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The War Is Really On

THERE is reason to believe the long delayed war upon organized crime has really started.

The conviction of the Urschel kidnapers in Oklahoma supplies welcome evidence.

Of course the usual appeals will be taken, and the usual delays result.

But there is also evidence the courts are doing everything in their power to prevent delays.

With public opinion finally aroused against crime and criminals, legislators certainly should revise the law to assist in this direction, before many years pass.

SIMILAR results are being secured in the larger cities. New York courts have been sending gangsters to prison.

Chicago recently sent four of that city's most notorious racketeers, to Joliet.

This Lamson murder case in Palo Alto was cleared up in jig time. Lamson has been sentenced to death in December.

ONCE more there will be appeals and delays. But the courts can't be held responsible—they are merely following out the law.

For these needless and destructive delays only the people themselves are to blame.

In their present mood they should soon be able to secure laws which will back up the law enforcement officers and the courts, in their determination to stamp out organized crime.

spending less attention to the SEVERITY of the punishment and more to its PROMPTNESS.

Tammany Faces Defeat

NO doubt Tammany is laughing in its sleeve over the entrance of the capable and scholarly Joe McKee, in the New York mayoralty race.

McKee, according to the Tammany political code, will split the opposition with the fiery Fiorella La Guardia, and the efficient Tiger machine will put their stuffed shirt, John P. O'Brien back in the city hall.

Mebbe so. But we have a hunch,—backed up by a fervent hope,—that the old army game will not win this time.

According to the political calendar a Tammany upset is about due; and according to the political dope sheet, a house cleaning in Gotham, is in the air.

Thanks to the irrepressible Jimmy Walker and "Boo-boo" O'Brien, the city of New York is bankrupt, and the people as a whole are eager for a new deal.

Tammany will have the advantage of the best political machine in the country, with at least 300,000 votes,—perhaps more,—that can't be pried loose.

But in addition to his excellent record, as successor to Jimmy Walker, McKee has both color and brains. If La Guardia could be pulled out there would be nothing to it.

But even with him in, there is a chance he will cut into Tammany as much as the good government coalition. He will get the Italian vote, which is normally with the Wigwam.

At any rate the entrance of McKee gives the self respecting people of New York a chance to vote for a good man, for the first time in many years,—a chance to go into a campaign with something approaching unity and enthusiasm.

LAST, but by no means least, McKee will have the support of Jim Farley and the Roosevelt administration. Jim knows his New York and the president knows his "upstate."

If Tammany isn't beaten this year, then the people of New York might as well quit trying, and hand over the city keys to "Old Man Tiger" for all time.

The Oregonian Shows the Way

GOOD for the Portland Oregonian! In refusing to follow the Portland chamber of commerce and the grasping and guffawing Mayor Carson, in the proposed highway "steal", it is showing that breadth of view, and enlightened statesmanship, which was, once upon a time, its proudest tradition.

Listen to this, the best summation of the highway situation, which has appeared, in any metropolitan paper:

This newspaper thinks the Portland effort to obtain an increased allocation of federal highway funds for Multnomah county at the expense of other counties is misguided or mistaken or both.

Chief results of it are to increase up-state resentment against Portland and to give the federal bureau of public works the impression that there is a good deal of unnecessary quarreling in Oregon.

Portland is being accused these days with rather more than the usual frequency and virulence of selfish manifestations of one kind or another.

The up-state press appears to see in its little to admire or commend. As a matter of fact Portland is not more selfish than the smaller cities—nor less so.

All communities average up about alike. It would be easy, though profitless, to cite examples of selfish action on the part of every Oregon city from which complaint against Portland is now being made.

Rather than press further for an increased allocation of federal road funds, let Portland concentrate on getting under way an application to the public works administration for a combined grant and loan wherewith to build Portland's long-talked-of road to the sea.

For the matter of that, include both the Wolf creek and the Wilson river short roads. With proper initiative and effort the thing can be done, as outlined in these columns Friday. It would be an enterprise more profitable and less provocative than trying to get Multnomah county highway funds already allocated to other counties.

It took courage to say that! The Rose City houndings will be after "Ye editor" tooth and nail, and the outside communities as usual will not send in any bouquets to compensate for it.

But the Oregonian is absolutely right. There is no substitute for good will, no price other than the loss of self respect, too high to pay for it!

The people outside of Portland should appreciate this service by the "Northwest's greatest newspaper." As a representative of one outside county, the Mail Tribune herewith extends its hand!

Personal Health Service

By William Brady, M.D.

signed letters pertaining to personal ailments and hygiene not to discuss diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady in a stamped self-addressed envelope enclosed.

THE LONG SMOKE IS THE BEST

According to analyses made by the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station four years ago, the popular brands of pipe tobacco contain 1.46 per cent to 2.84 per cent of nicotine.

The drier the tobacco the more nicotine destroyed by burning. If the tobacco is moist the smoker gets more of the nicotine, according to Dr. W. E. Dixon of Cambridge.

The amount of nicotine in the smoke from a thin or slender cigar is less than the amount in the smoke from a fat and thick cigar.

Has sheep liver the same value in vitamins, iron, etc., as calves' liver or beef liver? It is served in many restaurants but it has not the rich flavor of the other two.

Is it quite red? Kindly tell me what color blood is before it comes in contact with the air.

Ed Note: Readers wishing to communicate with Dr. Brady should send letters direct to Dr. William Brady, M. D., 265 El Camino, Beverly Hills, Calif.

PLANS TO ADJUST AFFAIRS WESTERN LOAN TAKE SHAPE

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 30.—Upon the assurance of representatives of the Utah State Banking department that a plan for reorganization of the Western Loan and Building company, in the hands of the state banking commissioner, would be completed within a week, United States District Judge Tillman D. Johnson today ordered a 30-day continuance of the action of Rose Sullivan of Rock Springs, Wyo., for the appointment of a federal receiver for the company.

Affairs of the \$25,000,000 concern were placed in the hands of the state bank commissioner with the consent of the state banking officials of eight western states in which it operates, at the request of its board of directors.

Reorganization should be completed in six months, Judge Johnson said. "While liquidation might take ten years, I can readily conceive that state officials might find it personally profitable to liquidate the company. Is there any indication that there is such a condition or probability?"

He was assured by counsel for Bank Commissioner John A. Mallis, that banking officials of Montana, Idaho, Nevada, Washington, Wyoming and Utah, favor reorganization. The building and loan commissioners of California and Oregon likewise favor reorganization. It was stated, insofar as laws of those states permit application of a centralized reorganization plan.

Overall... battered hats... and boots... so closely identified with Will Rogers, are not included in his wardrobe for "Doctor Bull" which starts its four-day engagement at the Craterian theater today.

In "Dr. Bull" Rogers is the village physician and health officer in a small New England town who accuses the position of both doctor and town confessor. He has seen every human foible, is surprised at nothing—is more or less indulgent to all and has a rich humor—typical Rogers' humor—and a mellow fatalism.

He hides out now and then to go fishing, duck hunting, or to spend the evening at a widow's house. These, plus a drink in the drug store, a session with the boys at the barber shop are the realities of his life, his pleasure and his joys.

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NEW YORK DAY BY DAY

By O. O. McIntyre

TICONDEROGA, N. Y., Sept. 30.—Ticonderoga, on a winding, well-wooded Adirondack trail, was once strewn with trading posts, forts and pioneer camps.

The Adirondacks are ever so gently clovering with rusty foliage this time of year. Smoke hangs low. All the way as we lazily climbed the peak's Lake George lay blue and unrippled for its 30 mile length.

Many mansions on the coastal esplanade now bear "For Sale" signs. For this region was a get-away for Wall street plungers. During summer youthful campers like the trail. But the only hiker we saw was a Zim's "Wary Willie," even to a bandannaed bundle on a shoulder stick—the first tramp in years!

An aural buzz was noticeable as we continued to ascend. Harry Sively peered from one plateau into the abyss and murmured: "Without the mountings, there would be no valleys!" And went back to his cat-nap. Showing how profoundly pedantic this pilgrimage has become.

Ticonderoga Fort's crumbled ramparts still bristle with decaying cannon. One turn in the road reveals a monument to memory of 600 out of 1,000 of the Black Watch who died here. Their valor inspired a favorite Robert Louis Stevenson poem, "Ticonderoga." Hallowed ground indeed. Even rebuilt, the fort is a puny defense in modern warfare. One airplane, one bomb—and it would be wiped out. I wondered how futile our present defense would seem 100 years from now. It's a paragraph Mr. Brisbane could make hum.

The French erected the fort in 1755, marking the very southern outpost of the Nation. Three years later it was attacked by Abercrombie and the British army of 15,000. In 1759 the British attacked it again and the French evacuated. All a prelude to the introduction of one of my favorite characters in history—Ethan Allen. Without him we might be busmaking King George.

It was Allen and his one-galussed cloud-hoppers, known as the Green Mountain boys, who demanded surrender of the fort. His ultimatum, reminiscent of lusty melodrama that used to thrill at Pike's Opera House in Cincinnati, was "Surrender in the name of the Great Jehovah and the Continental Congress!" And, by Cracky, those French skeddaddled!

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Flight 'o Time

(Medford and Jackson County History from the Files of the Mail Tribune of 20 and 10 Year Ago.)

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY October 1, 1923 (It was Monday) Fifty-two thousand and seventeen people, an increase of 19,006 visited Crater Lake during the season just closed.

Work starts on drilling for oil in Siskiyou county.

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STATE HORT. MEET HERE IN DECEMBER

The dates have been set for the next annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society which will be held at Medford, December 13 to 15 inclusive.

Members of the convention committee, as appointed by E. W. Carlton are as follows: Paul A. Scherer, Medford; Raymond R. Reter, Medford; Glenn B. Marsh, Hood River; Floyd Nunamaker, Hood River; F. C. Reimer, Medford; Lyle Wilcox, Medford; P. D. Dean, Medford.

A sub-committee in charge of the speaking program is composed of S. M. Tuttle, chairman, R. K. Norris and W. W. Aldrich, all of Medford.

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