

# TODAY and TOMORROW

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## BANDITS and boys.

In my boyhood the most glamorous figure in boyland was Jesse James, the Missouri bandit. His exploits in robbing banks and holding up railroad trains were celebrated in song and story and when Bob Ford shot him most American boys felt that a hero of romance was dead. Years later, I got to know his brother Frank who was a partner in many of his escapades. He said there had never been a minute of his life that he had not bitterly regretted his youthful sins, and he deplored especially the bad effect the example of himself and his brother had had upon impressionable or wrong-headed but quite unobtainable youth.

I see signs that some of the same understandable hero-worship may preserve the memory of John Dillinger. Boys are still boys. They admire courage and dare-devilry, without muzzling much about the objects or the motives of the men they consider "brave." I do not think modern boys are any worse than boys were in my youth or more easily influenced.

It is human nature to regard the outlaw with admiration. He had the courage to defy authority and every boy in his secret heart wishes he had the nerve to cut loose from the restraints which parental and school discipline impose upon him. That, I think, is the secret of the continuing popularity of the story of Robin Hood, the knight of Sherwood Forest, who after five hundred years is still a glamorous figure of romance.

## DEMAGOGUES in politics.

The success of so many irresponsible demagogues in politics is rooted in the same trait of human nature as admiration for the outlaw. Folk who don't care to fight their own battles or reason things out for themselves, admire the man who shatters the logical barrier to the existing order of things and makes the most gripping promises of what he is going to do for the common people if he is elected.

That type of mind attributes the conservatism of the well-to-do to greed or their having been "bought by the interests."

It makes little difference to many folks where their popular hero ever delivers what he has promised. It is essential for him to keep on hollering, however. Once he shuts his mouth his followers turn to some other fellow who will tell them what they want to hear.

## POLITICS in our system.

I look for little improvement in politics under our present system, which makes it incumbent upon leaders to go to the people for reelection every two or four years, and keeps them in office for a stated term, no matter how incompetent or irresponsible they may turn out to be.

There is a great deal to be said for the parliamentary system of government in England, in which no man holds any important office having to do with the shaping of policies for any longer than he has the confidence of the nation, represented in the House of Commons.

I don't imagine we will ever change our system so radically as to follow the English method, but I do know that many people are beginning to recognize the faults inherent in our way of doing things and I look for a gradual elimination of some of the worst of them.

## WISDOM then and now.

I was reading some of Benjamin Franklin's letters the other day. I was especially impressed by one he wrote to an Englishman who had asked him about opportunities in America, back in 1785. Among other things he warned people against coming to America in the expectation of getting a chance at a lucrative public office.

The constitution of Pennsylvania, Franklin pointed out as typical of the whole, provided that no public office should have a salary or stipend attached to it large enough to make anyone want the job for the sake of the money reward! How different public affairs are run today.

I have an idea that one way to cure a lot of the evils of politics would be to cut off all official salaries to the point where anyone competent to fill them could make so much more money doing something else that he would have to be dragged into taking the office.

## SERVICE incentive lacking.

Public service as a career rather than as a means of putting money into one's pocket has not appealed strongly to the great mass of American young men. The national standard of success has been measured in dollars instead of in the social value of the individual's life.

I think there is an increasing tendency among young men of high ability to prepare themselves for governmental posts, but I see no signs of any change in the system of throwing all the best men out when a new party takes charge of things and filling their places with those whose chief qualification is their partisanship.

Arthur Morgan, head of the Ten-

## Perfect Pistol Score



ALBANY, N. Y. . . . Extensive checking up discloses that a world's pistol record was established when Sgt. A. M. Stanavix (above), of Troop G, N. Y. State Troopers scored 45 bullseyes in 45 shots on the U. S. Army range, using a .38 caliber.

## ICE CREAM SUPPER

The Woman's Missionary Society of Laurel Springs Baptist Church will serve an ice cream supper with cake on next Saturday evening, 8 o'clock at the church. Proceeds will be used to repair the church grounds. Mrs. Charlie E. Harlan, president of the W. M. S. cordially invites the ladies to attend.

Wesley Valley Authority, took away the other day when he said that such civil service regulations are wrong and so they protect the moderns' employment jobs which take no particular competence to fill, whereas they ought to protect the important posts, if the best person is to improve the public service rather than to take care of political impression-

## ZIONVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Horace Forch from Lenoir is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Greer of Morganton and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Greer of Thomasville spent the week-end with their father, "Uncle" Philip Greer.

Mrs. P. C. Christian and son, of Philadelphia, Pa., are here for a three weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Amelia Wilson, and other relatives. This is Mrs. Christian's first visit here in fifteen years.

Misses Midge Reese of Brasel and Midge Cartie of Boone spent the past week-end with relatives in the village.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sinder of Neva, Tenn., spent Sunday with relatives in Zionville.

More than sixty young people, who were members and friends of Zionville Sunday School, were entertained with a "Lucky" party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilkinson Saturday evening.

Miss Virginia Penn, who has spent the past three weeks with relatives in Lenoir, has returned to her home here accompanied by her cousin, Elizabeth Bernhardt, who will visit her some time.

J. M. Wilson spent the week-end in Neva, Tenn.

Mrs. R. I. Evers and son, Ernest, who were reported last week as being enroute to the States, are both improving at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Greer, Mrs. West Evers, Miss Mildred Thomas and Miss Curtis were guests of Mrs. Ray Waring and Miss F. L. Young at supper Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Daniel and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Daniel of Silverstone, were visitors of their sister, Mrs. Olan Stewart, Sunday.

Mrs. Julia Reese, who is at the

## Dimeless Candidate



WELCH, W. Va. . . . "I haven't got a dime and will hitch-hike and thumb my way through the district but I'm out to get that nomination," says G. A. Bryant (above), newspaper man and peanut vendor, candidate for Congress opposing John Kice.

## FARM QUESTION

What grain mixture should be fed the freshening cow?

Answer: The first day after freshening, the grain feed should be limited to bran mash. For the next four days the feed should consist of equal parts of wheat bran and ground oats. On the fifth day the animal may be started on the regular milking ration and gradually brought to full feed over a period of three weeks from the freshening date. The time required to bring them to full feed should be regulated by the physical condition of the animal and the owner must be observant. The time given is a general average and will serve as a guide.

Wagon of a Tom Clyde Reese, is quite

## POULTRY QUESTION

When should the laying flock be culled for low producing hens?

Answer: The most profitable culling should be done at the close of the laying season, which usually occurs from July to November. However, the flock should be closely watched thru the latter part of July and all of August. It is at this time that the non-laying hen goes into a molt and these should be culled from the flock and disposed of as soon as production ceases. Get rid of all early molters.

Twelve communities in Orange County have prepared data for having rural electrical lines placed for serving the farm homes of each community.

The tobacco crop of Beaufort county is reported the best since 1928 with an excellent farm crop, but cotton is due to the excessive rain.

## Do You Wear Cotton?

If necessary, it's better to wear cotton stockings and carry life insurance than to wear silk and take a chance.

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