

'GO TO HELL!' REPLY THE LORDS OF 'FOURTH ESTATE' TO HUGHES

Old Marble-Heart in State Department Runs Against Snag In Trying to Play Autocrat With Real Newspaper Men—They Promptly Trim Him Down to Proper Size—He's a Superfrozen Block of Ice.

CHARLES EVANS HUGHES Secretary of State.

Imagine a block of steel, polished so highly it has the appearance of having the softness of velvet from a distance, with the corners so rounded and smoothed as not to be jagged to the touch.

Imagine again an immense crowd of persons and in the center of the crowd a tall man, looking always into the distance, totally unaware of the seething throng around him.

Imagine, too, a block of ice that has been super-frozen, if such can be the case.

These things in a way typify our Secretary of State of these United States.

Secretary Hughes is a man with a gigantic intellect and as such has nothing in common with the people of the United States. That is the reason he was not elected President of the United States. He failed to register with the great American people.

His administration of the State Department during the Harding administration has been well-nigh faultless, from an academic point of view, but so far as the people themselves are concerned, there might as well be no state department. He has completely detached it from the government of the United States until it really functions as a little super-government all its own.

An air of superlative secrecy permeates the entire state department and one is almost frozen in the middle of July to enter the musty old building. The casual caller stands ten chances of chatting with the President of the

United States to none of even casting his eyes on the Secretary of State.

As long as he had been in public life, Mr. Hughes had his first experience at "controlling" newspaper men when he first became Secretary of State, and with disastrous results.

Twice a week cabinet officers grant conferences with all the newspaper men in a body and at one of these he undertook to "call-down" in typical Hughes fashion Frank H. Simonds, independent foreign political analyst, and Dick Oulihan, of the New York Times.

One of them told him in just these words "Go to Hell," and both walked out and refused to return to his conferences. This gave Mr. Hughes a jolt, for he was accustomed to servility on the part of newspaper men, but here he had found men higher in their professions than he is in his own, or at least as high.

Mr. Hughes has learned many things since he has been Secretary of State, but none of these include the well-known and outstanding principle that the United States government and all its departments, even the sacred state department, belong to the people of the United States.

Once upon a time a certain Mr. Vanderbilt let go of this heartfelt sentiment on his part: "The public be damned."

He spoke a mouthful in Mr. Hughes estimation.

Next week—Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury.

Read The Western American advertisements and patronize the merchants who advertise.

BOOTLEG PRIEST GUILTY OF FORGERY.

DENVER, Colo., Aug. 9.—The judgments of God are not those of men," declared "Father" Grace, when a verdict of "guilty" was returned against him last week for forging a permit for an application to ship liquor into Colorado. The priest was found guilty after a jury deliberation of only 19 minutes. He was committed to jail, John McCann, assistant United States district attorney, explaining that he would not be eligible for release under bond until after motions for a new trial and arrest of judgment have been filed.

NAME PROHI CHIEF IN CROOKED FRAME UP

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gation of certain "prominent" men who were interested or involved in the illicit liquor traffic, past and present.

The quashing of the prosecution of Schultzy, who is said to be wide-open in his wickedness, means also necessarily the suppression of prosecution of several other members of the outlaw bootleg ring in this county.

Marshal Schultzy is sticking to his job temporarily. His official career will be brief, because the best citizens of the city and county are "up in arms."

Cleaver came here and conferred with one side only—the old, discredited political ring that is scheming to get back into power through a minus organization which they call the "Citizens League." This is a small clique combination. Cleaver conferred with J. Hawkins Napier, a criminal lawyer who has been openly accused of owning a half interest in a big moonshine distillery. He denied the charge. He also conferred with Dr. Billington and Attorney Wallace Benson. These are the leaders in the "Citizens League."

Cleaver did not confer with any Klansman, nor with any other prominent and disinterested law-abiding citizens, as far as known, and his movements were watched here very closely. He ignored the business men, with the exception of the small clique referred to, and he learned little or nothing of the true conditions or the overwhelming sentiment of the law-abiding public.

The "Citizens League" held a secret meeting of its few behind guarded doors a few days ago. A tax-payers' general mass meeting, which developed into an indignation meeting, followed open to all with a packed house. At this meeting the bluff of the "Citizens League" was called. Cleaver is said to have been at this meeting as an observer, or at least to know all about it.

Reedsport is a beautiful city of about 1,500 population, with 4,000 or more rural sustaining patrons. The people have been complaining bitterly of the lawless activities of moonshiners and bootleggers, and everyone worth mention is demanding a thorough clean-up, and vigorous prosecutions. The city authorities, with the exception of Marshal Schultzy, are law-abiding and capable, and they want to enforce the laws without fear or favor. They have caused more arrests and obtained more revenue in fines than any previous administration and, with proper support, they would now make a sweeping cleanup. Everyone is declaring that Governor Pierce is all right, if he only knew of conditions, and that he never would approve of any such outrageous side settlement as Commissioner Cleaver is alleged to have made with Schultzy.

Man is a free agent, his own complete master, lord of his own destiny, because his mind is his own and it cannot be enslaved except with his consent. By utilizing his divine powers he can mould his own character, shape his own conditions, alter his environment and destiny. He can make himself what he wills.

MAKE ALL CONVICTS SAFE FOR SOCIETY

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After a scientific study of State prison conditions, one is forced to the conclusion that the best deterrent of crime, which is herewith recommended, is to pass and enforce a law like that of the ancient Greeks under which criminals cannot reproduce their types in the next generation. In plain English, the law should require that all felons, without any exception, should be made safe for society. This law would excel the gallows as a crime deterrent. Oregon should lead in this measure for race protection, as in everything else that is good and constructive.

With a ton and a half, more or less, of inside facts concerning the State Pen and its present mismanagement by Governor Walter M. Pierce, we could follow up in this issue the eye-opening publicity started last week, but the editor has only one pair of hands and lacks the time for preparing the copy. It can wait, and, meanwhile, the conditions complained of may be reformed. The true stories published last week made Warden Johnson Smith a "mad," according to report, that he raved and stormed and declared he was coming to Portland to do something drastic to the editor. He laughed at himself afterward, of course, for he knows that such threats only encourage a newspaper man to be hard-boiled. Johnson Smith is a fine man, personally, of course, and in a recent issue the editor pictured him as a regular genius in prison management. He shouldn't blame me for showing the prison picture from another and more important angle.

Victims of Sicky Sentiment Both the Governor and Warden Smith are the victims of the delusion which prevails too generally that criminals can be reformed by the mollycoddle process. They play for the approval of the impractical theorists whose sickly sentimentality, aided and promoted by prison journals and sub-sisters, has almost ruined the whole general system of prison reform. The result is that criminals are treated like "victims of the law" instead of atrocious malefactors, which they are, and it is easy for both the prisoners and their sentimental sympathizers to acquire the wrong psychology and viewpoint. The editor himself almost fell for it, after a superficial investigation, and it was necessary afterward to cure the mistake by telling some of the hard-boiled facts. It is an unmitigated outrage to make trustees of rapists and murderers and turn them loose upon the defenseless public. The ghastly crimes, especially the fiendish ones against women and girls, must not be forgotten; and had the editor discovered, before writing the first article, that the rapists and murderers were being mollycoddled, he would have produced an account vastly different. Conditions are always shown at their best when scribes and pharisees are visiting a pen.

Mostly All Bible Scholars One phase of prison conditions ought to be told now. Nearly all the major criminals are "religiously inclined," especially the rapists, and they all justify themselves by the Bible. This is true of every prison, as wardens and chaplains everywhere will confirm. One Sunday at the Oregon Pen, in a former administration, a notorious criminal was told to announce the Bible Class. He went before the prisoners and in stentorian voice proclaimed:

"The Bible Class is now ready to convene in the auditorium! All you murderers and rape fiends please attend!" Some of the "gentlemen" objected to being thus addressed and kicked to the principal keeper. When called on the carpet and rebuked for his language, the announcer calmly replied: "Well, I don't see where they have any kick coming. I'm one of them myself."

They are all Bible-backs; can quote you chapter and verse entitling them to clemency and tell all about Lot, David, Solomon and the rest. Each has a Bible and the leaves are all dog-eared, marked and checked with annotations. Some of them read the Bible all their spare time. Thus they come to pity themselves, and all convicts are very sympathetic with each other. There is no logic in their philosophy, however. Only about 5 per cent of the men in the Oregon Pen passed the sixth grade in school, and most of them are the products of the parochial school system—the sweepings and scrapings of society. Inherited types are shown in many

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