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Premier Flandin declares the French are a nation of political realists. We'd somehow got the impression they were a nation of cabinet-makers.—Nashville Tennessean.

Politics and Relief

President Roosevelt has spoken vehemently on the question of relief and politics and has issued an ultimatum to keep politics out of the spending of works-relief money.

In so doing the president has not only rendered a great service to humanity and the American nation but has made a wise political move. Already his foes are clamoring that he has a campaign fund for next year in the neighborhood of five billion dollars, referring to the appropriated expenditure for public works and relief. Nothing could do more to destroy the president and the New Deal than the widespread injection of politics into relief spending but it is very doubtful that all those charged with distributing the funds will take that view of the situation and some will doubtless try to build up a political machine through distribution of relief funds and jobs, as has already been charged in some parts of the country.

With a spotlight of scrutiny turned on the president at this time the manner in which the works-relief funds are expended and distributed will determine to a great extent the length and volume of his continued popularity.

Where Are Our Big Ships?

Breaking all records for the trans-Atlantic crossing, the greatest ship ever built, the new Normandie of the French line, steamed into the port of New York the other day. Two years ago it was the great Italian liner, Rex, which smashed all previous records. A year earlier the German liner Europa had won the mythical "blue ribbon of the North Atlantic." Sometime next year the new British ship Queen Mary may do better than any of these.

It is not always pleasant for good Americans to realize that this country is doing nothing to match these efforts of European nations to capture the cream of the trans-Atlantic traffic, the cost of which comes chiefly out of American pockets. American travelers and American freight provide the bulk of the revenue for these giants of the sea.

It is puzzling to many good Americans how these smaller and, for the most part, much poorer nations, can afford to build these huge ships. By comparison with the United States, both Germany and Italy are practically bankrupt, and France is greatly inferior in wealth and income. Yet the governments of those little countries do not hesitate to spend huge sums to subsidize the building of great ships, while our statesmen in Washington hesitate and quibble, apparently for fear that somebody might make a profit if our government should be as liberal in supporting our merchant marine as these other governments are.

Shipping men say that one reason why ships under the United States flag cannot compete successfully with those under foreign flags is that our shipping laws require the payment of such high wages that all chances of profit is destroyed. That ought not to stand in the way, it seems to us, of building, with government aid, at least one sea-going giant that could compete successfully with these great foreign craft. Perhaps most of America is too far away from our sea coasts for most people to take any interest in maritime affairs. Yet a very high percentage of the navy as well as the American merchant marine is manned by boys who were born and raised in the Mississippi valley.

Radio Reforms Itself

We are glad to see the radio broadcasters waking up to some of the objectionable practices which thoughtful people have long recognized. One of the big radio chains has announced a new policy which, it seems to us, sets a standard which all broadcasters ought to maintain. These policies relate both to the character of programs intended for children and to the advertising features of commercial broadcasts with which most adults are either annoyed or disgusted.

One broadcasting system is trying to do for radio what is being done for the movies, in cleaning up its programs intended for children by prohibiting the exaltation of criminals, the glorification of disrespect for authority and in all other ways prohibiting the broadcasting of programs which might have a bad effect upon the moral and ethical standards of the immature.

In its commercial programs the rule has been laid down that not more than ten per cent of the time on the air may be devoted to advertising talk. Surely six minutes out of an hour's program is time enough to impress upon the listeners the merits of somebody's tooth paste or motor oil. And even these abbreviated advertising talks are being more strictly censored than ever. False or unwarranted claims for any product are forbidden; no programs or advertising announcements which are unfair either to competitors or to the public are permitted. A strict rule has been laid down against appeals for funds over the air and also against all forms of lottery announcements.

All of those principles and regulations have long been the practice of all reputable newspapers. We have long thought that it was unfortunate that the newspapers did not take hold of and control radio broadcasting in its beginning. Radio has been running wild but it looks now as if, under the pressure of public opinion, it was beginning to catch up with the long-established ethical standards of the press.

Borrowed Comment

DROWNING FATALITIES

(Charlotte Observer)

This is a good time of year to get drowned. It is an especially apt time for those who are good swimmers to go down and come up no more.

The reason so many fatalities occur in the waters this time of year is, of course, because it is the open season for plunging in.

And the reason it is so often stated in connection with these fatalities that the individual drowned was an expert swimmer is because the proficient person in this art usually takes uncommon chances, relies too heavily upon his prowess and forgets that circumstances occur in this connection over which one has no control, no matter how artful a swimmer such an one may be.

Those who go to the beaches or to the rivers or to the pools or to any ponds of deep water for the refreshing and delightful pastime of swimming, good swimmers or bad or indifferent, should take along with them an extra supply of caution and far less dependence upon their own superiority over the treachery of the waters.

Sunday School Lesson

By REV. CHARLES E. DUNN

CHRISTIAN MISSIONS

Lesson for June 23rd. Acts 1:6-8. Golden Text: Mark 16:15.

Christian Mission: are a going concern. There are about 25,000 missionaries on the foreign field, and many of them occupy comfortable, substantial houses. The compounds of the principal foreign missionary societies occupy areas in each of the leading cities where the missionary enterprise has established itself. It is clear that the pioneer days of the movement are over.

One is impressed, in studying missions, with the wisdom, ability, and harmony of the present missionaries, and the extent of the success already achieved.

With the conviction that the time had come for a careful appraisal of the whole movement, in all of its phases, a group of distinguished laymen went to the Orient a few years ago for a detailed, unbiased investigation. Their report, "Re-thinking Missions: A Laymen's Inquiry After One Hundred Years," created a sensation, and immediately became one of the best sellers in the religious book field.

These commissioners brought back from their trip a strong and unanimous conviction that foreign missions are of great importance if conducted on sound lines. They criticize the sectarianism and Westernism of Protestant missions, and assert that their primary aim should not be to build up the church as an institution, but to permeate both the individual and society with the spirit of Christ.

But note that this epoch-making report does not advocate any retreat. In fact these thoughtful laymen favor many lines of advance which will require, for their accomplishment, large additional funds. Indeed if all of their suggestions are carried out Christendom will become bankrupt. The need is overwhelming. For the world is critically ill, and the Christian, missionary gospel of good-will is the road to health.

GEORGE RAFT'S BEST PICTURE IS "THE GLASS KEY"



George Raft comes to the Liberty Theatre Monday and Tuesday in the type of part he is best suited for, the part of a smooth, clever confidence man in "The Glass Key." Edward Arnold and Claire Dodd support Raft in his latest picture which is considered by the hardest critics as his best bit of work since "Scarface," and which he duplicates a similar performance which first brought him to the attention of film-goers.

Time By The Forelock
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