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TRUSTFUL WAITING—Our soul waited for the Lord. He is our help and our shield. Psalm 124:7.

When "Big Bill" Thompson, mayor of Chicago, declares that American boys shall not be cannon fodder for European battlefields, is he trying to protect a home industry?

Seven lives in two months is the death record at a single bad grade crossing near an Ohio city. That particular crossing is commonly recognized as a death trap. It has many understudies in other parts of the country. If human beings were invariably careful and wise drivers, the menace of grade crossings would be greatly reduced. Unfortunately they are not. And there are unforeseeable accidents which may happen even to careful drivers. That is why grade crossings should not be. The elimination of all the existing grade crossings in the country would be a tremendously costly piece of work. Yet it should be undertaken as it is now in our own state. In the meantime, all such crossings should be protected by gates of other adequate devices so that the careless driver and his helpless companions will be saved in spite of themselves. And wherever future construction of roads or railway lines is planned, the grade crossing should be left out entirely. Subway or overhead passage should be the rule.

JURIDICAL VIGOR

A Hollywood jury has distinguished itself by unexpected severity, convicting five persons for manslaughter for their participation in a drinking party in which a film cowboy was shot to death.

No less significant than the verdict is the explanation given by one of the jurors: "We felt that it was about time to call a halt on Hollywood's wild parties and killings. To have returned a verdict of not guilty would have put a stamp of approval on such disgraceful carousings. We simply could not do anything else but find the defendants guilty—all of them."

In a recent celebrated murder case in New York, two paramours who together killed an unoffending husband were promptly found guilty of first degree murder and both sentenced to the electric chair. In Canton, O., the law, with the aid of dutiful jurors, continues sternly at the heels of the criminal pack who, a year ago, murdered a newspaper editor for telling the truth about local conditions. Several have already been found guilty, and the line en route to the penitentiary grows longer.

It is too much to believe, after a period of shameful leniency to criminals, the American public is really awakening to the need of prompt and stern punishment, void of weak sentimentality, for criminal offenses? Jurors here and there seem to be reflecting such a mood. It is to be hoped that they continue that way for some time to come.

Turks Are Digging Into Ancient Ruins Hope to Restore Famed Golden Gate

CONSTANTINOPLE (AP)—Digging from the ashes by methods... The Turkish National Museum, headed by Professor... The ruins were discovered in the city of... The ruins were discovered in the city of... The ruins were discovered in the city of...

THE OPEN COURT

CORRESPONDENTS MUST SUBMIT THEIR NAMES TO THE EDITOR IF THEY DESIRE LETTERS PRINTED.

TO THE VOTERS OF UNION COUNTY

An Appeal From Over Ten Thousand Acres in Powder River Valley

After eight years of road building in Union county we are still without a road that is passable with loaded wagons for over four months of the year—and those months that mean the most to us in getting to the market—

Our nearest town is North Powder and though we have the support of all our people there, we need the good will and a lift from the voters of all Union county.

Endorsed by and written at the request of all producers of farm products in the Clover Creek district.

PAUL DAHLSTROM.

WHY I AM IN FAVOR OF THE BONDS TO BE VOTED ON JUNE 28, 1927

Some few years ago, the citizens of the different towns in Union county came out in the rural districts and asked the farmers to help them out on the \$1,500,000 bonds which were to be voted on. We did help and the bonds carried about 2 to 1. Now, every town in the county has highways through the main streets. There was \$298,000 more money or bonds authorized than were used and now we are asking the voters for new bonds for this amount in lieu of the bonds not used, which will be cancelled.

I want to ask Mr. Voter who voted in favor of the bonds that built the highways through the county and the different towns in the county why he is against the bonds now. Aren't we just as much entitled to good roads in the farming districts as they are in the cities? We pay our part of the taxes to build and maintain the highways. Why not vote for the bonds and get the good roads extended out in the rural districts of the county, thereby giving the farmers a way to get to town or any place they wish to go, any time of the year? We can make Union county the finest dairying center in the state if we can have good roads over which we can market our cream daily.

Very truly yours, T. R. JOHNSON, Taxpayer.

Life is one long road from the cradle to the grave, along which we all must travel no matter how rocky or rough. But the smoother it is the better we like it. Let's vote for the road bonds and change a rough road into a smooth one.

Yours for better roads to the farm, JOHN SHAW, North Powder, Ore.

HUGH'S FATE NOW DRAWING CLOSE

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spoke directly at defense attorneys as he roared his charges. Looking straight at the defendant and answering the defense mention of his trial companion, Neuber shouted:

Don't Bother Hugh — It doesn't bother Hugh any more to have lawyers firing stinging accusations in his face.

The government official bitterly played the defense contention of "a frame-up" and what he held was "an appeal to prejudice."

"Somebody shot Carlo Johnson in the back when he was with several buckskins in his abdomen. The shells and cartridges don't prove it," cried Neuber, "but it is a circumstance consistent with guilt."

Neuber then discussed the "old case" belonging to the "old days" when their claim was found near the tunnel and the true shooting near the tunnel.

"They shot at 24 or 25 feet, at straight level with bodies the size of a man and all in thickets. The men who did that shooting were playing for an enormous sum—hundreds of thousands in killing Hugh."

Neuber charged the homicide carried out in the "old days" of death to the "old days" in "Kempsey." "I do not know, after the time, they might have figured to use them to kill near the hole."

"I want this jury to reach this conclusion with a one-third vote and at every turn of the road they will find three men—the three men in the Empire State. The three men in the Empire State, the three men in the Empire State, the three men in the Empire State."

The best advice received in the "old days" is called "manufactured evidence" when you go down after your deliberation, rearrange your old socks and see if you don't find evidence.

Remembering the scene in the "old days" Neuber said:

"They were in a room in that old case and I had a gun, and I was ready to shoot that man who was shot and killed, as he showed his finger at the defendant."

An accusation to "manufactured evidence" was repeated by the "old days" and Hugh in "Kempsey." The defendant was "manufactured evidence" and Hugh in "Kempsey."

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And the "old days" and Hugh in "Kempsey."

What because of the "old days" and Hugh in "Kempsey."

After we had known that the "old days" and Hugh in "Kempsey."

De AUTREMONT TWINS ARE AT JACKSONVILLE

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them in the Multnomah county jail until the conclusion of Hugh's trial.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 21. (AP)—Living the life of a hunted thing, dodging about the east to escape recognition and arrest, maintaining an alibi as hard as in keeping with their friend-making propensities, Ray and Roy De Autremont, charged with Hugh their brother, and four fatal murders and the dynamiting of a mail train, finally fell into the hands of an ever-searching government.

They told about it last night, as between trains they ate and smoked in the county jail.

They told of being witnesses in Scioto county, Ohio, of greeting the sheriff of the county as they emerged from the court room; of passing the bullet board in the same court, on which starting at them were their likenesses on a government reward poster.

They told of hasty departures from the town and that, of the night when officers closed in on their home to effect their arrest, only to find their flock of a woman neighbor who told them she has never been hostess for "but one of the twins" though she never had, and of Ray's wife, Hazel, and their rear old baby, Jackie Hugh.

Leave For Jacksonville And then, in the close custody of Sheriff Ralph G. Jennings and his son, Louis, they were bundled aboard a Multnomah-bound train at 8 p. m. destined for Jacksonville and arraignment today or tomorrow.

They will be returned, probably tomorrow night, to the Multnomah county jail.

Last night the train bearing them to Portland, made a pre-arranged stop at Multnomah station and the party of officers and citizens, alerted and proceeded to the jail.

The two twins were searched. Then newspaper reporters began their barrage of questions. The interrogation continued until 1:40 a. m.

The twins were eager for the opportunity to talk until the case itself was mentioned. They Ray looked at Roy. Roy looked at Ray. Each shook a dejected head.

"We're not crossing any bridges until we get to them," said Ray. "Better leave the case out of this."

It was while they were waiting in the county jail kitchen, that the time card side restraint and discussed more freely the events preceding their capture.

Make a Good Story "This'll make a good story for you if you write it properly," said Ray, who throughout the discussion inevitably preferred the younger twin with the same line. "We were witnesses in mayor's court in Scioto county in 1925."

"Shook hands with the sheriff after the case was over, walked past a poster with our pictures on it, and got away with it."

"We were witnesses for a man who'd been shot at. He charged the other fellow with assault with intent to kill."

"Each man had the other one arrested. We testified for the plaintiff, I guess."

And then he told of an incident in Newbernville.

"I was sitting on my porch, smoking," said Ray. A Tennessee woman lived next door. She came over.

"I wish I were a man," she said. "I'd get three or four good friends and go out and rob a mail train."

"I said that's very interesting—may be all right, or might be all wrong. You couldn't get away with it."

"She said 'Three boys out in Oregon did and got away with it. They got their pictures up in the postoffice. They'll never catch those fellows. One of 'em stayed all night in my house two years ago.'"

"That was news to me," Ray continued. "I asked, 'Which one was it?'"

"One of the twins," she replied. "Why didn't you turn him over to the officers and get the reward?" I asked her.

"I felt sorry for him," she said. "I didn't take her seriously."

Twins Tired Their voices dropped in the room talked. They were very tired, slight, slender, almost identical men, a glowing impulse in Ray's mouth and his perspiring hair. They looked with the same frankness, with the same honest look, with the same innocent expression.

"That may say for me," Ray continued. "I was in the county jail, they would wish to be that my mother and my father and my brothers might be opposed the heartache that had been caused. You may say that I only wish I could be here."

Ray had explained his case—"all the business of this morning."

"That was what," he said, "the wife asked, 'That you wish you could be the other fellow?'"

Ray continued: "I don't know." He had been asked: "I don't know what I would do if I were you."

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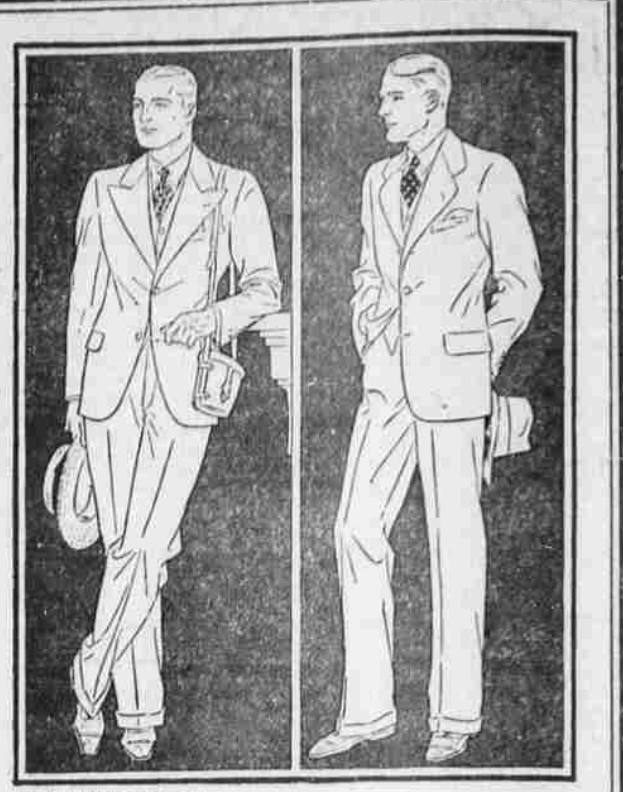
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