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NOTE: The Eccentric is pleased to publish stories of events which have news value and which are written by persons not connected with the office of the paper.

Boying to ecclesiastical control, Father Charles E. Coughlin is going to quit the radio. The stenorian voice that has thrilled millions of American people is to be silenced.

Father Coughlin is silenced. No longer will the Royal Oak priest continue to pour upon the other waves his mixture of truth and fiction—with enough truth to cause thinking persons to think, with enough fiction and emotionalism to cause others to become confused.

In our estimation, the nearby cleric has caused his own house to tumble about him. His eagerness for reform ran ahead of his ability to present practical reforms.

And from a Great Book we again read: Through I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling symbol.

(2) And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

(3) And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, I am nothing.

(4) Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up.

(5) Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh on evil;

(6) Rejoiceth in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

(7) Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things,

(8) Charity never faileth; but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

(9) For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

(10) But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

(11) When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

(12) For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

(13) And now abideth faith, hope, charity; these three; but the greatest of these is charity.—I Corinthians; Chapter 13.

We are inclined to "give a hand" to Miss Maxine Page, of North Dakota, who won a State Beauty contest and then refused to become a beauty.

"Beauty Is As Beauty Does" is going to a national competition because she didn't care to be photographed in bathing suits and "getting in and out of bathtubs."

Beauty of face and figure are to be admired and certainly there is nothing wrong with efforts to promote beauty among girls and women or the appreciation thereof.

THE NATION'S MAN OF LETTERS—Postmaster-General James A. Farley. (Even though most of the degrees attached to his party are I. O. U.'s.)

Real Force Makes Peace

The formation of an international police force was advocated by President Theodore Roosevelt in a message to Congress in 1904.

The covenant of the League of Nations, drawn up in 1919, implied the formation of an international police force and the use of force against an aggressor.

Nothing promotes aggression more than the example of successful aggression. If world powers, acting together, had checked Japan when that nation invaded Manchuria in 1931; the chances are that Italy would never have attacked Ethiopia or interfered in Spanish affairs and Japan would not be fighting China today.

How many lives would have been saved and how much suffering avoided can only be imagined. European wars that would have been prevented if these unwarranted attacks had been forestalled.

The past presents lessons for application to the future. Wise nations take advantage of experience. Even pacifists can understand today that unless aggressors are stopped now there will be more aggression in the future.

If aggression and ruthless invasion are to be prevented in the years to come they must be profitable now. Nations that wantonly attack without just cause are world criminals and crime flourishes only so long as it pays.

The aggressor nations must be restrained if there is to be peace and the opportunity for improvement in the living conditions of all members of the human race. Words are not restraint unless they carry with them the threat of punishment through the use of power that is able to inflict penalties.

The Anti-Saloon League disputes the contention of the Distilled Spirits Institute that "prohibition repeal has reduced crime." It appears to have figures to bolster its attack upon the conclusion of the liquor organization.

There is little need for a prolonged argument. The truth of the matter is that there is too much crime in the United States today, whether the amount of crime is greater or less than it was in previous years.

Another viewpoint is presented by the study of alcoholism, recently undertaken by two members of the Harvard Medical School, assisted by certain WPA workers, whose data was collected from the Boston City Hospital. This study concludes with the report that alcoholism mounted during prohibition and increased after repeal. In fact, the deaths from alcoholism, after repeal, doubled those under prohibition.

The use of acetyl coline as a warming chemical is advocated as a step to make war less barbarous. Used in combat it would cause soldiers to drop unconscious to the ground where they could be captured in large numbers. There would be no deaths and no after effects.

While this might be a wonderful idea for breaking through the enemy lines, it is questionable whether war can be satisfactorily concluded through such a large-scale capture of opposing forces. After a heavy campaign against prisoners might be more than the soldiers in action and the task of taking care of them might stagger the humanitarian instincts of combatant nations.

With both sides capturing troops by the thousands the tendency would be to use them as workmen behind the lines and, in time, this might degenerate into a form of slavery that would not end with the war. Besides, what is the use of fighting if you cannot kill your enemies?

There was a time, not so far back, when people thought that a trade-at-home campaign should be addressed only to buyers, who were urged to spend their money at home.

This was a foolish idea, undoubtedly, but few merchants of that era, some twenty years ago, took the time to think the matter out, and to realize that the present success of a buy-it-at-home program depends more upon actual and intelligent merchandising than it did upon the moral support of the home buyers.

Today, the chain stores have spread throughout the nation and the independent store-keepers are meeting them with actual competition. You will find more recently alert business men of the independent type in Birmingham than than ever before. They are making merchandising a serious business and have forgotten the old idea that to keep a store was a question of opening up in the morning and closing at night. They sell goods now, instead of merely "keeping them."

SAYS AND EXCHANGE: "Of course the Chinese are to blame for their own troubles. First they invented gunpowder and then failed to keep enough on hand to protect themselves."

Congressional Comment

In 1910 the United States Senate and the House of Representatives adopted a resolution favoring the constitution of the combined navy of the world as an international force for the preservation of universal peace.

The world today is plagued by the aggressive tactics of several nations; but there is no police force available. The nations that do not approve of aggression, including the United States, are under the impression that peace will descend upon the world through some miraculous change of heart on the part of the nations that disturb world peace.

The first major argument will involve the constitutionality of Federal grants and loans for the construction of public power projects to compete with private utilities. Alabama and Iowa utilities have extended the constitutionality of the lower courts that the legislation authorizing such assistance contravenes the Constitution.

A number of cases involve the Labor Relations Act, one of them arising from a court order against oil-down strikers to vacate the Apex hosiery plant in Philadelphia.

Whether the Securities Act of 1933 represents an invalid delegation of legislative power or use of the postal power in interstate commerce also comes up for judicial determination. The court was asked to decide whether an order of the SEC directing a telegraph company to produce telegrams is a violation of the constitutional guarantee against unreasonable search and seizure.

By a 5 to 4 decision the Municipal Bankruptcy Act was held to be an unconstitutional invasion of the sovereignty of the States. Recommendation of this decision will come up for attention.

The Constitution the Congress acts only in a legislative capacity. The duty of determining whether or not laws enacted by the Congress conform to the provisions of the Constitution devolves upon the U. S. Supreme Court.

Last year the motorist taxpayers of this country paid out more than one billion dollars in special highway taxes. The total, 40%, according to an estimate based upon reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, spent on the construction and maintenance of State highways.

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Plans for taking the census of all unemployed and partially unemployed persons in the United States are being carried out by questionnaires to about 1.1 million families by the Post Office Department by November 16 and 17. The questionnaires are to be filed out and mailed to Washington by midnight November 20, after which the Census Bureau will tabulate all the details.

Profit-sharing plans participated in by many of the nation's employees deserve earnest consideration as a constructive approach to unemployment relief. Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg is a leading advocate of workable legislation for the purpose of cooperative arrangements in industry, which will result in fair compensation for labor and being essential to our national welfare.

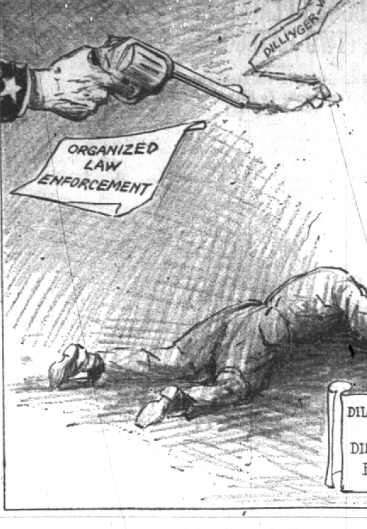
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PICKERS ALL



WASHINGTON LETTER

Expect New Arguments Over Cotton Grants When Congress Meets Again

WASHINGTON. — When Congress convenes there will be a new fight between northern and southern groups.

Under the old AAA, processing taxes financed the cotton program for two and a half years, until the Supreme Court nullified the tax and gave what had been collected back to the processors.

This method of financing the cotton program is widely being considered for constitutional when the House Mills case was brought before the Supreme Court in 1936.

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My Country, 'Tis of Thee

Freddie Chats. A man, who not only stutters but constantly gets his words twisted, having listened to the many political speeches, but particularly the Roosevelt Freeside Chats.

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