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Hollywood—out where the Sex begins.  
Talking picture theaters in India now number 20.

At least the late year, 1930, was enjoyed by the pessimists.

The revenue cutter service of the U. S. Coast Guard was organized in 1790.

If the Lucas and Norris factions keep on arguing who's a Republican, nobody will be.

Some clouds are 10 miles thick. That is the kind we want next spring to prevent a return of the drought.

Another gangster has been arrested in Chicago. Probably for parking his machine gun in front of a fire plug.

Some people are born suckers, some try to get something and some go gaga when told the first payment is only \$2.

A man hates to see leftovers coming back to the table as much as he does a bill collector coming back to the front door.

Jobless men may restore normal industry by disposing of apples. That's the way Eve got the races started to work.

The only thing that makes us pay any attention to these flights to China is why anybody would be in a hurry to get there.

France wants to promote the sale of cognac, and one successful way of doing it would be start another war and invite the A. E. F. over.

Major General Smedley D. Butler grabs the mike long enough to broadcast the information that he is in the army and not in the apologizing business.

In spite of the efforts of Gov. Pollard, Secretary of Labor Doak and President Green of the Federation of Labor the big strike of the cotton mill workers of Danville, Va., not only remained unsettled but increased in violence.



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As inconclusive as a Wickersham report.

Senate is shocked to learn that the Capital is wet.

Ripe blackberries were picked in a garden at Barmouth, England, in December.

Cuban rioters, says a news item, are setting fire to sugar plantations. Razing cane, as it were.

Really, about the only people who would welcome an extra session of Congress are Washington hotel men.

In his New Year's day broadcast to America Premier Mussolini was either kidding us or the people back home.

Chairman Wickersham says the report of his Commission speaks for itself. Nevertheless it has many interpreters.

A man can become completely exhausted discussing the Wickersham report and still not know what he is talking about.

Word comes that golfers will discard plus-fours for long pants. These will hide their awful legs, if not their awful games.

If you needed it badly, which would you rather depend upon for relief, the President and the Red Cross—or Congress?

Another Americanism is boasting of good sportsmanship while doing all we can to harass the chief who is trying to serve us.

Henry Ford says "the country is far better off today than it was a year ago." He may mean that it has fewer dollars and more sense.

The Nanking government passed a law which, if it becomes effective, will give Chinese women many of the rights enjoyed by women in the Western World.

One by one the nations of central Europe took official action to prevent the showing of the American-made film, "All Quiet on the Western Front."

Al Smith says he feels sorry for the President, but our guess is that Al would be feeling a whole heap sorrier for himself if the election had gone the other way in '28!

Albert Einstein learned today that the scientificity of stars is just "bad seeing" says news item. Now to reveal to him the fact that the moon isn't made of green cheese.

A Zion City judge decided a case by boxing with the defendant—and lost. Removing the blindfold from the eyes of justice, as it were, and replacing it with beefsteak.

"Red" Lewis, Nobel prize winner, certainly can project his personality through his writings. At least, a large percentage of our population see Red when they read his stuff.

## OUR OUTLYING POSSESSIONS

America's empire, if it may be said to have one, is economic and not political, and its importance for our industry and trade has quite dwarfed the territories under the American flag. But nearly 15,000,000 persons live in territories and dependencies beyond the borders of the Continental United States. The government of these possessions for many years has been marked by confusion.

Two territories, Hawaii and Alaska, are under the Department of Interior. The Philippines, Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone are governed through the War Department. The remaining smaller island possessions have been administered by naval officials, but now are being transferred to civil Governors under the Interior Department. Samoa is the most flagrant case—ceded to the United States 25 years ago, accepted last year, and ruled in the interim by naval officials with no law to enforce save their own views, whimsical or earnest.

Lacking a definite tradition of Colonial administration and without any thorough attack on the problem in Congress, these territories have been parceled out to this or that department or official, with only vague lines of authority and with no single person or group in Washington responsible for their proper management.

There is much to be done in clarifying the position of all these dependencies. Are their inhabitants to be citizens? If so, shall they enjoy the Constitution we have here? Should prohibition be forced on them, as it has been on some and not on others? Do requirements of national defense demand that certain areas remain under the War Department, even though maintenance of order is now a simple matter? These and many other questions have gone unanswered.

The Bingham Commission has made a good beginning, advising transfer of three smaller areas from naval to civil authority. This inquiry should be continued and broadened with a view to consolidating all the outlying areas, whether territories or dependencies, under a central authority and also unifying the conditions, legal and economic, under which these quasi-Americans live and labor.

Getting the baby to sleep is a hard job when she is about eighteen years of age.

In the Wickersham report the Drys see the sham and the Wets see the wicker work.

A shine may not be worth a dime, but it adds about eight cents to the price of an apple.

Professor John Dewey did not seem to get his third party launched. Senator Norris and the Progressives preferred to stay inside the apple of Republicanism where there is feed.

In Chicago a motorist pinned a bandit against a wall with his automobile and held him until police came. So that's what drivers have been practicing up for all these years!

Prosperity prophets of the round-the-corner school are somewhat worried over the failure of good times to return, and perhaps a clew lies in a pithy aphorism Bruce Barton attributes to an Eastern financier.

There used to be an old saying, "It's a wise child that knows its own father," but the Milwaukee kids won't have any trouble—in the birth column of the Journal they don't print anything but the papa's name.

After a conference between the President and Chairman John Barton Payne of the Red Cross, a call was issued to the American people for a minimum of \$10,000,000 with which to aid the needy—particularly the hungry.

It has not yet been decided whether Robert H. Lucas of the Republican National Committee or Senator Norris of Nebraska whom he secretly assailed is to be kicked out of place or party, but the fight waxed warm and interesting.

For three months of the year the average Englishman does not work for himself or his family. Sir Philip Gibbs has written; he works for the Government. In other words, taxes absorb 25 per cent of the average Englishman's earnings.

Readers of newspapers who loathe sensational stories of brutality, crime and sensation, should exercise the same privilege they do with their radio sets; namely, turn the page just as they turn the dial and satisfy themselves with the abundance of good reading matter made available to them every day through the columns of the daily newspaper.

## THAT FETTERED GIANT

There will be no solution of the Muscle Shoals problem in the present session of Congress. On Saturday the conference arrived at an impasse. Responsibility for this legislative failure is charged to the lame duck-conference of the House. Mr. Reece and Mr. Fisher, who insisted on conditions which would have vitiated the plan of Government operation for which its author, Senator Norris, has battled for 11 years. The obstructionists were denounced in a fiery speech by Representative Quin of Mississippi, who, in his attack included the Longworth-Tilson-Snell machine as the dominating influence in the background.

On Saturday, also, Mr. Coolidge discussed Muscle Shoals in the Post-Dispatch. The management of the property, he said, "demonstrates the utter hopelessness of having any considerable business conducted by Congress." One function of the plant—the cyanamid process for making cheap fertilizer—has been rendered obsolete, or superfluous, he remarked, by science and the development of domestic sources of supply. Insisting it would be "a gross misuse of its powers" for the Government to go into the electrical business, he declared with finality that "the thing to do with Muscle Shoals is to dispose of its private interests with suitable restrictions."

The first statement of fact may be challenged. There has been no management of Muscle Shoals by Congress, or by anybody. The correct word is mismanagement.

Second, the familiar charge that the cyanamid process is obsolete and that Muscle Shoals has passed out of the picture as a source of cheap fertilizer for the farmer, is contested. Senator Capper of Kansas has pointed out that, in one year while the Government's nitrate plants were idle, the United States imported more than 1,000,000 long tons of nitrate of soda from Chile, for which it paid \$36,000,000 at wholesale prices.

Third, the conclusion that Muscle Shoals should be disposed of to private interests. As the Post-Dispatch has repeatedly said, no private interest has made a bid for the property which Congress could justifiably accept or any administration justifiably approve.

The first offers submitted in the early days of Mr. Harding were not worthy of consideration. Then Mr. Ford appeared, and public opinion was instantly charged with hope. Analysis of the Ford bid killed that pretty expectation. It was shown that Mr. Ford proposed to pay \$5,000,000 for property that had cost the Government \$90,000,000—or six cents on the dollar. Another clause in the contract provided for a lease of part of the property for 50 years at a rental equal to 4 per cent of the Government's investment. When those terms were explained in the Senate by Senator Norris, after the House had passed the bill an informed public opinion approved the Senate's rejection of the proposition.

All this happened in 1924. A year later Mr. Ford withdrew his offer. Subsequently Senator Norris prepared his plan for Government operation. It was a long fight. At last the Senate was won over, and so was the House. The bill went to the President, Mr. Coolidge, in 1928; he killed it by the famous "pocket veto" after Congress had adjourned. That official action, it seems fair to observe, was in timid contrast to the forthright, but unofficial, opinion of Mr. Coolidge, the journalist.

The scandalous inaction at Muscle Shoals has been costly. In 1926 the Government, using half of its equipment, sold 428,266,000 kilowatt hours of power at 2 mills per hour, at a net profit of \$698,839. The Government's profit for three years, ending October, 1928, was \$2,000,000. The profit of the Alabama Power Co. on power bought from the Government and resold is said to be \$46,000,000. According to the estimate of Judson King, the Government could make an annual profit of \$174,000,000 if it sold all the power it could produce at Muscle Shoals at the rates charged by private companies.

It is a miracle plant down there on the Tennessee River. A statistician with imagination has told about the wonders it could perform. It could dig a Panama Canal in 40 days. Thrown into the Mississippi Valley it could deepen the beds and raise the levees of the Mississippi and its tributaries to prevent all floods. It could electrify 3,000,000 farms—more than seven times the present number of our electrified farms. It could light 6,000,000 homes—more homes than are wired for electricity in our three most populous states of New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. A billion cubic feet of water can be dropped through the gates of the dam every second—three times the maximum discharge of the

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That is the giant which has been fettered so long by the selfishness of private interests and the archaic politics and doctrinalism of Washington.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

## FESS TRANSLATES MR. HOOVER

Senator Fess of Ohio, who is also chairman of the Republican National Committee, has interpreted Mr. Hoover's message on the Wickersham committee's report to mean that the President has an open mind on the prohibition question, that he is not unalterably opposed to revision, but simply to the form of revision proposed by Mr. Anderson.

True or not, the Fess construction is interesting. If true, such dry leaders as the Rev. Clarence True Wilson and F. Scott McBride must be somewhat non-plussed; if true, the W. C. T. U. will have to reconsider their laudatory verdict that Mr. Hoover has made himself the outstanding champion of the dry cause to whom as such they have pledged their support down to the last ballot; if true, the editors of the United States and the Washington correspondents will have to confess they do not understand the King's English as spoken by Mr. Hoover; finally, if the Fess translation is correct, the Republican politicians who felt that Mr. Hoover had at last hitched his wagon to the prohibition star will reluctantly acknowledge that their happiness over the proposed prospect of another candidate next year was premature. And the Fess message may itself be as wet or as dry as the exigencies require in the rose-weathered June of '32.

## STICK TO YOUR JOB

"I am nothing but a tennis player."  
Thus says Helen Wills, the world's greatest woman champion of net and racket.  
Quite true, Helen, but you are the best in your line, so stick to it.  
Don't make the silly mistake too often committed by other world celebrities and attempt to discuss things you know nothing whatever about.  
Gene Tunney discusses literature, and thereby makes himself look foolish. Henry Ford offers advice on every subject under the sun, and the less he knows about a question the more willing he is to talk. Go right on down the line and you will find many others who have won fame in some special line of endeavor, and thereafter feel they are qualified to solve all the problems of the universe.  
Helen Wills has the right idea. She will not cheapen her hard-earned fame.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.  
In the County Court.  
In the matter of the estate of Anton Krajcek, deceased.  
To the creditors of said estate:  
You are hereby notified, that I will set at the County Court room in Plattsmouth in said county, on the 20th day of February, 1931, and on the 22nd day of May, 1931, at 10 o'clock a. m., on each day, to receive and examine all claims against said estate, with a view to their adjustment and allowance. The time limited for the presentation of claims against said estate is three months from the 20th day of February, A. D. 1931, and the time limited for payment of debts is one year from said 20th day of February, 1931.  
Witness my hand and the seal of said County Court, this 23rd day of January, 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

The sentiment is rapidly growing and crystallizing for the ruthless deportation of those Europeans who come here and begin to cry "Down with the United States"—back to the old country "to be placed again under the bloody wheels of that old juggernaut car of oppression," as Senator Borah put it.

## WANTED TO RENT

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## ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.  
State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.  
To all persons interested in the estate of Joseph F. Tubbs, deceased:  
On reading the petition of Clifford W. Jones, Executor, praying a final settlement and allowance of his account filed in this Court on the 2nd day of February, 1931, and for distribution of estate and discharge of Executor:  
It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county, on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1931, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.  
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 2nd day of February, A. D. 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

## ORDER OF HEARING and Notice on Petition for Settlement of Account

In the County Court of Cass county, Nebraska.  
State of Nebraska, Cass county, ss.  
To all persons interested in the estate of Albert Van Horn, deceased:  
On reading the petition of Edith Donelan praying a final settlement and allowance of her account filed in this Court on the 2nd day of February, 1931, and for final distribution and discharge of Administrator:  
It is hereby ordered that you and all persons interested in said matter may, and do, appear at the County Court to be held in and for said county on the 27th day of February, A. D. 1931, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted, and that notice of the pendency of said petition and the hearing thereof be given to all persons interested in said matter by publishing a copy of this order in the Plattsmouth Journal, a semi-weekly newspaper printed in said county, for three successive weeks prior to said day of hearing.  
In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said Court, this 2nd day of February, A. D. 1931.

A. H. DUXBURY,  
County Judge.

## NOTICE OF SUIT IN PARTITION

Dora Raney, Plaintiff  
vs.  
Ina M. Gidley et al.,  
Defendants.  
App. Dock. 5  
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To the Defendants: Ina M. Gidley, Harry J. Gidley, Homer O. Reason, Violet Reason, Harold H. Reason, Bessie L. Hanson, Lars Hanson, Gertrude Struthers, George Struthers, Eleanor McCoy, Walter McCoy, The Unknown Heirs, Devisees, Legatees, Personal Representatives and all other persons interested in the several estates of Frank Parker, deceased, Anna May Reason, deceased, and Stella Wright, deceased, real names unknown, and all persons having or claiming any interest in Lots 1 and 2 in Block 10, in Carter's Addition to Weeping Water, in Cass county, Nebraska, real names unknown:  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on January 27th, 1931, plaintiff in the foregoing entitled cause, filed her petition in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, wherein you and others are made parties defendant, for the partition of the following described real estate, to-wit:  
Lots one (1) and two (2) in Block ten (10) in Carter's Addition to Weeping Water, Cass county, Nebraska—  
among the parties interested therein, to-wit: The plaintiff, Dora Raney, and the defendants: Ina M. Gidley, Homer O. Reason, Harold H. Reason, Bessie L. Hanson, Gertrude Struthers, Eleanor McCoy, Orville Wright (a minor) and Lova June Wright (a minor), according to their respective rights and interests therein, as may be found, confirmed and decreed by the Court, and that all defendants named in said petition be required to set up and assert their claims, if any they have in or to said real estate, adverse to the owners thereof and that the same be considered and concluded by the decree of the Court, and for equitable relief and for costs.  
You are required to answer said petition on or before the 16th day of March, 1931, or your default will be entered in said cause and a Decree in Partition entered therein as prayed for in said petition.  
Dated: January 30th, 1931.  
DORA RANEY,  
Plaintiff.  
By John M. Leyda,  
Her Attorney.

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

In the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska.  
In re Guardianship of Maxine Rose Hanni, a Minor.

On reading the petition filed and duly verified of Metta May Hanni, guardian of Maxine Rose Hanni, a minor, for license to sell the following described real estate: The east half of the northeast quarter of Section 2, Township 10, Range 13, east of the 6th P. M., in Cass county, Nebraska; and it appearing that the income therefrom is not sufficient to pay the expenses and taxes connected therewith, and for the purpose of raising funds for the maintenance and education of said minor, and for the benefit and best interest of said minor child, that said real estate should be sold;  
It is therefore ordered that the next of kin of said minor and all persons interested in said estate appear before me at Chambers in the court house in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, on the 24th day of February, 1931, at 10 o'clock a. m., to show cause, if any there be, why license should not be granted to Metta May Hanni, Guardian, to sell said real estate for the purposes above set forth.

It is further ordered that a copy of this Order be published once each week for three successive weeks in the Plattsmouth Journal, a newspaper published and of general circulation in the County of Cass, Nebraska.  
Dated at Chambers in Cass county, Nebraska, this 6th day of January, 1931.

JAMES T. BEGLEY,  
Judge of the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska.

## NOTICE

To Albert Van Horn and wife, Hallie Van Horn; Sarah Craig; John Doe Craig, first real name unknown; Paul Nuckolls; Rupert Nuckolls; William Ezra Nuckolls; Bruce Johnson Nuckolls; Allen C. Hall, Charles F. Miller; Augustus Bonhers; Jane L. Craig and Richard Roe Craig, first real name unknown; Daniel Foust; Mrs. Daniel Foust, first real name unknown; the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estates of Mercy Isadore Van Horn, also known as Mercy Isadore Vanhorn, Stephen F. Nuckolls, Sarah Craig, John Doe Craig, first real name unknown, Paul Nuckolls, Rupert Nuckolls, William Ezra Nuckolls, Bruce Johnson Nuckolls, Allen C. Hall, Charles F. Miller, Augustus Bonhers, Jane L. Craig and Richard Roe Craig, first real name unknown, Daniel Foust, Mrs. Daniel Foust, first real name unknown, each deceased, real names unknown, and all persons having or claiming any interest in and to the west half (W 1/2) of the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section five (5), and the east half (E 1/2) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section five (5) and the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section five (5), and Lots seven (7) and eight (8), in the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section six (6), and that part of Lot five (5) of the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section six (6) lying east of the road in Section six (6), and the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section five (5), and all that part of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section five (5) lying north of the public road, containing ten (10) acres, all in Township twelve (12), North, Range thirteen (13) east of the Sixth Principal Meridian; and Lots six and fourteen (6 and 14) in the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section thirteen (13), Township thirteen (13) North, Range thirteen (13) east of the 6th P. M., in Cass county, Nebraska, real names unknown:  
You and each of you are hereby notified that on the 2nd day of February, 1931, The United States National Bank of Omaha, filed its petition as plaintiff in the District Court of Cass county, Nebraska, against you and each of you as defendants, the object and prayer of said petition being to quiet title of said plaintiff in and to the lands in said Cass county, owned by said plaintiff, said land being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:  
The west half of the northeast quarter (W 1/2 of NE 1/4) of Section five (5), and the east half of the northwest quarter (E 1/2 of NW 1/4) of Section five (5), and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section five (5), and the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section five (5), and all that part of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of Section five (5) lying north of the public road, containing ten (10) acres all in Township twelve (12), North, Range thirteen (13), East of the Sixth Principal Meridian; and Lots six and fourteen (6 and 14) in the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section thirteen (13), Township thirteen (13) North, Range thirteen (13) East of the Sixth Principal Meridian in Cass county, Nebraska—  
and to exclude you and each of you from having or claiming any interest therein.  
You and each of you are required to answer said petition on or before the 16th day of March, 1931.  
UNITED STATES NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA,  
Its Attorneys.