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The Bishops Lawrence
At Rev William Appleton Lawrence, consecrated yesterday as Protestant Episcopal bishop of Western Massachusetts, enters upon a period of service that is expected to be of diversified fruitfulness in the total religious and community life of the region within the bounds of the diocese.

According to church custom, it was the consecrating officer who conveyed the message of the day, and Bishop William Lawrence, at 86, showed the disposition to survey calmly the problems of the church and the world that has long been expected of this eminent churchman and revered citizen.

In this country the churches encounter no aggressive ill will among any substantial group of the population. The opposition lies in indifference rather than hostility, and this problem is to combat a growing secularism of thought and feeling.

Hayden Foundation

Charles Hayden, senior partner of the banking and brokerage house of Hayden Stone & Co, who died last week at the age of 66, had given careful and devoted thought to the disposal of his fortune, which, it is believed, has a present value of nearly \$50,000,000.

Department Buildings

One of the more remote yet certain consequences of the adoption of President Roosevelt's plan for the reorganization of the federal departments, and the addition of two cabinet officers, will be the addition of two new department buildings.

Mr Hayden's money will assist young men to obtain an education. It will assist the building and equipment of clubs and recreation centers which will be surrounded with constructive moral influences.

Americans can only express gratitude at the dedication of another great fortune to public welfare.

The Western Air Disasters

In spite of the great increase in passenger air traffic in this country last year, the succession of recent disasters in the far West will tend to place some curb on further increase, particularly during the winter months, unless ways can be found to reduce the dangers from which the disasters have resulted.

In the accident in California in which Martin Johnson, the African explorer, was fatally injured together with at least one other passenger, both pilots, at last reports, had survived. Their testimony as to how the plane happened to crash on a hillside as it neared Los Angeles should soon be available.

A year ago there were charges after a number of accidents nearer the center of the continent, in one of which the late Senator Cutting of New Mexico had been killed, that the radio beam from certain landing fields was not functioning properly.

So far as has yet appeared, no question of the functioning of the radio beam has been raised in connection with the California disasters. But the planes seem most likely to have crashed from one of two causes, unless from both.

Capt Tillinghast, who was reported as having suffered a broken ankle, has had unusual air experience, having served both as a flying instructor and as a pursuit pilot in the war.

Passenger air traffic will go on, but the present situation, so far as concerns winter flight, presents some critical problems.

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Omaha is startled by the discovery that a woman who has died at the age of 63 after begging on its streets for 25 years, had a \$400 bank balance, insurance policies "for about the same amount, and a \$75 fur coat.

portant qualification in government finance. Nor should those particular costs bulk very large compared with increased efficiency, if increased efficiency is attained. New buildings may eventually be the most obvious result of the reorganization plan; but it will not be, and should not be, the question of buildings which determines the adoption or rejection of the plan by Congress at this session.

Judicial Council's Report

The 12th report of the judicial council of Massachusetts—just made public, though bearing the date of last November—sustains the council's record of intelligent and helpful review, analysis and recommendation respecting the system of administering justice in the commonwealth.

The council notes that criticism of the district courts is directed more often at the system than at the personnel and expresses the opinion that the administration of the courts has been, on the whole, better than it has generally been credited with being.

A second plan would classify the district courts (exclusive of the Boston municipal court) in two groups, those in the first group having statewide jurisdiction, the judges giving full time service and being prohibited from practicing law.

Mr Hurley is not a familiar type. He is a new type in politics. He has much of the new youth of the time in his personality and way of life.

As for the two anniversaries, these are of widely different spreads of time, and deal with different matters. The younger, the suburb Hyde Park is preparing to observe the 25th anniversary of its annexation to Boston.

John Francis Fitzgerald is, however, an active and important figure in countless public matters, intensely eager in the city's growth and improvement. When he was in the thick of municipal politics his slogan was, as many will remember, "A bigger, better and busier Boston."

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What a long way civilization in this country has traveled in those two centuries, in this matter of common sense as in California and is fought by the fruit growers in much the same fashion. The upset which has diverted a great part of this winter's cold to semitropical regions is a widespread misfortune.

There is pathetic interest in the unearthing of 10 more skeletons at Pompeii, but the archeologists will learn more from the possessions with which they were trying to escape, including gold, silver and bronze coins, metal bracelets, and pins in a jewel casket. Did they

Whiting's Boston Letter

By E. E. WHITING

Boston, Jan. 13.—Something of special interest in music; two anniversary; an array of hospitals and clinics; the expansion of insurance protection for the afflicted; workmen's compensation laws; safer life on the sea; and now the amazing and gigantic social security program on which the country is setting forth.

Or, to mention politics, here we are launched on a new deal of our own, with such changes on Beacon hill as amaze, so accustomed had we become to the regime that has held forth there for the past two years.

One may write or talk of the Curley administration from any one of several points of view. We do not now undertake to analyze it, or weigh its merits or defects. However, thoughts on the vicissitudes of politics and human effort come inevitably to mind.

The new governor, Charles F. Hurley, is an interesting man, of course. No man who has so advanced in political power could fail to be that.

Miss Blackwell says she wishes women had made better use of their suffrage. Well, so do we all; and so do we wish that mankind in all democratic countries had made better use of the right to vote, or the privilege of voting.

Women might have been more intelligent and more beneficently effective in their voting; and so we wish that men and emperors and kings and dictators, tycoons, satraps, czars, and all the rest of the promulgating puppets of ambition and greed and hope and idealism and whatever moves men through the world and through the years—so do we all wish they had made better use of their opportunities and their powers.

What the extension of the suffrage to women has taught those who needed teaching is that the human race runs about the same, in the larger issues, regardless of sex. We have watched politics in large and small nations for a good many years, and we do not find that there is very much important difference in the way "the game" (to those who take it so) is played, whether the politician is a man or a woman; and we do not find that women react with any remarkable difference from men, to the major issues before the electorate.

Another note of pessimism or discouragement was sounded here during the week at the seventh annual meeting of the Association for the Extension of University Education in Dentistry, which was submitted to the longest-named of all current activities; perhaps they call it the A. A. U. E. D. Dr. Frederick C. White, teacher of histology at Western Reserve medical school, said in his 35 years of teaching he had "never found a teacher showing a student how to study."

It is very difficult, telling a student how to study, Richard Washburn Child, who did some good writing, once told us his method. He said he looked himself at the morning, and a delightful lunch with Mrs. Gardner and the ladies of the Senate. It is always a pleasure to see them all when they return.

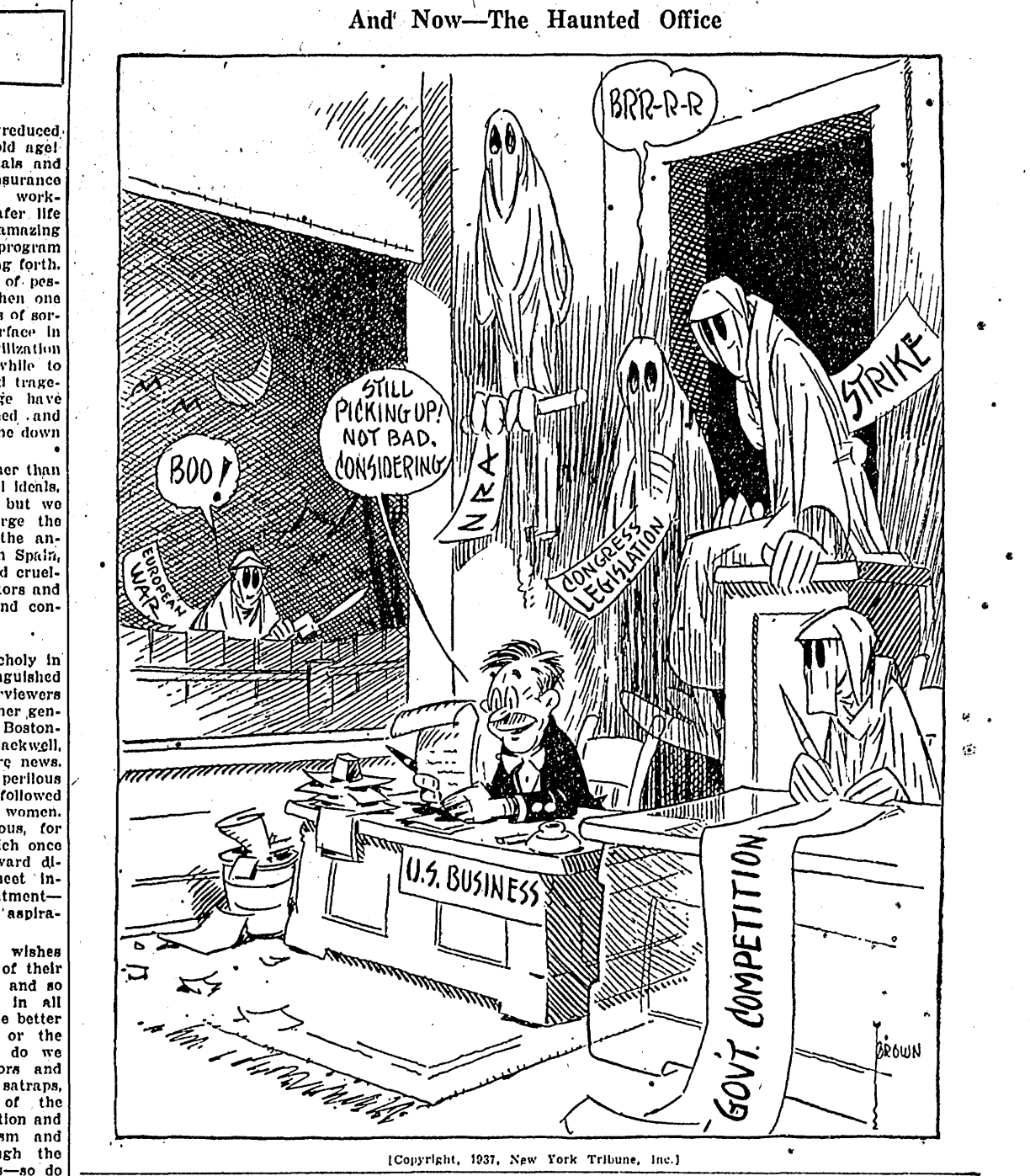
I think all of us were grieved and shocked this morning to find that human beings can sink so low as the kidnaper of the little Mattie boy. To treat a child so cruelly is inconceivable, even if it is done because of panic and fear. One hates to acknowledge that human nature, no matter what it has gone through, can so degenerate to the helplessness of a child.

There is nothing that can ever be done to alleviate the suffering of the parents when children are taken away from them in this cruel way, but something can and should be done to wipe this crime out of our country, and I hope the agents of justice will be given full cooperation in every possible way.

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THE WORLD OF BOOKS

PAUL L. DUNBAR

Biography and Estimate of Negro Poet

It seems hardly possible that Paul Laurence Dunbar has been dead almost 31 years, after a life that spanned less than 34. His career has frequently been rehearsed briefly, and now has he achieved a biography all to himself.

My Day

By ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Washington, Jan. 12.—At the second of two teas yesterday afternoon, the couple who came through last paused a minute and the lady said: "Wouldn't it be very pleasant, Mrs. Roosevelt, to have a day without any hours in which you had to do pre-arranged things?"

Of course, we all of us want days when we can wake up in the morning and say: "I can do just as I like this whole day through." There are, however, comparatively few people in the world who have the chance to do this, except for short snatches of time, part of a day here and there.

Men have been able to do it more often than women because when they cast off business cares they may perhaps also cast off family cares. But women, many of them at least, when they have families dependent upon them, whether they are the daughters or the mothers, can very rarely lay aside their business cares and be confronted with a constant succession of adjustments to the wants and pleasures of others.

His original handicap of poverty was overcome only to be followed by pulmonary trouble, which made work and living itself increasingly difficult for seven years until his untimely death. He had by pen and voice made a large place for himself in literary circles. He tried nine years to break into the Century magazine.

On that occasion Dunbar read a number of his poems. As the applause died down after "When Malindy Sings," the poet turned to the editor, Richard Watson Gilder, and smilingly said: "That's one you sent back." "We'll take it yet," said Gilder, but Dunbar answered that another magazine had accepted it.

A BACKWARD VIEW

[Hartford Courant]

The 1st congressional district of Massachusetts produces Republicans as stalwart as the Berkshire hills that enfold it, and in Allen T. Treadway it has a representative after its own heart. The declaration of Mr. Treadway that he purposes to oppose the renewal of the presidential authority delegated under the reciprocal trade agreements act may accord with the orthodox tariff views of his constituents, but Republicans elsewhere will hope that he does not

REVISED 12-MONTH CALENDAR

To the Editor of The Republican:—

During the latter part of November, a number of newspapers throughout the country printed a dispatch from Washington entitled, "New calendar urged by U. S. cabinet heads," in which it was erroneously stated that the Central Statistical board, a federal government agency, backed up the 13-month calendar fully in its recent proceedings. It did no such thing. Such are not the facts in the case. The government is not supporting the 13-month calendar.

A new arrangement of the 12-month calendar called the "World Calendar," is being considered for adoption, both by the United States government and by leading foreign nations. Calendar reform of the perpetual 12-month equal-quarter basis has won support and approval in England, France, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Scandinavia, Greece, Turkey, Switzerland and elsewhere throughout the world.

The Church of England, the American Episcopal church and other great Christian denominations, under the leadership of the Universal Christian council, are advocating that calendar reform be enacted in 1939—to include a permanent fixed date for Easter.

The Roman Catholic church is favorable to the reform and labor organizations supported the movement through a recent meeting of American states at Santiago, Chile, and under the world leadership of the International Labor office at Geneva.

It would surprise no one in Washington should President Roosevelt use his great power to carry this reform through to international adoption during the next few months.

CHARLES C. SUTTER, Director, World Calendar Association, Inc. New York city, January 8, 1937.

DEMOTED

[Rail] "What did she do when he broke off the engagement?" "Oh, she just hung her engagement ring on to her right hand and stalked out."

The Golden Books

The Happiest Heart [John Vance Cheney] Who drives the horses of the sun Shall lord it but a day; Better the lowly dew were done, And kept the humble way. The rust will find the sword of fame, The dust will hide the brow; Ah, none shall call so high his name Time will not tear it down. The happiest heart that ever beat Was in some quiet breast That found the common daylight sweet, And left to Heaven the rest.