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The wages of sin are never cut. A little four-power tact would help home, also.

Love of money is also the root of all enterprise.

It's the "unspeakable" things that cause most gossip.

Silence may be golden, but sometimes it seems ironical.

There are too many rocking the new Irish ship of state.

Baseball stars have adopted the principle, "Ask and you may get it."

Now a Chicago "Ford" raked in \$4,500,000. There is a new crop every day.

Among the other tragedies of prohibition list the frozen-up automobile radiator.

The trouble with falling in love is, you never can tell where you're going to land.

Toronto has to form a committee to act as press agent, but Detroit has Henry Ford.

No doubt just as soon as we get rid of this slump in business we'll have a car shortage.

Resignation of a cabinet now and then is something China has learned to meet with resignation.

No bootlegger ever comes into court the second time who got what he deserved the first time.

Having been reduced to a pulp, it was but a step for Europe to convert the pulp into paper money.

That rum-running pilot whose ship was seized by prohibition aeroplanes must have felt like an ancient mariner.

"Uncle Joe" Cannon will retire from congress, but it is believed his endurance record will stand for some time.

A clergyman says angels and saints speak in a telegraphic code, but man does not possess this power. Poor devil.

The monthly wage of many workers in Moscow would not buy a cake of soap, but this should not be classed as a hardship.

Russia wants to be treated as an equal at Genoa, just as though it would not be hard to find anything to which Russia is not equal.

A young lady to whom \$50,000 was left in a will if she did not marry, has married. That is what many would look upon as will power.

It there were no treaty minutes kept at Washington, the public has reason for thankfulness that there can be no books of "revelations" to follow.

The revenue agents are said to be looking for a hound dog that spends his days chewing an old bootleg and half the nights baying at the moonshine.

Babe Ruth demands a stipend of \$75,000 and \$500 extra for each home run. Babe has adopted the old-time merchant's motto: "If you don't see what you want, ask for it."

AN IDEALIST'S DREAM.

Although Japan was one of the nations which rendered a signal service to humanity by its part in the Washington conference, Dr. Yoruzo Oda, the Japanese judge on the Permanent Court of International Justice, is not very optimistic regarding the prospect of future world peace, according to the sentiments he expressed at the opening session of the court.

This opinion is interesting, not so much because of itself, as by reason of the comment which followed it. The reasons put forward by Dr. Oda are worthy of comment. As a practical man, he said, he considered world peace a dream, an idealist's dream. But he was quick to add that he considered it a dream worth pursuing.

It is a fact that for 1,900 years world peace has been the dream of idealists. It was the dream of the young Nazarene who walked the shores of the Sea of Galilee and galled the fishermen to be His followers. It was the dream for which He lived and died, and it has been a dream for which His disciples laboured. For all these centuries it has been a dream ever present in the minds of idealists and philosophers, but always rudely shattered as generation after generation came and went with a never-ceasing tumult of warfare and strife. It is a dream which has never come true because no real effort was made to put it on a practical basis and make it come true.

When the great war began in 1914, it looked as if the dream would be completely swept away by the rush of nations at each other's throats, but out of the ashes of the war the dream was reborn, and reborn in such a way as to give hope that it may be brought to fruition.

No dream can ever come true unless the dreamer puts it into action and works to make it come true. Even idealists cannot make their ideals productive of results unless they are prepared to work for them. It is in this fact that there is hope that the dream of world peace may come true. The idealists have been seeking, and, in a large measure, have found, practical means of working out their ideals. It was in working for this ideal of world peace that Woodrow Wilson sacrificed health, popularity and position. It was in an effort to put this ideal into practice that the Washington Conference was called together. It was in an effort to find a medium for the application of this ideal that the Permanent Court of International Justice was brought into being. The idealists are becoming practical. They are working as well as dreaming, and there is hope that with all these new agencies for international harmony now in operation, the dreams of nineteen centuries may yet come true.

Walt Mason THE PURE PHILOSOPHER

LIFE IN MOTION PICTURE COLONIES.

The one great profession which is in the limelight at the present time is that of the motion picture actors and actresses. During the past year there have been several unsavoury scandals connected with it, and the disclosures of the recent Arbuckle case, and the still more recent murder of William Desmond Taylor, have brought the searchlight of publicity upon many of the undesirable features of life in motion picture colonies, and the facts which have been band here do not reflect great credit upon the profession. From all sides there has come a condemnation of alleged orgies of vice which are said to be part and parcel of the life of the people who are engaged in the making of motion pictures. Whether deserved or not, there has been a general outcry against the members of this profession. The many divorces, the recent scandals, and anything which seemed at all undesirable have been dragged into the limelight, the black side has been shown in its blackest possible colour, and the degree of immorality and vice has been pronounced by many of those who have been most active in their comment.

That there is good reason for criticism of the morals of the motion picture profession seems to be unquestionable. Where there is smoke there is bound to be some fire. With so many divorces amongst film stars, it is apparent that there must be something wrong. The disclosures of the Arbuckle trial gave an inkling of conditions, and the further publicity of the life at Hollywood, given in the investigation of the Taylor murder, all give weight to the charges being made against the profession.

There is hardly sufficient justification, however, for the sweeping condemnation which is coming from some quarters. Because a few stars lose their heads, and live in a manner which calls for criticism, it cannot be said that the whole industry is a hive of vice and immorality. It is quite possible that the large ma-

Majority are suffering from the sins of the few, and this is accentuated by the unfortunate fact that some of the offenders have been nationally-known stars. Their names were household words, their every move was made known by press agents, and the result was that when they became involved in anything of disrepute, the facts were told in detail, with full plans and specifications, in newspapers all over the continent. The activity of the press agents has been a boomerang, for, after making these stars national figures, the disclosures came, and, as national figures, they were given more publicity than seems necessary. Simply because they are movie stars, their departures from the paths of rectitude are blazoned abroad as typical of their profession. The bad deeds of the few are chronicled in detail, but the circumspect, respectable lives of the many are overlooked.

It is unfortunate, for their sakes, that some of the leaders in the profession allowed wealth and fame to turn their heads, but a few stars do not make the whole profession, nor are the misdeeds of a few to be taken as an indication of the lives of the many. Taken in the mass, the members of the motion picture profession are probably no more worthy of condemnation than those of any other walk of life. They are simply victims of the fact that they are ever before the gaze of the public, and are victims of the perverted attitude of the public mind which exaggerates the evil and minimizes the good in everything. Censure on the actual guilty parties may be in order, but to spread the censure to the whole profession seems to be a departure from the essentials of fair play and justice.

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GREATNESS. Our Leading Citizen is dead, the greatest man in Punkville, town; no more we mark his stately tread, no more we shrivel at his frown. He used to think—and so did we—that when he died all things would stop; oh, where would poor old Punkville be, without its anchor and its prop? And now he's resting in the shade, he's done with every mortal game; and Punkville reaches out for trade, and things go on about the same. Tin cars are scooting everywhere, at filling joints the gas is sold; men sit around the village square, and chew and agree as of old. The young folk breathe the same old tale of love and sunny days to come, and Abner Jinks has gone to jail, accused of peddling stone-fence rum. The farmer scours his rusty plow, the woods are full of candidates, the Blue Front store announces now a special sale of sleds and skates. A fire alarm still draws the throng, as does a scrap betwixt two dogs; the solar system hums along as though it hadn't slipped some cog. Our Leading Citizen is dead, the pride and bulwark of our town, and o'er his calmly sleeping head we rear a shaft to hold him down. Oh, what an empty dream is pride, and what a hollow thing is fame! Our great man laid him down and died, and Punkville seems about the same. —WALT MASON.

Our Canadian Question And Answer Corner.

Q.—What staff was required to take the Canadian census of 1921? A.—It took 13,000 enumerators to take the Dominion census of 1921, working under 247 commissioners, and having 400 computing clerks to arrange the returns. Q.—What was Canada's trade during the calendar year 1921? A.—Canada's total trade during the calendar year of 1921 was \$1,602,094,418, a considerable reduction over the fiscal year which was \$2,450,537,000. Q.—How many blind are there in Canada? A.—There are over 3,500 registered with the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

ALONG LIFE'S DETOUR BY SAM HILL.

Cheer of Gloom. We hear of cheerful guys who pay their taxes with a smile. But when we pay no smile will go. Of coin they want a pile. Observation of Oldest Inhabitant. The old-fashioned man who used to have to claw out the pump, now has a son who has to claw out the radiator. A Word to the Wise is Sufficient. (Sign in a Caney (Kaa.) Barber shop) WE DO NOT CASH CHECKS—WE DIED! Dead Breve. "Wont you please pay this bill?" pleaded the bill collector. "My dear fellow," replied Hardup. "I am so busted I could not even pay attention."

You Have Not This Pest. To other people's woes— He never will give ear— But all of his, he thinks, They should not fail to hear. Ask Bucket Shop Operator, They Know. "Plants, by means of their greenness, are able to collect and store the

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY

ETERNAL LIFE.—Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind: and thy neighbour as thyself. This do, and thou shalt live.—Luke 10: 27, 28.

best of the sun."—News Item. And suckers, because of their greenness, enable the con men to collect and store up huge fortunes.

He Deserved What He Got. "Pa," said Clarence. "Now, none of your nonsense, young man," warned Pa.

"Well, I just wanted to ask if a half-witted girl who had to sit alone at a dance could be called a walnut, instead of a wall-fower," whimpered Clarence.

Then Pa cracked him one.

Will Some One Please Tell Us? A household hint informs us that "rubbing the hands with a piece of celery after peeling onions will free them of the disagreeable odor." But what we would like to know is if after eating onions we rub our breath with a piece of celery it will also remove the disagreeable odor from that.

Pool Questions. R. T. asks: "Did the disarmament conference make any provision for equipping the stage of the theater of war with an asbestos curtain in conformity with our building laws?"

How Awful (We Mean the Rhyme) He does not care For auto shows— But he enjoys The Shanks' mare shows.

Good Morning, Judge. The automobile has done wonders in enabling people to go places and see things they never would have been able to with a horse and buggy. "Yes, and to meet people they never otherwise would have met. I have met more Judges and seen more jails since I have been driving a car than I even dreamed existed."

The Poor Sinner. His hands are soft, His clothes are dapper, He is the brother Of the flapper.

And may we add— His head is soft, The poor fool has An empty loft.

Let He'll Find Her Tongue Wasn't Exaggerated.

(Comargo (Ky.) Cor. McCree County (Ky.) Record) Mrs. John Boyatt has just had her teeth extracted, and folks, she's a sight. We don't say anything to her teeth any more.

Up Against It. Mrs. Slim: "In Persia, they say a husband can repudiate his wife if she is very thin."

Mrs. Plump: "Dear me, what a terrible time the stout women over there must have if they have to reduce in order to get a divorce!"

Daily Sentence Sermon. No man is as big as he thinks he is, nor as small as his enemies think he is.

News of the Names Club. Well, well! Now, Mary really has a Lamb, for we just have learned John Lamb and Mary Smith have been married in Portland.

Simplified English For Him. Judge: Rastus, you are charged with having maliciously attacked plaintiff with a blunt instrument, striking his cranium with such force that said plaintiff is now suffering from a serious concussion. What have you to say in answer to this charge?" Rastus: "Judge, if all dat high-falootin' langwidge done mean, did ah bean dat no-account black man wid ah club and cave in his woolly dome, sh'll say ah did. Yes, sah, ah surely did."

ODESSA TIDINGS.

Hockey Games on Saturday.—Robert Bennett Retires From Business. Odessa, Feb. 27.—The many friends of Miss Marjorie Storms were pleased to hear she had returned from Kingston General hospital and hope to soon see her able to take her place in the class at high school. The sale of house hold goods last Tuesday at Robert Bennett's was well attended with anxious buyers. Mr. Bennett's many friends are very sorry that he has found it necessary to retire from business.

The skating rink Saturday afternoon was a great attraction as two games were arranged with visiting teams for hockey matches. Harrowsmith played the Odessa seniors and Murray the high school boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Anderson, Niagara, spent Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. Holmes. Mrs. George Ritter, Kingston, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Watts. Miss Agnes Webster, Kingston, spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Webster. Mrs. Albert Storms has returned from spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Wemp, Bath. Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Fraser returned Saturday from visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ross Parrott, Toronto. Miss Catherine Fraser spent Saturday with her sister, Mrs. James McLelland. Miss Bessie and Miss Ada Nichols have returned from spending Sunday with friends in Toronto. Mrs. N. E. Adams and Mrs. (Dr.) H. C. Miles left Wednesday to visit relatives in Toronto.

Belleville Men Pressed. Belleville, March 1.—One of Belleville's aged and most respected citizens passed away this morning in the

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