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NO EPIDEMIC

IT IS PROPER to feel concern when a case of so dangerous a disease as spinal meningitis is discovered. But there is no excuse at all for fear or hysteria on the part of the public.

The wise thing to do just now is undoubtedly to close the schools for a short time and thereby remove all danger of contagion spreading to create an epidemic.

There is in Las Vegas only a sporadic case or two of the disease such as happens in every city every year. It is impossible to guard against such occasional cases. Whence they come or why nobody knows.

But it is well known that disease can be practically eliminated in a community if the public will use reasonable precautions.

Children especially should be kept at home and, so far as can be done, isolated from other children. Crowds should be avoided by adults as well as by children.

Above all, people should not believe all the wild stories they hear. Yesterday there were several stories of sudden death here or there, growing in gruesomeness with every telling. Persons in at least two cases were reported to be critically ill when they were in their usual good health and going about their affairs unconscious of any disability whatever.

One of the children who really is ill, has not been in the schools since early in December.

The Age has taken pains to ascertain the facts and is able to say that there is no ground for hysteria. If people will follow directions and keep their children by themselves it is probable that within ten days there will remain no danger whatever.

SCHOOLS EXPENSIVE

THE DISCUSSION relative to closing the public schools yesterday brought out one fact at least, with which the general public is not acquainted.

According to Miss Maude Frazier, superintendent of schools, the cost of operating the public schools of Las Vegas is \$870 for every school day.

Therefore, the proposal to close the schools for ten days involves the probable loss of \$8,700 worth of education to our children.

Most of us have not yet reached the point where we appreciate the remarkable change which has taken place in Las Vegas the past two years. But the 1,800 children in our schools tell a story in terms of money of the growth of the city. And we must admit that \$870 per day sounds rather impressive to the taxpayers.

RECONSTRUCTION MEASURE

FINAL PASSAGE of President Hoover's reconstruction measure yesterday and his appointment of former Vice President Charles G. Dawes as head of the great corporation, is most gratifying to the nation.

The prompt action of congress without the usual long political confabs is also most gratifying.

There will be no delay in getting the new machinery of finance into operation and under the leadership of Dawes the business and industry of the country will experience a quick revival and a steady convalescence.

Experimental crossings of reindeer and caribou in Alaska have increased the weight of the reindeer by 50 to 100 pounds.

Increased use of automobiles in Arkansas is indicated by the steadily mounting revenue receipts from the state's six cents tax on gasoline.

THE WASHINGTON BYSTANDER

By IRVING SIMPSON
WASHINGTON—When such republican celebrities as Calvin Coolidge and Charles Dawes clamber aboard the 1932 Hoover band wagon before more than a scattering skirmish fire of that campaign has been heard, it might be thought that the cockles of the Hoover heart would be warmed.

With these party stalwarts in his convention corner, Mr. Hoover could have no serious concern about re-nomination.

Coolidge and Dawes did their respective jobs of clearing the way for Hoover in characteristic fashion.

GENEROUS GENERAL

Dawes is a lavish man. Coolidge thought to be somewhat on the thrifty side. Quite likely the former President saluted away a neat sum for his magazine article setting out his position. General Dawes fired his piece off to the newspapers ignoring space - rate publication possibilities.

But, translating those two new "I-do-not-choose" cutgivings by the headlines of the administration that patented the phrase, there is something else to think about. From that angle Mr. Hoover might possibly have little cause for rejoicing.

Take this bit from the Dawes announcement:

"As for President Hoover, whatever may be temporary political reactions—and they are unimportant in such times—he has made a record in presidential initiative and constructive accomplishment unparalleled in the economic history of this or any other nation."

What "temporary political reactions," General?

And for the matter, what prompted Coolidge to take pen in hand and write himself out of the 1932 race?

Who was asking him to run? Not the republican irreconcilables "on the hill" surely.

What happened to make Dawes append at Chicago the pro-Hoover declaration omitted from his Washington announcement of his impending retirement from diplomatic life?

Has either been under pressure from party regulars to challenge Mr. Hoover for re-nomination, on the theory that Hoover re-election chances do not look so good?

ANYBODY'S GUESS

Well, everybody is entitled to figure it out for himself. But the general chose to add verbally to the reporters at Chicago this further bit of information:

"I'm entirely out of politics." What the reporters said in answer does not appear. What they thought can well be imagined. The notion of his being "entirely out" does not fit in Dawes' history.

RAIL SPLINTERS

BY JOHN H. LIGHTFOOT

The wrecking crew had quite a deal of work getting the cars in Friday's wreck back on the track, but fortunately the wreck occurred right where there were two sidings, so it took but a short while to clear the main line to let other trains by, the delay being between three and four hours. Four of the cars are now on the rip track to undergo repairs. One of them, a Wabash car, when it got through going was resting on the corner of a section house, the others on their sides. An overturned oil tank mused things up pretty badly as the oil ran under the overturned cars. The hook arrived from the scene of the wreck at 2:40 a. m. Sunday with a tired bunch of men.

Well! Well! Our wooden windows clearly showed that at least one person reads "Splinters," and we are free to acknowledge that we do not deny the allegation nor defy the alligator. The next time we will spell windows—s-h-u-t-t-e-r-s.

There is just one thing that will attract Engineer Bert Ayer's attention more than a hunting trip, and that is an auto show. Bert and Jimmie Fair wanted to see that show and as there were no trains convenient the auto came into use and they left early Sunday morning, returning Monday night. Using Bert's words: "The show was a wow and then some."

Charles Hemphill has been called back to work at the round house for a week or ten days to help straighten things up.

Edw. Winn of the U. P. water service, who has been off the job on account of a slight attack of "flu" is again on duty.

Harv Stewart, fireman, and his wife left for Salt Lake on train 22 Tuesday, called there on account of the very serious illness of Fireman Stewart's father. He is taking a week off.

Passenger Engineer A. S. Wentert, to keep from getting dizzy from that old engine motion, is taking a turn or two rest.

Supt. Coey spent Tuesday in the city looking over the effects of the Cuna Hill wreck.

"Just for a couple of turns," is the way Engineer Holland puts it as he takes the little layoff.

EVERYDAY MOVIES



MOPEY DICK AND THE DUKE
"But remember, Duke, we gotta be careful we don't work up too much of an appetite."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters Must Be Signed, But Names Will Be Omitted On Request

Sir: All races of people are divided into classes. These classes range from the highest to the lowest scale of civilization to which the race has developed. Neither education nor wealth should be regarded as the ultimate aim, rather only as a means to the development of loyal and efficient citizens. The laws that govern good citizenship, as are political and economic laws, are made by those who are supposed to be superior.

The object of the Colored Labor Protective Association is to make itself a harmonious joint in the congruity of political economy. The fitness, if recognized, must be based upon the constitution of the United States and not upon obsolete methods of bigots of past ages. The fitness, if logically and democratically considered, will be acknowledged or ignored not on account of race or color or creed but on ability to meet the requirements in demand.

The colored man's inability to unify for more than 200 years on account of slavery deformed his best self. Whomsoever were the cause of this retrogression must furnish (according to God's law) the cure for the evil. The theoretical rights granted him in the 13th and 14th amendments must be put into practice. We ask the superior minds of the white race for protection of life and liberty and a chance "to breathe and be a man." We aim to cohere in all conditions that virtually effects the whole community.

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MANHATTAN MIRRORS

By United Press
NEW YORK, Jan. 19. (U.P.)—An automobile came careening down the street, side-swiping other cars, ramming against elevated pillars. Patrolman Michael Finnegan dashed after it on foot, succeeded in catching it and jumped on the running board.

The man in the driver's seat turned to Finnegan with a perplexed look and shouted: "How do you stop this thing?"

The policeman and the driver, one Stephen Connolly, eventually piled up against a pillar without injury. Connolly was then arrested on a charge of stealing the automobile, which he admitted he could not operate.

A comma substituted for a period sometimes makes a lot of difference. Manhattanites were surprised to learn, for example, that a British newspaper recently came out with the announcement that "the longest railroad in the world is the Hudson and Manhattan, with 20,024 miles of track."

The Hudson and Manhattan operates beneath the Hudson river carrying commuters to and from New Jersey. It has 20,024 miles of track.

Bernard Guilbert Guernsey, trans-

lator of Merejkowski and proprietor of a well-known bookshop in 23rd street, recently was appointed official historian for the Twenty-Third Street association, an organization whose purpose is to boost the thoroughfare.

Today, inside the front window of the book shop, appeared the following sign:

"To hell with 23rd street. Sale. We understand that this graveyard of a street is going to be turned into a park, about all it's good for. Anyway, it's no place for a live concern, so this book shop is moving. Reducing every book in stock from 25 to 50 per cent."

Steve Hamas, latest sensation of the prize ring, always hops to a telephone after each bout to call his pretty, 20-year-old wife Kathryn, who is a concert pianist of recognized talent, and always Kathryn asks the question: "Well, what round did you knock him out in, Steve?" She is usually right in her assumption, for Steve has scored 24 knockouts in 27 professional bouts.

Mrs. Hamas is a graduate of a French convent, has won several trophies playing golf, likes to swim and ride horseback and goes in for acrobatic dancing. One experience at the ringside when Steve was fighting was enough for her.

SCREEN LIFE IN HOLLYWOOD

By HUBBARD KEAVY

HOLLYWOOD — Real and un-

reel: When Charlie Chaplin comes to the screen as Napoleon, as he has said he would like to do, Stuart Erwin wonders if the Battle of Waterloo will be fought in the Sennett manner, with custard pies.

Helen Twelvetrees says she never has seen one of her films in its completed state. "Makes me nervous to see myself," she offers in explanation.

Betty Egan works frequently in pictures because she can scream well. A director discovered that Betty's screeches recorded well and her fame grew. She used to be a show girl in New York.

Colleen Moore is coming back. Hollywood hears, to make another effort to return to pictures. The town also hears that she may accept less than \$10,000 a week to appear before the cameras. Colleen has been New Yorking it.

Mary Astor, a suit for a percentage of her salary brought against her by an agent reveals, has been doing all that emoting for \$2,000 a week. Incidentally, Mary is leaving the Radio lot to freelance until another contract is offered her.

PRAISE AND CRITICISM
Stories such as "Are These Our Children?" which pictures a situation some may take exception to.

preval to a state plan for the manufacture, sale, possession and transportation of intoxicating liquors, all subject to a federal revenue license tax.

J. C. FISHER:

invariably cause a flood of letters. Wesley Ruggles, who directed this film, has been deluged with complaints from high school students, teachers and parents criticizing him for presenting what they term untruths. The story dealt with children of high school age who step off the straight and narrow.

"One of the reasons," says Ruggles, "that I am sure I didn't film an untrue picture is that I received as many letters commending me."

WITH THE OLD-TIMERS
Here are bits about some other old-timers that may interest you: Guy Coombs, a star of long ago, was last heard of working in a hotel in Miami, Florida.

Edith Storey, once a Vitagraph star, is owner of a chicken ranch on Long Island. And Flora Finch, who was in those one-reelers with fat John Bunny, recently returned to Hollywood, saying she was going to "try to come back."

Another Vitagraph star, Florence Turner, occasionally plays small parts.

Ethel Clayton, who ran a gown shop here for a while, has been in several films recently.

Enid Markey, also a Vitagraph player, has been on the stage in New York.

Jackie Logan, long a featured player, is appearing in English pictures.

ISSUE WARRANT FOR SEA FLIER
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19. (U.P.)—Warrant charging grand theft were sworn out here today against Captain J. K. Von Althaus, German war ace, who has been making plans for a trans-Pacific flight from the Hawaiian islands to California, and Mrs. Minnie McCarthy.

A buffalo barbecue at Joplin, Mo., netted more than \$500 for charity.

NOTICE!!!

Electric Power Will Be Off From
10 A. M. to 12 Noon
Wednesday, Jan. 20th

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