

### BOOKS CAST ASIDE IN H. C. L. BATTLE

John Spargo Says Public Is Too Busy Earning Money Nowadays to Read

#### MOVIES MOLD OPINIONS

"Baseball parks, moving picture houses and department stores are the great forces in Americanization today," said John Spargo, prominent writer on social questions, at today's session of the twentieth annual convention of the American Booksellers' Association, at the Bellevue-Stratford.

"Doug Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, Theda Bara and Charlie Chaplin are the high priests and priestesses of the same cult," he continued, "and I'd like to see books take a proper place beside these great influences on the people. I don't say that books are superior or inferior to these other interests of the people, but I want to see them given a chance."

**Library Is in Garage**

"People in cities are generally too worried by landlords and the high cost of living to find time to read. They get in the habit of keeping the books under the bed and the library in the garage. Cities are only the excrecences of the healthy body of the country, after all."

"The effort to sell more books should be made in the small towns. They are the heart and brains and conscience of the country."

"Only 4 per cent of the communities of the country have access to public libraries, and this includes only 30 per cent of the people."

He urged against the muzzling of the foreign press in this country, and stated that for the most part it loyally transmitted American ideals. He also urged that foreigners teach their children their native language in addition to the speech of this country.

**Fiction Character Honored**

In that way, he claimed, they would hold on to the art and literature of their former homes.

Christopher Morley, writer and former Philadelphian, is present at the convention today and will assist in conferring the degree of "doctor of book-selling" on the leading character in his book, "The Haunted Bookshop."

### NEW JERSEY STUDENTS VISIT INDEPENDENCE HALL



Members of the senior class of the Clifton (New Jersey) High School are making a tour of Philadelphia today. They were snapped just before entering Independence Hall, Clifton is a suburb of Patterson, N. J.

#### ETHICAL UNION MEETS

Philadelphia Society Marks Thirty-fifth Birthday

The Philadelphia Ethical Culture Society is attracting the completion of thirty-five years of activity Saturday and Sunday. Today and tomorrow the American Ethical Union holds its annual conference here.

The conference of the leaders of the American ethical societies began this afternoon, at the Ethical Society House, 1324 Spruce street. Tomorrow morning, at 10:30 o'clock, the delegates meet. In the evening there will be a public meeting. Another public meeting will be held on Saturday at 10:30 a. m.

A motor trip to Valley Forge and other places of interest in and around the city is being arranged for the out-of-town delegates Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening is to be given over to the celebration of the anniversary.

Delegates from the other cities will be the guests of the society at a dinner at the City Club at 7 p. m. Short addresses by leaders and prominent members of the ethical societies of the country will be given.

At the Sunday morning meeting the platform will be shared by three speakers: Dr. Felix Adler, founder of the ethical movement in this country; William M. Salter, founder of the Chicago Ethical Society; and S. Burns Weston.

A festival by children of the Ethical

Sunday School, representing in play, song and tableaux the season's work, will be given at 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Society House.

**Germany to Keep Ships at Home**

Berlin, May 13.—(By A. P.)—Orders have been given by the German Government that German ships will not be allowed to ply any longer between foreign ports, as all tonnage is required in domestic commerce, says a Hamburg dispatch to the Reuter-Courier.

### ROAD ENGINEERS NEEDED BY NATION

Colleges Urged to Give More Attention to Training for Highway Work

#### CLAXTON ISSUES APPEAL

With more than a billion dollars available for highway construction throughout the country, and the use of motortrucks increasing in every state, members of the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania and other institutions have been requested by Commissioner T. T. Claxton, of the United States Bureau of Education, to help solve the new problems of highways and transportation.

At a conference in Washington tomorrow and Saturday prominent educators will be told the urgent need for trained men to supervise the expenditure of the sums set aside for road building, and to direct the operation of the fleets of motortrucks operating out of every large city of the country.

From every state, according to Com-

missioner Claxton, urgent appeals for the training of men specifically for highway and transportation engineering are being received. At the coming conference representatives of close to two-score of America's largest educational institutions will be urged to incorporate in the curriculum courses in these subjects. Few, if any, colleges give a special course in motor-truck transportation, Commissioner Claxton states.

Technically trained men to handle the repair and construction of the projected intercity and interurban highways also are in great demand, and highway bureaus of every state are seeking road-building engineers.

Service tests are being conducted in Pennsylvania and in scores of other states to determine the most serviceable and economical type of road.

While New York has curtailed its road-building program because of the scarcity and high price of labor and the inability to secure competitive bids, Pennsylvania has scheduled many contracts for the coming season.

**Louisiana Postpones Suffrage**

Baton Rouge, La., May 13.—(By A. P.)—Contrary to expectations, Governor Pleasant's message to the Legislature contained no reference to the ratification of the suffrage amendment. The fight for and against Louisiana becoming the thirty-sixth state to ratify has been postponed until after the inauguration of Governor-elect John M. Parker.

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