

ON THE THRESHOLD

BY RALPH WATSON

"WELL," T. Paer said hospitably after he had carefully parked Polly Tician's umbrella in the bath tub. "How's everything anyway?"

"Looking fine," Polly replied optimistically. "I guess we're over the hump all right."

"I'm glad you're feelin' that way," T. Paer commended her. "You must not've seen the paper that printed that \$4,000,000 budget the city government's got fixed up for next year."

"If somebody'd donate you the crown of the king of England you'd find that the settings were loose," Polly said dispiritedly. "You're leaving the guy that puts the row in sorrow."

"I'd just as sure be that fellah," T. Paer retorted, "as the one that takes all the pay but the paycheck."

"Wait 'till the budget commission gets through with that stuff," Polly suggested, "and maybe you can find a smile some place between now and Christmas."

"It'll have to be quite a while after October," T. Paer said sourly. "I've had time to kinda forget borrowin' the last half of my taxes."

"You give me the Jimmies," Polly told him. "Every time you come over here I hit up with a happy feeling in five minutes I feel like I was at a funeral."

"Well," T. Paer grinned, "if somebody didn't see of you you'd be a sight to see. You might get so lit up 'nd happy you'd get pinched 'nd run in."

"Not much chance if anybody can get a lamp at you once in a while," Polly retorted. "You've been smiling off a tooth paste ad if the ink wasn't indelible."

"If somebody didn't get a grouch once in a while," T. Paer commented, "all you politicians get so all-fired happy everybody else'd go broke."

"Yes," Polly replied, "and if there wasn't so many grouches running round loose there wouldn't be so much holering about the government all the time and we'd have better men in office."

"Sometimes I wonder," T. Paer said, "if a good delivery woter in office'd stop if the men we got in office'd only run the government the way they'd holler to have it run if they wasn't in office."

"The way I look at it," Polly con-

TURKS ANNIHILATE GREEK DIVISIONS

London, Sept. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Three Greek divisions have been annihilated by the Turks near the Outchak sector of the Anatolian battle front, said a dispatch from Athens this afternoon. The Greek commander was wounded and captured. The Turks have occupied Kasaba, 30 miles west of Smyrna, but cavalry detachments were reported between that city and Smyrna.

Petition Circulating Bared Paul Turner's Ex-Wife Tells

"Inside stuff" of the petition circulating was revealed by Mrs. Mary Eschebeck, a witness before Circuit Judge Bingham in the grange income tax petition investigation this morning.

Mrs. Eschebeck was for a short time the wife of Paul Turner, well known petitioner, and it was evident from her testimony that she did not hold her quondam husband in high regard. She had been his wife, she testified, for six weeks only, during which time she said he found he could not get possession of her property, whereupon he had the marriage annulled because of a defect in the service proceedings through which she had secured a divorce from Eschebeck.

WELL COACHED, SHE SAYS

Mrs. Eschebeck testified she had circulated petitions for Turner while married to him and had been well coached in the game.

"They get four or five petitions on different subjects," she said, "and put one on the top of the other. When they get a person to sign the first one, they turn over to the next sheet and the next, and tell him to sign that. If they ask why they have to sign more than one they will tell him one copy for the state, one for the county, one for the city and so on. If he gets suspicious they take what they can get and let him go."

"Turner told me," she testified, "not to give them time to think, but to get all the signatures I could, and that we would make 7 cents a name."

DENIES SIGNING GRANGE BILL

Mrs. Eschebeck denied that she had signed the grange bill, though her name was on it, certified by Turner.

All during the morning session one witness followed another on the stand to testify, either that they had not signed the petition at all, though their names appeared on it, or that they had signed it under misinformation given them by the circulators.

Some witnesses said they had been told that the petition was to reduce street car fares, others that it was to cut the telephone rates, others that it was for the compulsory educational

No Deaths Reported Among 1365 Traffic Mishaps in August

For the first month since March, 1921, Portland had no deaths from traffic accidents in August, according to the monthly police traffic bureau report compiled today.

In 1365 traffic accidents reported last month, 153 persons were injured, the same number injured in July, July, however, had five deaths.

Fines amounting to \$4861 resulted from 1028 arrests in August for traffic violations, according to the report.

Collisions as follows were tabulated: Automobiles with automobiles, 1112; autos with street cars, 118; with pedestrians, 53; motorcycles, 28; bicycles, 33; wagons, 17; trains, 3; coasters and wagons, 1.

Causes of accidents were listed as follows: Carelessness, 324; failure to give right of way, 110; skidding, 66; failure to give signal, 65; cutting corner, 57; reckless driving, 48; lost control, 16; passing street car at intersection, 16; speeding, 11; jaywalking, 10; driving while intoxicated, 9; driving on wrong side of street, 8; double parking, 7; no lights, 4; passing to left of street car, 5; inexperience, 3; defective brakes, 3; no lights or street obstructions, 1.

Portland Editor Declares Salmon Need Protection

Astoria, Sept. 8.—Declaring that unless fish wheels, traps and seines are eliminated from the upper Columbia river the great salmon fishing industry is doomed, Fred Boat, editor of the Portland News, addressed members of the Kiwanis club Thursday, while here attending the first annual salmon trolling tournament sponsored by the club.

Particular stress was placed by the speaker upon elimination of fishing above Vancouver, Wash. He declared the operation of certain wheels and seines as they are alleged to be operated at the beginning of the spawning season, threatens the life of the industry. He said unless the salmon are permitted to reach spawning grounds the supply of fish will soon dwindle to nothing.

The speaker declared the people of the entire state must be educated to support loyally those who are endeavoring to preserve the salmon industry and their cooperation secured.

TAKE SMYRNA FIRST, THEN TALK IS TURKEY'S PLAN

Paris, Sept. 8.—"We intend to take Smyrna and talk afterward," Ferid Bey, European representative of the Ankara government told the United Nations, when asked what answer his government is likely to make to the Greek request for an armistice.

"We cannot now discuss an armistice," Ferid Bey said. "We intend to take Smyrna and talk afterward unless the Greeks completely surrender and unconditionally accept our terms in which we will demand complete evacuation of Asia Minor and the surrender of all war material."

GREEK CABINET FALLS; KING MAY BE OUSTED

Athens, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—Defeat of Greek forces in Asia Minor caused the downfall of the Greek cabinet here yesterday.

Calogoropoulos was charged today by King Constantine with the task of forming a new cabinet.

Reports persist that Constantine may be driven from the throne by enemies using the Turkish victories as a lever to oust him.

FIVE KILLED IN WRECK

Spokane, Wash., Sept. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Five men are dead, one is dying and four others seriously injured as the result of a wreck at Parkwater, four miles east of here at 7:30 o'clock last night, when Northern Pacific passenger train No. 41 collided head-on with a switch engine. Four of the dead and all of the injured are members of the train crew.

ANDREW BENJAMIN FINED

Andrew Benjamin was fined \$200 Thursday by District Judge Hawkins on a charge of violating the prohibition law. He was arrested this morning by deputy sheriffs, who confiscated a 12 gallon still, 150 gallons of mash and five gallons of liquor at his home, No. 629 1/2 First street.

Ninth Annual Fair Opens at Toledo

Toledo, O., Sept. 8.—The ninth annual Lincoln county fair opened Wednesday with one of the finest displays ever shown in the county, the livestock offering being exceptionally fine. The first day's fair was marred by rain and the attendance was small, but Thursday was fair and a large crowd was present. The fair will last four days.

Two Children Are Drowned in Lake As Boat Capsizes

(By United News) Sacramento, Cal., Sept. 8.—Two children were drowned and five others had narrow escapes from a similar fate Thursday when a rowboat containing members of the family of Walter Rueger of San Francisco and two others capsized on Clear lake, near here.

The dead: Marie Rueger, 5 years; Margaret Rueger, 10 months.

Mr. and Mrs. Rueger and their three children and Mrs. A. N. Eberlin also of San Francisco, had come to the auto camp on Clear lake for an outing. After pitching their camp they went to the lake for a row. It is believed the small boat was too heavily laden and capsized, throwing all into the water.

Fire and Explosion Destroy Plant on American Tool Co

(By United News) Detroit, Mich., Sept. 8.—A \$75,000 fire and explosion destroyed most of the building of the American Drill & Tool company here Thursday.

The explosion, it was said, was caused by a machine spark dropping into an oil vat.

A series of explosions tore the roof off the building completely, while employees, who were still at work, went scurrying out of the building. No one was injured.

Ireland Nominated As Surgeon General

Washington, Sept. 8.—(U. P.)—President Harding today sent to the senate the following nomination: Major General M. Weber Ireland, reappointed to be surgeon general of the regular army.

Alice Adams

BY BOOTH TARKINGTON

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CHAPTER 11.

HE SMILED ruefully, closing his eyes; was silent for a moment, then asked her to sit beside the bed, when thinking of something I wanted to say," he added.

"What like, papa?"

"Well, it's nothing—much," he said, with something deprecatory in his tone, as if he felt vague impulses toward both his children. "I just thought maybe I ought to've said more to you some time or other about—well, about the way things are, down at Lamb & Co's, for instance."

"Now, papa!" She leaned forward in the chair she had taken, and pretended to slap his hand grossly. "Isn't that exactly what I said you ought to do? This one single thing about till you get all well?"

"Well—" he said, and went on slowly, not looking at her, but at the ceiling. "I just thought maybe it wouldn't be any harm to let you or other I told you something about the way they sort of depend on me down there."

"Why don't they show it, then?" she asked, quickly. "That's just what mamma and I have been feeling so much; they don't appreciate you."

"Why, yes, they do," he said. "Yes, they do. They began hating my salary the second year I went in there, and they've hated it a little every two years all the time I've worked for 'em. I've been head of the sundries department for seven years now, and I could hardly have more authority in that department unless I was a member of the firm itself."

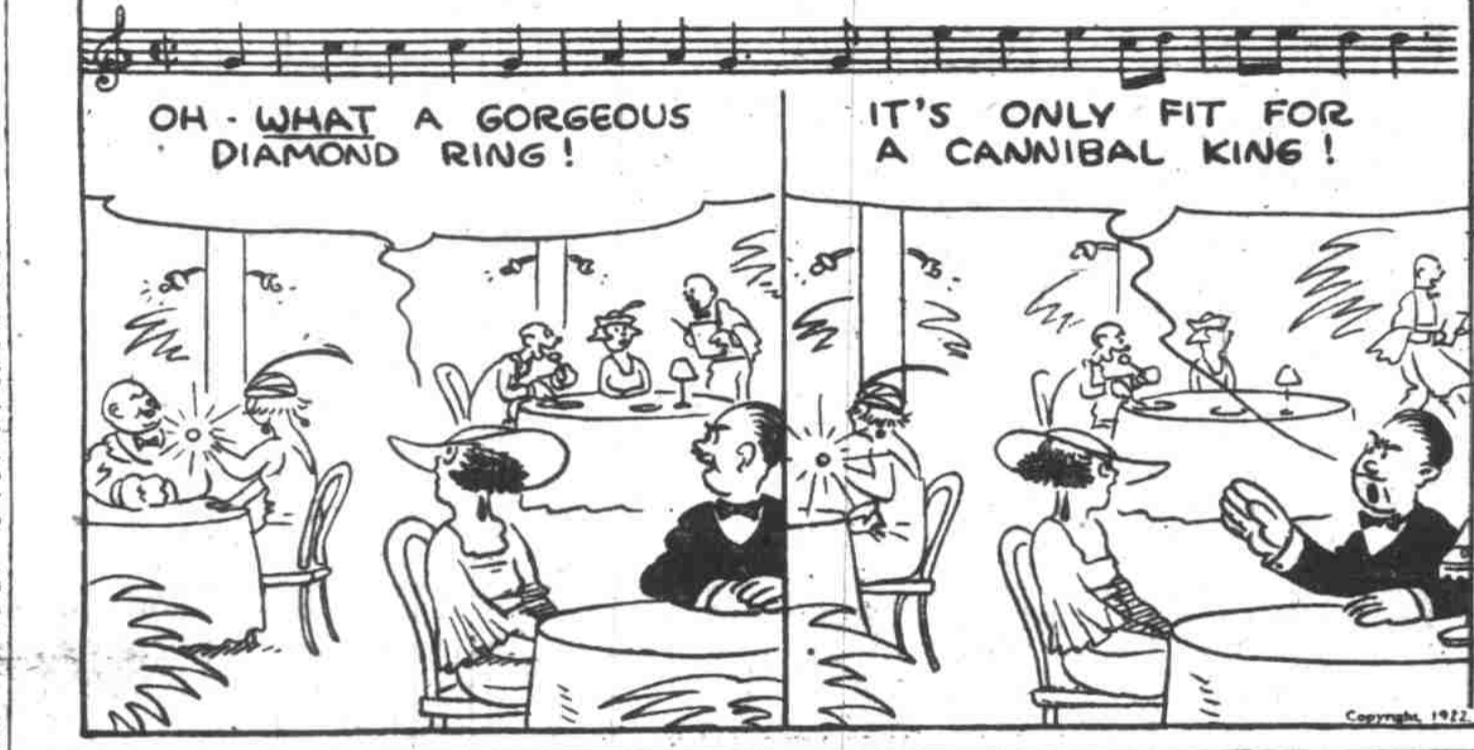
"Well, why don't they make you a member of the firm? That's what you ought to've done. Yes, and long ago!"

Adams laughed, but sighed with more heartiness than he had laughed. "They call me their 'oldest stand-by' down here," he laughed again, apologetically, as if to excuse himself for taking a little pride in this title. "Yes, sir; they say I'm their 'oldest stand-by'; and I guess they know they can count on my department's turning in as good a report as they look for, at the end of every month; but they don't have to take a man into the firm to get him to do my work, dearie."

"But you said they depended on you, papa."

"So they do; but of course not so's they couldn't get along without me," he paused, musing. "I don't just seem to know how to put it—I mean how to put what I started to say. I kind of wanted to tell you—well, it seems funny to me, these last few years, the way your mother's won't be feeling about it. I'd like to see a better established wholesale drug business than Lamb & Co's this side the Alleghenies—I don't say bigger, I say

THEM DAYS IS GONE FOREVER— "Rings on Her Fingers"



A SMALL SIZED STONE IS THE PROPER THING - THEM DAYS IS GONE FOREVER!



BRINGING UP FATHER

LOOK, JIGGS, I'VE INHERITED A BIG ESTATE IN CHINA AN' I'M GOIN' OVER THERE

GREAT! I WISH I WUZ GOIN' WITH YOU.

"Yes, papa," she said, not moving.

"And the work's right pleasant," he went on, "mighty nice boys in our department, Alice. Well, they are in all the departments, for that matter. We have a good deal of fun down there some days."

She lifted her head. "More than you do at home 'some days,' I expect, papa," she said.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

KRAZY KAT



Will Be All Fixed in a Minute



BRAIN TEST

By Sam Loyd
Two Minutes to Answer This

GRAND OPENING

NEARLY 1000

MAKING

PROOF

This rebus sketch of a merchant's start in business suggests the name of an English town, world famous as a racing center. Can you guess it?

Answer to Yesterday's Puzzle

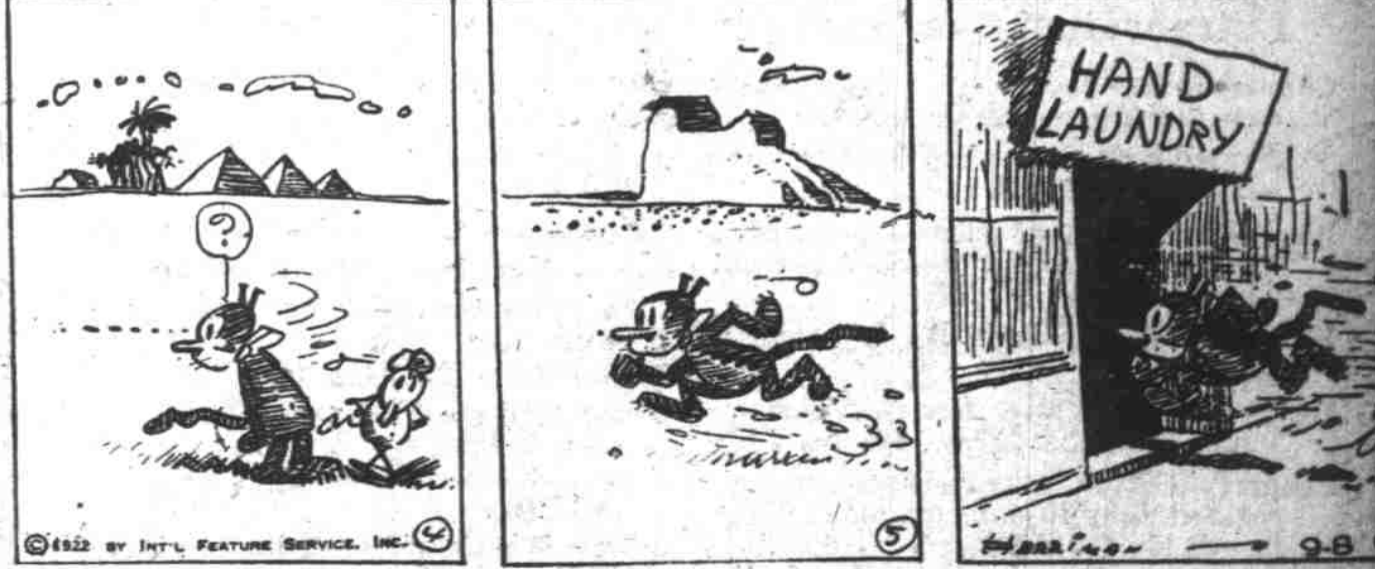
From the labels on the trunk it was possible to identify the criminal as follows:

Binghamton, Poughkeepsie, Albany, Kingston, Auburn, Jamestown, Watertown, Rochester, Oswego.

ABIE THE AGENT



Seems to Be a Lot of Fellers Like This



250 Residents of St. Helens to Be at Vernonia Fete

St. Helens will send a special train of 250 people to Vernonia Saturday for the jubilee celebration in observance of the completion of the Portland, Astoria & Pacific railroad, according to advice received by the railroad company today. The Chamber of Commerce of Portland is planning upon sending a special train to the celebration and 75 reservations have been made so far.

The Portland people will be joined by special parties of business men from Banks, Hillsboro and North Plains at Vernonia. The special train will leave Portland at 8:30 a. m. and return about 10 o'clock that night. A special excursion rate of \$3.50 has been announced by the railroad company.

Advice has been received by the chamber of commerce of the program arrangement for the day. Mayor Baker, Judge C. H. Carey and Omar Spencer will be Portland's speakers at the program arranged for that afternoon.

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