What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

The Law's Injustice.

SANTA MONICA, CALIF.—Had it happened in another country, we'd say, "What curious ideas foreigners have of law enforcement."

A footpad with an evil record held up a victim. A bystander saw the crime, identified the thief.

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The ruffian was held under indictment. But he could give bond. The spectator was "detained" as a material witness—a gentle way of saying he was locked up, exactly as though he had been the criminal. Well, he was guilty of being poor.

Six months later came the trial. The defendant, having been out all that time on bail, looked hale and hearty. The prosecution's witness was produced under guard, pale and sickly from close confinement. It didn't help his health any when the crook's attorney browbeat him, yelled at him, practically accused him of perjury.

The citizen sued the state for false imprisonment, for loss of wages, for separation from his family, for all he'd suffered. Under the statutes he had no standing. They threw his case out.

Meanwhile, the convicted crook had been released by the parole board and was free as a bird.

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Aquatic Novelties.

INTERESTING discoveries were made in Hawaiian waters by government ichthyologists. For fear the similarity of sound may lead to wrong impressions, let me state that this department has nothing to do with Secretary Ickes, although, since ichthyology pertains to fish, Mme. Secretary Perkins might possibly have a contrary view on this point. Because they do say there are moments in the cabinet when all is not sweetness and accord.

However, the point is that Uncle Sam's piscatorial sharps dredged up a fish that is most delectable for six months of the year, but poisonous the other six months. So at least they've found a creature emblematic of the California climate.

Let this be regarded around here as treason, I will state that I'm as loyal a native stepson as any that ever came out of Iowa, having been here long enough now to join in passing resolutions endorsing the scenery and at intervals uttering three loud ringing cheers for the sunsets.

Also let envious Florida refrain from gloating. To typify Florida's climate that fish would be good only four months of the year and powerfully hard to put up with the rest of the time.

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Lecturing Adventures.

IN ALABAMA is a sect which forbids its converts to laugh or even smile. Now I know who it was bought out the house when I delivered a humorous lecture down there.

The other day a chap asked me why I didn't go back on the lecture platform. I told him I'd appeared in practically ever sizable town in America, and, though it was years ago and probably popular indignation had abated now, still I wasn't taking any chances—I was waiting for some new towns to be built.

Once I tried the experimemt of slipping around to the front door to hear what the crowd said, coming out. That was the night I attempted suicide by gas, but was saved when someone, passing through the hotel corridor, smelled something that smelled even worse than the hotel smelled.

A lecturer's lot is not a happy one. But usually it's the audience that suffers most.

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Eating Oysters.

THERE'S a brand-new movement called eat-oysters-in-any-month-you-please movement, or, unless you're working on space rates, it may be called E. O. I. A. M. Y. P. M., for short. Its sponsor says the prejudice against eating oysters in months having an "r" in them is a fallacy dating back 2,000 years when, between hiccoughs, a Roman senator said: "Oysters should be eaten only in certain seasons."

So it appears we've been penalizing ourselves ever since then for the indigestion of a Roman senator, although, so far as eating the California oyster is concerned—he runs around forty to the dozen—I personally could refrain for the whole year without any undue longings. The California oyster looks something like a brass overall button suffering from vertigris.

Still, maybe it's all for the best. Because during May, June, July and August is when the oyster does practically all his courting. There's little enough romance left in the world—and anyhow, who am I to come between an oyster and his love-life? He doesn't seem to have any too much fun the rest of the time.

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Cheese Note

"Bleu" is the name applied to several kinds of hard rennet cheese made from the cow's milk in imitation of Roquefort cheese. There is a mottled or veined appearance to this type of cheese. The origin is French.

Tom Thumb Died of Apoplexy

Gen. Tom Thumb, the famous midget, whose real name was Charles Sherwood Stratton, died at Middleboro, Mass., in 1883, of apoplexy. He was forty-five years old.

News Review of Current Events

CHINESE QUIT NANKING

Chiang Will Lead His Armies Against the Invaders . . . Congress Is Expected to Enact Tax Law Revision

Looking as if he had just bitten into a sour, very sour, pickle, Norman H. Davis, chief of the American delegation to the nine-power conference in Brussels, is pictured chatting with British foreign minister Anthony Eden (left) and French foreign minister Yvon Delbos (right).

Edward W. Pickard SUMMARIZES THE WORLD'S WEEK

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Chinese Flee From Capital

NANKING, capital of China, was abandoned as the seat of the government because of the rapid advances westward of the Japanese forces. Officials we being scattered in several cities, the central point being Hankow, on the Yangtse 300 miles west of Nanking. One army of the invaders was moving from Shanghai on Nanking, and another was about to attack Tsinan, capital of Shantung province in North China.

Chiang Kai-Shek

China, however, was far from giving up the fight. It was reported in Shanghai that Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek had resigned as president of the executive council in order to lead his troops in a final effort to stop the Japanese and win the war. H. H. Kung, it was said, would succeed Chiang in the presidency. He is finance minister

Thousands of civilians and foreigners were fleeing from Nanking. But military authorities remained there and declared the city would not be surrendered to the Japanese without a desperate fight.

If the Japanese penetrate the powerful "Hindenburg line" anchored on Soochow, Changshu, and Kashing, the Chinese were expected to fall back to new positions stretching from Kiangyin, on the Yangtse river, to Wusih, 100 miles east of Nanking.

Paris heard that Japan was threatening to establish a naval blockade of the Chinese coast if any nations attempted to send supplies to the Chinese armies.

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Britain Woos Hitler

VISCOUNT HALIFAX, lord president of the council in the British cabinet, was in Germany ostensibly for the purpose of visiting a hunting exhibition but actually to negotiate with Hitler and other Nazi chiefs for the establishment of more friendly relations between Great Britain and Germany. Public belief was that he was authorized to hint to Hitler that there was hope Germany might regain some of its lost colonies if Germany would abandon its economic isolation and co-operate with other European powers in a revised League of Nations.

The British want to detach Germany, and Italy, too, if possible, from their alliance with Japan. Halifax was a fitting messenger to send to Berlin, for he is an outstanding friend of Germany among British officials.

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Leaving It Up to Uncle Sam

UNLESS congress changes the neutrality act, it is probable the nations that signed and adhered to the nine-power Pacific treaty will take no positive action against Japan for violating that pact. The delegates to the Brussels conference, with the exception of Italy, voted to censure the Japanese for making war on China, and then adjourned to get further instructions from their governments.

N. H. Davis

Great Britain and France agreed to join in any effort "short of war" which the United States may decide should be made, this meaning economic sanctions against Japan. But the isolationist policy of this country would have to be abandoned if such sanctions were to be of any avail.

A long document was submitted to the conference by China asking that the war be ended by the infliction of penalties against Japan. The memorandum gave statistical tables that showed economic sanctions could halt Japan because of that nation's dependence on foreign markets and foreign sources of supply.

Norman H. Davis, chief American delegate, in addressing the conference, was rather conciliatory toward Japan, but he said:

"The question in its final analysis, is whether international relations shall be determined by arbitrary force or by law and respect for international treaties. In fact, that seems to be the greatest issue facing the world today."

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Airplane Crash Tragedy

GRAND DUKE GEORGE OF HESSE, his wife, mother and two little sons and six other persons were killed when a Belgian air liner crashed and burned near Ostend. They were on their way to attend the wedding of the duke's brother Ludwig in London. Ludwig succeeded to the title and the marriage ceremony was performed privately with him and his bride, Margaret Campbell Geddes, daughter of Sir Auckland Geddes, in deep mourning. Ludwig was the third grand duke of his line within a week, for his father died only a few days before the airplane tragedy.

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Extra Session Opens

WITH the evident intention of doing what it can to aid business, congress began its extraordinary session. Its first business was to listen to a rather long message from Mr. Roosevelt in which the Chief Executive committed himself to limited tax law revision for the purpose of removing admitted injustices suffered especially by small business and non-speculative investors.

President Roosevelt

Mr. Roosevelt proposed tax "modifications adequate to encourage productive enterprise," but explained that he sought primarily to aid at the expense of individual or partnership undertaking.

The President said exercise of "ordinary prudence" would protect the nation against prolonged business recession.

He reiterated his intention to balance the next fiscal year budget, and demanded that congress find and provide new revenue for any added expenditures authorized now.

The President asked congress to provide:

1. Wages and hours legislation.
2. An "all-weather" crop control program.
3. Reorganization of executive departments.
4. National planning for better use of natural resources.

It appeared certain that a vigorous opposition to all or part of this program would arise, but nearly everybody seemed in favor of tax law revision.

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Plot to Kill Stalin?

FROM foreign diplomats stationed in Moscow came reports that a plot by German agents to assassinate Dictator Stalin of Russia had been uncovered, and that it might compromise Maxim Litvinov, foreign commissar, who left the Brussels conference suddenly and apparently seriously worried. Investigations by the G. P. U. already have resulted in the recall or disappearance of many leading Russian diplomats. The German consul general in Leningrad was ordered to leave the country immediately. It is believed two German agents arrested some weeks ago confessed the conspiracy to murder Stalin and involve the country in a civil war.

"Fireside Chat"

CALLING on the nation for full cooperation in the taking of the voluntary census of the unemployed, taken by the Post Office department, President Roosevelt in a "fireside chat" by radio said that permanent cure of the unemployment problem lies in finding jobs in industry and agriculture. Nevertheless, he said, it is still the policy of the administration that no one shall starve through lack of government aid.

He gave assurance that the government will try to stimulate private industry enough to enable it to re-absorb the jobless; and after the results of the census are tabulated, a long-range program will be launched. This program, he said, will apply to employers as well as to workers, and in this was perceived a note of encouragement to business.

The President said prosperity of the nation depended upon national purchasing power, and added:

"Our far-sighted industrial leaders now recognize that a very substantial share of corporate earnings must be paid out in wages, or the soil from which these industries grow will soon become impoverished. Our farmers recognize that their largest customers are the workers for wages, and that farm markets cannot be maintained except through widespread purchasing power."

Mr. Roosevelt emphasized that America will not try to solve the employment problem by a huge armament program, as other nations are doing.

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Thalberg's Millions

AN INVENTORY filed in probate court at Los Angeles placed a gross value of $4,469,013 on the estate of Irving G. Thalberg, motion picture producer. The net estate will amount to about $2,244,000. After several cash bequests to members of the family the remainder will be divided into three trust funds of about $629,000 each.

The income from one of those will go to Norma Shearer, his widow, for the remainder of her life. Their two children are to receive the income from the remaining two funds until they are thirty-five years old, then the principal.

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Lewis Back from Europe

SENATOR LEWIS of Illinois returned from a tour of Germany in which he sought to arrange for payments to American holders of German municipal bonds. The group of which he was a member has submitted a report to Secretary of State Hull.

In France, England, and Germany, the senator said he found a strong increase in American exports to the three countries but expressed himself at a loss to see how the nations could pay for their purchases, because they are all in debt as a result of feverish preparations for or against war.

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Row in Coal Bureau

GEORGE E. ACRET, acting director of the division of examiners of the bituminous coal commission, resigned and suggested a congressional investigation of the agency. He says it has almost completely broken down, and for this he blames Senators McAdoo of California and McGuffey of Pennsylvania.

Acret revealed that there has been a row in the commission for several months over patronage, which he alleges has been "hogged" by the senators; and that another cause of dissension has been the fact that the commission has been seeking to grant railroads below-cost fuel at the expense of general consumers.

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Here's Wallace's Program

SECRETARY WALLACE offered a program which he said would "promote security for both farmers and consumers" in his annual report to the President. To finance it he recommended a moderate processing tax on cotton only. Crop control when necessary, and the "ever normal granary" are parts of his plan.

These are the six points of the program which Wallace said would harmonize with the general welfare:

1. Farmers should have a share in the national income to re-establish the prewar ratio of the average farmer's purchasing power to that of the average non-farmer.
2. The people who live on the land must have security of tenure, either as owners of land or renters on a long-time basis.
3. The soil must be used properly and conserved for future farmers and future city dwellers.
4. Farmers through sound co-operatives must come into control of those marketing, processing, purchasing and service functions which they can manage efficiently.
5. Family sized farms should be favored by federal programs, benefit payments and other such aids to rural income.
6. Federal and state funds should continue to be spent to promote agricultural research and farm efficiency.

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Death of Atlee Pomerene

PNEUMONIA put an end to the career of Atlee Pomerene, former senator from Ohio. He died in Cleveland at the age of seventy-three years. Pomerene gained fame as a special prosecutor in the Teapot Dome oil inquiry, and President Hoover made him chairman of the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

Sent a Penny to Make Australia's Debt Even

Prime Minister J. L. Lyons of Australia recently received a letter inclosing a one-penny stamp from a man who described himself as "a patriotic Australian."

The patriot had read an announcement that the national debt of Australia was 1,252,646 pounds and 1 pence. He sent the penny to "reduce the debt to a round figure."

Australia lost two pence on the transaction. The gift was more than offset by the cost of the stamp on the official letter inclosing the receipt and by the cost of a telephone call from the prime minister's office to the treasury to arrange for disposal of the penny.

Deliberations between the two departments revealed that the debt structure of the commonwealth was not sufficiently flexible to receive one penny. Also, it could not square the debt into round figures because the interest accrues daily.

Indian Yogi Flies

The Swami Adramandji, Hindu holy man and head of a sect controlling 500 monasteries, has become the first Indian Yogi to fly. He traveled by air liner from Jodhpur, India, to Croydon, England, to study religion in the West. In London he declared that he had learned that the English are at least an honest nation. He went into a store, bought a razor, gave the girl clerk a bill valued at $5 and walked out. She ran after him with the change.

Hugh Bradley Says:

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Public Paying Off on Accomplishments in Gridiron World

YEARS ago when Democrats and Republicans were still doing business as such, life was considerably easier for a sports writer. Everything had a tag on it, was classified with seemingly as much permanence as the two major political parties.

There were only two big leagues, the American and the National. No one had thought at that time to identify the Yankees as a separate organization any more than they had yet conjured up such cute labels as curve-ball league, fast-ball league, hitters' league and pitchers' league.

Situation Is Changed by Irish and Pitt

Only football had anticipated the modern trend. There was, for instance, the matter of properly assorting the coaches. Once that had been easy. You merely put them into two groups, "lucky fellows with jobs in the Ivy league" and "sad agents hoping there would come a day when they would have a pay roll big enough for them to compete with the Ivy league in the higher educational field."

Then the classification changed. Notre Dame and Pittsburgh, two institutions which for years had been doing well enough in preparing young men for the travails of teaching and bond selling, enlarged their scope. They began to win more gridiron classics and to make more money than had hitherto been deemed possible for outlanders.

Forthwith the spotlight centered on the two men of undoubted genius who had been responsible for this pickup. With the generosity that is proverbial among newspaper men, the press credited each of them with having a system. Other coaches copied their strategy. Soon it became the habit to refer even to such long-established practitioners as Gil Dobie or Hurryup Yost as followers of the "Warner system" or the "Rockne system."

Obviously there was some error here and there in such groupings, but the general rating was pretty well accepted. One day I asked Rockne if he believed there was any sense in such regimentation.

"No," he replied. "There's only one way to classify coaches or teams either, for that matter. Winners or losers. That's what it all boils down to."

Midway in another football season and knee-deep in gentlemen who are claiming all sorts of new classifications as the result of municipal and state elections throughout the nation, I have been thinking about that reply.

Confining myself entirely to the sporting side, I merely have been wondering whether I could achieve immortality by classifying football coaches in some new fashion that will last as long as the goal posts Fordham has been so diligently defending this year.

Both Sides End Up by Blaming Teams

I am not entirely satisfied with "Pollyannas" and the "Pity Poor Us" groupings. Actually there is very little difference between the Pollyannas claiming the nicest things are going to happen in this best of all possible worlds and the Pity Poor Us-es whining in advance about the woes that beset them.

Both sets usually wind up by blaming it all on the team Saturday night. Meanwhile, since opposing coaches and the operators of football pools are cynical men, they have fooled nobody save people who play football pools. And, since people who play football pools deserve to be fooled, that leaves everything even.

It also returns us to where we started. Perhaps because, like other voices of the people, alumni usually do their darndest in November, I could try the rating once suggested by the lamented sports commentator, Bill McGeehan. This was, "Coaches sure of their jobs and coaches who never say a word even when the music prof flunks the only running halfback left with two legs."

Yet, what good does that do us? Almost immediately we discover that some of the men sure of their jobs are so new to success that they have not yet had real opportunity to make a failure of it. Conversely, some of the boys who have lost everything save the franchise, took their nose dive because they were too smug while at the top.

That brings us back to the Rockne rating—"Winners and losers." True, men who compose the groups often interchange so quickly that it is difficult to tell who is coming and who is going. Yet, with all other things equal there are men who will fumble and men who will go on for touchdowns. The essential difference is there in all sports. Sometimes form holds for a day, sometimes for a season. Anyhow, the public pays off.

And, come to think of it, aren't sports very much like that greater game of life?

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

ALTHOUGH he started his newspaper career as a sports writer, Henry L. Mencken, the eminent author and critic, now confides he has seen only one sports event in six years. He says that was a combat between two lady wrestlers and, although he was highly entertained when one of them bit the other in the leg, he departed feeling sorry they had not killed each other . . . The twenty-year-old Man o' War now weighs 1,375 pounds, 300 more than he scaled during his racing prime.

Add winter occupations of ballplayers . . . Mule Haas operates a tavern in Jersey. Ethan Allen continues to write a book about baseball. Adolfo Luque is raising game chickens in Cuba. Buck Newsom is about to buy a pool parlor down in Carolina. Joe Cascarella is warbling love sonnets over the air waves . . . Carl Hubbell's hurry to get back to Oklahoma after the World Series was not because he was greatly concerned about his pecan groves. Although he has been playing the game only two winters the celebrated southpaw has become one of the nation's most ardent golfers. Says his wife tells him he's crazy but he just can't help getting out on the course rain or shine.

Adolfo Luque

Only five of the sixteen hockey Rangers—Davey Kerr, Babe Pratt, Cecil Dillon, Butch Keeling and Frank Boucher—are married . . . Hughie Goose Gustafson, defense man with the Rangers' Philadelphia Ramblers farm team, was voted the most valuable player in the Northern (Class D baseball) league last summer. He played first base for the Winnipeg Maroons and can also play a hot game of basketball . . . Joe McCarthy of the Yankees says a baseball manager does most of his worrying in the winter, usually about things which never happen . . . Coach Chet Wynne, who played with George Gipp at Notre Dame, claims he does not get the material at Kentucky that he did at Auburn. Also feels that the climate, which is often more of the Mid-West than Dixie variety, works against him.

Tells Why It's So Hard to Pick Golf Winners

Notes on why it's almost as difficult to pick golf winners as it is to get football selections right . . . Ky Laffoon was 30 pounds overweight last summer. Jimmy Demaret has the smoothest swing in golf but lacks the winning urge. Harry Cooper is sucker money for the bookies because he lets his nervous temperament lick him. Horton Smith just can't get the touch of Eastern courses. Vic Ghezzi is too easily diverted by outside allurements. Jug McSpaden is lost on Florida courses.

Tony Galento, who never uses sparring partners, always bills Manager Joe Jacobs for them anyhow after a fight . . . His friends insist that one of the first things Middleweight Harry Balsamo did when he started fighting star bouts was to buy a washing machine . . . Cliff Wilson, Harvard's very good lineman, wanted to go to Navy but missed on the appointment because of some dental trouble . . . Dave Albritton, Ohio State's Olympic high jumper who will double as a hurdler next spring, is conducting an orchestra this winter . . . Carl Brumbaugh, new Dodger backfield ace and former assistant to Coach Bezdek of the Cleveland Rams, scored three touchdowns in six minutes against Alabama in 1928.

Henry Armstrong, the featherweight champion, plays the violin and piano and sings in the choir. He likes to bowl, and once was a pin boy. Doctors claim his heart action is slower than normal, and he shadow-boxes six rounds in the dressing room before entering the ring for a fight. Sports writers probably have coined more nicknames for him than for any battler of modern times. He has been nicknamed "Homicide Henry," "Hustling Hank," the "California Comet," "Black Blizzard — Cyclone—Buzz Saw—Windmill—Spider—Terry McGovern." Aside from being a little gentleman, he is the greatest fighter in the ring today.

Harry Gilmore of Chicago was the first featherweight champion, largely because he claimed the title when the class was established and recognized in 1887. How many oldtimers remember that Dal Hawkins, usually recalled as a lightweight, succeeded him on the throne? The feather class limit in those days was 118 pounds . . . After beating Abe Attell in five rounds Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan held the title for nearly four years. Then in 1908 he lost it back to Attell, who kayoed him in four rounds . . . Louis Kid Kaplan, now a Connecticut insurance man, performed an almost unprecedented feat after winning the title via the elimination tournament. He refused $35,000 for a fight, saying he could not make the weight and would not take money under false pretenses . . . Johnny Kilbane held the title the longest, 11 years. Eugene Criqui, who succeeded him, was champion for only one month.

Noble Kizer, who will spend the winter at Albuquerque, N. M., expects to return to Purdue in time to conduct spring football practice . . . Pop Warner, who now advocates adoption of the professional forward pass rule to open up the college game, was a leader in the movement against backfield shifts when Knute Rockne was showing his fellow coaches how to open up the game . . . Mique Malloy, Chicago boxing promoter, served as a scout under five Cub presidents. He worked under Charles Murphy, Charles Thomas, Charles Weeghman, Fred Mitchell and William Veeck.

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