

DRUG TRAFFIC TO BE ATTACKED BY U.S. GOVERNMENT

Washington, Dec. 19.—The federal government is preparing for a vigorous attack on the drug evil in this country at its source, it was revealed here today.

This attack will be launched through the customs division of the treasury department to check the smuggling of opium, morphine and other narcotics coming in principally at Pacific coast ports from the Orient.

The conferees on the treasury appropriation bill for the 1924 fiscal year, now pending before congress, have agreed to make available immediately upon passage a portion of the amount allotted to the customs service. The treasury plans to use a portion of this money for the employment of additional inspectors at San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle and other coast ports, so that every vessel coming in from the Orient may be thoroughly searched.

PLANS WORKED OUT

At present, the treasury claims, it is not possible with the limited number of inspectors available to make complete inspection of all boats. A representative of the customs service from Washington on a recent trip to the coast had this matter up with customs officials there and plans for the strengthening of the inspection service then were worked out.

Smugglers resort to all manner of schemes to conceal narcotics aboard ships where they will escape discovery unless a thorough search of every part of the vessel is made. In one case recently at San Francisco inspectors having information a ship was bringing in a quantity of opium and morphine searched two days after it reached port without discovering the cache.

Then as a last resort, one of the inspectors crawled into a boiler that had not been fired on the voyage and found \$45,000 of drugs concealed there. In another recent instance at New York packages of drugs were found tied high up in the rigging to one of the masts, a most unlikely place of discovery except under most careful search.

DRUG DUMPED OVERBOARD

Other instances are reported of smugglers dumping drug consignments overboard at outer waters of a port to be picked up by waiting small boats, to escape detection by customs officers at the docks.

The increasing of the customs inspection forces will make possible, in the opinion of treasury officials, a more rigid enforcement of the drastic provisions of the Jones-Miller narcotic act passed by congress last spring. This act provides penalties of \$25 an ounce against the owners of any vessel bringing in opium and proportionate penalties for other drugs. Label of the ship is provided for to secure the payments of these penalties.

Officials of the department of justice and the treasury entrusted with the enforcement of the Harrison narcotic law against domestic sales of drugs declare that, with the enormous profits in the trade, experience has proved that it is next to impossible to stop drug peddling as long as the trade can

continue to be supplied with smuggled wares from abroad. The best they can hope for is to hold it in check until the source of supply can be wiped out. Prohibition Commissioner Hayes, in charge of narcotic enforcement, said today he would be in Portland January 18, to deliver an address, and from there would go to San Francisco and Los Angeles to look into the drug traffic on the coast.

FOOTBALL

THE Peninsula Junior football team received the silver trophy emblematic of the 1922 championship of the Honeyman Hardware Company league, at a meeting last Friday night. Although having the lightest and youngest squad in the circuit, the Peninsula Juniors deserve great credit for their showing, winning seven and tying one game out of eight played. Coach Duly developed great teamwork during the campaign and the high scores were Lewis Staton, halfback recently from Tennessee, who made six touchdowns, George Johnson and Larry McCellian each made two and Al Harris and Louis Olson each made one.

Vernon Park won the 150-160 pound championship of Portland by virtue of a 6 to 0 victory over Highland recently, according to the claims set forth by the Vernon manager. Vernon made 14 first downs against three for Highland. Bill Maloney scored the winning touchdown and was the individual star throughout the season.

Mickey Walker Is Winner Over Krug In 12-Round Bout

Newark, N. J., Dec. 19.—Mickey Walker, welterweight champion of all this world, outpointed Phil Krug, a middleweight of Harrison, N. J., Monday in a 12-round no-decision fight, before a large crowd, which was all for Krug.

Notwithstanding Krug's popularity Walker was generally conceded to be the winner. The welter title was not at stake, for Krug came in weighing 134 pounds. Walker weighed 148.

Jack Britton, from whom Walker recently took his title, was present and stepped into the ring long enough to challenge the winner. Walker had genuine championship class about him, and gave Krug a pretty lively licking. Krug made a spurt in the third, fourth and fifth rounds, having a perceptible edge. Mickey had led him in the first two. The sixth and seventh may have been even, but if not they belonged to Mickey. The eighth was Walker's when he unwrapped a burst of fury and battled the middleweight all over the corral. Krug went down in the tenth, but it was only a slip, and he took no count. Walker captured the eleventh round and the doventh was even.

Medford Is Out of Running for Game

Corvallis, Or., Dec. 19.—Medford high school has been eliminated from the running as an opponent for the Scott high school football team of Toledo, Ohio, according to a telegram received here Monday.

Corvallis' guarantee for the game was received and accepted 14 hours before Medford's bid for the game arrived.

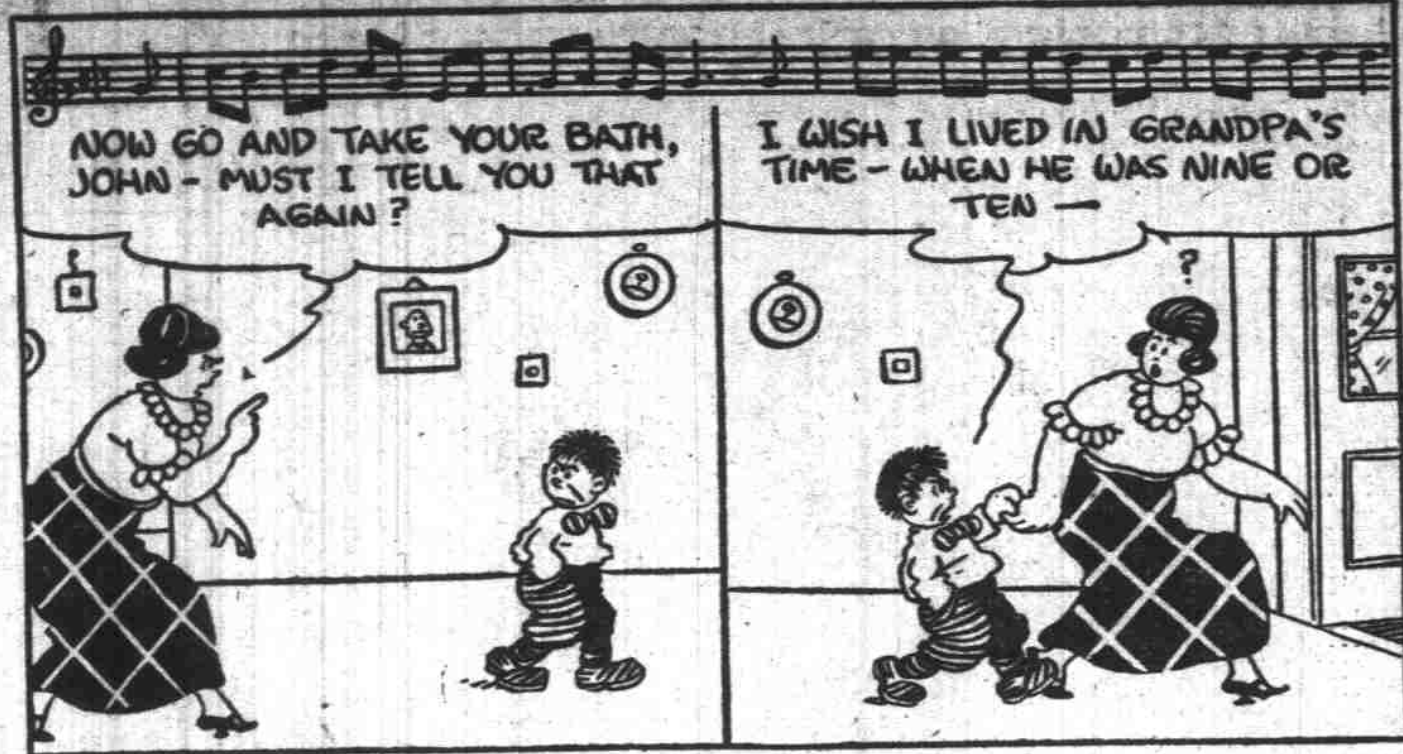
Effort to Protect Battery Expensive

Halsey, Dec. 19.—Efforts of Roy Farmer, farmer residing four miles northeast of Halsey, to protect his automobile battery from the cold cost him his car, his garage and harness and potatoes stored in the garage. Friday night Farmer heated a large rock, wrapped it in a sack and put it under the car. The garage was enveloped in flames before he discovered the blaze.

USE OIL HEATER

Ridgefield, Wash., Dec. 19.—Despite unusually wintry weather, duck and goose hunting was good Sunday for a quartet of Ridgefield nimrods. Dr. William L. Des, Charles L. Peck, Frank Laws and Roy Stutch, who shot good bags at their preserves just west of here, between Lake river and Bachelor Island slough. They shot 57 ducks and six geese. To get better results the nimrods tried out an innovation by installing an oil heater in their blind, which is claimed as successful by them, the warmth enabling better handling of their guns and improving accuracy.

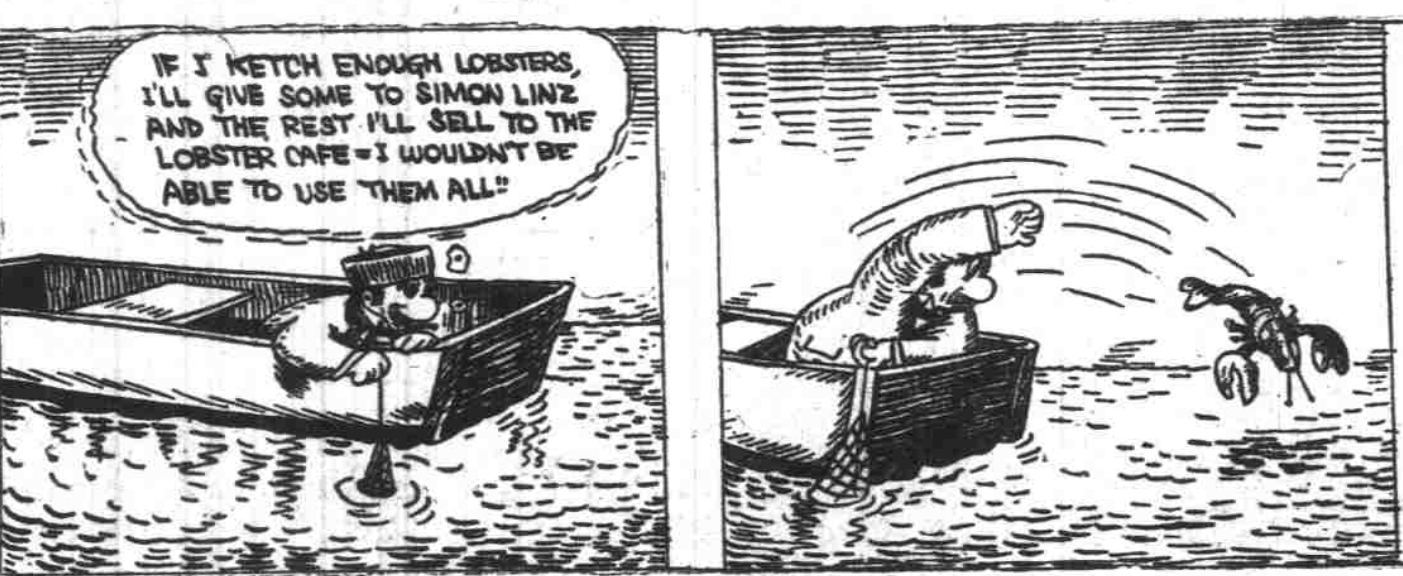
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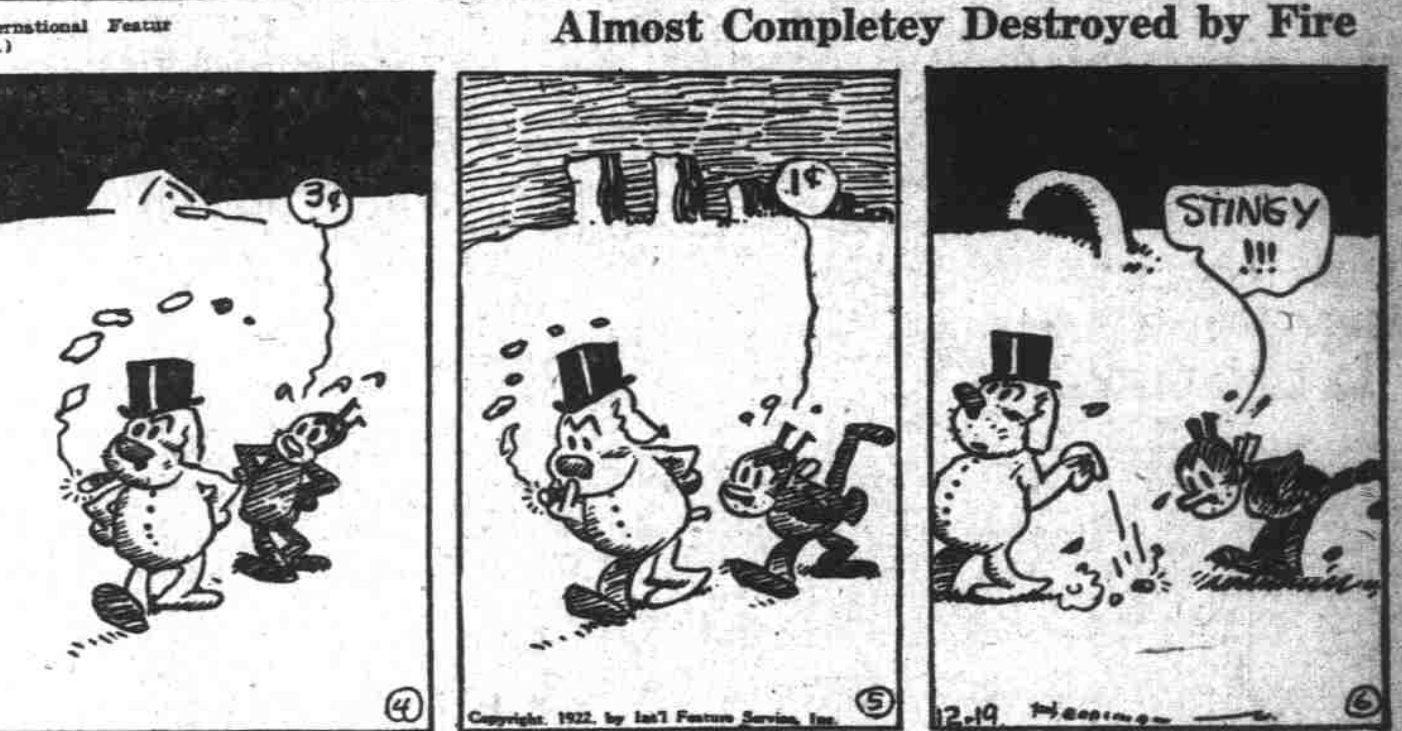
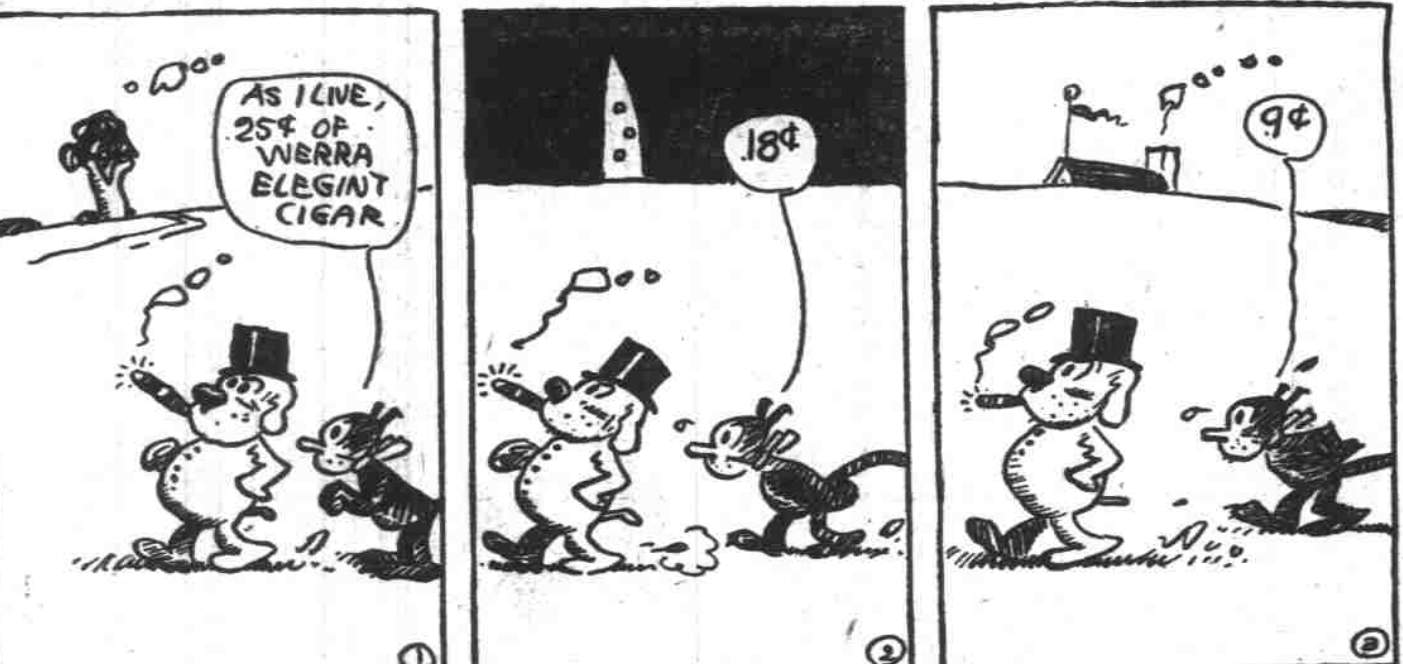
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