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### FRANCE BLOCKADES WORLD PEACE.

A great deal of the trouble of the modern world results from the efforts of politicians to deal with economic questions. In France as in other nations, men competent to deal with business problems seldom rise to positions of power in the government. The mistaken attitude toward German reparations, the sentimental hope that the United States will one day cancel the French debt and the next stand ready to make another loan-these are evidences of the inability of statesmanship.

What will follow the meeting of allied premiers in Paris next Tuesday can not be predicted. France, with its proposal for seizure of German state forests, has the support of Italy and Belgium. One can not be sure of the British position, for that nation has before this shown a willingness to trade one concession for another. Its industrial needs are such that it has held fast to the idea of restoring the market for its manufactures in Germany. If the seizure of German forests does not injure the commercial prospects of Britain, the deal may go through without opposition. In return France might grant Britain some special privilege in another quarter of the globe, perhaps in reference to oil fields.

Such is the low order of scheming that constitutes European diplomacy. Human rights are as these European conferences since the war, the

From the time of the first peace conference France has been the stumbling block to world recovery. The curse of uncertainty, the desire for complete revenge and the aim of military power have cast a shadow over the continent. In delaying ratification of the naval limitation treaty drawn lack of good faith and the prevalence of a menacing spirit. Until this agreement to end the race of its true answer in permanent union. armament is signed, France can not come before America with clean hands. The eagle of Prussian militarism, driven from Germany, has taken its roost in Paris.

No doubt exists anywhere in the world that President Harding stands ready to call an international economic conference the moment a favorable opportunity is found. That moment will not appear until France makes it possible by demonstrating a less harsh and selfish spirit. The idea of a cancellation of debts at the expense of America must be discarded. The lust for military supremacy must be suppressed. The blind desire to force the death of the new Germany must be put aside. If the motives of France are as high as its statesmen protest, they should have no fear of submitting their present policy is driving toward a wreck. Politics has broken down, and it is time for the voice of common sense to be heard.

## PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Instead of dying "from loss of blood or lack of breath," is in the good old days, man now succumbs to some one of a number of classified and defined causes. Not all of these are understood, except that death may be the result from any of them.

A report just issued at Washington shows there were 410,558 fewer deaths in 1921 than in 1920 in the registration area, which contains 87.2 per cent of the estimated population of the United States. Deaths resulting from influenza, pneumonia or heart failure show a decrease. This might have been anticipated, for the effect of the influenza epidemic was diminishing, and as pneumonia and heart failure went with the flu, a lowered death rate from such causes is not surprising.

What must make us think is the increase in the number of deaths from causes that are absolutely controllable. The report says:

"Automobile accidents and injuries resulted in 10,168 deaths compared with 9,103, the rate increasing from 10.4 to 11.5 per 100,000 of population. Suicides numbered 11.136, compared with 8,959 in 1920, the rate increasing from 10.2 to 12.6. Homicides also increased, numbering 7,545, compared with 6,205 in 1920."

These figures are not complimentary to humanity. Under each heading is grouped proof that something is wrong in our moral as well as our physical life. We have societies to combat cancer, to study and prevent tuberculosis, we battle yellow fever and malaria, hookworm and pellagra, and similar scourges, but we allow reckless driving to go unhampered, and the causes of crime to multiply. No effort to improve the physical condition of the race should be abandoned, but great endeavors should be made to improve the mental and moral status of mankind, so that murder and suicide will show a declining total each year.

## MARKING THE OVERLAND TRAIL.

A party is about to set out from Des Moines, to travel across the route from Omaha to the Pacific coast, for the purpose of marking the "Overland" trail. The enterprise is commendable, and, as it will be guided by one who made the journey in 1849 and he will be assisted by a diary then kept, it will probably throw light on some of the disputed minor points.

However, the way is pretty well marked out as it Many stones have been set up in Nebraska by the State Historical society, the pioneers and patriotic societies, interested in preserving historic highways. These have been notably assisted by Ezra Meeker, who has repeated his original trek to Oregon several times, and who has consulted not only his own, but the records of those who who live along the route in the interest of accuracy. As far out as the site of Jim Bridger's famous stockade, in Wyoming, there is little left to argue over, unless it be as to where some particular outfit crossed the river, pitched camp, or encountered an Indian party.

Yet every examination that is made of the old route develops something of interest and frequently of real value, and we can not have too much information on these points. Nebraska has more of history than is generally known by its people, and far more than outsiders understand, and it suffers none from study and repetition

WHEN THE WOLF PACK HUNTS.

All are more or less familiar with the picture of the sleigh flying over the snow-bound steppes of Russis, the frightened driver urging on his frantic horses, while his companion throws furs and robes to the wolves who leap about the flying group. Many tales, substantial or suspicious, fantastic or commonplace, have been told of the adventures of men with the huge wolves who hunt in packs, and fearlessly attack whatever may come within their

The ferocity of these animals is proverbial, and therefore credence is readily given the account that comes in from an Ontario town, telling of how three men, each an experienced hunter and trapper, have been torn to pieces and devoured by the ravenous wolves. Such an occurrence within a few miles of a considerable town suggests that civilization yet has its limits, and that nature, however alluring in prospect, yet has a savage side that must be considered when any plans are discussed with regard to excursions abroad.

Yet the wolf pack of the Ontario forest is mild and harmless when compared to the human wolf pack that hunts perpetually in the large cities. Where society is best organized, and where law and order seem the most firmly established, there lurk the human beasts of prey, too cowardly to hunt and kill in the open. Skulking in the shadows, hiding behind shelter of assumed respectability, even adopting the garb of sanctity as a disguise, these wolves go about, singly or in pairs, seeking their "kill." Seldom do they imitate the beasts of the forest, and attack the experienced They are too cowardly for that, and find their victims among the innocent,

who are least prepared to meet and combat them. We yet have a great deal to do before the world is entirely safe for its well meaning people. The wolf pack hangs on, and its hunt is ever a danger.

### MARRIAGE AND ITS PERILS.

A deputy county attorney whose lot it has been to handle almost a thousand domestic relations cases confesses himself "pretty well contented without a mate." With no intention in the world of attempting to influence this gentleman's action, let it be said that there is a side of marital experience that he has not seen officially, and that is indeed a bright one. nothing, and in spite of each failure that has marked | In countless homes of which the courts never hear men and women are living happily, facing the world all the more bravely because closely united, cheering and inspiring each other, sacrificing for each other and for their children.

There is, in spite of all the divorces, desertions and cases of nonsupport, no real ground for doubting the fundamental strength of the institution of marriage. Thus, and thus only, are the interests of up in Washington France has given evidence of a the children to be protected. The instinct of humankind, the cry of heart to heart, of soul to soul, finds

> Among the more cultivated classes there has arisen an artificial situation which has resulted in the disintegration of ideals and the distortion of the best instincts. The radical tendency to loosen the bonds of matrimony is also encouraged in many modern plays and novels. The presence of innumerable contented families defies their theories.

> It is interesting to hear Dr. Felix Adler of Columbia university, the founder of the Society for Ethical Culture, discuss the question. In a recent lecture

"Marriage is a great school, not to be indulged n lightly. It must have love as a basis, but love is not to be confused with infatuation. Many people who try successive marriages say they act on the principle that when love dies, so should marriage, But true love will not die. It will live on and grow.

'Marriage is not the school for people who are hinking first of their incompatibilities, but how they can best adjust themselves into the lives of the others. The life threads of the man and of the woman are inextricably bound in the soul of a child. The child is the keeper and custodian of our mar-

Dr. Adler warns that great suffering may result for the next generation through the present loose marital ties, but he has no doubt of the ultimate survival of the institution of marriage. When religion and ethics unite, even the discouraged agents of the law may take heart. Individual cases in which the obligations and opportunities of marriage are lightly set aside are frequent. Mistakes also are numerous, and modern opinion approves of efforts to right them. Out of it all, however, may be confidently expected a new seriousness in the choice of a mate. The seeming riskiness of the matrimonial venture is today leading thoughtful young people to consider with all care their prospects before the

At a time when there is widespread complaint of school taxes, the federal commissioner of education declares that there is a school building shortage that is nothing short of disgraceful. "Only 5 per cent of all the schools are fireproof," he says. "Every week in the year a school building is burned or partly destroyed. Seventy-five per cent of the cities in 1920 reported congestion. Hundreds of thousands of children are on part time."

The criminal court announces that it is all set and r'arin' to go; so bring on your criminals.

Warmest Christmas ever recorded, but keep the home fires burning.

## New Farm Census Needed

From the Manufacturers Record-The statistics of farm values compared in 1919 and 1920 by the census are wholly valueless at present, or for any comparisons in the future. It would not be a very great undertaking, nor would the cost be heavy in proportion to its importance to have the census bureau compile the present value of the farm lands of

the country. The shrinkage in value, since the deflation which began two years ago, has been enormous, and in all probability exceeds the total investment in all of the railroads of the country. This decrease has gone on in every part of the country. The decline throughout the west and on the Pacific coast has probably been even more tremendous in amount and more drastic in the sufferings which it has entailed, than the decline in the south. Lands, which formerly were easily salable at good figures, are today practically without selling value, at any figure. In one county, alone, we are informed, 10,000 pieces of farm property have been

advertised for sale under mortgage or for taxes. The condition is far worse than was ever known before in this country and unless the magnitude of this decline can be intelligently grasped by the country, it will scarcely be possible for the nation, at large. to understand the influence upon our economic and political life of this situation. Without this knowledge we will not be able to realize fully the destructive power of deflation and what it has meant to the agricultural interests of the whole country. We cannot form any intelligent opinion on all of the questions involved, viewing the matter frrom the financial and political standpoint, without a full understanding of

the losses involved. Since the census machinery is in operation, a resolution by congress requiring immediate investigation and report at the earliest possible moment upon the decline in farm values of the entire country would be of inestimable value. It would form the basis of an i.telligent study of the situation and of how to avoid the possibility of a recurrence of such a condition in the years to come.

# "From State and Nation"

-Editorials from other newspapers-

pockets of American taxpayers. This

enormous force, its proper recruiting, efficient operation and just treatment,

Churches Federate.

The 11 Protestant churches of New

For many years there has been a

And while mutuality has been grow

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Only a few years ago the average church would have spurned the sug

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Again Kansas leads. The Newton

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From the Des Moines Register.

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From the Kansas City Kansan.

community.

Death Blow to the Klan. From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

An unusual number of the elements that combine to give one crime a celebrity over other crimes are present in year counts the 40th anniversary of the case at Mer Rouge, La., on which its great initial success. a national attention probably will be fixed for a long time. The locality is one from which aggravated instances of violence were several times reported during the summer. Because of its circumstances, one incident of which ecounts came in August made from the first a deep impression on the country. A very large gathering in hat month devoted to as public spirited a purpose as a good roads movement became the occasion at which the first steps towards a great offense against society was taken. Many mo-tor cars leaving this gathering in a long procession in the early evening were halted by masked men who in-spected the occupants of each in turn and took from their number five men. One of these men was released after being taken to the concealment of a Two others, one an aged man, were brutally flogged. The remaining two men, Thomas Fletcher, an exservice man with a family, and Watt Daniel, unmarried son of a wealthy planter, were never seen alive after-

To the disappearance of these two men the press of the country gave an unusual publicity. It was instantly unusual publicity. It was instantly attributed to an organization whose purposes and methods had come under close scrutiny and widespread con-demnation, the Ku Klux Klan, whose nembership was strong in the local-Responsibility was virtually admitted, it was reported, by local lead-A possible theory was that the two were being held in restraint at some ibouts was made a mystery as part of the order's terrorizing policies. As the weeks drew on and no trace of the abducted men could be discovered, Governor Parker of Louisiana journeyed to Washington to obtain the aid of Department of Justice investi-gators who would at least have the advantage over Louisiana investiga-tors of not being known in the locality. The governor was viciously attacked by opponents as casting reproach on the "fair name" of his

th the baffling mystery at the point of deepest interest, the com-munity divided in bitterness on proklan and antiklan lines, the state troops called out to afford protection and officers of the law in strong force exploring the depths of nearby waters, the stage was set for one of the most dramatic climaxes in crime rec-ord. The striking quality of the cliunavailing. Two mutilated bodies, of debate."

later identified as those of the kidtheir melancholy and painstaking from the islanders themselves and is work. The hint of medical experts not unwisely pressed by American of who examined the corpses that the two came to their death after hideous tortures, is a final detail that accentives, it is horror of the reading rule.

Trade relations, among other things, tuates the horror of the reading pub-

That these men should be murdered by their own neighbors who had been inspired with wrong-headed ideas that the same of the sa and motives and given a fatal courage bound secrecy, is a logical presump-tion from klan organization and meth-perience in Alsace-Lorraine—though ods as made known through exhaust- any number of other cases could be complete and pitiless at every stage first step in "assimilation" that most conquering nations think of. is most fortunate, for there is no doubt that there are thousands of members of the klan who have been led into it under the belief that its purposes are wholly righteous, and who will not rest under an implication or suspicion that they are in any way party to crime. The strength of this society is largely in its pretense of virtue and crime breeds its own

Our Army of Civil Servants. oscoe C. E. Brown, in The North Amer

The United States government is for having a reasonable degree of inoday probably the largest employer of labor in the world. With a civil personnel of more than 560,000 persons and an annual payroll of nearly \$750,000,000, it presents a problem of employment administration far more complicated and far more imperative ly demanding solution than that of any private industry, to which expert ttention is given as a matter of or dinary business prudence. The employes of the states, cities, counties towns and villages, it is estimated, oring the number of public servants in the United States nearly to 3,000, 000. About one out of 35 on a public payroll of which the total annual charge is over \$3,000,000,000, or more than \$100 a family on the

# Daily Prayer

For the love of Christ constraineth us. Our Father in Heaven, we are Thy children, redeemed by Christ our Saviour and Elder Brother, and come to Thee in His name. Forgive our sins. Deliver us from all the guilt and power of sin. and from its consequences. Take the love of it out of our hearts. Make of r love of Thee to glow. Let it burn out all the dross of evil, and impel us constantly to gracious acts of kindly ministry done to others in the Master's name and for His sake. Give us a clear vision our ever-present Saviour as an abiding Friend. Grant that we may be transformed by thus beholding Him, growing daily more and more like Him in the desires of our hearts the words of our lips, and the things we do not refrain from doing.

Bless us with all others, supplying their every need and giving them grace and guidance. Make the Gospel light shine out brightly in all lands, bring-ing peace and spiritual prosperity and drawing all men to Christ, and together in the bonds of Christian unity and brotherliness. We ask all the bonds of Christian this, as we pray for grateful hearts, in the name of Him Who died on Cal-

J. H. BOMBERGER, D.D., Cleveland, O.

### NET AVERAGE CIRCULATION for NOVEMBER, 1922, of THE OMAHA BEE

B. BREWER, Gen. Mgr. ELMER S. ROOD, Cir. Mgr. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December, 1922 W. H. QUIVEY, Notary Public

service reform movement, which this Objects to Scale Inspection Fees. Maywood, Neb .- To the Editor o The Omaha Bee: Today this town was visited by a holdup man. I would respect a man just as much if he work ed with a gun. But this man works from state authority—scale inspector. ton have federated, to "facilitate co-Here is a list of charges for this ele

ing mutual interests as factors in the Platform scales, 600 pounds. Each church has two lay members Truck scales, 22,000 pounds .... 5.00

\$10.00 gradual getting together of denomina tions which at one time were bitteriv antagonistic of each other. In almost town in a day. He does his every city and village there have been own transportation, so he gets the ministerial alliances for a number of whole cheese. Five times 12 is \$60. years, and these have doubtless con in one day, with the law behind him. tributed to the general spirit of co puts him way ahead of the man with operation.

L. H. ROBERTS

To Settle Labor Disputes.

Omaha-To the Editor of The Oma ha Bee: I would appreciate your giv Now social service has ing publicity to the following: I have been a member of a labor organiza tion for the past 25 years and have seen various laws, including the anti-picketing law, enacted, the purpose of which is to suppress the activities of organized labor.

been responsible for the free public

that organizations of fund. workingmen are necessary to success The use of the English language in fully bargain collectively, would sug facetious remark by a member of gest that some law be enacted pro the Philippine legislature, which rep- viding an industrial commission fair resented the first use of the language to all parties concerned. I would in the chamber, prompted this bit of suggest a commission of three from information in the Register-Public the employers and three com organized rows service from Manila: Ledger news service from Manila:

"After the elections, when it was announced by several of the members that they would insist upon the use of English in the legislature, the matter was recorded by the close some tized labor, appointed by the governor, these six to meet, selecting a seventh man. This board to Hear all disputes and render all decisions, both parties being bound to abide by ter was regarded by the older repre- the decision. Jurisdictional disputes sentatives and senators as more or of the crafts must be settled by the crafts and there shall be no cessation "That most of the members and a of work allowed because of jurisdic

majority of those in the gallery were able to understand Senor Confesor's remark was immediately evidenced by while in session. \$2 for hotel expenses.

## A Book of Today

ive exposures. There may be other cited—to be reminded how mischie- and plains of the Missouri and Arkan will lay at its vous it is to try to force a new lan- sas rivers. It covers the first six decdoor, but that the publicity attending guage and new patriotic "culture" on ades of the 19th century and is complete barbarous murders has been alien people enmasse. Yet it is the piled largely from contemporary newspapers. There is hardly a phase newspapers. There is hardly a phase of the early life or social and eco There is nothing to prevent every-body in America hoping for popularmic history which is not presented Here are related the stories of the raffic of the St. Louis fur traders ization of the English language in the Philippines. But hoping for it is one with the Indians along the Missouri thing, and trying to force it another. vance of steamboats up the Big Muddy after 1819, bringing traders The organization of 200,000 American women who have declared their with the Indians; the political quesintention to centinue to wear short skirts despite the notice from a French designer that skirts will be long, are at least entitled to credit slavery issue; the Mormon visit; the early railroad building, and other imtellectual independence.

If a French ladies' tailor can come

portant events.

Mr. Watkins has edited the great mass of material skillfully, adding interpretive notes. The index is un usually full and the subheadings numerous. There is a good map of the Nebraska country, designed especially for the volume. This is another val-uable contribution of Mr. Watkins to

# the history of the state.

By J. J. MUNDY. The Value of a Word.

er her and tell us what our women

folks must wear we are a sad lot of incompetents, indeed.

Common Sense

No Diskirtesy Intended.

From the Brooklyn Standard Union

An oft repeated word is bound take an impression on the mind. It is well to have some inspiring otto always before you. When that word is also written many times daily and is seen in bold print in a certain spot every day, a greater impression is made. Whether the person be conscious of

it or not, the imprint of the thought

which a word ever present leaves is bound to bear fruit in time. As an example, two unpretentious business blocks in a small city were located on the corners of Main street and a little side street, an alley, is what strangers called it. But the al-The men who were engaged in business in these corner stores and offices had that word prgoress ever

before them.

The town was 100 years old and an up-to date hotel and industries were needed; who thought of them and finally succeeded in making a regular boom town of that city? Men who daily turned the corner and did business in the location of Main and Progress streets.

Several million dollars' worth of plans have come to be real things for untold benefit to that place, because the leaders in the movements for growth and improvement had "progress" before them every day. (Copyright, 1922.)

Assets

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# "The People's Voice"

operation of the churches in promot vator:

and the pastor to represent it in the federation. J. H. Langenwalter of Bethany college is president of the

Two elevators, one mill, two lumber ards and seven other places where they use scales will average at least Elevator Manager.

surprising, however, if this lead would restrict that the professing men would never reappear. A possible theory was that the two were being held in restraint at some remote locality and that their where-

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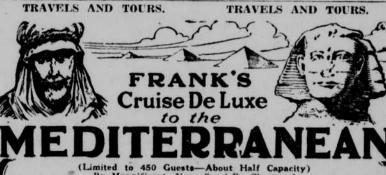
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