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American Must Learn How to Handle Power, Says Harry M. Fosdick

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"America faces the responsibility of handling more power than ever before was entrusted to any nation. In the next few years she is going either to handle or mishandle more power than any nation ever dealt with before."

Warning that possession of continually increasing resources constitutes the greatest menace to any nation, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, in he American Magazine, points out low the nation may be riding to a fall unless it learns the secret of preperly handling its power as it

The psychologists claim that our dreams can be made to come true, but they might omit verifying our nightmares.

The modern homes are said to be the "last word" in comfort, but that comfort depends somewhat on who gets the last word after we move into them.

Ex-President Coolidge is said to consider making his home in Washington, so if the congressmen want to know the most economical way to do anything, they won't have to go up to New England to find out.

"It is one thing to win freedom and power; it is another thing to use them," continues Dr. Fosdick. "We have been the most acquistive people in history. We have been amassing wealth and power with incredible speed. We are a powerful and prosperous people and precisely at this point we run headlong into the real question-have we stamina and motale enough to handle all this well?

"This amazing creation and control of wealth is stimulating to watch but only a blind man can fail to see questions which loom above it all. Arabia facing destitution, is like a river run dry; America facing unrivaled prosperity is like a river at flood. If it goes wild it will wreck everything in

"The course of history is strewn with wrecks of empires which have blown themselves to run with their own power.

"Today America needs to pray for the mental and moral balance, for a return of self-discipline and self-denial, for an unselfishness of spirit and an international good will which will make her prosperity justifiable and safe because it is a well handled procession."

Bolger Contest Not Approved; Ends Case

The special subcommittee which investigated the election contest claims filed by Thomas Bolger of McHenry against Representatives Lee McDonough and Richard J. Lyons, filed its report recommending dismissal of the suit with the elections contest committee of the House of Representatives last week.

No action was taken, however, as the members of the committee did not show up for the meeting. Only Chairman David I. Swanson and Le-Roy M. Green of Rockford, who headed the special group, attended.

The report of the subcommittee virtually ends the case, however. The rest of the procedure is now only a

matter of routine. The committee will, as a matter of coure, accept the subcommittee's report, and will send, it to the floor of the house where it is certain to be adopted without question. That is the method by which election contests have always been decided in the past, and this case is not expected to be any exception.

Says Few Actors are Fit to Succeed the Barrymores on Stage

The American stage very nearly has the appearance of a desert when one searches for the logical successors to the two great Barrymores, Ethel and John. This, Frederick L. Collins found to be true when preparing twin articles on the celebrated brother and sister for the Woman's Home Companion.

No young actress, Mr. Collins asserts, "has yet earned the right to be called Miss Barrymore's successor. But there are three youthful aspirants to that title who do merit seriour consideration. I refer to Helen Hayes, Katherine Cornell and Lynn Fontaine."

By one process of reckoning, this trio may be narrowed to two, as Miss Fontaine was born in England and a good many people always will maintain that the successor to "our Ethel" should be an American by birth.

Wreck Blocks Rails Near Libertyville

Traffic on the Janesville branch of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific railroad was blocked for several hours last Thursday morning when four gondolas loaded with gravel, enroute to the Wilcox yards in Chicago, left the rails at the side track on both the main line and the siding.

The accident, which occurred shortly before three o'clock Thursday morning, was due to a defective switch point leading in to the siding at Libertyville, according to officials of the railroad who made an investigation after the wreck. The wheels of a loaded gravel car struck the partly open switch after the engine and several cars had passed over and was shunted to the side track and left the rails dragging three other cars with it.

Keeping Cool

"In baking ice cream, cover it with meringue. The meringue acts as a non conductor of heat," says Woman's Home Companion. "Fine! I shall put meringue in my straw hat this summer," grouched the crusty bachelor reader.

Here is a tip on the stock market for you. All of the women's dress stores in the country this spring are selling 'em short.



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