

WOMEN'S LEAGUE NAMES CHAIRMEN

Board of directors of the Lake League of Women Voters held meeting recently at the home of Mrs. C. Wells, in Waukegan. Committees were appointed by the president, Mrs. E. J. ...

appointed were as follows: J. A. Miller, social hygiene; Ellen Dady, efficiency in management; Mrs. J. P. Daly, get-out; Mrs. W. C. Gaede, publicity; J. Douhitt, membership; Mrs. Jacobs, finance; Mrs. A. P. ...

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JUST PARAGRAPHS

Henry Seidel Canby stated in the "Saturday Review of Literature," recently, in speaking of the news value of books, "Scarcely a week passes between August and December and between January and June, when there is not a full-length news-story of real importance and great interest in a just published book."

Perhaps those of us who knew Joseph Conrad only through his works will be happier in keeping at this distance. In the little volume by his wife entitled "Joseph Conrad as I Knew Him," it is a very different Conrad revealed. A Conrad irascible though lovable, difficult as he was brilliant, one who may not help us to preserve the picture of the Conrad we knew.

OPENING THE DOOR

By Will Durant
Simon & Schuster

The career of "The Story of Philosophy" might give rise to many speculations on the desire of materialistic America to be uplifted. Printed first in an edition of fifteen hundred copies—a commentary on the faith on the part of its publishers in this desire for uplift—it has now run through editions totalling forty-two thousand copies, and is still going strong.

It is a scholarly book, which yet is popular in the sense that its vocabulary is popular and can be understood by anyone. Ordinarily the very terminology of the first page of a philosophical work is enough to scare off the layman.

Mr. Durant has made an attempt to give us the story of human thought and has gone about this difficult task in the only way that any one could go about it and that is by not "going about it" at all. He has instead studied for years the principle philosophers and their teachings, he has absorbed the spirit of their age and the influence which must have played upon them. He speaks as one who has done this because he loved it. Then when all this was deeply sunk into and digested by his mind he has given it out in a simple and story-like manner.

"The best part of the book is that it is not limiting, it does not pretend to say at the end of each chapter, "So that's that." It makes you understand, rather, that it is giving merely a synopsis of the performance and if you like it go in and see it for yourself. Go on, in other words, to the works of the men themselves and have the adventure of being your own interpreter.

No one could fail to be enticed onward by some one of these philosophers, Plato, the great idealist, Spinoza, the ascetic mathematician, Voltaire, the wicked, kind satirical, "laughing philosopher." And by reading of them here they are linked together in their chain of thought, placed in their proper perspective in relation to the whole. It is a real service which Mr. Durant has done for the broadening of human knowledge.

WHAT ITS TITLE SAYS

"THE UNEARTHLY"

By Robert Hichens
The Cosmopolitan Book Corporation

In "The Unearthly" Robert Hichens has attempted a very difficult thing. He has taken as his subject, the most subtle one possible, the incredible mental or spiritual power of a man. A power such as that belonging to Peter Kharoff cannot in literature any more than it could in life be described. It would have to be felt. So Mr. Hichens does the most plausible thing, tries to describe it through its effects on other people. But it is difficult to do this without making the people appear to us ridiculous as people would be obeying an unseen signal, dancing to an unheard tune.

The people whom Mr. Hichens has chosen to feel this power of the Jew, Kharoff, are a very respectable English spinster of fifty, and her young jazz-mad niece—a contrast, surely. They feel it first in a little town in England where Kharoff is staying for a few days, then so great is his magnetism, they follow him to Switzerland.

But just as they are about to have an opportunity to meet him, a tragedy enters the life of the younger woman, in the form of a hunting accident to the man she intends to marry. She goes to the Jew for help for the man, and he promises it if she will go first and prepare the way.

The rest of the book, even more than the first is filled with confusion. Mr. Hichens hasn't quite distilled the essence of his subject and conveyed it to us. It is lost somewhere in his bewildering and pleasing fertility of speech. "The Unearthly" is a book which will appeal most to those who are interested in the occult, or supernatural, or the unusual power of the mind.

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CHILE SETTLES ITS INTERNAL PROBLEMS
NEW CONSTITUTION WORK
Provides for Separation of the Church from the State and Prof. Cox on Return is Optimistic

The problems of government are gradually being settled in Chile, and the constitution of a year ago, providing for separation of state and church, is being abided by, according to Dr. Isaac J. Cox, professor of history at Northwestern university who has just returned from South America. Dr. Cox has been making a study of the government and of social conditions in Chile for the Carnegie Institution of Washington. He departed for Chile early last winter and left the country the middle of August. An interesting experience enjoyed by himself, his wife and son, was crossing the Andes by mule-back.

"Wintry weather made it impossible for us to make the trip in any other way," Prof. Cox explained. "We traveled for four hours over mountain peaks and through mountain passes 10,000 feet high on our faithful mules. It was simply a question of one mule following the others and treading a well-beaten path, but at times the travel was not secure and the sun's rays came down somewhat uncomfortably. When we reached the Argentine we found that the long tunnel leading to that country was opened to trains and consequently rode in a passenger coach into the next country."

No Serious Trouble
Dr. Cox said that no serious trouble between church and state exists in Chile as is now the case in Mexico. "The new constitution provided for the separation of church and state and the facts are that real separation seems to be taking place," he continued. "So far as social conditions are concerned, Chilean labor is slowly learning of the better conditions for labor in other countries and is making demands for better treatment. The nitrate mining situation, which was not of the best, is now improving, although the synthetic nitrate of Europe is injuring the Chilean market. Copper mining is the other great industry and is largely in the hands of Americans. The recent international dispute between Chile and Peru, in which America mediated, caused some feeling against our government, but Chileans in discussing it always were careful to explain that they meant no offense to me or our party. All in all, we were well treated and enjoyed the journey."

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Blood from Canine Injury First Believed to Be That of Wounded Thief

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An innocent party to the thievery claimed time from officers as they checked over the ground for telltale marks. A big splotch of blood was found on a concrete walk near the Lehman place.

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