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A GOOD MOVE

Chief of Police Loucks did a commendable piece of work when he closed the chief source of narcotic supply in this city. The capture is one of the results of his recent visit to Portland and other northern cities, when he was successful in interesting the federal government in aiding him in a work that he has been carrying on for sometime. While those who outwardly pretend to favor a cleaner city were trying to break down the work that Chief Loucks has been doing he has quietly gone ahead, suffering the unjust criticism in silence, knowing that the end of his labors would justify him before the people. We believe that what has been accomplished in the narcotic field is but the beginning of a campaign that will bring about better moral conditions in this city and that Chief Loucks will be the moving force back of the cleansing.

POLITICS COMPLETELY SCRAMBLED

The present political situation in Washington is unprecedented. For over a decade the dividing line between the republican and democratic parties has been largely a nominal one, but at the present moment it has actually ceased to exist.

On no important issue are democrats opposing republicans or republicans opposing democrats. In fact such opposition as now exists is not between the two major parties, but within them.

Today, for example, we have Nicholas Murray Butler, President of Columbia University, life-long republican and vice-presidential nominee, with ex-President Taft, joining Governor Al Smith, democratic leader, in his fight on national prohibition.

The other day democrats led in the fight for the Coolidge tax reduction bill, and voted with their former opponents all down the line through final passage in the House.

Opposition to this measure will in all probability be led not by a democrat, but by a republican, Senator Couzens of Michigan.

On President Coolidge's world court proposal, democrats again took the leadership, and the opposition came not from their party, but from that distinguished republican, Senator Borah of Idaho.

Today we have Cordell Hull of Tennessee, former chairman of the democratic national committee, supporting the crude rubber probe, introduced by the republican leader and endorsed according to report by Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce in the President's cabinet.

So on all down the line. As a matter of fact, the Democratic party, as an opposition party, has vanished, and a new party of opposition is in the making, composed largely of insurgents drawn from what was once republican support.

In the next few years this nucleus of opposition will undoubtedly be augmented, by desertions from both major parties, and it should surprise no one to find this opposition eventually captured by the shrewdest politician in the democratic ranks, Governor Al Smith.—Medford Mail-Tribune.

STEWART'S WASHINGTON LETTER

NEA Service Writer
WASHINGTON.—Sunday morning a few minutes before 11. The First Congregational church, the Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, pastor, Tenth and G streets, here in Washington.

Through the main door, this time, come the Coolidges. They're preceded by a couple of ushers—or are they secret service men? They're followed by another pair. There's no use mistaking them. They, unquestionably are of the secret service.

The party walks almost the whole length of the main aisle—to the third pew from the pastor's platform. There it's seated. Then, down sits the congregation.

The service is no different from any other Congregational church service. The sermon is something rather out of the ordinary, for Dr. Pierce is an exceptionally able speaker.

The Coolidges behave as any other

human beings would behave under similar circumstances.

There's the benediction. The congregation is standing. It remains standing. The Coolidges and their secret service attendants are filing out of their pews now, however. Some of the congregation has been snooping out through the side door in the meantime, to join the crowd at the main entrance. The well-behaved bulk of it stands at attention until the Coolidges have taken their departure.

An automobile receives them. President Coolidge lifts his plug tile to the crowd. Mrs. Coolidge smiles affably. The auto walks them away. It whisks the secret service men likewise. What a life!—to be whisked nowhere except ahead of a wack of secret service men.

WASHINGTON.—The winter term of the Washington traffic department's new school for pedestrians opened a few days ago. Attendance is compulsory, with as high as a \$300 fine for inattention, insubordination, naming "teacher" or lunkheadedness.

Prof. Eldridge, the principal (and traffic director) had considerable trouble persuading the District of Columbia commissioners to make his

Out Our Way



course obligatory. They thought perhaps the pupils would profit by it, but hesitated to penalize truancy. Finally, rather reluctantly, they consented, on condition that the instructors weren't too strict with their classes until the latter become somewhat familiar with the discipline and learn what's expected of them.

The traffic school's faculty, in addition to Prof. Eldridge calls the "education squad"—eggs who have specialized on the pedestrian problem since autoists became so numerous. These pedagogues switch around from corner to corner throughout the capital's congested area, giving lessons now in one place, now another.

The training is mainly oral, supplemented by an occasional push or jab, in the cases of students who fail to grasp readily a lecture's significance otherwise. Street-crossing constitutes the bulk of the curriculum—where to do it, how to do it, the interpretation of signals and the importance of avoiding obstruction of the thoroughfares by getting run over.

Attempt Made to Blow Up Bridge

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 23. (AP)—An attempt was made today to blow up a bridge on the Elkins division of the western Maryland railroad at Chiefton, West Virginia, according to advices received here. Damages were not serious but traffic will be delayed.

Nobleman Must Serve Out Time In Federal Pen

Montenegrin Is Denied Motion For a New Trial

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Federal Judge John C. Pollock today refused a motion for a new trial for Vuco Perovich, Montenegrin nobleman, who has served twenty years of a life sentence in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth. He also refused to permit Perovich to be sent back to Alaska to hang.

Perovich was released November 7 under personal bond of \$1,000 on a writ of habeas corpus.

In 1904 he was found guilty in the United States district court in Alaska of murdering a miner in an Alaskan village and was sentenced to death.

The case was appealed to the supreme court of the United States which affirmed the decision; but later President Taft commuted the sentence to life imprisonment.

Perovich has sought his liberty on the ground that the president had no right to commute the sentence.

LONDON—A petition for the rescinding of Germany's forced confession of guilt for the war has been signed by more than 100 professors, church dignitaries and writers, including Arnold Bennett, Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson and Israel Zangwill.

Chinese Troopers Fire Upon Train

PEKING, Dec. 23. (AP)—An international train running from Tientsin to Shanghai was fired upon at Hsinho yesterday by troops of the Kuomintang (National) people's army, and compelled to return to Tientsin, according to a wireless message to that city.

There is no confirmation of the reports that these forces have captured Peking and Tientsin.

Expect Big Lumber Business, Forecast

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The Pacific Northwest Lumber Industry may expect a big business for some time, R. C. Brennan, operating manager of the Pacific Steamship company reported on arrival here today from New York and Miami, Fla.

"There is still a great demand for lumber and other building material in Florida and no let-up is in sight," said Brennan. "When I was in Miami, from 45 to 50 ships were discharging cargo on barges and at wharves and between 15 and 20 ships anchored off shore awaiting an opportunity to unload."

MADRID—Spain is to have Sunday papers for the first time in its history. The editors dislike the idea, but Premier Primo Derivera has asked firmly that publishers in each town get out a joint Sunday edition to inform the people of the world's news.

The Promised Land



"COUNTESS" IS A CALLOW YOUTH

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SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The arrest of Jack McDonald, 17-year-old school boy in San Francisco yesterday while masquerading as a woman under the name of "Countess Zeldan Petrovitch," was no surprise to police here. For five weeks here while harbored in the latest feminine creations he was registered at a local hotel under the name of "Mrs. J. T. McDonald."

Much of the finery had been stolen from the home of a relative, he revealed here, when arrested on a charge of forging a check for \$20. The charge was dropped when his mother made the money good. Then the youth promised to remain at home and continue his studies at the Blinnham, Utah, high school.

But he ran away again. He was next heard from at Wells, Nevada. Many of the Beau Brummels there paid court to the "Dashing Mrs. McDonald," widow, it was revealed when he again returned home.

Word of his arrest last night was the first received of him in nearly a month, as he again had disappeared with some \$100 which his mother had saved and most of her best apparel.

"I have done everything I could for that boy," said Mrs. J. T. McDonald, his mother. "He has cost me more than \$2,000 and I am still paying debts he contracted in department stores, where he had countless articles of women's wearing apparel charged to me."

Mrs. McDonald said she intended to urge the authorities to commit the youth to some correctional institution.

KENO

Mr. Kesseler motored to Klamath Falls Friday from his chicken ranch down the river, taking with him a load of chickens.

Mrs. Nellie Grubb, Miss Cross and Miss Erdmann were shopping in Klamath Falls during the week-end.

Dr. Patterson was called to Keno Wednesday to attend Mrs. Thomas McCormick, Sr., who has been quite ill with an attack of heart trouble.

B. W. McCormick was a visitor to Klamath Falls Saturday evening.

Dr. Massey was called to Keno Wednesday to attend H. Snowgoose who was quite ill for a time.

Floyd Wilson of Worden is busy hauling wood through our little town to Klamath Falls these days.

Miss Augusta Puckett, grade teacher, motored to Klamath Falls during the week-end to do some Christmas shopping.

Those absent from school during the week on account of sickness were Roy Page, Ruth Herrick and Loren Benfield.

The pupils of the school will give a Christmas program Tuesday evening, for the patrons and friends of the school.

Mrs. F. F. Nelson and son, Roy, were shopping in Klamath Falls during the week.

Oliver Puckett called on Ben Snowgoose Monday morning.

Mr. Clement, old time resident of Keno, who works on Sprague River, passed through here on his way to the Rogue River valley to spend Christmas.

Dave Powers an old friend of Mr. Jeffers of the Keno Garage, was visiting in Keno Sunday.

The Keno school, both high school and grades, will close Wednesday noon for the Christmas holidays.

Rosa Simmers is helping "Blug" Spencer with the work on the highway.

Mrs. Ed Sever was calling on Nellie Doten Friday afternoon.

NEW YORK.—Jimmy Walker, the Mayor-elect sings loudly every morning when taking a hot bath. Mrs. Walker has just let the secret out.

NINE MINERS DIE WHEN COAL HITS ELECTRIC LINES

Two More in Hospital in Serious Condition Following Disaster

BELLAIRE, Ohio, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Fire believed to have started when a fall of coal short circuited electric light lines, took a toll of nine lives at the Webb mine at Shady Side, a few miles south of here, last night. Two other miners are in a serious condition in a Bellaire hospital suffering from shock and gas.

The Dead:
A. O. Triax,
Julius Oliver,
Sam Kello,
Alfonso Zaccagnini,
Edward Kennedy,
Julius Talbert,
John Ferry.

Two unidentified miners.

Rescue parties early today had penetrated to all portions of the mine where the men were working when the fire started, and reported that no more men were in the mine. An official check of the force known to be working corroborated to this assertion.

Early today the fire was burning fiercely. But little effort had been made to check it until rescue work was completed. Only 79 men of the normal force of more than 600 were at work at six o'clock last night at the hour the fire was discovered. All made their escape, except 11, who were trapped in one of the lower levels.

Turkey Price in Portland Climbs

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23. (AP)—The local turkey market did a "right about face" this morning and caught many late buyers unawares. Yesterday the market had all appearance of slipping and naturally buyers held off.

Then late in the afternoon, reports stopped coming in. Almost at the same time the demand commenced to pick up and select turkeys were soon at a premium.

Five Men Fined For Booze Party

Five men who were arrested last night by Prohibition Agent L. L. McBride during the progress of a liquor party "down on the Dats" were this morning fined aggregating \$105 when they appeared in police court. One paid, the rest remained in jail.

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