

POLITICAL CAPITAL FROM KIRK RELEASE

Sidelight on What the Meaning of
Such Cases Really Is.

DISCRIMINATION IS FREELY USED

Beryl Kirk Was Former Street Car Employee With Good Record
—Mayor's Activity in Matter Recalls Some of His Old
Law Cases—Washing Dirty Linen.

Beryl Kirk, who was released a week ago from the Nebraska state prison on a "furlough" signed by Acting Governor Bushee, was formerly an Omaha street car conductor. This is no particular news to anybody, but a lot of people want to know why Sheriff Mike Clark wrote a letter about him to somebody who was interested in securing his release.

Kirk worked for the traction company when Mike Clark was a road officer. According to the record, Kirk was a model street car employee. That is what Clark said when he did. Clark was a very happy way of telling the truth about such matters and to anybody who is acquainted with the sheriff, it is easy to understand why he should tell the truth about Kirk.

A bunch of toy politicians are trying to make political capital out of the release of Kirk. Another coterie of the same type of political renegades, only belonging to a different party, are trying to square themselves by taking sides against those responsible for Kirk's release.

Governor McKelvie has said that the "furlough" was good and that he will not do anything to dissolve it. As a matter of fact, the release was official and that ends it. While Beryl Kirk has doubtless had his own troubles in the battles of life, there has been nothing to indicate that he was responsible in any way for the killing of Officer Frank Rooney, a crime for which he was convicted. Every scintilla of evidence thus far produced has shown that he was himself a victim of men who were responsible for Rooney's death.

Right here is where Mayor Ed P. Smith gets into the game. It is no particular credit for Mayor Smith to come forward with his great effusion of statements about Kirk's release. Let it be known that Mayor Smith, in his capacity as an attorney, has had much to do with the defense of criminals whose crimes were even greater than the one charged against Beryl Kirk. Some of them are at large. In some of these cases his action in pursuing every method known to the legal profession has been seen in an effort

to release the man who was paying him a neat fee for his services.

It is not becoming, either to the legal profession or to the mayor himself, to get into this matter any further than necessary. We have, this week, had the case of an Omaha physician being arrested for what, it is charged, was unprofessional conduct. It is a safe guess that he did nothing more than our good mayor has done, in the sight of the law, that was not within the exact ethics of his profession.

These things come up right along in the legal as well as in the medical profession; if the truth was all known and printed about them even some of our ministerial friends might get into trouble.

All this hellabaloo the judges on the district bench are making is not going to help any. It might be a surprise to Omaha people to know that a son of one of our distinguished jurists was caught in the mob that wrecked the Douglas county jail and was locked in prison after he had gained entrance to the court house. Nobody has heard of him being indicted. There is no reason why he should have been indicted, although many persons with responsibility for that affair no greater than that of this young man spent many days in jail. More than a score were indicted.

We suggest that our district court judges make something more than a superficial investigation before they go into the Beryl Kirk case too far. It is very possible more light will be thrown on the subject with additional investigation.

The theory about punishing a man for from one to twenty years for what is termed a "crime against society" has more than one meaning. When the righteous parent punishes the child that parent is usually satisfied when he or she feels that the child has been corrected. The same law should apply to persons convicted in court.

If Beryl Kirk becomes a law-abiding citizen and an uplift to society he and the state both are much better off with him outside the state prison than inside for the next score of years.

COLUMBUS "GASTRITIS" BUSINESS CAUSES DEATH OF MISS URYASCZ

Remarkable Story of How Running Motor Car Injures Omaha Man
and Annihilates Woman With Him—Cam Tinsley
Victim of Remarkable Accident.

That case of "gastritis" out at Columbus Wednesday night has set a lot of wise birds to thinking. The story said the automobile driver, an Omaha man, was riding with a young Columbus woman and that they were both in the rear seat of the car, one dead and the other about to die, when found.

Just how that engine leaked so much gas and how it got into the back end of that touring car where Mr. Cam Tinsley and Miss Uryasz were riding is a conundrum. The engine never did stop running until the girl's father came home from work and found them.

This is sure some "automobile mystery." It was colder than the old nick last Wednesday night, when the affair occurred. Many of our Omaha boys who have been making Columbus for a long time, have found a very fine bunch of girls in Columbus. That is where they raise the real beauties, it is said.

In the summer time many trysting places may be found in Columbus. Before Nebraska went dry there were more than there are now. In the summer time, after the hand leaves the park and all the old people go to bed, the night life begins. Up in the north end of the city the high school ground furnished a great summer resort. The wide lawns and lack of

electric lights makes it an ideal spot for spooning and other things that go with it.

Mr. Tinsley, it is said, made Columbus on his route. Just why he was in that city on that cold night with a touring car is not known. The poor woman is dead. Maybe, if Mr. Tinsley recovers he can tell something about it all.

In Omaha Tinsley has been well and favorably known. His friends will not believe anything except that it was an accident, in which gas from the gasoline had the leading part. Some of our local daily papers are taking a great interest in the matter.

Tinsley was a widower and has a 16-year-old daughter in this city.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS CHARGED WITH FAVORITISM

Charges are being heard that the Omaha health commissioner is using more discretion than is prudent in failing to report and to act on "catching" diseases. A case of whooping cough at 418 North Twenty-sixth was not quarantined, although it was called to the attention of the city physician. Numerous other similar reports are being heard. Reasons given for failure to act on the Twenty-sixth street case was that school was not in session and for that reason danger of the disease spreading was small.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



HIGH POLICE OFFICIALS SLATED FOR DISMISSAL

Sergeants and Captains to Be Retired
on Pensions New Program of
"Reformers."

Practically every sergeant and captain on the Omaha police force is slated for retirement, on pension or otherwise. The "reform" city commission of Omaha has decided that they must go.

It brings to a final head the intention of Dean Ringer and those behind him to make a full cleaning of Omaha's police force and to build up a new political machine with which to retain power in city affairs if possible. Many of the old police officials, whose integrity is absolutely without question, are among those who will be discharged.

The people of Omaha have hoped that some discretion and good sense would be used in making changes in the police force, but those hopes were dashed when the decision came to "make a cleaning." Most of the captains and sergeants slated for retirement are men who have served the city for two decades or more. They are men of integrity, experience and good judgment.

Instead of recent events being a lesson in common sense to the city com-

mission ring, it apparently has served to spur them on to even further vindictive action. When this last act of vandalism is committed by the "reform" commission it will be worth a story from even such pens as that of men like the late Edward Rosewater.

DR. MATHEWS' ENEMIES START THEIR SENSATION

Attempt Made by Jealous Members of
Profession to Injure Physician.

That the story circulated and testimony given about Dr. J. T. Mathews, practicing Omaha physician, is the result of jealousy is the belief of his friends. Mathews is no youngster in the medical profession and has been practicing in Omaha thirty years.

Dr. Mathews was called in to succor the wife of an Omaha man after she had been suffering for a long period. He found an operation necessary and performed it. The evidence will show, it is said, that Dr. Mathews was called to attend Mrs. T. C. McAdams at a critical time and did just what any physician would have done under the circumstances.

Friends of the physician do not believe that any questionable medical action was taken by the doctor. He enjoys a big practice and for many years has been a leading Omaha physician.

Snyder Not Guilty

Ralph Snyder, first of the alleged lynchers to be tried, was found not guilty by a jury Thursday. To those who have watched the progress of the trial and to those who have followed the facts in the case it was no surprise. The Snyder case was believed to be one of the strongest of more than a score that are set for trial this term.

It is not going to be an easy matter to convict anybody for complicity in the lynching of William Brown, guilty though he may be. It is a safe bet that the county attorney will soon realize that fact and that the greater part of those indicted for complicity in the lynching will never be tried.

Deplorable as was the lynching, it is pretty generally agreed that the best ends of justice will not be served by attempts to convict persons said to have had a hand in it. To any person who was near the scene of the lynching and who witnessed the doings of that fateful night of September 28 it is easy to see the impossibility of securing conviction.

With that crowd surging around the various corners of the court house, thousands chattering and watching the doings of the lynchers, it is safe to say that the number who can identify any person who was active in the work of lynching and burning the court house is very small. It is also true that very few persons who were there would testify against anybody they recognized in the case.

Mr. Shotwell has certainly done his duty in the matter, but it is said his hopes of securing convictions were never high. It is presumed the work of attempting to convict those indicted will continue for the present. The public, however, will be better served if the matter is permitted to drop and be forgotten just as soon as possible.

NEWSPAPER SITUATION BETTER

With the settlement of the coal strike weekly newspapers, like other industrial concerns, have been greatly relieved. This week's edition of The Mediator is curtailed in matter printed, but by next week it is believed conditions will be about normal.

Printers are still working short hours at the big printing establishments, but will go on full time as quickly as coal begins to arrive in this city.

STRIKE SETTLEMENT RELIEVES SITUATION

Expensive Lesson Taught to Organized
Labor and Capital.

MIDDLE SECTION BADLY SQUEEZED

Coal Struggle Throws Many Interesting Sidelights Onto How Both
Sides Have Given General Public Worst of It—Striking
a Balance in Economics.

Settlement of the nation-wide coal strike, after it had been on for forty days, will be gladly received by something like 100,000,000 citizens of the United States, a very large proportion of whom were beginning to talk about starving and freezing to death.

This strike ought to serve as a fine object lesson for about everybody. The various interests that have been so seriously affected will doubtless take steps to prevent a recurrence of the condition that has just been relieved.

The suffering and inconvenience to the people may be chargeable to both sides to this contest. And it was the final result of well near exhaustion of the people and of business generally that was required to bring both sides to their senses. Union labor has had a pretty thorough scare thrown into its ranks. Capital has experienced the same unpleasant sort of affair.

As a matter of truth, the millions of persons connected with organized labor were the first to feel the sting in the strike. The rich man had his coal laid in and had plenty of money to buy food with, even though the strike continued. Thousands of great industrial concerns were shut down, with the result that millions who had been making big wages found themselves out in the cold without jobs, without coal and without prospects of three full meals a day for some time to come. They were the first to suffer and they will be the last to overcome the handicap.

But there is another feature to the whole thing. It can not be gainsaid that wealthy manipulators took advantage of the occasion to throw a big scare into organized labor. There has been a pyramiding of wages by continual increases during the last five years. There can be no doubt that there must be an end to this upward trend. It has been a contest to learn who should inaugurate the end of these increases. It is necessary that an economic level be reached

somewhere. Perhaps the coal strike will furnish a basis for setting a dividing mark. There are millions of people who are not concerned either in capital or organized labor, but they are interested in making a decent living and saving a few dollars from time to time. They are satisfied, as they should be with normal salaries, a comfortable living, happiness and an opportunity to live a little as they go along. To this class of people, which is a very large one, about 50 per cent. full consideration must be given.

The coal strike should form an entering wedge for an industrial balance which will not be made top-heavy by either side. There is no reason why a combination of labor leaders should be permitted to become monitors for the whole country. The same may be said of organized wealth. This coal strike has shown that both can be arbitrary to the point of passing up all consideration for the millions who do not have a special interest in either one of them.

This coal strike has demonstrated clearly that neither side can exist successfully without the other. The result of the strike shows conclusively that mine operators have been holding down the supply in order to increase prices. The miners were victims because they were permitted to work only 200 days a year, or four days a week. The work of mining coal is the hardest of any in the world. A coal miner cannot secure life insurance in "old line" companies. His surroundings at home are the plainest and his opportunities for advancing professionally and financially are the smallest in the world. He is entitled to an increased wage.

But certain labor leaders have also overdone their jobs. They have caused extreme suffering for their own people.

If both sides will take a good lesson from this coal strike the world will be better off; if they do not it will mean revolution.

AUCTION JOINT OPENS BUSINESS PLACE ON FARNAM FOR HOLIDAYS

Spieler Invites Stranger Within Our Gates to Walk in and Investigate
Jewelry Bargains and Other Things—Boosters Join
Crowd Whenever Yokel Appears for Trimming.

With the coming of the Christmas holidays our fair city always has its share of so-called auction sales, put on specially for the occasion and to bring a little extra easy money.

All of Omaha's good jewelry firms find it possible to arouse a big holiday trade through the advertising columns of some of our daily and weekly newspapers. They do not find it necessary to go into the bliking business with any "closing out at cost" auctions. Some of the gougers, however, use that method to slip Omaha people a good one while the slipping is good. One of these on Farnam street, just west of the Merchants hotel, has put out its auction sign. The sign is slobbered all over the front of the "store," which declares this is the time to buy and buy cheap.

Inside this "jewelry store" a leather lunged auctioneer is heard to yell, every time a persons stops in front of the place: "We are just going to start our auction. Walk right in and let us show what we are selling at ridiculous prices." If the party walks in the usual bunch of boosters follow him. The bidding is good until the stranger takes a bid and then the sale is made. It is a great game.

This particular firm has heretofore made a pretense of being legitimate and has not undertaken to pull off anything of this sort. The minute one of these big stud boss signs and the spieler are seen and heard it puts the "label on the place."

action Thursday and is expected to remain on the map until the Christmas shopping comes to an end. It is on a main thoroughfare, in the heart of the downtown district. In other parts of the city many auction concerns are in business but that is their regular line.

To any persons who cares to linger and listen to the line this particular auctioneer puts out it is worth their while. They will find that he is disposing of a broken stock, just received from New York for holiday purposes and which is going at any price that may be offered. Of course, he will not sell on one bid, but let an outsider take a chance on making a second bid and he sure has bought something.

Last year we had one at Sixteenth and Farnam streets, in the First National bank building. He flooded the market with cheap junk and got away with a lot of it until his joint was given publicity.

Just Once.

Edward had had trouble with the new boy in the neighborhood, and always got the worst of it, having had black eyes at different times. Soon after this the new boy was ill, and the teacher told the pupils of her class to remember the sick boy in their prayers, as it would be a long time before he would be strong again. Edward replied: "He would, but he has been sick. Just let me meet him and I will get good and strong."

The Farnam street joint got into

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CLEARING UP RAILROAD SITUATION

With the announcement from New York of the election to the Union Pacific presidency of Carl R. Gray and other changes in railroad personnel, there appears to be a general movement for the return of all railroads to private ownership. From a railroad standpoint this will be a good thing. The public will also be a beneficiary.

The railroads came under government control at the outset of the war. Uncle Sam is a very fine fellow, but he never specialized in railroading. The change made at that time was for war purposes. Perhaps it was a good thing for the government to do. But now, with peace, it is even a better thing for railroads to get back to their normal conditions.

The government railroad administration of the railroads was all that could have been expected, but it was far below the standard, estimated as it may be by those who have favored government control. Most of our people will welcome a return to private control. Under government control there was practically no such a thing as competition. Big industrial interests that deal with railroads are like the people who buy groceries. If what they get for their money does not satisfy them they try another place. Nothing of the kind could exist under government control. You took what Uncle Sam had to offer or you took nothing.

With all credit to the government for its work during its brief period of control, the great public will welcome the return. In Omaha many railroads will be effected, among them the Burlington system. It will mean that things are getting back to where they ought to be and that the American people will again have an opportunity to do business just as they always did business.

The great American public will be glad to see the railroads back under the management of their regular owners.

HONOR AMONG THIEVES

Nebraska newspapers, especially those in Omaha, are yelling themselves hoarse because Beryle C. Kirk, convicted in Omaha of murder, with a twenty-year sentence hanging over him, has found it possible to secure his release after serving a comparatively few months of that sentence.

The whole thing is really amusing. Securing Kirk's release, however, was one of the finest bits of political and financial strategy ever accomplished for a man by his friends. Now that Kirk is out of the "stir" it is a safe bet that he is out to stay. "Honor among thieves" may be true in Kirk's case. If it is true the Kirk "furlough" only shows that all a person's honest-to-God friends are not found within the ranks of the "reformers" who pose as all that represents good humanity.

It has been intimated that part of the \$63,000 secured from the Hayden robbery was used to secure Kirk's release. If that is true the famous "Bushee furlough" has a significance. The whole affair would then involve numerous persons of high and low degree. Is it possible that Mr. Ringer's faithful police force, as reformed and reorganized, was a party to such an undertaking. It should be remembered that \$63,000 goes a long ways. It is sufficient to buy a lot of men and a lot of things.

It is an astonishing fact that not an iota of evidence has been produced by Mr. Ringer's reorganized police force of who pulled off the Hayden job. The robbers, three in number, are apparently enjoying perfect freedom and somebody is having a big time with that \$63,000. If any of it went to secure Kirk's release it would appear the easiest thing in the world for Mr. Eberstein to uncover.

It all puts us in the mind of another jail "delivery" when the famous Bartley case was a ten years' sensation. It is very probable that a lot of people could talk right now, as they could at that time, but absolutely refuse to be quoted.

The sooner the Kirk case is forgotten the better off a lot of present day political renegades will find themselves.

DEALING WITH MEXICO

Unless internal politics in Mexico soon be cleared up it is predicted that the United States will become involved to an extent that may go so far as the use of armed forces of no small size. Recent disclosures made as a result of an investigation made by the senate foreign relations committee indicate a serious plot to involve the United States in an international tangle with Mexico, which had for its object a return to that country of four border states taken by this country following the Mexican war of about a century ago.

There is also evidence that Japan has been doing some things that are hardly in keeping with what has been considered our happy relations with that oriental state. It is very probable that if Japan has become anything more than an interested spectator it did so at the invitation of Mexico. To say the least some ex-

traordinary revelations have been made with respect to how President Carranza has been acting. These revelations show that he has been a party to more trouble making, in which American citizens were made victims of vicious Mexican tricks.

The Monroe doctrine has been a mote in the eyes of Japan and Germany for a long time, because both of them coveted privileges in Mexico and South America. Canada, as a colony of England, has also caused much jealousy of Germany and Japan. Of course, Germany has been eliminated as a serious trouble maker. But Japan is still on the job. That country was only lukewarm during the world war with Germany and did absolutely nothing to assist the allies, except to grab German concessions in China.

President Wilson apparently foresaw the present Mexican difficulties. Revolution after revolution has made of that country a vast area almost void of real government. This country has always tried to be a big brother to Mexico, but some of our wealthy citizens, with vast interests there, have used their influence whenever possible to go even further. Mexico has not been unmindful of these conditions.

The Rockefeller and other big financial interests in Mexico have really been the cause of most of our trouble. Our people have gone down there and made immense fortunes, but in most instances have rebelled at Mexican government. They want the Mexican money and United States protection. As a general proposition they care little for Mexican government, except as it effects their financial interests there.

With these conditions paramount in the present trouble, it is still a question as to just how far we should go down there. What Mexico needs more than anything else is education and advanced civilization. That would mean popular and better government. In the meantime President Wilson is using good judgment in not getting this country into any deep entanglements. War with Mexico would mean nothing because that country has no army. About the only thing that is necessary for us to do is to see that no European or oriental state oversteps the Monroe doctrine. Then we will have little trouble taking care of our own interests in Mexico.

COMMISSIONER BUTLER CLEANS UP CONGESTION

Down-town Streets Put in Good Shape in Short Order After Big Snows.

The manner in which Commissioner Butler has put his men on the job and cleaned up Omaha's streets, following fourteen inches of snowfall, is a credit to him. History has seldom, if ever, recorded a greater snowfall in so short a length of time. Butler, the only member of the city commission to use good judgment in spending his allotment, has found it possible to hire more men and to keep the downtown busy corners well cleaned up as fast as the snow fell.

This department is the only one in the city not howling about a big deficit in funds. The reason has been that the amount allotted Butler has been spent judiciously. When the present emergency was at hand he found himself with enough money to meet it.

And there has been no ranting about down-town streets being blocked, either.

Walking Downstairs.

It is not so difficult to walk downstairs as to walk up, as everybody knows. Why not try it? It takes very little longer time and the many calls for the elevator for descending passengers could be reduced by a half at least if we were a bit thoughtful. The saving in current and fuel would be remarkable.

Art of Coloring Glass.

It is probable that the coloring of glass, and particularly the garnet tint and not the ruby hue, as some authorities would have us believe, originated in Bohemia. This color—garnet—is obtained by alloying or fusing an extremely minute quantity of gold with the other ingredients—silica, soda, lime, iron oxide and alumina. On its first heating the glass is colorless, but on reheating it develops its soft, rich appearance.—New York World.

French Patriot's Letter.

A remarkable story of the patriotism and devotion shown by a French-American family is related in the Petit Nécrois, the continental edition of the London Mail states.

At the outbreak of war a Frenchman named Cailles, forty-four years old, who kept a drug store in Los Angeles, Cal., left his wife, daughter and two sons to come over and fight for his native country. He was mortally wounded before Verdun in January, 1915, but before dying had the following cablegram sent to his wife: "I die facing the enemy. Let our two sons come out and take my place in the ranks. Adieu."

On receipt of this cablegram the two sons, Joseph and George, joined up and in due course arrived in France. Joseph was killed in 1917, not far from the place where his father met his death. He was thirty-four and was also a druggist.

George Cailles went through much fighting without a wound until at ten o'clock on the morning of November 11, just before the armistice, he was badly gassed. He recovered and has been in convalescence at Nice pending his departure for his California home to resume his legal studies.

Contribution of Jimmy.

Jimmy is seven and he's "smart" for his age. Even his mother admits it. She fears he'll be whirled up some day in a pillar of fire or something. Others who know Jimmy well doubt the pillar of fire business. His father the other day caught him smoking a cigarette and whipped him soundly. Jimmy cried loudly and attracted the attention of a neighbor, a man chum of the lad, who, seeking to comfort the boy, said: "Jimmy, of course it was very wrong of you to smoke a cigarette, and your papa whipped you not to hurt you but to show you how wrong it was. Stop crying now and your hurt will soon be over."

"I ain't cryin' 'cause I was licked," said the child as he gazed through the tears, "but when papa grabbed me I swallowed my cigarette, and it was the last one I had."—Exchange.

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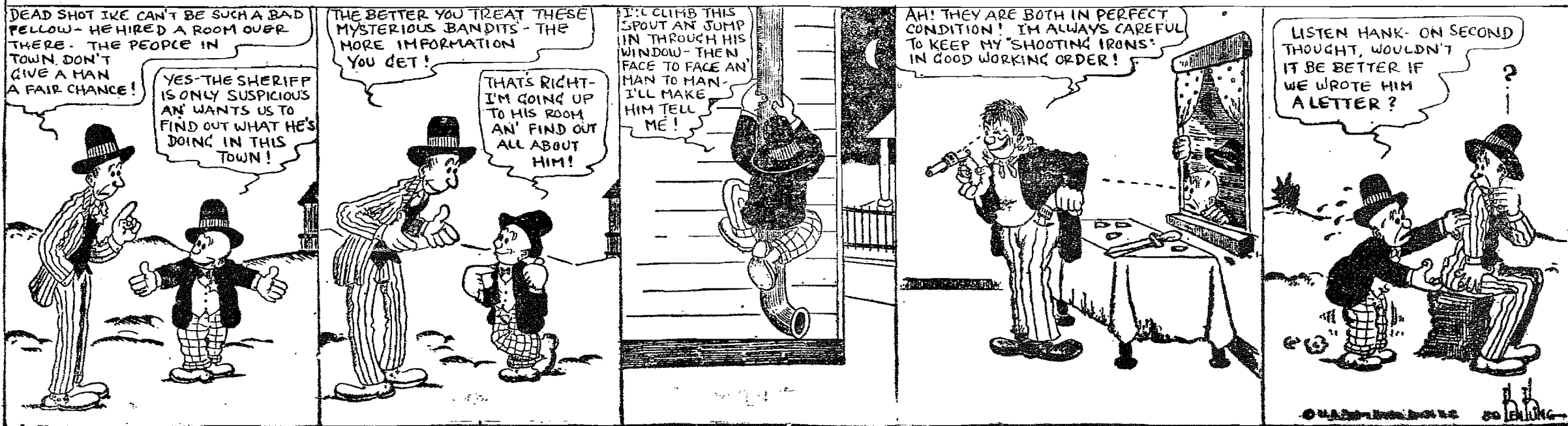
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PETE BELIEVES IN DIPLOMACY

By KEN KLING



UNCLE SAM'S GAME RESERVE

Island of Afognak, on South Coast of Alaska, Peculiarly Adapted for the Purpose.

One of the most picturesquely interesting parts of our national domain is a large island off the south coast of Alaska. It is called Afognak and is about 65 miles long by 40 in width, with a very irregular shore line and deeply indented bays.

It is the property of the government, and in 1892 was set aside by President Harrison as a game and fish reserve. The important purpose that it serves is that of a preserve for salmon, all the finest varieties of which run up its stream in great numbers at the breeding season to spawn.

Afognak is a mountainous island, of volcanic origin, its loftiest peak rising to an elevation of 1,300 feet. In the interior are a number of large lakes, which are the breeding grounds of the salmon. One of these, Letnik lake, is seven miles long, and on its shore is located a big government fish hatchery.

In the days of long ago, before the United States bought Alaska, the salmon fishery of Afognak was operated by the Russian-American company, which established on the island a colony of its superannuated and pensioned employees. These were Aleuts, whose descendants today compose the native population, somewhat more than 400, though their blood is much mixed.

Soldiers and Banana Growing.

The New South Wales government has not been long in providing its returning soldiers with work. One of the enterprises undertaken with this object is the cultivation of bananas on a large scale. There is no fruit crop that yields such a quick return as the banana and in the present flourishing state of the market no better undertaking could have been selected, given the right men. It is not work for the lazy. But among the demobilized troops are plenty of men who are young, tough and teachable. Four hundred acres have been taken as a beginning and each settler has 12 months' probation before a black is entrusted to him. The sum of £625 is advanced to each for implements, stock, and house-building material. The soldiers have already started and enjoy their rough life in the hills. The experienced planter, Mr. C. Rose, who is in charge, sees nothing but success ahead in reward for their efforts.

Prickly Pear Proving Pest.

Australia is suffering from a prickly pear pest, which takes advantage of the rivers as a means of spreading. Shoots break off from the parent plant growing along a stream and the part is carried downstream to found a new colony. Thousands of acres are being ruined yearly owing to the ravages of this plant, and no means have been discovered of stopping its march. Rolling, spraying and poisons have proved ineffectual, and it is hoped that some scientist may find some commercial use for the plant.

OLD RELIC OF REVOLUTION

Boston Statehouse, Now Fully Restored, Is One of the Most Interesting in the Country.

The old statehouse in Boston was erected in 1713. In early days the first floor was used as the Merchants' exchange, and the second story as the meeting place of the governors of the province and the royal council. A few feet from the eastern porch occurred the Boston massacre on March 5, 1770. In 1789 Washington reviewed from this building a procession in his honor, and in 1835 William Lloyd Garrison took refuge there to escape from the mob that had broken up the anti-slavery meeting, and threatened his life. In later years the building was turned into business offices and was so much altered, inside and outside, as almost to destroy the original architectural effect. In 1881 it was restored by the city at the request of the public-spirited citizens, and is now in the custody of the Bostonian society, which occupies it. The rooms, including the old council chamber and hall of representatives contain a collection of relics and paintings of revolutionary times.

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MAGIC IN GOLD AND HUMOR

How Happy Combination of the Two Put End to "Run" on Famous English Bank.

A story is told, with some reservation, by a London paper, concerning the grandfather of the well-known Quaker peer, Lord Peckover. The story goes that, during a run on the bank of which he was a principal, at one time known as that of Gurney, Birkbeck, Peckover & Co., he exhibited, within sight of the counter, bags full of gold, surmounted by a peck measure, also filled with sovereigns. "You see," he explained to the depositors anxious to draw their balances, "that there is enough money for you all, and a peck over." This is said to have terminated the run. Such is the magic of gold, and of humor. One feels by no means certain that stacks of "fivers" would have achieved the same happy result. Or, to revert to the time of George III, when the sum of twopence was represented by a solid two-ounce coin, would a large pile of these weighty "cartwheels" have allayed the fears of the small depositor? No! Not even a warehouseful!—Christian Science Monitor.

Hope Not All Abandoned.

Miss Threepence was watching the grizzly bear in his new cage to the northwest of the lion house. A recently constructed chain of bear and other animal cages there has added immensely to the attraction of the place.

Somebody threw the old grizzly a peanut, and then another, but both nuts hit the bars and fell just outside the cage. The bear reached his paw through and tried to scoop the tempting nuts in, but his long, yellow claws seemed to be in his way.

He had to use his claws as a sort of rake, and the spaces between the prongs of his rake proved too wide, so the peanuts slipped through.

Miss Threepence was most sympathetic. The poor bear couldn't get his peanuts. But there was yet hope. The keeper would be around shortly with the bear's dinner, and then—

"Maybe he can get it wif a fork or a 'poon," she said.—Washington Star.

Didn't Work Out Right.

A languid swell was visiting a charming young society lady, and as they sat on either side of the fire his heart was full of the burning desire to say something not only complimentary, but brilliantly flattering. So, after revolving the matter in his mind, he said: "Ah, Miss Lillie, why are those fire-tongs so like me?"

He meant her to guess, or ask him to tell her, "because they were prostrate at her feet," or something of that kind.

Miss Lillie, looking solemnly demure, said she didn't know, unless it was because they had two thin legs and a brass head.

He was groping blindly for the front door before she had recovered from the shock of her own volley.

Guard the Thoughts. A man can never do anything at variance with his nature. He carries within him the germ of his most exceptional action; and if we wise people make fools of ourselves on any particular occasion we must endure the legitimate conclusion that we carry a few grains of folly to our ounce of wisdom.—George Eliot.

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Sunshine Land

By RALPH HAMILTON

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"Wake up, Hiram! somebody is screaming out in the pasture lot." Mrs. Benson shook her somnolent better-half vigorously, but he mumbled in a confused way. As she was about to call out to their son Sidney, who slept in another room, the young man in question hurried past the open door, pulling on his coat.

"Something is on fire, mother," he said, "but it isn't near the house. You had better get dressed while I see what the trouble is."

A series of new screams rang out as young Benson reached the yard, dazzled by a great glare, a direct view of which the intervening stables partially shut out. As he rounded a shed he saw that a haystack was ablaze. The flaming filaments were bearing directly toward the buildings. Sidney darted lightning quick for a pitchfork, dismantled, scattered and tramped out the manning heap and stared hard at a figure crouching against the pasture gate.

"Was it you who screamed?" he challenged, and then his suspicious tones died down to gentleness. The intruder was a young girl, pale and trembling. She arose to her feet. In the dying glow of the fire her rare beauty shone forth with a vividness that thrilled Sidney. Her attire was rich to the point of extravagance and she wore two rings and a pin at her throat that sent back dazzling prismatic sparkles of color.

"Yes," she replied in a quivering tone. "I was tired with a long, long tramp and weak, too, from hunger. I was seeking shelter when I reached here. I sat down on the horse block, for there was no light in the house. Then I thought I saw one behind the barn, but it was only a rough-looking tramp lighting his pipe. When he saw me he ran, and I think it likely he dropped a match that started the fire. The hay rack blazed and I tried to wake up somebody in the house by screaming."

"It is a good thing you did, Miss," returned Sidney, approvingly. "If the barns had ever caught the whole place would have gone. Are you a stranger around here?"

"Very much so," came the prompt reply, and Sidney was greatly puzzled. The girl showed no phase of boldness, yet she was clear and definite.

"We've got you to thank for saving the barns and probably the house," he said. "If you hadn't given the warning that blazing stack would soon have done its work. You had better come to the house. I think my mother will be up and—and she will see that you are made comfortable."

"Perhaps you don't exactly take me on trust," spoke the girl. "This dress does not belong to me and these blazing gems are stage diamonds. All I will tell you is that I am an orphan, and I ran away from the school where my guardian had placed me and joined a traveling show. They were good people in it, but it failed and the sheriff seized everything except the clothing we had on."

"But what are you thinking of doing now?" questioned Benson.

"Oh, anything to earn a living," replied the girl. "I won't go back to school and, as I wrote my guardian, I intend to choose my own way in life."

Sidney led the way to the house. His mother was down stairs and she viewed this strange guest with temerity. Midnight and a beautiful girl dressed like a princess Mrs. Benson had only known through novels or the movie stage.

However, she could not refuse hospitality to one who had probably saved their home. She prepared a meal and saw that their visitor was comfortably installed in the best bedroom.

Next morning Adrienne Martel, as she told them her name was, became ill with a fever. It was a week before she was up and around. By that time she had won on the motherly regard of Mrs. Benson to an extent that would make parting a sorrow.

"Let me stay in the dear old place," suggested Adrienne. "I will be glad to work just to be among the kind, good people you are."

There came about what might have been anticipated. From the first Sidney loved her; from the first she esteemed him as the manly, true-hearted fellow he was. They were quietly married.

One day an automobilist drove in to the farmyard for water. Sidney was getting it when joyous faced Adrienne came out of the house.

"Well! Well!" exclaimed the automobilist. "Found at last, eh, and prettier than ever. My dear girl, you have led us a long quest."

"Sidney," spoke Adrienne in her straightforward way. "This is my guardian that was. And Mr. Boyden, this is my husband and we are the happiest pair in the world."

"A femme sole no longer, then?" observed the lawyer.

"Don't call me names, dear old guardy, but what is a femme sole?"

"A single lady, my dear, but now, being a married one, I fancy I had better arrange with your husband to take over the fortune your father left you."

"Sidney never knew there was a fortune," said Adrienne. "and I never cared for it after finding a home in this real, beautiful sunshine land."

Theaters Open Next Week

The theaters and movie houses will be open next week. For the first time in two weeks patrons may visit them Sunday evening. Although the fuel committee has insisted that the opening be for four hours in the evening only, it is expected that matinees will begin within another week.

The theaters and moving picture houses have been among the very hardest hit by the coal strike. Although the public could easily stand a few nights staying at home, there have been thousands of theatrical people, theater owners and employees and others connected with the business who have felt the strike and closing of their places severely.

In Omaha there have been three or four companies cooped in hotels, awaiting the reopening of theaters. Moving picture owners have been hit hard. Their expense has gone on just the same, with everything going out and nothing coming in. The big theater managers had means of heating their places without using coal but were not permitted to do so.

Next Sunday night Old Man Johnson will have the Gayety open for the big crowd of burlesque lovers who always crowd the place. The Orpheum will be on the job with the usual big company of Orpheum artists and the Boyd will open for continuous performances.

The program at the Brandeis theater was somewhat disarranged but Manager Sutphen expects to have things going next week and all of the big shows booked for some time ago will be on hand in turn. The Brandeis building is always heated, whether or not the theater operates. For that reason patrons will find it easy to keep warm there, regardless of the temperature outside.

Film concerns are given credit for having a strong hand in getting the theaters back on the job.

MEDIATOR EDITOR IS GRANDAD ONCE MORE

Although the celebration which usually goes with such things was not pulled off this time, the editor of The Mediator, for the second time, became grandad last Sunday when a son, Howard Jerome, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Bradley at Ford hospital. Mrs. Bradley was formerly Miss Grace Huntley.

Incidentally, the new boy is a fine youngster and is enjoying perfect health. Mr. Bradley is connected with the Pathe Film exchange and is well known in local movie circles.

WILLIAM F. WAPPICH, Attorney,
301 Omaha National Bank Bldg.
NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT.

To Rose Speed, non-resident defendant: You are hereby notified that on the 12th day of July, 1919, Charles M. Speed as plaintiff filed his petition in the district court of Douglas county, Nebraska, against you as defendant, the object and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of absolute divorce from you upon the grounds of willful desertion from the home and abode of the plaintiff for more than two years.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 19th day of January, 1920, or said petition will be taken as true and default taken against you.

CHARLES M. SPEED, Plaintiff.

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NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENT DEFENDANT.

To Louis D. Hopkins, non-resident defendant:

You are hereby notified that Peter J. Rooney has filed a petition in the district court of Douglas county, Nebraska, in an action against you, the object and prayer of said suit being to recover the sum of two hundred seventy-five dollars (\$275.00) with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from the 23d day of January, 1918, that the following described real estate has been attached in said suit, to-wit: The northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter (net) of sec 14 of nw 14 of section nine (9) township sixteen (16) north range thirteen (13) east of the 6th principal meridian, Douglas county, Nebraska, except a strip thirty-three feet wide taken from said tract for a road; that unless you answer said petition on or before the 19th day of January, the allegations of said petition will be taken as true and judgment rendered accordingly; and said attached property sold to satisfy said judgment and costs of action.

Dated at Omaha, Nebraska, this 10th day of December, 1919.

PETER J. ROONEY, Plaintiff.

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LAST CAR LEAVES

(Corrected March 10.)

Farnam St. Line.

16th and Farnam for Dundee..... 1:23

16th and Farnam for 46th and Cuming..... 12:51

Depot for Dundee..... 1:15

15th and Farnam for Depot..... 2:06

Harney Line.

33rd and Parker to 6th Street..... 12:47

33rd and Parker to Depots..... 1:41

6th and Center for 33rd and Parker..... 1:14

Park and North 24th Streets.

18th and Farnam, East Side..... 1:03

16th and Farnam, West Side..... 1:23

16th and Farnam for Florence..... 12:24

16th and Farnam for 36th and Fort..... 1:13

16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames..... 1:31

16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames..... 2:03

South Omaha and 42nd and Grand..... 1:21

14th and Farnam for West Q..... 1:21

14th and Farnam for 42nd and Grand..... 1:21

14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames..... 2:03

Dodge Street Line.

12th and Dodge (West)..... 1:20

13th and Dodge (East)..... 2:01

30th and Spaulding for Depots..... 1:45

15th and Farnam (North)..... 1:15

15th and Farnam (South)..... 1:15

Benson and Albright..... 1:20

13th and Farnam for Benson..... 1:24

12th and Farnam for 24th and N..... 1:31

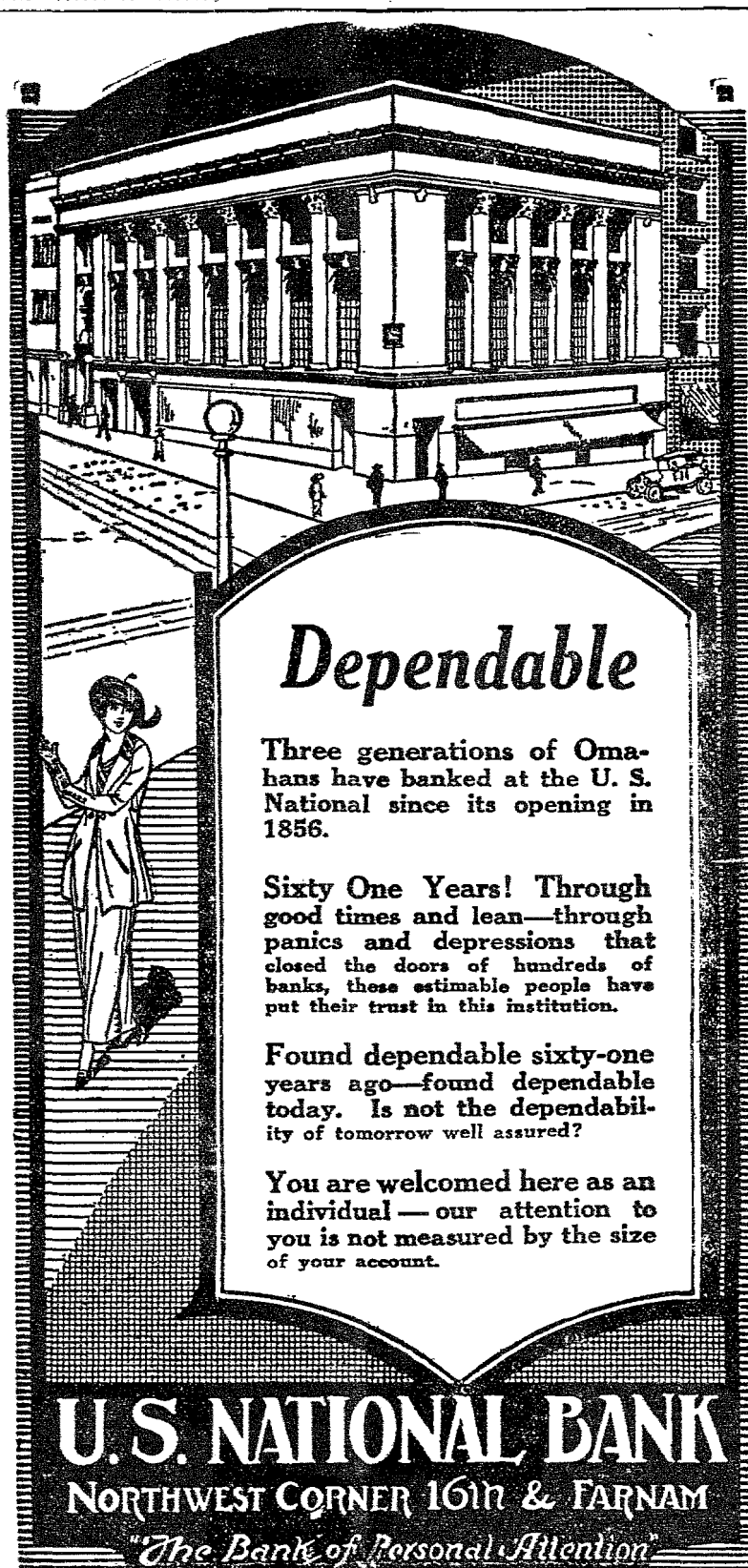
13th and Farnam for 13th and Vinton..... 2:21

Fort Crook Line.

24th and N Sts., South Omaha..... 12:00

Fort Crook..... 12:30

14th and Howard for Pearl & B-way 2:00	Owl Cars.	10th and Mason to 50th and Underwood 3:52
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton 1:50		16th and Farnam to 50th and Underwood 4:00
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton 3:30		50th and Underwood to 10th and Bancroft 4:20
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and Vinton 4:20		16th and Farnam to 10th and Bancroft 4:30
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames 2:20		24th Street Cross Town. 12:25
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and Ames 3:30		4th and L to 24th and Vinton 1:00
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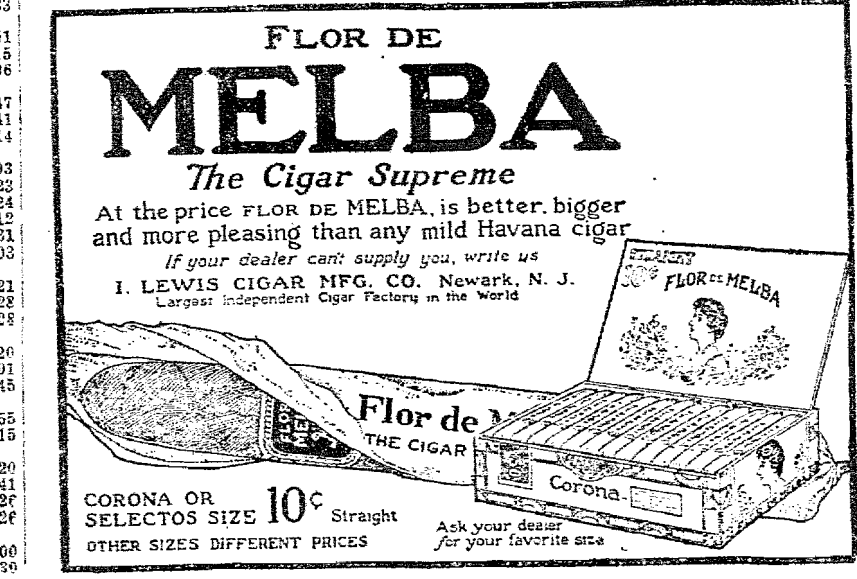
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