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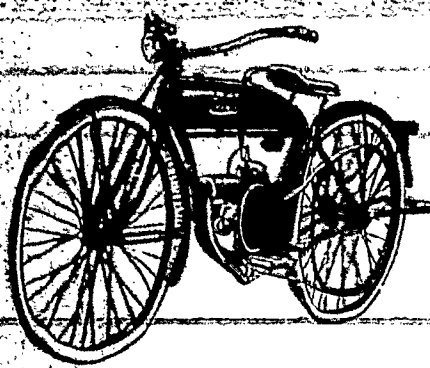
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Memphis Paper Wins Prize For Campaign Against Ku Klux Klan

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
New York, May 18.—Because of its courageous attitude in the publication of cartoons and news relating to the operations of the Ku Klux Klan, the Memphis "Commercial-Appeal" has been awarded the Pulitzer Prize gold medal for 1922. The medal is awarded annually to the paper deemed to have rendered the most disinterested and meritorious public service.
William Allen White of Emporia, Kansas was awarded the \$500 prize for the best editorial and Alva Johnston of the New York Times received the \$1,000 prize for the best example of reporter's work.

Ireland Rapidly Recovering In All Lines Of Business

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Dublin, May 14.—Not for half a dozen years has the country been so optimistic as it is today. The headings "Shootings", "Tragedies", "Mine Explosions", "Buildings Destroyed", so familiar in the newspapers, have suddenly disappeared and in their stead there are such captions as "Normal Life Again", "Railway Service Restored", "Business Reviving", "Industrial Activity".
Signs of improvement are manifested in various directions. Works which has been suspended have been restarted; administrative departments and local authorities are no longer handicapped by lack of funds.
There is less unemployment and it is expected that soon there will be plenty of work for those at present without jobs. Many schemes of public-utility work have been planned and are ready to be put into execution.

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On June 7, 1922, Cardinal Gasparri addressed the following telegram to Premier Lenin:
I should be grateful to you if you would inform me what reception was given to the proposal of the Holy See to buy valuable objects in conformity with letter addressed to Mr. Chicherin under date of May 14.

No reply was ever received by Cardinal Gasparri to this inquiry.

Won By Catholic School Pupils

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Washington, Ind., May 18.—Students in the local Catholic High School for Boys carried off all the honors in the essay contest held as a part of the Boys' Week program of the Rotary Club. Cash prizes were offered for the best essays on Good Citizenship and every one of the prizes was awarded to students of the Catholic High School.

The contest was open to all school boys of the city and the judges were the County Superintendent of Schools, the District Attorney, and a prominent attorney. Owing to the recent activities of the Ku Klux Klan in this section there was keen interest in the contest and particularly in the outcome.

To Reform Theaters

(By N. C. W. C. News Service.)
Paris, May 12.—The propaganda Committee of the Diocesan Committee of Paris, which is composed of a certain number of priests and prominent laymen, at a recent meeting held under the chairmanship of the Archbishop, decided to publish lists of the theaters and moving picture houses to which parents may safely take their children.
The directors of certain establishments will also be visited and urged to modify their programs. An energetic lecture campaign will also be initiated to inform parents of their duties in this connection.

THE EMPTY ROOM

By JANE GORDON

ELAINE sat and listened to her father's voice—low, methodical and pleasing. But it was not a pleasing voice to the young woman, who knew its underlying coldness. "It would be," her father was saying, "the best possible arrangement. Love, in marriage, is a hectic, unsatisfactory basis. Affection, born of respect and mutual appreciation means content and future peace. You, Richard, the son of my dear departed friend, are all that I could desire as life companion and protector—which means a great deal—to my daughter." The grave faced man, sitting opposite Elaine, nodded his head in agreement. "I shall be happy in carrying out my father's wish in this matter, and bringing you satisfaction. Also, I shall make it my life purpose to protect your daughter most tenderly. The money left by my father, on this condition, will help in that pleasant duty." This favorite of her father's was looked up to, she knew, both in the world of business and among the few friends with whom she was privileged to mingle socially. She had not become well acquainted with Richard Strong; her impression of his personality was merely that of a courteous, serious young man, not so young either, as the heroes of fiction, which charmed her, in the standard books. Dora Chalmers, when she heard of the engagement, laughed implicitly at Elaine. "Richard Strong," she said, "has never looked at a woman since in his youth, a gay actress captured his fancy. Richard, it is said, did not wish to treat his future happiness to so faithless a creature—and avoided young women thereafter. In your case Elaine, my dear, I suppose he decided that his future will be safe. That your family name and your approved upbringing will do him honor. Have you discovered, may I ask, any indication of the heart, in the affair?" Elaine had discovered no indication of heart interest of any kind—she was content, as the strange, unemotional days of her married life passed in pleasant duties, that Richard's heart remained undiscovered country. He was away much of the time, solicited always of her comfort and entertainment during his absences. Sometimes across the breakfast table—or at evening over the reading table—she would look up suddenly to find his grave, speculative gaze upon her. Unlike the quick gaze of her father in days past, her husband's gaze would end in a smile. Elaine grew to like that smile. It left one with a pleasing sense of satisfaction. She was very quiet in her place, because quiet had grown a safe habit, with her father's changing moods. Sometimes when Richard Strong was engaged with his figuring she would stealthily regard him. He had a fine strong chin and kindly gray eyes. An often Elaine wondered about that gay little actress, whom Richard had not dared to love. And once, when she gained a brief courage to question concerning the matter, Richard had appeared, for a moment, to fall to recall the charming creature; then he had laughed—it was seldom that Elaine heard the delight of his laughter—and he said: "Yes, I remember; Maizie was a clever little creature, but as for any serious feeling on my part regarding her—" Elaine went one day for a visit to Dora Chalmers. Dora lived some distance away, and it was agreed that Richard's wife should remain a day or two. "The change will do you good," he said heartily. Strangely enough, Elaine wished that he might have demurred, even as early as her father would have done. Richard came home whistling; he had formed a new habit of whistling cheerfully as he went about his home. The maid served, as satisfactorily as though Elaine were there, his evening meal. And afterward, as usual, he read the papers. He had intended to visit the club, but there was no eagerness in his desire. Breakfast was faintly served the following morning; again Richard read his papers. "But some way, Elaine, unobtrusive always, was still a great loss, in her absence, little Richard went up the stairs. The door of Elaine's room was open, and he walked inside. The vase where she left it, with the roses still fresh—curtains draped across shining windows—the sunshine streaming in—and silence. What a silence! Near the dressing table she had dropped a rose-colored handkerchief; Richard stooped to pick it up. And beside the grass-woven work basket was a bit of soft mending. In new and aching loneliness Richard sank into a chintz-covered chair. How empty the little room—how desolately empty the big echoing house—how hopelessly empty his own heart. He might call her back, yet if there were no joy in her coming, if duty alone pleased filial duty perhaps, but not happiness, was in her coming to him what profit his call? He had never spoken love to her he had not believed in love. The empty room had taught him. Not realizing he rested caressing his cheek against the handkerchief that Elaine had dropped. Then—she was before him—the wonder of her gaze turned to smiling "Oh, Richard," she said, "I had to come back; I missed you so."

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DEATHS

Geyer—George Geyer, aged 49 years, died on May 17, at his home, No. 18 Dickinson street. Funeral was held from St. Andrew's Church on May 21st.

O'Neil—Michael O'Neil, aged 55 years, died at his home, No. 1254 St. Paul street, May 18. Funeral was held from St. Bridget's Church May 21.

Wahl—Frank N. Wahl, aged 63 years, died May 18, at the Highland Hospital. Funeral from Holy Redeemer church May 22.

Mungovan—Anna Mungovan, aged 1 month, 26 days, died May 17 at the No. 139 Depew street, Interment at Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

Whipple—Amelia Campbell Whipple died May 18 at her home No. 61 Clay avenue. Funeral from Sacred Heart Church May 21.

Koerner—William Koerner, aged 66 years, died May 19, at the Briar Gibson Home. Funeral from Holy Redeemer church on May 23d.

Cunerty—Michael J. Cunerty, Jr., son of Michael J. and Catherine A. Moore Cunerty, died on May 20 at the Park Avenue Hospital, aged 8 years. Funeral from St. Ambrose church May 23d.

Weber—Mrs. Mary Saille Weber May 19, at No. 26 Lisbon st., aged 54 years. Holy Family church on May 22d.

Lynch—Mrs. Helen McManus Lynch, of No. 26 Beacon street, died at the Homeopathic Hospital, May 21. Funeral from Corpus Christi church May 24th.

Saelens—Jerome A. Saelens, aged 25 years, died in Arcadia, N. Y., May 20. Our Lady of Victory church May 24.

Collins—At Lima, N. Y., May 22, Mary R. Collins, St. Rose Church, Lima, N. Y., on May 24.

Ritz—Robert G. Ritz, aged 10 years and 2 months, at 691 Linden st. St. Boniface church on May 25.

Tobin—Thomas Tobin, aged 43 years, died on May 21. Immaculate Conception church, May 24.

Dougherty—Mrs. Mary J. Dougherty, died at 423 Cedarwood terrace, May 22, aged 60 years. St. John the Evangelist Church May 25.

Bermassi—Anthony Bermassi, died at No. 15 Grove st., May 22. St. Mary's Church, Batavia, N. Y., May 25.

Saul—At Astoria, Long Island, N. Y., May 23, Mary E. Sweeney Saul, aged 30 years. Funeral from St. Monica's church May 25.

Gravel—Mrs. Zepherina Gravel, died May 24 at 65 Woodward st., aged 71 years. Our Lady of Victory church May 26.

Kelly—James G. Kelly, at his home, 53 Cayuga street, suddenly, May 24. St. Mary's Church on May 28.

McSherry—Miss Nellie McSherry died May 23. Funeral from Blessed Sacrament church May 26. Interment at Canandaigua, N. Y.

Weiss—Anna Weiss died at Greece, N. Y., May 24. Funeral from St. John's Church, Greece, May 26. Interment at Holy Sepulcher cemetery.

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