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MUST WE PAY THE PRICE OR FREEZE?

The prospect of a fuel famine in Spokane this winter is a matter that directly affects every citizen. It brings us face to face with the possibility of not being able to keep wives and babies warm. And the promise of frigid quarters is not at all alluring to the man who earns the money to pay for coal or wood when there is coal or wood for sale.

Such condition would paralyze industrial operations in addition to causing widespread domestic distress. It would hit this city the hardest blow suffered since the fire. The town would simply be turned over to Jack Frost and chillbains would become the accepted badge of Spokane citizenship. What would become of the babies is a matter the mortality expert alone could estimate.

The Press is not endeavoring to create a panic condition in the fuel market. On the contrary it believes that a little careful investigation and early provision for an emergency, if one is imminent, will prevent suffering.

There are several curious features of the fuel scarcity now prevailing. Dealers claim their shipments are confiscated by the railroads entrusted with delivery. This is denied by railroad officials and it certainly looks improbable. It also claimed that scarcity of labor at the mines is responsible for scarcity of coal. But laborers were scarce for harvest and hop-picking, yet the crops have been gathered. Railroad construction is progressing and other branches of development, while doubtless hindered, are not paralyzed for lack of workmen.

The details of the fuel business are veiled to the consumer, but this much remains perfectly clear to him:

If bunkers and wood yards are kept empty until cold weather sets in there will certainly ensue a rush for fuel at any price and no questions asked. It will be then a matter of paying the price or giving way to some man who is able and willing to.

Under the circumstances it is incumbent on this city to investigate the coal question and to insist that every effort be made now to forestall such a contingency. If a sudden supply is dumped into the city immediately following the first cold snap the situation will present all the symptoms of a combine in restraint of trade worked in heartless conjunction with the demands of extreme human necessity.

IS MANKIND BECOMING INSANE?

It seems a startling proposition that, according to the statistical figures on insanity, it can be shown that before long there will be actually more lunatics in the world than sane people.

The only consolation lies in the fact that it isn't true. The increase in insanity, like the increase in disease and the increase in crime, is only seeming.

Statistical record is nowadays made of an enormous proportion of cases that a few years ago were not noted at all.

Sir James Crichton-Browne, the noted British alienist, declares not only that diseases are steadily disappearing but that the average of human life is growing longer.

If we could not hope to check the insanity, the reducing of the rate mortality would hardly be any triumph.

Better no human race at all than a race of lunatics.

But both lunacy and crime are results of disease conditions, and as the disease conditions disappear the others must disappear with them.

Sir James is confident that in half a century science will be saving annually 200,000 lives in England alone by means of sanitary and hygienic measures and other methods of disease prevention.

Nothing is so improbable as to be impossible.

Adult people are well aware of a long list of once deadly diseases and plagues that within their lifetime have been stamped out entirely or surrendered tractable—notably smallpox, yellow fever, bubonic plague, diphtheria, typhoid.

Science progresses like compound interest, and it would be a nimble imagination indeed which could foresee the achievement in this direction to be made in the next 50 years.

The concerted war on consumption, popular education in anatomy and hygiene, legislation promoting safety of employes in industry, restrictions on child and female labor and abolition of sweatshops are only a few of the factors that in time must bring incalculable results in sounder life, and therefore sweeter and saner.

Whatever makes for life and health and comfort makes for sanity.

A sounder, longer-lived race will assuredly be a saner race.

GIVES FIANCE'S MOTHER CONDENSED MILK.

BROOKLYN, Oct. 24.—David McGoogle has been committed to the Bloomingdale hospital for the insane after an investigation of his sanity caused by his peculiar gifts to his fiancée and her relatives. Some time ago he became acquainted with Ruth Lincoln of No. 202 Twentieth and became engaged to her. He then proceeded to shower a number of strange gifts on his prospective mother-in-law, the proceeding culminating with the gift of a can of condensed milk. His bride-to-be became suspicious of his sanity and had him arrested.

SOME EMINENT "BAD MEN"

The fact that Dave Banks, who had the record down in the Pecos country, was killed by the Yaqui Indians a short time ago, calls forth several stories of eminent "bad men."

One of the "best" of the "bads" is Martinez, who killed four men before he was 20, and is now an Arizona outlaw.

One afternoon while riding near Laredo, Texas, he met a stranger and asked for a drink of water. The stranger replied that he had but little, but that he was welcome to that. The bandit drank the water and then shot the man to death, with the remark: "You'll have more water next time."

About 10 years ago Martinez was discovered in a ranch house, and 20 rurales began to break down the doors, but, while they were doing this the outlaw climbed a stairway to a garret in which was a small window, and, mounting one of the officers' horses, rode off and escaped. Seven officers had a battle with Martinez later, but he managed to escape with only slight wounds.

The most miraculous escape that Martinez is known to have had occurred on the plains in the Panhandle of Texas. Four rangers sighted him riding along an opening where there was no shelter for at least a mile. They rode up and the fight began. Martinez would face them until he had emptied his Winchester and then would run his horse until he had reloaded. Again he would about face and shoot until his gun was empty. A bullet pierced his right side, but as the blood gushed from the wound he continued to fight. He received three other wounds and finally his horse was shot from under him, but he climbed down a deep ravine, got into a timbered country and escaped.

At one time Dave Banks had a "run-in" with one Virgil Earp in Barstow, N. M.

Earp was running things in his corner of New Mexico at that time. One night in a poker game Dave cleaned him. After the game was over Earp, sore as a barb-wired maverick, hinted that Dave had done some crooked dealing, and that it might not be a bad thing for Dave to vamoose.

Dave heard of the remarks two hours later, and made straight for the back room where he had been told Earp was playing seven-up with a bunch of his hangers-on. He strode over to the seven-up table, gave it a bang with his fist and then stuck his face within four inches of Earp's.

"Earp, for two bits and a poncho chucked in, I'd take those guns of yours away from you and chuck them down your gizzard! And I will give you this much the best of it at that, you mangy cur!" And then he deliberately pulled both guns from his own belt, slammed them down on the card table right alongside Earp's hands and stepped five paces back from the table, feeling for his knife.

Virgil Earp simply wasn't there in a pinch.

"Oh, stop this foolin'!" he said, weakly, to Dave.

The latter walked back to the table, picked up his guns, stuck them back into his belt, deliberately swept the cards, which had been replaced on the table, therefrom, and walked out, not even taking the precaution to walk out backward, thus showing his supreme contempt for Earp, who up to that time had been counted the most dangerous man in the two territories.

MUZZLES MAD DOG WITH A HANDKERCHIEF.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 24.—Minneapolis has an unknown hero who refuses to come forward and divulge his identity. When several blocks of First avenue had become practically depopulated through fear of a mad dog, and all others within sight of the animal were flying for their lives, a little man sprang out of the crowd and, seizing the dog by the nose muzzled him with a pocket handkerchief. When he released the dog it ran around in a circle and finally dropped dazed and helpless on the pavement, where it was killed by an officer. In the meantime the little man walked away, disdainful to wait for his handkerchief, and the most earnest courts of the reporters were of no avail in securing his name.

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LOVERS FLEE WHILE AN ANGRY HUSBAND PURSUES



LONDON, Oct. 24.—For five months Europe has been watching the chase of two eloping lovers by an irate husband, and during that time the trio have traveled through a large section of the continent, have crossed the Atlantic twice and are now playing hide and seek in the British isles.

When Gabriel Essipoff became enamored with the wife of General Alex. Ouchakoff, then in attendance upon the czar in St. Petersburg, he fled from Russia with the lady. The husband pursued.

The couple fled to Berlin, Paris, Naples and Gibraltar by devious ways and finally took ship for New York. A cable message from the general prevented the pair from gaining entrance to the United States and they were compelled to return to Europe on the next ship. The elopers fled to London, and after a sojourn of six hours again departed. They have temporarily eluded the angry husband.

WOMEN BUY FALSE HAIR BY CARLOADS

BY MARION ASHE.

False hair is being shipped all over the world by the carload, because to be in the fashion a woman must have all things have her head padded out, puffed up and hung with false hair. In Paris the all round pompadour is the proper thing for a fashionable head dress. The stiff, ugly Marcelle wave has given place to a soft, undulating wave that runs all round the head. In the middle of this cart wheel of fluffy hair lies



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they have even gone so far as to have what is called "the transformation," which is a sort of wig that can be donned at a moment's notice, so that the hair may match the gown to be worn.

But on this side of the ocean have not gone to that extreme yet, although the symptoms have already been detected in some places.

OLD INDIAN CHIEF A FULL FIEDGED SLEUTH



CHIEF GODFREY.

KOKOMO, Ind., Oct. 24.—Chief Gabriel Godfrey, the last survivor of the famous Miami tribe of Indians of Indiana, has become a member of the Indiana Horse Thief Detective association, and is now a full fledged detective. Chief Godfrey is 74 years old, but is as active as a youth of 20. He was an honored guest at the recent annual picnic of the Howard county association, and sang some quaint Indian songs.

The chief has a large collection of Indian relics, including a dress 125 years old, worn by Frances Slocum, the white woman stolen when a child from Susquehanna, Pa. Mrs. Slocum, who was known in her time as "The White Rose of the Miamis," was the grandmother of Chief Godfrey's wife.

Chief Godfrey lives on a farm in Miami county. While in Kokomo the other day he agreed to locate the grave of Chief Kokomo, in order that residents of the city may erect a monument in memory of the chief for whom the town was named.

SHOOTS HIS OWN IMAGE.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Mistaking his own reflection in the mirror for a burglar, Robert Carter, 5927 Calumet avenue, shattered the glass with a bullet and notified the police that he had shot and probably fatally wounded a housebreaker. Two patrol wagons and a number of police responded to the call, but Carter in the meantime had discovered his error.

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