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HOLDING DOWN CRIME

Wherever private citizens go seriously to the aid of the police authorities, crime is reduced. Fresh proof of this comes from Chicago. Business and professional men there, organized under the name of the Chicago Crime Commission, have in three years cut the number of the city's murders in half. They have also greatly decreased the city's burglaries and robberies.

It is significant, however, that this commission has never undertaken to detect, arrest or prosecute lawbreakers. It has devoted all its efforts to pointing out to police and courts the cause of crime and the weakness in law enforcement.

First of all, says the last annual report of the commission, crime has flourished in Chicago because the criminals have been able to escape punishment. Crime, the report declares, always will flourish so long as malefactors are given unnecessary opportunities to beat the law. In Chicago they have too often evaded punishment because of straw bail, failure of the police to make arrests, the granting of continuance or new trials, leniency in permitting pleading of insanity and congestion of the courts.

That is to say, the conditions which the Chicago citizens have had to remedy are practically the same as citizens in nearly every city in the country have to contend with. The encouraging thing is that these defects in the prevention and punishment of crime can be handled. It all goes back to the elemental fact that when any community seriously sets to work to keep down crime it can accomplish pretty much anything it wants.

Chicago is not free from crime today. By no means. But her record for law and order has improved to such an extent in three years that nobody can doubt the advisability of citizens everywhere strengthening the arm of the law.

"Respect," says the report of the Chicago commission, "begets respect." The law-abiding citizen cannot expect the lawless citizens to respect institutions which he himself does not respect.

WAR'S AFTERMATH

Unwounded, ungassed, apparently sound in body, many ex-service men safely home from the war are now suffering from the strain of bygone battles far away. War experiences "left a lasting mark upon thousands of men who underwent severe nervous strain," says a report of war department medical experts who have been examining A. E. F. officers. Tests revealed "a large percentage of officers showing either excessively high or abnormally low blood pressure." The increased high pressure being noted particularly among men over 45 years old and the dangerously low pressure among men of 25 to 30 years.

It is a cruel and mocking fate which thus pursues those who thought happily to have escaped unscathed by battle. It is said that the long arm of the war demon can reach for overseas and strike those whom we thought safe again with us. That it can do so is but a present day proof of the terrible strain undergone by those who faced shattering shell and the strange uncertainties of death in the great drives over there.

The surgeon general's report stated that among the after-war effects upon men examined were instability of the nervous system and an unnatural tendency to worry. These patients tend to easily fatigue and offer lowered resistance to infectious diseases. And, most striking of all, decided tendency toward increased introspection.

This latter means a mental exaggeration of all forms of work and mild physical ills. The indication is that these conditions suggest a scientific explanation of the restlessness which has been noted among many former soldiers. We can well excuse certain variations from their normal selves by those who have suffered much, but if science is to be trusted we can now understand that the cause is beyond their control—they paid and are still paying the debt of war.

WAR PROPAGANDA

Sherwood Eddy, leading Y. M. C. A. worker, who has recently returned from a lengthy trip through different countries in Asia and Europe, says the world is still suffering from the effects of war propaganda.

During the world war every nation in the war fed its people on propaganda. The people were taught that their cause was just, that the cause of the enemy was unjust. They were taught to hate their enemies,

and in order to do this they were told many false things about their enemies.

In other words, the people were deceived. They were given much information that was false, and they still believe it. And it is this state of mind, more than anything else, that is delaying a return to normal conditions in our international relations.

Before the world can begin to go forward again in the right way, the people of every country will have to forget much that they were told during the world war, or at least realize that much of what they were told was not true. The trouble with the world now is more psychological than economic. We could begin doing business again with our late enemies if we would trust them, and when world trades between the various countries is resumed prosperity and sense of security will return.

HOLDING A HUSBAND

A Connecticut college professor says most unhappy marriages are due to the fact that brides are not trained for matrimony. He advocates the establishment of schools to remedy matters. As a sample of the subjects to be taught he offers a set of rules for "holding" a husband. Part of them follow.

Give your constant, whole-minded love.

Allow him freedom to come and go as he pleases.

Say, "John dear," instead of just "John."

Ask, don't demand. He'll do it quicker if he thinks he is granting a favor.

Let him smoke, drink and gamble at home, if he must do those things.

Feed him well.

Dress your best for him instead of for strangers.

Don't talk business at home.

Keep your health above all for good health means good nature.

All of these sentiments have a quaint charm, of course, but many intelligent modern men and women, married or single will laugh at most of them. They know that successful marriage is not a matter of selfishness on one side and sacrifice on the other, but of mutual loyalty, consideration and assumption of responsibility.

Any wife or husband who has to be "held" by any device incompatible with the dignity of both parties is hardly worth holding.

THE HORSE COMING BACK?

The fourteen principal markets of the west show a total of 53,241 horses received during the first two months of 1922. In a recent report issued by the Horse Association of America this shows a gain of 2,402 head, or 4.6 per cent. These figures do not take into consideration the chief eastern markets, Boston, Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia.

Wayne Dinsmore, secretary of the association, states that the demand for horses is steadily improving throughout the country by reason of renewed activity in building, excavating, road construction and general merchandising. Paul Connelly, a well known horseman of Philadelphia stated that more horses had been sold in that city in the past three months than in any corresponding three months in the past ten years.

The demand for saddle horses is greater this year than it ever has been. Greater interest all over the country in horseback riding is the reason, according to horse authorities, for the spring's heavy demand for well broken, well bred saddle horses. Three weeks ago the sales in Lexington, Kentucky, set new records in the saddle horse field.

A TAX COMPARISON

On all sides you hear people say, "A fellow wouldn't mind this deflation so much if taxes didn't stay so high."

National taxes during the fiscal year which will end June 30, 1922, average \$32.10 for each person in the United States.

The Englishman is paying an average of \$129.80, compared with our \$32.10. The Italian pays \$33.93, and the Frenchman \$51.69.

The British treasury, which has figured this out, also finds that the corresponding taxes in Germany are only \$3.48 for each inhabitant, due to their depreciated currency.

That's peculiar form of penalty for losing the war.

RUSSIA MONEY POOR

A billion is a thousand millions and a trillion is a thousand billions. In December there were 11 trillions of Russian paper money outstanding. By April the quantity had increased to 17 trillions. If money made a country prosperous, Russia should be prospering beyond the dreams of avarice instead of having 5 or 6 million people doomed to death by starvation despite anything and everything the civilized world do to save them. Those who hold that when business is slack and credit restricted the trouble is merely a lack of money and that an increase of money is the cure for hard times, need only look to Russia, a country so rich in money that it is poor.

THE WORLD ON LYNCHING

The New York World is righteously wrathful over the lynching of three negroes by the mob at Kirvin, Texas.

Which brings to mind the campaign of the Chicago Tribune against the south and its barbarous methods

against black brutes who attack women.

When the Tribune's campaign of holiness was at its height, a race war broke out in Chicago in which the most hideous mob vengeance ever known upon innocent blacks took an awful toll.

Human nature fights the same passion in New York, Chicago and Kirvin, Texas.—Daily Oklahoman.

Politics would be all right if it were not for the politicians.

A bargain is not a bargain at any price unless you can afford it.

There's mighty little Irish humor left in Ireland, more's the pity.

If you stand for the right things you are not so apt to fall for the wrong things.

No matter what it cost you, a ton of coal in the cellar is worth two at the mine.

The smaller the job the more competition there is for it. Remember that.

Congressmen who do not try to help those out of work may have to join them.

Many a small boy envies the girls who can hide ears with their hair.

Safety first. Get an automobile and quit trying to walk across the streets.

If we can't stop speeding maybe we can have automobiles equipped with fenders.

Love is blind, of course, but matrimony is often a cure for that sort of blindness.

The fellow who keeps on patronizing the bucket shops will eventually be cleaned dry.

If we had fine weather all the time people would complain about the monotony of it.

It is pretty evident that this Col. Nutt, one of the chief prohibition officers, isn't one.

If the girl's complexion will stand wind and rain, Jason, you need not wait any longer.

What ought to be done to the landlord who bars children from his house but admits dogs?

Now that there are so many women's clubs, children know what home is without a mother.

It seems harder than ever to get juries to agree, now that juries are serving on them.

Those Irishmen might get along better with each other if they would kiss the Blarney stone.

You have noticed, of course, that when some of the upstarts get flippers they shake their friends.

When a man plants an unfenced garden it is a sign that he is going to fall out with his neighbors.

We have equal suffrage, but we have yet to hear of any man marrying a woman to reform her.

It is said that jazz originated in an insane asylum. And maybe that is why some people are crazy about it.

Some of the excuses you make when you stretch the truth are so thin that one can see through them.

Babe Ruth counts that day lost whose low descending sun hath not seen him sweat another home run.

Anybody view with alarm. It takes real discernment to be able to point with pride these days.

As often as not a candidate lives to realize that he was fortunate when he failed to get the nomination.

The trouble with most of those who want to do something for the community is that they want to do it at somebody else's expense.

An English lecturer who was over here not long ago says Americans have had manners. They must have told him what they thought of him.

An American is now champion wrestler of the world, having wrestled the title from a Pole, but we don't know that it makes any difference.

It is said that there will be no aristocracy in heaven. And this may explain why some people are not trying to get there.

We suppose that after the senate has disposed of everything else it will take up the Tom Watson charges again.

Mary has a rounded calf, and it she likes to show, and everywhere that Mary goes the lads are bound to go.

We fought to make the world safe for democracy, but democracy has changed so much that some of us are beginning to wonder if it is safe for the world.

Democratic Darts

Taken from a bulletin issued by the Democratic Congressional Committee at Washington.)

We never desire to be offensive; neither do we want to be too inquisitive, but if Jim Hepburn is elected District Judge, will he swear in the same key that he used while he was county attorney?

As a matter of fact, nothing comes in as news very encouraging to republicans. The national administration is all flabbergasted and everything it attempts sort of fizzles out. Now and then an oil lease scandal bubbles up but that is little more than could be expected.

There is one hope for Oklahoma republicans this year—If every person

who has gone broke under Harding stands by the ticket it will have some chance.

Just for information, will the five republicans from Carter county who forced John Fields to become a candidate for governor all be able to stand pat on election day? It would be a calamity to lose Carter county's five brave souls.

And did the Lumber Trust have a fair understanding with the Harvester Trust when the "people" joke for Fields?

NEWSPAPER UTILITY ADVERTISING

Newspapers have been officially approved as media for public utility advertising by the California Railroad Commission. The commission holds that newspaper advertising is a necessary expense of utilities and a proper charge to operating expense.

ACHILLE VOTES BONDS
Achille has recently voted bonds in the sum of \$12,000 for the purpose of building an addition to the school house there. It is understood that the bonds are already sold to a good advantage and that the improvements will be completed in time for the next school year.

Little as one thinks of it, the schools of the country are the greatest investment, by far, that we are making today. From the school children of today will come the men and women who are to handle our affairs in ten or fifteen years. What kind of men and women they are to become, depends in large measure, upon what kind of schooling they receive. The better educations we give them, the better citizens they are going to make for the next generation.

Al Snyder sez: Some business men git their eyes so close to a nickel, they can't see a dollar in front uv 'em.

TRADES DAY SPECIALS

For Next Tuesday Only

Trades Day in Durant is going to be a success. This store is anxious that it be—We're showing it by making prices for the one day that will make it to your interest to COME EARLY.

75 Men's Three Piece Spring Suits

Strictly all wool and well tailored. Only the best makes. These suits are taken from our lines of \$29 and \$35 Suits. Sizes are from 34 to 44. Many are the hard wearing all wool worsteds—a few blue serges in larger sizes

TRADES DAY ONLY \$16.75

50 Boys' Spring Suits--Sizes 10 to 18

—All are all wool—made to withstand hard service—nothing cheap about them but the price. Bring the Boy in and take advantage of this offering

TRADES DAY ONLY \$4.95

10 Dozen Tom Sawyer Shirts & Blouses

—One of the best garments for Boys its possible, to buy. These are \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, all sizes—every one guaranteed. Buy them by the half dozen

TRADES DAY ONLY 65c

75 Pairs Men's All Leather Dress Shoes and Oxfords

in Blacks and Browns. All sizes and widths. Every pair is of high grade quality and will give good service. Come early while your size is here. **TRADES DAY ONLY \$3.95**

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Whether you come to Buy, Sell, or Gaze at the antics of the Aerial Circus, We want you to visit us and say "Howdy."

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