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Russia Understands Gangsters

If the United States continues its gentlemanly conduct with the Russian Communists, expecting the latter to get a change of heart and cooperate with democracy, the time will come when Russian-made atom bombs will be introduced into this country.

The White House Trail

Remembering the political value of the name of Roosevelt, certain leading Democrats are grooming young Congressman FDR Jr., of New York, or his brother, Jimmy, of California, to "take up the White House trail."

Municipal Mania for Size

Preliminary census figures indicate that Los Angeles, California, has passed Detroit and is now entitled to be known as the fourth largest city of the nation.

There Is A Difference

A reader of The Eccentric has asked us to tell our idea of the difference between a lobbyist, a publicity man and a lawyer, when all of them are working for the same corporation in an effort to secure benefits for it in return for accepting its cash.

Tanks Seem Good Anywhere

We note that an officer, at the headquarters of General MacArthur, situated in Tokyo, reports that one of the casualties of the fighting in Korea has been the theory of "tank country."

Britain Eases Soap Rationing

From London comes information that soap, rationed since Feb., 1942, will be available to purchasers without tickets after Sept. 10th.

From Our Point of View

In dealing with criminals, the police do not carry on Sunday school types of conversation with them; children do not understand or respond to the same type of talk that adults do; psychiatrists do not expect rational conversation to interest people whose minds are abnormal.

So They Say . . .

Samuel L. Howard, Major-General, Inspector general of the U.S. Marine Corps: "After seeing the well-organized tactical equipment and fire-power used (in Korea), it is quite obvious we are actually at war with Russia."

Happenings of Long Ago

Bits of News Gleaned From Old Files Of The Eccentric—The Items That Make Up The Historical Background Of The Birmingham Of Today.

80 years ago AUGUST 31, 1900 A leak in the water mains on Woodward avenue, Wednesday, was quickly repaired by the city engineer, Sioner Mudge and a corps of able assistants.

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ONE THING OR ANOTHER

By George Wm. Averill

Are they so naive as to believe I am to make my money in the state of Michigan? They've already insured my old age by taking 1 1/2 per cent of my salary every week.

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