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Many people wonder why metropolitan newspapers for play up? a mysterious murder case. The answer is obvious—because a mystery—from the cause of war to a simple parlor puzzle—interests the great majority of people. You observe that many mystery books are written annually, and avidly read; mystery dramas and movies always "go over big"; and so, when the or him in the setting of a mystery, the majority of the or him in the setting of a mystery, the majority of the bublic wants to learn, "how that all will come out."

There's an atmosphere of justice in their wonderment, too, for most people want the validian taken into custody, tried, and meted out fitting punishment. While it is true that some newspapers place too much of the wrong emphasis on crime, it is also true that tuman beings, with comparatively few exceptions, are captivated by a mystery. After all, the mystery of what each day holds for each of us is not a trifling part of the reason that we struggle through trial and tribulation to the eventual "greatest mystery of all."

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Walter Lippman offers a very timely question regarding the Roseelt plan to place large taxes upon incomes and inheritances, without touching the average earner. He points out that so long as a majority of our people—or any nation's people—do not have to pay taxes, they will support the government that gives them, the greatest allotments from other peoples earnings. This, argues Mr. Lippman, will create a nation of voters that will support the demagogue, and he points out that such a condition of citizen-corruption is worse than an extreme capitalistic system. When you think this sthrough, you are compelled to agree that Mr. Lippman's logic is true to human nature.

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Michigan is having its official troubles with bootleggers. John S. McDonald, chairman of the State Liquor Commission, recently stated publicly that 'this diquor business is crooked, and always will be.' White we admit that the former State Supreme Cour Justice told the truth, we wonder it his method of saying it will not encourage more bootlegging. The W. C. T.

U. these days can find plenty of ammunition to wage its crusade of education against the intemperate use of alcohol. We hole, however, that it will seek to eathrone sobriety through education—not unworks able legislation.

A few weeks goa local father, writing to his 17-year-old son who was away at school, penned some thoughts that are worth passing on to others. This man, by she manner of handling the situation, paid a fine com-pliment to his son. We suggest this other dads read this and, when the occasion arises, use the same thought to bring about better relations between youth and maturity. Here is the letter:

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"You have probably' been pretty busy with social affairs as the school year came to an end. Ihope that you have enjoyed it. While in recent years so many things have not been going as we would have them go, despite plans and all of the effort that we could bring to bear, I can tell you that it has been 2 source of real satisfaction to your Mother and myself to feel that you could be depended upon to meet any situation in which you find yourself, straight, forwardly and according to your conception of what constitutes a gentleman's behavior.

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Te believe that your understanding on the latter point is already sufficiently developed to pass muster anywhere. You have probably unconsciously absorbed enough of my views to know how I look upon most everything. However, whenever anything comes up on which you fed hary and uncertain as to how to apply your own standards, if you wish to give me the facts, I would be only too glad to let you know my candid and unfused opinion which you could consider also, when forming your own conclusions.

DUILITING FOR WAP! Today you read more news of various nations building huge armaments than ever-before in time of peace. Ask yourself this question what are these things being built for? And then ask yourself; what and I doing every day and every week to make my own little world peaceful and neighborly and anti-war?

The confident-courageous attitude, like muscle power, develops through use.

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits Of News Gleaned From O'd Files Of The Eccentric-The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
lawn party at the residence
C. Poppleton Tuesday evevas a success, and the ladies of their president, Miss J
Presbyterian church are Gray, on Woodward avenue.

Will July 4th Become
An Annual Mockery?
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By THEODORE H. MILLINGTON

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The Big Stick Takes On A Cutting Edge

After A While

I hate to see them grow too old for play. Sometimes I feel so cross And so discouraged when the

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