

# O. HENRY AND AL. JENNINGS

(Continued from last week)

## CHAPTER SIXTY-ONE

One night—a cold, raw, angry night—Bill and I were strolling along somewhere in the East side. "Remember the kid they electrocuted at the O. P.?" he said to me. "I will show you life tonight that is more tragic than death."

Faces that were no longer human—that seemed scarred and blenched as though the skin were a kind of web-like scale—dodged from alleyways and basements.

"They are the other side of the Enchanted Profile. You don't see it on our God. He keeps it hidden."

To Bill, long before he had

written the story of that name, the Enchanted Profile was the face on the dollar.

### 850 Gift to Beggar.

We were turning a dingy corner. The sorriest, forlornest slice of tattered demoralization came shambling along. He was sober. Hunger—if you've ever felt it, you recognize it in the other fellow's eyes—stared out from his emaciated face. "Hello, pard."

Bill stepped to his side and slipped a bill into his hand. We went on. A moment later the hobo shuffled up. "Sense me, mister. You made a mistake. You gave me \$20."

"Who told you I make a mistake?" Porter pushed his. "Be off."

And the next day he asked me to walk four blocks out of my way to get a drink.

"We need the exercise. We're getting obese," I noticed that the bartender greeted Bill with a familiar smile. At the counter a big fat man jostled me, nearly knocking the glass from my hand.

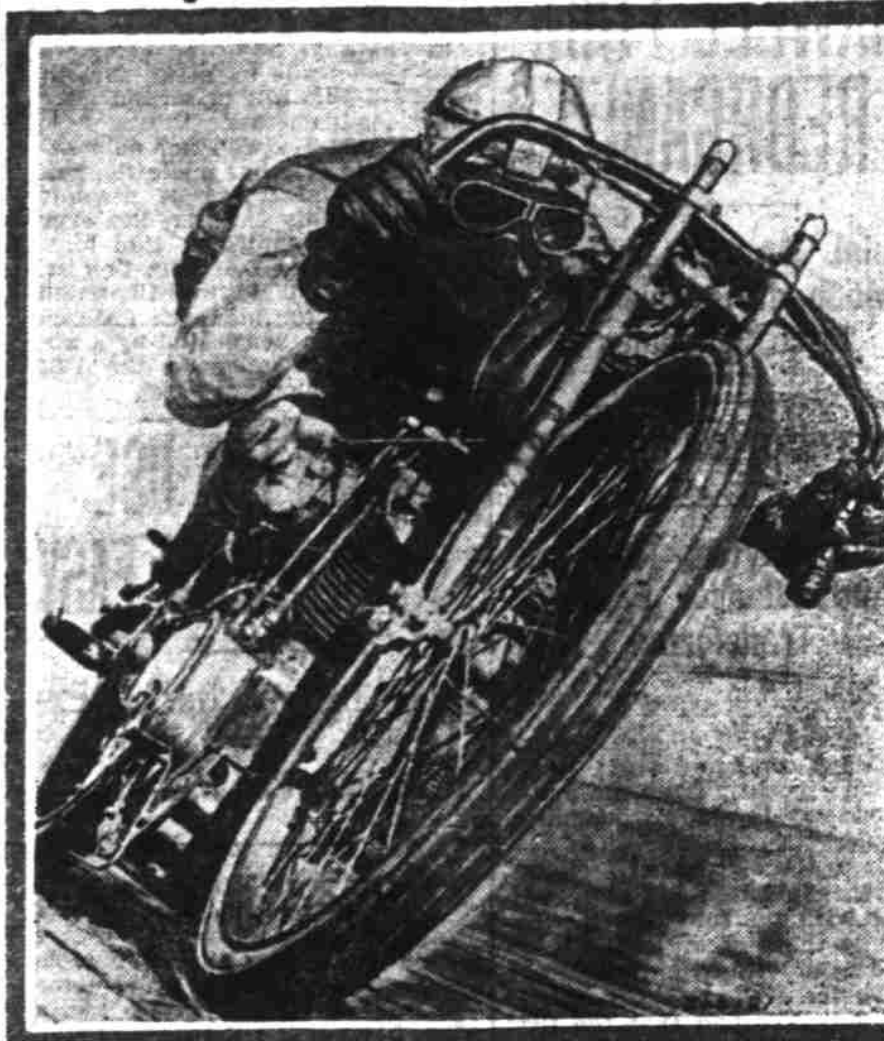
It made me furious. I swung my fist. Porter caught my arm. "They don't mean anything, these New York hobs."

It happened again and again. The fourth time Porter asked me to go there I became curious.

"What do you like about that rough joint, Bill?"

"I'm broke, colonel, and the bartender knows me. My credit there is unlimited."

## HOTOGRAPHED WHILE GOING 112 MILES AN HOUR.



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Remarkable speed picture taken while Fred Ludlow was travelling around a Los Angeles saucer track. The "snap" at one-thousandth of a second seems to make the flying rider stand still.

600 of lire, instead of the 14,000,000,000 of last year.

Many new taxes also will be applied this year and these are expected to provide a continued increase in the national receipts, since the Italian taxpayer seems inexhaustible in his contributions to the restoration of his country's finances.

Other numerous signs of economic revival in Italy are pointed out by Italian economists. These include a decrease in the number and extent of strikes, increased railway earnings and an increase in the amount of capital invested in hydro-electric plants.

Imports of manufactured articles from abroad are slowly decreasing, while Italian exports, chiefly to Mediterranean countries and South America are increasing.

The national savings now exceed 17,000,000,000 of lire, as compared to about 7,000,000,000 before the war.

Observers say that even the most excitable and ignorant of the Italian people have finally come to realize the impossibility of instituting the soviet system in Italy. The recent declarations of the general confederation of labor decided in favor of evolutionary action and excluded the possibility of a revolution by violence.

### BIBLE HIS PROOF.

An Indiana professor, whose boyhood was spent in Kentucky, often relates his early school experience to the children. Recently they came to him with tales of a lecture they had heard at school on the evils of tobacco.

## ITALY SURE TO STAY SOLVENT

So Declares Editor of Economist, Big Financial Paper in Rome

ROME, April 19.—There is no longer any doubt that Italy will remain solvent even though her wealth has been terribly undermined by the expenses of the war, says the Marquis de Johannes, editor of the Economist, the most important financial weekly here.

The editor pointed out that if the Italian government could avoid adding to the paper currency, this would create confidence which would improve the rates and that if the next two or three seasons were favorable the Italian treasury might hope for an early return of annual surpluses.

The necessity for further emissions of paper money has been eliminated by the new law authorizing an increase in the price of bread. This also has reduced the annual deficit in the state budget to less than 4,000,000,000.

### No Conception of Money Value.

Broke—yet he had \$20 to throw away to a hobo! Porter had no conception of money values. He seemed to act according to some super standard of his own.

He beggared himself financially with his spendthrift ways, but his whimsical investments brought him in a rich store of experience and satisfaction. The wealth of self-expression was worth more to him than economic affluence.

Yet he was not one who bore amiably an empty wallet. He liked to spend. He wished always to be the host. Often he would say to me, "I shall have the pleasure of ordering this at your expense." When the meal was finished I would look for the check, picking up the napkins and fussing about.

"Cease your orientation," he would say. "That is paid and forgotten. Don't make such a vulgar display of wealth."

He liked to spend—but he liked better to give away. In the book he had given to Sue he had slipped a \$10 bill. She came back a few days later after the banquet at the Caledonia. I was waiting for Porter.

"I've come to bring this back. Your friend, Mr. Bill, forgot to look before he gave it to me. Just then Porter came in.

Declined to Take Money Returned.  
"Good morning, Miss Sue," I had forgotten her name and was calling her Sophie and Sarah and honey. Porter doffed the cap he was wearing.

"Will you come in?"  
"I just came in to hand this back." Porter looked at the note in her hand as though he considered himself the victim of a practical joker.

"What is the meaning of this?"  
"It was in the book you gave me."

"It does not belong to me, Sue. You must have put it there and forgotten."

The girl smiled, but into her intelligent black eyes there came a look of gratitude and understanding.

"Forgotten, Mr. Bill? If you'd only handled a few ten spots as I have you couldn't in nowise misplace one without knowin' it."

"It's yours, Sue, for I know it isn't mine. But say, Sue, some day I might be hard up and I'll come around and get you to stake me to a meal. And if you're out of luck, ring this bell."

"There ain't many like you gents." The girl's face was flushed with gladness. "Same and me, we think yer prince."

Half way down the hall she turned. "I know it's yours, Bill. Thanks."

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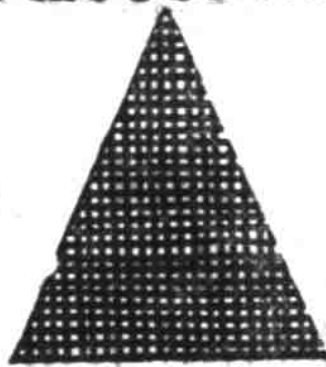
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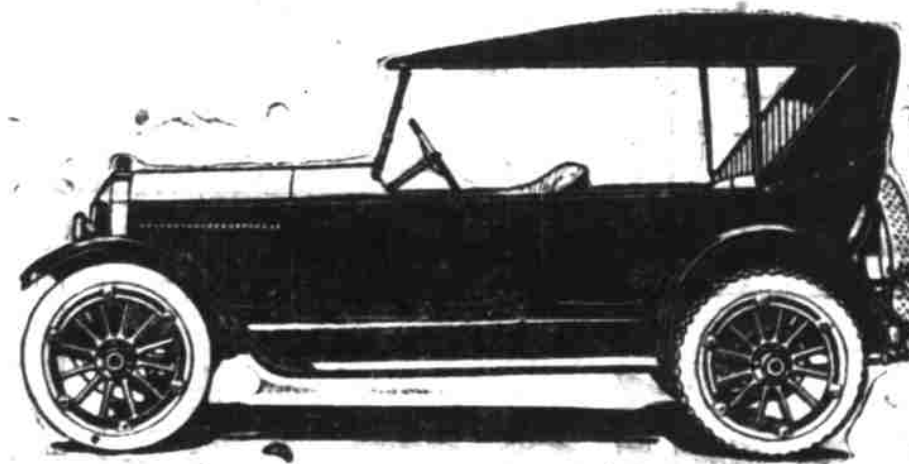
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