

### Urban Ledoux Is Scholarly Man Of Wide Experience

Has Served in Consular Service and Has Endorsements from Elihu Root and Other Notables; is Trying to Change Human Nature, He Declares.

BY GILMAN PARRER, Staff Correspondent of The News. Copyright, 1921, by News Publishing Co., New York, Sept. 24.—Who is Urban Ledoux? What manner of man is this "Mr. Zero"? Why did he originate his now famous "Auction Block" for "unemployed slaves" in Boston and set New York topsy-turvy in attempting to transplant that enterprise here? Why does he roam about the parks, the Bowery and other eddies for this city's human dross and jetam, giving free meal tickets right and left? Why, in the brief space of two weeks, has he become the idol of thousands of hungry and homeless men in the two biggest communities of the Atlantic seaboard? What is his philosophy? What is his "game" in this country? What is his "grain" anyway? Today Ledoux answered all but the first two of these questions in a single sentence: "I am trying to change human nature."

that the cosmic consciousness is the plane upon which a man should lead his life. "Perhaps, is he an irresponsible and unscrupulous agitator arousing the passions of the mob merely to prey upon it for his own selfish ends? Emphatically, no. Irresponsible and unscrupulous agitators do not go around armed with letters and credentials such as Ledoux carries from Elihu Root, Starr Jordan and Thomas B. Reed, secretary of the New York War Camp Community Service. He was born in the Canadian back woods at St. Helene, Quebec, on August 13, 1874, of French-Canadian parents. When he was only a few months old his parents moved to Biddeford, Maine, where both became weavers in a cotton mill.

At 13 he started to work in the mills as a spinner. He was intended for the priesthood and his parents saved every cent possible for his education, sending him to the college of St. Marie De Monnot in Quebec.

ENTERS LARGER FIELD. "But while I was there I sensed that there was a larger field for me in my desire to spend my life in the service of my fellowman," Ledoux said. So he left college and after working again in the cotton mills to get enough money to fund his education at Sorbonne in Paris. Then, returning to Biddeford at the age of 20 he became interested in American politics and economics.

"At that age I made my first attempt as a public speaker," he related. "I went on the stump for President McKinley and after he was elected I applied for the consular service. The President appointed me consul at Three Rivers, Quebec, and for several years I remained there, the youngest consul in the service. In 1906 President Roosevelt, at the request of Secretary of State Root, appointed him consul to Prague. It was the desire of Secretary Root to give him a still better post in 1907 but he decided to retire.

"It was the old compelling force within me to find fields for larger expression that led me to leave the service," he explained. "What was stirring within me was my desire to live on a plane of universal consciousness. He attained this, he says in the work of the world peace foundation an idealistic plan for the creation of a "world capital." These labor centers in Boston but he was required to travel extensively in furtherance of them.

### MORPHINE VIAL MADE THEM TELL

Detective Vouches for Story of Confession of Five Men at Sight of Bottle.

How five of the most lawless criminals in the history of Canada were made to confess their crimes simply by the sight of a small bottle of morphine and how a falsehood was exposed in the heart of Canada by the bolshevik during the recent war is vouched for by J. S. Thompson, chief operative of the Bodeker Detective agency in Charlotte. Mr. Thompson had a hand in running down the Reds who terrorized Montreal for weeks and actually blew up the Montreal Daily Star, together with the owners' house.

SEES HIGHER CALL. "I arose and stood for a moment at the window with Ledoux. Then in a great white light the truth of what my companion had spoken came to me in a flash. Raising my hands to God, I said: 'I will change human nature—' Thy service and the service of my fellowmen."

THAT has been the goal of my life ever since. I came to New York from Rome. I established soup kitchens and bread lines here, and in Boston, often maintaining them when I didn't have a dime and had to beg the money or accept it from professional panhandlers. I found jobs for despairing and disheartened men. I founded the Church of the Unemployed. All this—even my work in the war when all human reason departed from the world—has been done to change human nature, to bring it to the highest consciousness which man is permitted to attain.

THEIR MOST BRUTAL CASE. "It was while we were in the midst of cornering them that they found an opportunity to commit a crime that is considered the most brutal ever heard of in Canada. A young Canadian farmer had incurred the enmity of this gang, and learning that the farmer was to be married on a certain day, they formed their wicked plans. The young couple were married on that day and they were married in the midst of great feasting and merry making set out for the little home the farmer had prepared. As they opened the door they were horrified to behold these five raving maniacs waiting for them. Each was under the influence of some drug. Maddened to a frenzy, they tied the young farmer to a chair and before his eyes attacked the young girl. The young man finally broke his bonds by sheer, superhuman strength, only to be struck down and murdered. On this day the young girl is a raging lunatic in the home for the insane near Montreal.

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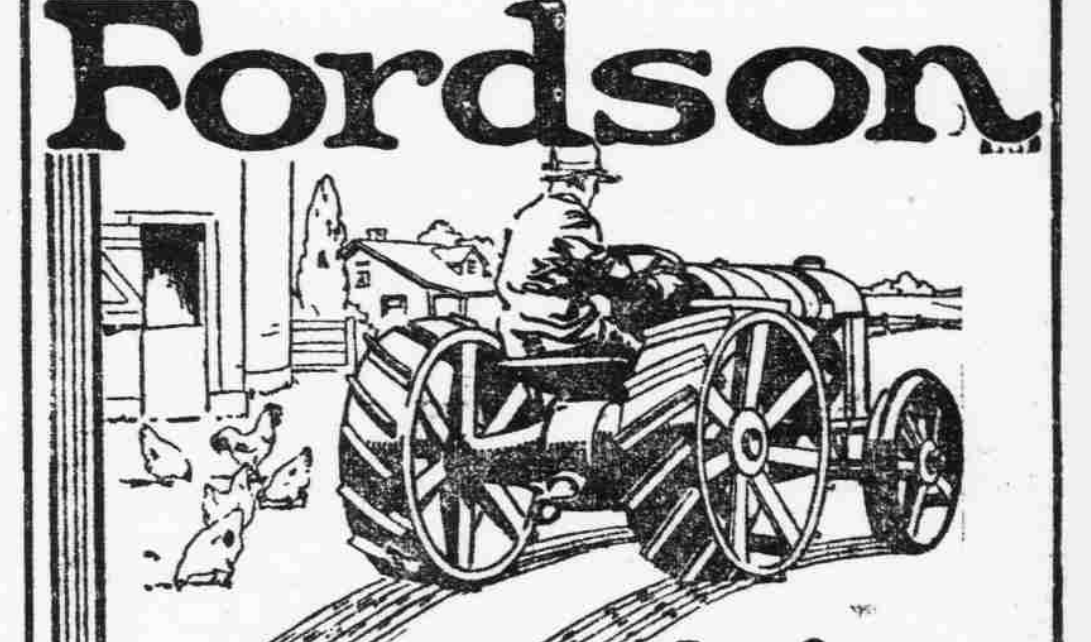
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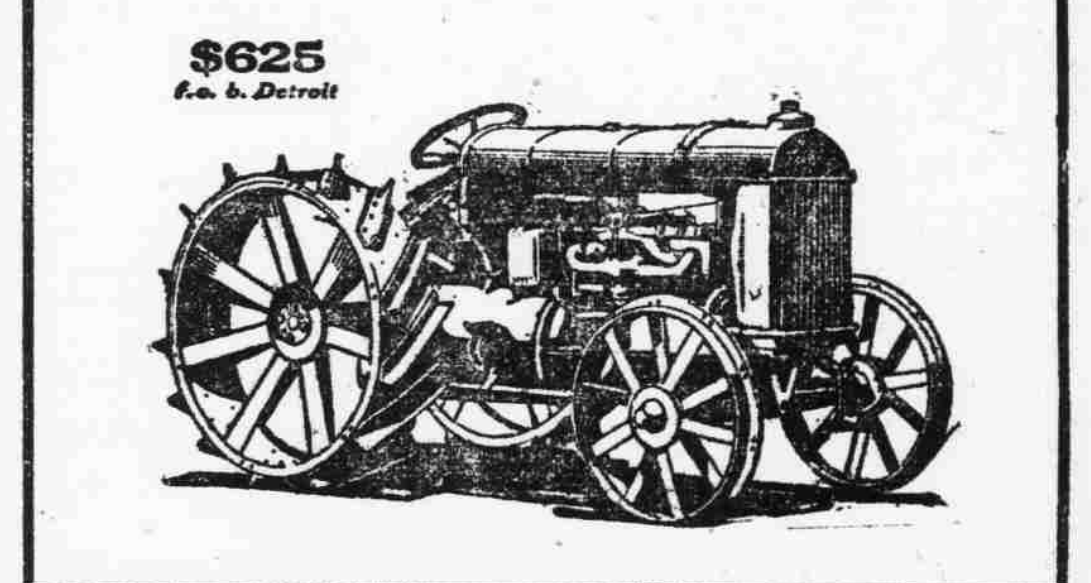
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That is the way to make the comparison—by walking. One walks three miles an hour, at considerable expenditure of physical energy. If he will devote the same amount of physical energy to some other task, he will be paid enough for the hour's work to carry him fifteen or twenty miles; and if that isn't a fair way of finding out the cost of transportation, we know nothing of comparisons. But the time element must also be figured in the bargain.

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