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 —BYRON

The Racket and Racketeers

"The Racket" is the accepted name of the modern system of business blackmail enforced through terrorism and bombs by gangsters known as "racketeers" which originating in Chicago spread to New York and other cities. Its magnitude is revealed by recent surveys conducted in both Chicago and New York. They contain amazing revelations.

Something like 100 bombings have been perpetrated in Chicago so far this year nearly all traced to the "racket." The Chicago Board of Trade survey states that last year \$186,000,000 was paid as tribute to racketeers in Chicago. District Attorney John McGehean, of the Bronx, places the toll in New York City at \$100,000,000 annually.

The details read like lurid fiction. There are 250 rackets being worked in the metropolis, the leaders in order of magnitude and their estimated loot being as follows: Fake labor unions, \$25,000,000; building racketeers, \$10,000,000; milk dealers, \$1,000,000; laundries, \$1,500,000; garage owners, \$750,000, and ice dealers, \$500,000. In the Bronx alone the poultry dealers have been paying \$25,000 a week as tribute to gangsters, and the laundries have been mulcted for from \$2,000 to \$5,000 initiation into a mythical laundrymen's association. Not even the pant-presser escapes.

Although 125 New York policemen are assigned to the racket, over \$3,000,000 worth of building in the course of construction has been destroyed by racketeer fires or bombs in the past four months, because the contractors refused to pay the levy demanded. One of them paid \$20,000 and on refusing to contribute more, partially built apartments worth \$1,250,000 were destroyed. Only last week the grand jury investigating racketeering in the milk business, indicted 140 members of a gang, while a large band of poultry racketeers face trial in federal court.

Evidence collected shows holds-up of business interests by "adjusters" or "organizers" or "business agents" who terrorized men till they paid large sums and the victims, fearing bombing reprisals, are reluctant to testify, making it difficult to prosecute. And the reprisals are extended to public officials who interfere. The modern racket resembles on a small scale, the historic Camorra in Italy and the Molly Maguires in the Pennsylvania coal fields, both of whom, after a long period of terrorism were broken up by evidence collected from within the organizations.

As all this extortion is passed on to the public in the form of higher prices, it is evident that drastic action is necessary to end racketing before it spreads throughout the land. Mussolini solved the centuries old Mafia by learning the membership and arresting 3,000 members and deporting them to one of Italy's desolate penal colonies for life. New Orleans ended her Black Hand troubles by hanging 17 gangsters before breakfast. The Molly Maguires were broken up by evidence secured by a detective who lived three years among them which sent many of the leaders to the scaffold or long imprisonment.

It is high time the racket problem was solved and the way the historic black-mail bands were broken up, shows how it can be done.

Football Coaching

At this time, when the alumni and student bodies of various universities are enraged against coaches for not producing championship football teams, which tends still further to commercialize the game as a money making spectacle instead of a sport, the suggestion of James R. Angell, president of Yale university, is well worth considering. His idea is that the boys, not the coaches from the side lines, should direct the strategy of football games.

In the early stages of football, the coaches as well as the professors and alumni played on the team. This was brought to a close by amateur agreements and by conference rules of eligibility, which were supposed to keep a boys' game for boys. But the strategem of sending in substitutes to carry messages and coaching from the side lines restored its professional flavor.

Football is more or less a demoralizer in school life because of the emphasis placed upon it. Besides it has largely become a contest between coaches. Were the coaches barred from directing movements on the field, or better yet if there was only student coaching, and the students forced to devise the strategy, instead of becoming mere automatons, the effect would probably be beneficial on student development and more of a real test of student ingenuity and team strength. Surely our great universities, with their trained organizations are capable of developing their own coaches and thus keep football a youthful sport instead of an adult business.

SUNDOWN STORIES

THE AIR POLICEMAN
 By Mary Graham Bonner

The Little Black Clock had made all the plans. No sooner had John and Peggy greeted him than he hurried them off.

"They'll be waiting for us, and you know they hate to wait for anything in the time to which I've turned—200 years from now."

"What a little bit of a space in which to land," said John.

"You must remember you're way ahead of your time now and they have learned how to stop in the smallest possible space."

pilot was dressed in the uniform of a policeman. And up and down along the air they sped—going at the most terrific speed. The pilot-policeman kept motioning to people in other planes to keep to their own side of the air-way, and now again he stopped some one for going too fast.

"I wouldn't mind," he told John and Peggy, "if they hit it up a little bit, and maybe went 350 miles or so—but 500 is too much. It's taking chances."

Everywhere there were planes. The traffic was certainly heavy.

"I don't know what it will come to," the policeman told John and Peggy, "Everywhere you go these days there's a line in the air."

He talked to them about the traffic and showed them how he tried to keep order, and they met other policemen who attended to the signals to "go" and "stop."

Monmouth—A radio was installed in the normal school auditorium Monday afternoon so the students might hear the "Light Golden Jubilee" program from Dearborn, Mich.

We Have With Us

COL. DAVID ELWIN DOW
 Words and Music by Murray Wade



Doctor Colonel David Elwin Dow! Why the two handles on his name? Well, the colonel is all genuine but the "Doc" part is our own idea. You see he is the family doctor for the Fox family. Whenever business is ailing at any of Mr. Fox's houses he comes and straightens things up. The Elsinore responded to his tonic in just a few days. Was required to wear a Prince Albert coat while ushering in the Old Boston theater. Took to the stage. Opened a school of acting at Tremont theater, became manager of Tremont when it was a Klaw and Erlanger house from 1918 to 1922. In 1923 toured the east as manager of "The Birth of a Nation." Spent five years as field director of the Paramount chain of theaters which are now known as the Public; at that time there were one hundred and thirty houses in the chain, under his management. Was admitted to the bar in Massachusetts in 1900. Practiced in Boston six years. Was city manager of the Keith-Albee chain at Louisville, Ky., for four years; this is now part of the Radio-Keith-Orpheum circuit. Was made commanding colonel by Governor Flem D. Sampson of Kentucky. When the Keith-Albee chain was purchased by the newly formed interests, Col. Dow joined the Fox West Coast organization and has been successful as a fixerup of mismanaged theaters.

He has never found time to indulge in sports or avocations, unless as he puts it, acting may become an avocation with one. In 1911-1912 and 1913 he played all the leading vaudeville circuits of the east as leading man in his own sketch, "Surprising the Press," with a part especially written for him by Edgar Allen Wolfe. Col. Dow is married and he and his wife are very much impressed with Salem.

DAYTON CAUCUS LISTS TWO MEN IN MAYOR RACE

Dayton—At the city hall in Dayton the annual city caucus was held and nominated the citizens' ticket. For mayor, James Penland, present councilman and acting mayor, and Emmet Fisher, who was elected last year but who resigned as soon as he was qualified. For recorder, Orville Williams, W. T. H. Tucker and Mrs. O'Della Miller. For treasurer, J. L. Sherman.

DANGER IS SEEN FOR LIQUOR LAWS

Kansas City, Kansas (AP)—If the buyer of liquor were made criminally responsible, enforcement would suffer and "dry" agents would be made criminals, William E. "Fuss-foot" Johnson, veteran dry campaigner, believes.

"We have enough laws except those necessary to consolidate the prohibition activities under a single head as proposed by President Hoover," Johnson declared here Sunday night.

Pointing out that most convictions are possible because some official or agent makes a purchase and qualifies as a witness, the Anti-Saloon League representative said that the government would have to grant immunity to the purchaser for turning state's evidence.

TO HELP WHEAT GROWERS HOLD CROP

Washington (AP)—After announcing a plan to lend funds to assist cotton farmers "to hold their crop and at the same time have money with which to pay their obligations," the federal farm board revealed Monday that it prepared to take similar action on wheat on a plan to be announced later.

FORMER AUMSVILLE RESIDENT IS TAKEN

Aumsville — Word was received here that Mrs. Dora Kuney passed away at the Salem general hospital Sunday. She died following an operation Thursday for appendicitis. Mrs. Kuney had lived in Aumsville for several years and since a stroke of paralysis in the early spring, had made her home with her daughter, Mrs. Robertson in Salem.

STATE COLLEGE PREPARE PLANS OF HOMECOMING

Oregon State College, Corvallis—While the football game between Oregon State college and the University of Idaho is the headline attraction for O. S. C.'s annual Homecoming celebration here Saturday, October 26, many other events have been arranged to make it a full week end of entertainment for the thousands of visitors who will return to the campus.

EPISCOPAL GUILD GUEST AT GILL'S

Woodburn—Mrs. H. L. Gill entertained St. Mary's Episcopal Guild at her home on Hayes street Tuesday afternoon. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs. L. M. Binney and Mrs. T. C. Poorman, chairman of the food sale committee, reported a very satisfactory sale held last Saturday. There was a large attendance of members and guests. The hostess was assisted in serving refreshments by Mrs. Wayne B. Gill and Mrs. H. M. Austin. Additional guests were Mrs. Lyman H. Shorey, Mrs. J. C. Beaumont, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Blaine McCord, Mrs. Wayne B. Gill, and Mrs. Hazel Binney, Mrs. E. G. Emmett of Newberg, an out of town member, was also present. Following the business meeting a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

SENATE CUTS DUTY ON TANNIC ACID

Washington (AP)—The senate Tuesday adopted the first opposition to the raise sections of the tariff bill in approving a proposed cut to 18 cents a pound in the existing duty of 20 cents on medicinal tannic acid.

DRYERS FINISH

West Salem—Both of the Max Gehlar prune dryers finished up their work this week. Mr. Gehlar's own fruit was taken care of at the dryer on the farm. His dryer in this city was used for other people's fruit.

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program will be held between 8 and 9 o'clock Thursday night. The game will be broadcast over KOAC Saturday afternoon as usual.

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Ore. has been here helping to care for her. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Boyington of Mehama were dinner guests at the Ed Davis home last Sunday. Mr. Davis and Mr. Boyington are both prominent poultrymen.

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