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THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1937

Last Year Witnessed Highest Number Of Auto Fatalities... Here's a new high record for Americans to study: 18,500 people killed last year in automobile accidents.

Safety campaigns have been waged with good effect in many American areas... There are, however, thirty States that have done practically nothing to develop highway safety.

Gold Seems To Be A Puzzle? Anybody who understands money has something on us to admit, but we recall some months ago wondering about gold...

Fighting Kangaroo Courts The average citizen of Birmingham probably does not know what a "kangaroo court" is...

Principles vs. Personalities Charles Evans Hughes, present Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, has come forth with the statement that "packing the Court will not aid in the more efficient operation of that tribunal."

A Real Tragedy Loss of life in that New London, Texas, school disaster is a tragic catastrophe. Problems of life may visit us, and they do—but to have such a calamity descend upon an entire community, removing from a family the larger Court, and those who oppose it...

Even A Stalin Cannot Satisfy A People's Hunger For God!

Russia's new constitution is "admittedly constructive." So say some of Russia's sternest critics. The clause which has pleased millions who ideologically believe in a better social order, but who deplore the Stalin government's attitude toward religion...

As Christmas time the churches which are still functioning are crowded. Perhaps Stalin is beginning to see that religion is a matter of the soul's attitude toward God—that the people hunger for a closer contact with this "power not themselves" which makes for abundant living.

"Universal Genius" That is the title which has been accorded Benjamin Franklin, who was born January 17, 1706. No wonder they pass out almanacs at this time of the year. Franklin's "Poor Richard's Almanack" was one of the most popular ever published.

It was he who said, "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise." He proved it. He lived to be 84.

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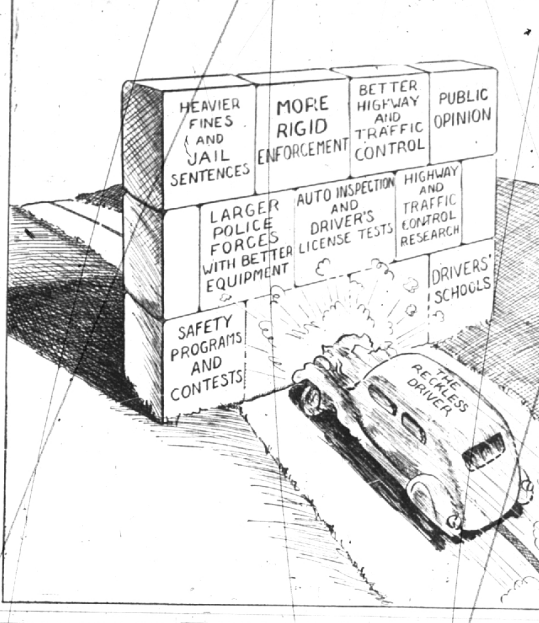
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Ernest A. Houston, anthropologist: "Short of homicide, a man has practically no chance of outliving his wife."

Look Out For The Boom! Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University, announced on finance and economics, recently celebrated his seventy-third birthday...

Practical Paragraphs THE RIVERS, THE HORNS AND THE WARBLES... A few years ago I was about to cross Fifth Avenue to enter Central Park in New York City...

IRRESISTIBLE FORCE MEETS IMMOVABLE OBJECT



HOMEKEEPER The day is almost gone. The setting sun blazes across the sky. I mean to do so many tasks before this day is done.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, first lady: "Being the President's wife is hard work."

Random Remarks

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Hugh S. Johnson, retired general: "If we had been as well organized at the beginning of the last war as we are at now, we wouldn't have been in it."

Roy E. Burt, secretary, Socialist Party: "The Socialist Party believes that the Federal Court proposition is relatively unimportant."

Frank Chapman, designated "boss dressed man": "You've got to wear clothes, or why not enjoy it?"

Only with reluctance and under the pressure of unusual and peculiar circumstances does the average citizen lay aside his natural reserve and address an occupant of high public office in the manner of a peer. Certainly, by the existing labor situation conditions such an occasion is not infrequently called for.

Your failure to do so at Flint is the prime reason for the present outrageous situation. Yet, after all these weeks of developing a labor, still you persist in bargaining with scoundrels, hand-picked violators of law and humanity whose ranks are recruited, in no small part, from the "Black Legion" method. Apparently, you have learned nothing from the consequences of your original error.

The question is not one of the right to strike, or anything of the kind, but one of principle, of respect, of honor, of whatever name best describes it. Nor is it a matter of the right to work, but of the right to be treated as a human being, and to have your labor fairly and justly compensated.

WASHINGTON LETTER

Organized Labor Seen as New Power in Political Field

BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON—Organized labor is looking for new fields, both political and industrial, to conquer. Large scale unionization by the C. I. O., with John L. Lewis and Sidney Hillman in the saddle, has not stopped with the steel settlement. The next move will be unionization of the huge textile industry.

More important, perhaps, is the prominence of organized labor in the political picture. Labor's Non-Partisan League, of C. I. O. labor groups by insisting on wage-hour and pension other labor legislation at this session of Congress.

LABOR'S Non-Partisan League claims to represent 2,500,000 organized workers in the C. I. O., unions, and other international, state, and local bodies. It has followed the plan, after its first public statement, of sending letters to all chairmen and members, as well as to all senators and congressmen.

From the button-holding of representatives on Capitol Hill by letter, it has moved to direct their national convention here. It may be judged that of all the strong lobbies Washington has seen, this may prove to be the strongest of them all. Officials of the league promise "we've only just started."

'My Country, 'Tis of Thee'...

By T. H. MILLINGTON

The oft-quoted words, "I stand for human rights as against property rights," are most startling. These words have been spoken in the floor of the Congress in Washington from the desks of the mouths of politicians of political expediency.

Property rights vs. Human Rights The idea of acquiring property as possessing some sinister right against human rights is a monstrous error. It is the bottom thing, and conditions which with certainty produce and sustain a nation in a despotic state.

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