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DAN BUTLER LOSES FIGHT AGAINST REINSTATING DISCHARGED FIREMEN

COMMISSIONER'S STUBBORNNESS SHOWN UP BY INVESTIGATION

Always Has Been "Big I And Little You" Since Dan Started Running Fire Department

CLAIM OF DEFICIT IN DEPARTMENT, BUNK

Mayor, City Comptroller And Fire Chief Push Order Over Commissioner's Head After Prolonged Court Battle—Every One Now Understands How Butler Conducts Affairs Placed In His Charged.

At last Dan Butler has been shown up in his true light. He has long held sway by one means and another, but thirteen firemen, through their attorney, Eugene O'Sullivan, has called his hand and raked in the pot. A bitter court fight has been in progress over the rehiring of thirteen suspended firemen. Butler contended that there was not sufficient money in the firemen's fund to take these men back on the force, in face of a proposed \$10 a month raise in salary. But Dan couldn't make good his bluff this time, in spite of the fact that he secured a temporary restraining order against other members of City Council prohibiting them from forcing him to do as he was told. Judge Sutton delivered the solar plexus blow to Butler's "do as I please" aspirations, when he refused to issue an injunction restraining Mayor Dahlman, City Comptroller Stenicka, and Fire Chief Dineen from reinstating the suspended firemen, and in addition vacated the temporary restraining order granted Butler by Judge Hastings. In auditing the funds of the fire department, it was found that sufficient money was available to take care of the increased force, as well as the proposed additional \$10 raise for each fireman. It is plain to be seen how Butler stands. His big kick was that such an action would cause approximately a \$20,000 deficit in the department. That was the plea he put up, anyway. The truth of the matter is that Butler didn't want to reinstate the suspended firemen, because he had some friends whom he would rather see in these positions. After the investigation was under way it was disclosed that in the annual budget Butler had included an item of \$1000 to purchase a new car for his personal use for answering second-alarm fires. Upon cross-examinations, Butler admitted that he could get along with the Cadillac that is now at his service for official use. This kind of policy-playing fails to make much of a hit with Omahans. Butler has put himself in a bad light. Every one can now see just how he conducts affairs which are under his administration. Perhaps Dan is not good at figures, and then again, he didn't want to be. It didn't take long, however, to find that he had other plans than those laid down for him. Butler has been running things just about to suit himself for a long time. The reason he has got by with it is by threatening and bulldozing those under him. No one would speak out the truth for fear of losing his job. It is not an unconfirmed rumor that a good deal of underhanded stuff has been pulled since Butler has been holding the reins. He can't continue to do this any longer, now that every (continued on page 3)

THOMAS DENOUNCES ALLEGED FALSE PUBLICITY OF PRESS

Claims Prohibition Great Success In The U. S., Regardless Of Rotten Conditions Existing

CHILDREN NOT DRINKING, HE ASSERTS

Mightily And Vehemently Does The August Mr. Thomas, One Time Prohibition Head, Declare Nebraska Is All Of 85 Per Cent Dry, Along With Other Assertions Equally Foolish.

Elmer E. Thomas, former prohibition director, and now attorney for the federal prohibition forces, made a big speech at the First United Presbyterian church, in observance of the sixth birthday of prohibition. Mr. Thomas made an eloquent plea, but as far as accomplishing anything he might as well have slept Sunday morning. He grew quite vehement during the course of his oratorical endeavors, and accused the daily press of putting out false propaganda on the prohibition issue. Following this up with a bunch of statistics and assertions, he tried to show how successful prohibition is. He goes back to pre-prohibition days, when there were four hundred saloons, five breweries and one distillery in Omaha. He asserted that minors could and did buy liquor over the bar those days. Perhaps they did, but it is to be remembered that very few licensed saloons would sell to minors, whereas both boys and girls now buy hooch wherever they happen to be. This address made by Thomas was eloquent and appealing to those who do not have the opportunity to know the facts. He says that in 85 of the 100 counties of Nebraska, prohibition is an unqualified success. If Mr. Thomas were to make the rounds of the one hundred counties in Nebraska, we would wager two to one that he wouldn't find one community, much less one county, where he couldn't get a bottle of the stuff if he so desired. We are not making assertions. We can back up every statement with facts, something we doubt very much if Mr. Thomas can do. If prohibition is such an unqualified success, the readiness with which the people, not only of Nebraska, but of the entire country, are rushing to sign the petition for the modification of the Eighteenth amendment, is a surprising reaction to the condition which Mr. Thomas says is prevalent. Mr. Thomas, although undoubtedly convinced of the veracity of his statements, has built his house of facts on quicksand. In other words, his speech, consisting of assertions pertaining to the status of prohibition in Nebraska, is based on statistics, of the same caliber as those which state if all of the dollars coined at the U. S. mints were placed one on top of the other they would make a pile as high as Washington's monument, etc. His statistics may be sound, but the conditions fail to prove the point to any observant, thinking man or woman. The attack made on the press is not justified. The object of a newspaper is to present to the public an unbiased, true account of existing conditions and happenings. Thomas labels the accounts of children drinking more than when we had saloons as "false propaganda". If Mr. Thomas would take the opportunity of making a personal survey of the con- (Continued on page 3)

Garbage Hauler, Also Owner Of Chicken Hut And Bootlegger

The well-versed bootlegger in conceiving all manner of plans for delivering his "bottled lightning" this season. So say the police, who arrested Mike Beezer, Thirteenth and Chandler crossing, Sarpy county, and charged him with illegal possession and transportation of intoxicating liquors. His garbage truck, which Mike was using to deliver the stuff, was declared confiscated into the City of Omaha. Just what the police intend to use the truck for has not been determined. It seems that Beezer's chicken hut was somewhat of a roadhouse, cabaret and blind pig all in one. Besides furnishing a Temple of Pleasure for the Knights of Bacchus, he drove a garbage truck to defray living expenses. In this day and age, a bootlegger has such strong competition that business is poor, and so the sideline. But Mike conceived the idea of extending trade territory while on his garbage route. Consequently he would take orders, and make delivery the following day, using his truck as a means of conveyance. It was while he was so plying his trade that the officers caught him red-handed. A two-year son, whom Beezer had left in the truck alone two hours while making his deliveries, was taken to the police station along with his father. It is understood that the kid got quite a kick out of the trip. At least he was none the worse for his experience when his mother called at headquarters to take him home.

News and Comments (BY GOSH.)

Irving Berlin's matrimonial adventure with Millionaire Mackey's daughter Ellin has proved a big ad for his numerous songs and they are selling "too numerous to mention." "Don't wait too long" and "Then I'll be happy" were the songs that captivated Ellin. The song that touched Father Mackey was "Feeling kind 'o blue." (At all music dealers.) Judge Day is pugilistically inclined. He threatened to come down from his perch and beat the hell out of a man charged with beating his wife if he did not stop his abusive language to the poor woman. As it was the Judge doubled the sentence of the brute, who was jailed for 180 days to think it over. Bully for Judge Day. John A. Tutthill is off for Tijuana to spend the rest of the winter and to pick up a little easy money on the horse races out there. Good luck to you, Jack. Lawyer Kuhat, who has filed for re-election as county commissioner has made a mighty good record in that office, and is entitled to ascend term. He is onto his job every day in the week. He ever keeps in mind the interests of the people. That's what he is there for. Henry G. Meyers, a lawyer, is real mad because he was arrested for speeding, and proposes to appeal his sentence of \$5.00 with a view of teaching the impudent motorcycleists a lesson in manners and putting an (Continued on page 3)

Doctor Named For Illegal Operation In Dying Statement

Hazel Hoel, 2016 Davenport street, who died Tuesday at the Paxton Memorial Hospital, declared on her death bed her trouble was due to an illegal operation performed the previous Thursday. In two statements, both of which were witnessed by hospital attendants, the woman states the time, the place, and by whom the alleged operation was performed. A post-mortem conducted by Dr. Betz, chief surgeon at the Paxton Memorial Hospital, and Coroner's Physician Samuel McCleneghan, failed to reveal that such an operation had been performed. After an autopsy, attended by seven physicians at the Brailey and Dorrance Funeral Home death was attributed to "general peritonitis, caused by double myololthax." Mrs. Hoel is just another martyr to unscrupulous doctors, if the allegations made on her death-bed are true. These parasites are operating in Omaha, day and night. But inasmuch as it is hard to get a woman to testify against a doctor, in case she recovers from an illegal operation, authorities are handicapped in prosecuting these scoundrels. If a girl dies, all that can be obtained is a death-bed statement, which is not satisfactory to be introduced as evidence. Unless they are caught without doubt, it seems that nothing can be done. A doctor who performs such an operation, in event the patient dies, should be considered a murderer. He is a menace to society, and should be dealt with accordingly.

THE MEDIATOR RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION BY THE RATIONAL AMERICA LEAGUE, DUE TO ATTACKS ON DRY LAW

Just before going to press Mr. Boller, representative of the National American League, stepped into the office of The Mediator, on his rounds while securing signatures to the petition for the modification of the Eighteenth amendment. Work is rapidly progressing on this petition, and a great many signatures have already been secured, Mr. Boller reports. The Mediator has consistently and persistently advocated modification of the Eighteenth Amendment. Through its efforts the fruitfulness of prohibition has been fairly presented to the thinking public. Due to the efforts put forth along this line, The Mediator has been nationally recognized. A large number of copies have been ordered from New York City, the home office of the Rational America League, for distribution and reproduction. It will be the continued policy of this paper to present at all times unbiased accounts of the progress made by these representatives in their fight against the Eighteenth Amendment. The success of hard and earnest work on the part of the Rational America League, represented by live, virile men of strong convictions, and backed by men of national importance, will culminate in the modification of the prohibition law. If a man signs this petition it is a certainty that when the issue comes to the polls he will back up his conviction with his vote. Judging from the number of signatures secured so far, nearly eighty percent of the people of the United States are in favor of light wines and beers. Thus it is readily seen what a small minority really voted for the Volstead Act before it became a law. And realizing this, the average American is determined to see to it that this country is run according to the constitution, giving the majority the right to make the laws of the land, and yet assuring individual freedom to all. United States Attorney Emory R. Buckner asserts that the present prohibition situation would be relieved if the people would "drink as they vote, and vote as they drink". He goes on to say if the American people do not want prohibition, they should come out in the open like true Americans and fight for the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment. Bully for Buckner! He has expressed the views of countless thousands of voters and tax payers. And that is just what is being done. There is nothing being done under cover or under handed to secure signatures to this petition that is being circulated by hundreds of men from coast to coast. No one should be ashamed to affix his signature to

such a worthy cause. No one need hesitate to sign for fear of what his neighbor or business associate will say. The modification of the Volstead Act is an issue of national importance that must be met fairly and squarely by every tax payer of our United States. Some individual may think that he has not the slightest interest in the prohibition law. He may not care to indulge in a glass of wine, and doesn't give a tinker's dam whether his neighbor does or not. But that individual who is so near-sighted, so narrow-minded so bigoted, so self-centered as to so believe should be aroused from the lethargy which envelops him, and have the true facts presented to him. There is no one, no matter what his calling in life, who is a citizen of the United States, but what has an interest in the affairs of the nation. Due to the Volstead Act, the booze problem has become the main political issue, rather than the by far more important economic problems. What should the vicious minority of the United States care if our natural resources are being sapped, our navies rotting to pieces, our armies untrained and inefficient? Have not they succeeded in saving their fellow from the vile influence of intoxicating liquor? Such an illogical premise as prohibition was destined to prove a failure from its conception. Robert W. White, president of the Rational America League, and one of the best known and most capable lobbyists in Washington, has summed up the truth in regard to the puerility of prohibition. For the enlightenment of some who do not have the opportunity to see the ravages effected by the dry law, Mr. White has given a few of the reasons why the Volstead Act should be modified. Herewith we publish a list of fifteen logical, truthful reasons as Mr. White words it: Because its enforcement lacks the support of a majority of the American people. Because its enforcement is costing the people millions of dollars in increased taxation. Because it is increasingly corrupting the morals of the people,—making them lawbreakers. Because it has resulted in widespread corruption and bribery of Government officials. Because it is an infringement upon the liberty and freedom of the American people. Because it is teaching young girls and boys to secretly indulge in alcoholic stimulants. Because it forbids pure and harmless beer and wine and substitutes

dangerous poisons. Because it is the cause of increasing deaths from drinking poisonous bootleg concoctions. Because it is daily increasing the pitiful army of victims of narcotic drugs,—dope fiends. Because it was enacted to carry out the wishes of a few and in disregard of the majority. Because it has made the booze problem rather than economic problems the main political issue. Because it has created a contempt for all law upon the part of a majority of the people. Because it is class legislation, depriving the poor of what the rich can easily obtain. Because it is a violation of the Constitution, the fundamentals of Government and the Bill of Rights. Because the Volstead Act is un-American, tyrannical and liberty destroying. These are the conditions which prevail the country over. These are the conditions which must be bettered before prosperity and normalcy will return. The sooner exorbitant taxes are reduced, the sooner a great burden will be lifted from the back of each individual. SIGN THE PETITION. FRENCHMAN FAINTS FROM HUNGER ON STEPS OF Y. M. C. A. Raymond Wvanchler, a native of France and a first class chef, fainted on the steps of the Y. M. C. A., after he had been seeking employment at that place. He had been without food for sixty hours, and had lived five weeks on \$37. He was too proud to beg, always hoping against hope that something would turn up whereby he could earn his living. At one time he had been chef at the Commodore Hotel, New York, City, later he had secured employment in several of the big eastern cities, always in the best hotels. This information was furnished after Wvanchler had been revived, and he had consumed a couple of meals, aided by a whole pie, and four cups of coffee. Here is an example of the pluck that can be shown. Many people would not subject themselves to the torture of hunger when hard times come up on them. They find it far more expedient and easier to go out of an evening and stick a gun in some one's face who is more fortunate. So we find the long list of stick-ups and criminal activities ever mounting. The loafers who infest Omaha should take a lesson from this case, and instead of putting in their time begging or living on charity, get out and seek some means of honest livelihood.

LEGION TO HOLD ANNUAL POWDER RIVER FROLIC AT THE AUDITORIUM

\$5,000 To Be Given Away In Prizes As Well As A Free Trip To Paris For Winning Candidate—Many Already Lining Up For The Position.

Soon the punchers will be drifting in from the winter ranges, singly, in couples, and by the score. February 6 is the date set for the official opening of Powder River, the annual week of play and frolics set aside by the Legionaires. This year the fun town town is to have a "Mayoress", much after the fashion of Texas, where Ma Ferguson rides the backs of the state senators. The Mayoress has not yet been picked. It seems that the boys cannot decide who they want to preside for them in this official capacity, so they are leaving it up to the public. There is to be a regular election, and the successful candidate will receive a trip to the Legion convention in Paris in 1927, with all expenses paid, or the equivalent, which would amount to \$500 in cash. Any woman in Omaha or Council Bluffs is eligible to run for the position, is the word emanating from the headquarters of Omaha Legion Post No. 1. Nominations will be in order until Wednesday, January 27. Each candidate will receive five thousand votes upon nomination. Votes may be obtained by securing members for the legion. For each member secured, the candidate will be awarded fifty votes. For each ticket sold to Powder River, fifty votes, and for each coupon clipped from the World-Herald one vote will be given. Oh—it's going to be a real big blow out, something the boys will long remember. There are a large number of fair and fast-working potential "Mayoresses" already enjoying the wonders of Paris. But of course some one is bound to be disappointed. In addition the Legion will give away seven free automobiles, consisting of one new Chrysler Coach, and six new Fords, during the week of hilarity. This is a big time in the life of the Legion member, as well as the week of mirthful entertainment which is looked forward to by all Omahans. This method is being used to raise money to provide for needy Legionnaires of the city, and should

OMAHA POLICE GETS BLAME FOR DISORDERS DURING LEGION WEEK

The Omaha police department were handed a slap in the face when the American Legion executive committee shifted the blame for disorders occurring during the convention week. So says Sam Reynolds, Nebraska executive committeeman. A lot of rowdies took undue advantage when our city was entertaining several thousand guests, and the few disturbances that occurred were taken care of as well as could be, expected considering the enormity of the task that our police had to shoulder. Omaha, or the local post of the American Legion should not be criticized or condemned for what happened while the boys were holding their annual convention. All of the buddies were careful and thoughtful while they were guests here, and the Legion, cooperating with the police, did every thing possible to maintain peace and order.

HENRY KEISER KNOCKS EVERYBODY IN HIS IMPERTINENT AND FIERY ADDRESS

Rides The Court, City Officials, School Board, And Every One He Can Think Of—Would Make A Fine Pilgrim Father.

Everyone seems to be antagonistic what ever would be an appropriate cognomen for this book seller, thinks is wrong with Omaha is inconsequential. The fact remains that all of the charges he makes are curious. Perhaps there are a few places that do not bear a savory reputation. But such wholesale allegations as Keiser has made are unjustified. He should throw away his hammer, stop knocking and start pushing. If he sincerely believe conditions are not as they should be, let him try to help remedy matters. It is an assured fact this cannot be done by denouncing competent public officials. If he has one iota of intelligence he should know this. Perhaps this public hulla-balloo was a little press agent stuff, who can tell. If it was he succeeded in one way. He got on the front pages, but his idea proved a boomerang. (Continued on Page 4)

McCAMPBELL MAKES PLEA DRY TO AID IN ENFORCEMENT

Andrew McCampbell, prohibition director for the Nebraska district is taking up the cry of General Andrews, who a few weeks ago voiced the truth in regard to the prohibition issue, i. e., officials cannot enforce the Eighteenth Amendment unless the people of the United States want it enforced. This was the thought in brief of a speech he made in Lincoln recently before the W. C. T. U. He classifies the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment as the work of every true American. It is undetermined whether or not he meant the self-styled "100 per cent Americans". If McCampbell relied on this gang to aid him in his search for bootleggers, it is only fitting that attention should be called to the fact that in such a case, enforcement would necessarily begin within the dis-organized ranks of the Kluxers. However, it cannot be insinuated that a man with the courage and fore sight that characterizes Mr. McCampbell would be associated with the hooded order.

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THE FALLACY OF PROHIBITION.

The latest wrinkle of the prohibition issue is a drastic reduction in the personnel of the dry forces. After using the major portion of the appropriation for the fiscal year of 1925, consisting of \$110,900,000 in the first few months of operations in a futile attempt to curb illicit traffic in liquors, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Andrews has ordered dismissal of a large number of "police agents."

Tax payers! consider this issue from all angles. Realize what this enormous sum of money represents, and what YOU have received in return. One hundred ten million, nine hundred thousands of dollars have been thrown right and left, no one knows where, to run down bootleggers of all classes. It is true that many arrests have been made, but what recompense is this for the man who foots the bill? Everyone, even the officials themselves, admits the Eighteenth Amendment is a failure. Mrs. Norton, the woman who arranged for the passage of the prohibition bill while some two million American boys were over seas fighting, has turned against the dries, since she sees how hopeless and foolish it is to try to slake the average American's thirst with praise ringing with "democracy,—observance of law—rule of the majority" and such twaddle.

Can not some of these reformers think up something that would better social conditions in the United States far more than "proposed prohibition"? The United States is the melting pot of the world, where thousands of people, of all nationalities and from all walks in life are thrown together. Could not education of the immigrant be carried to a much more successful goal with practically the same expense that is undergone in trying to deprive the individual of his right to live his own life? Understand that we are not advocating the open saloon. But we do maintain that prohibition is unjust, and futile, inasmuch as it was forced down our throats while two millions of American voters were on foreign soil, fighting for the cause of democracy.

It is little wonder that the people, of which each individual is a competent, vital factor, are getting tired of seeing this farce carried on. Prohibition has reached the point where it affords nothing more or less than an occupation for those who are not inclined to earn their livelihood by honest labor.

The United States is a stage, prohibition enforcement officials the actors, with the public at large as the audience. A rotten act is being presented on this stage, by exceptionally crude actors, and as is the custom since the time of the gladiatorial combats in the amphitheatres of Rome, the audience is crying, "Kill it! Take it away!" and similar appropriate signs of disapproval. How much longer the management (our government) will continue this act to survive remains to be seen. If the board of directors, (congress) do not drop this skit from their bill, it is a certainty the audience (every voter of vision in the country) will walk out on them. The cries of the audience can not be ignored.

THE OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN

And still the editorial page of the Omaha Daily News is held open for all who care to use those columns as a testimonial page in the praise of the Most Highest. It has become an assured fact that at least three people a day will write to this paper, and whose letters will be published, giving account of an answer to a prayer by the Omnipotent Ruler. The time has come when people are getting tired of that sort of sob stuff, who, by the way, furnish some very good editorial comments in the current events, it cannot be overlooked that many readers are passing up the editorial page because of the eligious testimonials which appear there.

The Omaha Daily News is managed by competent heads, who, no doubt, know the policies they care to pursue in the publication of their paper. But, sitting on the outside, any individual is likely to get the opinion that the Omaha Daily News is the official spokesman for God, inasmuch as subscribers continually use their columns as a medium to broadcast their messages of faith in the Lord. The Normal reaction to this is much the same as the tverage individual experienced when the Kaiser began throwing out his "Me und Gott" propaganda.

In this advanced age we cut out talk and act. If these kind souls who are continually expressing their Creator really want to do something for the cause of Christianity, there are by far better methods to be employed than continual newspaper publicity affixed with their signatures. The public is hoping that both the News and their contributors will realize how monotonous these testimonials are, to be seen every time one would enjoy a logical, well written editorial.

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Silkworms Lose Little

Time Beginning Work

The secrets of rearing silkworms have been handed down among Chinese farmers from father to son for hundreds of generations. The Chinese farmers buy silkworm eggs in the spring. These are very minute and are sold on sheets of stiff paper each containing 200,000 to 240,000 eggs.

The egg sheets are placed in a clean basket in a small rearing room, and charcoal fires in earthenware braziers are used to keep the temperature at 50 degrees day and night for nine days.

Then the eggs turn green. A day or two after this the worms hatch. For the first two or three days the young worms must be fed every two hours day and night.

Fresh, soft mulberry leaves are shredded very fine and sprinkled over the newly hatched worms; their jaws are too weak to chew much of the leaf but they can suck out the juices.

The worms reach their full growth in 18 days, says a writer in the Scientific American. Some idea of their ravenous appetite can be gained from the fact that a group of 200,000, the number hatched from one egg sheet about one foot square, eat a ton and a half of mulberry leaves in a little over a fortnight. On the eighteenth day the farmers transfer the worms to a bamboo rack, and almost immediately they begin to spin their cocoons.

Knowledge Spread by Ancient Playing Cards

A collection of 18 varieties of playing cards was recently shown in London, where they were viewed with much interest. The earliest pack is of the Thirteenth century. It has crude fanciful figures etched on thin plates of horn, backed with paper. Several packs, dated between 1714-1705, are known as geography packs. They have complicated maps of much information on foreign countries. The 1780 cards are adorned with sketches, showing incidents in various fables with verses. There is a natural history pack, one dealing with astronomy, and one with words and music. The more modern the pack, the simpler the design. A playing card expert suggests that the decline in ornament was due to modern brains being more active than those of old. "Three hundred years ago, people's brains worked much slower than they do now," he says. "Consequently, card games took longer, and it was natural that there should be some interesting matter for players to read. The speed of card playing has undoubtedly increased tremendously."—Exchange.

Confucius "Written Up"

In the year 1403, Yung Lo, emperor of China, ordered that there be compiled in a single work all that had been written about the Confucian doctrine, together with an account of the life of Confucius and all collateral matter connected in any way with the teacher and his philosophy. To complete the task there was a staff of 2,141 scholars, 20 sub-directors, five directors and three commissioners, and the work took five years.

The finished work consisted of 22,877 sections bound into 11,100 volumes each half an inch thick. The expense of printing being found too great, two copies were made about the year 1567. The original and one of the copies were destroyed when the Ming dynasty fell, in 1644. The remaining copy, except five volumes, was destroyed in a revolutionary outbreak.—Dearborn Independent.

Ancient and Modern Systems of Currency

In the early days of our civilization, when a man's tools and herds were his only possessions, they also constituted his money, and when metal coins were first introduced many had cattle stamped on them.

The Latin word for "pecunia" and it is not a far stretch from this to our word "pecuniary," which is usually associated with money.

Again, the word "cattle" is derived from "capitulum," the origin of which is the Latin word "caput," meaning a head, and from the very earliest times beasts have been spoken of as so much per head.

It is curious, too, how agriculture has indirectly affected our system of currency. When man found it easier to dig with a bronze or iron spade than with wood, it was not long before iron and bronze coins came into use. Later, when gold and silver were discovered, they were quickly adopted for currency.

The word "salary" comes from "saline." When the Romans dominated Britain they took possession of a great many of the salt mines, because salt was then a valuable commodity; in addition, workmen in the salt mines were frequently paid with salt, and it was not long before this form of remuneration became known as salary.

Would Have History Recorded on Tablets

If we of today were very much concerned that people 10,000 or 15,000 years hence shall know who we were and what we did, we suppose we should follow the advice of Albert Vanderham, ceramic expert, and make a pictorial record of ourselves and our achievements on clay plaques. Newsprint crumbles in a few decades, books and manuscripts are perishable, wood turns to dust and iron to rust, brick becomes earth, the marble tombstone weathers into a limestone devoid of inscription, and, as we have learned, our national capital is built of rotten sandstone which only repeated coats of weatherproof paint have kept from disintegration. Nothing lasts except glazed pottery—a thing more enduring than stone or metal.

It is looking a long way ahead, but there would be point in reproducing the characteristic physiognomies, edifices, machines and products of our civilization in baked clay. Anyway, we wish prehistoric man had done more systematic work of this kind for the benefit of his successors.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Hymns Form Links

The Old and the New worlds have been linked by hymns. Doctor Reeves tells how American history opened with the singing of a Christian hymn. "On the evening of September 25, 1492, one of the companions of Columbus saw what he thought to be land lying dimly in the west. . . . From all three of the ships, as Columbus himself gives the account in his diary, there rose the sound of the old 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo.'" We learn that later in the history of Christian America "The Bay Psalm Book" was printed in the modest dwelling of the first president of Harvard, President Dwight of Yale, who was a chaplain in the Revolutionary army, edited and partly wrote what was for years the leading hymn and psalm book in the country. In 1737 at Charleston, S. C., John Wesley, an Anglican missionary, published the first hymn book of the Church of England.—W. M. Lettis in Yale Review.

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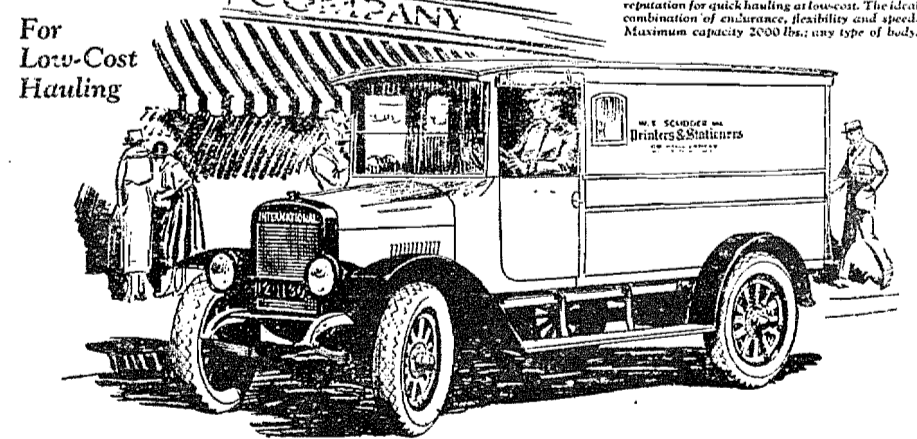
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NEWS AND COMMENTS

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end to the arrest of respectable and respected citizens who are inclined to do a little spending once in a while, — an act of 1936 was a serious one, harnessed of themselves and apologetic to the justly indignant Mr. Meyers. In his appeal case Lawyer Meyer will probably be his own attorney, notwithstanding the old saying that a man who is his own lawyer has a fool for a client.

The report that Ex. Gov. Bryan had packed his grip and gone to Florida to get rich quick and become a permanent resident of the alligator state is emphatically denied by Prince Charley, who announces that he will soon return to Nebraska and again run for governorship. This is welcome news as the people of this great commonwealth really would miss Charley, although if it came down to brass tacks the state would be able to survive did he never come back.

Nebraska's long-haired statesman, Hon. Edgar Howard has filed for another term in the national house of representatives. Ed has become a notable figure in congress where he endeavors to champion the cause of the poor downtrodden tiller of the soil at every crack out of the box. Ed is a fox politician as well as an astute statesman. He knows what kind of mental pabulum to feed to the farmer. It is labeled "Taffy." And Ed has a plenty of it on hand.

Rupert Hughes seems to have stirred up quite a rumpus in asserting that Washington distilled whiskey for himself and others in the pre-Volstead days, occasionally swore when any body but a saint could not help cursing, playing cards, dancing, etc. We have reason to believe that Mr. Washington while playing poker swore the loudest when an opponent called his four flush and raked in the pot. We don't blame him. We would do the same thing. As to his whiskey-making he knew the kind of stuff that he turned out was O. K., and when asked by a customer if it was all right he replied: "Certainly, I drink it myself." That's just what the hooch bootleggers of today say when peddling their wet goods. "After all is said and done" we have no hesitancy in asserting that "in the last analysis" "the fact remains" that George Washington was a gentleman of the old school—a good judge of whiskey, a scholar, and "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." Requisite in pace.

Every once in a while you will read about "the man who broke the bank at Monte Carlo," and the conclusion is that he has won a fortune. Nothing of the kind. Breaking the bank at Monte Carlo simply means that the money assigned as a bank roll at each roulette wheel each day has been won out by the players. There are numerous roulette wheels in the Casino, and when a wheel bank is "broke" a new bank roll is furnished and the game at that particular wheel is resumed. But the fact is, however, that it is really a rare thing for any one to win one of these bank rolls, and consequently the "breaking of the bank at Monte Carlo" causes as much talk as the "busting" of a faro bank.

Heinrich Keiser, who conducts a second hand bookshop up on North Sixteenth street, has succeeded in getting into the limelight by roasting the feminine school teachers for wearing garments of the prevailing abbreviated style, which he claims is immodest, and sets a bad example for the kids. Keiser occupied the pulpit of the Hanscom Park Methodist church Sunday evening, and not only lambasted the school teachers, but the schools, the courts, judges, Chamber of Commerce, et al., for various alleged directions in the performance of their duties. His talk was fiery and his roasts were red hot, and peppery. Heinrich's friends are wondering how he got that way. As a moral uplifter he is entitled to the highest praise. Omaha needs more such reformers. Heinrich is now in the class of Reverend Mr. Crain, who has been stirring up Omaha's cesspool of vice from center to circumference. They are a good pair to draw to. O Henry! There was a young man named Kieser; A mighty wise guy was he, sir; He took the town by storm With his wave of reform, Did this rantanorous geezer.

When the officials in charge of dry enforcement throw up their hands and say they are powerless, it is strong evidence that prohibition is an abject failure. The majority of the people do not want prohibition, therefore it is not astonishing that dry officers cannot accomplish the end to which they took their oath, that of drying up the nation.

THOMAS DENOUNCES PRESS

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ditions, the chances are that he might have his eyes opened. Whenever there is a gathering of young people, either couples or in crowds, someone usually has some "hooch". The young boys and girls are frequenting places of questionable character where drinks of one kind and another are served. The majority of the young people the country over are not adverse to taking a drink, and to many of them have already formed the habit.

We cannot believe Mr. Thomas realizes laxity of enforcement and disregard for law and order that exists, brought on by prohibition. Even the national figures of prohibition enforcement admit that the task is well nigh impossible, without the aid of the public, the American people would not public, the American people would have this millstone around their necks. The time had come when the people are not going to believe all of the twaddle that is thrown at them. They have eyes and they can see, they have minds and they can think for themselves. No amount of oratory or statistics will have any influence, for this "social experiment" as a homas classifies prohibition, is a failure.

BUTLER LOSES FIGHT

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one has a chance to know what kind of business this man Dan will stoop to. He is too bigotted, too self-esteeming for the public good. Everything that benefits Dan, Dan pulls for. But it by chance it would help the other fellow out who is not one of his particular cronies Butler does everything in his power to kill it.

The citizens of Omaha have had enough of Butler's policies, as well as all who would conduct their affairs in accordance with Butler's methods. He has never done anything but cause strife and trouble. He does not work in harmony with the other commissioners for the common good of the public whom they serve. If an official will not give his best to aid those whom he serves it should be arranged that such an official could be handed a dose of his own medicine. No doubt Butler is serving those who have howled before him to gain his good graces, but this bunch is not the class who can be called representative citizens.

Butler laid down his cards, and lost. He is exposed to the view of a none too friendly public, whom he has been fighting ever since he went into office. His race is run and he might as well accept it with good grace. It is doubtful if he will do this, for backbiting his main occupation. He has no one to blame but himself for sticking his neck in a noose. He never benefited himself in this last row, but he certainly did do the public a good deed. He was brought before the public eye in such a manner that they can see just who he is, and how he works.

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Three popular stars of the screen will be seen in Robert T. Kane's "Bluebeard's Seven Wives," which comes next week to the Rialto Theatre. This trio consists of Blanche Sweet, Lois Wilson and Ben Lyon. The picture is said to be an unusually diverting comedy, tracing the highly colored career of a bank clerk, John Hart, who, by dint of good acting and clever publicity, becomes Don Juan Hartz on the silver screen.

The picture derives its title from the idea evolved by Don Juan's press agent, who in a sensational endeavor to make his charge famous, determines to marry him as many times as was the original Bluebeard. And all this is quite distasteful to Don Juan because he is one of those fellows who is very much in love with a certain plain little girl—a waitress!

How he manages to escape his seven "wives" and how finally he discards his character of Don Juan Hartz and goes back to just plain John Hart forms the humorous chain of events that constitute the picture.

Ben Lyon is seen in the role of the modern Bluebeard. Blanche Sweet is his leading lady in his picture of "Romeo and Juliet," while Lois Wilson is the girl he ultimately marries. The ladies who play the seven wives are Dorothy Sebastian, Diana Kane, Katherine Ray, Ruby Blaine, Lucy Fox Muriel Spring, Kathleen Martin and Sam Hardy.

Indian Attack Screen Thrill

Red Men On Warpath In Epic Film Version Of Greatest Zane Grey Tale

The Indians have taken the warpath again.

A grim host of 2500 Navajos, stripped bare with the exception of tight skin caps, breech cloths and moccasins, their lean bodies blackened with the charcoal from lightning struck trees, charged across the hot floor of the Painted Desert on lean Navajo ponies.

Shrill, blood chilling cries escaped the thin lips of the riders as they swept onward, paying scant attention to their saddleless horses and occupying themselves almost wholly with their tough hide shields, long spears and bows and arrows.

Forgotten was the fact that the Navajos gave up war forever nearly a century ago; forgotten was the fact that they were reproducing a battle against the whites in order that motion picture cameras might capture the scene to be used with hundreds of the other scenes that go to make up the Paramount screen version of Zane Grey's epic of the American Indian, "The Vanishing American" coming to the Strand Theatre next Saturday.

"It's a thrill I won't forget and I don't want repeated," said Lois Wilson, who witnessed the scene from a position alongside the cameras. "It did not seem to me that among those horrifying black riders were any of the easy going, almost gentle silversmiths with whom I had traded only the afternoon before."

"They seemed to me to have been kindled with a flaming passion to crush and kill. Their black eyes were afire and I felt sure the spirit of their warrior forefathers had been awakened in them. I don't think I say I was relieved at the close of those scenes."

After this particular battle sequence had been completed in the course of five days, a huge barbecue and field meet was staged with the red warriors as the honored guests and good will prevailed on all sides. Later the same warriors took part with several thousand other Navajo men, women and children in other scenes of "The Vanishing American."

The filming of this picture kept a company of 500 white people on the Navajo reservation in Arizona over a period of four months.

Featured with Miss Wilson in the principal roles of the production, Zane Grey's greatest story, are Rich-

New Scheme Now Launched By Man Who Promoted Klan

Edward Young Clarke, who by his genius brought the Ku Klux Klan in modern dress before the American people some five years ago, has turned his efforts in another direction, now that the Klan is on its last legs, and he sees his hope for soft grafting vanishing.

From all reports, Clarke had a knack for promoting anything whereby could see the "long green". Flowery promises of financial independence and all of that sort of stuff were made to him, if he were successful in putting the Klan over on the American people. He made a great bluster at making the Klan the controlling factor of law and order in the United States. At any rate after thousands of glib saps threw in their ten dollars, Clarke began to realize that something was wrong. The high Klaxon, or what ever he is called was getting all of the money, and it seems that Clarke was left out in the financial blizzard. Anyway he quit the ranks of Hiram Westley Evans, et al., and promptly proceeded to start an organization of his own.

The recent Scopes monkey-trial in Tennessee gave Clarke an inspiration. So now he has set the ball rolling in favor of the fundamentalists, and if his plan works out, undoubtedly this ball will roll him up a nice bank account. It is his idea to obtain dismissal of all school teachers who teach evolution and profess atheism in the schools and colleges of the United States. A local organization, or chapter, will be instituted in every city, town, and community of this country. But he does not intend to stop there. Bureaus will be established in Canada, England and Australia, all under orders of the head office, which is located at Atlanta.

What he can accomplish remains to be seen. One thing is certain, he will not be able to use the same methods as were employed while he was wearing a hood. This new organization will probably fall flat, just as the Klan did, not because of the teachings of the fundamentalists, but because it is organized for one thing only, GRAFT.

MODERN METHODS EMPLOYED IN ENJOYING MISSOURI PASTIME

The latest in the annuals of Omaha crime is hog stealing. This in itself is not especially noteworthy, but the fact that the hogs were stolen from a moving freight train makes this crime appear as a modern version of that age old custom of the Ozark mountaineers. Three men, James Marker, Dave Gard, and Martin Adams were arrested for this depredation. The first two men plead guilty to the charges filed against them, but Adams entered a plea of not guilty.

The system these pork swipers used was rather unique. While one man would watch, the other two would throw a squealing, squirming, mass of pig from a stock car of a slow moving train Missouri Pacific train. Then in the dead of night they would round up their newly acquired stock, load them in a truck and cart them off to market. Marker and Gard, in their alleged confessions, stated that they had made away with ten hogs on a previous foray, for which they received the sum of \$254.

It is rather amusing to contemplate stealing hogs from a moving train. A hog at it's best is a cantankerous sort of a beast, and it must be said that any one must want the money terribly bad that would caress the carcass of a pig during the still hours of the night, in an effort to persuade the animal to leave his box car home. If these fellows had committed such a depredation in Missouri or Arkansas they would probably have been mobbed. The people of these states have no more use for a hog-thief than McCampbell has for a bootlegger.

ard, Dix, Hoah Beery and Malcolm McGregor. Lucien Hubbard adapted the story for the screen; Ethel Doherty wrote the continuity and George B. Seitz, who made "Wild Horse Mesa," directed.

In Holland a preacher is being tried for heresy because he doubted if the Serpent spoke to really spoke to Eve in the Garden of Eden. Such is the life of a minister!

GIRL-WIFE CONTEMPLATED ILLEGAL OPERATION BEFORE SUICIDE, IT IS DISCOVERED

Mrs. Thomas Whalen, the 17 year old girl-wife of a Creighton premedic student, had contemplated an illegal operation before her suicide, so her husband would not be burdened with a family. The girl became distracted and despondent when she learned that she would become a mother in about four months, and rather than have her husband give up his studies she committed suicide by drinking poison at the home of her mother, where the couple lived.

It was brought to light by a statement signed by Dr. Louis N. Smerhoff and his wife, that Whalen had approached them in regard to performing an illegal operation. The doctor informed him that he would not do anything of that character. Later both Whalen and his wife, accompanied by another young couple, entered his office. It was after an examination that Mrs. Whalen learned her exact condition. Dr. Smerhoff again told Whalen he would not perform such an operation, and refused to recommend any one who would do it, telling the young man that it was too dangerous.

It was shortly after this visit to the office of Dr. Smerhoff that Mrs. Whalen drank the deadly poison that caused her death. So far it has not been determined where the young wife obtained the deadly poison, which after analysis, a chemist returned the report that it was cyanide of potassium. An inquest is under way to determine every available fact which might throw light on the girl's death.

It seems there are several things to be cleared up, such as Whalen registering under an alias at Creighton, when, where, and by whom Whalen and the girl were married, and where the poison came from. When these details are carefully investigated some startling facts may be brought to light.

BOY FALLS FROM SECOND FLOOR OR AUDITORIUM TRYING TO GET GLIMPSE OF GREB

A most pitiful accident occurred the night of the big fight at the auditorium. Little Morrie Osterman, 14, a familiar figure at the stand in front of the Saunders-Kennedy Building where he sold newspapers, lost in his attempt to get a glimpse of Champion Greb in action.

Morrie and a boy chum had been driven away from the doors by the watchman. As they turned away, the young fight fan observed a man entering the second story window. Immediately Morrie endeavored to scale the wall so that he too might get in on the fun. Inside could be heard the cheering as Greb demonstrated his ability as a champion. Spurred on by the thoughts of the glorious spectacle that would soon greet his eyes, he continued to work his way up, inch by inch. He was just about to crawl over the second story ledge, when his fingers slipped, and the lad plunged twenty feet to the sidewalk, landing directly on the top of his head.

At the hospital it was ascertained that Morrie had sustained a fractured skull. In a few short hours he was dead. A typical American boy, while using all of the skill and perseverance that is so characteristic of only the American boy, lost just as his goal was reached.

KEISER KNOCKS EVERYBODY IN HIS IMPERTINENT AND FIERY ADDRESS

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All of the thinking people of Omaha will agree with District Judge A. D. Wakeley, when in reply to Keiser's attack he said, "Keiser is about 1000 years behind times." The days of the Pilgrim fathers are gone. Women are assuming their place in the public, business and professional world. It is time that those of Keiser's mold tear away the cobweb from their eyes, and see conditions as they exist in fact, not as they would have them.

War On Speeders Continued, 250 Fined For Traffic Violations

The war on speeders, instituted by the police in an attempt to curb automobile accidents, is still going full tilt against speeders, wreckless drivers and other traffic violators. Municipal Judge Patrick gave several "kid" speeders sentences. Along with this these alleged speeders drew scathing comment from the judge. "These kids ought to be spanked", the whiskered judge stated.

We heartily agree with Judge Patrick. It is maddening, and infuriating to say the least, to see some of these youngsters pilot a car around the city at a death-dealing pace, without respect for personal safety or public property. Many is the time they are to be seen speed frantically past stop signals, when in their own opinion, it was foolish to waste their precious time in obeying traffic signals. And if perchance, after nearly crashing in to a group of pedestrians crossing the streets, and relying on motorists to obey the traffic signals, these young upstarts become very indignant if some one calls their attention to the fact that a stop should be made. In fact, we have heard a pedestrian receive direct and explicit instructions as to where he could go and what he could do, if the manner in which the driver was handling the car did not meet with his (the pedestrian's) approval. In such a case, the youthful driver should have received just such a sentence as Judge Patrick advocated, i. e., an interview in the workshed.

The motoring public should realize that the pedestrian although small in the eyes of the motorist has the same right to safety and the use of the public streets as the owner of a motor car. They should also realize that with the increasing number of deaths caused by auto accidents, it behooves every one who drives a car to do so with the utmost caution, for the time is not far off when a law will need to be passed making such a killing nothing more or less than manslaughter.

DOPE FIEND ATTACKS POLICE MATRON WITH RAZOR, INFLECTS WOUNDS

Mrs. Ella Gibbons, for many years a police matron, was cut up quite severely with a razor in the hands of a crazed dope fiend at the central station. She had just opened his cell to transfer him to another that she might clean the one the inmate was occupying. She had just swung the door back when the occupant, Harold Wilson, alias Harry Mitsosoff, lunged at her with a razor. She sought to overpower him, but after some fifteen minutes of struggling, Mrs. Gibbons was exhausted. He then ordered her into the cell, under the threat that he would slash her throat if she did not comply. Wilson then grabbed the matron's key and made his getaway. It was some time before her cries attracted the attention of the jailers, Wilson and Byrne.

Police have been trying for many months to keep dope out of the city jails. The hop-head who escaped had been placed in solitary confinement so dope could not be smuggled into him. It is a sorry fact that unscrupulous persons, who should be on the inside instead of the outside, will continue to aid criminals to secure drugs in one form and another. It is also pitiable that as fine a woman as Mrs. Gibbons should be maltreated by one who is not fit in the eyes of decent society to even walk the streets in liberty. Hereafter every dope head in jail will be carefully watched, and the first indication that they are securing drugs from the outside will result in more drastic methods in handling the situation.

MARTIN DURKIN, MURDERER SOUGHT POLICE SLAYER CAPTURED IN ST. LOUIS

After a search that led all over the United States, Martin Durkin, notorious slayer, was captured in a compartment of a pullman car in the St. Louis yards, in company with his bride of six weeks. Durkin offered no resistance when he was surprised by detectives who broke down the door and took him prisoner. His apprehension and arrest followed a tip from police in California. He had stolen a car there, and with his bride headed for Texas. There he sold the car, and proceeded on the train. According to Durkin's story he was on his way to Chicago to give himself up.

Durkin was quite a picturesque figure during the long search that was instigated for him. He first got in trouble over a stolen car, and when a detective attempted to place him under arrest, Durkin engaged in a gun battle, and the officer was killed. A poorly laid trap failed to catch him

napping, and he shot his way out under a barrage of fire from police who had surrounded the place where he was hiding. It was in this engagement that another policeman was killed, and a man killed in the cross fire.

The cognomen of the "shiek bandit" was affixed to this bandit and slayer. He was always jaunty and self confident in his ability to evade officers of the law. But now that he is safely locked in the jail at Chicago, his next trip out will probably be to pay a visit to the hangman. It is reported that Darrow, the famous criminal lawyer who has saved many a man from the gallows, will be enlisted to aid in Durkin's defense. A long, bitter legal battle is in the offing with the life of one who is a menace to society in the balance. When questioned he freely confessed to the slayings with which he is charged. However, he has lost much of his jaunty since he is faced with the stern reality of going the trip, via the hangman's noose.

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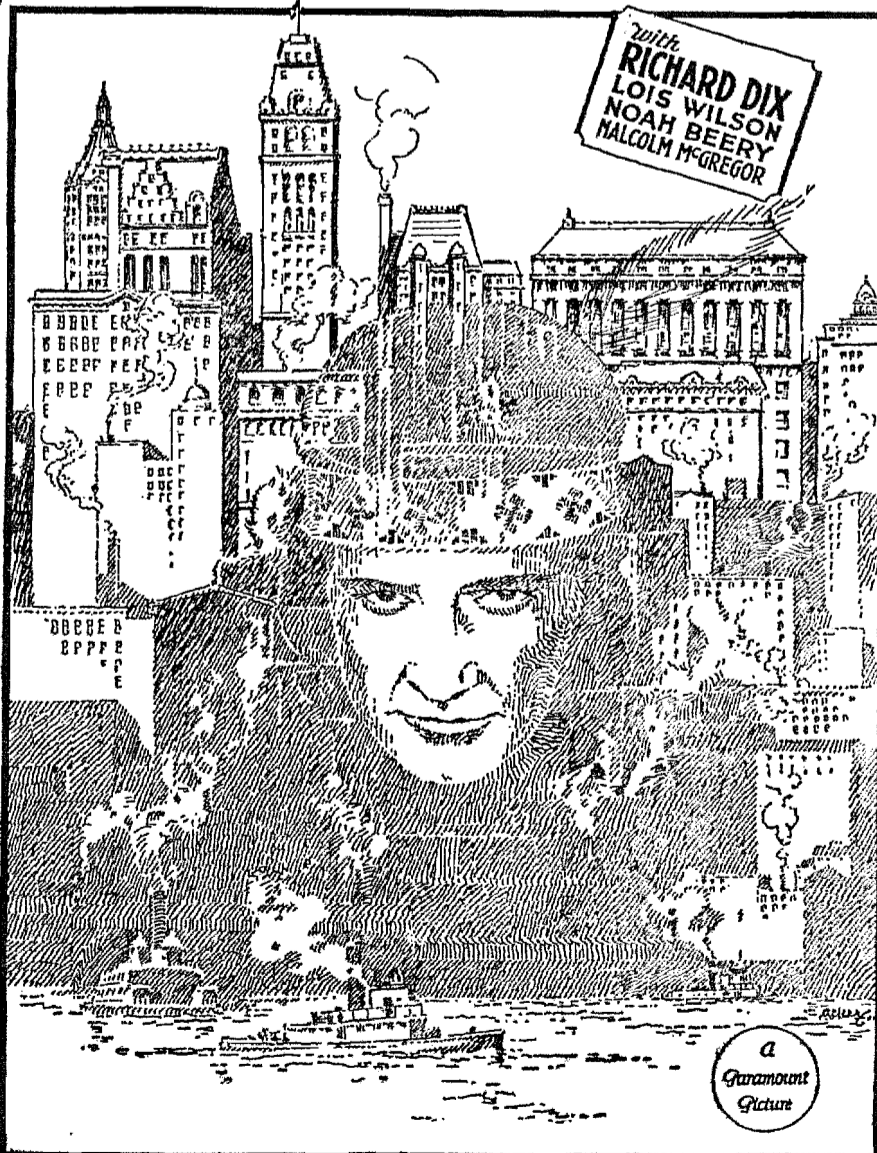
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