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HUEY LONG

Huey Long's spectacular career as Governor, United States Senator and usurper of all the governmental powers and functions of the State of Louisiana, is over, cut short by an assassin's bullet as he left the Legislative halls where apparently the last vestige of temporal authority was being placed in his ruthless hands by the votes of an accurately-controlled assemblage of lawmakers, the figurative victim of the same sword which he had wielded during the closing years of his relentless campaign for political power.

The passing of the self-styled Kingfish has been the occasion for the most widespread sort of hostile comment experienced in many a day, people in all walks of life expressing little or no concern over the death of the only king the country has known and a personality who offered a serious threat to the outcome of the next presidential election. Much of the comment is distinctly unfair in view of the fact that Long forged his way from printer's devil to practical monarch through the agency of his own genius and through the power of a matchless personality. If the people of Louisiana have been outraged (and perhaps they have in some instances) they have only themselves to blame, and not the deceased politician. At any time during the scintillating career of Huey, they could have stopped his onward rush to supreme authority, by such orderly means as are provided in every one of the sisterhood of states. Their failure to do this constituted acquiescence, and if Long could carry his points and control the masses, who have been armed with all the implements of his orderly undoing, it must be admitted that between he and the State, he had the most sense.

While holding no brief for a great many of the tactics and policies of Huey P. Long, his death constituted the loss of perhaps the greatest organizing genius known in the country, and that there were good points in his administration of State affairs, there is no doubt, as is evidenced by this excerpt from an editorial in the News and Observer:

"When he came to the Governorship of Louisiana in 1928 the State was in debt and had been accumulating yearly deficits under slovenly financial methods. But with the State in that condition, as Governor he made millions more money available to the schools, provided free text books and increased public school enrollments 20 per cent. He provided night schools to cope with Louisiana's illiteracy, and under his 'dictatorship' 100,000 of the State's 238,000 illiterates have been taught to read, write and figure. He improved the care of the sick and the insane in the State's institutions. He built up not only football teams but a real university at Baton Rouge and sharply decreased the cost of attendance. Under his direction 3,000 miles of roads were paved and the farmers' secondary roads vastly improved. These are but a few of the things he did for the people of the State. And finally, while he was doing them, he introduced a modern, easy to read accounting system in all State departments. Furthermore, this past summer, after the years of his domination, the State had \$2,000,000 in its treasury, was wholly solvent, and up to date in all amortized charges. The taxes on the land had been reduced and no sales tax had been levied on the subsistence of the people."

POLITE PUBLICITY

The politeness of newspaper advertisements is appropriately pointed out by a contemporary: "Newspaper advertising does not shout at you when you are trying to concentrate on something else; it doesn't obscure and mar the landscape; it doesn't interrupt your enjoyment of a good grand opera program; it doesn't clutter up your mail and waste basket; it doesn't make you turn to page 37 and then shuffle through 18 more pages to finish the story it doesn't clutter up your front yard or obtrude itself onto the seat of your motor car on Saturday evening. Newspaper advertising is like a well-trained servant—never intruding or making itself obnoxious, but always quietly at hand ready to give service when called upon."

UNDERCONSUMPTION

Since the war every business lull, every increase in unemployment, has been attributed to overproduction. It has become popular to diagnose every economic maladjustment as overproduction. Manufacturers and workers and farmers are being told that they are producing too much. In recent years world production of raw materials and foodstuffs has increased more than twice as fast as the population.

There seems to be a surplus of most worldly goods, but in the final analysis it is an inaccuracy to say that the world is producing more than it needs. The fact is that it isn't consuming as much as it should. Consumption should be increased, rather than production diminished.

Today the real economic problem of the United States is to increase the purchasing power of the consumer. Factories and farms are producing more than the people can buy, not more than they can consume. The commonest phrase is, "I would buy if I had the money."—Star-Republican, Blanchester, Ohio.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures ...
 By BRUCE BARTON

THE CRITICISMS OF VOLTAIRE AND PAINE

The newspapers of New York and London, of Paris and Rome, to say nothing of the universities in those and other countries, would charter ships to rush scholars and photographers and telegraphers to that place if any new book by a disciple of Jesus were found. They would run telegraphic lines and establish radio stations at the top of Mount Ararat or in the heart of the desert of Sahara. As fast as the book could be photographed and translated, it would be printed on the front page of every newspaper in the world and broadcast from the principal radio stations. It would appear in book form almost overnight, and would outsell all the best sellers.

In the eighteenth century, that virile genius, Voltaire, spoke of the Bible as a short-lived book:

The Scripture was his jest-book, whence he drew Bon mots to gall the Christian and the Jew.

He said that within a hundred years it would pass from common use. Not many people read Voltaire today, but his house has been packed with Bibles as the depot of a Bible society.

Thomas Paine, a much abused man, said some good things which ought to be remembered to his credit, but in closing the first part of his Age of Reason he left this foolish summary of what he thought he had accomplished:

I have now gone through the Bible, as a man would go through a wood with an axe, and felled trees. Here they lie, and the priests may replant them, but they will never make them grow.

Desperate efforts have been made to replant Paine's writings and give them again the influence which they were supposed once to have had. But if the Bible sells one single copy less for anything Paine ever wrote about or against it, the sales reports do not show it.

If a modern American author writes a book which has a moderately good sale in this country, and a London publisher takes over an edition and sells it in England, the author thinks well of his efforts. If his book is translated into German or French or Spanish or Italian or Russian or Scandinavian, he has reason to be proud. He is not likely to do more than this, and he may well congratulate himself if his novel or textbook or scientific treatise appears in a half-dozen tongues. But the Bible is extant in full, from the first verse of Genesis to the end of Revelation, in one hundred and eight languages. Many other languages and dialects do not justify as yet the entire translation. New alphabets had to be made;

fonts of type had to be cast; difficult sounds had to be classified; grammars and dictionaries had to be prepared, so as yet in many dialects and mixed languages only the New Testament and some portions of the Old are printed.

Next Week: Huxley—He Didn't Know

MR. BILLINGS REPLIES

Editor Watauga Democrat:
 I will say in reply to Mr. Farmer of Reese, N. C., that I will admit that sheep have been much lower for the past five or six years than they were several years prior to this time. For these five or six years lambs have sold all the way from four to seven cents per pound, stock ewes at five to seven dollars per head, ram lambs eight to fifteen dollars per head, wool from ten to thirty-two cents per pound. At these low prices I have sold for the last three years ewe lambs and wool to the amount of \$1,995.27, not sheep that I have bought and sold but sheep that I raised and sold. I will not attempt to give the amount I received before 1928 to 1930, for fear Mr. Farmer would sound more fishy, most fishy, but will say that when lambs brought ten to twelve cents per pound, ewes ten to twelve dollars per head, wool forty to sixty cents per pound, this gave us all a greater profit than now.

But still further back, during the war when everything went up, sheep went up, too; our lambs brought fifteen to seventeen cents per pound, stock ewes twelve to twenty-five dollars per head, ewe lambs twelve to fifteen dollars per head, ram lambs twenty dollars per head, wool seventy-five cents to one dollar per pound. At prices like these we all mopped up in the sheep business. A good crop of lambs and wool each year is not the only profit in sheep raising. They are the greatest soil builders that money can buy. They are natural distributors of the highest grade of fertilizer that can be produced; they broadcast it from the bottoms to the highest ridges, hills and mountain tops that they can find, and never gets too steep and rough for them to climb. They are death on weeds and wild grass and lots of other filth in our pastures and in their stead give us white clover, a blue grass, and improve all other kinds that are valuable for grazing.

Every farmer should have a few good sheep, feed them and take care of them and they will take care of you. We should pool our lambs with our County Agent. He knows how to sell them, where to sell them, and when to sell them. He gets the highest price, and there is no middle man's profit to pay. Mr. Farmer, you are right; there is no other stock that pays half so much as sheep, with the same amount of money invested.

—W. R. BILLINGS.

Vilas, N. C.

ADVENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Dr. F. E. Warnan, Minister
 A special invitation is extended to the students of the college to attend the following services at the Rock Church:
 Sunday School at 10 a. m., C. G. Hodges, superintendent; 11 a. m., sermon, "The Work"; 6:30 p. m., Loyal Workers meeting; 7:30 p. m., sermon, "How We Hear"; 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Bible study and choir practice.

East Tennessee & Western North Carolina Motor Transportation Company.

New Schedule Now Effective:
 Buses leave Boone for Johnson City, Knoxville, Chattanooga, all Alabama and Western States points at 8 a. m.; 12:20 p. m., and 9:05 p. m.
 Leave Boone for Lenoir, Hickory, Statesville, Salisbury, Charlotte, Asheville, Wilmington and all South Carolina, Georgia and Florida points at 8:25 a. m.; 1:40 p. m.; and 5:10 p. m.
 For further information call bus station—Phone 45.
 E. T. & W. N. C. TRANSPORTATION COMPANY
 Herman Wilcox, Agent.

AUCTION SALE

THURSDAY SEPT. 19
 10 A. M.

880 Acres—a Part of the Blood Camp Tract

LOCATED BETWEEN NEWLAND AND BANNER ELK

Now subdivided into 100 acre farms and less. Beautiful summer home locations, cabin sites. Also excellent for farming and trucking and grazing.

Liberal Terms Allowed

Owned by Sheriff Hughes, Charlie B. Baird, Fred Von Cannon and Mrs. W. C. B. VonCannon.

RAIN OR SHINE we will SELL EVERY TRACT AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Bowers Bros Auctioneers
 "World's Fastest Talkers"
 Elizabethton, Tenn.

Red Letter Days ————— by A. B. Chapin



The Family Doctor

By DR. JOHN JOSEPH GAINES

THE POISON-VICTIM

I hope you may never be confronted with a poison emergency as I have many times been, the case of accidental (or suicidal) poisoning of a human being. It is one of the most serious moments of life when an unconscious and prostrate body is found demanding immediate effort.

Quick and accurate thinking is demanded and action with it. Have some one summon the doctor. Don't waste time looking for evidence. Be quick to try to preserve life and look for evidence afterward. If the patient's

lips are burned with carbolic acid, pour in heavy solutions of alkalines—soda or epsom salts—or, diluted alcohol if it is at hand. Do it plentifully and be sure it is enough. Let the doctor be the judge as to an emetic when he arrives.

If the patient is in convulsions with violent contractions of the limbs and neck-muscles it indicates strychnine poisoning. Pour in warm mustard-water—anything that will produce vomit. If you have an opiate, give it and don't be afraid of over-dose. Quiet those spasms if you can. Whiffs of chloroform if it can be had—anything to combat the quick-acting poison, until the doctor arrives.

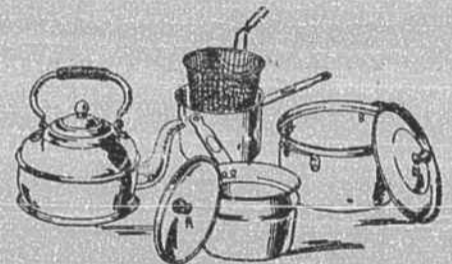
With the patient that cannot be aroused it might be opium or mor-

phine. Look at the pupil of the eyes. If they are contracted to pin-points and the sleep is profound and heavy, then give black coffee. Give all you can force down.

If you can get an emetic dose into the patient, do it. Stimulate. Do everything to keep up breathing, artificial respiration if you can perform. Keep the patient awake—or try strenuous methods to do so. We used to even "larrup" the morphia victim to keep him from sleeping off the mortal coil.

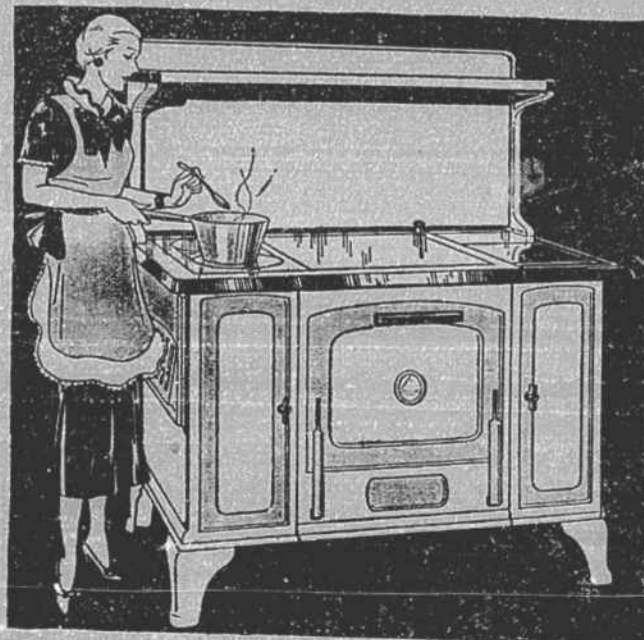
Ninety hogs sold for Edgcombe farmers by the local Mutual Live-stock Association brought the shippers a little over \$2,200. Many of the animals brought the top price of 11½ cents a pound.

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 NEXT WEEK ONLY



THIS quality set of De Luxe Kitchenware—solid copper, nickel-plated—will be given free with every purchase of a MAJESTIC Range next week only.

Special Showing and Demonstration of the New All-Enamel,
MAJESTIC RANGE
 ALL NEXT WEEK



PAY AS YOU USE IT—Learn how easily you can get a MAJESTIC Range now through our convenient "Pay-As-You-Use-It" Plan.

Come in and see it at

Farmers Hardware & Supply Co.

BOONE, N. C.

Come In Next Week— bring your family and friends—and see the new MAJESTIC—the range that is bringing new freedom from hot kitchens to thousands of women throughout the country. New beauty. New fuel economies, new ease in cooking—and in range care.

See It Demonstrated. Examine carefully its many new features. Then you will understand what the manufacturer's half-century of experience in building quality ranges can mean to you in a lifetime of new, real satisfaction from every standpoint.

Don't Forget the set of attractive De Luxe Copperware given away next week only!