

SAYS PRESIDENT RADIATES CHARM

NOT COLD AND TACTURN

Famous Portrait Painter Tells of Sessions with Coolidge; Interesting Comment

Howard Crandler Christy, internationally famous artist, illustrator, and portrait painter, disagrees with those who picture President Coolidge as "the grim, silent man of the White House."

The President, reputed to be taciturn and uncommunicative, has even been described as cool and unapproachable. That this impression of Mr. Coolidge has gained wide currency is indicated by the frequent newspaper references to "Silent Cal," and waggish comparisons of the executive to an iceberg and other objects descriptive of frigidity and immobility.

Is Good Actor

"If the impression prevails that President Coolidge is cold, unapproachable, silent and lacking in human qualities," declares Mr. Christy, who was a guest at the White House for several weeks while painting a portrait of the President and Mrs. Coolidge, "then I should say that the President is an excellent actor."

Mr. Christy was seated in his beautiful New York studio where such celebrities as Col. George Harvey, former Ambassador to England, Will Hays, czar of the motion picture industry, Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, Senator Coleman Du Pont, and others, have sat for portraits. Beside him stood his dazzling wife, the famous "Christy Girl" of a thousand magazine covers and illustrations.

As a Man

"From the viewpoint of a portrait painter, just what impression did you form of Coolidge, the man?" urged the interviewer.

"He is one of the most human men I ever met," replied the artist. "He is really a most interesting conversationalist. He is extremely thoughtful of others. I could relate a dozen incidents illustrative of his solicitude for others, his humanness and kindness. Being very human himself, he likes to make human contacts."

"The President may be cool and unapproachable to politicians who come bearing gifts in one hand and axes which they want to grind in the other, but he is an entirely different man when with his family and friends."

Radiates Charm

"He radiates charm, geniality, and kindness. I honestly believe that President Coolidge is one of the most popular presidents we have ever had. If he is unpopular with certain politicians, this is more than compensated by his popularity with the masses, with the average citizen of Main street, for throughout the year, on special occasions, anniversaries and holidays, such as Easter, Saint Valentine's Day, Christmas and New Years, the White House is literally deluged with greeting cards and personal expressions of greetings pouring in from every section of the country. This to me seems significant. It certainly does not convey an impression of unpopularity, nor does it indicate that people who really count regard the president as "cool and unapproachable." I found him to be the very opposite, and I am sure that the expressions of good will come to him each day from all over the country are not for Coolidge the President, but Coolidge the Man."

YOUNG LAD ARRESTED ON LARCENY CHARGE

Admits Several Thefts, Police Say, Including Valuable Watch, Ring, Etc.

William Reno of Northbrook, said to be 16 years of age, was arrested Saturday, charged with larceny, the specific allegation being theft of a watch, ring and other small articles from a car owned by Mrs. Leon Harris and parked in front of the Alden shop on Friday afternoon.

According to Chief of Police Moroney the lad admitted this theft and some of the articles were found on his person, but the ring and watch were missing. First he said he threw them away, the police report, and later he claimed that he had given the watch to Joe Stanley, a companion. Stanley was arrested but denies all knowledge of the matter. Both were placed in the city jail. The watch is valued at \$150 and as it was a gift the owner is especially anxious to recover it.

Reno, the police say, also admitted having stolen articles from other cars, including Dr. Ingalls' medical case which was taken from the physician's car Friday afternoon. Reno said he left it in the depot, and it was found there and returned to the doctor. The boy also, the police say, admitted robbing the Community shop, from which several articles were taken. The boy's story about his disposition of the watch is not credited and the police hope to recover it.

EIGHTEENTH AMENDMENT ANNIVERSARY IS JAN. 16

W. C. T. U. Members Celebrate Three Days; 8 Years Since Prohibition Began

Requested

Local members of the W. C. T. U. and their friends are interested in the celebration of the eighth anniversary of the adoption of the 18th constitutional amendment, which released the United States from the grip of legalized liquor traffic. The following from a bulletin issued by the W. C. T. U. is reprinted by request:

Fully half million women, members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union in the United States, will celebrate the 8th anniversary of the day on which the 18th amendment became effective. There are three days set aside for this purpose, January 14th, because it is Saturday and a good day for luncheon meetings; January 15 because it is Sunday; and January 16 because it is the actual 8th birthday of the amendment which set America free from the grip of the legalized rum traffic.

The slogan, Prohibition is the best method of dealing with the liquor traffic, has never been more apt than it is today. Around that theme the ten thousand celebrations of the White Ribbon army will be built.

No one knows prohibition better than the women of the W. C. T. U. No one knew the bitterness of life under the reign of liquor traffic better than the W.C.T.U. They fought liquor when it was a crime to pray in the streets for a release from the bondage of rum; and they are today fighting the outlawed bootleg traffic. They have fought every compromise which the liquor people have offered, and because they have had experience with every known device to curb or restrain the licensed or legal liquor traffic, they have adopted as their slogan for the year: "Prohibition is the best Method."

WARNS U. S. AGAINST FEUDS OF OLD LANDS

ENGLISHMAN TALKS SENSE

He Might Also Have Urged Care Against Insidious Propaganda Emanating from Europe

At a recent meeting of the English Speaking Union, Mr. J. Alfred Spender, former editor of the Westminster Gazette, who has been visiting in the United States very sensibly said:

"America with its vast spaces, very thinly populated according to our European standard, will inevitably continue to draw upon Europe, though it may do so in a careful and regulated way. It may take the Germans their science and in industry and reject their militarism; it may take from the Irish their liveliness and imagination and add American ballast; it may get even from us British a little of our constitutionalism and orderly spirit, our tolerance and neighborliness, without taking our ancient and feudal ways."

Keep Out Feuds

"But one thing it had better not do and that is to encourage any of these races to transfer from the Old World to the new the unhappy feuds and quarrels which wrought so much misery in the countries from which they come. Help them at least to turn over a new leaf in that respect and teach them to live together in peace and concord."

This is sound and sensible doctrine, says the National Republic. It is even conceivable that Mr. Spender might have gone a little further. Our only danger is not that we will transfer the unhappy feuds and quarrels of the Old World to America through our immigrants.

There is another, that we may through skilful effort inside the

gates, but perhaps directed abroad, permit ourselves to come under an alien influence which will dictate subtly, but effectively, our national thought and our political relations with the rest of the world. We want this sort of "guiding influence" no more than we want the quarrels and feuds of the Old World.

Insidious Propaganda

It is now being directed against our military and naval policy in an effort to decrease our preparedness, again, our merchant marine in a veiled effort to discourage the American people in their newest maritime venture, and will be directed in the future against any purely American movement which has for its purpose the promoting of American interests when such interest conflict with European purposes and European ideas of how we ought to conduct ourselves.

Here is a danger on which Mr. Spender did not dwell, and it is one of which we would like to have his candid opinion.

For, after all, the greatest peril to American institutions is not the ignorant immigrant who parades every time there is trouble in Europe but the American who thinks American patriotism is out of date and who draws inspiration from his political alma mater across the seas.

PRESIDENT DICTATES ALL OF HIS SPEECHES

President Coolidge, according to Nation's Business Magazine, dictates all his speeches, even the most important ones. When Governor of Massachusetts, he would sit in his chair, throw one leg over the other and write his messages, no matter how long they might be, upon a pad of paper in his lap. He usually had a package of old-fashioned peppermint chocolates in his desk and would munch them as he wrote. He now quite often summons his personal stenographer to the White House in the early morning or after dinner and dictates his speeches and state papers free from interruption.

He rarely revises his speeches, once they are written. He showed to a friend his Annapolis speech of two years ago just after the first typewritten copy was completed. It was the President's first utterance upon his policy of peace and preparedness.

"That is a remarkable speech, Mr. President," said the friend. "How long have you been writing it?"

"All my life," replied the President.

REPORT HOLDUP CHARGE SETTLED OUT OF COURT

Joe Nichell of Highwood was arrested in Highwood Sunday night by City Marshal J. C. Frame and charged with two holdups, one in Highwood on Oct. 4 and one in Danville on Oct. 6. The man settled up with the two victims and was released police report. City Marshal Frame charges that on Oct. 4 Nichell robbed Anton Basini of Highwood of \$30 in a holdup that took place just west of Highwood while John Usyk of Danville lost \$39 and a new suit of clothes. The suit of clothes caused the arrest, it was reported.

A certain element of our young men think that width of pants is an adequate substitute for breadth of intelligence.

While Col Lindbergh is all covered over with medals, about the only sign of public notice that many folks have been awarded is parking tags on their automobiles.

The old philosophers used to tell us that haste makes waste, and we should go slow and sure; and many follow that plan in settling their old bills.

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