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Now for a New Crusade

The season of sin is over. The
caravans are no more with us. We
have passed the last of the ancient
moralities, secure in the feeling
that we have attacked intemper-
ance in its citadel and have routed it
from Meadburg. Checking up, we can
take credit for barring bingo from
the "green" floor show. We have
checked the whirling pin wheels
of the "disabled veterans" carnival.
We put an inglorious end to the in-
tellectual gambling device at the agri-
cultural fair, wherein the sinful laid
nickel wagers as to which hole a
woman would jump through. In so
many ways we have extended our moral
supplies and made them strong in
victory.

So, therefore, palpably, we need
another crusade against gambling
while we are at. Church raffles,
bridge prizes, matching for drinks
at soda fountains, shooting marbles
and checkers, whirling pin wheels
on the pier and urge us into the fray.
Now can we be content while the
memory of the forebears is so at-
tenuated? So, let's be up and at 'em.
New crusade against shooting mar-
bles, whirling pin wheels, check-
ers, and checkers. Let us challenge
the book market, and big poker games,
and horse-pools and the num-
bers racket but somehow we never
get there. Therefore, down with marble
playing!

Law in Kentucky

Dr. Garr didn't turn up for ar-
rangement. Dr. Garr, it was told the
Kentucky court, was sick. The court
was somewhat doubtful that the Doctor
was sick, and the attorney
who the Doctor admittedly knew where
he was. But nothing happened.
The court said that the doctor ought
to be present in person. But —
Somehow we don't like the Garrs.
And we are puzzled about Kentucky
justice, too. The brothers who
were the Garrs, and the attorney
who in what looks most remarkably
like cold-blood. They have put for-
ward the theory, indeed, that they
shot in self-defense. But the news
stories indicate that they shot the
doctor while he was running away, and
did his best to make it a matter of
the Shelbyville hotel. And though the
Shelbyville are just now giving great
currency to that theory of self-
defense, we somehow doubt it. We
are not trying to pre-empt the case,
however. Utting is the decision in
it up to a Kentucky jury. All the same,
we have a hunch that if that jury
really wants to relieve Kentucky of
the suspicion of lawlessness under
which it has sometimes labored, it
ought to go well beyond hanging
Garrs and Utting and the attorney
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The Golden Bough

Somewhere along in his celebrated
wax "Golden Bough," Sir
James G. Fraser affirms that belief
in magic still constitutes the ground-
work of thought among the masses
of all nations, including these United
States, in the twentieth century after
the death of our Lord on the hill
called Calvary. It sounds a little far-
fetched when you are reading Sir J. G.
Fraser's book, but he has to tell
us that beliefs which mankind has
held since the evidence seems com-
monly enough in all faith, and
we are aware from the fact that they

encouraged have sometimes encour-
aged belief in witchcraft among
natives of Mexico.

Pedagogy Note

Young Bruno Mussolini, as all good
little readers of the news dispatches
know by now, is in Spain to "live
dangerously" after the tradition of
his parent, whereunder the highest
glory that come to man is to com-
mit murder — preferably the murder
of women and children.

But there is one thing we trust
Papa Mussolini made quite plain to the
cub before he went — that "living
dangerously" in Spain may not be
so completely without penalty as it
was in Ethiopia. There it was all a
one, but in Spain, it is all a
thing through the clouds and glistening
popping out of existence poor niggers
on the ground below. But the
Spanish government already has
some hundreds of planes and pilots
first-class instruments of harming
death in both cases, and tomorrow
it may have many thousands more.
And every one of those pilots, you
may be sure, will have sworn an oath
to bring low the crest of Bruno Mus-
solini. Maybe, as Papa Mussolini
said, he's a young man, but he's
not only a tourist, but if he stays
in Spain, and if he is not Destiny's un-
exampled darling, Bruno Mussolini
is likely to go home, if ever he goes
home, as worm's meat.

Popkull

Never, after all these years of fol-
lowing the writings of the illustrious
Middlewestern Journalist Ollie Read,
did we allow to disagree with the
gentleman. But now he infringes
upon us and our own sense of
admiration. "Also Georgia" infringes,
and we take pleasure in adding to
the controversy. Read, it seems,
took credit to the Middle West for
"real corn likker." Whereupon, the
Macon (a small town in Georgia)
Telegraph took issue and claimed
"cawn likker" for the South.

The Wrong Way

We are not minded to run the
affairs of Tennessee, but from this dis-
tance it rather looks as if Governor
Browning is proposing entirely too
much to his country, but still. The
Governor alleges that one E. H.
Crump, is so much the boss of Mem-
phis and Shelby county (in which
Memphis is located) that the vote of
Memphis and Shelby county is in
fact only the vote of E. H. Crump,
and that he is in fact in a capacity
to exercise such a conclusive influ-
ence in Tennessee elections that E.
H. Crump is practically the boss of
Tennessee. And to remedy that —
Well, the Governor proposes to en-
act a system under which Memphis
and Shelby county, with an alleged
registration of 10,000, would be ar-
bitrarily reduced from casting one-
fourth of the total vote of Tennessee
to casting one-eighth of that total.
It seems pretty high-handed. We
know nothing about Boss Crump,
but he is not a great favorite of our
correspondent. And maybe, as the
Governor alleges, the registration of
Shelby county is grossly padded. But
if so, let the Governor remember
that this is after all a democratic
country and not a dictatorial one.
Let him go about the slow but
safe business of establishing the
padding of the Memphis registration
at law. And if Boss Crump is wield-
ing undue or illegal power, let that
also be established in the same fashion.
Abuses in a democracy cannot be
removed by depriving any portion of
the people of their just rights.

A CAGEY DIVERSION

WASHINGTON, — Potemkin, a minis-
ter of Catherine of Russia, the one
of the outstanding showmen in history.
He undertook to remake the whole
China, building roads and dams and
even cities in a vast reclamation ad-
ministration. He made such glowing
reports to the emperor about how per-
fect everything was that she decided to
go there and see for herself. She was
so far from herself. Some terri-
ble things showing the failure of parts
of his ambitious program happened right under Cath-
erine's nose as she passed alone—re-
markable how the glitters could have
been seen, but Catherine never saw
them.

Every time anything like that hap-
pened, Potemkin pulled a glittering
scarf on the other side of the road.
Once he even had workmen put up a
fake but magnificent model village,
with only one side to the houses, and
had a Hollywood set for such a movie as
"Lost Horizon," and had the Queen
pass it at a distance, so that she could
see it in beautiful perspective.

Potemkin got away with it. He was
a better showman than Barnum. He had
the same cynical contempt for the
worldly intelligentsia and people in gen-
eral. A sufficiently clever expert in his
art literally get away with anything.

TRICK OF MANY TRADER

It is one of the oldest tricks of the
trade. He kept the eyes of the whole
audience fixed on the glittering balls he
kept in the air on one side of the stage
and thus completely conceals what is
going on on the other side to produce a
seemingly impossible effect. Murders
are said to have been committed in
the night of eye-witnesses, who didn't
see them at all because their whole at-
tention was thus diverted from the ter-
rible thing that was a continuing part
of the whole scene.

Something exactly like that has been
going on here for a month. The Cham-
ber of Horrors was the Supreme Court.
The terrible thing was what the Presi-
dent had made a major blunder that
had hurt him in public esteem, in spite
of his repeated assurances that the peo-
ple are with him even in that and his
insistence that those who thought oth-
erwise, don't know the United States.

MEET FRANKLIN D. POTEMKIN

So while the inevitable result of that
blunder went on to its sickening end and
the greatest court in the world was in
the actual process of being diddled out
of its dignity by a man who had no sense
of justice, the nation's eyes were turned
to a ten-car train and pulled a Potemkin
all the way from the Mississippi to the
Coast and back again, winding up in
Chicago with the most spectacular burst
of fireworks in the world's magic kil-
n. The train was led by the greatest
showman of the age, a man who had
made his name in the world and the
ominous rumble of the distant drums of war.

It was magnificent. Cheering crowds
figuratively singing: "Gloria, gloria,
cresce Charlie! Clap hands, Good-time
charlie!" swarmed over the caravan
and got their money's worth at every
stand.

THE SUBJECT CHANGED

The ears of the calamity howlers and
stay-at-home were slapped down and
knocking out of their heads, but not
permitted to put his fingers in any
blood money. Economic royalists were
kicked about like footballs in punting
practice. Unprecedented promises were
made of better bread and new and more
magnificent circuses. It was one un-
interrupted tour of triumph ending up in
a blinding alley—and in the meantime
the new justice is crumpled in his seat
and the nine-days' stretch on that side
of the stage is slowly drifting out the
window.

Just the Trouble

"You've got this in say for the Presi-
dent—wherever he does, whether good
or bad, is superlatively so. The Court
chapter was as bad as it could be and,
as an act of ingratitude, this tour was
magnificent.

**Gal Wrassle
Is Rapped As
Moral Crime**

**Mat Go Next Monday Will Add
To City's Rep For Lawless
Deeds, He Says**

Dear Sir:
As I go about the country I find that
Chicago is getting the name of being
one of the most lawless communities in
America. There is a suspicion and con-
flict here that is not wanted by the
facts of law observance and good citi-
zenship. It will not help Chicago's
reputation to have a wrestling match
between women as advertised in the
city auditorium for next Monday even-
ing. And I think you know that it is
an event of this kind with all its ac-
commodations mean that a city has
lost its moral sense. This exhibition
should be absolutely prohibited by the
city fathers.

Z. V. DABNEY.

Charlotte, October 8.

**HE FEELS FOR CHINA
BUT NOT TO POINT OF
FIGHTING FOR HER**

Dear Sir:
The league of nations has condemned
Japan. Now Japan, President Frank-
lin D. Roosevelt will indirectly—but
too directly enough—condemned Japan.
Poor U. S. (cont)

It seems that an indolent campaign
is being waged to enlist not only our
sympathies, but our aid, for the Chinese.
Enough that they deserve our sym-
pathy, but can it be ours?

First, they show us news photographs
of the mistreatment of the Chinese.
Not horrible war scenes as shown on
movie screens. Then Madame Chiang
Kai-Shek writes about the struggle of
her country and husband, England
are said to do something but suggests that
the United States should do it. John Bull
being busy trying to run the European
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France Turns Right

(New York Times)

A Government does not issue a for-
mal communique after a Cabinet meet-
ing unless it has important decisions to
announce. The statement made by the
French Ministers after their extraordi-
nary session last Saturday gives a plain
indication of a change in internal policy.
France is still governed by the Popular
Front, but a Front in which the lead
has passed from the Socialists to the
Radical Socialists, the conservatives of
the Left coalition. The communique
marks a strategic retreat. From the
course charted when M. Blum took of-
fice fifteen months ago. Having or-
dered an immediate inquiry into the
reasons for the lag in production which
narrows the export market and in-
creases domestic prices, the Govern-
ment gives notice that the findings will
be firmly applied to labor as well as
capital. This means the modification
of the forty-hour week when necessary
and strict measures against violations
of collective agreements and sit-down
strikes.

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