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President Coolidge's Millionaire Cabinet.
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President Coolidge inherited a millionaire cabinet, says The National Methodist Press. Secretary Mellon is reputed to be worth over \$100,000,000. He himself only estimates his wealth while some compute it to be as high as \$600,000,000. Secretary Hoover ranks next, but he is not nearly so wealthy as the secretary of the treasury. Mr. Hoover has been a mining engineer, has lost one fortune and made a second one, at the same time finding time to do much humanitarian service. The other millionaire members of the cabinet are Secretary of State Kellogg, Secretary of Labor Davis and Secretary of Interior Work. Before his recent resignation, Secretary of War Weeks made the sixth of ten cabinet members who are reputed to possess over a million each. One wonders if President Coolidge feels at home in this company, for doubtless this thrifty little Yankee has no more than the least wealthy of his cabinet. However, his biography records him as president of the Nonotuck Savings Bank of the little town of Northampton, Mass., so he must know how the accumulated savings of the people look.

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"I PLANNED TO MURDER MY HUSBAND"

Woman Writer Tells of Strange Emotional Experience in New Book of Real Life Stories

"In a hundred ways and places I killed my husband. . . . The woman who had this strange psychological experience is Edwina Levin Macdonald. Having married, at a very tender age, a divorced man of Latin descent and characteristically uneven temper, she soon became frantic, she declares, at his affectionate references to his first wife. "So wretched had I become," he writes, "that I would have left him, but my father had died since my marriage, and it was discovered that he had left barely enough to take care of my mother. . . . In addition to this I was to have a child. "Humiliation and bitterness walked with me constantly. I was in a dungeon from which my husband's death alone could set me free. He was responsible for my multiplied helplessness. Thus the desire for his death was born. "My imagination took hold of the thought in horrible fascination. I would set the stage—our bedroom, some night when he would be watching me brush out my hair. I would tell him what he had done to me. My bottled bitterness I'd pour out on him in blessed relief. Then I would take a revolver from the dressing-table drawer and kill him. "Like a Horrible Dream "Not until I had completed the horrible scene of screaming servants, crowding neighbors and Howard's coffin being carried out would by calm desert me. Then I would seem to come awake from a horrible dream. A shivering terror of myself would sweep over me, but leaving me weak and incapable of motion for minutes together. "Then perhaps at my own table, in the presence of my guests, I would find myself rising in imagination, pouring out my accusations and stab-



EDWINA LEVIN MACDONALD

bing my husband. "In a hundred ways and places I killed my husband. But never creatively. Always I told him of my suffering, before the deed. The idea of taking him unaware or trying to hide my crime did not appeal to me. "Not alone in horrid pictures did I contemplate the thing I was so convinced I must do. There were times when I thought about the matter quite calmly. "I busied myself about setting my house in order. Answered all my neglected correspondence, paid a visit to my mother telling her nothing, gave away clothes that I had quit wearing, and made preparations for my journey: for I had no intention of going on here. "With an increasing sense of the nearing of the hour, I made plans for what I mentally called my 'fare-

well party.' I was determined to pay all my social obligations and at the same time give them something to remember 'afterward.' "The 'Farewell Party' "At the party, laughing, dancing with my husband toward whom I had a feeling of curious remoteness—and others, I kept thinking, 'I wonder when I will dance again.' I felt that I should never again want to. I chatted gaily in the punch room about events to come while I thought: 'You will not ask me to your parties. But you will not forget mine.' "As I stood receiving their 'good nights' I mentally added to my each good night: 'And good-bye. When you enter this house again it will be in whispering horror. If I am here, you will not ask to see me, nor speak to me. Good night. And good-bye to you all.' "The end was reached one night when a servant left a hatchet for splitting the morning kindling wood on the hearth in our bedroom. I could not recall afterward that I had seen it there. I am sure I was not consciously aware of it. But in a dream I got up while my husband slept and—ah, dear God! I cannot make myself give the picture. Years have passed, but it stands stark in my memory, each detail in sharp relief. "I had done the one thing I had never meant to do—killed him in furtive dastardly fashion. I pass over the array of details between that horrific moment—all startlingly clear—and the one when I stood beside his body in the living room. I recall the stony calm which paralyzed my emotions. The chill of body. I felt I could never weep again. "This astonishing confession is one of the fourteen intimate revelations in 'As I Look at Life.' This gift book, issued by Cosmopolitan Magazine to its readers, is not available except in the complimentary edition.

SIMMONS FIGHTS TAX ON ESTATES

Shows Norris Amendment Most Monstrous Proposition. Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Simmons spoke this afternoon in opposition to an amendment offered by Senator Norris that would have taxed the entire estates of all decedents as incomes to the heirs and distributees, in the year in which the decedents died. Senator Simmons showed how monstrous and outrageous such a proposition would be. He proved by the figures of the actuary of the treasury that so oppressive would be this tax that it would collect twice as much money annually out of the estates of dead men as is now raised from the income taxes of all the individual taxpayers of the United States, and that in a multi-ude of instances it would amount to absolute confiscation, because it would require the tax all to be paid within one year. He showed that even under the present relatively mild estate tax the treasury gives the heirs six years in the maximum in which to pay. Senator Simmons called Senator Norris to task for continued unvarnished attacks made upon Lim by the senator from Nebraska.

Rowman Got Off Light

Staten Island Daily. Wade V. Rowman, of Catawba county, convicted of an assault on a female, was sentenced to a year on the roads and appealed. A mature man, married, of standing in his community, was found guilty of mistreating a 12-year-old girl. He escaped the more serious charge which carried with it the death penalty, but for that which he confessed a year on the roads is light punishment. Cases of mature men debauching girl children have become so numerous as to arouse a feeling of horror. Putting the case in its mildest form, a mature man so low, so depraved, as to debauch innocence, should be severely punished. In fact he is fortunate if he escapes the most drastic punishment at the hands of outraged parents. There is no defense, no excuse whatever, for the infamy. But it is noticed that there is a growing disposition to treat it lightly, to settle on a money basis. Some of these days an outraged father will undertake punishment himself; and when he does he will have the sympathy of all fathers of girls too young and too innocent to protect themselves.

Australian Gold Discovery

Melbourne, Feb. 12.—Australia recalled today as the seventy-fifth anniversary of the discovery of gold, which discovery first brought the island continent into the world's limelight and was chiefly responsible for its rapid settlement and development. The discovery was made by Edward Hargreaves, an Australian who had been attracted to California by the great gold discoveries there in 1849. Upon his return to Australia he was impressed by the similarity between the strata and rocks of California and that of the country surrounding his home in the district of Conohelas, not far from Bathurst. The idea struck him so forcibly that he began digging, and on February 12, 1851, he struck gold in considerable quantities. When news of the discovery reached Sydney and other centers it caused wild excitement and immediately there was a mad rush of prospectors to the gold fields. A few months later a native found a large mass of gold among a heap of rocks, and later a miner found 115 pounds of gold in three blocks of quartz. In the decade that followed the first discovery in 1851, Australia shipped no less than \$400,000,000 in gold to England.

Northeastern Section Still in Grasp of Storm; Total of Seventeen Deaths

New York, Feb. 11.—People of the northeastern United States, accustomed to motor travel, tonight heard the old-fashioned jingle of sleigh bells as Dobbin was called forth to break trails where motors could not go. "Twenty-four hours after the passing of the second severe snowstorm of the week, most highways were impassable to motors and all but the principal streets in cities and towns likewise were blocked. The two storms left a snow blanket two feet deep on the level ground, and many frozen drifts six to 12 feet deep. The death list as a result of the last storm stood tonight at 17, and the number of accidents was many times greater. Property damage had not been estimated, but the cost of clearing streets and roads already had run into millions of dollars. Along Fifth avenue, the mecca for expensive motor cars, traffic grew aside as four sleighs loaded with girls from a Broadway musical show bobbed along to the melody of sleigh bells. Dobbin, however, was missing from this scene, as the sleighs were drawn by a motor car in which was stationed a motion picture camera. But the procession of waving tannoy-banners and gauntleted arms attracted more attention than would horse-drawn sleighs. In smaller cities and country districts, horse drawn sleighs temporarily had displaced automobiles and trucks as possessors of the roads. The progress everywhere toward a resumption of normal activities was slow. The weather was clear, but below freezing temperatures greatly handicapped the thousands of shovel gangs which sought to clear streets and highways. Railroad service had returned to schedule, but surface cars in many places were operating only intermittently. Many suburbs and outlying districts were entirely isolated, except for rail connections. The weather bureau predicted clear, cold weather for tomorrow, with rising temperatures late in the day. In southern New York state the heavy blanket of snow has driven herds of deer to door yards for food. In one instance two deer mounted the piazza of a bungalow to get milk and vegetables.

Exit The Telephone Operator

The Pathfinder. This year the world will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the invention of the telephone by Alexander Graham Bell. The evolution of the telephone revolutionized the social and business life of mankind. The telephone apparatus in use today does not look nor work much like that in use in early '80s. Shortly after the invention of the telephone the original type of mongrel switchboards were supplemented by the magneto switchboard. Next came the multiple (common battery) switchboard, and now the latest invention, the automatic exchange, is rapidly being installed. Mechanical telephone service is gradually being substituted for the more familiar type where central's "Number, please" is the outstanding feature. A. B. Strouger, of Kansas City, Mo., invented and developed the automatic telephone exchange. He patented his invention in 1891. The first "girl-less" telephone exchange was installed in La Porte, Ind., in 1893. From that year until 1900 but little progress was made in the development of the new automatic system, but following 1900 progress in its development has been rapid. However, there is still much work done by girls and, in many cases, men. In the automatic or "dial" system each individual subscriber's register records all calls. At the exchange these registers are set row on row in panels behind dust proof, tightly locked plate glass doors. Each subscriber's line is connected to one of these registers. At the completion of each call the device records the message and, at the end of the month, the subscriber is charged for the calls recorded against the phone. What really happens when the subscriber connected with a machine-switching station is that a series of mechanical devices are set in motion. As soon as his receiver is lifted a mechanical "finger" in the central station goes "feeling" up and down a device until it locates an empty wire for the subscriber's use. Once the wire is found and the "dial tone" sounds, all the apparatus necessary to complete the call is at his service without a human hand other than his having functioned. After the call is completed, the conversation over and both parties hang up their receivers the register attached to the calling subscriber's line clicks up a record of the call. If the line is busy or no answer is received the register does not function. All telephone subscribers with dial equipment can call all subscribers in other local services areas, and it makes no difference whether the called subscriber has a dial or manual telephone. However, the operation or method in passing the call is quite different. If one dial subscriber calls another dial subscriber the machinery at the central station does all the work. But if a dial subscriber calls a station in a manual office the number dialed will appear in front of a "P" operator on what is known as a call indicator and the operator completes the connection. The registers are read once a month for accounting purposes. This "reading" is done with a special camera which has been developed for the work. Each panel of the register is divided into sections of six individual registers. The number at the top of each register.

West Third street should have been extended years ago. The cost of such extension ten years back would have been only a fraction of the amount the city will have to spend to put through this project today. Thus again is the value of vision revealed. And thus once more is the tremendous cost of lack of vision in the building of streets emphasized. The extension of West Third street, however, will in no way relieve the board of aldermen of responsibility for co-operating with citizens in the widening of other streets that are now too narrow. Forty feet between curbs, with a street car track in the center, is too narrow in any town. It is dangerous and should not be permitted to exist any longer than the condition can be remedied. The tax rate bugaboo is dead. If the board can co-operate with citizens in the extension of streets without increasing the tax rate, then the board can co-operate in the widening of streets without raising the rate. If the attitude of the board toward street extension means anything, it means that the tax rate bugaboo no longer can be used among intelligent people as an argument against the widening of streets. Winston-Salem not only needs better streets. Winston-Salem needs better streets. By its action yesterday the city administration committed itself to these propositions, for which it is to be commended.

Small Home Now Built With Artistry of Palace



The log-cabin of the early settlers, like the covered wagon, has become but a memory of a romantic past. But its evolution may be sharply traced to some of the charming homes of America today. A striking note in this development is the substantial character of the moderate priced home now being erected. For many years stone was used exclusively in the more pretentious residence. Today the smaller dwelling is designed with all the fascination and distinction of the palace. An example of such artistic possibilities is indicated in the English bungalow above. The style is particularly adapted to a corner lot in semi-suburban locality. The exterior is built of Old Gothic Indiana Limestone, which has a wide range of color-tone and texture. Laid up in the most irregular and informal style, the exterior is given an antique old world effect. With a volume of 52,128 cubic feet, the interior is attractively designed with six rooms, bath and sun porch. In the attic is space for two additional bedrooms and bath. The tendency toward building these homes securely is indicated by the nation securely is indicated by these homes which combine a well-planned interior with an aristocratic permanent exterior.



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