

SAYS DOPE IS SOLD IN JAILS

Arizona Prisons Held to Be Festering Spot in Morals of State; Adicts Blamed.

PHOENIX, (INS).—The charge that dope is being peddled to the school children of Phoenix, that 90 per cent of the crime in this city is committed by drug addicts, and that ex-service men, made drug fiends by Government doctors and nurses, are selling their shoes and clothing and using up large portions of compensation checks to supply themselves with opiates, are among the sensational utterances of George A. Mauk, U. S. Marshal, in urging more drastic anti-narcotic laws, Federal, state and municipal.

"The Harrison narcotic law is a joke," said Mauk, "for the reason that it is subject to almost any sort of interpretation. It is particularly weak in not providing for the permanent cure of addicts. Under the state law a Chinaman caught with twenty cans of opium in his possession can only be fined \$200 or \$300, and yet this man is a potential murderer, for the users of his stuff are inspired to violent crimes or eventually die from use of the drug, for opium kills one way or another."

State and city authorities should take drastic means to prevent drugs being sold to inmates of county and city jails, Mauk added. Out of eleven prisoners turned over by him from Tucson and Phoenix jails to the Federal authorities, he said, seven were addicts. One, a woman, had her powder-cake filled with morphine, and fifteen grains additional were found in the lining of her coat. The drug, she said, had been sold to her at \$2 to \$3 per ounce while she was an inmate of the county jail.

Federal authorities are handicapped in attempting to enforce the narcotic regulations, especially in Arizona, owing to its proximity to the Mexican border. Bootleggers in large numbers, he said, are now turning their attention to trafficking in cocaine and other narcotics, attracted by the fact that detection is less certain than in handling liquor, owing to the lesser bulk of the contraband drug. He told of a recent shipment of cocaine, of highest grade, seized in Phoenix, which had been delivered to the traffickers for \$10,000 and which, had it been retailed at dope peddlers' prices, would have brought \$200,000.

The marshal deplored the fact that the Government had soon fit to appropriate only limited funds to check this evil, which Government statistics show, he said, has increased 50 per cent in the last ten years.

Narcotic enforcement, he explained, is now in the hands of the prohibition enforcement forces.

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Out of \$10,000,000 appropriated by Congress for this work only \$750,000 has been allotted to the stamping out of the narcotic evil, he said.

Larger appropriations for this branch of the work coupled with more drastic laws and laws that will save the human wrecks from themselves, are urged by Mauk as vitally necessary for successfully coping with the situation in Arizona.

Byron's Memory to Be Honored.
BERNE, (AP).—A committee has been formed at Montreux on the border of Lake Lemann to commemorate the centenary of the death of Lord Byron, May 27. A ceremony will be held in the castle of Chillon, made famous by the poet's lines.

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FOND DU LAC, WIS.—(Special).—Four causes are contributing to increase delinquency among youths, Chief of Police James Sigan declared in an interview. They are:

Lack of parental discipline. Permitting girls and boys of the dangerous age to be on the street until midnight.

The disgusting modern dance, which is dangerous to the morals in an extreme.

The practice of young boys and girls frequenting roadhouse dance halls.

Chief Sigan launched a broadside of rebuke upon parents and declared claims that lax discipline in schools is at fault for present conditions were unjust and unfair.

"The whole evil starts with the parents," declared the chief. "When parents wake up to facts and lay a stern hand to check the activities of their sons and daughters, then and then only will there be results."

Dancing Called Bad.
"I've looked into the roadhouses when young people were there, I was told they were high school students, and I was disgusted with those cheek to cheek dances they were doing. If I caught any of my children doing that I would whip them."

Howdy!



Sir Esme Howard (above) is the new British ambassador to U. S. He is shown on arrival at New York.

"The present generation of young people are jazz crazy. They can't be content to be at home with their parents and read or play games. They must be up and doing every minute. They must crowd their waking hours with a ceaseless round of amusement and entertainment."

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