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# A FEW ASTRONOMERS AND THEIR WORK

HUNDREDS of poorly paid mathematicians one is coming and understand what conditions bring it about. More than that, we take addifficult problems of calculus, charting pathways of the stars and reckoning in terms of split seconds the movements of distant suns.

They are little noticed as they sit hour after hour, working sometimes for weeks on one problem. But by the results of their work

mathematicians themselves know.

Not long ago men trembled in fear when the sun was eclipsed. Now we know when load of mill-run congressmen.

bring it about. More than that, we take advantage from it to better our own conditions on earth

Helium gas was first discovered in the sun and then sought for and discovered on earth. hour, working sometimes for weeks on one problem. But by the results of their work steamers at sea coming out of fog or storm with apparatus broken can steer to any port on earth.

They time the coming eclipses of suns. planets, stars and moons hundreds of years ahead.

All terrestrial life would die without the sun. Yet we are just beginning to learn about the sun.

And what is this worth? one may ask. It worth more than even these enthusiastic are making the unknown the commonplace and bringing the sun's secrets to earth. Yet we are just beginning to learn about it. All honor to those astute astronomers who

# THE LOUD AND EMPTY DRUM OF GLORY

WORLDLY glory is as empty as a bass drum they pleaded with him at Austerlitz to leave a position showered by shot and shell.

But the power that rules the destinies of son that nothing is permanent but truth and that the more selfish the man the greater his eventual fall. But the world never learns the

Honest endeavor for worthy achievement always has won a deserved reward. But vain-glorious striving for personal aggrandizement always has brought and always will bring

Probably the most personally ambitious and vainglorious man in the world was that enigma of history-Napoleon Bonaparte.

He slapped the faces of kings. He boasted of "divine" partnership. He stole position under the mask of a republican and then ruled as the greatest autocrat of the ages.
"The ball is not made that will kill me,"

But the power that rules the destinies of nations and of men cast even a more deadly nations and or men cast even a more deadly shot to lay this braggart low. It almost seems, looking back on the bloody career of Napoleon, that Fate put him in that drama of pomp and tragedy, so that the lesson of the futility of personal selfishness might be driven home to

personal selfishness might be driven home to the ages.

He lived a master and died a prisoner. He sought everything and got nothing. He stormed his way to power, but he died a miserable man on a rat-infested island. He paid ten thousandfold for the ruthless life he led. But one lasting good did he accomplish. He lived a life that will eternally stand as an object lesson to the self-centered.

What we gain in greed we lose in grief.

as the greatest autocrat of the ages.

"The ball is not made that will kill me," said this strange general to his officers when and you will save yourself tears.

# HIRAM JOHNSON AND CALVIN COOILDGE

HIDAM JOHNSON declared in Omaha that sesses the will to fight, just as Roosevelt did, but he lacks the personality of the great Prodidate at the Republican national convention.

Thus is the California senator's death knell

to his presidential ambitions, sounded by him-

Johnson, undoubtedly popular throughout the country, was face to face with the most difficult task that any American politician ever tackled—that of attempting to take the place of Theodore Roosevelt. To say that Johnson has been unable to accomplish this is no discredit to our senator.

The personality of a Roosevelt is coupled with a human being only once in several cen-

Nobody realizes this more than Johnson

himself, perhaps.

Watching Coolidge appointing Gov. Pinchot, a former right-hand man of Roosevelt, to handle the coal situation, Senator Johnson

nandle the coal situation, Senator Johnson must realize that the reactionaries are not controlling the President. Being honest with himself, Johnson does not minimize the political strength that this gives Coolidge.

And being sincerely a progressive, Johnson, seeing his own chances wane, probably will throw his great support to Coolidge, who is showing himself sufficiently liberal-minded to appease most any reasonable demands of the The attempt of Johnson to carry the torch of the great T. R. is laudable. Johnson pos-

# TENANTS, LANDLORDS, RENTS AND HOMES

THE home-building boom now in evidence is stimulated by abnormal rents, made still more abnormal by renters' demands for expense in construction and conveniences not

asked for a generation ago.

While landlords, like everybody else, will get while landlords, like everybody else, whi set the highest price possible for what they have to sell, just as tenants, when things are their way, pay the least they can, there is no reason to think that landlords are extortioners.

The Turk appears less and less terrible as opportunities develop to exploit him.—Birming-

Germany's former Crown Prince wants to be elected president of Germany, but political battles aren't won in concrete dugouts.—In-

The consensus of opinion seems to be that nothing good in the way of government and nothing bad in the way of drama can come out of Russia.—Detroit Free Press.

If wives only knew what stenographers think of their husbands they would cease to worry.

Kingston Standard.

That political writer who says that "the 1924 campaign promises to be quiet" evidently never heard a Ford running.—Nashville Southern Lumberman.

Uncle Sam believes in the open door, but insists that they shake themselves dry before coming in.—Kingston Standard.

And so Mother Europe called in the bad, bad ttle Turk and sternly gave him all the cake and jam and he lived happily ever afterward.— allas News.

But overcrowding in apartment houses makes a certainty of racial degeneration. It means childless families, which is one evidence

of degeneracy.

It destroys the habit of physical performance of homely tasks, which, when cheerfully done within reason, prompts health, comfort and happiness

Whoever can pay rent and has saved anything can have a home, a family and a happy Start planning for one now.

A Los Angeles man's wife has left him eight times; not once, we'll bet, being on pay-day.—

Of course, we all know that what Jeremiah really said was "Yes, we have no balm in Gilead."—New York World.

Those Filipinos are rapidly becoming Americanized—they've already learned to knock Wood.—Louisville Times.

The common objection to prize fights appears to be that there is too much prize and not enough fight.—Associated Editors.

There will be a disillusionment next winter, however, when Sambo discovers that 'possums don't grow up North.—Birmingham News.

France is making it plain to Germany that continued evasion means continued invasion. Washington Post.

The turn-over in which most people are interested is the one just after the alarm clock rings.—Judge (New York).

Money is a nation's promise to pay. That what is the matter with the mark.—New is what is the York Tribune.

### EASTERN STAR **CONVENTION IS SET FOR OCT. 16**

#### **Ten Thousand Expected** at San Francisco Meeting

orate plans are being perfected here to entertain delegates and visitors to the fiftieth annual convention and golden jubilee of the Order of the Eastern Star October 18 to 19.

Mrs. D. E. F. Easton, junior past grand matron of the convention committee, which has opened head-quarters in the Whitcomb hotel. More than 10,000 voting delegates and their friends from all sections of the state are expected to attend.

The various committees working upder Mrs. Easton have all been assigned specific functions, and the different groups are now perfecting all the intricate details of arrangements which will ensure the success of the conventions of the conventio

all the intricate details of arrangements which will ensure the success of the convention and the comfort of the delegates and visitors. Several hotels have been entirely taken over by the convention committee for the jubilee week. "We can supply hotel accommodations for all Eastern Star delegates and their friends who desire to come to San Francisco October 16 to 19, provided our headquarters is notified immediated. friends who desire to come to San Francisco October 16 to 19, provided our headquarters is notified immediately," announced Mrs. Easton today, "As delegates must make reservations through our headquarters at once, before October 12, it behooves every visitor to the convention to make application right away. The American Legion convention is to be held in San Francisco the same dates as our convention, and we must turn over to the legion all rooms not reserved by October 12."

Special details are being worked out for the comfort of the delegates in the Scottish Rite hall, where the convention will be held. Rest rooms are being provided, and a luncheon committee has arranged for a daily luncheon at 75 cents. which will avoid the necessity of delegates leaving the convention building.

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#### 10,000 Wonders In Big Circus Coming

The world's one big circus—Ring-ling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey combined—draws nearer, and on its hundred cars will come "ten thou-sand wonders" to exhibit in Long Beach Monday, Sept. 17.

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Earth is now fully a third larger than it was when it last visited this locality.

In addition to the many innovations offered then, the present season's program numbers ten more trained wild-animal displays—making 30 in all—and the most superbitrained horse acts that Europe has yet produced. The wild-animal and equine displays of the past were introduced merely that the Ringling Brothers might judge of their popularity. So enthusiastically were these numbers received that the famous showmen immediately arranged for the purchase of the world's finest acts of this kind. An entire equine circus was bought outright and brought to this country last winter. And while the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey agents were securing this and the trained tiger, polar bear, lin, leopard and jaguar groups, they had orders to engage the foremost men and women performers of the European capitals. And these stars from city and jungle are all to be seen with this wonder circus of 1923. More than 700 men and women, embracing the world's foremost arenic stars, take part.

These artists include the very biggest acts, ranging from extensive companies of foreign performers to the amazing English family of Nelsons—positively one family, consist-

companies of foreign performers to the amazing English family. consisting of father, mother, six daughters and one son. And this group of world-famous acrobats but illustrates the remarkable scope of the human side of this great circus. There are 100 clowns. Aside from the ferocious beasts, the program includes 40 trained seals, many dogs, bears, monkeys, pigs and pigeons. Added for good measure is the mammoth menagerie of more than 1000 animals. It is the biggest circus program the world has ever seen, given under the largest tent.

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