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REPENT YEARNINGLY—Let us choose unto ourselves what the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Isaiah 1:18.

We gather from recent murder trials that it's quite all right to kill anybody if you're a little nervous or upset at the moment, or if you've once had an ulcerated tooth.

"Lindbergh Hope for Island City" says a headline in the Pendleton East Oregonian. Ordinarily we'd think it might be a mistake but the mayor of our own Island City, Mert Riddle, says he wouldn't be surprised, considering where the Hoover campaign manager comes from and all that sort of thing.

Field Marshal Haig's passing reminds one that the great figures of the World War are getting old—cannot long remain with the men whose admiration and devotion they so properly won in France. Pershing and most of the general officers in all the allied armies of that day are now retired from service. They are rapidly arriving in the "old soldier" class—and the war only ten years gone. There is no remedy for an aging body but there should be much consolation for a youthful spirit. That can be enhanced by proper praise and continued regard while they are still with us.

The report of the state dairy and food inspectors before the city commission last night on the condition of milk sources, groceries, meat markets, eating places, etc., isn't too complimentary to some groups. Most of the objectionable places, however, have become objectionable through a lack of knowledge of what proper sanitation really is, we imagine. Lack of frequent inspection and expert instruction is likely to have such results. A city food and milk ordinance would change this, would be a benefit not only to the public because of its food consumption but to the firms engaged in handling foods, because of business advantages. It's good business to operate a clean, thoroughly sanitary place. Regulation—if a moderate license fee is possible—should be welcomed by everyone concerned.

GUILTLESS MURDERERS

"Not guilty, by reason of insanity," pleads Hickman, the kidnaper-murderer, when arraigned in the criminal court at Los Angeles. He copied that from George Remus, the Cincinnati "bootleg king," who originated the specious, double-barreled plea to escape paying the penalty for killing his wife in cold blood.

It worked in Remus' case, thanks to a jury of sentimental morons, who were wrought up to a high pitch of admiration and pity for the killer. Thanks to a hard-hearted judge, Remus was promptly taken at his word and clapped into an insane asylum, but somebody may let him out almost any day.

Every few years some new legal device is invented to keep criminals from paying the penalty of their crimes. We have had "brainstorms" and "unwritten laws," etc., to the point of nausea. And now we are doubtless in for a wave of "not guilty by reason of insanity."

We shall have scores of men and women slaying for anger or jealousy or envy or revenge or profit, and then piously lifting up their hands and declaring that they were irresponsible and guiltless because they were in a state of "temporary maniacal insanity." But they are all right now! Or they will be, just as soon as they hear the magic words, "not guilty," from a jury fooled by lawyers or alienists or its own misplaced sympathy.

That is, we're in for this sort of thing if the damper isn't promptly put on the young California criminal and others of his ilk, "crazy like a fox" while it serves their purpose. A few demonstrations that Justice herself is not temporarily insane, and that kind of foolishness will stop.

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ABE MARTIN

Next t' hell' mistaken for a wealthy widder, th' most dangerous thing in America' like a deer. "We are all crazy when we do a lot o' things," said Judge Priest, in contrite' an affidavit out o' th' court room t' day.

McADOO ATTACKS AL SMITH STAND ON PROHIBITION

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and distillation which have been tried and tested" and attacking the "evil" of centralized government. He referred the plea for the right of states to "settle their home affairs at home" being prohibition as one question that should be turned back to the states for decision.

The Maryland governor's candidacy was definitely drawn in McAdoo's fire at Smith with the declaration that the "liquor interests" had seized political power in both states, but the only personal references were to the New Yorker.

An "Absurdity"

Referring to Smith's candidacy, Mr. McAdoo declared it an "absurdity" to expect that a president hostile to prohibition would enforce prohibition enforcement.

"Attempt is being made," he said, "to convince the country that an outlaw if a wet is elected president, the constitution and laws will be enforced. This is both unsound and untrue. . . . The White house is the hands of the liquor interests would be a certainty. Greater of offensive operations and the doom of the eighteenth amendment would be written boldly upon the face of the constitution."

Mr. McAdoo devoted much of his address to the fact that New York has no state enforcement law and to Governor Smith's statement that despite that "there resulted upon the state the sacred duty of sustaining the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead law."

"His effort," McAdoo said, "is apparently to create the impression that no state enforcement statute is necessary even in the absence of such statute as the officials are under an obligation to enforce the Volstead act. This position is entirely misleading and has no justification in law. . . . The 'sacred duty' upon state officials of which the governor speaks doubtless exists, but the means of performing it were taken away from them when jurisdiction over prohibition offenses was removed from the state courts by repeal of the state enforcement act."

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 2 (AP)—"The government does not have to constitution," said Gov. Smith's message received today on the address delivered by William G. McAdoo of Richmond, Va., last night in which Mr. McAdoo attacked the governor's attitude on the prohibition question.

Further than that the governor added, "Deceived with nothing."

Man Employed To Cover Grave In Hill Murder

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 2 (AP)—Mrs. Mary Spurch took the witness stand today at the Harry Hill murder trial and told how her husband Peter had been employed to cover up the grave in which the body of the murdered defendant's mother was found.

Mrs. Spurch said she remembered Aug. 19 because it was a busy day in her church and she had just returned home from services when Harry called and asked for her husband.

Peter Spurch was at church and Harry left, returning later.

She related the conversation between Harry and her husband.

The young man whom the state accuses of killing his mother and burying the body in the basement of her residence asked the gardener if he was busy and Peter replied that he "wasn't very."

"I've got a little work for you," Harry said, Mrs. Spurch testified. "There's some dirt turned up in the basement in the little room. Bring it down good and don't die it up."

Bomb Found Under Chicago Residence

CHICAGO, Feb. 2 (AP)—Two men have been arrested following the finding yesterday of a dynamite bomb under the home of William J. Byrne, head of the Byrne Bag company. A detective was probably saved the lives of Byrne, his wife and their seven children, for the bomb contained a pound and a half of powder.

Those held for investigation were Dr. Charles F. Bonghorne, an osteopath, and Julius F. Mertz, a former employe of Byrne. Both denied knowledge of the attempted bombing.

CREDITORS MEETING TO DECIDE ACTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—A meeting was held today in the office of District Attorney Stanley Myers to determine what action, if any is to be taken as a result of the closing of Overbeck and Cook brokerage house here Tuesday.

Henry Kimmelbach, examiner sent here by the state corporation commissioner's office, Attorney Dan J. Malarkey, of the firm of Malarkey, Seabrook and Dobie, representing the firm, and several creditors with claims ranging from $10,000 to $100,000 were present.

ESTIMATE U. S. POPULATION IN 1928 AT 122,262,000

WASHINGTON (AP)—An estimate that the population of continental United States in 1928 will be 122,262,000 was given by Dr. Joseph A. Hill, assistant director of the census bureau, to the house census committee which is framing the bill for the operation of the census two years hence.

The 1920 census placed the population of continental United States at 105,710,620.

PROTECT NEGRO DANCER

VIENNA, Feb. 2 (AP)—Josephine Baker, American negro dancer, received threats of university students. The students announced they would prevent negro artists from playing in Vienna.

When the dancer arrived from Paris a detachment of police escorted her to her hotel. Students assembled in front of the building and the police were forced to clear the streets.

BAKER TO RUN AGAIN

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2 (AP)—Mayor Geo. L. Baker had his hat in the ring today as a result of his announcement that he would be a candidate for a fourth term as mayor.

Arrests 'Em

For her trouble in arresting single-handed a gang of white slavers in Kenosha, Wis., Miss Beulah Bethell, policewoman, was promoted to a detectiveship, and three more gay. One of the men, a noted leader, was sentenced to five years.

OFFICERS SAY HICKMAN FITS WERE FAKED

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Butte county, Cal., was a guest on the bench of Tribunals.

Walter Hunt, 18, year old youth, accused with Hickman of murdering C. Ivy Thomas in a drug store holdup a year ago, was brought through the room to an auto room where he waited his turn as a defense witness.

Judge's Face Pales

Judge Trabucco's ruddy face paled to a pasty white as he heard from Cline the details of the girl's murder and mutilation. One woman juror also very pale of countenance, sighed and swallowed visibly.

After Cline had completed the urine confession, Keyes questioned him exhaustively concerning the alleged "fake" fits thrown by Hickman at the Pendleton jail when the officers arrived there. Cline described the "fit" relating Hickman's efforts to appear "wild."

Hunt Testifies

Walter Hunt, blonde haired accomplice in Hickman's first murder, testified for the defense that he had known the prisoner 12 months, during which time Hickman had expressed to him a wish to "cut up some one who after the money around."

A. Guy Hickman, Hunt's counsel objected to the state's leading Hunt into any self incriminating testimony. Judge Trabucco ruled that any incriminating evidence would be disallowed.

Hunt will be recalled as a state witness. Keyes informed the court as the witness was excused.

The heavy jackknife with which Hickman killed and dismembered his victim was entered in evidence by the state. Chief of Detectives Cline being recalled.

Reporter Next Witness

A reporter of a Los Angeles morning tabloid paper was the next defense witness. He testified in a conversation with the prisoner in the Los Angeles county jail in which Hickman said he did "not think" he was insane but stated "temporary outbreak."

The photographer of the torso and head of the slain girl were offered as evidence after being identified by George Watson, Los Angeles Times staff photographer, who made them at the county morgue. He testified the pictures were taken the Saturday the torso was turned over to the child's father for the reason of Ellen.

The photographs were passed among the jurors.

One juror, a plain woman, put her hand to her face and eyes blanched and breathed deeply as the hurriedly glanced at the proved photographs.

The trial was then adjourned to 2 p. m., after the photographer was excused from the stand.

Steal Prosecution Thunder

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2 (AP)—In a theft of prosecution thunder, the details of the kidnaping and slaying of little Marion Parker were published into the records of the nearly trial of William Edward Hickman as a part of the youth's defense.

Hickman's attorneys started their case on what had been accepted as prosecution territory yesterday when the first witness to take the stand after the long line of defense depositions had been read was Detective Lieutenant Richard Lester, one of the Los Angeles police officers who brought the "Fox" back to Los Angeles from Oregon, the scene of his capture.

Reads Confession

Then followed up that witness with the reading of a copy of a confession and an outline of motives in the crime as they had been penned by the kidnaper and slayer.

Defense counsel said they intended to call other members of the police force to corroborate Lester's testimony and to give additional details of Hickman's capture in the Pendleton, Ore., jail and the subsequent trip to Los Angeles.

District Attorney Joe Keyes at the close of yesterday's court session, said that the defense move in issuing subpoenas for prosecution witnesses pointed to an admission of all the facts and was an indication that the defense would attempt to picture their facts in the attitude of an insane man.

Details of the confession offered little news as they had been made known back at the time the prisoner wrote the first confession and again when he wrote at least one other.

From the witness stand Lorna, to whose wrist Hickman was handcuffed during the trip across the desert, told of chatting with the prisoner "like" chatted to Blackburn in the Pendleton jail.

Tells of Fits

"He threw a fit in the jail at Pendleton," testified the huge detective. "The next day—Christmas—he threw another. He asked me on the train what I thought of it. I said I thought it was a pretty poor one.

"He laughed and said 'Well, what judge do you suppose I'll get?'

"I told him he'd probably get before Judge Hardy. (Judge Hardy disqualified himself at the beginning of the sanity trial.)

"'That's fine,' he said. 'He won't hang me. He doesn't believe in capital punishment. But I guess I'll throw a fit for him in court anyway.'"

DIES OF INJURIES

LONGVIEW, Wash., Feb. 2 (AP)—E. J. Clark, 52, of Spokane, died at a hospital here today from a broken back, suffered yesterday when he plunged headforemost 35 feet from a dock to the ground, landing on his shoulders. He is survived by widow and children at Spokane.

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