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A thing is worth precisely what it can do for you, not what you choose to pay for it.—John Ruskin.

Jardine Is Against All 'Tommyrot'

New Agricultural Secretary Declares Farmer Wants 'Less Monkeying With His Business by U. S.'

Washington, March 22.—An equal opportunity with other businesses, not a "constant monkeying" with his own by the government, is held by Secretary Jardine to be the chief desire of the American farmer.

The sound "farmer-businessman," he declares in an interview to be published in the next issue of the National Business, organ of the United States Chamber of Commerce, instead of seeking legislation to fix prices and regulate details.

As a "businessman" with a "greater capital investment than the average farmer," and "a business vastly more complex," the farmer must, in the opinion of the secretary, pay more attention to improved marketing methods.

"What we all need to do is to talk less tommyrot and throw fewer monkey wrenches into other people's machinery. We want to stop trying to keep one group against another group. We want to work together."

Discussion of curtailment of production to improve the farmer's position is described by Jardine as "foolish talk." Even if the curtailment of production were practicable, he thinks it would not bring the results sought, although "the acreage of certain crops should be adjusted from time to time—now increased, now cut down."

OMAHA RESIDENT FOR 68 YEARS DIES Baltaz Kramer, 94, a resident of Omaha for 48 years died at his home Sunday following a short illness.

FLOOD THREATENS INDIANA VICTIMS Evansville, Ind., March 22.—A staff correspondent of the Evansville Courier reported that Griffin, Ind., where more than 50 persons perished in the tornado of last Wednesday, was cut off from all relief avenues except the single railroad when flood waters from the Wabash river inundated roads leading to the town.

Charles W. Morse May Not Recover Health New York, March 22.—Dr. Henry James, attending physician, said today that Charles W. Morse, financier and former shipping magnate, probably could not recover from an attack of paralysis, from which he has been in a coma and has been confined in his West Fifty-ninth street apartment for a week.

Wittnesses Pour In Harford, Md. Harford, Md., March 22.—Wittnesses for the trial of Walter Sheen, charged with the murder of Gerald Chapman, are pouring in from all over the country.

Reformed Robber of Trains Again Held



Pat Crowe, reformed train robber, acquitted in 1905 on the charge of kidnaping the 16-year-old son of E. A. Cudahy, Chicago millionaire, has been arrested in Newark, N. J., charged with failing to pay a printing bill of \$72 for 5,000 pamphlets describing his life.

Stage Ready for Murder Trial of Gerald Chapman

Harford, Conn., March 22.—"I am a victim of psychology," said the above are the very words of Gerald Chapman, master criminal, on the eve of his trial for murder in this Connecticut city.

Guarded as no criminal ever has been before in the history of New England, Chapman, through counsel today gave out a carefully worded statement, in which he asserted his complete innocence of the alleged murder of Policeman James Skelly.

Apparently realizing for the first time the desperate predicament in which he finds himself, Chapman said: "Of course, I have been a crook. Of course, I escaped from the Atlanta penitentiary. I did know Walter Sheen. But I did not plot any crime with Sheen. I was not in New Britain at 7 o'clock on the morning of October 12, when Policeman Skelly was killed."

"Psychology is against me, but I did not kill Skelly. Whether I am to be hanged or not, I affirm solemnly that I had nothing to do with that petty department store safe robbery. I have not been given a fair deal thus far. A number of witnesses will testify against me because they have been given an opportunity to identify me when I was alone. My photograph has been published all over the United States."

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Motorcycle Strikes Car; One Is Killed

Two Others Injured in Head-on Collision Between Light Vehicle and Machine.

Grand Island, Neb., March 22.—LeRoy Clifford Blazier, traveling salesman of St. Paul, was almost instantly killed last night when the motorcycle, with side car, on which he and his brother-in-law, E. C. Stiles, Kearney, Neb., were going from St. Paul to Kearney, collided with a coupe driven by Willard Ooley, farmer, two miles northeast of Woodriver, west of Grand Island. Stiles and Ooley also were injured. Stiles seriously.

Blazier was married to Miss Lucille Stiles of Kearney last November. The two vehicles collided, according to Ooley, head on. He said the motorcycle had no light, and he having just passed a car with blinding lights failed to see the smaller machine.

Blazier was hurled and crushed between the two vehicles. Stiles' foot was crushed in the mechanism of the motorcycle, necessitating amputation. He also suffered a broken wrist. Ooley's wrist also is said to have been broken.

Musolini Makes First Public Appearance on Sixth Anniversary of Fascism.

Rome, March 22.—The sixth birthday of fascism was celebrated today by a great mass meeting and a parade of more than 20,000 black shirts through the Corso Umberto. The big moment was when Premier Mussolini made his first public appearance since the beginning of his illness, delivered a short address to the wildly enthusiastic crowd estimated at 30,000.

After the first ovation had ceased, Mussolini said: "I cannot resist the desire of letting you hear my voice on this occasion. I do not know whether it will please you. I cry of approval. My infirmity has not taken away my voice. My appeal is on this balcony, destroys the paper castle of falsehood and ridicule, makes for me, and for you, an integral and total resumption of fascist action against everybody. Will you follow me?"

GENERAL MOTORS INCOME DECLINES New York, March 22.—The General Motors corporation's net income for 1924 available for dividends declined to \$45,339,587 in comparison with \$62,967,525 in 1923, the annual report revealed today. Net sales aggregated \$588,007,453 in contrast to \$698,928,947 the year before.

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Famous Arctic Explorer to Use Low Wave Lengths on Next Expedition

Short Meter Work Would Be More Donald MacMillan on His Far Northern Excursions.

March 22.—As a means of developing low wave length efficiency in radio, Commander Donald B. MacMillan, Arctic explorer, today announced he would have his expedition into the far north equipped with transmitters of four wave lengths ranging from one to ten meters. Decision to use a low wave length was reached following a conference of radio experts here in which it developed that the best results have been obtained in short meter work, rather than over a long wave length, particularly accounted for in light conditions.

The normal broadcasting wave lengths in America were given as ranging from 200 to 600 meters, but all radio amateurs were urged to devote more time and experiments to the lower wave lengths. "It is to the amateurs of the United States that the fullest credit is due for the development of the short wave length and they are urged to continue their work."

Shepherd's Fight for Liberty to Be Resumed Today Chicago, March 22.—The fight of William D. Shepherd for liberty on bond while charges of murder are pending against him in the Cook county courts will be resumed tomorrow morning. Shepherd was indicted last week after a grand jury investigation. Dr. C. C. Falman was also indicted on the same charge but had not been formally arrested on the indictment.

Shepherd is charged with having killed William N. McClintock, his millionaire ward, by feeding him typhoid germs. Dr. Falman has confessed he gave Shepherd the typhoid bacilli with the understanding that he would be paid \$100,000 when the McClintock estate was settled.

Shepherd was brought into court for arraignment before Judge Jacob H. Hopkins Saturday. William Scott Stewart, Shepherd's attorney, attacked the indictment and demanded his client be admitted to bail. He charged there was not evidence to support the indictment.

Judge Hopkins heard some of the evidence against Shepherd, principally the confession of Dr. Falman. He then adjourned the hearing until tomorrow morning.

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Five Killed in Tenement House Fire

Two Women and Two Children Victims of Incendiary Who Terrorizes New York Neighborhood.

New York, March 22.—Five persons, including two women and two children, lost their lives early today in a fire that destroyed an East Forty-seventh street tenement house occupied by 11 families. Four persons were injured. Fire department officials said the blaze was started by a pyromaniac, who set fire to a baby carriage in the ground hallway.

Police Reserves Called Ten minutes after the outbreak of this fire, another one was discovered in a tenement a block away. It likewise had been started under the stairs on the ground floor. Residents of the neighborhood, were thrown into such excitement that police reserves were called out to keep order.

Escape Cut Off. The fatalities today were Mrs. Katherine Walsh and her 17-month-old son, Joseph; Mrs. Margaret Otto and her 8-year-old daughter, Ilene, and Thomas Carey. The body of Mrs. Walsh, with her baby clasped in her arms, was found near the fourth floor rear window through which she was attempting to follow her husband, Patrick, when her escape was cut off by the flames. Her husband was badly burned.

Several daring rescues were made by firemen and policemen. The police resubdivided their efforts to find the "baby carriage" pyromaniac believed responsible for these and several other recent fires, including three fires in the same neighborhood.

STEEL EARNINGS LESS LAST YEAR New York, March 22.—Earnings of the country's two largest steel companies—the United States Steel corporation and the Bethlehem Steel corporation—were reduced last year by the severe mid-year shrinkage in demand for steel products and resultant price revisions, according to the annual reports which were forwarded to their stockholders today.

Total earnings of the United States Steel corporation after making the usual provision for depreciation, amounted to \$113,153,497, a decrease of \$28,770,159 from the preceding year. Chairman E. H. Gary announced. Net income was reduced \$23,954,544 to \$104,221,974 and the year's surplus of \$24,268,339 was \$29,993,652 below that of 1924.

After appropriations for expansion \$1,426,239 was carried to undivided surplus, swelling this to the huge total of \$51,961,308. A summary of the corporation's activities since its formation in 1901 revealed that net profits of \$3,095,848, 640 had been earned up to the end of 1924 and that \$1,218,452,932 had been distributed to its stockholders in dividends during that period.

TWO PARTIES OF ULSTER COMBINE By DENNIS O'CONNELL. Dublin, March 22.—The nationalists and free states of Ulster have decided to present a united front against the supporters of Premier Sir James Craig in the present northern parliament elections. Eamonn de Valera remains outside the pact, running his own candidate. The nationalists will approach him tomorrow to urge him not to split the anti-Craig vote, but it is not expected that he will yield.

De Valera's party held a secret meeting the last week at which they discussed their debacle in the recent free state elections. The question as to whether the elected republicans will enter the deal was discussed and a majority favored such action. De Valera is still opposed to such a course and some of his strongest supporters believe that his abstentionist policy will lead to further party disaster.

HOTELS SELL BEER AT VANCOUVER Vancouver, B. C., March 21.—Eighteen Vancouver hotels today began the sale of beer by the glass. Not all the hotels were ready to begin sale of the beverage at 10 o'clock, the scheduled opening time, due to delay in obtaining licenses and in the delivery of the beer, but the majority were open by noon.

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Motorman Held After Crash With Fast Train



Joseph A. Kellie, motorman of the electric locomotive of the Philadelphia local of the Pennsylvania railroad which crashed into a Palm Beach flyer that was standing at Manhattan Transfer, near Newark, N. J., resulting in the deaths of three and injury to 40 persons, was held in \$10,000 bail by Newark police for examination.

Hays Announces New "Open Door" Policy in Movies Public Will Be Urged to Suggest and Criticize Big Industry Through New Department.

New York, March 22.—Establishment of an "open door" department in the motion picture industry through which the public is invited to enter with suggestions and criticisms was announced here today by Will H. Hays, president of the motion picture producers and distributors of America. Jason B. Joy will direct the new department, the headquarters of which will be in New York City.

Hays explained that it was decided to establish the department after the executive committee of the producers and distributors organization had adopted the suggestion of its committee on public relations. The "open door" in the industry means more than an invitation to the public to patronize the productions of the industry, said Hays.

Suggestion Invited. Hays invited the public to be continued, to come in and tell wherein and why we are not—if we are not—measuring up to our job of making the motion picture industry the force it should be in promoting the best American ideals. We invite suggestions, helpful criticisms, constructive thought and every sort of viewpoint that will aid us in bringing the motion picture up to the outstanding public influence that everyone wants it to be.

The invitation, he added, extended to organizations as well as individuals. "We appreciate to make the most of the industry's possibilities as an education for the interpreter of America as it really is, as well as the nation's principal entertainment," Hays went on. "We want the benefit of what the public thinks we could do to make better use of our opportunity. We realize that wide public cooperation along that line is of the greatest possible benefit to the industry."

To Form Contacts. Organizations of every description throughout the world were invited by Hays to designate an authoritative representative to form contact with the motion picture industry. He pointed out that, with from ten to twenty million people viewing motion pictures each day, "it is obvious that it cannot be regarded as a mere amusement enterprise, but that its effect on the public mind is so definite and immediate that it is a duty of public spirited citizens to aid producers and exhibitors to live up to their public obligation as well as conduct a profitable business understanding."

OMAHA INDIAN AGENCY MERGED Washington, March 22.—The consolidation of eight Indian agencies into four jurisdictions in Washington, Nevada and Nebraska, with an attendant estimated annual saving of \$50,000 was announced today by the Department of the Interior. The Spokane (Wash.) agency will be consolidated with Colville office, with a sub-agency remaining at Spokane. Carson Indian school at Stewart, Nev., will take over the work of the Reno office, and Fallon, Nev., agency will be merged with the Walker River office. The Omaha agency will be abandoned and its work transferred to Winnebago, Neb.

Shooting in Tornado Area Engenders Racial Feeling. Murphysboro, Ill., March 22.—Racial feeling was engendered today and a clash between two sets of authorities precipitated when a lieutenant of militia, not yet identified, shot a negro, Will Morgan, wounding him in the leg.

Democratic Leader Dies From Tornado Injuries. Murphysboro, Ill., March 22.—Cooper Stout, United States marshal for the eastern district of Illinois, under President Wilson and one of Illinois' leading democrats, died at noon today of abdominal injuries received in Wednesday's storm. His death brings Murphysboro's total toll up to 192.

11 MORE BODIES TAKEN FROM MINE Fairmont, W. Va., March 22.—Eleven more bodies were today removed from the Bethlehem mines corporation's mine at Barrackville, near here. To date 22 bodies have been brought out, following a new explosion in the mine last Tuesday night that entombed 32 men.

Victims to St. Louis. Murphysboro, Ill., March 22.—Thirty of the most seriously injured of the storm victims will be sent to St. Louis this afternoon on a special train for treatment at the Barnes hospital.

The Weather table with columns for location, precipitation, and temperature.

Disease May Sweep Area Hit by Storm

Gas Bacillus Gangrene, Pneumonia and Typhoid Stricken District, a Triple Menace.

Epidemics Are Feared By ARTHUR TIRNEY, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Murphysboro, Ill., March 22.—A triple menace of disease struck today at the citizens of the communities laid waste by the terrific tornado of last Wednesday.

The little understood gas bacillus gangrene has broken out among the injured in the improvised hospitals. Its proportions are serious and it admittedly may become epidemic.

There are cases of pneumonia and influenza colds, such as recently attained pandemic prevalence in Chicago. There is grave danger of a typhoid epidemic.

Lack of Sanitation. Complicates these conditions with the lack of sanitation that has prevailed for several days, the strained and weakened condition of the injured and survivors, and the infections that lurk in the scattered debris and an unusually dangerous menace is presented, according to the surgeons and doctors in charge.

"We have the situation well in hand in Murphysboro, we believe," said Dr. Thomas A. Carter, in charge of the medical unit here. "But complications may develop later."

"Several cases of gas bacillus gangrene have been attended in the hospitals, amputations have been necessary and deaths may result. This disease is not understood by the average doctor. It is the result of infection in wounds, caused usually by foreign substances found in great masses of debris, such as are the ruins of these towns."

The only treatment, he pointed out, is removal of the affected tissue. Without treatment a victim would die in from 24 to 48 hours.

Fears Typhoid Epidemic. Dr. Herman N. Rundesden, health commissioner of Chicago, who inspected the hospital facilities today with Dr. Carter, commented upon the danger of an epidemic of respiratory diseases.

"It would take a double toll now, due to the fact the constitutions of the inhabitants have been lowered by exposure, strain, poor nutrition and lack of proper rest," he said.

The victims of the pneumonia cases to date have been children. Dr. Herman N. Rundesden, health commissioner of Chicago, who inspected the hospital facilities today with Dr. Carter, commented upon the danger of an epidemic of respiratory diseases.

Courageous Example. All through the devastated sections today, the work of reconstruction was in progress. With the clearing of wreckage foundations for rebuilding homes and business blocks were being laid. In the few cases in which parts of dwellings were left standing, rest of new, unpainted lumber began to appear.

"An absolutely epic example of courage," the health commissioner declared as he viewed a man maling shingles on the roof of his home, with his wife in the yard.

Everywhere the spirit of reclamation prevailed. Some of the workers were bandaged, marking them as recently discharged from the hospitals. In the crowd at the memorial services in Murphysboro, where the community united in a tribute to its dead, bandaged heads also were numerous; they also dotted the cemeteries, and many were seen along the streets.

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"Ding" Holding Own. Des Moines, Ia., March 22.—The condition of J. D. Ding, having and not cartoonist, who is seriously ill at his home here with pneumonia, was reported today as unchanged.