

Crime Growing Or Police More Viligent; Arrests In 1919 Exceed Previous Year

That crime is growing with Salem. That the women of the city are slowly but surely becoming members of the criminal species. That speeding is the pet pastime of Salemites. And that the days when the "bull" would knock 'em down and drag 'em out of a sloop, are rapidly growing more distant.

These are some of the salient facts shown clearly on the face of the arrest docket at police headquarters. Casual glance will reveal one, and careful comparison with dockets of past years produces substantiation for the other facts.

More Women Arrested.

The docket for 1919 shows 183 arrests. Seven of these were women. And the docket for this year up to Wednesday, shows 276 arrested, 25 of which were women.

But it shows something else when you read between the lines— That crime in Salem has increased by 50 per cent. That is indicated by the vast increase of arrests.

And because the majority of arrests that appear on the docket have been for the violation of traffic ordinances of the city, principally speeding, it is shown that that is the most overt acts of the capital city's citizens.

Few Drunks Noted.

Only a few—probably eight or ten—arrests are on this year's docket for drunk and disorderly. True, these ap-

pear a few names of persons nabbed for escorting John Barleycorn in, to this field of drouth, but, in all, it registers a big decline of activities of the "good old days."

On either of the dockets is shown a great amount of major crime. No murderers have been apprehended, though accomplices in murders in other cities have been taken here and held as a compliment. Names of several burglars have been inscribed on the sacred scrolls of the Palace of Aesop; and none too few for larceny of autos.

Prevention Chief's Theory.

Some claim that crime has not increased in the city. One of these claimants was C. Cecilman McClelland who in a recent meeting, declared the uselessness of policemen, and asserted that he did not believe the people in Salem were "so bad as to need any police watching them at all."

Perhaps crime has not increased. But the dockets show either this or a great activity on the part of Chief of Police Percy M. Varney and his staff of seven men. Chief Varney works on the theory that it is better to prevent crime than to make the arrests after the offense has been committed. It is for this reason that he has made an example of so many offenders, and has asked the council for more men. He says a crook won't crack a safe, or beat a woman over the head, when a cop is standing on the same corner!

POLICE OF PORTLAND SEEK ASTORIA DOCTOR

Portland, Or., Dec. 19.—Accused of drugging and robbing John Mears, well known Oregon pioneer at the Perkins hotel early Thursday morning, Dr. W. L. Cameron of Astoria is being sought by the police.

Mears, semi-conscious from the alleged effects of a drug, was taken to a hospital, regaining conscious this afternoon. He claims Cameron lured him to the hotel for the purpose of making a payment on a note Mears held. Cameron offered Mears a small pellet, according to the latter. He took it and awoke in the hospital to find, he alleges, the doctor's note for \$200, which he carried, \$300 in war savings stamps and \$65 in currency missing.

ABDUCTION OF PEON FROM U.S. IS CHARGE

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 19.—Affidavits alleging Mexican army officers crossed the international line on the night of November 29, kidnaped Rodolfo Ybarra, a Mexican from his home at Somerton, Ariz., and returned him to Mexico, have been filed with Collector of Customs John B. Elliott.

The affidavits, the principal one of which was from Ybarra's wife, set forth that at sunrise the morning after the alleged kidnaping shots were heard from the direction of the San Luis garrison, opposite Somerton, and Ybarra never had been heard of since. A report to Washington is being made.

French Bluebeard Gets 5000 Votes For Deputy

Paris, Dec. 19.—Nearly 5,000 voters in and near Paris cast their ballots in the recent election for Henri Landru, for member of the chamber of deputies. Landru has long been held by the police and accused of being responsible for the disappearance of 13 women to whom he is alleged to have promised marriage.

His victims have made him very popular with the Parisian public and this accounts for the fact that 5,000 persons craved the names of candidates registered at the ministry of the interior and wrote Landru's name on the ballot.

Landru was called before Judge Bonin on election day for examination as to the whereabouts of the Widow Colomb, who was registered as his fiancée number 7.

Landru paid little attention to the judge's questions, glancing persistently out of the window at the heavy snowfall. When the judge remonstrated with him he said:

"I am greatly concerned about the outcome of the elections. There proceedings here do not interest me, but I fear for the future of my country. What a calamity if Bolshevism rule in this country."

J. W. Reeves, aged 82, for many years prominent in mining activities, died at Grants Pass last Sunday.

Government Expenses Must Be Cut Billion, Is Claim

Washington, Dec. 19.—A billion dollar cut must be made in government expenditures this year, Republican Leader Mondell warned today in a speech to congress.

Estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, total nearly \$5,000,000,000, according to figures recently submitted. These must be slashed to less than \$4,000,000,000, Mondell declared.

"Economy must be the watch word of the present session," he emphasized.

SOLDIER AND DATA SOUGHT

Data relative to aid being extended by other states in the union to their ex-service men is being sought by Sam A. Koser, deputy secretary of state. Letters have been forwarded to secretaries of state throughout the union asking for this information which will be compiled for the benefit of the special session of the state legislature should that body require it in formulating new legislation for the aid of soldiers, sailors and marines in this state.

CHENOWETH TO BE RELEASED MONDAY

George W. Chenoweth committed to the state hospital here last August upon his acquittal on the charge of murdering George Sylvania of Curry county, will be discharged from the state institution next Monday, according to a statement made by Dr. L. F. Griffith, superintendent of the hospital Friday. Griffith's action is based upon an opinion prepared by Attorney General Brown to the effect that Chenoweth could not be detained in the institution after he has recovered his sanity.

"If Chenoweth was insane when he was committed to the hospital last August he has entirely recovered his sanity since his commitment," Dr. Griffith declared yesterday. Chenoweth served in the Canadian army during the recent war and upon his return from service was appointed by the county judge to represent Curry county in the house of representatives, occupying the seat of Representative Stannard, deceased.

McNary Bill Too Late To Solve Sugar Issue

Washington, Dec. 19.—The sugar situation cannot be solved by legislation now, according to a newspaper published here and recently purchased by Herbert Hoover and others. Apparently expressing the opinion of the former food administrator, the paper declared that the passage of the McNary bill for the extension of the life of the United States sugar equalization board is too late. The paper declares that speculators are in control of the Cuban crop and that a low price on that crop is now impossible.

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