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ROOSEVELT DEFENDS THE "CRANK INVENTOR"

Franklin D. Roosevelt, the new governor of New York and Assistant Secretary of the Navy during the World War, said the other day that a "crank inventor" helped very largely in winning that gigantic conflict. Later it developed that the man was not a "crank," but that fact didn't spoil Mr. Roosevelt's story.

This inventor persuaded Roosevelt to accept the idea that made possible the barrage of mines from England to Norway, which did more than any other single thing to check the German submarines, and let our armies get to France.

He got about \$100,000 for his invention. If he had sold it to a corpora-tion, that company would have got millions, and "Andy" Mellon probably would be asking Congress for a special appropriation to refund its taxes.

And, just in passing, how many pecks of medals have been issued to naval officers for their alleged share in that mine barrage?

The "crank inventor" is sometimes a nuisance, but are not all inventors a little queer to the stodgy, uninventive mind?

After pulling every wire he could reach, George Westinghouse was ad-mitted to the almost sacred presence of William H. Vanderbilt, then high Muck-a-Muck in the railroad world. Westinghouse began, with all the elo-quence that was in him, to explain his new invention, the air brake. Van-derbilt listened for two or three minutes, then waved the inventor away with the courtly phrase:

"I've no time to waste on a damned fool!"

Tradition says that Vanderbilt was calling on Westinghouse within two years, and that the Vanderbilt card was sent back with its owner's own words scrawled thereon. However that may be, the story is a warning to take the inventor, even the "crank inventor," courteously if not seriously.

A FAMOUS LAWYER BACKS THE JURY SYSTEM

Max D. Steuer of New York, one of the ablest—and highest priced—lawyers of the United States, made a few remarks to the Bronx Chamber of Commerce the other day which deserve wide publicity. For instance:

"No greater calamity could befall American justice than the abolition of the jury system. The great majority of cases are decided correctly by juries. Judges, learned and able men as they are, can't decide facts any bet-ter than twelve men from all walks of life. The jury system, under any cir-cumstances, makes for the best administration of justice."

The jury system is being attacked just now by a group of self-styled "criminologists," who do not see that in their eagerness for convictions, they are endangering liberties which cost centuries of fighting to win.

It is good to have these folk answered in this emphatic fashion by a man whose legal knowledge cannot be questioned, and who is the last pos-sible removed from a "radical."

The editor believes in the present jury system, but he also believes that to be successful it must contain twelve brave and fearless men who believe in justice and stand pat on their own convictions.

HENRY FORD AND HIS FIVE-DAY WEEK PLAN

"A six-day week is all right for machines, but a five-day week is enough for men," is the latest pronouncement by Henry Ford. The Ford works are going on a complete five-day basis for men, but the machines will be employed six days.

This means the hiring of 30,000 additional men, and will take about three months. It will add \$39,000,000 a year to the payroll, and increase car production from 7,000 a day, as at present, to 8,750 per day.

One-third of the men will get two consecutive days off; with the others, the two holidays per week will not come together; but all, of course, will have rest on Sunday.

The unemployed now in Detroit will be given first chance at the new jobs. The company is also planning to end the midnight or "graveyard" shift. When it comes to doing things we say Mr. Ford is right on the job.

LIFE AT SEA IS CHEAP

Investigation of the Vestris disaster, which caused the death of 110 per-sons, shows that life is the cheapest thing at sea.

American life-saving regulations do not apply to vessels of foreign reg-ister that touch American ports and the British code only applies to British vessels touching a home port.

Thus the Vestris, a British vessel plying between the United States and South America, used rotten life-saving equipment because she was not amenable to the laws of either nation.

The owners of the Vestris were protected. They had ample insurance on their boat and its cargo. Passengers and crew are the only ones who take a chance on these floating death traps.

CANCER MOST DEADLY OF DISEASES

Cancer killed more persons in the United States last year than any other cause, except diseases of the heart. The term "cancer" includes malignant tumors of all sorts.

A report just issued by the Department of Commerce gives the deaths from all the six chief causes in the registration area during 1928 as follows:

Diseases of the heart	211,976
Cancer	103,579
Nephritis (inflammation of kidneys)	100,163
Cerebral hemorrhage (apoplexy)	91,001
Pneumonia	87,230
Tuberculosis	77,195

Fifty years ago, tuberculosis was the leading cause of death. Now it ranks No. 6. The white plague is being driven back steadily.

The leading causes of death now are those which develop late in life, and since people are living longer these days, deaths from diseases peculiar to old age are increasing. Nephritis, however, dropped back a little last year.

Railroad accidents cost 6,892 lives; automobile accidents 23,312; small-pox, 145; measles, 4,433; scarlet fever, 2,440; whooping cough, 7,445; child-birth, 14,860. There were 14,356 suicides and 9,470 homicides.

THE REAL INVENTION

A group of men spent over \$100,000 trying to market an invention. Every-one who looked at the device predicted brilliant and profitable future. Op-timism was so persistent that when the company was close to bank-ruptcy someone would come forward with more money.

The device was for use by people in humble circumstances. Every in-vestor thought he would be a user if he were a farmer or a villager.

The only trouble was that farmers and villagers didn't think the same way. They wouldn't buy it at any price; they wouldn't even take it on free trial.

The moral, which cost the investors \$4,500 to learn, seems to be: (1) A prospective user is the only com-petent judge of a new product. (2) Producing what people want and not what you think they ought to have makes a business profitable.

CARD PARTY FOR THE BENEFIT ST. THERESE'S AT SULLIVAN BUILDING

A Card Party for the benefit of St. Therese's Church will be conducted by Mrs. Jacob Laux assisted by Mrs. Herbert Lohman, Mrs. John Flannery, Mrs. James Cawley and Miss Florence Rave at new store building of Mr. John Sullivan at Dallas, next to the post office.

Cards will begin at 8 p. m. Friday evening, January 18th. Prizes of value will be awarded to winners at each table. Extra special features will be furnished, consisting of special numbers by the tune of a "Saw." Enjoyable readings, accordion selec-tions, and radio reception. Dancing will be indulged in if desired.

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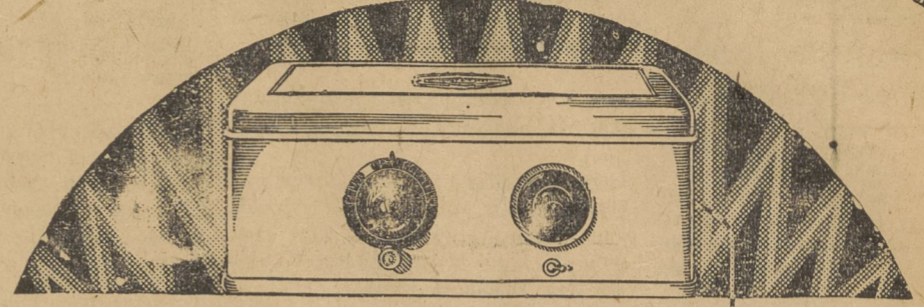
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It is just as necessary today as it was in Upper Jurassic period to keep abreast of the times. Conditions are changing under our very eyes. New inventions, new products are constantly being brought forward to make life easier and happier. If we do not take advantage of them, we fall behind the procession.

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