

as distances on the whole are not great, the people prefer walking to having their peace disturbed by noisy motor cars. A bill which would have permitted the running of automobiles on the island, was defeated in the house of assembly recently by a vote of 17 to 15.—*Ibid.*

An American and international wireless operating system that is designed to link the countries of the world in exchanging commercial messages, which is announced to begin business in the United States and throughout the Americas, Hawaii, Britain, France, the Scandinavian countries, and China and Japan, has been effected under the name of the Radio Corporation of America. The date of beginning the operation depends on the return by the Government of stations taken over for war purposes.—*Ibid.*

Just one hundred years ago, Christopher Latham Sholes, the "father of the typewriter," was born in Pennsylvania. While serving as collector of customs, he, with two other inventors, became interested in the problem of making a machine that would write letters and words. A letter written on one of early machines attracted the attention of a capitalist, who provided funds, and, the other inventors having dropped out, Mr. Sholes continued improving the model until at last the first practical typewriter was put on the market.—*Ibid.*

Poland, and what is more, the whole of Europe, is threatened by an epidemic of infectious diseases, which are sweeping westward from Russia. Typhus is raging over the whole of eastern Galicia, and has already reached the degree of an epidemic in Cracow. The Rumanian authorities have been notified of the appearance of the plague at Chotin, on the Dniester, close to the Galician border, and have closed the frontier. It is reported that Sovdepi, as the Bolsheviks call their dominions, is full of typhus and other infectious diseases. Smallpox and influenza are epidemic in Poland.—*Ibid.*

SUGAR NOTES.

A report is current in Denmark that the Danish government will propose the taking over of all sugar factories in the country and pay 22,540,000 crowns. This would give the government complete monopoly of the sugar industry which has been the situation somewhat during the war period. The Danish people are considered the most thrifty of many of the European people and by common consent the Danish peasant and farmer, with all the modern conveniences and the tremendous co-operative organizations they have for buying and selling are considered the most contented individuals of all of the Europeans.—*Louisiana Planter.*

"It's A Rotten Shame"

That every man, woman and child in Christiansted cannot get a chance TO-NIGHT to enjoy one of the most remarkable film productions that I have ever witnessed. I have seen it myself (several times) and I am not exaggerating when I say that

"Priscilla Dean"

(WELL-KNOWN FROM THE SILKLINED BURGLAR)

IN

"PRETTY SMOOTH"

is one of the most gorgeous spectacles that has ever been produced. I am so anxious to have all see it that if you cannot afford to spend the money, tell the doorman: "It's on Joe", and he'll pass you free.

PRISCILLA DEAN as GERTIE JONES.

To know her was to love her, to embrace her was to lose your watch; skilled as she was in the delicate artifices of crime, she was getting on so beautifully as "Maria", the French maid, in the home of Mrs. Harper. Gertie Jones, known to the craft as the "Chatter Box", had got herself hired in the home of Mrs. Harper, just to "lift" a diamond necklace valued at \$40,000.

Gertie Jones, you little fool! Queen of the empty bean. I am going to count to five, and if you haven't told me where the money is, I am going to kill you.

Be your own best friend and see her

TO-NIGHT

in

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The jury disagreed in the saccharine case in which the Monsanto Chemical Works of St. Louis was charged by the United States Government for violating the Federal Food and Drug Act. The Government contended that saccharine is a harmful substance and should be so labeled. The case has been pending since 1916. The Government will re-try the case at the next term of Court. The evidence was incomplete and no verdict could be reached.—*Ibid.*

The productive area of sugar beets in Germany has been reduced by 250,000 acres and it is estimated that 500,000 acres will have to be restored to get the former production of the German empire. It is estimated that 600 pounds of nitrogen fertilizer will have to be used for every acre, and the fact that sugar beets in Germany showed the lowest sugar content of beets in years points to the fact that what Germany needs more than anything else is enough fertilizer to raise the quality of her beets as well as the German spirits.—*Ibid.*

In a certain town in Germany the food commissions advertised "foreign sugar"

at 7.20 marks per pound and stated that they had enough to give each inhabitant 250 grams of it. German-made sugar could be bought for one mark per pound, but was not to be had in every place and some of this foreign sugar was bought, paid for and devoured. The German sugar manufacturers are not at all happy over this condition and are arguing that it pays to buy "made in Germany sugar."—*Ibid.*

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