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Boys of the Cities Must Be Carried Through Their Predatory Stage

By GEORGE L. KNAPP, Chicago

The child is father of the man, yes; but there are considerable differences between parent and offspring. Every normal boy goes through a predatory stage, a period when he idolizes Robin Hood and Roderick Dhu, thinks property rights an imbecile convention of grown-ups, and longs, in varying degree, to prove his worth by reaving and harrying. One doesn't need to be a psychologist to understand this; he needs nothing but a good memory. I have known boys to walk miles to steal apples not so good as those to be had for picking up in their own orchards. As to how I know, I must decline to be interviewed; but the information is accurate.

Now, in the country, the boy gets this out of his system without doing much damage; and when he has left the slack of his pants in the grip of some neighbor's dog and swallowed a large dose of castor oil as a remedy for the pains caused by picking unripe fruit, he begins to see that there may be something in these grown-up ideas, after all. But in the city, the boy's plundering hurts, and hurts folks who can not stand it, not to mention the enormous amount of portable wealth open to seizure on every hand. The city boy must be carried through his predatory stage by giving him something else to do.

It is a question, partly of money, more of men, but, most of all, of public interest. When people realize what can be done to keep boys from starting out on the penitentiary road, they will supply the necessary money and find, educate or somehow call into being the needed workers.

For Some Time to Come Russia Will Be the "Sick Lady of the World"

By CHARLES R. CRANE, Former U. S. Minister to China

Five years ago Russia had the "fever." When the crisis came, friendly physicians were called in and, if the patient did not make much progress toward recovery, he was at least in sympathetic hands, with neighbors and friends all anxious to promote his recovery.

Unfortunately a brutal and unsympathetic neighbor insisted on taking charge of the case—forced out the attending physicians and put in charge some doctors whose only experience had been gained by selling patent medicines on the street corner.

They drove out all of the friends and chased away all of the neighbors and started to perform a major operation without any particular diagnosis, and certainly without any anesthetics.

The patient has gone through great suffering and agony, but just how much none of his friends or neighbors have been allowed to know.

Possibly he will recover some time, but it will only be after a long period of convalescence. But some skill will be required, and a great deal of sympathetic nursing.

For many years we have talked of "the sick man of Europe." For some time to come Russia will be "the sick lady of the world."

Machinery for a Twelve Months' Marketing of Our Annual Production

By EUGENE MEYER, JR., New Finance Corporation.

As a merchant nation we must study the changing conditions and adjust our merchandizing and financing operations to them. We must recognize the necessity of selling our agricultural products more gradually than we did in former years and the corresponding necessity of carrying our commodities for a longer period of marketing. We need the machinery that will make possible a twelve months' marketing.

The producers of basic commodities in America, I am convinced, are going to have more to say in the future than they had in the past about the marketing of their products. They will not be satisfied always to market their products in a lump at harvest time, to be held by others until the consumer is ready to buy.

If it can be made possible for the producer, under normal conditions, to market his products gradually there will be many advantages. The producer will not be compelled to sell his crop at a particular time without regard to the consuming demand, and the danger of violent fluctuations will be considerably reduced. And nothing would be better for the producer and the consumer—better for the nation as a whole—than to have a comparatively steady market and steady flow of business.

NAVY'S WIRELESS SERVICE

The noblest mission of the wireless is to establish a tie between the main body of the world and those outlying parts, beyond the frontiers of civilization, where courageous and adventurous and devoted souls—missionaries and pioneers of commerce and education—are living their lonesome lives. To the exiles from the United States and Europe who are on the lonesome islands, of the Pacific the radio has proved a veritable godsend. It has performed the miracle of bringing them into immediate and intimate touch with their native countries, with the home people, with civilization, says the Pittsburgh Sun. There will be general sympathy, therefore, with the anxiety of these folk in the Pacific for the continuance of the radio news service which has been furnished them by the United States Navy. The authority granted the navy by congress to send out news reports by wireless expires on June 30, and President Harding has been asked by the director of the Pan-Pacific Union to use his influence to secure an extension of the authority.

The condition of the women on the farms of the country has been greatly improved in recent years, largely by their own efforts, and they have arrived at a point where they do not want to be patronized or pitied. They just want to be understood. There are organizations of farm women all over the country and they have done a great work in the improvement of conditions not only as far as themselves are concerned, but for the community in general. These organizations have been the means of bringing libraries and amusements into the neighborhood and in securing improved school facilities. It is claimed that the average farm woman of today is quite up to the standard of the average city woman and in some respects superior, says the Detroit Free Press. Generally speaking, she is keener to seize the advantages offered than the city woman is.

This is a time for courage. Business is passing through that rather dark hour which proverbially precedes the dawn. When the war boom was nearing its crest few men or concerns had the courage to retrench rigorously. What is called for now is courage, not to retrench, but to prepare actively and aggressively for the period of expansion which ought to set in this spring and gather reasonable momentum in subsequent months. This is the brand of courage which will win in 1922, says Forbes Magazine. Backboneless individuals and enterprises are acting timidly. Those possessing judgment, vision and energy are exercising confidence. In which class are you?

Keeping the nations at peace with each other depends on "as much intercourse as possible betwixt people and as little as possible betwixt governments." This comment is from the pen of Richard Cobden, English statesman, economist and original enemy of tariffs. Cobden died 57 years ago. But his notion that wars are caused by governments, not peoples, is as timely now as when he wrote it. Some thought probably has occurred to mature intellects since time began. Truth is the most obvious thing in life. Also, the most elusive and disregarded.

Grief cannot be measured; but if it could, that poor mother who unknowingly administered poison in fatal doses to her children is under a burden monumental. Investigation and punishment will not restore the young lives, but may prevent similar sorrow.

Tons of seed wheat have been shipped to Russia. Lenin and Trotsky may be persuaded to turn their attention from vague economic theories long enough to organize a practical and reliable department of agriculture.

The most hopeful sign of all from Russia is the news that the soviet government has ordered its delegates to the Genoa conference to have their hair cut. Now if they'll add a weekly bath the allies may recognize Russia yet.

We understand that ex-Judge Landis' decision that the thing to do if baseball interferes with your business is to give up your business will be sustained next summer by the court of grandstand appeals.

Another reason why you shouldn't fall out with your neighbor over his religion is, probably neither you nor your neighbor has enough religion to hurt much.

Italy has invented a method of spinning cloth out of grass. One hopes that this cloth will not be used for the more intimate articles of apparel—it would be like wearing a creel rug.

A coal fire in a Pennsylvania mine has been burning for five years. That will just about prove conclusively to many married men that it isn't spoken after by a woman during the day.

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Notice—Transylvania-Brevard Institute Summer School

Any and all persons who desire to attend the Transylvania Summer School at Brevard Institute will please make your plans to be on time at the opening of the Summer School on June 14 and continuing thereafter until July 26, 1922, being six weeks.

We have one of the strongest summer school faculties to be found in the state. Prof. C. H. Trowbridge of Brevard Institute will be the Director; Miss Willie T. Hall of Greensboro, N. C., will have charge of the Grammar grade work; Miss Margaret Highsmith of Raleigh will have charge of the Primary work. We are looking forward to having the largest enrollment of teachers and those who would be teachers that we have ever had in the history of our summer school work.

The following classes of persons should make their plans to attend this summer school:

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

1. Prospective Teachers. (No experience and no certificate.)
 - a. Applicants desiring to teach who have completed at least two full years of high school work.
 - b. Applicants who have not completed two full years of high school work will be admitted by passing an entrance examination on English Composition, Arithmetic, and United States History. Those unable to take this examination may take the preparatory course.
2. Holders of Second Grade Certificates.
 - a. Those who are unable to present a statement showing completion of two full years of high school work will be admitted by passing the entrance examination may take the preparatory course.
3. Holders of:
 - a. Provisional B Certificates;
 - b. Provisional A Certificates;
 - c. One-year Temporary Certificates.

WHO MAY ATTEND:

1. Graduates of standard high schools;
2. Holders of Provisional Elementary Certificates;
3. Holders of Elementary Certificates—Class B;
4. Holders of Elementary Certificates—Class A.

For further information in regard to summer school I would thank you very much to write to either Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard, or the undersigned.

Very truly yours,
A. F. MITCHELL,
County Supt. of Public Instruction.