

## New York Letter

NEW YORK, April 6.—There's nothing like the right sort of background! New York has been feeling lately that it has just about had all it could stand in the way of divorces and scandals generally. But along comes a man who sees the cheering side of the shadows. He was so impressed that he sat down and wrote to one of the evening papers as follows: "Sir: Have been reading some of the recent divorce serials and have a feeling that I don't mind a bad day after all."

Wall street and its immediate environs may be the real financial district of this city, but there is no little speculation in foreign exchange where one doesn't expect to find anything but theater tickets to buy. And Times Square has introduced the new idea of buying money on the installment plan, which is unusual, to put it mildly. Austrian kronen, German marks, Russian rubles, and other coins and paper moneys and securities of foreign countries are being sold in one corner store on a basis of "\$10,000 for \$25 down" and weekly payments thereafter. The placard advising investment in thousands of Russian rubles ends with this hopeful remark, "Bolshevism can't last forever."

"A Man About Town," which preceded Drinkwater's "Mary Stuart," recently opened at the new Ritz theater, is a pantomime which was originally developed within the precincts of the Amateur Comedy club. It is an attempt to apply a very old art to the comedy inherent in our present day life, for the pantomime shows the afternoon of a modern New York.

W. L. Hinton, an automobile accessory manufacturer of Decatur, Ill., was in town this week. Mr. Hinton was formerly a "chain store" grocer in his home town. But he's off groceries for life. "I used to ship carloads of barreled tressa vegetables, home-made cider vinegar, pickles and potatoes to the Waldorf-Astoria," said Mr. Hinton. "People in those days demanded their food in fresh, prime condition, and bought the food. A well-kept grocery of that period was a delight, with its fresh, bulk goods. The average grocer today is nearer a druggist. He hands you a capsule of crackers, a piece of art containing specimens of coffee, a pretty little something bearing a Pullman car name and the allegation that it contains something for breakfast, and a bewitching pair of pickles bottled in and sealed. And my, how the stuff costs! Farmers are quitting their gardens. Garden stuff would soil grocers' hands. And they must be sold when they are ripe. We take a look through the Tuesday Evening Boast colored ads, and go to the delicatessen for our dressed up eats. And bless your dear heart, we pay!"

A man of the discreet age of 67 years won't be allowed in New York City—to adopt a young woman of 29; but she can, if she feels so inclined, and if the marriage first, adopt him as her son. Such is the ruling of Surrogate John P. Cohalan, who put his judicial seal of disapproval on the petition of Herbert N. Curtis to make Miss Mary Lois Fox his foster daughter. When Mr. Curtis' plea had failed, Miss Fox attempted to explain the situation to the judge once more. She had known Mr. Curtis for a long time; he had been very good in helping her make her way professionally, she was about to be married; and she thought it would be nice to have him live with them as a father. "Wait until you are married," said the surrogate. "Then bring your husband around and I'll let you adopt this old man as your son if you like."

Glass pistols are New Yorkers' latest protection against hold-ups. The law prevents them carrying fire-arms unless they have a permit. To a lot of people the obtaining of a permit for anything looks like a tremendous fuss and bother; a good many more don't know how to go about getting a permit, nor, indeed, that they are obtainable at all. And another group is more afraid of a gun than of a gunman. So the glass pistol has become the solution. Like nearbeer it looks real and feels real, but it hasn't any kick. It does have the "authority," though, that the nearbeer lacks. Just so long as the thugs don't get on to it. A good dozen men in the city are already crediting themselves with one nick in the glass—one "stick-up" man scared off with the flashing of the glass pistol.

And now, after wearing choker collars in order to have something on which to fasten the straps that held on one's evening gown—since there was nothing over the shoulders to do it, the novelty seekers among the costumers have produced the frock with no sleeves at all except cuffs, yes, cuffs, way down around your wrists, held to the shoulders by two delicate strips of material. Yes, I saw them.

The very latest indication of wealth is the sterling silver door key. It quite breaks into one's costume to draw out an ugly brass key, and so now the whole gold or silver key-chain full are of silver just as pure. The jewelry and novelty shops are beginning to carry the silver blanks and any locksmith can cut the proper nicks into them to fit the lock.

If your clothes are not becoming to you, you'd better be coming to us. Modern Cleaners, W. R. Webber, proprietor, One block east of postoffice.

### FARMERS DON'T CUT WHEAT ACREAGE DESPITE THREAT

LINCOLN, Nebr., April 6.—Farmers of Nebraska failed to carry out the threat made last year of reducing wheat acreage because of the low prices, according to a statement today by Anderson of the federal bureau of crop estimates, showing that winter wheat sown last fall was only two percent less than that of a year ago and far exceeds the 10-year average.

No wheat is being plowed up, he said, except that which was winter-killed or seriously damaged by drought. The percentage is very small and occurred in western counties.

The autumn and winter were especially favorable to wheat and present condition is good—far above the average—although a general rain would be beneficial.

### NO ROOM HERE FOR HALF-BREED AMERICANS—WOOD

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—"They shall not pass" was the answer given by Major-General Leonard Wood to 10,000 persons assembled here last night under the auspices of the American legion of San Francisco on "what is Americanism."

"Americanism means a government of law and order," Wood declared, "and all those who enter our gates with the insidious propaganda of socialism or its allied doctrines must be stopped and forced to drop their double citizenship and take the oath of allegiance to our institutions, or turn back to those lands where they came. There is no room in this country for half-breed Americanism."

### POLICE ARREST TWO MEN; SEIZE LAUNCH AND LIQUOR

SEATTLE, Wn., April 6.—Seizing the power launch Oakland this afternoon police confiscated 14 cases of wine and whiskey and arrested two men. Thirty cases of booze were also seized this afternoon by deputy sheriff's after overtaking an auto on the highway. The liquor had been smuggled across the Canadian boundary.

### FIVE ALLEGED NARCOTIC PEDDLERS ARE ARRESTED

SEATTLE, Wn., April 6.—Five alleged narcotic peddlers, four of them Chinamen, were in jail here tonight as the result of a drive on the drug traffic here by federal officers, under Harry Smith, chief of the narcotic unit to the Pacific coast. A special force of agents has been imported from California by Smith.

### GREAT BRITAIN IS

Premier Lloyd George, in a letter to the miners and owners.

In this letter he said the government tendered its good offices in an endeavor to bring about an agreement.

LONDON, April 6.—British transport workers today voted to support striking coal miners "in every way possible."

The form of action to be taken was left for decision after railway workers determine their attitude in the labor fight.

The transport workers asked for conferences with two other groups to decide on united action of the "triple alliance."

### STORRS, MAN IN FATAL CASE, MUST DO TIME

SEATTLE, Wash., April 6.—Douglas M. Storrs, former King county deputy sheriff, who so infatuated 18-year-old Ruth Garrison that she poisoned his wife nearly three years ago, must himself "do a stretch" of five years in the penitentiary.

The supreme court yesterday finally affirmed the conviction of Storrs. He was tried in Okanogan county and found guilty of seduction. The Garrison girl has been in prison since her trial for the murder of Mrs. Storrs, serving an indeterminate sentence as a criminally insane person.

Three of the eight supreme justices did not concur in the majority opinion.

### —The Best Big Sister—

### STORY OF

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his plantation, now on trial for his life in the little red courthouse of Newton county, is making his fight with counter allegations of a conspiracy on the part of enemies among his neighbors.

Williams went on trial Tuesday before a jury composed of seven other planters, two merchants, a barber, a clerk and a druggist, the center of a case that will become celebrated in the history of Georgia. The prosecution is out to "clear Georgia's good name of the blot of peonage," as A. M. Grant, assistant solicitor general, declared in opening the case for the state.

"We will show the world that Georgia does not sanction peonage," the prosecutor said. "We must deal swift justice to the guilty."

Surrounded by guards, Williams entered the court house only a few minutes before court opened. Scattered through the crowd were armed detectives prepared to pounce on anyone who might make a break to defeat the ends of justice. Guards also surrounded Clyde Manning, the negro field foreman who confessed to being the "Simon Legree" of the alleged slave farm and to finally killing or participating in the killing of 11 of the unfortunate negro workmen because they "squanded" but who claimed it was all done under Williams' direction.

Hundreds of farmers and villagers surrounded the court house, unable to wedge themselves into the court room.

Greene F. Johnson, self-styled "country lawyer," chief counsel for Williams, was the one who indicated that the conspiracy defense will be set up.

Williams has claimed ever since his arrest that a neighbor family with which his own family had a rural feud, was at the bottom of the charges against him. Johnson said he would call 50 witnesses to show that some of Williams' enemies were trying to railroad him.

The state will call 40 witnesses in an effort to convince the jury that Williams not only purchased negro prisoners from jail by paying insignificant fines but held them in peonage and when they complained to the authorities, ruthlessly caused them to be murdered.

The trial adjourned prematurely to permit the defense to ascertain from Gov. Dorsey, by telephone from Atlanta, who were the citizens who took such an interest that they retained former Congressman W. M. Howard, of Augusta, to aid the state, and E. Marvin Underwood, a noted attorney, to represent Clyde Manning.

The governor announced that the citizens in question were C. B. Wilmer and Ashby Ones of Atlanta.

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### BOOTLEGGERS SENT

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three-weeks stay on the place, and that during this time he expected to find the still, even if he had to tear down the house, piece by piece.

This was the straw that broke the backbone of Belland's resistance. He then led the police to a cleverly concealed trap door, beneath a stairway. Opened, this trap door dis-

closed a concrete basement, directly in the center of the house, in which a perfect copper still was set up. In a corner, 10 gallons of the finished product, corn whiskey, was standing. In another corner stood six 50-gallon barrels, three of which were filled with corn mash.

The basement was a regular "bootlegger's paradise," according to Chrisman. Nothing necessary for the manufacture of moonshine whiskey had been neglected, even to having running water piped in for cooling the copper coil.

Taken before Justice of the Peace J. W. Allen this morning, Belland entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail and pay a fine of \$500. He told the court that it was the first time that he had ever been caught, and that he would like very much to be let off with a fine, without the jail sentence. Justice Allen replied that Belland had been gambling with the state and had lost, and that the state now insisted upon collecting the full stakes, as prescribed by law.

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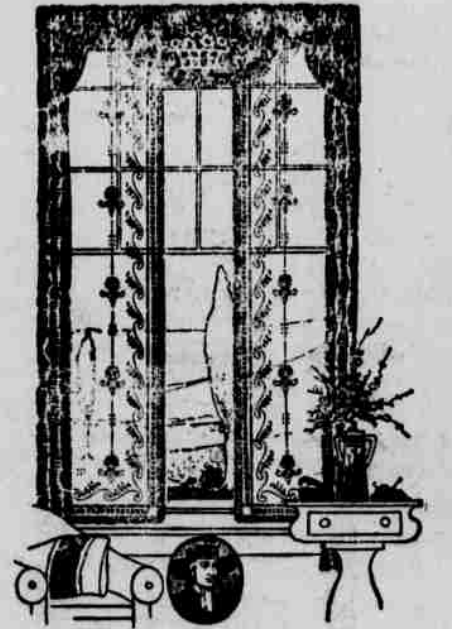
## Home Craft Week

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