

EASY MONEY

BOLD CROOKS LAUGH AT RINGER'S POLICE

Spend Whole Night Blowing Hayden's Safes and Looting.

GET \$65,000 AND ARE NOT MOLESTED

Record Breaking Haul Made by Three Men Who Send Compliments to Ringer as They Depart With Car Load of Money—Easy Get Away.

That was a neat job that trio performed at Hayden's store last Saturday night, so far as the expert work of cracking safes and removing valuables was concerned. They should not be credited with doing anything out of the ordinary, however, so far as avoiding the police force is concerned. They grabbed \$65,000 without great effort and just went along about their business.

Eighteen months ago the people of Omaha decided to make a change in the city administration. They particularly thought there should be a change in the police department and such a change was made. The history of this change is so fresh in everybody's mind that it need not be rehearsed. The Mediator at that time opposed the men who were elected to the city council, except Commissioner Butler. It did so because it anticipated for Omaha the very things that have come under this so-called "reform" administration.

Within a month this city has been the victim of a lynching, the partial destruction of the court house by fire and a \$65,000 robbery in the heart of the city. These crimes may be traced directly to the failure of this "reform" administration. Rather it may be traced to the fact that these men have destroyed what was formerly Omaha's efficient administration.

Today there is only a handful of the old and experienced police officers who composed Omaha's metropolitan force. Most of those left have been relegated to positions where they have little to do with the workings of the force. Fifty per cent of the old men have either quit or been forced out of their positions by questionable methods used by Superintendent Ringer.

The robbery of Hayden's store of \$65,000 last Saturday night is almost if not quite a record breaker, not only for Omaha, but for the entire country. Three men were able to take possession of this big retail establishment for an entire night, deliberately blow up three safes and quietly leave with their loot without the least molestation from a police force that has been augmented 65 per cent within the last month. The store lights which are usually put out early in the evening, were permitted to burn all night. No report of the lights burning reached the station. Apparently they were even overlooked by the sergeant who is presumed to "cover" his district during the night at various intervals.

While these robbers were apparently expert safe blowers, they themselves entirely overlooked having the lights put out and it was only by a stroke of good luck that they were not discovered on account of the lights being permitted to remain burning. When lights are permitted to burn after the prescribed hour the presumption is that something is wrong. Such cases are supposed to be reported either to the station, to the A. D. T. or to the owner of the retail establishment where they are found. Nothing of the kind occurred in the case of the Hayden affair. Otherwise an investigation would have been

made and the robbers discovered at work.

It is interesting to watch the developments following the robbery. The World-Herald is demanding that Mr. Ringer and Mr. Eberstein be removed, although it supported Ringer for office. In a double-barreled editorial the World-Herald declares:

"The longer the city council delays the inevitable reorganization . . . the higher the bill that Omaha will have to pay for inefficiency."

This robbery ought to be an object lesson. One of the very largest retail establishments in the city is robbed of \$65,000 by men who apparently felt themselves immune from being interfered with by the police. While they are getting away with a fortune and were unmolested we read that Mr. Ringer's men were filling the jail with workingmen and charging them with being vagrants. These men are unskilled laborers who work all summer, come to the city in the winter and live on their savings until the following spring. Then we hear about the "big clean up" that was made while sleek robbers carry away loot by the wagon load.

The Omaha Bee, which has insisted all along that Superintendent Ringer was wrecking the police protection of the city, has not commented editorially on the last outrage. That paper is letting the news soak in on the dear public.

While petty violators have been given the limit in prosecution not a single one of the big crooks has been arrested. The city is the victim of one of the most aggravating conditions of any city in the country. Big crooks have learned how easy it is to get away with anything here and have flaked in to take advantage of the Ringer system. Meanwhile the extravagance of the men elected to office last year has sent the city treasury almost bankrupt, Commissioner Butler being the only member of the department with enough money to carry him through the year.

We agree with the World-Herald, that "Omaha needs something besides coal."

BERYL KIRK'S FURLOUGH CAUSES LITTLE SURPRISE

Men Who Knew Him Best Say He Was Not Actual Party to Rooney Killing.

To those who have been on the inside it is said the release of Beryl Kirk from the Nebraska state prison was not a surprise. Friends of Kirk have always contended that he was in no way connected with the killing of Officer Frank Rooney. The men who had engaged rooms at his home were the cause of his troubles, it is said. Warden Billy Fenton doubtless acted quite within his duty when he released Kirk on an order from Acting Governor Bushee. It is said that Fenton made a study of the Kirk case and was well able to judge of the fitness of Kirk for a furlough or parole.

Nothing is denied to well-directed labor; nothing is to be obtained without it.—Sir Joshua Reynolds.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN

By GENE BYRNES



ENJOINED PROPERTY MEN NOW CONFESS JUDGMENT

Ask That Tenants Be Removed and That Houses May Be Rented Again.

When the injunction proceedings brought against North Seventeenth street property for alleged violation of the Albert law by tenants and owners came before Judge Troup Thursday the owners appeared and confessed judgment. Although Judge Troup withheld his decision, it is said that the action of the owners removes the mask from the Albert law.

Incidentally, City Prosecutor Murray has passed the buck to the county attorney by not himself prosecuting these cases. With this action of the property owners the tenants will

be forced to move out. If they are again picked up on prostitution charges they will be in contempt of court. In fact these people will from now on be in the hands of their attorneys and certain police authorities. The question will now be how long they can remain in Douglas county by paying attorneys' fees and other little perquisites which may be divided for protection purposes.

Meanwhile the property owners under a favorable court ruling will find it possible to let the property to new tenants. If the new tenants happen to be "undesirable" similar court proceedings might again be resorted to with the same result. Thus a merry-go-round would be established which would clear up the Albert law to those who have been wondering where the joker was.

Doings In Omaha Fifty Years Ago

A lot of perfectly good pinochle players lost their down-town loafing places when numerous pool halls and cigar stores were put on short hours.

Tom Quinlan was charged with high-jacking coal from the Omaha Athletic club. Somebody found him with two big chunks in an overcoat pocket.

Red Spot Smith dropped in from the Sioux reservation and spent four bucks for dynamite. He was not seen again for a long time.

Dan Whitney was forced to find a new place to meet his crap-shooting friends because of a coal mine strike.

All that stuff Pete Murnane was spreading about going to work soon was not taken seriously by his North Sixteenth friends.

Peter Ault, former South Side mil-

lionaire, was carrying his full dinner pail to his new place of business every morning.

Frank Weiner took two days off last week to celebrate his fiftieth birthday. Everybody said Frank knew how to celebrate.

Ike Grossman relieved himself of part of his business cares by disposing of his vast hotel interests. Ike made a quarter on the deal.

Some of the boys on Davenport street made a contribution of \$50 each just because the morals squad thought they were "rags."

Some of the Waterloo boys dropped in to visit with our federal judge and leave a few dollars with him to pay for mallards.

Harvey Wolf was still working at his old job. It was pretty soft for some people.

Samuel Gompers' Great Opportunity

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has an opportunity for action that few men have been given. As leader of organized labor in America, he has an opportunity to put forth an effort to secure settlement of the coal strike before it becomes a national holocaust. Such an effort by him would doubtless be successful and would redound on him the everlasting thanks of the American people.

This coal problem has been to the fore for more than a year and the present catastrophe is the natural result of a political and economic combination that is struggling for control of national affairs without respect to what becomes of the great masses of the people.

Mr. Gompers, as the recognized leader of organized labor in America, has an opportunity to step in and bring about the desired relief. The matter has gone beyond the point where any particular division of organized labor can front for the masses. It is a condition which requires a combination of labor leaders to meet the big issue. Organized labor itself is becoming one of the greatest sufferers from the coal strike.

Mr. Gompers might at this time appeal to the great body of labor to start the coal mines working, with the understanding that the wage question would be amicably settled. He could pledge the great hosts of organized labor to stick to the miners in securing a satisfactory settlement. One fact stands out boldly and that is that the coal mines must be opened at once or thousands will die from cold.

To permit this catastrophe to continue longer will be the greatest blow to organized labor that it has ever suffered.

VICIOUS CONDITION; COAL STRIKE RESULT

Working Man Greatest Victim of Closing Industries.

UNION LABOR IS BIGGEST VICTIM

Million Men Already Thrown Out of Employment and Closing of Industries Only Commenced—Business Handicapped Three Months if Mines Started at Once.

The coal mine strike has developed into a contest, the like of which was hardly anticipated by either side when it started. It comes at a time, too, when the final result may prove more serious, with the poor man the greatest sufferer. Everybody with plenty of money had his supply of coal in a bin before the strike set in. The poor devil who could buy from one to two tons and no more is the fellow who is now up against it.

The man who owns the coal mines is the fellow who is having it the easiest, because somebody else has to do the worrying. The situation, speaking seriously, is very grave. In fact it does not appear that those responsible for the situation actually realize what the country is up against at this time. Incidentally, union labor members are among those hardest hit by the strike.

When the proposition to "freeze 'em out" came up there was a pretty general support of the miners' strike by union labor affiliated with the Federation of Labor. There is still the same sort of feeling, apparently. Labor leaders did not take into consideration the possibility of their own members being drawn into it with consequent heavy losses as they have been drawn into this strike.

It is estimated that 400,000 union coal miners are on strike. Last Wednesday's estimates were that 1,000,000 workmen had been thrown out of work already because of the closing of various industries, with several times that number listed for suspension in the very near future. With this condition, and it is a serious one, staring them in the face it would appear that labor leaders would begin to take cognizance of what is in store for their own hosts unless the coal strike is settled.

Were this entire 400,000 miners to return to work at once conditions would not become normal for the rest of the winter. Hundreds of industries that would have worked all winter will necessarily be closed, with the work-

men, a majority of them union men, suffering untold hardships until something like normal conditions can be restored.

For the last two or three years every line of activity has been worked right up to the limit. The coal strike came at a time when the country was less better prepared for it than ever in the history. The merits or demerits of the demands of the strikers or the defense of the mine operators is of little consequence to the country as a whole. What is wanted is a settlement of the business and a resumption of mining coal.

It is easy to conceive that within another month Omaha will have community heating centers unless quick relief is had. Railroads themselves will soon be out of business. There is a possibility that a food crisis will soon make its appearance.

With these conditions staring the people in the face it would appear that drastic government action of some sort should be taken. Government ownership or control of mines is not desirable, but such a thing seems to be a possibility unless relief is quickly secured. It is easy to conceive how practically every industry in the country will be closed in the near future, with 90 per cent of the people of the country idle. The meaning of such a condition is almost beyond comprehension.

"It is going to become necessary for us to send 300 men to their homes next Monday, because we shall have to close our business," said one Omaha man who operates a big business. "Our employees have been receiving big wages and are satisfied, but I can see where they will receive an entirely unexpected Christmas present. Reports coming to us from the east indicate an even more perilous condition than in Omaha. It would not surprise me to see 2,000,000 idle workmen within two weeks. Even if mines were to open tomorrow, a large percentage of them might be idle for two or three months."

THEATERS FIRST INDUSTRY TO BECOME VICTIMS OF COAL STRIKE

Every Show House and Moving Picture Place in Omaha Closed Indefinitely by Fuel Administration—Thousand Families Victims When They Are Shut Down.

For the first time in history The Mediator appears this week without theatrical announcements or advertisements. This condition will continue indefinitely, because of all amusement places being closed on account of the coal strike. The theatrical business in Omaha is a big thing. Aside from the regular theaters, the moving picture houses and film concerns are big losers. More than 1,000 families are supported by the theatrical business of Omaha. That means that 5,000 persons are affected by the closing of these big concerns.

Film houses, some fourteen of which are in business in this city, are practically out of business. Some of them have a big out-of-town business, which will also be suspended.

Manager Sutphen of the Brandeis theater undertook to keep his house open but it appears he will be forced to keep closed. This theater is located in the Brandeis office building and there is no extra expense for heating. In fact the building is comfortable without extra heat, except possibly some oil heaters on the stage. The fuel administration, however, has declared that it would be discrimination to permit one theater to remain open while all others were closed.

The theater proposition is simply another angle to the big condition which results from the coal strike. Just now there is a big assortment of stranded actors in the city. Theatrical employees numbering 800 are also out of employment. The stage

hands' union undertook to keep the theaters open, but it is believed their efforts will be in vain. This organization is a strong one, every stage employe in the city being a member.

It is believed theaters and moving picture houses will be among the last industries to be revived and an extreme hardship will be the lot of thousands who secure a livelihood and enjoy their happiness by virtue of the theater. The theater has been classified as unnecessary and is the first industry to be forced out of business.

HOFMAN LOAFING, BUT PAYS HIS SUBSCRIPTION

Emil Hofman, leader of the Gayety theater orchestra, is not working but that did not prevent him from sending his check to pay another year's subscription to The Mediator.

There are only a few people who have not seen Hofman in action at the Gayety. Aside from his musical ability he also has an excellent personality which has been an asset in making friends. A lot of people buy first row tickets at the Gayety in order to watch this popular fiddler and his band of musicians turn out anything from the ordinary rag time to the best classical music.

Don't go around with a chip on your shoulder, because it offers a strong temptation to some other fellow to knock it off.

NEWSPAPERS WILL BE CURTAILED

Latest reports are to the effect that newspaper and magazine publications will be curtailed within a very short time. In fact it is intimated that many newspapers will suspend for a limited period. It is said that daily papers will be cut down to single editions and that weekly and monthly periodicals will also be reduced.

Printing establishments, like every other kind of industry, require heat and plenty of it this kind of weather. Already the big printers have been reduced to six hours the day, including the Waters-Barnhart Printing company, where The Mediator and several other weekly papers are published.

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NEW LABOR PARTY NEXT YEAR

The meeting of representatives of organized labor in Chicago a week ago to organize a political party is significant. While all labor leaders are not agreed that it is a good thing to get into politics, it is apparent that there is a pretty general movement on hand to accomplish that very purpose.

Some labor leaders profess to believe that the old parties should be heard from to know what they intend to do before organized labor undertakes to put a ticket in the field. From a purely labor standpoint, however, it would appear to be a good thing for organized labor to have its own line of politics. It would be a good thing for these workingmen to have a ticket of their own and then get out and support it.

Under the present conditions organized labor has a pretty strong hand in the way big business is operated, but they do not have any responsibility. If they get into politics and if they want to put men in office labor leaders will then accept some responsibility for government itself. For instance, if the labor party were in control today the present coal condition either would never have occurred or else it would have been settled long before it became as serious as it now is.

Secretary McAdoo's report of immense profits from coal mine operation was true as the gospel. The writer has in mind one particular instance where a coal miner sits idly and watches his profits increase \$3,000 daily, or nearly a million a year, from one small coal mining concern. There are thousands of others doing the same thing. With this sort of condition done away with the coal miner could be satisfied as well as the consumer. The owner, being just one out of perhaps 10,000 persons interested in the production, movement and consumption of his output, is not entitled to ten thousand fold more influence than any other person interested in that coal mine.

The coal miner works an average of 200 days a year, or about two-thirds time. He wants to work full time. If he were permitted to do so, there would be no coal shortage, no coal strikes and coal itself would be greatly reduced in prices.

It is just this condition in not only the coal industry, but in all other immense productions from natural resources, that gives good excuse for labor itself to get into politics. A labor party should be organized and a national ticket put in the field. There are plenty of labor men who will measure up to the calibre required for a president of the United States.

The labor movement for a political party is all right if it is organized and run along lines that will permit it to bid for preferment on a platform which means fair play for everybody.

ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC SOLD

The St. Louis Republic, one of the oldest newspapers west of the Mississippi river, has been sold to its competitor. By many who are on the inside of newspaper affairs of the country, this transaction was not unlooked for. The Republic, democratic in politics, has for many decades been a power in the democratic politics of St. Louis and of Missouri. The big owners of the paper, however, have within the last few years learned that they no longer had need of a big political organ. For that reason the paper was put on the market.

The Republic has always been a big newspaper and it may be said truthfully that it has not been sold because it was a losing money proposition for its owners. Truth is, the owners of the Republic no longer needed a newspaper in their business.

The Globe-Democrat, which purchased the Republic plant, has been one of the largest daily newspapers of the country for forty years. The new subscribers it takes on by buying out its competitor will continue to get their money's worth, so far as the world's news is concerned. If they are looking for a different shade of politics they can get that from the Post Dispatch, an afternoon paper of the same city, which will always be on a par with the Globe-Democrat as a newspaper goes.

The real significance of this sale is that St. Louis is fast becoming a changed town. It will no longer be known for its great breweries and kindred lines of activity. This sale also shows a tendency to reduction in the number of newspaper plants rather than an increase. To newspaper men the St. Louis morning newspaper field will be an interesting study for a long time to come.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR NEAR EAST SUFFERERS

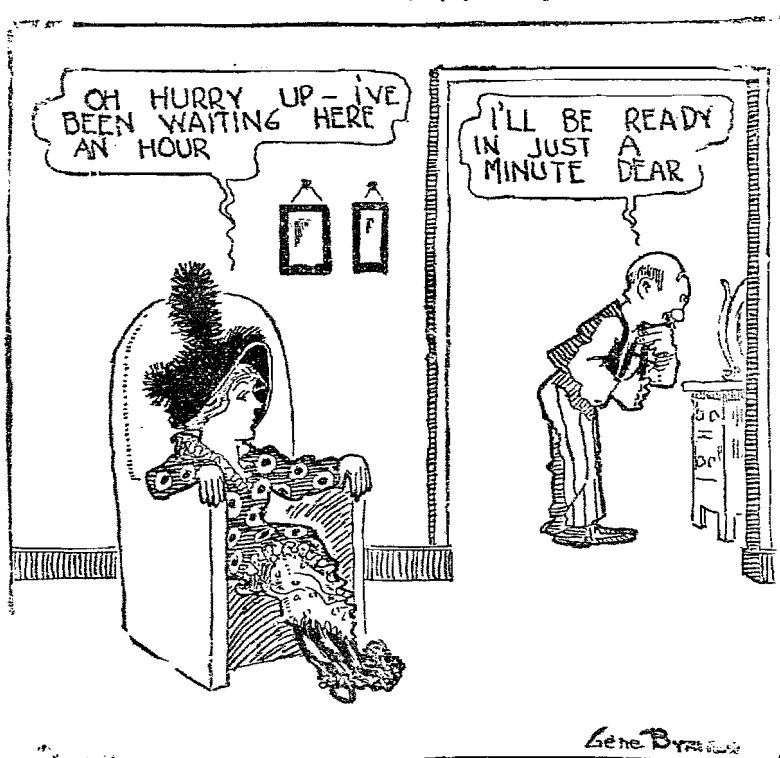
Armenians Pictured as Dying by Thousands Because They Lack Food and Clothing.

Cleveland H. Dodge, national treasurer for the Near East Relief, is mak-

ing a nation-wide Christmas appeal for funds to relieve the distressed in Armenia and other parts of Europe from results of the great European war.

"Just human remnants, they are, not protected, many of them, from the elements by even the dignity of rags," says the appeal, speaking of the suffering mothers and children. The win-

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ter is a savage one to these unfortunate victims of Turkish outlawry. Herbert Hoover viewed the situation and declared at least 200,000 must perish, but it was possible to save 500,000 if quick and certain relief could be had. Former President Taft is concern-

ing himself in the work of relief. He is on the relief committee with other members, he has sent out a letter appealing for funds. These contributions may be made through John C. Wharton, 818 Omaha National Bank building, who is Nebraska state secretary.

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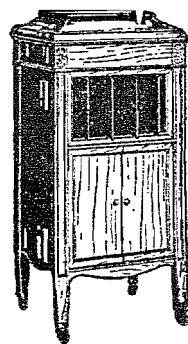
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HANK and PETE

HE GOT MORE ACTIONS THAN WORDS

By KEN KLING



A Loving Heart

By ALDEN CHAPMAN

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"There, old fellow! I think you can get home comfortably now."

The tones of the speaker were as gentle and pleasing as was his clear, open face. Warren Sprague had found a dog whining and writhing in his path, one bleeding foot uplifted. A keen-pointed thorn had penetrated the paw and had broken off there. With infinite care Sprague had removed the torturing splinter. The grateful animal licked his hand affectionately, starting away limping, but wagging his tail as if his great trouble of the moment was dissipated.

Sprague started slowly in an opposite direction. As he did so there arose from some bushes the figure of a young woman of perhaps twenty. She was exquisitely featured and graceful and girlish of figure, but the face was full of anxiety and pallor and her attire common and worn. She stood peering after the man until he turned into the first house where the village began.

"He was like some angel of mercy to that dumb animal!" she breathed. "Surely he would lean tenderly towards a poor homeless waif," and the speaker sank down again among the bushes beside a bundle of wraps encasing a sleeping child. Its cherub face was in sweet repose.

"I will wait until dark," spoke the woman in a low tone. "Then to part with the little dear. It must be given to surer care than I can provide."

Just at dark that evening a cry called the aged mother of Warren Sprague to the door. There lay the little child, and she who had witnessed the kindly act of Sprague watched from a near hedge and then went on her way satisfied.

But to reappear the next morning. She came to the pretty cottage of which the little child had become a welcome guest. Old Mrs. Sprague greeted her at the door. The visitor said that she had heard that they had taken in a child left on their threshold. She was used to children, she was seeking work and was experienced as a cook and housekeeper, and Mrs. Sprague at once engaged her.

Both son and mother were glad of the assistance proffered. From the start the little one took to its nurse as if she were an own mother. From the start, as well, neat, modest, tireless, Arline Dalton, as she called herself, lifted all care from the shoulders of Mrs. Sprague.

"She is a treasure," declared the latter with genuine ardor.

"She has a heart of gold to love that poor little waif the way she certainly does," said the son.

A month went by. The little one thrived apace. Arline bustled about the house, always with a happy smile upon her face. Sprague felt a growing liking for the girlish attendant. She was very reticent as to her antecedents. She seemed to have no inclination to spend a holiday in the town; she made no outside friends.

One day Sprague learned why. Arline was with the little one in a sheltered corner of the garden and Sprague was passing beyond, when he caught the sound of a sharp cry. Peering close, he noted Arline holding little Isola protectingly, almost defiantly, in her arms. Confronting her was a man with exultant face and evil eyes. He hissed toward her:

"It seems I have found you! Now then, money, or I assert my rights and you can bid goodby to the baby."

Arline drew from a pocket a little purse. She threw it at the feet of the man. "Take it!" she gasped pitifully, "only go away. If you are human, leave the little one among the kind hearts here."

The man swung away, Arline hurried into the house. For days following she acted like a person tormented with fear. She never left little Isola alone for a moment. Sprague had received a shock. There was no doubt that her visitor was her husband. For the first moment he realized that love had taken root in his heart.

About midnight a week later a suspicious sound in a room downstairs aroused him. As he went out into the

hall, a revolver in his hand, he noted an unfamiliar glow. Descending, he made out a man tying up a bundle containing the family silver. Sprague recognized him as the garden visitor.

"Hands up!" ordered Sprague sternly. "I have you where your persecution will cease. You are the husband of the young woman and the father of the child we have adopted."

"It is not true!" was interposed quickly, and Arline stood in the doorway. "This is the man who killed his wife, my sister, by his cruelty and neglect, and he has followed me for a year, extorting money as his price for allowing me to keep her child."

"We will remedy that," declared Sprague. "My man, it is in my power to send you to prison. You will write what I shall dictate, legally abandoning all claim to the child. Little Isola shall become my child and—Arline's!"

And as the compact was signed and the baffled schemer slunk away, Walter Sprague told Arline Dalton of his love.

Their Object.

"I read lately of two thieves who made a specialty of stealing music boxes." "I suppose they wanted to go to Sing Sing."

BEST BOY COULD THINK OF

Lad's Excuse for Father's Desire for Bottle of Whisky Really Was Rather Thin.

John Simmons had been an abstainer for twenty years, but fell from the ways of grace and worshiped the vinous god with all the fervor of a convert.

Feeling the need of recuperation, he sent his boy to an adjacent hotel for a bottle of whisky.

"But," cried the hotel proprietor, "who's it for?"

"For my father," said the boy.

"Nonsense. Your father is a total abstainer, and has been, to my knowledge, for longer years than you've lived."

"Well, at all events, he sent me for it."

"What does he want it for?"

"To let you into a secret," said the boy, ashamed to tell the truth, "he's going fishing, and he wants the cork to use for a float!"—London Tit-Bits.

When Bitten by a Mad Dog.

When bitten by an animal that is suspected as mad, the best thing to do, according to Drs. J. C. Regan and A. Silkman of New York, who describe a recent case in Archives of Diagnosis, is to squeeze the wound to encourage bleeding, wash it with a solution of mercuric chloride (1 in 1,000), cauterize it with fuming nitric acid, and apply a wet dressing of the mercuric chloride solution.

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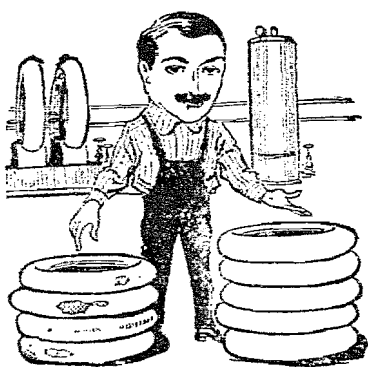
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SHARKS OUT OF WATER

Government Puts Two of Them in Penitentiary for Shady Stock Dealing.

New schemes for inducing the investing public to part with its savings, its Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps in exchange for stocks of speculative or doubtful value constantly are being developed. One of the latest of these was disclosed recently in the trial of Ellsworth J. Green and his son, E. H. Green, at Oklahoma City. This particular scheme was the means of landing the Greens in Leavenworth Prison for five-year terms, but not until many hundreds of investors lost their savings.

The Greens, through the Great Western Guarantee Investment Company of Oklahoma City, promoted five oil companies. The original sales price of the stock in these companies was \$1.00 a share, but by resale agreement purchasers were guaranteed that the Great Western Company as fiscal agent would resell the stock if desired at the end of six months to net the investor \$2.00 a share or a profit of 100 per cent.

As the date to fulfill this agreement drew near, stockholders were advised that the price of the stock had reached \$5.00 a share. Naturally if they came to believe the stock was worth \$5.00 they declined to accept the opportunity to sell for \$2.00.

For a time stock salesmen reaped rich commissions, but finally rumors that the reports were misleading began to spread. At a company banquet at Oklahoma City it was charged that the Greens attempted to sell out to the salesmen. At this point the government stepped in, arrested the promoters and began to unravel evidence which finally landed the Greens in prison on the charge of using the mails to defraud. Now the stockholders are attempting to save what is left of the assets of the companies.

Promises of profits of 100 to 500 percent made by stock promoters seldom become realities. The country is being flooded with wild cat stocks by unscrupulous investors. The resale plan of the Greens is only one of the many varieties of bait used. Any of these promoters are willing and anxious to take Liberty Bonds or War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates in exchange for their bits of paper. They are perfectly willing to give promise of profits for the sure payment guaranteed by the federal government.

Investments in government saving securities and Liberty Bonds are safe, sure and profitable. The investor not only is guaranteed against loss, but he is assured that money so invested will go toward solving the economic problems with which all are faced and in making the country greater and more prosperous instead of seeing his savings go to provide luxuries and an easy living for dishonest promoters.

NO FRIEND OF PROFITEER.

Progressive Merchants Realize Danger in Excessive Prices.

Progressive retail merchants are coming to recognize that the prosperity of the merchant is thoroughly connected with the prosperity of his customers and that the success of the profiteer is no less a blow to the honest merchant than to the suffering purchaser.

In a recent letter to the public, Edward A. MacLean, secretary of the Oregon Retail Merchants Association, said:

"So long as the free buying spirit of the American public exists, mayors and governors can fuss and fume and Congress can enact what it pleases,

but high prices will continue. It is my opinion that the purchase of government securities such as War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates instead of merchandise will hasten the overthrow of the 'high cost of living.'

"Here is the point—it is high time that the American people were brought to realize that the responsibility for the high cost of living is not a responsibility of Congress or any other agency. Unless the American people, themselves, quit supporting high prices, they can right now make up their minds to pay high prices for some time to come."

This attitude is thoroughly endorsed by the Western bankers. The Wells Fargo Nevada National Bank of San Francisco in a recent communication to its clients declared people should practice thrift, shop for lower prices, and utilize Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps as investments for their savings. After outlining some of the causes for the high cost of living, and government action to offset this, the bank says:

"What we may look and hope for as the main effect of this Governmental action is an awakening of the Nation to more of a natural reaction against paying high prices.

"People should take pains to avoid paying them by shopping for lower prices, by reducing their consumption, practicing thrift, utilizing for their savings Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps and other opportunities for gilts investment now open to them.

"This attitude will constitute a strong influence in lowering prices, down to the point at least necessitated by basic conditions, and these latter conditions being fundamental, must be left to work themselves out.

CELEBRATE ARMISTICE DAY.

Tenth District Asked to "Go Over the Top" Again for W. S. S.

"Going over the top" came to be a wartime habit in the United States just as it did with the doughboys in France. It is a hard habit to curb and in order to keep in practice the Savings Organization of the Tenth Federal Reserve District has launched a campaign which will give each community an opportunity to "go over" again on Armistice Day and thereby celebrate a year of peace.

Each community is given a very small quota through its banks, and investors are being urged to order from \$100 to \$1,000 in new Savings Certificates which bear the same interest and privileges as the War Savings Stamps, recognized by investors as the best security offered.

The campaign is intended, not only to raise a few millions for the government, but to give individuals an opportunity to receive a maximum return on small amounts of savings. Small investors may help subscribe the quota by "chasing War Savings Stamps at any postoffice.

HER SAVINGS DIDN'T WORK.

Missouri Woman's Hoard Might Have Earned \$500 a Year.

When relatives came to straighten up the affairs of the late Mrs. A. McGuire of Kirksville, Mo., they discovered \$11,000 in currency and \$2,000 in gold hidden in old almanacs, books and under rugs and mattresses. The money had performed no service for Mrs. McGuire and probably had been idle for years. Invested in Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps and Savings Certificates, it would now be yielding over \$500 a year to Mrs. McGuire's heirs and would aid to stimulate production, increase employment and reduce the high cost of living. Idle money is no less an economic loss to the Nation than idle workers would be.

First Post Offices in Maine.

In 1775 the first post offices in Maine were established at Kennebunk, Falmouth and Bath. The mails were carried by carriers on foot or on horseback and the average week's mail did not amount to five letters at each office. The rates were high, 6¢, 12¢, 18¢, 25 and 37¢ cents, according to the distance the letter had to be carried, and double the rate when the letter was one more than one sheet of paper.

Missing His Opportunity.

The conductor of a band, giving an open-air concert, beat time very energetically, leaning now toward one part of the band and now to another, and stamping his foot apparently in paroxysms of musical fervor. Mike, in the audience, watched him, fascinated; but at the end of the selection, with a disappointed air, he turned to leave. "How did ye like it, Mike?" asked his friend. "Come away!" said Mike, in disgust. "O've been watchin' him for half an hour, and he hasn't hit one of them yet!"

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(Corrected March 10.)

Farnam St. Line.	
16th and Farnam for Dundee.....	1:23
18th and Farnam for 46th and	
Cuming.....	12:51
Depot for Dundee.....	1:15
13th 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.	
16th and Farnam, East Side.....	1:03
16th and Farnam, West Side.....	1:23
16th and Farnam for Florence.....	12:24
16th and Farnam for 30th and Port.....	1:12
16th and Farnam for Kansas Ave.....	1:31
16th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	2:03
South Omaha and 42nd and Grand.....	
14th and Farnam for West Q.....	1:21
14th and Farnam for 42nd and Grand.....	1:28
14th and Farnam for 24th and Ames.....	2:28
Dodge Street Line.	
13th and Dodge (West).....	1:20
13th and Dodge (East).....	2:01
30th and Spaulding for Depots.....	1:45
Leavenworth and Deaf Institute.	
15th and Farnam (North).....	11:55
15th and Farnam (South).....	12:15
Benson and Albright.....	
13th and Farnam for Benson.....	1:20
13th and Farnam for Albright.....	12:41
13th and Farnam for 24th and N.....	1:26
13th and Farnam for 13th and Vinton.....	2:26
Fort Crook Line.	
24th and N Sts., South Omaha.....	12:00
Port Crook.....	12:30
14th and Howard for Pearl & B-way.....	2:00
Cowl Cars.	
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and	
Vinton.....	1:50
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and	
Vinton.....	3:30
16th and Farnam—south to 24th and	
Vinton.....	4:20
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and	
Ames.....	2:26
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and	
Ames.....	3:30
16th and Farnam—north to 24th and	
Ames.....	4:26
16th and Mason to 50th and Under-	
wood.....	3:52
16th and Farnam to 50th and Under-	
wood.....	4:09
50th and Underwood to 10th and Ban-	
croft.....	4:26
16th and Farnam to 10th and Ban-	
croft.....	4:39
24th Street Cross Town.	
24th and Lake.....	12:25
44th and L. to 24th and Vinton.....	1:00
Council Bluffs and Omaha.	
Pearl and Broadway for Omaha.....	1:40
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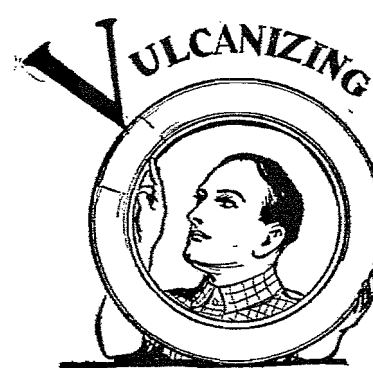
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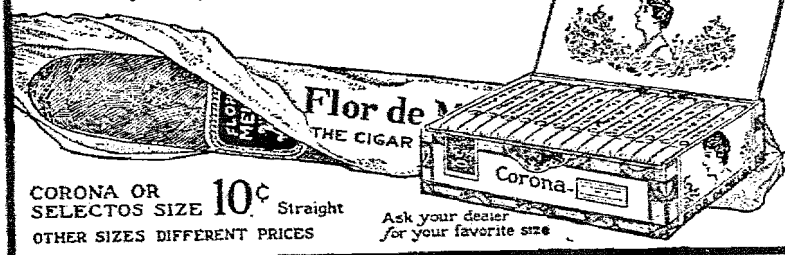
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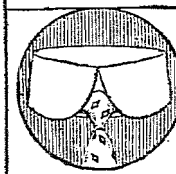
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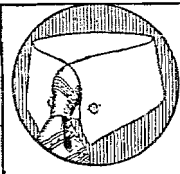
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