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THE SITUATION IN CHINA.

What effect the Hankow agreement between the British and the Cantonese will have upon the general situation in China remains to be seen. It is announced as the first of similar agreements with regard to other cities, in which the Pekin Government will be asked to join. The most immediately significant feature of the news is that Chen, the Foreign Minister of the Cantonese Government, has resumed conferences with the British Charge d'Affaires. He ended them on the ground that Great Britain was sending troops to Shanghai to protect her nationals. Since he knew that this was to be done before he began them, the insincerity of the pretext was obvious. Perhaps the knowledge that it had been done led him to change his mind. It may be doubted if any Chinese faction really wishes to become involved in hostilities with a foreign Power.

An outline of the terms of the Hankow agreement suggests that Great Britain has done all that is possible to maintain amicable relations with China. The British municipal government is to be succeeded by a Chinese, presumably with conditions for the security of British residents. Such a concession to the spirit of Chinese nationality ought to mitigate animosity between natives and foreigners. But while civil strife continues in China a peaceful settlement of the issues at stake will be difficult. What Chang Tso-Lin will do can only be guessed. Wu Pei-Fu has made it plain that he will not support him. The course Feng will follow remains an enigma. How the conflict between Sun and the Cantonese will turn out is uncertain. Both armies wish to gain control of Shanghai and the large revenue to be obtained thereby. The opportunity of bargaining over the spoils is obvious.

The military leaders will have the last word in any case. Since there is at present small chance that they will agree among themselves, the prospect is that sporadic fighting will go on in spite of all that civilians may do to end it. No one knows what the comparative fighting strength of these leaders may be. It is said that their combined forces number only a million and a half. It will be difficult for any one of them to rule the immense mass of the Chinese people, most of whom know little of what is going on and are far from the scene of conflict. Nor are the troops under arms well disciplined. They loot whatever place they take and assault or murder the inhabitants. In a sense there is no civil war in China—only a series of irresponsible raids.

No Chinese leader has yet shown the ability or the will to enforce discipline; nor has any resisted the temptation to line his own pockets, either by taxes on the people or by selling out to a rival. The Cantonese troops seem to be a more effective force than any of the others; but it is too soon to judge them fairly.

Air service experts says flying is "much safer than standing behind the business end of a mule." Besides which it is generally more satisfactory. When one stands behind the business end of a mule the progress is usually backward.

What China seems to need most is about a month of rain to afford its fighting factions an opportunity to rest on their arms and give their heads a chance.

"The pedestrian is passing," states a traffic expert, but there is still ever-recurring evidence in the hospitals that he isn't doing it with sufficient celerity and dispatch.

A weather forecaster in the South is accused by a newspaper reader of having been mistaken daily for a week.

He must be getting his almanacs from the wrong medicine concern.

A great finger-print expert is the father of seven who can say from an examination of the marmalade on the piano keys whether it was Willie or Junior.

A scientist says that foods too hot for the thumb are too hot for the human stomach. So when little Jack Horner "stuck in his thumb and pulled out a plum" he knew what was what.

Another depressing thought that intrudes in an otherwise peaceful day is that the charity that begins at home is usually that kind.

Perhaps the greatest single factor in Henry Ford's success is that he has never had any active competition in his own particular field.

A melon planter in Louisiana has a device by which his initials are made to grow into the sides of his products. Well, he knows his vegetables.

Not until you are really ordered to diet do you experience the joy of talking about it.

An Iowa town has made it a rule not to give poor relief to owners of automobiles. Who needs it more?

In the Old Days a man didn't ask how the party was last night if he had been there.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

When they begin cutting off heads in China it is a sign that somebody is getting excited.

Politics is what keeps men from admitting the leader of the opposition is great.

Somebody has called Mussolini a figurehead. Thought he was a target.

"If the girl bounces when she sits down" is marked the Man on the Car. "she is young enough to giggle."

A falling off in crossword enthusiasm may be noticed. Something will have to be done to arouse a new interest in life.

It's remarkable the number of men and women who have reached positions of prominence without learning to dance.

Mrs. Caplin is in the "old home" where she will do as she pleases about operating the radio, player piano and victrola at the same time.

A leader is a man who isn't too timid or too lazy to step out in front and say "come on to the crowd. There are a lot of lazy fellows who are always ready to follow."

Some people act as if they are afraid civilization will disappear from the face of the earth. But it was here before they came and it will be here a long time after they have gone.

MAE EDWARDS CO. GOING STRONG AT CAPITOL.

"The Broken Rosary" a four act play was presented at the Capitol Theatre last evening by the Mae Edwards Players in an excellent manner. The house was crowded, fully two hundred were unable to gain admission so great was the demand for tickets. Mae Edwards and Mazie Cecil Klark had splendid parts which they played in a very pleasing manner both being unusually good. The part of Mrs. Proctor in the hands of Peggy Wowness was good she being very deterrent, Carleton Pinckey as Father O'Day was excellent, while Lawrence Hayes as Linty Belair the base ball player was much admired by all. Paul Linton as the old lover was well played, he being the veteran of the cast. Billy Webb and Charlie Downes made a hit in their parts. The play all through was good it was a good true story of society life. The vaudeville acts were up to the average and enjoyed by all as a special attraction the Maloney and Delaney fight pictures were shown which also were good. Tonight "Dancing Youth" is the bill and promises to be very funny there will also be the black bottom dance contest and the fight pictures in addition to the orchestra and other specialties.

A BIG FLEET OF WARSHIPS IN CHINESE WATERS

(Special cable to The Daily Mail by the British United Press)

London, Feb. 25—Sixty-five warships were in Chinese waters the admiralty announced today using the latest statistics available, compiled February 1. These vessels included 12 cruisers, one aircraft carrier, nine destroyers, 12 submarines and 18 gun-boats.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 25—The worst jags are to be made sober quickly by the police. In 45 minutes one may pass from the dead drunk stage to decidedly sober by use of the same machine which by pumping oxygen revives persons overcome by smoke. All police stations here are to be equipped.

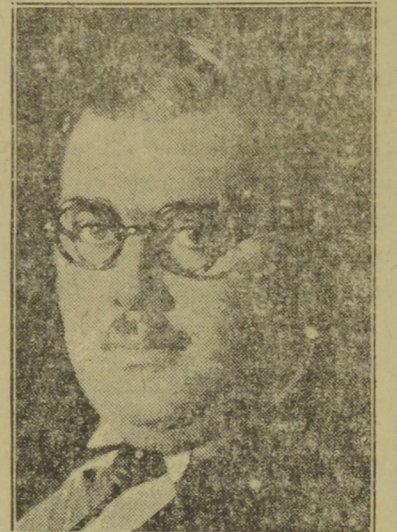
Cash Value of Human Life is Now Tabulated

Statisticians of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company Present Figures

A subject which always has been an interesting speculation—how much is a man worth—is given a new turn in figures just issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in conjunction with details of their business in 1926.

Each individual is worth a certain definite stated sum to himself, his family and his community, a sum which runs into thousands of dollars, even though one may not have a cent to one's name at the moment.

For many years it has been known in a vague way that human capital—that is, the lives of men, women and children—was the nation's greatest asset. But how great an asset it really was and how much it out-ranked the material wealth of the country—real property, live stock,



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machinery, agricultural and mining products and manufactured goods of all sorts—could only be conjectured.

Now it appears that a child at birth is worth \$9,333, considered in terms of dollars and cents. A man aged 30, earning \$50 a week, represents an economic value of \$31,000, while at age 40, earning \$100 a week, his economic worth is \$45,670. Statistics have been gathered in relation to men workers. It is conservatively estimated that future earning capacity of women would be half that of men.

To rear a child from birth to age 18 costs \$7,200, whether a boy or a girl. These are average figures, based on expenses in a family of five, father, mother and three children, with an income of \$2,500. Being born costs \$250. Food is put down at \$2,500, clothing and shelter, \$3,400, education \$50, health, \$234, recreation, \$130, insurance, \$54, and sundries \$570. The item of education does not appear to be adequately covered, but, as a matter of fact it is, because "shelter" includes taxes, which cover the parents' share of the community cost of education.

Figures on Canadian business of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company during 1926 show that the company issues more insurance, has more policyholders and more insurance in force in Canada than any other company. Business written in Canada in 1926 was \$167,862,023, while there were 2,349,904 policyholders. Insurance in force totalled \$704,911,355 in Canada. Payments to Canadian policyholders in 1926 amounted to \$10,079,007.

It is interesting to note that the Metropolitan Life has a total investment in Canada of \$137,770,136, of which Dominion Government Bonds comprise \$48,297,078, Provincial and Municipal Bonds \$40,956,969, and all other investments \$48,516,089.

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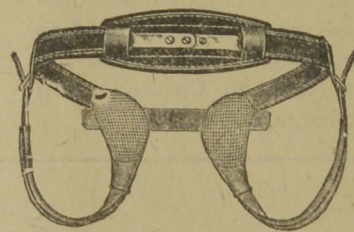
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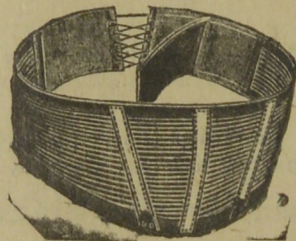
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