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Avenue of Last Hope

To most of Gotham, Sixth avenue is just the street between Fifth and Seventh. But to those on the breadline, those that sleep in the Park, those whose landlady is giving them credit for just one more week—Sixth avenue despite its grimy stores, roaring elevated trains and gloomy squalor is the "Boulevard of the Last Chance."

For there it is that the employment agencies range their many bulletin boards with cards proclaiming "Dishwasher \$6 & Chow," "Short Order Cook \$12," "Stripper \$18," "Couple, Country Home \$8 Bed & Board."

Large groups, mostly men, hang around these fateful boards waiting for the card to go up that might spell three meals a day once more to the wearer of the too tight belt. But there is no eagerness in their faces, none of the expectancy of the youth taking a small job, determined to work up in the world.

Most of these men have had jobs, some too many. Some of them were successful in their respective lines. Others had always been on the fringe of society.

I can't make up my mind whether the Sixth avenue I know is a great evil or a great good. I do know it is the Avenue of Last Hope to many men.

The Acrobat's Problem

Backstage at the Radio City Music Hall I eavesdropped on a man-and-wife team of acrobats. "Sam," said Mrs. Acrobat, "I do believe that you're too severe with Junior."

"Well, Jane, maybe I am a bit strict," answered Mr. Acrobat, "but I want him to grow up so that he can stand on his own head."

Notes

We were backstage as Rudy Valle's radio hour was going out over the air waves. There was an air of eagerness about the proceedings that comes only from the security of long, careful rehearsals.

The real reason for our being there was to say goodbye to the Canovas who were leaving for the Coast that night. You probably think these hill-billy performers are products of some ramshackle mountain cabin.

Street Scene

A long shiny town car rolled down Sixth Ave. the other afternoon. As it approached 40th Street a left rear tire blew out. As the stricken car limped slowly to the curb a pompous rear seat occupant was berating the liveried chauffeur.

INDUSTRY muscle

Anybody who gives much thought to social questions must realize that the conditions under which men and women will have to work for a living in the future are likely to be quite different from those to which we are accustomed.

There will, of course, always be industries like building and railway construction, in which muscle will count for a good deal, but the demand is increasingly for intelligent, specialized skill.

Machines in the industries producing motor cars, locomotives and other heavy machinery do most of the work that used to be done by human muscles.

The workers of the next generation will stand less chance of losing their jobs to the machine, if they have intelligence enough and training enough to do the things the machine can't do.

Thanksgiving Worship



THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Nov. 22. (Auto-caster) — As the experienced and mostly non-partisan political observers in Washington study the picture presented by the results of the recent elections, several definite conclusions stand out.

These men, the Washington correspondents of the nation's important newspapers and the great press associations, are the most unbiased and cool-headed group in the national capital.

They have seen so many changes some of them that seemed so revolutionary at the time, and have seen the pendulum of public opinion and government policies swing so violently from one extreme to the other, that they do not regard any change as permanent.

The first and major conclusion of these observers is that the swing toward the Republicans in the late elections was a natural and normal swing away from radicalism and toward conservatism.

Among the names most frequently mentioned as possibilities for 1940 are those of Gov. Leverett

Control in 11 States

As these observers see the picture, the most important result of the elections is not gains of Republican seats in Congress, but the capture of control in eleven more state governments by the opposition.

For under our two-party political system party machines are built on patronage, and kept alive by providing political jobs for the party workers.

Even in New York, where the Democratic Governor Lehman was re-elected by a narrow majority over Thomas E. Dewey, Republican District Attorney of New York County, the Republicans captured control of both houses of the State Legislature.

It cannot be said that any one of the victorious Republicans stands out ahead of all the others as a Presidential possibility.

Cellophane was first made in 1924.

Saltonstall of Massachusetts and Gov. John W. Bricker of Ohio. How far they may develop as Presidential possibilities depends upon their performance in office.

On the Republican side a new Senator is already being hailed as a "white hope" by many of his admirers. He is Robert A. Taft of Ohio, son of the former President and Chief Justice.

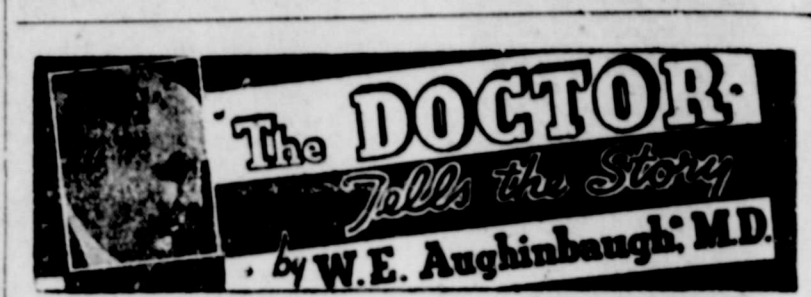
It is the belief here that the recent election may mark the end of the reform program of the present Administration. The new Congress will not, in all likelihood, try to undo any of the genuine reforms which have been started.

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Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Charles E. Deane

The Sin of Lying. Lesson for This Week: Proverbs 6:16-19. Golden Text: Psalm 51:6. The ninth commandment reads, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."



CAN WE WIPE OUT SYPHILIS? Granted that the barrier of silence is down, what hope have we today of destroying this enemy called syphilis? Other contagious diseases have been talked about, but not all of them have been controlled.

Nancy Hart's HOME NEWS

It's the little things that are so important and revealing in this everyday world of ours, our dress, our speech, our habits of living, even the way we set our tables, tell our friends what sort of persons we are.

MODERN WOMEN by EARLENE WHITE

Although she is shy and fragile looking, has lovely wavy hair and likes feminine clothes, Mrs. Henrietta Sands Merrick, formerly of Washington, D. C., has crossed the Himalaya seven times and may go again.

The House of Hazards By Mac Arthur









