

**HAD PREPARED FOR ORDEAL.**  
Christening Rehearsal Struck Clergyman as New Idea.

"These college girls," said a clergyman, as he gazed at the white and superb ranks of beautiful graduates, "are a boon to the race. They introduce new ideas. I christened the other day the first baby of a married college girl. Now, babies usually cry while they are being christened, but this one was as quiet as a lamb. Throughout the ceremony it smiled up beautifully into my face. 'Well, madam,' said I to the young wife at the christening's end, 'I must congratulate you on your little one's behavior. I have christened more than 2,000 babies, but I never before christened one that behaved so well as yours.' The young mother smiled demurely. 'No wonder he behaved well,' she said. 'His father and I, with a pail of water, have been practicing christening on him for the last ten days.' The idea of rehearsing a baby for a christening! Who but a college girl would think of such a thing?"

**American Missionaries Abroad.**  
The United States maintains 3,778 missionaries in Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines, Burmah, Siam, India, Tibet, Persia, Turkey, Egypt and the South American countries.

**Only Rarely, Though.**  
Once in a while you meet an old college graduate who remembers what the words the initials in the name of his Greek letter society stood for were.—Somerville Journal.

**Books vs. Woods.**  
Unless the summer outing covers four or five months take few books. One hour spent in the woods, declares the House Beautiful, is worth three with a book in the house.

**A Man Story.**  
The Big Fish (boastfuly)—Yes, sir, he was at least ten feet long and must have weighed 500 pounds if he weighed an ounce, but the line broke and I got away from him.—Puck.

**Growth of Methodism.**  
The calculation is now made that the world's Methodists are now so numerous that by joining hands they could girdle the earth. They number 20,000,000.

**No Difference in Sound.**  
The difference between a good and a bad chauffeur is merely the difference between wreckless and reckless.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**'Twould Puzzle Solomon.**  
It's a wise man who can distinguish the difference between a pilfering souvenir hunter and an old-fashioned thief.—Baltimore Sun.

**Varying Weight of Water.**  
A ton of water from the Dead sea will yield 187 pounds of salt; that from the Atlantic ocean, 81 pounds, and from the Pacific, 79 pounds.

**A Man's Way.**  
A man who can lose \$500 on stocks and forget it the next day will complain for weeks about the loss of a three dollar umbrella.

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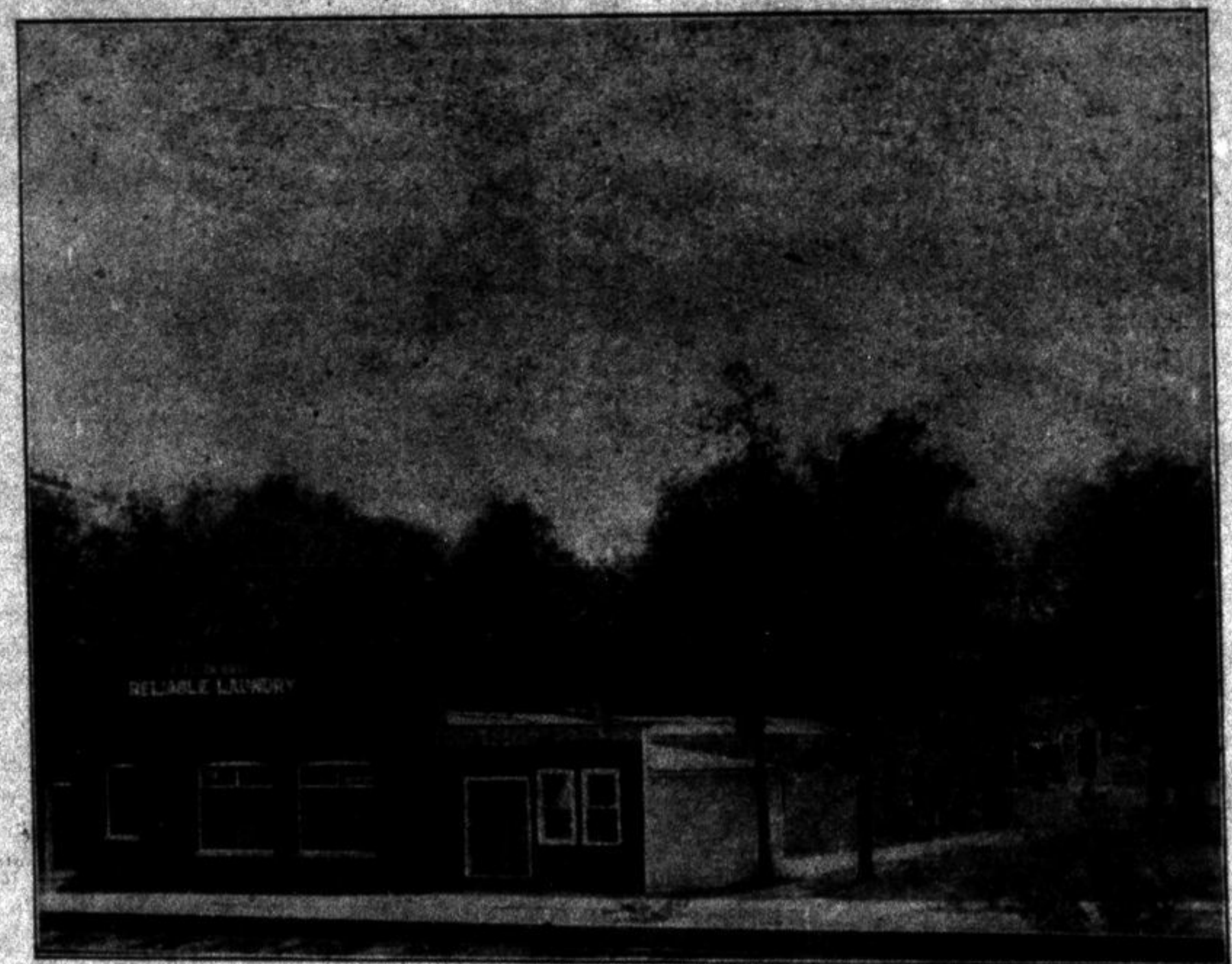
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