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THERE IS NO PERFECT CRIME

If Bruno Richard Hauptmann imagined himself the architect (at last) of the "perfect crime" in the Lindbergh case, he has come to jolting disillusionment. These dull Americans may not have the imagination to understand readily the fine handwork of one drilled in the deep German school of crime, but when aroused they are uncommonly persistent.

Who would have thought that a crime be spoiled by so remote a thing as a "New Deal" and a radical president who would take the country "off gold"? Who would think that a trade hungry gas station man would notice any piece of money so long as it was good?

There can be little doubt that Hauptmann either committed the theft and murder of the Lindbergh baby or else was one of the very small and intimate group that did that crime. The circumstantial indications are very strong—the ladder built of lumber from the yard which Hauptmann had frequented, the stolen Jersey car, the handwriting on the ransom notes. It will be difficult for the most adroit shyster to make any jury believe that Hauptmann merely "muscled in" on the ransom.

Hauptmann was a very "smart guy" in the planning of his crime. He avoided the big gangs wherein treachery lurks in every stoolpigeon and "moll." By playing a lone hand he did not have to split with rival mobsters or crooked cops. Up to a certain point, his program was ideal. The "breaks" favored him, such as when the meddler Curtis and the notorious Gaston Means "horned in." After two years he was tripped by a little thing, the conjunction of a car license and the tell-tale twenty dollar bill.

The capture of Hauptmann is the crowning achievement in the nation's war on crime. It destroys the outstanding illusion of success in crime. It is to be hoped there will be no emotional resort to mob violence against the man. The relentless machinery of regular procedure can handle this thing.

RACING WITH WINTER'S STORMS

IN THE next few weeks we shall see a dramatic race with winter to save the homeless people of Nome from starvation and freezing in the oncoming winter storms. It is a race, however, which civilization will probably win.

Thirty years ago such a fire in such a remote community at this season would have meant major disaster. Today we have the airplanes. Already, medicines, fresh meats and other necessities have been carried in to Nome.

It will be a more difficult problem to ship in lumber for shelters before the ice blockade sets in, but there is a fighting chance. Thanks to prompt communication by cable and radio there has been no delay in telling the world "outside" about the plight of Nome.

You may remember a few years back when there was a serious epidemic of diphtheria in one of the icebound Alaskan towns. Heroic men with dog teams battled their way through blizzard-swept mountain passes with medical implements and serums. Last year, within a few hours a similar emergency at distant Point Barrow was met by plane.

People in Alaska are resourceful. They have to be. Till major shipments of supplies can be put through they will have to go back to the primitive shelters which were used by gold rush pioneers. It will not be an easy winter in Nome, but it will be infinitely safer and easier than it would have been just a few years ago.

It looks as if Almoes Semple McPherson might be slipping. A small-time evangelist has tied her for kidnapping honors and another preacher is one snake bite ahead of her.

That Kansas weather forecaster who admitted it was getting cooler when the mercury dropped from 102 to 60 probably will feel safe in ordering his coal by February.

The real test will face Chancellor Schuschnigg of Austria after the hay fever season. Almost anyone can pronounce his name now.

READER EDITORIAL

SALES TAXES AND PENSIONS

OKAIDGE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—"Does the end justify the means?" was once a question that hampered only that small minority known as Christian radicals, but complexities in modern economies have made it the dilemma of a nation. Many an idealistic young Christian has pondered the advisability of using methods of benefiting the American masses which might invite violence, since forceful coercion was one of his strictest taboos.

Now all America is wondering. The biggest attention—going to this bone of contention has been the Townsend Old-Age Pension plan, which seems to be very popular as it sweeps the country. No sane, socially-minded person has any grounds for objecting to old-age pensions. They have nearly become a more pressing necessity since the days of the Industrial Revolution. Peculiarly, however, even the average worker has refused, through this period, to embrace them.

Suddenly a change has come, and the reason is plain. Every reader knows the arguments in favor of the plan. It's really that they would be humane, would abolish unemployment, and would start money circulating again. Little, though, is said about how the \$400 per month for each aged couple will be obtained. Here it is that the basic question I have spoken of shows itself.

The sales tax, admittedly unjust, even by a good share of its proponents, is the revenue-getter. And the sales tax at 10 per cent or more would put the average worker, who is now at the subsistence level, clear under. I heard a Townsend speaker declare that the act would put to work all 12,000,000 of our unemployed, but it is hardly the acme of sound economies to our parents, grandparents, or aunts and uncles \$400 to step out of the labor market and give us a \$50 or \$75 job.

Neither is there anything "red-bloodedly American" as the same speaker put it, to legislate \$400 to a couple, which will not only allow that couple to live and spend extravagantly, but employ the surplus 12,

000,000 on the side. I do not mean that the couple should under no circumstances have the money. I merely mean that they should not have it as long as many millions of workers, with families of from one or two to ten or fifteen, are going to have to subsist on anything from federal relief to not over \$100 per month.

The difficulty is not, as this speaker declared, that purchasers need stimulation. The great American consumer, Mr. Average Worker, is using his buying power 100 per cent, every time he can lay his hands on a nickel. To tap him of 10 per cent or more of his meager income and hand it over to the 8,000,000 old folks to spend extravagantly, is no way to start circulation. When you look at the Townsend plan in this light you see that it is pretty flimsy, almost selfish.

It makes no attempt to stir up hoarded wealth. I can say with authority that there are today many BILLIONS of dollars of wealth lying idle and doing nobody any good. Who is foolish enough to believe that a sales tax, however steep would even touch this wealth. It is not now being spent and with a 10 per cent sales tax there would be even less likelihood of it being used.

How would this increase circulation? It would mean any attempt to withdraw \$1,600,000,000 monthly from the consumers' payroll without touching the country's hoarded wealth, would be such a staggering blow to the eye of labor, that it would take a greater stimulant than NRA to fix things up. No—I favor old-age pensions, but I don't think that the end justifies the means! Dr. Townsend was half right, but the wrong was so wrong, that the result was a two-sided plan so incompatible that it is more unjust than criminal syndicalism.

CHARLES PADDOCK.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By WILLIS THORNTON

Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Among the byproducts of big strikes are big men.

Calvin Coolidge, for instance, was a Local Worthy until the Boston police strike. After that he was a National Figure.

John Gilbert Winant is in something of that same position today. If as chairman of the special board wrestling with the textile strike, Winant emerges with a constructive and valuable settlement, he will be a National Figure instead of just the governor of New Hampshire.

Political wiseacres here agree that Governor Winant has everything it takes to make him such a figure except the event that will thrust him into the public consciousness.

He is a tall, somber man of 46, who, without exactly looking like Lincoln, makes people think of the Emancipator. He is a progressive Republican of the sort who are practically New Dealers without the label. Though he was close to President Hoover, and is a wealthy oil man, his administrations in New Hampshire have well qualified him to be head of the textile board.

A year and a half ago, he persuaded his rural New Hampshire legislature that the farm could not prosper without good factory wages, and got through a minimum wage bill that has since been embodied in an interstate compact signed by five New England states, New York, and Pennsylvania. He did an excellent job with the CWA in New Hampshire, making something really constructive out of it.

Though governor of New Hampshire, Winant is no Coolidge. In fact, he's a born New Yorker, who emigrated later to the north. But he serves three terms in the legislature up there, and three as governor.

He went into the AEF as a private, and later commanded three different aero squadrons on the French front.

Winant is not a strong speaker, but he is apt to say something when he does speak. His future as a Republican depends on whether his party turns definitely reactionary or mildly progressive.

It will be nil in the former case, bright in the latter. And his national future (for which he declines any desire) will depend on the outcome of his handling of the textile strike situation.

"Talking Books" For Blind

The Library of Congress is preparing to distribute "talking books" on phonograph records to branch libraries which carry Braille books. Only one-fourth of the blind read Braille.

The first three books to be thus distributed will be novels—Masefield's "Bird of Dawning," Carroll's "As the Earth Turns," and Delafield's "Diary of a Provincial Lady." . . . Relief Director Harry Hopkins got a laugh out of the fact that his brother is running for coroner out in Tacoma, Wash., on the Republican ticket.

Though the District of Columbia has been here a long time, they're still arguing over its boundaries. Both the District and Virginia claim a small piece of land touching the airport just across the Potomac from Washington. Congress has to authorize a special commission to make the award.

Brazil "Puts On Dog"

Brazil is converting the well-known Robert S. McCormick house into an embassy that will compete in grandeur with those of many larger countries. It's on Massachusetts avenue, and marks another secession from what used to be "Embassy Row" on Sixteenth street.

Washington real estate men are rubbing their hands and anticipating a real estate boom. They're looking for increased demand for homes as the government service gradually increases toward the size of the wartime boom days.

A Forecast On Congress

Long range predictions on the next Congress: Some kind of central banking legislation. Railroad reorganization legislation. Lower liquor taxes. Government control for munitions manufacture. (This last one is dead certain. Current and future revelations of the Senate committee will create an irresistible demand. The committee, if it plays its cards, can jam through any bill it recommends—even if it demands government ownership of the industry.)

AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHER

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THE old man's legs are weak and he spares them. His heart gradually loses its force and he is likely to spare this organ by resting more and by playing nine holes of golf when he used to play 18.

Even his mental powers are diminished and he is likely to do one-half as much mental work as he did previously.

Unfortunately, or perhaps fortunately, according to how you view the matter, the dentist provides him with good sound teeth in place of the weakened teeth that used to be the lot of aged people. Therefore, he is likely to avoid sparing his stomach and to overload it with vast amounts of food.

If there is any one piece of important advice that should be given the aged to lengthen their lives, it is that their diets should be sparse.

Investigators have long since established the fact that a tendency to overweight is not only a burden to the aged, but a dangerous menace to their lives. While the dentists have provided the aged with good strong teeth, physicians have not been able to put new linings into their stomachs.

It is, therefore, well to bear in mind that the food of the aged should be soft and easy to chew. This means that excessive amounts of roughage must be avoided.

In fact, there are two periods in life when soft foods are essential—first childhood and second, childhood—so that the minced and stewed vegetables which are now made, especially for children, may also be considered particularly satisfactory for the diet of the aged.

It is a serious matter if food taken by the aged is allowed to overburden the stomach. The amount of food should be small, but it may be taken rather frequently so that hunger will not occur.

This also gives the stomach opportunity to take care of the food and to move it outward. It is especially important also that the food of the aged be not such as to produce large amounts of gas.

An accumulation of gas in the bowels or in the stomach at night will cause pressure on other organs, particularly the heart, with some danger to life.

SIDE GLANCES



"And we'll send him to some swell college, where we can drive to on week-ends."

Advisers Review Rushing Rules At Meeting

The alumnae advisers of the University of Oregon sorority groups met Thursday afternoon for their first gathering of the year for a brief session to run over rushing regulations preceding the opening of rush week. Sunday, Mrs. C. L. Schvering, dean of women, met with the group.

Among those attending the meeting, Thursday, were Mrs. F. M. Hathaway of Alpha Delta Pi; Mrs. John Kitzmiller and Mrs. Philip Koke of Alpha Gamma Delta; Mrs. Viola Ross of Alpha Phi; Mrs. Melville Jones, Mrs. W. H. Chapman of Chi Omega; Mrs. James H. Gilbert, Mrs. Helen Addison Everett of Delta Delta Delta; Miss Lenore Casford of Alpha Xi Delta; Mrs. Harold Parsons, Mrs. Ralph Hector, Miss Doris Amidon of Zeta Tau Alpha; Miss Mary Elizabeth Starr of Pi Beta Phi; Miss Maxine McDonald, Mrs. Marian Lowry Fisher of Phi Mu; Mrs. Eric W. Allen, Mrs. A. F. Barnett of Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. Harry Gordon of Kappa Alpha Theta; Mrs. Alfred L. Lomax of Sigma Kappa; Mrs. William G. East, Mrs. Edward W. Walker of Gamma Phi Beta.

Shower Is Given For Bride-Elect

A shower was given at the home of Mrs. Herbert Vitus Wednesday afternoon, honoring Miss Ethelyn Stark, whose marriage to Elmer Vitus will be an event of September 24. Tiny scrolls were used to announce the wedding date. The afternoon was spent in games and music. Many gifts were presented to Miss Stark.

Those present were Miss Ethelyn Stark, Mrs. Ben Weber, Mrs. Wm. Stark, Mrs. George Stewart, Mrs. W. I. Patrick, Mrs. V. A. James, Mrs. Fred Cline, Mrs. C. M. Coning, Mrs. Lester Patrick, Mrs. Viola McFarland, Miss Mildred Gates, Mrs. Harold Stewart, Misses Eunice and Hernald McFarland, Mrs. Glenn Vaughan all of Springfield; Miss Kay Coleman of North; Mrs. J. A. Hayes, Mrs. Jay Scott, Mrs. Wm. Mangham, Mrs. George Stephens, Mrs. T. O. Gundersen, Mrs. W. C. Burkhalter, Mrs. L. B. Starr, Mrs. Robert Vitus, Sr., Mrs. Robert Vitus, Jr., Mrs. Gene Barker, Mrs. Louise Fegles, Miss Louise Cherry, Miss Maxine Wheeler, Mrs. Roy Berger, Mrs. E. Gaeden, Mrs. Carl Severson, Miss Marian Furman and Mrs. Herbert Vitus all of Eugene.

Surprise Party Held Wednesday

A surprise party was given Mrs. Louise Wilson Wednesday by friends and neighbors and members of the Women's Relief Corps. The afternoon was spent in needle work and story telling. Mrs. Wilson played a few selections on the piano, and

showed some of her antique dishes. Refreshments were served.

Those present were: Mrs. Marie Franz, Mrs. Mary Estes, Mrs. Agnes Moses, Mrs. Ella Bray, Mrs. Ruth Casteel, Mrs. Pearl Williams, Lillian Hayes Dotson, Ellen Conn, Dora Turney, Emma Lowry, Mrs. Sylvester, Vera Weber, Millie Kiester, Margaret Adrian.

C. P. Group

The Missionary auxiliary of Central Presbyterian church held its first meeting of the fall Thursday afternoon, members gathering at the chapel for a luncheon with the social committee in charge. Mrs. E. D. Curtis, chairman. Thirty-five were present, including a few guests. For the next meeting, Mrs. H. E. Gully is to be hostess at two-thirty o'clock. Mrs. Roy Wilcox and Mrs. O. L. Rhinesmith will be assistant hostesses.

Marketing Club Is Formed at Portage

A marketing club has been organized in the Portage district, No. 53, on the North Fork, above Florence, according to a report received Friday at the office of R. C. Kuehner, county club leader.

Madeline Ward is leader; David Huntington, president; Joyce Phillips, vice-president; Viola Spencer, secretary, and the other members are Warren Holden and Richard Spencer.

News of Waldport

WALDPOR, Sept. 21.—(Special)—While returning home from the valley Saturday evening, Z. C. Copeland, wife and son and two other local people met with an accident on the Alsea highway. As the car rounded a curve it skidded in the gravel and overturned, breaking Mrs. Copeland's arm near the wrist, and bruising the rest of the passengers.

Some more buildings are being constructed at the Cape Creek CCC camp by a crew of men who arrived in Waldport last week. The camp is also being gotten into shape, so that when a larger crew arrives, everything will be ready to go ahead with the work planned.

The Pacific Spruce company has a crew at work repairing three of its railroad trestles, in preparation for use in the near future.

While at work in the Waldport garage Thursday morning Floyd McMillin had the misfortune to have a few of his toes smashed, when a jack slid out from under the car he was working on and let the full weight down on his foot.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown, of Sherwood, Ore., and Mr. and Mrs. C. Capan, of Portland, were visitors at the C. A. Miller home this week. Mrs. Brown is a sister of Mrs. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tharp, the former of a Portland fire department, are visiting the lady's sister, Mrs. Captain May.

According to records for the last half century, Aug. 31 has been the wettest day of the year in England.

Chicks hatched from large eggs are larger than those hatched from small eggs.

NOTICE

Truck Drivers and Helpers Local 57 meeting tonight, Labor Temple, 8 p. m. Election of officers.

NEW WEEK TO BE BUSY ONE

University Group Benefit Among Main Events

By MARIAN LOWRY

SEPTEMBER'S last week will be a busy one.

The larger affair to down town groups will be the benefit card party set for Saturday, September 29, at the Osburn hotel by the State Association of University of Oregon Women. Committee workers are busy now selling tickets for the event which is given for three purposes: To secure more money to operate the Mary Spiller loan fund, maintained by the group; to increase the Dr. Luella Clay Carson fund; and to provide a suitable place for care of old fashioned graduation dresses presented to the group. Mrs. William Barker is general chairman for the party.

Next Thursday evening brings the dinner and party for the Business and Professional Women's club at the Osburn hotel, the dinner to be at six-thirty o'clock.

Lodge, church and auxiliary groups will be busy as usual throughout the week.

WELCOMED HERE

Prof. and Mrs. Henry Everett and four sons and Prof. and Mrs. Claude Brown and daughter are being welcomed among newcomers in the university faculty circles. Both Professors Everett and Brown are new members of the University of Oregon law school faculty. The Everetts come from Boston university where he has been instructing and the Browns come from Ottumwa, Iowa, where Mr. Brown has been practicing.

BREAKFAST GIVEN

Delta Delta Delta members entertained with a nautical breakfast, Wednesday morning, at the Osburn hotel to honor a group of Eugene girls entering the University of Oregon next week. Miss Maluta Read was chairman and assisting her were Miss Henryetta Mumme, Miss Dorris Bailey, Miss Elaine Comish, Miss Joy Carlisle, Miss Nancy Lee, Miss Eunice

Calendar

Friday 7:15 p. m.—Meeting for Rainbow Order for girls, followed by reception at 9 p. m. for state officers, Masonic temple. 8 p. m.—Meeting of Evangelical chapter, O. E. S., followed by reception with Rainbow Girls, Masonic temple. Saturday 2 p. m.—Ladies of G. A. R. meeting, armory.

Elliott. Others of the group attending included Miss Geneva Stafford, Miss Theresa Kelly, Mrs. Stephenson Smith, Miss Lois Bailey, Miss Mildred Thompson of Roseburg, Mrs. Harry Van Dine of Portland, Miss Dorothy Griffin of Portland.

HOME FROM CALIFORNIA

Miss M. Ethel Taylor is being welcomed home after a visit of six weeks in California.

TO MEET SATURDAY

The Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic are to meet Saturday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock in the post room of the armory.

VISITING HERE

Mrs. E. L. Signor (Eva McCollum) is visiting here from Weston, Ore., as guest of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Erickson, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McCollum. Mrs. Erickson is to return to Weston with her daughter.

GO TO SALEM

A group of twenty-six from the Ananath order here went to Salem, Wednesday evening, to attend the meeting of Hanna Rosa court there. There was a supper, followed by a lodge session, cards, and dancing.

ENTERTAIN GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Powell have as their guests, Dr. and Mrs. Douglas D. Buck of Los Angeles. Dr. Buck is Mrs. Powell's brother.

MEETING THURSDAY

The Past Presidents' club of the Spanish American War Veterans auxiliary met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. R. Hall,

Ladies Of Elks Are Entertained

Nine tables of cards were in play for the semi-monthly party of the Ladies of the Elks, Thursday afternoon at the Elks temple. Mrs. Marie Johnson was hostess for the afternoon. Honors at cards went to Mrs. K. E. Fornacook and Miss Winnifred Wilbur.

For the next meeting, to come on the first Thursday of October, Mrs. O. A. Faust will be hostess.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The Eastside W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Margaret Cudd-back, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Marie Day and Mrs. Anna Richards were named representatives to the county W. C. T. U. conference to be held in Springfield on September 28. The program dealt with temperance in alcoholic education, from negative to positive. On October 4 the group will meet with Mrs. Abe Bennett, 1819 Columbia street.

Eight attending. Mrs. F. W. Blomfield is to be hostess for the next meeting, to be held on the third Thursday of October.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Miss Alberta Baldwin of Portland arrived Thursday afternoon, twenty-three members and two visitors attending. Mrs. Amelia Turk of Portland was among guests. Mrs. Emma Smith president, Relief work reported included ten dollars worth of work other than money, and fifty-five calls to the sick and shut-ins. On the coming Thursday, Sept. 27, the group is to meet at the home of Mrs. Bessie Starmer, 1125 Washington street, for a party for all those of the corps and the comrades of the G. A. R. having birthdays in September. Each is to bring his own luncheon.

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