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REAL ACCIDENTS FEW

What are generally classed as accidents are in most cases not accidents at all, but merely the results of pure carelessness or recklessness, according to a noted surgeon, who declares that really unpreventable accidents are very few.

The greater number of accidents are caused by the failure to keep in mind the consequences of a slight mistake in judgment, or in "taking a chance" even when the danger is realized.

Of 33,000 deaths in the United States through automobile accidents each year, it is safe to say that 90 per cent of them are due to someone's disregard of ordinary safety precautions. The worst feature of this is that a reckless driver not only endangers himself but also trifles with the lives of others.

In accidents due to fire the same principle holds good. Everyone knows how easily the careless throwing of a lighted match may start a disastrous fire, yet millions of lighted matches, cigar and cigarette stubs are cast aside with little or no caution. Practically every fire that occurs is caused by stupid carelessness.

Accidents do happen, of course, under circumstances wherein no one appears to be at fault, but these are in the minority. Generally accidents are caused by ignorance, carelessness or wanton disregard of consequences.

OPINIONS SHOULD DIFFER

It is characteristic of most persons who have decided opinions on any subject that they endeavor to bring everyone else to their way of thinking.

In cases where the issue is a clear-cut one involving right and wrong, it may be that an uncompromising attitude is justified. But who shall say just what is right and what is wrong? Ideas concerning right and wrong change with the times.

Not so many decades ago some of the most cultured and enlightened people of this country believed that human slavery was legitimate and proper. George Washington was one of them; at least he was a large slave-owner as long as he lived. We think it wrong today.

The Puritans thought it wrong for a man to kiss his wife on Sunday, and they passed a law prohibiting him from doing so. We think it all right today.

If everyone had agreed with such old ideas and no one had ever mustered up the courage to combat them, we should have made little progress. We would still be hanging witches.

What is needed in the world is not that we should all think alike, but that we should have a greater feeling of tolerance and respect for the opinions of others, when honestly held, no matter how much they may differ from our own.

The average normal person is really seeking for the truth—but the truth is often elusive and each must find it in his own way.

Japan's rubber footwear industry, though mainly a post-war development, has risen fast enough to make the empire one of the world's leading producers.

The Philadelphia Zoological Garden is one of the largest and finest in the world, comprising nearly 3,500 specimens.

The largest power dam in the world is said to be that recently completed on the Dnieper river in Soviet Russia by American engineers.

More than 90 per cent of the yearly production of manganese is consumed in steel-making processes.

GROW NEW FORESTS

In the past, lumbermen have been criticized for depletion and waste of the country's forests, and it may be that much timber has been cut without proper regard for future needs.

At present, however, the lumbermen appear to be keenly alive to the necessity for conservation of timber and reforestation of cut-over areas. In fact, such a movement among the lumbermen has been under way in several states for quite a while.

At a convention in Chicago, the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association commended the interest in reforestation being taken by the government and by the forestry department of many states. A resolution adopted by the convention said:

"We urge continuance of this interest and cooperation, both public and private, to bring about sound conditions for perpetuating our forest industry."

Better means of fire prevention in existing forests were also recommended, as well as favorable tax measures to encourage private forest-growing enterprises.

It is fortunate that this matter is engaging the attention of the country at large to a greater extent than ever before. No natural resources are more essential to our national welfare than our forests.

RUMANIAN WAR LOSS

When we think of the World War we instinctively think of the losses of men and property sustained by France and Belgium. Perhaps no one thinks of the part played by little Rumania.

But consider this: While French deaths were 16 per cent of troops engaged and Belgian deaths were only a trifle over 5 per cent, Rumanian losses showed the tragic and pitiful total of 45 per cent of fatalities.

Rumania had under arms 750,000 men, of whom 335,706 were killed or died of disease, while 120,000 more were wounded, making her total casualties of dead and wounded a fraction over 60 per cent.

In striking contrast is the record of the United States, with only one and one-half per cent of dead and less than four and one-half per cent of wounded, the lowest of any nation engaged in the war.

The total number of United States troops mobilized was less than 12 per cent of the total engaged on the side of the allies and of these less than one-half ever reached the battlefields.

Yet it can not be denied that the timely arrival of the American troops turned the tide against the Central Powers and our relatively small force, combined with the tremendous moral effect of our entry into the war was the deciding factor in the greatest struggle the world has ever known.

National forests have been named in honor of four presidents—Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, and Cleveland.

The first floating postoffice in the world handles mail for 28,000 population of the 600 lake craft of the Great Lakes.

Latin America, says a U. S. survey, has 15 per cent of the potential waterpower of the world.

Belfast, Maine, has one of the two municipally operated steam railroads in the country.

The Soviet Union has the largest Arctic frontier of any country in the world.

It's "Alfalfa-stacking" instead of "bootlegging" in El Paso, Tex., now after customs officers seized several hundred dollars worth of merchandise concealed in a load of alfalfa.

Four-year-old Buddy Hardin of Hollister, Calif., apparently wanting to aid his mother in Red Cross roll call sales, ate a Red Cross badge pin and all, but suffered no ill effects.

This Debt Repudiation Has Gotta' Stop

By Albert T. Reid

WAIT A MINUTE, FELLOW!— NOW YOU JUS' TRY TO FROG ON WHAT YOU OWE ME AND IT'S FINISH FOR YOU!

HE OWES 'AT GUY TEN CENTS AND HE'S TRYING TO GIT OUT OF IT.



BRUCE BARTON

Writes of "THE MASTER EXECUTIVE"

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ON LIKING PEOPLE

Jesus loved to be in the crowd. Apparently he attended all the feasts at Jerusalem not merely as religious festivals but because all the folks were there and he had an all-embracing fondness for folks. We err if we think of him as a social outsider. To be sure it was the "poor" who "heard him gladly," and most of his close disciples were men and women of the lower classes. But there was a time when he was quite the favorite in Jerusalem. The story of his days is dotted with these phrases. . . "A certain ruler desired him greatly to remain and he abode two days." . . . Even after he had denounced the Pharisees as "hypocrites" and "children of the devil," even when the clouds of disapproval were gathering for the final storm, they still could not resist the charm of his presence, nor the stimulation of his talk.



Bruce Barton

No other public character ever had a more interesting list of friends. It ran from the top of the social ladder to the bottom. Nicodemus, the member of the supreme court, had too big a stake in the social order to dare to be a disciple, but he was friendly all the way through, and notably at the end. Some unknown rich man, the owner of an estate on the Mount of Olives, threw it open to Jesus gladly as a place of retirement and rest. When he needed a room for the last supper with his friends he had only to send a messenger ahead and ask for it. The request was enough. And in the last sad hours, when the hatred of his enemies had completed its work and his body hung lifeless from the cross, it was a rich man named Joseph—a rich man who would have sunk into oblivion like the other rich men of all the ages except for this one great act of friendship—who begged the authorities for his body, and having prepared it for burial laid it in a private tomb.

Such were his associates among the socially elect. What sort of people made up the rest of his circle? All sorts. Pharisees, fishermen; merchants and tax collectors; cultivated women and outcast women; soldiers, lawyers, beggars, lepers, publicans and sinners. What a spectacle they must have presented trailing after him through the streets. But Jesus loved it all—the pressure of the crowd, the clash of wits, the eating and the after-dinner talk. When he was criticized because he enjoyed it so much and because his disciples did not fast and go about with gloomy looks, he gave an answer that throws a wonderful light upon his own conception of his mission.

"Do the friends of the bridegroom fast while the bridegroom is still with them?" he demanded. "Not a bit of it; they enjoy every moment of his stay. I am the bridegroom; these are my hours of celebration. Let my friends be happy with me for the little while that we are together. There will be plenty of time for solemn thoughts after I am gone."

Next Week: A Test of Genius

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Yale Football Coach



Reginald Root, Yale '06, of Leloy, N. Y., and an assistant coach under Malvin A. Stevens, now retired, has been made football coach at Yale in a move to bring the Blue back to top gridiron rating.

The News' classified ads get results.

The FACT FINDER



Origin of Word Cigar

The word "cigar" is of Spanish origin. It was derived from "cigarra," the Spanish name for grasshopper. When the Spaniards first introduced tobacco into Spain from the island of Cuba, they cultivated the plant in their gardens which in Spain are called "cigarrales." The grasshopper was very common in Spain and cigarra meant the place where the grasshoppers sing. From cigarra came the modern word, cigar.

When Miss Ella Ferguson of Chicago was arraigned for theft a young man offered to marry her, but she said she preferred jail.

WEEKLY GRAIN LETTER

By T. L. Hughston

A Chicago firm quoted the following reports from various sections of the United States:

Groveport, N. Y.—Many farmers are using wheat mixed with oats and barley for dairy feed.

Adrian, Mich.—Farmers are using as little wheat as possible; enough to buy gasoline and groceries.

Enterprise, Kan.—Wheat on farm and most country elevators is getting out of condition. The wheat is being sold and badly weevil infested.

White Deer, Tex.—Wheat prospects are very poor.

Goldendale, Wash.—About winter wheat has frozen out and have to be re-seeded with spring wheat.

Sandusky, O.—If wheat prices stay low, most of the wheat will be fed on farms.

The exportable surplus of wheat in Australia was estimated by Breball at 141,727,000 bushels, compared with 140,672,000 a year ago.

Contract grades of wheat in regular elevators at Kansas City December 31, were 35,356,000.

Production of flour in the principal milling centers of the South for 1932 total around 24,290,000 bbls. as compared with 23,297,000 last year.

Prices for No. 2 hard wheat in Kansas City have been higher early February eight times and lower twelve times in the last 22 prices. Prices for the first 10 days of January were up from the last 10 days of December ten times and lower nine times. On the other hand, the second ten days of January were up from the last 10 days of January fourteen times and lower four times.

Instead of honeymoon, Herbie Pierce of Springfield, Mo., went to prison for two years after stealing a shirt for his wedding.

Seven hundred pairs of women's garters were found by police in the luggage of a self-styled Don Juan who police believe is J. S. Frank, escaped Oklahoma convict.

The congregation of the Baptist Memorial Church at Haines City, Fla., listens to its services from comfortable embrace of hick rocking chairs instead of pews.

To celebrate her eightieth birthday, Mrs. Mary A. Allen of Atlanta, Ga., climbed to the top of Stone Mountain.

Egg-Laying Champ



The fact that she has no name does not discourage "Number 33", this white leghorn owned by George England of Ingwood, Calif. She holds the American record of 330 eggs per year and she's in training for the Chicago World Fair this year.

USED CARS

- 1929 Chevrolet Sedan
- 1929 Chevrolet Coupe
- 1927 Chevrolet Sedan
- 1927 Chevrolet Coupe
- 1926 Chevrolet Coupe
- 1926 Peerless Sedan
- 1924 Ford Touring

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