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THE BANANA CONTRACT WORLD AFFAIRS

Following are the terms of the Banana Contract signed between the Secretary of State for Commerce & Finance of Costa Rica and Mr. M. M. March as representative of The United Fruit Co.

1st. The Company agrees whether directly or by means of individuals, or affiliated or associated Companies to plant for exportation at least 3,000 hectares of Bananas of which at least one half must be in the Atlantic Zone, 1500 Hectares must be planted within three years from the signing of the Contract, and the rest within the succeeding two years.

The Co. will select the areas most convenient for such cultivation and will advise the Minister of Public works and agriculture where such lands are selected for his publication.

2nd. The Company agrees to facilitate private growers in the Atlantic Zone to plant another 3,000 hectares, making the necessary Contract for the purchase & receiving of the fruit, under similar conditions as exists at present; such Contracts being for no less a period than five years duration, renewable when applied for.

3rd. For the proper manipulations of the Areas planted the Co. will have the right to Construct Railroads, Tramways, branches or deviations within such lands under her control or dependence; or to remove, extend or change such constructions as are found necessary.

The government will give every facility for the transportation & exportations of such fruit without any special privileges. The

Company will be exempt from Customs duties for all materials needed for such Construction, repairs or maintenance of traffic of such Roadways. Such privileges cease in those regions that the lands are exhausted and the Company will have privilege of taking up the materials used in such plantations. For these conditions, in case the Company has to pass through government land she can occupy twenty metres in width without any indemnity whatever for such use.

4o In case the owners of fruit rejected by the receivers or arbitrators apply for the transportation of such fruit to any point along the line, the Company agrees to transport them at 1/2 the Rate of existing freight tariff without any unnecessary undue delay to render them unfit for marketable use.

5th. This Contract comes in force as soon as it becomes law by sanction of Congress, from which time the Co. agrees to pay two cent U. S. currency per stem exported as an Exportation Tax; and the government guarantees that the Industry shall not be subjected to any other Taxation or Impuesto, except the territorial Tax for twenty years ending on 29th Oct. 1950.

The Company agrees to accept an Arbitration Board in case of what is considered by the producers undue rejection of marketable fruit; it also agrees to cease its Commercial activities in the Interior, as well as to reduce by 25 per cent its railroad and Ocean freights for the transport of vegetables & fruits that may be shipped from Costa Rica to Cristobal.

A consolidated Europe

Germany has accepted in principle the project put forward before the League by Premier Briand that there should be a closer understanding between the different countries of Europe, by which he advocates the formation of a United States of Europe. Spain is also in hearty accord with the idea. How Uncle Sammy would view this attitude is left to be seen.

President Hoover & Congress

There is a serious difference of feelings growing between President Hoover and Congress, due to the project being advocated of creating a Pension for War Veterans: He says that the Project is bad, and it would be a very sad spectacle to public gaze; should they fix such glaring examples of subterfuge before the people; for it implies an expenditure of \$ 40,000,000 annually which is unnecessary, because the Veterans are already amply provided for by other measures.

U. S. Immigration

Due to the very serious problem of unemployment in the United States, Republican representative Cable of Ohio has presented a Bill before Congress, for placing power into the hands of the President to limit or suspend all immigration into the Country until the difficulty be solved.

Great Fire in Chicago

Chicago 25.--Two Hangars, and 27 aeroplanes have been destroyed by an immense fire here at the Municipal Aerodrome Port, losses put at \$ 2,000,000.

Rupture between Britain & the Holy Sede

Due to political interference by the Santa Sede over Lord Strickland's rule at Malta, The government of His Majesty King George has had to send a sharp note of reprimand to the Vatican.

The Pope demands the withdrawal of Lord Strickland from Commissionship of Malta. Lord Passfield Secretary for the Colonies, replies that such interference would be countenanced by His Majesty's government, hence there is a rupture between these two Kingdoms.

St. Paul's Cathedral

The reopening of St. Paul's Cathedral was an event that surpasses all prior religious solemnities of its kind. The Cathedral has been undergoing thorough repairs and renovation and was reopened on 26th ultimo.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of York and other members of the Royal family were present at this most imposing Ceremony.

A Parliamentary fight

Bernes 26.--For the first time in history has a fight occurred in the Swiss Parliament. A Communist Deputy changing expressions in a debate with a Catholic Deputy, went from insulting words to blows which lasted for five minutes, and was only ended by the timely intervention of their Colleagues.

Oldest Parliament

The oldest Legislative Chamber of continuity was that opened

by the King & Queen of Denmark & Islandia on the island of Islandia on Thursday last.

The Crown Princes of Norway & Sweden were present and thousands of other world dignitaries. This is the one thousandth opening of this Parliament and the opening speech from the throne was delivered in open air on the same rock on which the parliament was first inaugurated one thousand years ago.

The Bay was thronged with ships and the Royal Salute was accorded, and the Kingdom expressed its intention of joining the League of Nations.

Government fellan

The President of Bolivia has been forced by the rebels to abdicate his seat, and taken refuge in the American Legation at La Paz.

The Conservative party have proclaimed the candidature of Luis Calvo, and the Labour party has lunched that of Bautista Saavedra as President of Bolivia.

Italy and France

Relationship between Italy and France have not been very Cordial but especially since the Naval Conference misunderstanding,

and now we find the Bro. of the Duce Mussolini, Senior Arnaldo Mussolini speaking in very unmisgiving tones of the feelings of Italy to France, in the official Organ - "El Popolo D Italia" - He says France similarly commits lying pacifist movements meanwhile covering up her ambitions & ideals of omnipotence; she prepares for war with Italy by inciting the populace and the political parties.

We well know that she has ordered the Construction of great Fortifications and Armaments of this year, while Briand tries to surprise the World with his anti-war proclamation.

Italy cannot fold her arms in order to convert herself into an easy victim of France and her hypocrites. For these reasons, although it may surprise the world, be it known that we too are Arming, but it sends us that the entire world may know why we are doing it. This is an orderly attack against French projects on her new Armaments, which is considered a grave menace to Italy & confirms in all its phases the recent expressions of the Premier.

An Explanation

Limón June 23rd 1930.

Dear Mr. Editor:

In behalf of one of the Societies mentioned in your last issue. Which Mr. Pedro Marshall has tried to hold up to public ridicule. I crave space in your valuable columns to retaliate to Mr. Marshall's lying abuses; so that the intelligent public may be able to find a place for Don Pedro and his associates.

Now? to commence with Don Pedro's false statements, he claims, that not one of the bodies to which his wife belonged; ever looked in to see how she would be interred. To this I would say Don Pedro is as for from the truth, as the Poles are from each other. As it was definitely arranged, months before his wife, death, that the three Societies would undertake the carrying through of her interment. She choosing her Maiden order to be the leading party, hence there was no necessity for asking him what is to be done with the dead? As he claims that one prominent member had asked him.

What really happened is the night after she died. There was a large crowd, (as is customary in Limón) and in that crowd, there were representatives of her three Societies. So we met and after a short discussion among ourselves we decided to approach him, with a view of finding out from him, what steps we should take, whether the body would remain at his home, or it would be taken to the Lodge hall, and other minor details, which would only need slight reassuring for us to arrive at some understanding, and then proceed to business. But alas! To our great surprise, the rebuff came in this way. Nine of us approached him and one prominent member said to him. Well Don Pedro, we have come to find out from your

step you intend to take so that we may follow. That is all we ever had the chance to say to him. When he retorted in a bear-like manner; I dont want no half and half business, if you Lodge people cant bury my wife independently I and my son will bury her, and you all better leave my yard in quick time. These expressions where supplemented with others that had not been heard from any other tongue than that of Don Pedro and his likes.

Truly he has said that if it were not for the U. F. Co. & The Burial Scheme Association his distress would be shovnn more; but I would say, it he had not given way to ignorance, then the picture would have been drawn differently.

But as Don Pedro is known to be the annoyance of civility, the destroyer of reasons and the allevies benefactor, then we trust that the intelligent public for whom this is writ, ten, will easily estimate Don Pedro's calibre and give him due credit for his vorvorthy actions.

Thanking you Mr. Editor, While I have the honour to be Yrs fraternally

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A Boundary Landmark

By the Diario of Costa Rica we note attention is being called to the effect that the waters of the rivers Colorado and Taura near the Nicaraguan border have been drawing off such a considerable flow from that of the river San Juan, that this latter which constitutes the boundary line between the two countries is getting more & more unnavagable, pointing out in consequence the necessity (so as to avoid the possibility of a dispute) of replacing the old boundary stakes which existed from the occupation of the Spaniards.

It was the intention of Spain to have opened up a waterway between the two Oceans using the facilities afforded by the waters of the river San Juan and the Lake Nicaragua the route was marked out as far back as the year 1785 by two Spanish Engineers Craumer and Jasi who seemed to have placed these landmarks there, which have always been acknowledged as the Boundary mark between Nicaragua and Costa Rica; but in the year 1889 they got washed away, and in the year 1905 on the 15th June congress provided that these "Mojonnes" should be replaced, but nothing was ever done, but as the old route is now being changed slightly by the new surveys of the American Engineers, and the mouth of the San Juan is getting unnavagable by the flow of water getting

away into the Colorado, it is necessary that something should be done in agreement with the government of Nicaragua to renew the position of these posts, so as to avoid a dispute in the future; as is occurring on the Southern boundary with Panama, for inasmuch as the Commission which sat on that dispute by the war of 1921, defined the boundary line quite distinctly between Panama and Costa Rica, awarding the Territory of Coto to Costa Rica, yet Panamanians are not satisfied and are continually encroaching and causing trouble, and it would not be surprising if any day bloodshed is caused by that boundary question.

A New Monument

It is noticed that the Northern space of the gardens of the Metropolitan Cathedral is being cleaned and prepared; this we learn is for the purpose of erecting a monument for the memory of our illustrious late Bishop of Costa Rica His Excellency Bishop Stork.

Politics

There is a project on foot before Congress for making the necessary number of adherents to any Political Party two thousands as the requisite for choosing a President of the Republic and for naming Deputies to Congress 500.

News of Siquirres

A New Foresters Hall

Siquirres, June 27.—The Forester (Court Mt. Hermon, No 9665) of this town have scored another bit of success by their having secured a suitable spot for the erection of a building of their own. And Monday, 16th, was really a Foresters' Day when over eight hundred members of all crafts associated themselves in the stone-laying ceremony of that day. A procession, headed by a band of music, from the present lodge rooms to the politica jefatura where a salute to the flag was made, marked the opening of the proceedings.

The programme followed at the service was: the singing of the hymn "Toiling On";

Scripture reading (1 Kings VI 1-22) by Bro. Fitzalbert Barrett, P. C. R., of Court Galead, Limon; an address by Bro. Frank Abel, of the Mt. Hermon Court, which dealt in in the main with the history & progress of the court from the time of its inception in 1913; the unveiling of the plan by Bro Benjamin Sankey, S. P. C. R., of Court Galead; and the laying of the corner stone by the last named officer.

Deposited in the stone was a sealed vial containing a scroll which bore the name of the layer there of as well as a list of the names of the officers of the court; species of coins of the United States currency, as suggesting that this country was a part of the American Empire.

An Orchestra

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High handedness

On Tuesday last an occurrence happened in Limon which does not tend to harmonize the goodwill of the Community on the side of the Company's Officers. It appears that a young man named David Aiken had been employed in the merchandise Dept. U. F. Co. in the Bocas Division and seem to have been short in his stock in the business, and in consequence made his way over here, he has since been working on the Pacific side, but came to Limon some weeks ago and found work with Mr. Jaspas Francis as a chauffeur.

The Accountant Mr. Croutz on hearing that Aiken was in town, gave instructions to his "Special service gang" to have him kidnapped and placed on a gasoline Car and put across the border secretly as was done with another man some two months ago, to be tried and sent to prison in Panama. Hence on Tuesday evening at about two o'clock Mr. J. E. Nelson the chief of staff of the Company's protective force and four Stalworth men, blockaded Aiken in his automobile at the corner of 2nd. Avenue and 2nd Street

with the idea of taking him out the Car to be placed on the gasoline Car which was waiting a block away at the Railway Station. So soon as his friends and Mr. Francis heard of this, they gathered around the Car and resented the attempt, and applied to the Police Dept. for protection, asking that he be taken to the Cuartel to prevent his being kidnapped, which was done. Mr. Croutz was immediately called by the Commandante who explained the fact of Aiken's being wanted on the other side to render accounts, but our Commandante Mr. Rogelio Gutierrez told him that was not the way to proceed about it, and acquainted the Minister of public Safety of the occurrence, on account of which an investigation has been ordered, with a view of punishing those who are responsible for this attempt at this new departure, kidnapping in Costa Rica. Much credit is due to Mr. Francis for his courageous activity in this matter; as due to his pluck alone was this barefaced act frustrated. The second of his kind in two months.

cas; a species of Costa Rican coins.

The ceremony was followed by an elaborate reception & dance, which bore evidence of the good will existing amongst the various fraternal organizations operating here, & between them & the general public as well.

The building when completed will be the most imposing structure of its kind in this town; as well as being the only other lodge room owned here by a fraternal society, the Progressive (Mechanics) having been the only body up to now owning its own rooms.

The work is in charge of Mr. Charles Rhoden of Limon & is likely to be completed by August next. It will occupy 1,758sq feet of ground space.

Children's Service

The Wesleyan Sunday School & choir rendered a very fine service here on Tuesday night, 17th before a fairly large audience, whose behaviour suggested the high appreciation in which the various items of the programme were received. The solos by Misses Petgrave, Drummond, and others were all of a very high order; while Miss Drummond's dissertation on her love affairs deserves repetition more than comment; Mr. Corniffe spoke briefly on "Education & Culture."

The Programme was followed by a short address by Dr. C. A. Shavv, who presided, after which the Doxology was Sung.

A Wedding

There were married in the St. Mary's Anglican church here on Saturday, 21st. June, Mr. Reginald Lindsay, of the Railroad Dep. & of the U. F. Co., & Miss Rose Mais, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mais of this town.

A fairly large audience witnessed the ceremony, which was in deed a very fine one and among those present as guests were: Mr. Walter Chambers (best man), Miss Ida Francis (chief bridesmaid), Dr. C. A. Shavv, Mr. Mac Donald (Northern Railroad), Miss Mills, Mrs. Weeks, and Mr. P. L. Bedvvard (Organist).

In place of an address the Anthem "Love Divine" (Indefinite) was rendered, Miss Mary Binns being soloist.

After the Ceremony the party repaired to the home of the bride's parents where a reception was held.

Rev. Cecil Rycart of the St. Mark's Church, Limon, officiated.

BY CYRILLO

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Mr. Lindo thinks of planting 1000 Hectares of Bananas

In an interview by a reporter of Diario Costa Rica, with our banana king Mr. Cecil V. Lindo he points out the stupidity of some people who argue that our present Contract would be tying us hand & foot to the U. F. Co. and thus eliminating the possibility of competition in the country, he shows that while the Co. is compelled to buy from us, we are not compelled to sell to her; on the contrary he says that if one stu-

dies the present Contract, it is the Co. that is tied by her compromises to the Country.

He asserts he was not thinking of Bananas but if the present contract is passed in Congress he will pledge himself to plant 1000 hectares of Bananas; because under the terms of the present Contract, there is nothing to prevent himself or any one else to put up a strong Competition with the Company.

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The fate of The Banana Contract

Up to the time of issue the fate of the Banana Contract, a translation of the five principal clauses of which appears in another column of this issue has not been decided. Congress having placed it in the hands of a Parliamentary Committee on finance Agriculture and public improvements for their discussions, but from our conversations in influential quarters, it is gathered that there is amajority of Deputies in favour. It could hardly be expected that there should be a very influential reasonable opposition to the present ar-

rangements.

Almost every really influential man and bodies of gentlemen are agreed that nothing better could be expected at this moment; in fact is every class of the government has the upper hand, being so vastly superior to the first proposition; hence by next week it is almost sure that our troubles will be over because it is well understood that those who are today posing as patriots as opposed to the Co. could not help the Country, if the U. F. Co. was to abandon the industry here.

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Limon July 1st, 1930.

To the Editor of THE SEARCHLIGHT:

Dear Sir:

Kindly grant me space in your valuable paper to bring to the notice of the Authorities and especially the Officials of the U. F. Co., a certain practice that is being indulged in by the Medical Supt. of the Limon Hospital to the detriment of the Automobiles plying for hire in this town.

The practice alluded to above is the use of the Hospital Ambulance for conveying parties including visiting guests from the Zone to various points in the town, such as R.R. Stations, Docks, Post Office, Theatre etc. A

Party of visitors arriving on the Patores last, which was entertained that way to the chagrin of the few autos who had parked at the Custom-house in anticipation of the trade.

The competition of the U. F. Co.'s employees Buses is bad enough but with the Ambulance thrown in, the situation is faced with disaster if some thing is not done to abolish this breach of the Public Health Service. Why not confine the Ambulance to the Sick Bed & Dying and allow the Automobiles to earn a livelihood so they can purchase Gas, oil, Tires etc. from the Company's Store.

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Manhata Ghandi and his Revolution without violence

For the benefit of those of our friends who are not thoroughly acquainted with the man who has invented a novel system of defying Imperialism, we have acquired a few dates which we here detail.

MANHATA GHANDI OR MOHANDAS KARAMCHAND GHANDI is 61 years old, the son of an ex Prime Minister. He studied law in London, but from his youth he demonstrated a very reserved nature which developed into shyness and awkwardness, and very probably on account of the antipathy which he nursed in his heart towards British domination in his country, he did not take all the advantages of English customs and training being afraid that such might have influenced the emotion and fervor that was inborn in him in respect to India; and what he always thought as England's illegitimate possession of his country.

Still he studied enough law to entitle him to the honors of the profession, in so much that in the year 1893 he creditably defended some Indian traders in Natal South Africa.

He showed more inclination for public service than for law. He gave valuable service to the British Government not only in his own country but especially during the Boer war, but with all this he never lost his identity as a champion of the cause of the Indian laborers and traders. Having once served on a Committee of investigation when the Indian planters and peasants question developed into a riot, he placed as one of the conditions of his sitting on the Committee that he retain his identity as guide and advisor of the rioters, and to which condition the English found it convenient to accede.

On another occasion he led a successful strike for the mine workers of Ahmedabad giving out as one of the conditions of the strike that the laborers were not to resort to violence.

From what we have gathered of the life of Ghandi we have come to the conclusion that he is not alone a great thinker, but he has splendid material for profound thinkers, for he realizes that his country people are not prepared to establish a revolution of violence against the great English Empire, however with the flames of love for his country burning ardently in his heart, and satisfied that England's rights towards the possession of India is a consequence of force, power and Imperialism, he revolutionizes in

a manner that perplexes the great English Government by establishing Civil Disobedience, in other words he defies the most powerful Government on earth without raising an arm, and in this way he infuses in his people a consciousness of their rights towards their country which all the cannons of the world will be unable to eradicate.

Ghandi orders in the Civil disobedience the restraint from violence, and he further advises them that they lose no opportunity of opening themselves to violence from the hand of their oppressors in exercising their rights. He knows that an attempt at violence from the Indians would give England an excuse for annihilating him and his countrymen and fill them with dread to continue in their protestations. He knows that Civil disobedience exercised by the subdued, in retaliation based upon force and lack of legality, arrests even the thoughts of the oppressor. And he knows that violence inflicted by the English on his countrymen will bring sympathy for the world to them. It was the world sympathy of the English that influenced Ghandi's determination to oppose British rule and domina-

tion, when General Dyer caused to be killed over 400 Indians simply because the Indians gathered in the Ounjab district to protest in a public square of the extraordinary measures of severity taken by the English on account of some slight disorders which took place in Armistar, then boasted that he could have broken up the meeting without firing a shot, but that he had determined to teach a lesson.

But it is the old policy of the Anglo Saxon race whether in Europe or in America, whether in dealing with individuals or communities, to emphasize torture and dread, and to avoid certaining or meeting other races on a platform of equal rights.

Ghandi always opposed English domination, but he patronized it, as on the whole he thought it best for India, but when this shameful massacre of his countrymen came about he unmasked himself definitely as its uncompromising foe and denounced the British Government as "Satanic."

East Indians may not be ready to hold their place in the great concert of nations and as Prof Roberts says,

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The Electrical Disputes

This continues as intense as it ever was. The Servicio Nacional de Electricidad, a Board appointed by the government, with Ex-President don Alfredo González Flores as its President, for controlling prices of Electrical current etc. has been in open warfare with the Electrical Companies (all foreign Corporations) in such curtailments, and has now passed a Law through Congress which has tendency the curtail the rights & privileges of the Company, obtained by a contract & Concession granted on 31 st. Dec. 1905 for

fifty years. Don Ricardo Jiménez, don Luis Anderson and other great Jurists claim this law unworkable being in contravention of the Constitution on Contracts, by which it is claimed that no new Law can operate in a retrospective ordinance on any Contract.

In the meantime the A. E. G. Company has handed over their job of electrifying the Pacific Railway and constructing the water power for generating the necessary Electrical force for running this Railway as complete; and it is discovered by the inspection of an American Electrical Expert that away from the Power needed for running the Railway there is enough force that could be utilized for harnessing Industries, lighting etc. that would be able to bring an income to the government of \$ 8,000 daily; the problem now before the Servicio Nacional de Electricidad is what shall be done with this surplus power. If the Contract with the Electric Companies could be broken there would a matter of \$ 3,000,000 per annum to the government, What shall be done is the question?

In the meantime the A. E. G. a German Co. which undertook the Contract for electrifying the Pacific Ry claim that by an error in calculation of theirs, they are the losers by \$ 1,800,000 on this Contract.

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Limon, 26 de Junio de 1930.

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The 4th July

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ington the great father of the American Nation, that gave him the first place in the hearts of his countrymen, because his enthusiasm for his country found him always first at war, and first at Peace; and so also that some spirit was found uppermost in the breasts of the great enthusiasts of Liberty Lincoln, and Franklin and the others which seem handed down in the make up of every true American citizen. On this glorious day of American citizenship, THE SEARCHLIGHT begs to tender its hearty congratulations to the Representatives in Costa Rica of the wonderful American Nation, for the colossal strides made in so short a lapse of years that has brought her to be one of the ruling factors of world affairs today in Finance, in Science, in Education and in Industry.

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Jottings of American happenings

Consolidation of stores

The United Stores Corporation has taken over the United Cigar Stores Company, the United Tobacco Company, and the Tobacco Products Corporation. We remember, years ago, when they were expressly forbidden by the courts to do anything of the sort. But anything goes now.

One third of the retailers in all lines are now standing with their backs to the wall and will be the next to go. The facts show that they are taking in an average of less than \$ 8 a day, and they can not get enough out of that to keep going. Moreover, canvassing among these storekeepers, they admit that they are at the end of the rope.

The consolidation of the Sears Roebuck Company, with its 300 stores and immense mail order business, with the J. C. Penney Company, with its 1200 stores, brings into the merchandising field a concern that has an outlet of \$ 625,000,000 a year. How can a small merchant buy in competition with such a colossus? There are 328 chain drug organizations in the country, operating 2725 stores. A department store merger in New York, with branches in Brooklyn, Boston and Columbus, has annual sales of ... \$ 106,000,000.

A FOOD COMBINE COMING

The time is at the door when there will be a food combine. Many see it coming. One grocery chain, the A. & P., has over 15,000 Stores. New York city has already had a delicatessen trust

of 225 stores. The old-time independent grocer is passing. His average business life now is only four years.

A step toward the food combine was the merger of the Hershey, Kraft-Phenix and Colgate companies, with assets of ... \$ 125,000,000. Another is the Standard Brands, Inc., which controls Fleischmann Co., Royal Baking Powder and the E. W. Gillett Company, Limited, of Canada.

The Postum Company has absorbed the Jello Company, Iglehart Brothers, the Minute Tapioca Co., Walter Baker & Company, the Frank Baker Company, the Log Cabin Products Company, Richard Hellmann, the Cheek-Neal Coffee Company, Le France Mfg. Company, the Calumet Baking Powder Company and the Certo Company. This combination covers a very wide range of table necessities and luxuries.

CIGARETTES SMOKING SHORTENS LIFE

A study of the records of the Dartmouth College class of 1886 shows that of the students who smoked the average age at death was forty-nine years and nine months, while the non-smoking students died at the average age of fifty-nine years and four months. It looks from this as if, if one wishes to shorten his life span about ten years, he can do it by taking up cigarette smoking.

The makers of cigarettes are not averse to shortening human life. Last year each man and woman student in the University of

Illinois received a carton of 'Old Gold' cigarettes. Many young women at the university admit that they took their first puff on the cigarettes received, declaring that they were packed so nicely that they hated to throw them away.

PEOPLE MUST OWN NOTHING

It is the official position of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States - that our government should scrupulously refrain from entering any of the fields of transportation, communication, industry, and commerce, or any phase of business, when it can be successfully undertaken and conducted by private enterprise. This is merely another way of saying that Big Business is determined to keep everything in its own hands. It wants the government to act as its clerk, do what it is told and keep its mouth shut while all the revenues of the country flow into its hands. It is the consistent attitude of Big Business that the people as a whole must be reduced to beggary. No doubt the thought is that they can thus be more easily handled. This remains to be seen.

U. S. HEADING TOWARD SOCIALISM

In 1928 the United States had twenty-eight men whose incomes exceeded five million dollars a year. This is only three less than the number who had an income of one million dollars a year in 1921. Now the number that have an annual income of one million dollars is 496. So rapidly do we multiply millionaires, en route to socialism. The only thing that can prevent this country's going straight into socialism is God's kingdom; but the millionaires want neither one nor the other.

NEW YORK'S OLD AGE PENSION BILL

New York state has finally passed an old age pension bill, providing pensions averaging about \$ 242 a year for the needy who are 70 years old or more. The cost, which will eventually be about \$ 12,500,000 annually, will be divided between the state and the counties. This is a start in the right direction. Succeeding steps, and they should come soon, would be unemployment insurance, shorter working days, limitation of profits, and the public ownership of Big Business.

DOPE FIENDS IN PRISON

Prison statistics show that there has been an increase of 50 per cent in the prison population of America since prohibition went into effect and that 43 per cent of the prison population are dope fiends or violators of the prohibition amendment. In the words of TNT magazine the average American - has allowed politicians to do his political thinking for him and big business propagandists to do his industrial thinking for him. He has handed the government and the business of his country over to others. America is dissolving in crime and violence. Looks as if Christ's kindness alone would save the day. Does it not?

Our attention has been called by the Jefe Politico of Siquirres and his genial Secretary Don Nicolas de la O'Miranda, to a clarification of our article of last issue on "Unjust discrimination" to which we gladly accede; "It is to the effect that they had nothing whatever to do with the collection of Funds for the entertainment of the delegation of Deputies, but that such was done by a Committee of gentlemen of Siquirres." The Intervenor also explained that there was really no discrimination, because the works are placed in the hands of a Fore-

man of works, "whom it is understood is brother in law of the President of the Municipal Board" this gentleman he explains employs all the labour, but that no efficient coloured labour applied for employment, as the capable ones are all provided for by the Company, having preference in this respect over the natives in consequence of their Knowledge of the english language, leaving only the inefficient, whom it could not be expected would be engaged when efficient Natives are on the Spot.

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Ghandi could realize that only as India becomes economically stable and sound and intellectually emancipated, and united through long cooperation in common practical tasks, can they deserve freedom or use it rightly, and if Ghandi were content to build for the ages he would even be greater than he is.

And although Prof Roberts concedes to acknowledge him as «great» we cannot agree with his well founded Imperialistic philosophy when he uses the word «deserve» in the

above statement. If the East Indians are not prepared to rule their own country that does not follow that they do not «deserve» freedom, and we believe that Ghandi is well aware of the unpreparedness of his people on account of the complexity in its traditions and customs, but it is a fact that Ghandi «deserves» to keep the fire of NATIONALISM in the hearts of his people so that Imperialism will not smother it into perpetual servitude and servility.

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