of Nations to find the solution. Were there to be a breakdown of international credit, every country would suffer, those who have goods to sell and those who wish to buy them. It is essential to prevent a breakdown of credit in the interest of everybody, and the League of Nations can prevent that breakdown." "How?" he was asked. "By pooling credits, by arranging to supply the things the producing countries need, and to pay for those things to the countries that sell them in a (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

KAISER STILL HOPES TO RETURN TO GERMANY

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 4.—"I am living in hopes of returning to Germany," the former Kaiser quoted as saying in an interview with the correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt at Amerongen. The former ruler of Germany, looks old, but still bears himself like a soldier, the correspondent writes, and believes that he will be the victim of misrepresentation by his advisors.