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A COLOSSAL WASTE

using clubs and stone weapons while No nation, however rich, can af- their wives have been winning the ford a sheer waste of over half a struggle for life with pretty phrases. billion dollars a year. This sum re- The present civilization has taught presents the annual direct proper- that woman's place is in the home, ty loss from fire in the United but if she is compelled to go into the account the cost of maintaining is not apt to fail because she is fire fighting forces, or the indirect naturally endowed for such an enloss in wages, profits, custom and terprise. god will which comes from interruption of business. The grand annual total of the American fire the fear that our bank account will waste mounts to an appalling figure. be influenced by the present styles Worse yet, every 24 hours some two and get a boyish bob.

score citizens are burned to death. The tragedy of it all is heightened by teh fact that probably 90 per cent of all fires are preventable. There can With the period for the annual son has enlisted is the engineer on be no doubt that a large part of our campaign for Red Cross membership anathy toward fire loss esults from near at hand, the review of Red True, Mr. Mencken has not promthe delusion which we cherish about Cross achievements during the past | ised to actually fight in battle insurance. We believe that insur- year, given recently by President front with Mayor Thompson. His ance pays for fire. It does not, and Coolidge at the annual meeting of nerve has failed him at the sound it never can. It distribues fire loss- the American Red Cross in Washing- of the tocsin. But he is willing to es, but it cannot recreate buildings ton, has more than passing interest. act in the capacity of a reserve or goods that have been reduced to The president stressed the Missis- lieutenant-safe from the fire that

regarding personal responsibility the last twelve months. He said that for damages done to others by fires less than a half dozen persons lost caused by carelessnesses. In Indiana, their lives in the flood area after the however, an owner of property may Red Cross relief took hold and be held liable for damage done by that the health of the refugees was fire to another's property, provided so well guarded that there were this damage was occasioned by fail- more births than deaths in the conure to comply with an order of the centration camps. A medical survey state fire marshal.

shal includes making and issuing or- fected districts now than in previous ders for abatement or removal of years. fire hazards and includes ordering

plosives. as a fire hazard, who persists in reasoned. maintaining it in such a condition Mr. Coolidge pointed out that porium. despite the order of the state fire -17,000,000 was raised for flood remarshal, may be held liable in dam- lief work, in addition to services of ages to others whose property is re- the Federal Government valued at duced in rental value or otherwise about -7,000,000. "The story is one by reason of condition of condemned of the fine chapters in American property or whose insurance rates history," he said. upon their own property are increased The president also reviewed other by reason of such condition.

The constant battle for public officials who are responsible to the people is not gaining much headway ters and \$ 43,000 for twenty differin view of the activities of the organized minorities which make difficult to determine just what the wishes of the people are.

#### \_\_\_\_\_00\_\_\_\_\_ HOME HAZARDS

More than 18,500 men, women and children were killed in accidents in their own homes last year. This astounding loss of life comes from mishaps that occur while performing home duties.

accident is never considered until some one meets death, and then it is quickly forgotten. Practically every community of any size, national bodies, state organizations and local associations are constantly endeavoring to solve the traffic problem and find a way to prevent the useless Claus he begins to have faith in haid waste of life resulting, but practical- restorers. ly no one is worried about the toll

taken by home accidents. When we come to realize that al- The non-voting habit has taken

she climbs up on a step ladder to of furing the voter to the ballot box, wash the windows or mounts a stool but without avail. Voting booths to dust a tall piece of furniture. The have been placed in the cities withmar who does his own repair work in a half block of one another and at home may be a little more thought- absentee ballots have been provided ful when he climbs a ladder to paint so the franchise could be exercised the porch roof or tinkers with the with a fountain pen and a two cent electric wiring, if he keeps uppermost stamp, but it has been all in vain. in his mind that the hazards of the American government today is home are equally as great as the haz-the result of minority rule. It is ards of the highway.

a lot of good by inventing an auto- ly, that municipal, village, townmatic windshield wiper for horn-ship, county and state expenditures

### rimmed spectacles. \_\_\_\_\_\_

WOMEN IN BUSINESS

engaged in farming does not take waste of public money through ininto account the farmers' wives who difference reach such a point that are powerful factors in the success in the end, for their own selfish proof many farming ventures. Neither tection, the citizens will again have does it seem large compared with to take an interest in what the men the total number of farmers in the elected to governmental offices are United States, but the gain is im- doing.

pressive. commerce is equally as large, if not tell one.

larger in other commercial fields. With the granting of equal suf- Frederick Loose, famous Ger- ly ladies. Exposed to the sun the quietely without saying a word—con- ly ladies. Exposed to the sun the quietely without saying a word—con- ly ladies. Exposed to the sun the quietely without saying a word—con- ly ladies. Exposed to the sun the quietely without saying a word—con- ly ladies. Exposed to the sun the quietely without saying a word—con- ly ladies. Exposed to the sun the ladies of your sight. Others you can't frage and the demands made upon man aviator, now at the Azores, gentlemen ceases to be gallant tent to be in each other's company. women during the world war, the awaiting favorable weather for a and many times even forgets he is The first thing a girl should sacer- Perhaps these pointers may be of business world became more recep- westward air hop to America, likely a gentleman. No lady can be tain about a prospective husband is value to you in reading your own Remus, at Cincinnati, O. tive to the pleas of women for a the last East to West attempt in sweet and lovely when a victim of just how she reacts to an unlimited heart. I'd like to have a piece of the place in business, and they have 1927.

succeeded notably well. Not every woman can succeed in business, any more than every man s successful, but a comparison, if such a thing were possible, would

Women should be better salemen than men. They have demonstrated time without number that they excell in the bentle art of using words. Ever since Eve talked Adam into fruit, the so-called gentler sex has

Entered in accordance with Act of Congress, at been master where words were used.

the Postoffice at Chestertown, Md.,

Talent for salesmanship is present. to a marked degree among women. Many have it without knowng and never realize their inherent ability until forced to seek employment. It is the common view that women have to resort to tears to win their point, but this is rare for words never sem to fail their sex. From the dawn of history men h ave been keeping the family larder stocked by

States, but it by no means tells the market place and win a place for whole story. It does not take into herself in the field of commerce, she

Another worry of most of us

## RED CROSS ACHIEVEMENTS

ashes. sippi flood inasmuch as it was the will scorch and sear Chicago. The United States has done little biggest piece of relief work done in revealed that generally speaking mythology involved in our text-Authority of the state fire mar- disease is less prevalent in the af-

Because of this, and due to other of repairs to o rcomplete removal advantages accuring as an afterof buildings found to come within math of the flood, such as enrichthe purview of the act, as well as ment of the soil by the deposits of enforcement of regulations pertain- river mud, better quality seed suping to storage, use, manufacture, plied to farmers resulting in more sale, handling and transportation of bountiful crops and new buildings all classes of combustibles and ex- that are an improvement over the old, the flood may yet prove to be a The owner of property, condemned blessing in disguise, the president

relief work of the year in which he said -8,216,893 was expended in relieving about 690,000 people as a result of seventy-seven domestic disas-

ent disasters abroad. In the domestic sum only about \$3,000,000 is included because that was all expended by the end of the Red Cross fiscal year June 30. However the total does cover \$4,480,000 used for relief and rehabilitation due to the storm in Florida.

Those who hold membership in the Red Cross may well feel proud of this record of achievement and have just reason to believe that they and The serious aspect of this type of an actual part in it. The Red Cross is a great American institution and in each succeeding disaster proves its worth and justifies its ex-

> What equals the faith of man! Soon after he loses faith in Santa

## A BAD HABIT

most as many, if ot more lives are possession of the American people. sacrificed in the homes of the land In city and rural communities the than on the streets and highways, report is the same: that the people more caution may be practiced in the do not care to bother to vote. Cur- the "Nebbs" for sources of hilariiously enough, the country districts When this fact is impressed on the clearly show a higher voting percenmind of the average housewive, she tage than the city sections. All sorts may be a little more careful, when of bait has been offered in the hopes

agreed that less than 40 percent of the eligible voters mark their Some scientists can do humanity crosses. It it surprising, accordingand, consequently, taxes are rising steadily? The present regime of indifference on the part of the voters A recent survey by a manufactur- offers a magnificent opportunity for ing concern showing 261,719 women the governmental bootleggers who farmers in the country, which repre- are not only feathering their nests sents an increase of 300 per cent but putting through their own petin the last twenty-five years, brings projects with immunity. The remedy to attention that women are becom- is not in pulpit or platform address, ing more active in all lines of bus- or even in finding non-voters as the Australians have attempted to do.

The number of women actually but in letting this situation of the

Figures are not available for oth- A gypsy woman was fined the other lines of business, but it is probable er day for telling fortunes in Wall that the increase in the number of Street. It's evidently easier to lose women venturing into the avenues of a fortune in Wall Street than to

# The Lancer

Harry S. Russell

Sic transit gloria Mencken By Townsend Howes

Eastern Shoremen, traditionally proud of Nature's allottment to them of fertile acres and pleasant waters, have been maligned by the cutting remarks of one H. L. Mencken-erstwhile engineer on THE AMERICAN MERCURY. His facetious tirades and silly sarcasms, born of an amazing prejudice, have rankled many a bosom betwixt the Sassafras and Cape Charles. Recently it seems that the worm has turned—and turning revels a cynic shorn of greatnessa genius gone mad. And I contend that he had not far to go.

William Hale Thompson, Mayor of Chicago, ignorant and crass, inaugurates a crusade to save America from England. Already, he contends, the glitter of the "redcoats" may be seen advancing thru the darkness that is Chicago. Doubtless the Prince of Wales visited the United States to draw up plans for the coming invasion. At any rate danger is imminent-we quake and tremble at the knees.

Among those whom Mr. Thomp-THE AMERICAN MERCURY.

This Anglo-Saxon invasion of America is akin to Henry Ford's peace ship, in respect to its stupidity and indecency. I say indecency because it is indecent to ask a person of average intelligence to believe what Mayor Thompson apparently holds probable. Any high school boy or girl will laugh at the books on American History. This is an age of clear thinking-myths and folk-lore are mighty good reading but poor aids to the progress of a nation. The counterpart of Mr. Thompson may be found in the country store-but it is shocking to discover that one so stupid and blatant dare coerce the chair of a majority and aspire to the most comfortable seat in Washington. I prefer to picture such a figure behind a bar on Pratt street or spitting tobacco juice in a rural em-

Mr. Mencken, the proud and far forgets himself as to clasp the no way of contradicting them. fraternal hand of W. H. Thompson. Ye Gods! Beauty and the Beast! The elevated throne of American literature has toppled and crashed!

Our ideals have gone to hell! the countenance of our citizen from | clarers were safe. the great oaks that make the forest, a giant tree has crashed-not only killing itself but in its death struggle crushing the life from countless inferior specimens that trusted to its mighty guardian for sheller and protection.

To those who call the Eastern Shore home—we say—be of good cheer-your enemies are far more ridiculous than they have painted you. The Chicago versus Great Britain episode will cause a laugh for centuries to come. Our children's children will read Mr. Thompson's passee textbooks and scream with laughter—just as we today revert to Mutt-and-Jeff and

Yes, the track is being cleared When I am with him for any length find yourself bored with his company to Chicago—there are red-lights at every cross road-troop trains are rapidly assembled—but there one train that is content with its roundhouse lot-free to snort and bellow 'War and Collusion'-its name is THE AMERICAN MER-CURY—its pilot is H. L. Mencken. length of time I get so lonely for do when he is with you, you do not Brookeville, Md.

My platform, if I had a platform, would carry a plank, painted upon which would be the slogan "More and Better Shade Trees." After twelve months, and more, of constant search, I have at last found a cause. Being below the Mason and Dixon Line Chestertown can lay boastful claim to being Southern city. Well, if not a Southern city then a Southern village. But every day it has less chance to boast of shady streets. Shady streets and Southern villages somehow should always go together. In the summer months a Southern village with shady streets is cool and comfortable. Without the shade it is just a Sou-

thern village. is not to marry him, regardless of his Now a Southern village should be noted for its quiet, peacefulness and the lazy comfort of its inhabitants. But without shade trees the people pass along the sun- to picture a happy fireside with ny streets their faces drawn from | man and woman who are so tired of the glare and heat; they mop their each other that they yawn in each brows and hurry along for relief at other's faces. some shady spot. Then they re-

the artful touches of heat.

Some Scientific Talk Is Bunk

Chicago, and says that there is prob- bold bluff. ably going to be an explosion of the sun which will doom the earth and its blades of grass on the lawn nobody is inhabitants to extinction and may going to take the trouble to count happen any minute, although again them. Your statement goes unchalit may not happen for a million years lenged.

leave us dumb and awestricken. We data.

But a smile of satisfaction lights | thing about it anyhow and so the de- manifestly pure guesses.

you-so" look dominates his mien. of a story of a man who professed to is as good as another's. We have He knew in his heart that H. L. know everything. Ask him how ma- made some progress in finding out Mencken was over-rated. He knew | ny fishes there were in the river and about earthquakes and we have elathat neath the veneer and polish of he could tell you to the last minnow. borate theories as to how they ocapparent brilliancy and logic lay There were exactly seventeen million cur, but just when an earthquake a solid, imperturbale, prejudice— and ninety-six. He also knew the is going to hit us we know as well as a sort of Pennsylvania-German number of nails that went into the the scientists.

Dear Miss Flo:

Readers desiring a personal reply can address

Please Pass the Wedding Cake

of time he begins to bore me. I don't before marriage, you should be warn-

him I can't wait until he returns. find him really sympathetic and con-

Do you think I love him? Can you genial when he is with you.

Miss Flo, in care of this newspaper

know whether it is my fault or his, ed in time.

liking aer fine substitutes for love. about himself.

amount of his society, and just what wedding cake.

If he bores you, my advice to you

fine qualities. Boredom is the curse

of matrimony. It is why husbands

and wives stray from their fireside-

to somebody else's. It is impossible

And now comes along an astrom- This was all right because nobody omer of the Yerkes Observatory, near could dispute it, uubbt shrdlu shrdla

If you say there are nine trillion

A lot of this scientific data is pure Another astromer out in Berkeley, bluff intended to awe the common California, says that the universe is man and it succeeds pretty well. We 194 quadrillion miles in diameter. have passed the age when people are One hundred ninety-four quadrillions stricken dumb by theological dictum is all there is—there isn't any more. but we are in the zone now where Ordinarily statements like this people are bludgeoned by scientific

mighty wielder of a facile pen, so accept them as true because we have Science has done some wonderful things. It predicts an eclipse of the They are like the statements that moon to the minute and tells us how used to be made about theology, electricity will act and all sorts of when they argued whether one million things, but this is no reason why or ten angels could stand on the scientists should lay back their ears point of a pin. Nobody knew any- and talk lightly about things that are

love him with a love that will last.

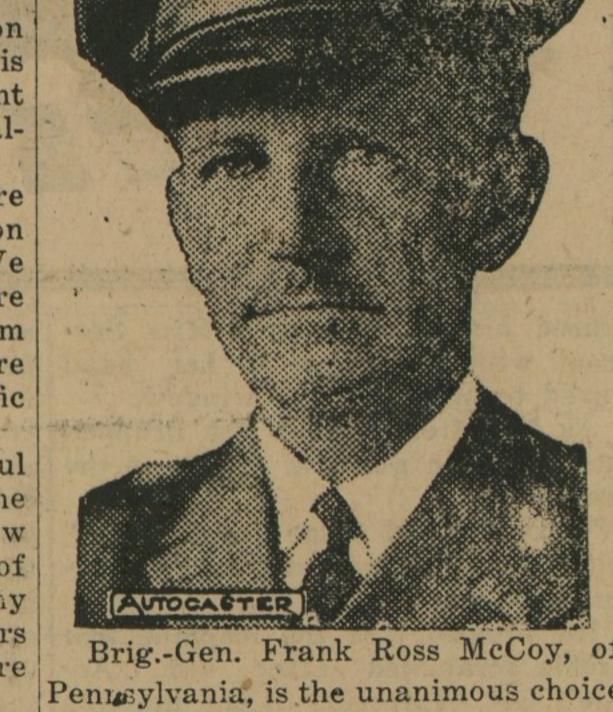
his feet dry? Do you wonder if he

is working too hard? Then, you love

him. In your heart you regard him

But the acid test—the test that

blindness. But, truly, we grieve bridge and the number of stars in the The best things we can do is to run that this man of letters has fallen. heavens and the number of hairs on along and sell our papers and if the For the sake of literature we pine your head and could tell you the works blow up we are as well off as and refused to be solaced. Among number exactly in a minute's notice. anybody and no worse.



If He Chooses

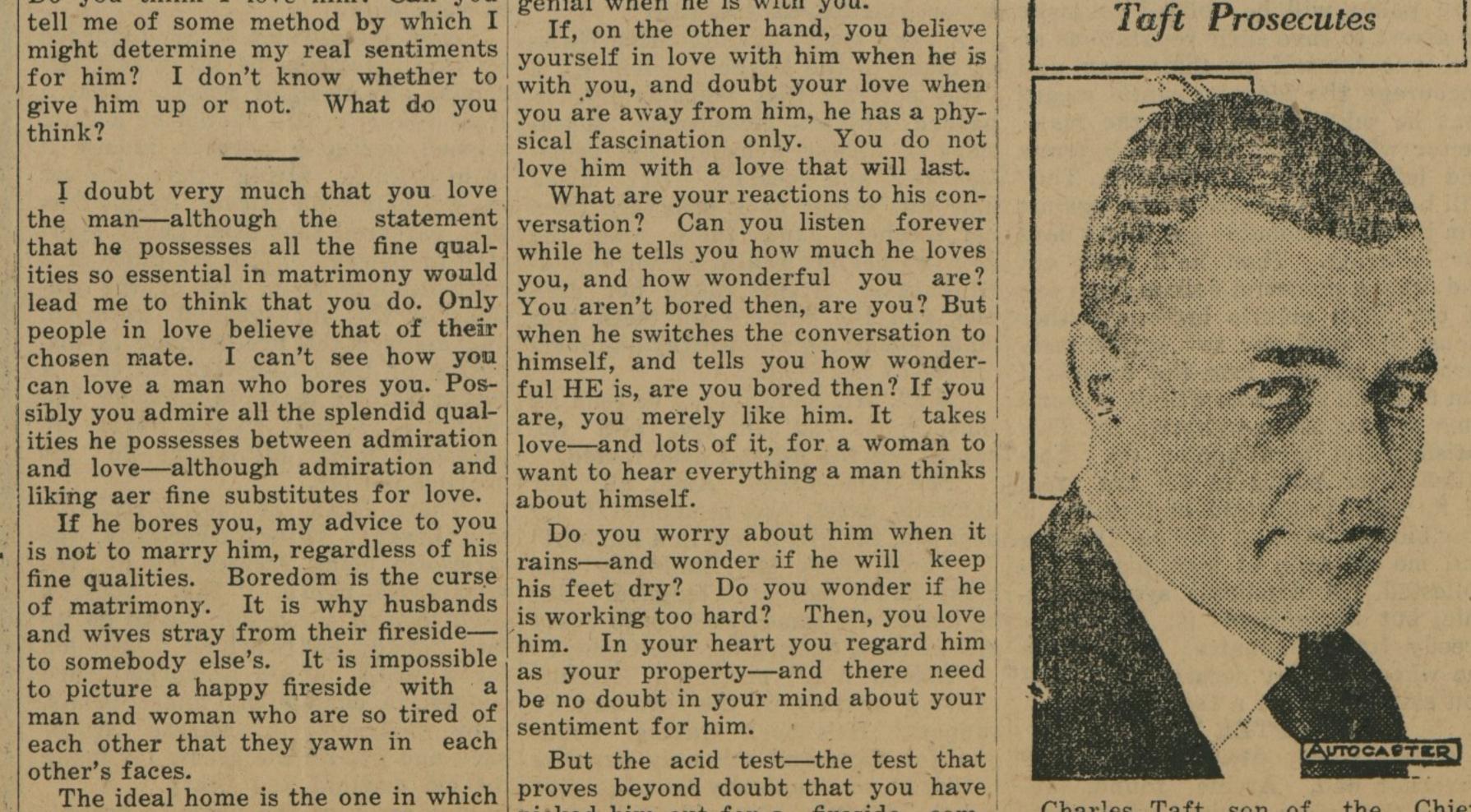
By Albert T. Reid

Penusylvania, is the unanimous choice powerless. But it isn't as bad as The sun may explode tomorrow and of all factions and can have, if he being branded for going out of your the Eastern Shore. That "I-told- We read somewhere in our youth again it may not. One man's guess chooses, the post as Governor-General prove, although slowly. of the Philippines, held until recent-



H. Gwendolyn Jones, of Concord, N. H., who finished second in but the fact remains that there are There are many tests you might the primarics and is now in the race times when I am frightened to death apply to ascertain whether or not for mayor of that town on a platform when I think of marrying him and you really love him. To begin of no "applesauce promises"—the spending the rest of my life with him. with, if you think more tenderly Then, if he is away from me any of him when he is away than you

# practice of politicians, she says. \_\_\_\_\_ Taft Prosecutes



a husband and wife never talk out- picked him out for a fireside com- Charles Taft, son of the Chief The South is noted for its gal- of if they do, they find a congeniality panion for life—is when you pre- Justice and former President Taft, lant gentlemen and sweet and love- of spirit which enables them to sit fer spending an evening at home is directing the prosecution of leg King" for the murder of Mrs.

-Advertise in the Enterprise.



MONKEY SUPERMAN.

115 RATTLESNAKES. HER QUIVERING FLESH.

INDUSTRY AND SCIENCE. Professor Voronoff has made old

men seem younger with the help of monkey glands, has made science take him seriously. Now he proposes to create supermen, such as Nietsche dreamed of, by using animal glands on young

children of exceptional talent. He believes that he will create genius such as earth never saw. in the children of children thus treated. The old-fashioned will believe that if monkeys could help create finer men Nature and wise Providence would have called on the monkeys long ago. Also a race of supermen is just

what the world does NOT want. Tall men like short women, thin women admire fat men, genius marries mediocrity, all proof that Nature wants us to march along side by side about even, not a few far ahead of the others, or riding on the backs of inferiors.

Those that run risks today will have contributed to absolute safe flying in the future. Lindbergh says flying overland with a good pilot and machine is safer now than automo-

Better machines will soon make ocean flights as simple and safe as a flight over the English Channel, for which Northcliffe, a few years ago, ffered a -50,000 prize.

Moving pictures show Lionel Barymore holding the red-hot branding iron, Aileen Pringle providing the now white shoulder and quivering flesh to which the "red-hot" iron will

be applied. Thousands, shuddering at this branding, will hardly realize that such torture would have been considered natural a few years ago. Men were skinned alive, impaled on sharp shafts and left dying for hours. At the time of Henry the Second, a workman was branded on the cheek with a hot iron, if without permission he left his parish to find work in a-

Those Henry the Second workmen may comfort united coal mine workers of America, forbidden by court junction to interfere with the Pitts-Lurgh Terminal Coal Corporation's

open shop. That injunction and others like it Brig.-Gen. Frank Ross McCoy, of will do a good deal to make unions parish to look for work. We do im-

> Mear Riverton, Wyoming, Ted Lee killed 115 rattlesnakes with a

Rattlesnakes rely entirely on poison and conceit, which makes it easy to destroy them. So with those that pervert truth in history, religion, or otherwise. They rely on a poison which is not reliable, and are disposed of easily.

A British lady doctor, Dorothy Cochrane Logan, swims the English Channel in 13 hours and 10 minutes, cutting Gertrude Ederle's record by 1 hour, 24 minutes. This does not mean eclipsing the Ederle achievement. It all depends on wind tide and waves, as you know if you have sailed across that rough, mean and choppy stretch of water.

Similarly the man who dies with a "big name" and millions has not necessarily beaten the record of some poor devil ending in the Potter's field. All depends on the kind of sailing each had on life's water.

In Los Angeles last week, Max S. Hayes, farmer-labor candidate for Vice-President in 1920, told the American Federation of Labor it ought to start a labor party in 1928. President Green, of the Federation, knows that failure is no good advertisement, and will not advise a step that would mean a miserably poor showing and hurt the prestige of organized labor. Union men know that one of two candidates will win the 1928 election, and they will reserve the right to vote for the one they consider the better man.

Every year there are born in Germany 15,000 pairs of twins, 200 sets of triplets. And a sprinkling of quadruplets. No nation has so

This human fertility is more important to Germany than any of her factories. The real wealth is human intelligence and industry, and the world's mothers create its real weal-

\_\_\_\_\_ If the farmer ever gets finally relieved, there are a lot of politicians who will be wondering what to do

\_\_\_\_\_\_ Every week has too many nights

to stay up late on all of them. There seems to be money in too many things besides working.

The spirit may be willing, but save us from the man who has gone in for both radio and golf.

You can't trust some people out trust until they are out of debt.

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The preacher who said that jazz has passed deserves the medal as the champion op ist.