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Thousands of men and women in Michigan who know anything about the current Republican party, believe that State Senator Alva C. Cummings is the best man for the job. He is the dear friend of Frank D. McKay, Grand Rapids political boss; Mr. Flynn is now a Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor. W. A. Markland, two weeks ago in his Sunday "Michigan Politics" column in The Detroit News, referred to Mr. Flynn's candidacy and also that of Rev. R. N. Holsapple, Michigan dry leader, who recently announced himself for that post in State affairs.

Mr. Markland, an astute observer of government and politics, infers that dry Governor Dickinson will probably not team up with Mr. Holsapple. Mr. Markland also continues, and we quote him: "Having stated definitely, without the authority of direct quotation, who Governor Dickinson is against as a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, the identity of the man he does want might as well be revealed. It is Senator Felix H. H. Flynn, of Cadillac."

Now, folks, here is a strange combination; dry, allegedly anti-boss Governor Dickinson, and dry pro-boss Senator Flynn, for governor and Lieutenant Governor, respectively, on this summer's Republican ticket.

Yes, "politics does make strange bedfellows." For the Governor, you may remember, has declared himself as opposed to "bossism," and has gone so far as to ask for proof of such evils in Michigan.

So we suggest to the venerable gentleman that met in touch with I. O. Hock, Cadillac publisher, who knows Mr. Flynn personally, Mr. Huckle, a leading lay member of the same Methodist church with which the Governor is connected, can no doubt inform his Governor friend about the Cadillac Senator's political relationship with McKay.

But, of course, even then the Governor may not put much stock in what Mr. Huckle could tell for the Governor doesn't even pay any attention to the alarm recently sounded by the Michigan Christian Advocate, Methodistism's largest Sunday paper in the state.

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Do You Know Stocks?
In 1929 fifty stocks reached a record high average of \$131.90. On July 8, 1932, less than three years later, when the bottom dropped out of the "two to every garage" era, the average of these stocks averaged a low of \$33.98.

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DeFoe Has Won Holding that the Liquor Victory

ed to lower the inventory about a million dollars, thus giving the State Treasury that amount of money for working capital.

From the Commission's books, however, it appears that Mr. DeFoe thus far has won his argument; State liquor inventories for the first three months of 1940 were lower than the last three months of 1939, as follows: January, \$3,340,146.59; February, \$3,364,789.97; and March, \$3,101,019.94.

During October, November, and December last year, the State inventories were, respectively: \$3,786,230.96, \$5,850,577.16, and \$4,107,699.39. The average monthly inventory for 1939 was \$3,684,290.71, gross liquor sales during 1939 totaled \$42,322,181.30.

There may be ever so little of the dog, but there is just as much of the wag. Your Great Dane Dog, Inc. Pomeranian. Your Dachshund has as large a capacity for reciprocal esteem as any dog.

It doesn't much matter what kind—or kinds—of dog it was. Sammy Knight, Charles Richmond, and Walter Schmidt, three youngsters on Long Island, found there was enough dog for all three of them and decided to merge their responsibilities as well as their affections in joint ownership. They adopted a house, fed him, and possibly, though he is not, they applied for a license. But whose dog was it? To whom should the license be granted? Of the boys—no doubt his American background—solved the question. The clerk made out a license to all three, "incorporated."

Pointing an accusing finger at "obstacles" in fixing the responsibility for juvenile delinquency, Judge Ernest L. Reeker, of Madison, Nebraska, champions "youngster" in the current Rotarian magazine article, and suggests that in a majority of cases a warrant should be issued for parents who would place unqualified blame on their children when they get into trouble.

When people ask me, "Judge, what's wrong with the young people of today?" my answer is always the same: "There's nothing wrong with the young folks—the trouble is with their elders." He asserts. For 15 years he has been a juvenile judge, he tells Rotarian readers, and he has handled 1,500 cases. "In my treatment of juvenile delinquents, I have found that nine times out of ten a warrant should be issued for the parents of the child, charging them contributing to the delinquency of a minor, instead of permitting them to throw all the blame on their offspring."

He declares that he is "sick and tired of having 'bolder-than-thou' prosecuting attorneys, rough-and-ready police officers, and hair-splitting judges continue to produce criminals" by sending youngsters to institutions through a lack of understanding. Of the 1,500 boys and girls who have been committed to the state, only 50 have been sent to correctional institutions; of these only six continued in a life of crime. He has little use for reform schools since he discovered that officials of one of them took more interest in a prize dairy herd and bull than in the youths committed to their custody. He says that in youth quarters and better care and that they were more closely watched than were those of the 300 boys in the institution," he charges.

Parental neglect accounts for its share of youthful criminals, but "society itself has a pretty rotten record," Judge Reeker declares. Juvenile courts themselves need retraining. Lawyers and judges must be trained to investigate backgrounds of children in trouble, and the conditions spawning crime must be eliminated, he reasons.

He concludes by saying he'd like to issue a bench warrant for every citizen and sentence each to "leave nothing undone that a people might do to make certain that the children of today do not populate the prisons of tomorrow."

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THE SEASON'S CURVE BALL ARTIST



war office at Berlin that the Germans have broken through the Russian front in western Galicia, capturing the Russians against the Danube has caused a great outburst of jubilation in Berlin. The city is decorated and noisy crowds fill the streets.

Major General Hughes, the Canadian minister of war, issued a statement at Ottawa, Ont., confirming the report that 6,000 Canadians were killed, wounded or captured in the fighting at Ypres.

Police and deputy sheriffs were continuing their investigation to day of the dynamiting of a vault at Christ Church Cranbrook Sunday night by thieves who obtained between \$4 and \$5 in cash and about \$2 in stamps.

Thomas A. Edison has been voted the American who has done the most to benefit mankind and is to receive the civic forum medal of honor for distinguished public service.

David Levinson, of Ann Arbor, spent the week end with his parents here.

The official statement of the

From the Women's Angle

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By KATHERINE W. GEORGE
Two more days of calories for me and then I go on what appears at first glance to be a starvation diet. At least, it will be a fastidious one, for I have not only wheat, no wheat, no sweets, no beef, but also no butter, no salt, no milk.

For my dinner, I don't see how I can escape from becoming a shadow of my present self (that I want to), for I have to have long been the one assisting on a mere lettuce and a couple of stalks of asparagus. I think I could stand it if it were not for the sans salt, sans butter diet. Vegetables are alright in their place, but their place in my opinion is in a pot of melting butter, swept by a storm of seasoning. Personally, I think it would be easier just to give up eating altogether but unfortunately, the meat will not bear of this.

As well, time is fleeting and before the zero hour strikes, I must get some satisfaction out of my life. It will only be a matter of time before the rest and I shall know what is felt by the victim of whom the reporter writes, "The prisoner ate a hearty last meal."

Knocking on Wood

with JOHN H. HARWOOD

AN INTELLECTUAL ARGUES WAR AND PEACE
Harry Gidson, brilliant young president of Brooklyn College, and known to many as a participant in the Sunday afternoon "Friday Round Table of the Air, spoke at the Community House Friday morning, thinks that if the Nazis appear to be achieving victory in Europe, the United States ought to repeat our hat on loans to the defaulting belligerents, and continue our policy of helping the Allies win.

Of course, America should have a fine navy and an adequate army for the defense of our shores, but there is quite a difference between the defense of our shores and an expedition to pull Allied chestnuts out of the fire, 3,000 miles away in the World War, that cost us 60,000 dead from action, 62,000 dead from disease, 1,800 wounded, and the grand total cost in money has been estimated as high as 10 billion dollars when the last pension is paid 75 years from now.

America has not been invaded or threatened over the years since when we were engaged in the Civil War. France tried to ignore our existence, but she was defeated by the Maximilian in Mexico. Otherwise this hemisphere has been left alone. It is not a matter of "if" we are to be invaded today, but it is a matter of "when" we are to be invaded.

Germany has a chance of winning the war, but even if she should, it is reasonable to assume that she would lose her hegemony in an effort to dominate the United States in our own hemisphere. After this war, Europe will have no more of the "imperialism" for a war anywhere, immediately, and that time element is important, it would take us 25 years in which to arm further.

What if Germany should gain control of the first world war, is it possible, albeit not probable, we would still be reasonably secure from the world? What difference is there, fundamentally, between the expansion of the Germans in Europe and that of England and France years before?

But that is academic; this observer agrees that the United States and 90 per cent of the American people, selfishly don't give a hang about the world, but just what we seek security, but when our security is threatened, we shout at aggressors. It isn't just that. This writer hopes the Allies will for he knows the sort of World War that is in the making. The German variety is an unknown quantity. Up to that point, this writer has not given his eyes to eye, but when it comes to that unknown quantity we have just mentioned, we cope to the parting of the ways.

Dr. Gidson is alarmed about that unknown quantity; in fact he is so worried about it that he feels sure it will be necessary to take measures to see that it doesn't exist if the Allies can't handle it. And he scoffs at the 3,000 miles of ocean between us and Europe; the ocean is not a barrier, he says, rather a highway of communication. His argument simmers down to these two points: What is going on in Europe is not right and just, and besides, it isn't safe for us.

On those two points, particularly the latter, the United States should hang its foreign policy. To those internationalists who see nothing but doom should the off-

First Husband: I've no sympathy for a man who beats his wife.
Second: A man who can beat his wife doesn't need any sympathy.
Freddy—Grandpa, did you once have hair like snow?
Grandpa—Yes, boy.
Freddy—Well, who shoveled it out?

ONE WHO KNEW HIM
Frank has gone left the perfume of his love life as still as a stone.

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