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The Real Criminals

WE Americans are justly famous for a good many things. But it is probable that one of our most striking traits is the way in which we strain at gnats and swallow camels.

Consider a few assorted facts from the day's news. In a large middle western city the police begin a "drive" to enforce all traffic laws to the very hilt. Parking violators will be fined. Jaywalkers will be haled into court. The driver who crosses an intersection on a yellow light or fails to signal a turn properly does so at great peril.

Meanwhile, in that same city, a vicious racketeering combine grips such trades as the cleaners, truckers and laundries. Speakeasies flood the town with bad liquor. Half a dozen recent homicides stud the police record book with "unsolved" jotted down after each one. Robberies are very frequent. The police seem unable to keep the underworld in hand.

In another city, a few hundred miles away, a woman comes to trial for disorderly conduct after spending three months in jail—and it develops that she was arrested solely because she appeared in the street without any stockings. That city, like the first, has dark problems of crime and violence to handle.

In still another city farther east, the police squelch a playlet put on by a college dramatic association because a couple of lines strike a tough sergeant as "suggestive"; they also forbid booksellers to retail a book which criticizes the courts and prosecutors of their state. And in that city ten city councilmen are accused of trying to force a \$60,000 bribe from a business man, and the typical American conditions of bootlegging, sporadic violence and lawlessness prevail in the underworld.

The police of these cities, presumably with the approval of the citizens, are straining at gnats and gulping down great, two-humped dromedaries. And these three cities are perfectly representative of American cities generally.

We seem to have a mania for tackling the unimportant things first. What if our homicide rates are the highest ever seen in a civilized land? What if the bootlegger and the rum runner corrupt our government and poison our citizens? What if honest business men have to pay graft and illegal combines? What if robbers and plug-uglies can bamboozle the police daily? We can at least keep pedestrians from walking across the street at the wrong time; we can at least clamp down on effervescent college lads who present a slightly Rabelasian play; we can at least jail for three months a woman who chooses not to wear stockings.

Probably the real reason for all of this is that we are lazy. We hate to take the effort necessary to clean up our cities, suppress crime and bring criminals to justice. Instead, we go after the petty violators. Such arrests save our conscience and help us to forget that this great nation of super-efficiency has reached new depths of inefficiency in the matter of law enforcement and civic order.

Renouncing Poison Gas

IN GERMANY some well meaning people are now starting a movement to have the great powers sign a treaty renouncing the use of poison gas in time of war.

Surely there can't be any great harm in such a scheme. The thing ought to be quite easy to put over. High-sounding treaties seem to be popular, and this one ought to be high-sounding enough for anybody.

Of course, such a treaty wouldn't have the slightest effect. If war should come every nation involved would begin to use all the poison gas it could lay its hands on, no matter how many treaties it had signed.

But it would make a nice treaty, for all that.

Old Job never tried to feed a furnace with a shovel wider than the door.

And among those who will whittle after next March 4 are numerous postmasters.

An alligator lives to be very old, and you never saw one cavorting around just for exercise.

Modernism in art won't reach the peak until it gives us a bronze statesman with his feet on a desk.

Americanism: Dieting in order to look skinny; wearing a fur coat that would make anybody look stout.

Rumania is an efficient country. She got rid of her professional politicians without cluttering up the jails.

The ancients wondered why a chicken crossed the street. Moderns wonder how he ever contrives to get across.

BASIN MEN AT MILL SESSION

Klamath was well represented at the first sawmill engineering conference ever to be held on the coast which opened Wednesday morning in Longview, Wash., and closed last night.

Seven men, prominently identified with the Klamath basin pine industry, attended the session. They included E. A. Blocklinger, president and owner of the Chiloquin Lumber company; Matt Egan, manager of the Algonquin Lumber company; F. T. Horan, manager of the Forest Lumber company; John Fossum, connected with the Big Lakes Lumber company; Edward H. Pike, mill superintendent for the Pelican Bay Lumber company; Walter Deane, of the Klamath Iron and Steel Works, and F. Hill Hunter, president of the Sawmill Engineering and Construction company.

Mr. Hunter, who returned this morning from Longview, was loud in his praises of the conference.

"It was the first meeting of its kind ever held on the Pacific coast," he said. "Believe it or not, one manufacturer of mill materials came all the way from Austria to attend. One pine manufacturer journeyed from North Dakota. Purpose of the session was to exchange practical and theoretical ideas on how to make better lumber—not more lumber, you understand, but better lumber."

TAX PROPOSALS ARE SUBMITTED

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electors within the municipality would be required to validate the bond issue or tax levy.

2.—Require that the vote cast at a special bond or tax levying election shall equal 50 per cent of the vote cast at the last general election.

3.—Strengthen municipal budget law by providing that no funds shall be disbursed which are not itemized in the budget; no receipts not listed in the budget shall be disburseable; requiring copies of budgets and all transfers made thereunder be filed with the secretary of state; prohibiting transfers from one fund to another without giving due notice; providing for the appointment of laymen on the budget board by the governor or county budget committee, and specifying uniform budget forms.

4.—Place all publicly owned utilities under the jurisdiction of the public service commission as tax regards rates and practices.

5.—Assess and tax municipally owned utilities for all purposes except those of the municipality owning utility.

6.—Removing the exemptions on all city owned property except that used for governmental, educational, park or charitable purposes.

Presentation of the bills stirred up considerable comment among the members and in the lobby, particularly in regard to the proposal that municipalities be denied the right upon their own judgment to make transfers of budget funds. Another bill offered by the tax commission would grant to the state the right to transfer funds from one budget classification to another in the interests of economy, the very privilege they would deny to cities.

KING'S CHEST IS CLEARED UP

LONDON, Jan. 25. (AP)—King George's physicians announced in their medical bulletin today that the affected region in the king's chest has been completely cleared.

This assurance has caused a feeling of great satisfaction as it is interpreted to mean that his majesty is now suffering only from weakness resulting from his prolonged illness.

HOOPER ANGLES FOR BIG FISH

KEY LARGO, La., Jan. 25. (AP)—Herbert Hoover was somewhere off the Keys near here again today, still pursuing the big game fish which have lured him to this section of the Florida coast for a fifth time in recent years.

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THE AFTERMATH

of influenza, bronchitis, cough, cold or other respiratory infection, is usually a period of great weakness. There is special need for well-selected vitamin-rich nourishment to rebuild resistance. Many people have found nothing quite so beneficial as

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DOPEY VICTIM UNCONSCIOUS; LOST 16 CENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25. (A. P.)—The "Dopey's" sixth victim lay unconscious in Emergency hospital here today.

The drink-giving robber was successful in his attack on Walter Woroski, but he got only sixteen cents for his trouble.

Woroski was found unconscious in a doorway on Front street during the night. At Emergency hospital he revived just long enough to tell detectives the oft-repeated story of "the dopey's" activities.

He was approached by a well-dressed man about thirty years old, Woroski said. The man asked him if he wanted a drink.

Woroski did. Woroski drank the proffered liquor. That was all he remembered until he awoke in the hospital. He said he had sixteen cents. He had not a cent when found.

KLINGER HELD ON CHARGE OF NON-SUPPORT

Arrests here on a charge of larceny, R. Klinger has been taken to Josephine county to answer a previous charge of non-support.

Klinger was accused of stealing articles on the Geary ranch. His arrest was a coincidence. He had been asking the sheriff's office to investigate a robbery when a deputy unearthed evidence which led him to believe that Klinger was also guilty of robbery.

When Klinger called up one day for information on the case he wanted investigated, Sheriff Lloyd Low asked him to come down to the office and talk it over.

As he passed the threshold of the sheriff's office, he was met with a warrant for his arrest.

KLAMATH YOUTH IS HONORED AT OREGON STATE

OREGON STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 25.—Bryant Williams of Klamath Falls, sophomore in agriculture, was fatted into the Beaver Knight chapter of Intercollegiate Knights, an underclassmen's honorary service organization.

This organization acts as a "pep and tradition" committee for the college. Its object is to instruct the freshmen in songs, yells, and traditions of the college, to receive and entertain visiting teams, to help with campus traffic, and to function at all college events such as athletic contests and convocations.

PROHI LEADER MUST SERVE 60 DAYS IN JAIL

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 25. (A. P.)—Judge Robert N. Haiselt in federal court here this morning overruled the petition of Dr. Edward M. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana anti-saloon league, for a writ of habeas corpus. Mr. Shumaker is seeking to evade serving a sixty day sentence imposed by the supreme court for contempt.

Unless attorneys for the dry leader take some other legal action he will be compelled to go to the Indiana state penal farm to serve the sixty day sentence.

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STATEMENT OF ELVA DENIED

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doing a lot of thinking, ever since then."

The state desired to enter the statement, despite the girl's repudiation, and state and defense attorneys argued over the relevancy and materiality of the document. Judge W. M. Duncan, following noon recess ruled that the statement could not be admitted as a state exhibit because a "proper foundation had not been laid."

Refusal to admit the statement coupled with Elva's repudiation, dealt a body blow to state strategy.

Twice during Elva's testimony, the state objected to the line of testimony elicited by Horace Manning, chief defense attorney. Each time the objection was sustained and the jury was excused while an offer of proof was made for the record. One witness was Dr. E. E. Djesche and the other Dr. C. V. Rugh. Their testimony concerned matters unprintable.

In fact, a large part of Elva's testimony dealing with her relations with Pearson, was unprintable. However, despite necessarily embarrassing questions put to her, the girl answered bravely, lowering her head to avoid the stares of hundreds of curiosity seekers in the court room.

The girl also told of a threat made by Pearson against Thomas.

One time, she said, she, Pearson and several others were in an automobile. Pearson had three pints of whiskey.

"I said, 'What if Bill Thomson could see us now?'" the witness quoted herself. "Back didn't say anything, but he reached into his pocket and pulled out a long knife and showed it to me. That was his answer."

Ralph Tice, Elva's brother, testified at length, mainly corroborating other defense witnesses relative to Thomson's affection for him and Elva, of Pearson's attentions towards Elva, and of two and three-day absences of Elva with Pearson. Once he said she was taken to Dorris where he saw her dancing with Pearson on a dance floor.

Ted Davies testified as to the position of Pearson's body a few minutes after he had been killed. It was on the left and south side of the machine, he said. He said there were several broken bottles in the street.

Walter Doney, resident of Chiloquin, told of threats uttered by Pearson to Thomson on general election night, November 6.

He said he stepped onto the street and saw Thomson and Pearson facing each other.

"I heard Pearson say, 'I'll go get a gun and shoot it out with you any time, but I'm not going to leave that girl alone.'"

Bowling Teams Tonight—Among the Bowling teams scheduled to play this evening at the Klamath Bowling Alleys are: Pelican Bay Lumber company vs. Connolly Brothers; Loren Plumbers vs. Elks "B".

Keen interest is being shown in the high score for the month December 26 to January 26 inclusive. Prizes will be awarded this evening.

Walton Returns to Duties

George Walton, prominent real estate and insurance man of this city, is again able to be about his duties, following an illness of more than a month's duration.

SAILORS WEEP AS VESSEL IS SOLD ON BLOCK

BOSTON, Jan. 25. (AP)—The Herbert L. Rawding four-masted schooner, which was a thing of beauty when built ten years ago at a cost of \$190,000, has been knocked down at auction for a paltry \$1,600. And the purchaser acted largely from sentiment. Old salts were high in tears.

NOTED SENATOR PASSES AWAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (AP)—Former Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama, died at his home in Nearby, Virginia, at 11:15 this morning.

Mr. Underwood suffered a cerebral hemorrhage early in December and later in the month was stricken by paralysis. He recovered for a time, but a few days ago had a relapse.

He was survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Woodward Underwood, two sons, Oscar Underwood, Jr., of Washington, and John Lewis Underwood, of Birmingham.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25. (AP)—Upon announcement of the death of former Senator Underwood of Alabama, the senate adjourned today as a mark of respect.

SENATE PASSES JURY MEASURE

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 25. (AP)—Senator Marks' alternate jury bill was passed by the senate today. It grows out of an incident in the famed D'Antremont case, and provides that in the trial of felony cases the court, in its discretion, may draw one or two alternate jurors in addition to the 12 regular jurors. The alternates would attend the trial in event of death or inability of one of the regular jurors to sit at any time during the trial an alternate could take his place.

Under the present law such a situation causes a mistrial. The death of a juror in the D'Antremont trial, resulting in a mistrial is said to have cost the taxpayers of Jackson county about \$16,000.

SON OF TIN PLATE KING TO SAIL SOON

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25. (U. P.)—William Leeds, son of the eastern tin plate manufacturer, his wife, Princess Neula, C. O. O'Donnell, chairman of the New York Stock exchange, and 11 others will arrive here Saturday on two special cars and will sail at noon on the liner Malolo for Honolulu, local railroad executives were advised today.

There are only 3600 veterinary surgeons in England.

Malin Men Leaving

Frank Bayler, Jr., and Joe Zampfe, both of Malin will leave tonight on the special train for San Francisco. From San Francisco Mr. Bayler will go to Oakland to visit with his brother Rudolph, who is attending Oakland Polytechnic School of Engineering.

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WEIRD STORIES ARE REVEALED

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 25. (AP)—The cold, searching eye of the state legislature today rested on spiritualism and Hindu philosophy as alleged factors in influencing the regime of Governor Henry S. Johnston, now under suspension, and facing impeachment.

Out of the mass of testimony, charges, tales of strange Hindu chants and mystic Oriental philosophy practiced by those behind the governor's chair, one bit of practical action stood out, the addition of another charge of impeachment to the seven already voted against the chief executive by the house of representatives.

This charge dealt with the in a well-known parodying by Johnston of Dewey Crosshwaite, a convicted murderer, in December, 1925, while Crosshwaite was listed as a fugitive from justice.

The house has yet to act upon two charges brought by its investigating committee which yesterday delivered further into alleged administrative irregularity, and brought to light the first hint of occultism to which belief it has been said the governor himself subscribes.

Weird tales of an apartment, draped "in Oriental splendor," where income pots burned and James A. Armstrong hummed what "seemed to be a part of a ritual" were dragged from the reluctant lips of H. E. Sullivan, the governor's secretary, by members of the house committee.

Armstrong is Governor Johnston's political adviser, and an uncle of Mrs. O. O. Hammond, confidential secretary of the chief executive, and often spoken of as the "Mrs. Colonel House" of the administration.

Sullivan, repeatedly interrupting his testimony with spirited protests, said he had gone to Armstrong's home at the request of the governor to get Armstrong's opinion on a legislative bill under threat of being jailed for contempt. Sullivan testified that Armstrong "had five or six pots of incense. He was lighting them when I came into his bedroom."

Sullivan also said Governor Johnston had called him into the executive office, after the house investigation had been underway for some time, and had declared: "Damn you, Sullivan, you're not to shoulder responsibility for the pardon;" alluding to the Crosshwaite clemency act.

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