

1—U. S. S. Langley, great airplane carrier, moving out of New York harbor loaded with planes, to take part in the "game" of attack on and defense of the New England coast. 2—Capt. Charles Lindbergh (right) showing to B. F. Mahoney and S. S. Lawrence, his backers, the plane "Spirit of St. Louis" which he was grooming for the New York-Paris nonstop flight.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Demented Michigan Farmer Dynamites a School, Killing Forty-Four.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

ONE of the most extraordinary and shocking crimes of recent years was committed at the little town of Bath, near Lansing, Mich., resulting in the death of 44 persons, 37 of whom were children, and the injury of some forty others. Andrew Kehoe, farmer and school district treasurer, his mind unbalanced by financial troubles which he laid to the necessity of paying school taxes, planted a big dynamite mine in the basement of the community school, wired it carefully, carried another load of explosive to the building in his automobile and set both off. The north wing of the school was destroyed and the ruins were full of the shattered bodies of the little pupils. The principal and one teacher also were killed, as were two men who were passing the building. Kehoe himself was among the dead. Before blowing up the school he had killed his invalid wife and burned his own house and farm buildings. State troopers from Lansing, who took charge of the situation, found in the basement of the undestroyed wing of the school dynamite planted in eight places. Had this been exploded the death toll would have been doubled. Hundreds of pounds of the explosive had been stolen recently from a contractor's store house, presumably by Kehoe, and the plot had been worked out carefully during a number of days by the insane farmer, who was considered to be an expert electrician.

PROTECTION for the Mississippi valley from future floods will be demanded and planned at a great conference of representatives of the 27 states, called by Mayors Thompson of Chicago, Miller of St. Louis and O'Keefe of New Orleans. The meeting will open in Chicago on June 2 and will be attended by senators, congressmen, army engineers, bankers, lumber trade members and other business leaders. Secretary of Labor Davis will represent President Coolidge. Secretary of Commerce Hoover has told the President a special session of congress is not necessary to deal with the flood situation, as the Red Cross will be able to care for the refugees efficiently. The relief fund is still growing, and the continuance of contributions is urged. Last week the most serious development was the inundation of the town of Melville, La., on the west bank of the Atchafalaya river. The waters broke through the levees during the night and about ten of the inhabitants were drowned. The rest took refuge on the levees, where they soon were isolated. The Bayou des Glaises levees gave way, as was expected, and hundreds of persons in that section, northwest of New Orleans, were driven from their homes. The Mississippi fell slowly along the lower river, the weather bureau at New Orleans estimating that half of the water from the Tensas basin was being diverted into the Atchafalaya basin through the crevasses. The crest of the flood still was in the Tensas basin, far above Bayou des Glaises.

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VIOLENT storms in Iowa, Illinois and Indiana in the middle of the week caused some loss of life and the injury of many persons, especially in Peoria and Indianapolis. Rain, hail and wind resulted in severe property losses. Eight lives were lost when a wall of water from what is known as the "slide" dam in the Gros Ventre river swept over the little town of Kelly, 25 miles from Wilson, Wyo. The dam, created when Sheep mountain shifted several feet two years ago, had collapsed.

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idge. The house of delegates of the association directed the trustees of the organization to co-operate with the internal revenue department and the Treasury department in the preparation of a bill to be submitted to congress in December, modifying the "unfortunate" Volstead act provision which now limits the amount of whiskey which may be prescribed to one pint in ten days. Among the important announcements made before sectional meetings was that of Hideo Noguchi of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, that he had at last succeeded in isolating the micro-organism responsible for trachoma, an eye disease that has baffled physicians. Dr. William S. Thayer of Baltimore, Md., was elected president of the association.

ILLINOIS lawmakers took another swat at prohibition when the house of representatives voted, 79 to 64, to submit the repeal of the state prohibition act and the state search and seizure act to a referendum of the people. The expressed view of some of the members who voted for the referendum was that prohibition has been worse than a failure, a sumptuary regulation that has brought more harm than good to society, to the nation, and to the state. The drys put up a strong fight and argued well, but were outvoted. Several weeks ago the Illinois house adopted a resolution calling upon congress to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of revising the eighteenth amendment.

VACATING a disbarment order against a Nebraska lawyer, the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Kansas City held in effect that the manufacture and possession of liquor for personal use in the home is not a felony and cannot serve as ground for disbarment of an attorney. The decision said that "a court has no regulatory power over the private life of a member of the bar."

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idedly incriminating. The government officials prepared three notes as replies to the Russian protest, the choice depending on the decision of the cabinet and the parliamentary debate. One of them denounces the trade agreement on the ground of its flagrant violations by the Russians. The second says a final break off of diplomatic relations between Britain and Russia must come if the Soviets do not amend their conduct. The third announces a direct break of diplomatic relations immediately, laying the whole blame on Moscow. The Russian government already has played a strong card in the quarrel by announcing the grant of special trade privileges to Germany, Latvia and Lithuania, which states have signed or initiated neutrality treaties with Moscow. In the Soviet capital there were carefully staged demonstrations against the English trade mission, the members of which were so closely guarded by political police that they were virtual prisoners.

BRITISH officialdom was very busy entertaining President Doumergue of France and Foreign Minister Briand, who made a state visit to London. There were banquets, parades and other colorful functions, and Briand and Chamberlain took the opportunity to hold an important conference concerning immediate evacuation of the Rhineland.

NAVAL experts of England say their government has decided to propose, in the Coolidge naval conference, the reduction of capital ships from 35,000 to 20,000 tons and cruisers from 10,000 to 6,000 tons, apportioning a tonnage of 100,000 tons each to the United States and Great Britain and 70,000 tons to Japan. According to the Daily News expert, Japan has decided to back this program.

TWO editorials in Osservatore Romano, organ of the Vatican, express the pope's opposition to Mussolini's charter of labor and the Fascist doctrine which places the right of the state above the right of the individual and practically denies that individual rights exist when important necessities of the state are involved. The relations between capital and labor, according to the doctrine expounded in the editorials, are ethical problems and as such must be approached, discussed and solved on the basis of ethical principles which "the centuries old experience of the church and its superhuman knowledge dictate."

Mussolini sought to demonstrate his friendliness to the church by having placed in the Colosseum a gigantic cross, which was unveiled by Queen Elena at an impressive ceremony. This cross replaces the one torn down by Mayor Nathan 65 years ago, and its dedication completes the Fascist plan to return this Christian symbol to the schools, courts, and public buildings, from which they were removed during the anti-Catholic days following the unification of Italy.

TWO well-known figures in the amusement world died last week. Sam Bernard, German dialect comedian, who was on his way to Carlsbad, succumbed to apoplexy on board the liner Columbus. Maurice Moutet, known the world over as just "Maurice," noted ballroom dancer, died of tuberculosis in Lausanne, Switzerland. He had been ill for several years but did not quit his work until two months ago.

GOVERNOR GENERAL WOOD has dealt successfully with another dangerous affair in the Philippines. Entranced, an insane fanatic, started a revolutionary movement on Panay island and was joined by a large number of followers. Wood went there himself and persuaded the excited natives to disperse, and their crazy leader was sent to an asylum in Manila.

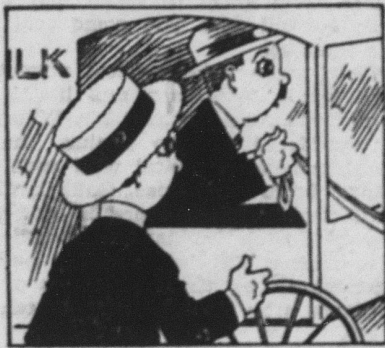
EXPOSURE of the alleged corruption of Indiana politics by the Ku Klux Klan was furthered by the arrest of Mayor Duvall and Controller Buser of Indianapolis on charges of conspiracy to commit a felony. Duvall is accused in six other affidavits of violating the corrupt practices act, perjury, and other offenses.

Adrift With Humor

ACCOMMODATING MAID

A woman murmured to another woman during an aria at the opera. "That new French maid of the Jones-Brownes is the nicest creature. So obliging, so very obliging." "Yes? How so?" said the other woman. "This morning," said the first one. "I saw her out with Mrs. Jones-Brownes' baby; this afternoon I saw her with Mrs. Jones-Brownes' dog, and tonight I saw her out with Mrs. Jones-Brownes' husband."

CHANCE TO RISE



"Why'd yer take a milk-wagon job? There ain't any chance to rise?" "Believe me there is—at five o'clock every mornin'!"

Geography Note

Why Greenland and Iceland don't swap names. Is something that puzzles me: For Iceland's greener than Greenland, while Greenland's the icier, see?

Literary Notes

"And so you have decided to plunge yourself into the literary world, doctor?"

"Yes, indeed, I have. You have no idea what an enormous demand there is for books on symptoms among the people who haven't anything the matter with them!"

Refuge in the Unknowable

"What do you intend to talk about in your next speech?" "The Einstein theory."

"Can you explain it?" "I can come as near explaining it as anybody I have listened to. And it has the advantage of not making you enemies, no matter what you say."

Cause of Delay

Grocer (suggestively)—"You haven't paid that little bill of mine, yet. Legislator (pensively)—"No; it has only just passed the second reading."

BOTH VERY STRONG



Onion—I'm the strongest person in the world. Boarding-house-butler—Are you overlooking me!

Ain't It the Truth, Ruth?

Ort, when a child, I used to wish To be a bird and twitter; I'm wiser now—'tis my ambition To be a home-run hitter.

Sure Sign

"So Bilkins is dead. Did he leave much?" "I think not. His heirs all seem to be on the best terms with each other."

Musically Expressed

"I told my husband about those gowns that are selling for a song." "What did he say?" "He said if I expected him to furnish the notes I'd better change my tune."

Better Wear 'Em

"Clothes give a man a lot of confidence." "Yes, they certainly do. I go a lot of places with them that I wouldn't go without them."—Hardware Age.

What He Objected To

"I hear that Richwood's daughter ran away with the chauffeur." "Yes; and Richwood is nearly crazy over it." "Well, it is hard to lose a daughter, but they took the motor car with them."

Premature

"Karl is the man who just gave you a cigar a friend of yours?" "I don't know; I haven't lit the cigar yet."—Vienna Faun.

One Guess as to What Animal He Resembled

The clean-up of the New York stage led Newton Booth Tarkington to say at an Indianapolis reception: "A clean-up was needed. For money—don't be deceived about high-art talk—for money and money alone our stage had become about the ugliest thing that ever happened. "Yes, it was so ugly that it reminds me of a story. "The story is about a very ugly man who called one afternoon on a fascinating young widow. As he sat with the widow very happily over a cup of tea and a cigarette her little daughter came in from school. "The child stared at the man for a moment in silence. Then she burst out in wide-eyed indignation: "His father for shame! I seen you at the zoo yesterday without your clothes on!"

All of Them Willing to Testify to That

Robert W. Chambers said in a literary argument at the Century club: "It is claimed that our new school of psycho-analytic novelists are better writers than the novelists of the past, but who is it makes this claim?" Mr. Chambers smiled and went on: "An amateur photographer said one day:

"Here's an article that says the finest work in photography is now being done by amateurs." "Is this statement true?" asked his companion. "Of course it's true. If you don't believe it, ask any—" "Any photographer?" "No. Any amateur."

The Rarest Virtue

Lieut. Leigh Wade, the famous flyer, was the guest of honor at a dinner in Washington, and in reply to an overwhelming compliment, he said: "I want to be modest, so don't make me vain, for modesty is a rare virtue. "Once, writing in an autograph album, I came on this autograph: "I dance because I must.—Anna Pavlova." "Then, below it, a famous American comedian had written: "I sing because I can't.—Joe Coyne."

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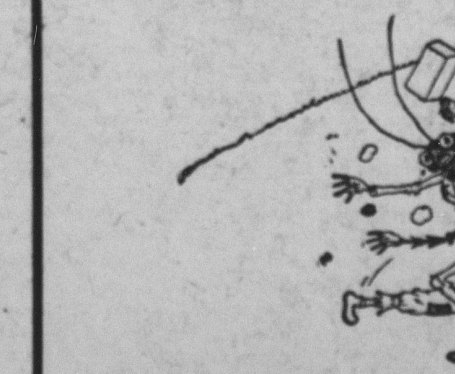
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Her Manuscript

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To overcome evil with good is good to resist evil with evil is evil.—Mo hammed.