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THE "AUTOMOBILE POOR"

A motor mortgage company in the States reports \$50,000,000 in automobiles were bought on the installment plan last year and the retail clothing association cries "national ruin." Income tax returns show 4,000,000 people with incomes of more than \$2,000, yet there are 10,192,000 registered automobiles. More cries of extravagance and ruin. Another report says there are 6,000,000 people earning less than \$40 a week who own automobiles. A panic is inevitable, is the reverberating answer. But then upon the top of it all banks announce more and larger savings accounts and life insurance companies are thriving on a big increase in issued insurance.

Solace for the calamity howlers may be found in the statistical report that the bad accounts among the automobile installment plan buyers amounted to less than one per cent of the huge amount involved last year. At least the "extravagant poor" are paying their way.

Many incomes are mortgaged annually for the purchase of automobiles on periodic payments, also for the buying of homes, furniture, musical instruments, clothes and even life insurance. But for this plan of buying many of the joys and needs of modern life would be denied the masses. As long as the payments are paid on time there is no harm done, either personal, economic or social. Men and women have an inalienable right to spend their money where they will.

Should the visioners of an automobile-induced economic disaster acquire legislative control there may eventually be an un-American attempt to deny the poor the joys of the open road and cheap transportation. Thus far no such control has developed and the "calm and collected" feel assured that if the case is as bad as painted it will cure itself where the cure is most needed. The maxim that the law does not concern itself with trifles is more honored in the breach than in the observance, and yet it is applicable.

to larger and more serious matters than the purchase of automobiles.

THIS VERSATILE MONTH

All of the evidence considered, it is agreed that the month of March is the dissenting member, the erratic revolutionary, the most fickle of the fickle and the most irresponsible of the undependable among the 12 major divisions of the calendar year. It is born of both winter and spring by virtue of the calendar and weather tradition. It is nature's sample case. There are weather reasons for the existence of the "crazy March hare" and the prophetic association of March with the lion and the lamb.

Throughout the major portion of the United States the month of March is welcomed because it marks the death of winter and the birth of spring. Among the time honored days of the year none is quite so well-met and joyfully received, as March 21, the first day of spring. Sometimes the first ray of spring does not live up to its calendar designation and harsh winds or deadening snows strive for supremacy over the urge of spring, but to no avail.

March was made famous by the first day of spring, but to many was made infamous by the income tax, for March 15th is annually designated as the final day on which the income tax returns may be filed without penalty. Perhaps the coming of spring will bring a ray of hope to those who have six days before penalized their incomes.

The third month of the year brings St. Patrick's Day, observed on March 17. March is also the anniversary month of the introduction of the postage stamp in the United States, of Perry's opening of Japan, of the Alaska purchase and the battle of the Merrimac and Monitor.

In closing March abdiesties in favor of April with her moving day, showers and garden making.

SPRING FEVER

A New York physician has created or resurrected a scientific name for a very old disease. It is "ergophobia," a combination of two Greek words meaning, "work" and "fear," and is used to describe a psychological ailment which creates a feeling of panic in the presence of work.

The ergophobic, it appears, is not physically unfitted for manual labor but, like the person who has a deadly fear of standing on heights or being trapped in closets or walking through cemeteries at night, he is prey to a curious "dread of unknown shadowy ill that may befall him if he works."

Fastening a fancy name on laziness will probably have no marked effect on the public's attitude toward the hobo. "Bum" is a shorter, more expressive and more memorable description than ergophobia. The rest of the world, which has its own periods of unenthusiasm over work, will still be inclined to attribute any permanent condition of that sort to what is known, however inaccurately, as shiftlessness. It will require more than a Greek name to uproot the idea that laziness is voluntary and as far as fear is concerned it will take time to wipe out the force of the old saying, "He isn't afraid of work—why, he can lie down beside it any day and go sound asleep."

The Melting Pot

Eternal smashing of fanatics is the price of liberty.

The modern reformer apparently expects all to follow his "noes."

A million years of bold adventure resulting in civilized man, who sits on a stool and pores over a ledger.

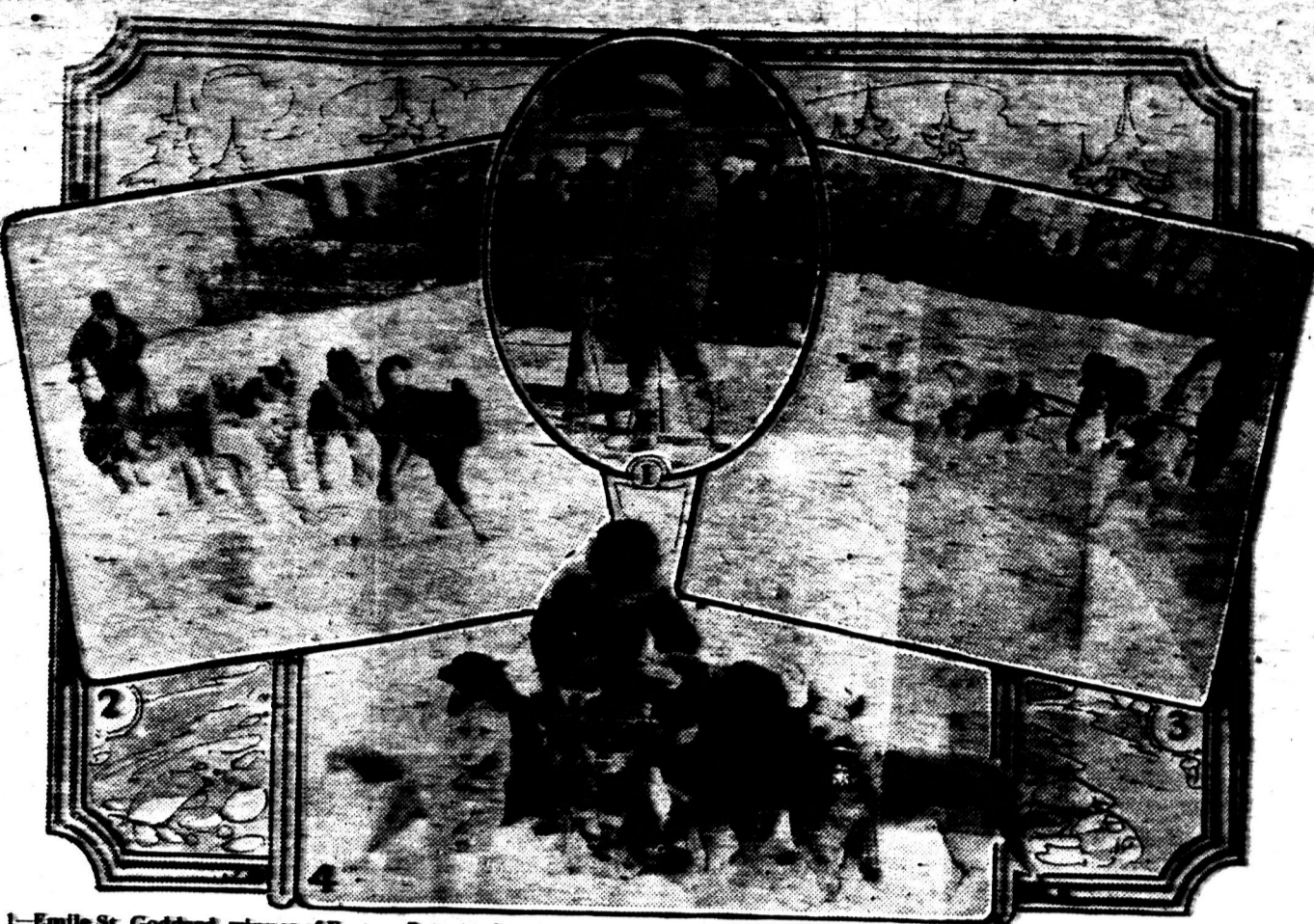
This rising generation against which you hear so many complaints got many of its faults from associating with its parents.

The hundred-yard dash and broad jump are popular college sports which may be encouraged by auto accident insurance companies.

When a boy abroad begins to show signs of being a leftlander the folks start mapping out his diplomatic career.

The "leaps and bounds" by which automobiles are said to be increasing are nothing to the leaping and bounding done by pedestrians in getting out of the way.

Youth Victorious in Quebec Dog Derby



1—Emile St. Goddard, winner of Eastern International Dog Derby. 2—St. Goddard's team on the home stretch. 3—Paddy Nolan, 15-year old musher and team which ran fourth. 4—Alaska's entry, Leonard Seppala, runner-up in race.

Youth made a successful bid for supremacy in the dog racing realm when Emile St. Goddard, 15-year old dog musher from The Pas, Manitoba, won the Eastern International Dog Derby held at Quebec February 21, 22 and 23. His team of seven highly-trained greyhounds dashed over the finish line of the three-day race, covering the 120 gruelling miles in 11 hours and 37½ minutes, beating all previous records by 54 minutes and 35 seconds. He secured for the second time, the first in 1925, the handsome cup donated by the Quebec International Dog Sled Derby Club.

Leonard Seppala, hero of the epic race with serum to the stricken Alaskan city of Nome, was a strong contender in the Quebec classic and finished just 29 minutes behind St. Goddard. Seppala, experienced driver as he is, was forced to give way to a man 10 years younger, driving a team of better trained huskies than his own. Seppala bettered St. Goddard's time by several minutes in the last day of the race, as the winner was forced to stay on the sled a greater

part of the race owing to a strain-tendon in his leg. George Chevreton disputed every inch of the hilly course for second place but was beaten out by the Alaskan musher.

"Paddy" Nolan the 15-year old contestant made one of the most remarkable showings in dog racing annals when he finished fourth out of fourteen entries. He added glory to the reputation he had last year, when, although his dogs were disqualified for fighting, he stuck to a field of 20, the whole of the distance being run in a blinding blizzard. A gloom however has been cast over the Nolan household recently for the day after Paddy's great race his mother, who had been lying ill in the hospital, died. After each day of the race Paddy would leave his dogs in charge of friends and go to his mother's bedside as a general topic of discussion, and old and experienced mushers are concerned over his performance.

Young St. Goddard hails from the northern Manitoba town where the

use of dogs is a commercial necessity. Here it was that dog racing in Canada first took place. A group of devotees, wishing to perpetuate the All-Alaskan Sweepstakes, which died out in 1915, gathered in the Snake Room of the Opasquai Hotel and arranged to hold an annual race which they have carried out. St. Goddard has been the winner of this long race at The Pas several years, including the race in January.

Out of 100 dogs in the recent race at Quebec, there were but three recognized "lead" dogs. They were "Toby" St. Goddard's leader; "Fritz" Seppala's lead dog and "Robert" trained by the youthful Nolan. Frank Dupuis, winner of the race last year, finished 5th with but three dogs in harness. It is the driver who can successfully train the leader of the pack who is going to pilot his team to victory. Dogs in a team are not unlike any other racing animals; there must be a guide. Seppala's famous Alaskan malamutes entered the Canadian race this year scenting victory. They battled heroically but lost to a better-trained team.

PRESENTATION AT THE
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and financially, are in good standing, in fact, the best they ever have been. And now, Dear Rector, we cannot let you go without showing our appreciation of your labor and kindness. We beg of you to accept this small purse, not only as an acknowledgement of the care and labour you have bestowed on our behalf, but as a token of goodwill we bear you and as an evidence also of how much we appreciate your many kindnesses.

Signed on behalf of the Parish,
S. A. Thompson,
Vestry Clerk.
Dated this 7th March, 1927.

To the close of the address all joined in singing "For They Are Jolly Good Fellows." The following address was then read by Mr. Ted Marshall on behalf of the Men's Club:

To the Rev. C. J. Lamb,
President Nanticoke Men's Club.
Dear Mr. Lamb:—

It is felt that we, the members of the Nanticoke Men's Club, should make manifest our feelings on this, the eve of your departure from Nanticoke.

Your sojourn here has marked you as a man of intellect and ability, and we cannot choose but predict a brilliant future for you when we read the words of Longfellow:

"The heights of great men reached and kept
Were not attained by sudden flight
But they, while their companions slept
Were toiling upward through the night."

We feel that with some prophet's vision, the great poet must have had you in mind. You, so to speak, have been toiling upward in the night, and your most strenuous efforts have been for the betterment of this community.

We need to realize the fact that no man liveth unto himself and that the richest and fullest community life can be had only when men forget their petty creeds and difficulties and meet in a common bond of fellowship.

That is one result of the Men's Club and for that we are grateful. To express our gratitude in a living manner, we are placing your name on the list for a three years' subscription to the Canadian Journal of Religious Thought. We hope that you will spend many helpful and delightful hours in its perusal, and that all the blessings that tend to make life pleasant will henceforth be yours. May these same blessings be extended to your good

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wife and daughter. Signed on behalf of Nanticoke Men's Club, this 7th ay of March, 1927. This was followed by singing "Auld

Lang Syne." Mr. Lamb gave very appropriate replies, thanking his friends for their many kindnesses. At the close of a sumptuous lunch, the gathering was dispersed.

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